

Wortham and Burgate Twinning



Newsletter Late Autumn 2016

Forthcoming events

Christmas Market Hédé 4th December

Once again we will be having a stall at the Hédé Christmas Market on 4th December. We sell a variety of items including Christmas Crackers (very popular with English living in the area since they cannot buy them in France) , marmalade, lemon curd, mincemeat and pickles (but not jam). We also sell small gift items donated by Mike and Chrissy Odams and have a hamper to raffle.

Once again we are asking members if they can make any of the produce for us to take (lemon curd will need to be made as close to the market date as possible). If you would like to make these to be sold can you please ring Chris Grocott on 898338 and he will let you have the correct size jars for you to fill. Produce will be needed by Wednesday 30th November.

Also if anyone can donate items for the hamper please also let Chris or one of the other committee members know and we can arrange collection if necessary. Items particularly of a traditional British nature would be gratefully received.

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CHRISTMAS SOCIAL 9th DECEMBER

The Christmas Social will be on **Friday 9th December** at 6.30pm. Once again Nick and Frances Beasley will be hosting at Easter Barn in Mellis. All members will receive invitations in the coming weeks.

AGM 3rd FEBRUARY

The AGM will be held on **Friday 3rd February** at 7.30pm .This is a change from the date previously mentioned. After the formal business we are having a talk by Jason from Suffolk Farmhouse Cheeses who make Suffolk Gold and Suffolk Brie Cheese . There will be an opportunity to sample some of the cheeses.

All members will get full details nearer the time. We are going to be looking for a new Chairman and Treasurer next year. Dave Long although stepping down from the committee has said that he is happy to continue to prepare the accounts for us so if there is somebody who would be able to do the day to day handling of the money and keep simple records we would welcome you with open arms as our new Treasurer.

Nick will be stepping down as Chairman but will continue to serve on the committee, so we also need someone who is prepared to take on this role. If you are interested in either roles and would like to know more, any of the Committee would be happy to talk to you.

VISIT TO HÉDÉ 2017 6TH APRIL 2017 TO 10TH APRIL 2017

The visit to Hédé will take place from Thursday 6th April to Monday 10th April. These dates have been chosen since they are in the school holidays in the UK but the Friday is still a school day in France. This means that any young people going will have the opportunity to go into school.

As on previous occasions those that are flying will need to book their own tickets. The flight out would be Ryanair 514 to Dinard departing from Stansted at 16.10 on Thursday 6th April and returning on Ryanair 515 departing at 14.45 on Monday 10th April. Depending on numbers we usually organize a mini bus to the airport.

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You can also, if you wish, travel independently and meet up on the agreed dates in Hédé.

We have in the past found that flight prices vary a great deal depending on how many times you look at them, how many others are also looking and how full the flight is. Sometimes the price can go up only to go down again a few weeks later. It is currently showing at quite high prices but it may well go down in the New Year.

There will be a subsidy for any young people travelling to Hédé and the committee will confirm the level of subsidy in the New Year.

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Music Hall Evening

Everyone who came to our music hall evening thoroughly enjoyed the event. We were lucky to be able to have a number of different forms of entertainment, in true music hall style.

The evening started with music from one of the vintage barrel organs owned by Johnny Ling. During the evening we also had music from two of his other vintage barrel organs.

There were songs from The Wortham Warblers and the opportunity to sing along to some well-known tunes such as Daisy Daisy, 'Enery the Eighth, Down at the Old Bull and Bush etc.

Some members of Warts (including member Chrissy Odams) entertained us with solo songs, a comic sketch and a monologue. We also had monologues from Mike Breen and our own member Alan Cowham.

The Old School Cloggers performed a Clog Dance accompanied by their own accordion player.

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During the interlude a finger buffet was served. There was a raffle with the first prize being won by Judith and Andy Phillip and the second prize by Katherine and Terry Smith.

It was lovely to welcome not just members, many of whom had come dressed in period costume, but other guests including a 95 year old 'Pearly King' in his costume.

The evening raised £272 for Twinning Funds.



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Visit to Hédé for Badbergen Twinning visit.

At the beginning of October four committee members, Andy and Linda Simpson, Lynn Clarke, and Nick Beasley visited Hédé to join in with the Twinning visit by Hédé's German Twinning partners from Badbergen. The idea was mooted when some of our members met Bad Bergen members at the Christmas Market in Hédé last year. It has been suggested that we may try to form links with them too. Joining in with their visit was a way of exploring the possibilities.

Our friends in Hédé hosted us and generously included us in the full visit programme. This included an outing on Friday to La Roche- Bernard and then an afternoon cruising along the River Vilain whilst we had lunch. On Saturday we joined everyone for a church service followed by a gala meal at the community center in Bazouges. This was followed on the Sunday by another outing to the coast near Pont Cancale.

During the outings we had ample opportunity to get to know the Badbergen visitors and for them to get to know us.

More formally we were invited to attend their joint committee meeting on the Sunday morning at which we discussed the possibility of taking forward the idea of a three way link. We recognized that we all of course have to consult our members and think about how any link could be developed. It was felt that in principle there was a desire to expand contacts in this way.

We believe that there was an initiative of this kind some years ago in Wortham and we would be interested in hearing about it from any long standing members who might recall what happened. We will be asking for your views at the AGM in February.

In the meantime Twinning members who know Bernadette Sarlat, who has been quite ill, will be pleased to hear that she was well enough to join us on the Friday outing . She sent her best wishes to all her friends in Wortham.

With best wishes

Nick and all members of the Twinning Committee

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