

Wortham and Burgate Twinning



Young members of Wortham and Hédé Twinning

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2014

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Tuesday 4th March

This will be held at 7.30 pm in Wortham Village Hall. To celebrate Pancake Day we will be serving crepes and cider after the business part of the meeting. Please do come along and share your ideas social events and for the development of our association. We can only continue to flourish with the enthusiastic support of our members.

A number of committee members are standing down this year so we do need more people to join the committee. If you are interested and wish to know more please do contact one of the committee members. If you would like to nominate somebody to stand as a member please use the forms that will be coming out with the formal AGM notice (having first checked the person you wish to nominate is willing to stand).

If you know of anybody who may be interested in joining us do bring them along with you.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

A reminder to get snapping photographs around the village in the coming year for our calendar competition. We will be choosing the best photo for each month of the year to be published in a calendar. We will notify every one of final details, closing date for entries etc. but we anticipate that we will be producing a 2015 calendar from the winning entries.

So dig out your old photos and / or get snapping as the season's progress.

November entry? - Beehive Cottage The Ling in November mists.



VISIT FROM HÉDÉ FAMILIES 3rd TO 7th JULY 2014

We have now had confirmation that the annual exchange visit, this time from Hédé to Wortham, will take place from 4th to 7th July, with visitors arriving on the evening of Thursday 3rd of July. Ideas and arrangements for the weekend are already being discussed.

We will in due course be looking for families to host our visitors. It is not necessary to be able to speak French since we try and match as far as possible visiting English speakers with anyone who does not speak French. We also if possible try to put young people with families that also have young family members. If

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you know families with younger members who may be interested in welcoming a French visitor, even if they are not members of Twinning, please encourage them to get involved.

If you have work commitments don't worry since other members who are hosting will be able to look after your guests at the times you are not available.

We will of course be in contact with all members nearer the time but if in the meantime you have any ideas for that weekend you might like to share please do contact us via our e mail address or Facebook (addresses at bottom of page) or come and tell us at the AGM.

Garden Lovers Group

I have mentioned in past newsletters that I am trying to set up a Wortham/Hédé garden lovers Group. Although arising from discussions with our friends in France it is not intended that this will be just for Twinning members but also for anyone in Wortham and surrounds who is interested.

My initial thoughts are that we should start with four meetings in the year (i.e. each season) which would perhaps involve a visit to a garden. It is not intended as a club as such but a group of like-minded people who get together to indulge their hobby from time to time.

Of course when our French friends visit we can also join with them in visiting a garden in the area. It might also be that in time we could organise visits either here or in France to the various garden shows that there are.

To try and get this going I would suggest an initial meeting on Sunday 6th April at 3pm which I am happy to host here at Battelys Cottage on The Ling at Wortham.

If you are interested or know of anyone who might be, please let me know and also if you intend to come on 6th April. I can be reached on 01379 644174 or e mail me at lindaruth11@gmail.com.

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CHRISTMAS SOCIAL AND CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Christmas seems a long time ago now but many of you will remember what an enjoyable time we had at the home of Simon and Jane Durant for the Christmas Social. Our thanks to them for hosting.

We were joined by Soulange Duclos and Marie-Therese Bougault from Hédé who ran a raffle (income from which went towards their expenses in coming to Wortham for the market). The raffle prizes were won by Jeanette and Barry Higgs and Mike and Chrissy Odams.

The Christmas Markets both here and in Hédé also went well and helped raised funds for us to go towards expenses that will be incurred when the French visit us this year.

3 couples, Nick and Frances Beasley, Judith and Andy Phillips and Andy and Linda Simpson went to Hédé for their market. Here is Judith's short note about the visit:

In December we went over to Hédé with a few other members to help with the Christmas market. We were warmly greeted by Jerome in La Petite Porte before being taken back to our hosts, Daniel and Soulange. We visited a nearby Christmas artisan market in the afternoon and later met many of the Hédé twinning members for dinner at a nearby restaurant.

Bright and early the following morning we took up our posts on the market stall where we were very busy selling the home made preserves and Christmas gifts and crackers brought over from the UK. We also had two fabulous Tombola prizes. Mulled wine and stollen was in regular supply. It was very busy all day but really great fun, as well as being a great way for us as new members to get to know the Hédé people. We were made to feel extremely welcome. Our charming hosts Daniel and Soulange were extremely kind. A great introduction to the Twinning Association.

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Members of Wortham Twinning enjoying selling in Hédé.

Popular items were Christmas Crackers, homemade curd, marmalade, mincemeat and chutney with many of the local population coming specially to get them. Also selling well were the Christmas decorations and other gift novelties kindly donated by Mike and Chrissy Odams. Every year Mike and Chrissy generously provide us with items to take, so our thanks go to them.

At the Wortham Christmas Market Soulange and Marie Therese were kept busy selling crepes with delicious fillings. Fortunately they had worked hard making plenty in advance. Wortham members in the meantime were busy selling mistletoe that had been brought back from France after the visit for the Hédé market. Soulange and Marie Therese were hosted during their stay in Wortham by Katherine and Terry Smith – thanks to Katherine and Terry for their hospitality.

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During their visit other twinning members also took the visitors out and offered them hospitality.

WINE CALL MY BLUFF EVENING

We were very pleased to welcome 72 members and friends to our Wine Call My Bluff Event. Those of you not able to come to the evening missed a very enjoyable wine and cheese tasting event trying to outguess the Adnams wine experts with their descriptions of wine. Descriptions, including an ecologically soundly produced wine where the wine producer even wore green underpants, challenged not only our wine identification skills but also our skills at nosing out who was not telling the truth.

In all six different wines were described by the Adnams team and then tasted by guests. The wines were Lobos White from Portugal, Chilean Santa Cecilia Chardonnay, La Jade Vioginier France, Papparuda Pinot Noir Rumania, Casa Rivas Merlot Chile, and a Monte Acurco Rioja from Spain. Participants and Twinning Members have the opportunity to purchase these wines from Adnams at Harleston at a discount of 10% until the end of February.

Three teams had not one but two tie breakers before the winning team – The Movers and Shakers – were able to claim their prize of a bottle of prosecco. Cheese tasting was also part of the evening with a selection of 6 different cheeses to be identified from a list of 14. A tie breaker was again required (Two further cheeses to be identified) before the winning team The Cheesy Chompers claimed their prize of a dairy box selection. At the end of the tastings attendees got an opportunity to have a bit more of their favourite choice of wine and also some sweet snacks.

Raffle tickets were keenly purchased to try and win a presentation box of two bottles of Rioja and some glasses. The lucky winner was a member of the Blue Nun team.

Approximately £450 was raised towards funds.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at the AGM

Best wishes **Wortham and Burgate Twinning Committee**

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