

Wortham and Burgate Twinning



CEILIDH FRIDAY 9th AUGUST

We are pleased to say that we have been able to book the Hosepipe Band once again for a ceilidh which will be held at Howards Nurseries. You may recall we had a similar event in 2011 which proved to be very popular.

Tickets will be £12 for adults and £8 for under 15's and includes a buffet supper. There will be a bar. Tickets will be available at the Post Office Stores Wortham or by e mail as below or phone 01379 644174

Any members who would be willing to help out by undertaking a stint serving on the bar please contact Linda on the Twinning website (see footer) or at lindaruth11@gmail.com .

We look forward to seeing you for what promises to be a great evening.

Jazz Festival Hédé Sat /Sun 21/22nd September 2013

Invitation from Nick Beasley

Nick intends to go to the Jazz Festival that is held in Hédé every year. He will have spaces in his car if anyone is interested in going with him (Portsmouth to St Malo crossing)
Accommodation with a host could be arranged through Wortham and Burgate Twinning or if you prefer you could arrange to stay in a hotel or bed and breakfast accommodation in Hédé.

Nick needs to know by 14th July at the latest if you would like to take advantage of the transport offered - contact him on 01379 783540 or at beasleynick@yahoo.co.uk

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Discount on Brittany Ferries

Any Twinning members visiting France and travelling by Brittany Ferries can now take advantage of a 10% discount. If you wish to book and take advantage of the discount please contact Nick by e mail on beasleynick@yahoo.co.uk. Please note you have to be a paid up member of Wortham and Burgate Twinning to take advantage of this offer.

French Conversation Groups

We now have two conversation groups which meet approximately every two to three weeks. This proved to be very popular before our visit to Hédé in May and everyone involved is keen to continue.

Usually each group might set a topic for the evening and aim to try and converse around the topic wholly or mainly in French. The groups are an intermediate and an improvers group. If you are a complete beginner and are not as yet a member of one of the groups but would like to know more please contact us via our e mail address or Facebook page . If we have enough interest we may be able to start a third group for beginners.

Evenings are usually quite lively!

Find us on Facebook

We now have our own Facebook site. If you haven't found us already go to www.facebook.com/worthamburgatetwinning. Post a comment or 'like us' – the more hits we get the more visible we become.

NEWS FROM THE PAST YEAR

Christmas Markets

If you can remember back as far as last December you may recall we were once again setting up a stall at Hédé Christmas Market. Simon Durant went across with a car full of items, from mincemeat and Christmas crackers to Christmas Tree Decorations and small gifts. Although the weather was not great the stall did a lively trade and Simon was also able to return with a car load of mistletoe to sell at Wortham Christmas Market the following week.

The two events together raised a total profit of almost £300 for Twinning Funds.

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Valentines Race Night

This was another popular social and fund raising event. Approximately 90 guests packed in the village hall and spent a fun evening trying to ensure they backed race winners. Everybody enjoyed a bangers and mash supper at half time and the event raised a total of £1200 for funds.

We were pleased to be able to welcome not only many Twinning members but also friends and sponsors from the wider community.

AGM

At the AGM in March a new Chairman, Nick Beasley, was elected .

Two members of the committee, Michelle Furness and Judi Heywood, stood down and a vote of thanks was given to them for all the hard work they had put in during their time as Committee Members.

A new committee was duly elected the members of which are as follows:

Chairman Nick Beasley (783540)
Treasurer Mike Daykin (640302),
Secretary Linda Simpson (644174)

Members: Simon Durant (890999)
Chris Grocott (898338)
Isobel Hunter (783294)
Christina Odams (897110)
April Pulford (640302)
Judith Phillip (741806)
Andy Simpson (644174)

Future Dates for your diaries

- Hédé Christmas Market Sunday 2nd December 2013.
- WORTHAM Christmas Market Friday 6th December 2013
- Hédé visit to Wortham Provisional Date 4th -7th July 2014

VISIT TO HÉDÉ 24th to 27th May 2013.



Nick and Jerome discussing serious matters!

25 Wortham Twinning Members recently visited Hédé staying with host families. Here is an article by Billy one of our young visitors, and also one by Hans and Netty Verkroost who visited Hédé for the first time.

Our next visit to Hédé will be in 2015. Please note that in future if you wish to go and take part in the organized program but prefer to stay independently, at you own cost, we will help with making arrangements where possible.

Article by Billy Hughes (Age 11)

We arrived in Hédé on Friday evening and met our hosts in a pub near the centre of the village where we were treated to a huge buffet and live music. I was very nervous of how we would communicate as I knew very little French but everyone was very friendly. A little later, we left the pub to go to our hosts house and I played football with their two children until it was too dark to see.

