

**Transition Haslemere – Cllr Matthes****March 2020**

At Green Drinks on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, Transition Haslemere enjoyed a talk on Community Orchards in and around Surrey.

In January members of Transition Haslemere joined the Mass Unwrap organised by Love Haslemere Hate Waste at Tesco's, a successful event that demonstrated the sheer volume of unnecessary plastic in our weekly shop.

Transition Haslemere continues to collaborate with Love Haslemere Hate Waste on the Repair Café concept in Haslemere. The initial meeting of all interested parties is at the Georgian Hotel at 7.30pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. This is a very exciting project with the potential to both provide a useful repair service to the community **and** save tonnes of household waste from landfill. Volunteer fixers for the rota very welcome! Steering Group members may also be required. Contact [info@transitionhaslemere.org](mailto:info@transitionhaslemere.org)

Another exciting development is that the Haslemere Climate Collective, of which Transition Haslemere is an active member, will have a significant presence at May's Charter Fair. Across a series of stalls, several local groups will be demonstrating the growing concern at the climate and biodiversity crisis in a fun and engaging way – think smoothie-making bikes and collaborative art!

There are also early plans to hold a public meeting on recycling to clarify what can be recycled where and to look at potential improvements in local recycling facilities.

Transition Haslemere actively welcomes new members or guests. We usually meet on the first Thursday night of each month, 8pm at The Mill Tavern and/or for Green Coffee at Dylan's on the third Wednesday of each month from 10am til 12 noon.

**HASLEMERE & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION – Cllr Hewett**

The Twinning Association held the 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on the 10th March at the Link, St. Bart's Church, Haslemere.

2019 has again been a successful year for the Twinning Association and many members have enjoyed the organised travel and social activities throughout the year.

The income was up from last year due to the very successful fundraising events throughout the year:-

January Drinks Party	£ 145.85
Summer BBQ	£ 318.66
Dinner at Bawtrees	£ 215.00
Quiz	£1,191.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,871.43</b>

The Association has gratefully received the annual grant of £500 from the Haslemere Town Council which was offset against the cost of the Gala Dinner at Haslewey to celebrate the visit from Horb.

Years ago the Twinning Association had received a legacy to be distributed to local schools for language projects. The Young Person's Fund was distributed this year to the following schools for special language activities which otherwise may not have taken place:

CAMELSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 300.-
GRAYSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 240.-
ST BART'S PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 300.-
SHOTTERMILL JUNIOR SCHOOL	£ 200.-

The possible effects of the Coronavirus on the planned exchanges for this year were discussed at the AGM. The visit from Haslemere to Bernay on 15th April should be postponed until late August or early September. The visitors from Horb should be informed that Haslemere would be happy to receive them if they decide to come as planned on 10th May.