

Wortham and Burgate Twinning



NEWSLETTER LATE SUMMER 2014

Dates for your diaries

Calling all members

We are planning a **Mystery Dining** event in late October . We will be e mailing all members with more information at the end of the month so keep checking your in box!

Christmas Markets Hédé and Wortham 5th and 7th December

Sorry to mention Christmas this early on but this year the markets both here and in France are going to coincide on the same weekend. The Wortham Market is on Friday 5th and the Hédé market is on Sunday 7th December.

We usually raise a reasonable amount of money at the Hédé market by selling in particular Christmas Crackers, marmalade, curd, and mincemeat as well as giftware donated by the Odams family.

We would very much like to have a presence there again this year so are looking for volunteers to go over and sell. You will be hosted by a French family and there are French speakers on hand to help sell if need be. It is a fun weekend and Twinning will provide a small subsidy towards the cost of travel.

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We would also like people to start making produce to be sold. Ordinary jam does not usually sell that well since the Bretton people are great jam makers themselves, but if you could volunteer to make some marmalade, mincemeat or curd we will provide the jam jars.

Visit to Hédé 2105

We have agreed with Hédé Jumelage , subject to detailed confirmation, that the Wortham visit to Hédé next year will be from **9th April to 12th or 13th April**. This is the week after Easter and should be while the schools in the UK are on holiday. It is however when French schools are already back so there will be an opportunity for any young visitors from here to go into the schools there.

If you are interested in visiting but would prefer to stay independently in a gite or bed and breakfast accommodation we hope to be able to provide that opportunity also.

We had a lot of French children visiting this year and it would be lovely if we could have more younger families joining the Twinning and visiting France next year. If you know of any families who might be interested do encourage them to join us.

We try and provide a subsidy for any children travelling to keep the costs down for families. If enough people are interested , and depending on costs, we may be able to organise a coach to take us all over.

We will be in contact all members before the end of the year to try and gauge interest but please mark this date in your diaries.

We are also intending to start a beginners French class very soon so if you are interested in learning some French before visiting next year and have not as yet expressed an interest please let us know as soon as possible so that we can let you have details.

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FRENCH VISIT TO WORTHAM 3RD – 7TH July

Well what a lovely weekend that was! It all seems a long time ago now but hopefully the selection below of comments and images from the visit will help you recall the events with pleasure.

If you were unable to take part in the weekend don't worry there will be opportunities to host visitors in future . Our French friends commented that they felt the 'bar had been raised' for future visits and had enjoyed both the visits and meals they had with their hosts as well as the group events.

First time hosts and new member Sue McGrath commented

'I admit that it was with some apprehension we agreed to host a French family. It was a fear of the unknown, rather than a case of being unsocial. Thankfully, however, my fears were wholly unfounded and I am now looking forward to hosting again. We welcomed an English lady who lived in France (good choice given our forgotten French) and her 11-year-old granddaughter into our home for four nights. The diary of events laid on by the association was very varied and suited to every age. It was jam packed with social occasions and a jolly fun time was had by all. We were thoroughly partied-out by the end of our weekend. '

New members Mike and Joy Cornish also became involved for the first time and said :

'Having arrived new to the village last year we followed the usual advice to 'join any group that seemed to be active and you will be bound to make friends'. Well the twinning group certainly seemed to fit the bill so we went along to one of their events and before we knew it, or had a chance to say no, we handed over our money and were in. Summer 2014, we were informed, would be the turn of the French group to visit Wortham. With only a very vaguely recalled O-Level French (second attempt) and an equally distantly achieved O-Level German it did seem the visit would be a bit of a challenge. We didn't actually host any guests this time round, due to the state of the house and the vagaries of builders. This, however, did not mean that we didn't thoroughly enjoy the event. Across the whole visit there were plenty of opportunities to get involved.

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Who needs to speak the same language while standing in a field pulling on a very large rope. I'm still not sure how the home team lost so many times, I thought Tug-of-War was a peculiar pastime known only to the British! In addition to the communal events, such as the hugely entertaining Barn Dance, we also got involved in some of the back room stuff, such as shifting tables and chairs to and from Howard's Barn. Even these jobs had their entertaining moments!

Although we did not act as hosts this time round we really enjoyed the whole experience as, seemingly, did everyone else who was involved. We got to meet a lot of people, both French and from Wortham and its surrounds. I think we are thoroughly converted to the idea of village exchange visits and will be progressing to actually being hosts next time round. We are looking forward to seeing you all at the next event, Joy and Mike.



Guided tour at
TW Gaze



young
visitors
enjoying
jenga



ladies tug of war team



Bring and share at Pond
House



Francis Cupiss Printworks

The Francis Cupiss Printworks in Diss was a discovery for English and French alike.



everybody
enjoyed the
visit to
Southwold

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We were joined at the
ceilidh by visitors from
Botesdale and Tinteniach



A good time was had by all

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Cookery Book

We have mentioned before that we would like to produce a cookery book of favourite recipes from here and Hédé. Perhaps in the coming weeks if you cook something that you enjoy you could jot down the recipe and forward it to me via the Twinning e mail address. So far I have recipes for French beans with lemon and peppers and summer pudding.

If when you are cooking the food in question you could also take a photograph of the end result and send it in, it will help to illustrate the book and give an idea of presentation.

Calendar

The calendar of scenes from Wortham and Hédé will be going on sale soon both here and in France. Be sure to make sure you get your copy and put in the dates to remember. More information will be going out about this soon.

And Finally.....

We would like to welcome our newest new members Ian and Amanda Luff who live in Yaxely. We hope to have the opportunity of meeting them at one of our events soon.

We like to keep members in touch through our newsletters and social events and if there is anyone who you think might be interested in joining us please feel free to forward the newsletter to them.

Best wishes

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