RUDDINGTON
PARISH COUNCIL

St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street,
Ruddington, Nottingham. NG11 6HA

TWINNING SUB-COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday 7th October 2025
Commencing at 7.30pm.

Venue: St. Peter's Rooms
Church Street

You are requested to attend a meeting of the above Sub-Committee is to be held at the time/place and on the date mentioned above for the purpose of transacting the business on the agenda below. The order of business may be changed.

Please note: This meeting will be recorded.

Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of members' interests and dispensations from non-participation
3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September 2025
4. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT - during the adjournment members of the public may make statements on agenda items
5. Visit from Grenay 21st – 24th October 2025 – To finalise details for the forthcoming visit
6. 40th Anniversary update – To receive an update from the joint Twinning & Events group
7. Remembrance 9th November 2025 - To discuss arrangements for Remembrance 2025 and agree costs
8. Date of Next Meeting 28th October 2025

If members have any questions regarding the detail of any of the items please contact the Parish Council Office by the day before the meeting.

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Minutes Twinning Sub-Committee meeting
Held at St Peter's Rooms on Tuesday 2nd September 2025 at 7.30 p.m.

Membership	P Tarlton-Weatherall	Chairman
	Y Astegiano	
	Mrs D Gadsby	
	E Gadsby	
	P McGowan	
	Cllr K Piggott	
	H Scott	
	Mrs A Tarlton-Weatherall	
	Mrs M Thompson	

Persons absent are marked 'A'
Persons representing the Parish Council on other business are marked 'O'

Also in Attendance

C Dorans	Parish Clerk
A Beadle	Deputy Parish Clerk

TW. 25/09/01 Apologies for Absence

None

TW. 25/09/02 Declaration of Member's Interests and Dispensations for non-participation

None

TW. 25/09/03 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th July 2025 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

TW. 25/09/04 Motion for Adjournment

No members of the public were present.

TW. 25/09/05 Visit from Grenay 21st – 24th October 2025

The Chairman had received a reply from the Grenay Mayor. There will be 7 adults visiting and this will be the first visit to Ruddington for all of them. They will arrive in the afternoon of Tuesday 21st October and depart early on Friday 24th October. Receipts to be provided to RPC for visitor expenses, the Sub Committee will pay for their own food, drink and activities.

Tuesday 24th October

P Tarlton Weatherall plus small group of committee members to meet the group on arrival — PTW plus committee

Action

PCO = Parish Council Office

PCG = Parish Council Ground staff

It was agreed to host a home cooked meal in St Peters Rooms at 7pm: Approx numbers 19 to include the visitors, sub committee and possibly some Councillors	
Drinks and nibbles on arrival at SPR Suggestions for dishes: Chicken casserole (M Thompson), Shepherds Pie (D Gadsby), Fruit crumble, custard and ice-cream (H Scott), 2 desserts (P McGowan)	MT, DG, HS, PMc,
Y Astegiano to organise wine and soft drinks	YA
There are cutlery and plates but no saucepans. Hob oven and microwave all working	
There is a roll of paper table cloth which can be used for tables Office staff will purchase small French flags and Union Jacks for table decorations	RPC office
Request to fly the French flag for the duration of the visit. Office team to consider request closer to the time	RPC office
Wednesday 25th October	PTW
Check that visitors are breakfasting at the hotel It was agreed to stay local in Ruddington on Wednesday	
Suggestions: Village Museum, Ruddington Pantry (around 12 noon), Framework Knitters (lunch and tour). P McGowan to look at timings and length of visits.	PMc PTW & MT
3 course evening meal at either a pub or Ruddington Grange Golf Club. M Thompson to check prices with RA, and P Tarlton Weatherall to liaise with the golf club. RPC will pay for the French visitors and sub-committee will pay for their own meal and drinks	
Thursday 26th October Ask the French now if they would like a free day or ½ day If they want to be accompanied, the suggestions are:	PTW
Rushcliffe Country Park Wollaton Hall – Natural History Museum £15, Industrial Museum £4. P McGowan to do a recce but likely the grounds and Industrial Museum would be best	PM
West Bridgford and a walk along river or memorial gardens Wet weather options – Caulke Abbey or Heritage Centre Evening Meal – Ala Turka. PC office to research availability and cost	PC office
<u>TW. 25/09/06 40th Anniversary update</u>	
P Tarlton Weatherall gave an update from the joint Twinning and Events planning meeting on 26th August. Date changed to Saturday 8th August and hopefully the Church would be available as a wet weather venue. Nottingham Concert Band are provisionally booked for 8th August. When planning we need to be mindful of where other stalls/activities are placed. *The band must not be placed next to any other stalls or activities that generate noise, musical or otherwise. Examples include local radio roadshows, disco/performance stalls or*	

