



# LOWESTOFT AND PLAISIR TWINNING ASSOCIATION



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## ZOOM MEETING TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022

### PRESENT:

Dr R Pulham (Chairman)

Mrs A Freakley

Mr R Allen

Mrs C Durrant (Secretary)

Mrs C Franks (Treasurer)

### APOLOGIES:

Mrs P Pulham

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### PLAISIR/BAD AUSSEE TWINNING 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY:

Richard Allen and Valerie Solomon attended the anniversary celebrations and Richard reported that the whole event went exceptionally well and was a great success. The British items were sold, including a bottle of gin donated by Grant Bartlett, and a profit of around 36 euros was made; Richard will meet Caroline to sort out money and exchange of currency. The profit could be spent on wine or put back into the Association. Richard told the Committee that he had seen Bernadette Clesse, who was in a wheelchair but was bright and cheerful. There are numerous photographs on Plaisir's FaceBook page and Richard Pulham has sent some to Lowestoft Town Council; he has also liaised with Lowestoft Journal with regard to publishing an article and photographs. Richard Pulham expressed his thanks to Richard and Valerie for representing Lowestoft. Each twin town was given their street sign by the Plaisirois and Richard Allen has taken the Lowestoft one to Christopher Meek at Hamilton House to be put on display, possibly when we are allowed a space in the library. Photographs and reports should appear in the next edition of L'Essentiel.

The secretary of the Plaisir football club made himself known and would like an under-13 team from Lowestoft to travel to Plaisir in September 2023 although it could prove difficult for children to have time off school in the first two weeks of the school year; it may be easier if this can be over a weekend so they would need only two days off school. The Plaisirois also want four fire brigade teams in May 2024.

There are gifts still to come, which include champagne for Hamilton House.



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## VISIT OF PLAISIROIS:

To date the accommodation is almost sorted, with just one remaining person to be hosted.

The coach can park overnight at Belle Coaches with pick-up/drop-off at Homebase. Arrival on the Saturday is expected at 5pm and departure on the Thursday at 7am.

All is going well at the Seagull for Sunday evening. Ange said that Lola will introduce the show in French with help, if needed, from Richard Allen.

### **Day Trips:**

Sutton Hoo is booked for the Monday, with arrival planned for 10am.

Liz Wood should be able to do the ukulele workshop from 9.30 – 10.30 on the Tuesday, after which there will be time for perhaps a visit to the beach/promenade/new beach huts or town centre before heading to Somerleyton Hall Gardens for the afternoon.

The Carlton Marshes visit for Wednesday is all in hand; a deposit of £30 to be paid. Arrival in Beccles for the afternoon is planned for 2pm; possibilities are the museum, the church tower and a walk around Beccles.

The two-course menu for the party consists of: Roast Beef, Grilled Plaice or Vegetable Lasagne followed by Rhubarb Crumble, Cheesecake, Fruit Salad or Cheese & Biscuits; coffee is included. The price per head is £20 and, as usual, one free meal for hosts of up to two people and two free meals for hosts of three or more. We will need to know menu choices a week beforehand from the French; we can ask the English for their choices at the hosts' meeting. We will also need menu choices from the Mayor, his invited guest and any other dignitaries who may wish to attend. Caroline is awaiting a reply from the Masonic Hall re corkage charge. There is also a room hire charge of £50 which will need to be divided between paying guests and added on to the price of the meal, therefore making it £21. Corkage or cost of wine will also have to be divided similarly.

## VISIT TO PLAISIR 2023:

Dominique Jenaste has emailed to say that the Plaisirois have arranged to visit Bad Aussee at the end of May so we will need to arrange a different date. One suggestion was to put it off until 2024 and then visit at our usual time, or perhaps go the Tuesday after Easter 2023 (11<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> April). Richard Pulham to liaise with Dominique.



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**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Caroline suggested that we should probably renew our Public Liability Insurance prior to the Plaisirois' visit; we do not know the cost of this and would need to ask Lee Johnson for information.

As well as football, the Plaisirois are also keen to hold tennis events and there is still the possibility of athletics.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 7.30pm, via Zoom. Link attached:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83520364426?  
pwd=d3BVbERiU1V0VDRrYUlkU2V0dnhOQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83520364426?pwd=d3BVbERiU1V0VDRrYUlkU2V0dnhOQT09)

Hosts' Meeting 7.30pm Broadland Holiday Village (Cathy to book).



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