



Newsletter Autumn 2012

It has been a year since the last newsletter and we are pleased to say that the Twinning Group is still very active.

Some of you may be aware that we have now set up a Twinning Website, <http://worhamandburgatetwinning.onesuffolk.net/>, and have an e mail address. The website is still in the process of being developed but please note that e mails will now be sent from the address of [worhamandburgatetwinning@gmail.com](mailto:worhamandburgatetwinning@gmail.com). Please make sure your e mail filters mark this as 'friendly' rather than junk.

We would welcome any suggestions you may have either for our new website or for that matter any other twinning related matters. In particular we are keen to foster greater links between groups and organisations in Hédé and Worham. Hédé also now has its own website which can be found from a link on ours. If you would like to link up an activity you get involved with here, to a similar organisation in Hédé, it may be worth trying to do so via the websites, or alternatively letting us know so that we can help with this. There is the opportunity to post information via websites and we are hoping that as both Hédé and our websites develop it will give us the opportunity of developing contacts between the two villages. The young people involved in the twinning visit this year have already found an opportunity to continue with friendships made via their Facebook pages.

We are keen to make sure we keep abreast of technological developments particularly in communicating with members. In order to ensure that we keep all our members fully informed of our activities we need to update our list of current e mail addresses. To this end we would please ask you to e mail us at [worhamandburgatetwinning@gmail.com](mailto:worhamandburgatetwinning@gmail.com) confirming up to date contact details.

Current membership of the Worham and Burgate Twinning committee is as follows: Nick Beasley (783540), Simon Durant (890999), Mike Daykin (Treasurer) (640302), Chris Grocott (Chairman) (898338), Isobel Hunter (783294), Michelle Furness, Judi Haywood (783443), Christina Odams (897110), April Pulford (640302), Andy Simpson (644174), Linda Simpson (Secretary) (644174).

## **Dates for your diaries**

**Hédé Christmas Market Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.** As usual we are hoping to raise some funds from a stall at the Hédé Christmas Market. We would be grateful any donations of chutney, pickle, marmalade or lemon curd to sell. Jam jars can be provided by Chris Grocott (898338). If anyone is interested in going to France to help at the market please let Chris know.

**Christmas Social - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 7-9pm** We look forward to welcoming all members at this annual event. We will be sending out invitations nearer the time.

**Worham Christmas Market Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December** We hope to be selling mistletoe at the Christmas market again this year. This proved to be very popular last year.

**Valentines Race Night – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2013** - a fun evening as well as a fund raising event. Opportunities to sponsor races and become a horse 'owner' will be available soon. This promises to be a lively evening, with some supper included, and some fierce competition to back the winners. More details coming soon.

**AGM -Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** A chance to have a chat as well as completing the formal business.

**24 – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2013 Twinning visit to Hédé.** This is the end of May bank holiday weekend. We will be contacting you again in the next few months about this as we will all need to book early to ensure flights/transport. For families there will be a subsidy towards the cost of travel for children. Host Associations generally provide most of the food and entertainment.



### **Hédé Visit to Worham May**

As usual the highlight of the year was the exchange visit and this year it was our turn to host a visit (photo of hosts and visitors above). Blessed with good weather after all the rain our visitors enjoyed a day out in Bury on Saturday. Most of the visitors and some of the hosts opted to go on a guided tour of the town, informative for both hosts and visitors alike. After a welcome break for lunch there was a choice between a tour of the Greene King Brewery, a visit backstage of the theatre, shopping or for the younger visitors and hosts bowling. Whatever the choice everybody enjoyed themselves and had a chance to go home and freshen up before spending the evening with their host families.

Sunday saw a continuation of the lovely weather. Nick Smith had organised a vintage car rally and many of the visitors opted to go on this. A tour of the countryside in some lovely old cars ended up at the Low House Laxfield where the hosts meet up with their visitors for lunch

and a game of boules. Other visits arranged by hosts included a visit to Bressingham Garden and Steam Museum and Helmingham Hall – all were equally enjoyed.

On Sunday evening there was a gala meal with entertainment provided by a magician who did a short performance as well as visiting each table performing magic as he went. As always the visit passed all too quickly and come Monday morning the visitors were heading off via Guilford to do some shopping before heading home.



### **Jubilee Picnic 4<sup>th</sup> June**

Fortunately the rain held off for the village Jubilee Picnic on Long Green. We took the opportunity to have a publicity table there, offering cider and boules as well as a chance to find out about what twinning was all about. We fielded a team in the tug of war but sadly were not successful in our heat. It was felt to be useful and has led to gaining a few extra members.



### **July 29<sup>th</sup> Barbeque for Wortham Host families**

The weather was kind to us again when we held a barbeque, hosted by the Simpsons, to thank host families from Wortham. The sun shone long enough for us all to enjoy our food but even when the thunder and lightning started we were able to have chat and share our experiences of the Twinning weekend.



### ***Twinning Members Frances and Nick Beasley visit France –***

Hédé leads to Lorient

We have been members of the Wortham and Burgate Twinning Association for about three years. During that time we have hosted French visitors and in turn stayed in Hédé and also met up with French friends, Jérôme and Cathérine when we have been in Brittany during the summer. The last time we visited the town was for the Christmas Market in 2011 with Jean and Chris, where we successfully sold crackers, chutneys, marmalade, lemon curd, mince meat and Christmas gifts. In return we were loaded up with an enormous amount of mistletoe, which grows in abundance in Brittany, and which then sold extremely well at the Wortham Christmas market.

This summer the exchange worked particularly well for us. Over the weekend when the Hédé visitors were here we met Bernard and Marie-Claire, who were not actually staying with us,



but with Sally and Phil in Mellis. We chatted about our experiences in Brittany and the fact that we had visited the Inter Celtique Festival in Lorient. We discovered that they too are great fans of the festival and so this August they organised for us to go and watch one of the evening spectacles with them. We had a lovely time. We had a meal with them and Marie-Annick, her husband Bernard and another couple who also live in Hédé. We then wandered around the lovely port of Lorient listening to bands and singers and at about 10.00pm went off to the football stadium where le

grand spectacle was to take place. It was all fantastic, ending with a wonderful firework display and we arrived home at about 3.00am!!!

This has been a lovely example of how friendships can grow through the twinning association and we look forward to more such meetings.

Frances and Nick Beasley



### **And finally –**

We are always keen to encourage new members in particular to foster links with young people and twinning families in Hédé. We produced some leaflets some of which have been put in the village welcome pack but if you know of people who might be interested in joining, do bring them along to some of our events. If anyone wants to know more about the opportunities to visit Hédé please put them in touch with any committee member. We are also hoping to put a 'Frequently Asked Questions' item on our web site in the coming months.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming events.

Best wishes

**Worham and Burgate Twinning Committee**