



Autumn Newsletter

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Notice of Annual General Meeting 24 October 2019

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at St James Church Hall, Mount Pleasant Road, Exeter, EX4 7AH, on 24 October 2019, at 7.00 for 7.30 pm

After the business meeting, there will be a “bring and share” buffet at £3 per person to cover the hire of the hall. Please could you let us know whether you will be attending and whether or not you will be staying for the buffet. Please bring a plate, glass and cutlery as well as an alcoholic or soft drink for yourself. Coffee or tea will be available after the meal.

We will also hold a raffle, with proceeds going to association funds. Prizes would be greatly appreciated.

Parking is available.

We welcome nominations for any officer roles or new committee members.

Agenda: Annual General Meeting 24 October 2019

1. Apologies
2. Amendments to the Constitution
3. Minutes of Annual General Meeting 29 October 2018
4. Chairperson’s Report
5. Secretary’s Report
6. Treasurer’s Report
7. Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner
8. Election of the Officers
9. Election of the Committee
10. Any Other Business

The meeting will be followed by a Bring and Share Buffet.

Constitution: Excerpt regarding General Meetings:

5) GENERAL MEETING

A General Meeting shall, ordinarily, be convened annually by the Committee on its own decision, or may be convened on request by at least one-third of the members, or in an emergency at any time by the Officers of the Association on their own decision. A minimum of one calendar month's notice in writing shall be given to the members of the Association before convening a General Meeting, except in an emergency.

a) PARTICIPATION. The General Meeting shall be open to:

- i) All paid-up members;
- ii) Honorary Life Members;
- iii) One delegate from each affiliated organisation;
- iv) Representatives from organisations which in the opinion of the Committee support the aims of the Association;
- v) Guest speakers and other persons invited by the Committee.

b) VOTING. Persons in categories 5(a)(i), (ii) and (iii) are entitled to vote. All other persons are not entitled to vote.

c) WORK. The General Meeting shall:

- i) Formulate the main policies of the Association to be implemented by the Committee;
- ii) Approve any amendments to the Constitution of the Association;
- iii) Elect the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and ordinary members of the Committee. Officers and other Members of the existing Committee may offer themselves for re-election to the same position or for election to a different position on the Committee; additional nominations shall be submitted to the Secretary no later than two weeks before the date of the General Meeting;
- iv) Appoint Independent Financial Examiners who shall not be members of the Committee.

d) MOTIONS may be submitted to the Committee and must be received no later than two weeks before the date of a General Meeting.

e) AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION. Motions to amend the Constitution may be submitted, and if accepted by a simple majority vote at the General Meeting must then be presented in writing to the entire membership, requiring a two-thirds majority of votes cast by post or by e-mail for acceptance.

You can download a full AGM pack here:

http://www.eyta.org.uk/Assets/EYTA_AGM_Pack_2019.docx

Reply Slip: Attending Annual General Meeting

Please reply as soon as possible by using this slip or by email to:

Peter Barker, 2 Oriole Drive, EXETER, EX4 6SJ or email info@eyta.org.uk

Name (s):

I/we will be attending the Annual General Meeting on 24 October 2019 at 7.00 for 7.30 pm at St James Church Hall, Mount Pleasant Road, Exeter, EX4 7AH

I/we will not be attending the Annual General Meeting on 24 October 2019 at St James Church Hall, Mount Pleasant Road, Exeter, EX4 7AH. Please accept my / our apologies.

I / we would like to participate in the Bring and Share buffet. Please reserve places:

Members £3..... Non-Members £4..... (to cover hire of the hall)

I enclose cheque made to 'EYTA' £..... or I have made a direct payment to:

Santander 09-01-55 35972083 Exeter Yaroslavl Twinning Association.

Please remember to bring a plate, glass and cutlery with an alcoholic or soft drink for yourself. Tea and coffee will be available at the end of the meal.

Please circle what type of 'bring and share' food you are planning:

Salad Quiche/Savoury flan Pudding

Cheese & biscuits Other (please specify)

Lift: Required Can Offer Lift.....

Nominations for Officers or Committee Members

These should be submitted by 10 October 2019 to

Peter Barker, 2 Oriole Drive, EXETER, EX4 6SJ or email info@eyta.org.uk

Nomination for Officer or Committee

Member Proposed: _____

Position(s): _____

Positions are Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee Member.



Membership Renewal Form 2019 - 2020

NAME(S):.....

ADDRESS:
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POSTCODE: **TEL**

E-MAIL:

Any other Information: e.g. special interests, or projects and activities that would interest you etc.

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I enclose £ my/our EYTA Annual Subscription

£6 Individual, £9 Couple, £20 Organisations.

Additional donations are always gratefully received

If you would like to pay by Standing Order or direct bank payment our account details are:

Santander 09-01-55 35972083 Exeter Yaroslavl Twinning Association

Otherwise please make cheques payable to EYTA and send with this slip to:

Peter Barker, 2 Oriole Drive, EXETER, EX4 4SJ
email: info@eyta.org.uk

We share member's contact details within the Association. If you wish yours to be withheld please tell us.

