**Brentwood/Montbazon Town Twinning Association Report for ESTTA Congress 12.10.19**

**Success:**

Excellent and enjoyable visit to Montbazon in August for 25th Anniversary, with several first-time visitors, including me.

During visit, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer “inducted” into Confrèrie du Fromage Ste. Maure de Touraine – we made a vow to eat and publicise the famous goats cheese! (Photo).

Approaches to Brentwood Clubs – Bridge, Pétanque and Rugby – hoping they will twin with clubs in Montbazon.

**Failure:**

No school visits or choir exchange, although we are trying.

**Recruiting new members:**

Aiming to rejuvenate our membership!

Monthly French chats in library – several have joined.

Planning to:

run stalls at Christmas Fair at 3 Primary Schools, to attract parents and children;

organise 6 French conversation sessions in Spring Term for GCSE students. Local bookshop has offered free space and she will also publicise via social media. We also intend to go into local secondary schools. Classes free to students if at least 1 parent joins the TT Association. This will fund the teacher.

**Funding:**

Membership fee £10 per person p.a.

Social activities throughout the year raise funds for our visit and to entertain Montbazonnais, who will visit us in 2020:

Pre-festive get-together – December

Promises Auction

Fête des Rois – Jan.

French film – Feb.

Quiz – Mar./Apr.

Coffee mornings

New this year:

Pétanque evening

Painting Party

Curry Night

Murder Mystery to come.

Raffle at every event.

**Publicity:**

In addition to above -

Sec. And Chairman interviewed on local radio & follow-up offered;

Updated leaflets for members to deliver/give to friends and neighbours

Website being updated.

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Chairman 11.10.19