tents, generators, fairground-type rides, etc. The band cannot compete with this type of attraction

Ruddington Yarn Bombers are happy to meet to discuss how they can help.

P Tarlton Weatherall is working on an initial article for the next edition of The Rudd inviting residents and businesses to get involved in the 8th August event. — PTW

Everyone to research and search out archives, photos, albums, articles, memories please. — Sub-committee and PC office

TW. 25/09/07 Other Twinning Activity

There had been an invite to a golf tournament this year but P Tarlton Weatherall not available to go. We will ask for a date for next year.

We will need to plan for Remembrance in November. Our date is Sunday 9th November 2025. It may be possible to do both events here and in Grenay. The Chairman would like to encourage other and new people to visit Grenay even if it means him not attending. It was agreed that he should take the trip to France even if others went too.

Date of Next Meeting:7th October 2025 7.30pm St Peter's Rooms.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman

40th Twinning Anniversary Planning Meeting 23rd September 2025 6pm

P Tarlton-Weatherall (PTW), Y Astegiano (YA), Mrs D Gadsby (DG), E Gadsby (EG), Cllr L Lanzoni (LL), Cllr K Piggott (KP), Mrs A Tarlton Weatherall (ATW), Mrs M Thompson (MT)

C Dorans and A Beadle (RPC)

Guest: P Drabble President of the Nottinghamshire Anglo French Association

NOTES

1. Welcomed Phil from the Anglo French Association in Nottingham. He shared some ideas for us to think about (see table at the end of the notes). Suggested that we could a series of single events leading up to the day on 8th August.
    a. He would be happy to do his illustrated talk in French or English. This is inspired by Anthony Seldon's book The Path of Peace. It's a homage to all those who fought and died on the Western Front.
    b. He will let us have contacts for the Breton dancing group and the Artisan bakers
    c. Offered to lead a guided tour of Ruddington in French. He would first need someone (from The History Society?) for about 1.5 hours to walk the village with him and explain the history
    d. Could the local British Legion be involved?

2. Publicity/promotion
    a. Booked a place on RPC market stall for 4th October 25 and June 2026 10-1pm
    b. PTW and EG to meet and go through the archive material for market and potentially a library exhibition
    c. Book 2nd December in SPR at 6.30pm for first public meeting. Invite businesses and residents to explain the plan and ask how they would like to get involved
    d. LL to edit the Save The Date article for social media and publish on Facebook
    e. Set up a dedicated 40th Anniversary web page on RPC website
    f. Save the date copy to be sent to RPC office for the next edition of The Rudd
    g. EG and DG brought in some archive material

3. Community Involvement/Events on the day
    a. Planning in place by end of the year
    b. Could Cottage Hotel host a quiz or cheese and wine and quiz?
    c. PTW to talk to pubs to see if they could host some taster events in 2026
    d. Waiting to hear from Yarn Bombers re dates for a meeting
    e. Talk to library re hosting a 40th Anniversary exhibition
    f. Golf club keen to be involved on 8th August

g. Higgs Bo'sun group play at village markets. Folk music normanorandall@gmail.com
h. RPC to set up an appointment with Church to discuss booking as a wet weather venue for 8th August
i. Ask Nottingham Concert Band if they have some French themed music as part of their sets
j. Ask the Community Choir if they would like to perform on 8th August