Summer Social Event – The White Horse, Sidmouth Road – 11th July 2019

In July about 20 people gathered in the White Horse on Sidmouth Road for an evening meal. The venue was chosen because of its position on a bus route from Exeter and from Sidmouth where some of our members are based. The evening was a new departure from our usual social activities but it proved to be a great success and was an excellent opportunity for a ‘get-together’ in the gap between the Twinning visits and the AGM in October.

Presentation to the Lord Mayor in the Guildhall – 29th June 2019

At the end of June a small group of EYTA members attended a short presentation by Bob Bradshaw, one of EYTA committee members, of a letter from the Mayor of Yaroslavl to our Lord Mayor. In his letter Mayor Volkov offered congratulations on the 30th anniversary of the signing of the twinning charter between Exeter and Yaroslavl. He assured the Lord Mayor that guests from Exeter will always be welcome in Yaroslavl. It is wonderful to see that the links between our two cities are as strong as ever.

Russian Christmas Fayre – The Guildhall – Saturday, 21st December 2019

With Summer still lingering, it seems hard to believe that Christmas is only 3 months away and our thoughts are already turning to preparations for our main annual money-raising event which is the Christmas Fayre in the Guildhall.

As always, we are always most grateful for help, both on the day to man the stalls and before the day with contributions of goods to sell. EYTA members who went to Yaroslavl this year have replenished our stock of Russian goods but we are still in great need of items for the other stalls. If you have any books, bric-a-brac, jewellery, home produce (jams, chutneys, cakes, biscuits etc.), cakes or biscuits for the café or bottles or other suitable items for the tombola stall, please could you let either Peter Barker (info@eyta.org.uk) or Joyce Burgess (joyceburgess@blueyonder.co.uk) know and we could arrange for them to be picked up if necessary.

In October we shall, as usual, be having a Christmas Fayre Sub-Committee meeting to plan the day in detail. If you are interested in attending this meeting and/or would be willing to help on the day, could you please let Peter Barker know at info@eyta.org.uk before the end of September. Suggested dates for the meeting in October:

Friday, 4th October: 2.00 – 3.30

Monday, 14th October: 10.30 – 12.00

Tuesday, 15th October: 2.00 – 3.30

Friday, 18th October: 2.00 – 3.30

Tuesday, 29th October: 2.00 – 3.30

If you would like to attend the meeting, please let Peter know before the end of September, indicating your preferred date(s). We shall be meeting, as usual, in George’s Meeting House, South Street, Exeter (Wetherspoons) in the upstairs balcony on the left-hand side as you go in.

Twinning Trip to Yaroslavl: Article by Sally Manning in Devon Twinning Circle Autumn Newsletter

You should by now have received an emailed copy of the Devon Twinning Circle Autumn Newsletter which contains a very interesting account of this year’s Twinning Visit to Yaroslavl by EYTA member, Sally Manning. In the same Newsletter there is also information about the Devon Twinning Circle’s AGM which is to be held in Halberton Village Hall on Saturday, 19th October at 2pm. All EYTA

members are welcome to attend, but you must send in a reply slip which is to be found in the Devon Twinning Circle Newsletter.

(Please email if you would like a copy of the DTC Newsletter info@eyta.org.uk)

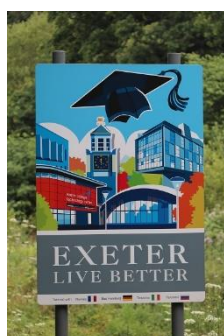
Russian Conversation Group: 16th September, 2.45 – 4.30

The conversation group seems to be going from strength to strength with usually about 8-10 people attending each session. It is composed of people with varying degrees of knowledge of the Russian language but there is a chance for everyone to participate, according to their level and it is a very pleasant social occasion as well as being an opportunity to practise speaking Russian. We are very lucky to have so many native Russian speakers who are willing to give up their time to lead the group – many thanks to all who have been kind enough to help. The next meeting is on September 16th when the topic is sayings or proverbs in English and their equivalent in Russian. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Peter Barker at info@eyta.org.uk.

RAM Museum Coffee Meet-Up: First Tuesday of every month

On the first Tuesday of every month a group of EYTA members meet up for a drink in the Museum Café between 2.00 – 4.00. It is an excellent chance to have a chat and a social get-together and often fits in well with a shopping visit to the city centre. Everyone is welcome, especially new members who will have a chance to get to know people. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 3rd September and then on Tuesday, 1st October.

New Road Signs for City of Exeter



City of Exeter has new road signs marking the beginning of the city. There are several different designs, with different logos and main pictures.

Each design features the country flags of Exeter's four twin cities; Rennes, Bad Homburg, Terracina and Yaroslavl. Flags and city names are at the foot of the signs, in alphabetical order by country. Coincidentally that is the chronological order that the twinning agreements were signed.



The twinning agreement with Yaroslavl was signed in 1989. Our association was formed shortly afterwards. Our main purpose was and still is to enable ordinary citizens to participate in twinning. Our partner society in Yaroslavl, was founded around the same time as us: Yaroslavl Exeter Friendship Society «Общество Дружбы Ярославль - Эксетер»



The country flags of Exeter's twin cities are also flown outside Exeter City Council's offices. Here is the Russian flag, representing the friendship link with Yaroslavl.