NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held on Friday 20th March, 2026 at

The Constitutional Club, Abergavenny (Con Club)

commencing at 7.00 pm

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last AGM held on 11th March 2025
3. Chair's report
4. President's address
5. Election of officers and committee
   - Chair
   - Vice Chair
   - Secretary
   - Treasurer
   - Committee
6. Treasurer's report
7. Subscriptions for 2026
8. Appointment of honorary examiner
9. Any other business

We are always looking for new volunteers to serve on the Committee. If you are interested and would like an informal chat about what it entails, please contact John Prosser

07814 808324 **Johnprosser36@gmail.com**

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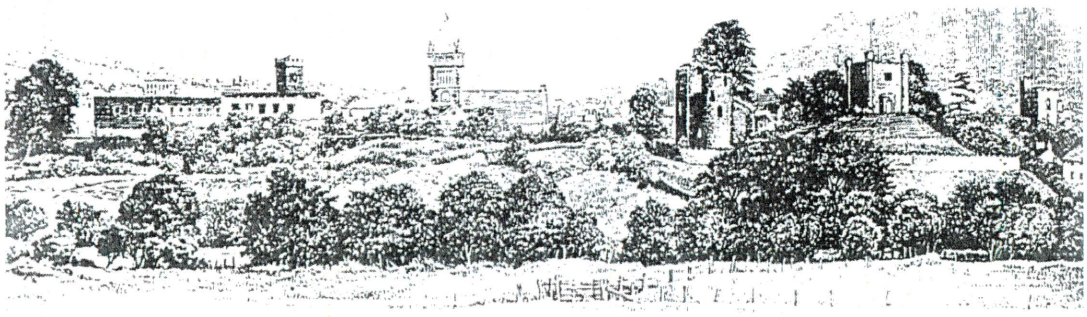
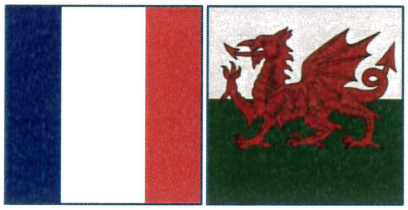


ABERGAVENNY & BEAUPRÉAU TWINNING ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

FEBRUARY 2026



Greetings to all our Beaupreau Twinning members.

Well the French rugby team certainly put on the style during Wales v France in Cardiff last week, let us hope we can learn from the experience!

As we head into the spring months we wonder whether the incessant rain of late will be replaced by some warm sunshine!

FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

Plans are advancing well for the forthcoming football festival being held on Saturday 2nd May. Our vice chair Simon Mansfield and Abergavenny Rhinos are organising the tournament for boy and girl footballers who are in the under 13yrs age range.

At lunchtime on Friday 1st May a coach carrying 18 families from Beaupreau will arrive in Abergavenny having travelled overnight by ferry. In association with the Town Council we are organising a reception with our Mayor and councillors and they will be presented with a light lunch. This will be followed by a sightseeing tour of the town before settling in with their host families.

The ethos of twinning depends on individual families being able to host our visitors. This time it will cover only two nights as our visitors intend leaving on their return trip home on the Sunday lunchtime.

We are always looking for host families who have spare bedrooms to accommodate our guests. Could you host a visitor and experience the typical cultural exchange? If you can please email John Prosser at johnprosser36@gmail.com.

The festival will take place at Abergavenny Town Football Club ground in Penypound. Following the football activities during the day there will be a medal presentation and social gathering of guests and host families in the clubhouse during the evening.

DELEGATION FOR TRIP TO BEAUPREAU

Two weeks after the festival Beaupreau will be holding their own festivities. They will be celebrating 40 years of twinning with their German twin town of Munsingen. They have kindly invited circa 12 delegates from Abergavenny to take part in their celebrations, and to travel to Beaupreau from 14th to 17th May. There will be representatives from the Town Council and Twinning Committee attending, and there may be a few spare seats if anyone is interested in joining us. If you are please contact John on 07814808324 without delay!

BEAUPREAU FACTS

Beaupreau is a small town in what was called the Maine et Loire Department and in 2015 became the Beaupreau en Mauges Commune having merged with several other small towns.

Beaupreau has a population of circa 8000.

The Commune is crossed by the river Evre.

Beaupreau has been twinned with Abergavenny since 1988.

Twinning Tees and Sweatshirts

Don't forget tee shirts and sweatshirts with the Twinning coats of arms are still available! At £20 and £15

If you would like to be involved with Twinning activities please call John on 07814 808324

WEBSITE

We continue to build our website and hopefully we will be able to give you some contact details in the next newsletter.

TOWN OF CULTURE 2028

Abergavenny Town Council are considering applying for "UK Town of Culture" status for 2028. This would fit well with the Twinning Association as the Twinning Charter encourages cultural exchanges! 2028 will also be the 40th Anniversary of our twinning with Beaupreau!

The Town Council are seeking opinions, and you can access the comment form at the following web address:

https://abergavennytowncouncil.gov.uk/town-of-culture/

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Suggested travel itinerary for Abergavenny Delegation trip to Beaupreau – 13 to 17 May 2026

Outward

Wednesday 13th May

Catch 0627 train from Abergavenny to Manchester Airport

(involves one change at Manchester Piccadilly)

Arrive Airport station at 0944 for 1150 flight FR3543 (Ryanair) to Nantes arriving at 1425 (local time).

Timing will be very tight, and **I strongly recommend** travelling with a 10kg cabin bag which will enable you to go straight to the departure gate once through security.

If you intend travelling with checked in baggage you might be involved in queues for checking in before security.

We will be met by a delegation from Beaupreau with minibus at Nantes airport.

Inward

Sunday 17th May

Travel to Nantes airport by minibus

Arrive at airport in time for 1105 flight FR3544 to Manchester arriving back at 1140.

Catch 1247 train (or later) from Manchester airport arriving Abergavenny at 1608.

Everyone to make their own bookings asap, with help from John if needed.

If you wish to discuss any of the above please call John on 07814808324 or email johnprosser36@gmail.com .

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