The next morning we woke up very early and ate a huge French breakfast, tasting lots of new foods. We departed for a treetop adventure park and climbed the 40 -50 ft rocks and zip wires for about 2 and a half hours whilst the adults in the party visited Rochefort-en-terre, the prettiest village in France. We met up at lunch time and had a fantastic picnic by the lake on Magpie Island, trying even more new food including some delicious desserts. When all the food was eaten and everyone was full we made our way to La Gacilly. We enjoyed chantilly milkshakes and candy floss which the French call 'Barbe a Papa' (dad's beard) whilst the adults looked round artisan shops. When we got back to the house our hosts had prepared a barbecue with huge plates of meat and kebabs and, like last night, we played football until midnight.

The next day we woke up quite late and our host family gave us a tour of the lake in Hede-Bazouges. We met for lunch again and some of the more brave of us danced to traditional French music, while we played boules. Later that evening, we had dinner at a neighbour's house who were also part of the twinning. They cooked us yet another fantastic meal followed by three different desserts.

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The next day was our final day and we explored St Malo, a very famous town near Hede. We stopped off at a creperie to enjoy galettes and crepes with lots of different fillings and their speciality cider and then wandered off to discover French shops, each different to the last. We also walked around the top of the city wall and explored the beautiful cathedral. Sadly we finally had to leave France and return to England after 4 days of trying different things every day. We all had an amazing time and can't wait to catch up with our new friends next year.

Article by Netty and Hans Verkroost on their first visit to Hédé

Having joined in with lots of twinning events over the years, many presumed that Hans and I were actually members of Wortham & Burgate Twinning. As outsiders living in Thelnetham, we always presumed that you had to actually live in either village to become a member. This myth was dispelled last year when a lively crowd from Hédé came over here for a long weekend. We joined everyone in the village hall on the Sunday evening for the farewell dinner and after several glasses of wine handed over a cheque and Voila! we were now officially members.

At this year's AGM there was much talk and excitement about a visit to Hédé over the May bank holiday weekend. Now was the time to dive in and put my school girl French to the test..... a whole weekend with our French hosts was daunting but having already met so many lovely members of the Hédé group, I knew it would be fun!

Several weeks before our trip Nick organised for a group of us to have some help with our French conversation. This was great and thanks to Maggie our tutor, it prepared me for all sorts of subjects I might have to discuss...including Margaret Thatcher's funeral!

With 4 of us, our weekend bags and various local goodies for our hosts packed into the car, we headed for France. Having exchanged several emails with our host family, Jerome, Catherine, Anais, Maxime, it was lovely to meet them at last.

Our French hosts had been plotting and planning our weekend of activities for some time and we thoroughly enjoyed it. Beautiful scenery, interesting excursions and great food and wine. With good intentions I

French but as the speed of the slipped back into English. No-had absolutely no idea what matter. What really matters, is life with an open mind and a enjoyed our first trip to Hédé join the twinning association. If it's never too late to start!



Was Netty's French that bad?!

started off many conversations in conversation gathered pace I often one seemed to mind and at times I was being said, but it really didn't that you embrace your hosts way of sense of humour. We thoroughly and would encourage anyone to you don't speak French, don't worry,

Netty and Hans Verkroost

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

We are hoping to broaden the opportunities for contact with and friendships in Hédé by developing contacts with special interest groups or sporting teams.

Linda Simpson and her opposite number in Hédé, Klaoda Lastennet , are currently discussing setting up a Hédé /Worham Garden Lovers Group and will be open to residents who are not members of Twinning. This will be a forum to exchange gardening experiences, ideas, plant favorites, places to visit etc. If popular enough we may also be able to organize joint visits from time to time to English or French Garden shows or gardens.

If you or any friends in Worham would be interested in this please contact Linda on lindaruth11@gmail.com or 01379 644174.

If you are a member of a sporting association or special interest group and would like to try and set up something similar with Hédé residents please contact a committee member and we will try to take the idea forward.

Look out also for articles in Wobul written from time to time by members from Hédé.

And finally –

We are always keen to encourage new members in particular to foster links with young people and twinning families in Hédé. If you know of anybody who might be interested please encourage them to get involved.

There is lots going on in Hédé and visiting does not have to be restricted to the twinning weekend or to staying with a host family. We aim to gather information on places to stay in and around Hédé and are hoping, in the near future, to be able to negotiate a discount for Worham and Burgate Twinning members staying at off peak times. Keep an eye on our website for further information in the coming months as well as news of forthcoming events both here and in Hédé.

Best wishes

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