ACTIONS

NO.	ACTION	WHO	DEADLINE	STATUS
1.	Liaise with History Society re guided walk planning with Phil	RPC	30/0925	Complete
2.	Ask to use Church as wet weather venue	RPC/PTW	30/09/25	Complete
3.	Meet to go through archive material	PTW/EG	08/10/25	
4.	Book SPR 2nd December for event	RPC	30/09/25	Complete
5.	Set up a dedicated 40th Anniversary web page on RPC website	RPC	30/09/25	Complete
6.	Talk to RVCP re food stall contacts	RPC	30/09/25	Complete
7.	Talk to Cottage Hotel re quiz	RPC	30/09/25	Complete
8.	Talk to pubs re taster events in 26	PTW	20/10/25	
9.	Contact library re hosting exhibition	RPC	20/10/25	
10.	Ask Community Choir re 8th August	LL	20/10/25	
11.	Contact Breton Dance Society	RPC	20/10/25	
12.	Ask Nott Concert Band if they have French themed music	RPC	20/10/25	
13.	Talk to Pétanque group re match	PTW	20/10/25	
14.	~~Book Village Green, SPR & VH 8/8/26~~	~~RPC~~	~~27/08/25~~	~~Complete~~
15.	~~Request sound equipment from RVCP~~	~~RPC~~	~~27/08/25~~	~~Complete~~
16.	~~Draft "Save the Date" article for The Rudd~~	~~PTW, KP~~	~~14/09/25~~	~~Complete~~
17.	~~Ask Yarn Bombers if they want to be involved~~	~~RPC~~	~~31/08/25~~	~~Complete~~
18.	**Ask RVCP re Bradmore musicians**	**RPC**	**05/09/25**	
19.	~~Check Nottingham Concert Band availability for 8/8/25~~	~~RPC~~	~~05/09/25~~	~~Complete~~
20.	**Check possibility of using St Peters as wet weather venue**	**PTW/RPC**		
21.	~~Book date with Ken for sharing market stall for promotion~~	~~PTW~~	~~22/09/25~~	~~Complete~~
22.	**Search out archives, photos, memorabilia, flags,**	**Everyone**	**ongoing**	**ongoing**
23.	**Start a list of old members and other people to invite**	**EG**	**28/10/25**	

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Potential Events/Activities for 2026

NO.	Proposed Event /Activity	When	Yes/no /poss	Notes
1.	Guided Tour of Ruddington in French		Yes	History Society happy to work with Phil on this
2.	Petanque match/demo			
3.	Illustrated Talk – Western Front			Phil is linking with local WF Association
4.	Pub Quiz			
5.	Cheese & Wine eve with Quiz			
6.	French pub meal			
7.	Wine tasting evening			
8.	French Country Dancing			Ockbrook Derbyshire
9.	Brush up your French class			e.g. how to order a meal
10.	Exhibition in the library			
11.	French food stalls			Macarons, poutine, crepes, bread, cheese, wine
12.	Village stall with games			
13.	2cv club			South Derbyshire Firkin Flyers lottiethe2cv@gmail.com
14.	Links with French restaurant e.g French Living or Cote Brasserie			
15.	Community Choir			
16.	Nottingham Concert Band			French & English songs
17.	Childrens crafts			
18.	Traditional games			La course en sac, La marelle (hop scotch) and La chaise musicale
19.	French films with subtitles or French themed films			e.g. The Artist, Les Mis, Moulin Rouge, Piaf, Beauty and the Beast, Ratatouille, Aristocats, Hunbackof Notre Dame (Disney)
20.	Fairground rides			Daivd Cox