

# Report on Annual General Meeting

**C**hesham Town Twinning Association elected a new chairman on Saturday (Jan 28) who immediately declared her intention to make contact with community groups in an effort to boost membership.

Patricia Cherrill told the meeting, at the Chesham Guide Headquarters in Lowndes Park: "People in their 20s and 30s are occupied with family and jobs. I think we must make contact with community organisations. Their members have already taken an interest in community matters and have reached outside their immediate family to find other interests."

Mrs Cherrill echoed the sentiment expressed earlier in the meeting by membership secretary Marianne Lambert, who said it had been rather a disappointing year for recruitment.

"Please try to get your friends, neighbours and members of any other clubs you may belong to, or have close contacts with, to come along to our social events to meet us and get a better understanding of town twinning," she said.

Mrs Cherrill replaced Peter Fletcher, who had come to the end of his three-year term of office, three years in which he had had "tremendous fun" being in the forefront of celebrations with Chesham's twin towns of Friedrichsdorf in Germany, Houilles, France, and Archena in Spain.

"I have been a member of the town twinning association since its foundation in 1980," he said. "During that time so many people have worked so hard to make the town links work," and he thanked the current officers for the support they had given him over the past three years. He, in turn, was thanked by his successor for his enthusiastic leadership and for allowing his Bellingdon home to be used for so many of the association's events.

Activities planned for the coming year include the International Weekend to be hosted in May this year in Chesham, when visitors from Friedrichsdorf and Houilles will be entertained, and a visit by members to Archena in April.

Other officers elected were: vice chairman Tina Pearce; secretary Tony White; treasurer Andrew Ketteringham; secretary for Friedrichsdorf Annie Hinds; secretary for Houilles Wyn White; secretary for Archena Robin Ketteringham, membership secretary Marianne Lambert.

*Tony White*

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