

Wortham and Burgate Twinning



NEWSLETTER WINTER/SPRING 2015

Annual General Meeting

With this newsletter you will have received the agenda and related papers for the Annual General Meeting which is to be held on **Tuesday 27th January at 7.30 at Wortham Village Hall**. Following the business part of the meeting you can test out your knowledge of things French with our French themed quiz devised by Nick Beasley. We will be serving wine and nibbles to accompany the quiz.

Visit to Hédé 9th to 12th April 2015

We are currently awaiting the draft programme for the visit, from our friends in Hédé. We have researched relative costs of coach / ferry and flying and both the times and cost of flying is better than travelling by coach and ferry.

The flight times travelling with Ryanair to Dinard are out at 16.10 arriving 18.25 on Thursday 9th April and back at 14.25 arriving Stansted at 14.35 on Sunday 12th April. Currently Ryanair are showing a price of £80.50 per person return although as we have found before prices can vary enormously depending on when you

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look. They go down as well as go up varying on how many people are looking, booking, or what available seats there are etc.

If you wish to go on this year's Twinning visit you will need to book your own flights. Unless you wish to travel separately we are planning to organise a coach to Stansted airport. Child places on the coach will be free.

Travel costs for children will be subsidised by Twinning, the exact amount of the subsidy being confirmed nearer the time. If you wish to know more about this in advance please contact Linda (01379 644174) or Nick (01379 763540).

We already need to have an indication at least if you intend to join in with the Twinning visit to Hédé since our hosts need to have some idea of numbers so that they can start to organise individual hosts. Could you also let us know if you are arranging your own travel and or accommodation but wish to take part in the joint activities. Could any members who would like to go but would prefer to stay in bed and breakfast accommodation please let us know so that we can provide you with information about places to stay/ costs .

For any new members who have not yet been on a Twinning visit please do not be shy. It is a great way of getting to know better not only our French hosts but also other members of Twinning. Do not worry if you do not speak French. We try to ensure that where possible you are with a host who can speak some English. Also if you have any allergies , or if you prefer to be in a house without pets etc we will endeavour to make sure we take account of that.

From past experience, apart from travelling expenses, almost everything else is paid for by your hosts although you may of course wish to take a thank you gift for them.

If you wish to visit Hede this year please complete the form that accompanies this newsletter and return it to Linda Simpson at Battelys Cottage The Ling Wortham IP22 1ST. Alternatively please phone Linda on 01379 644174 or e mail us at the Twinning e mail address shown below.

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Programme of events for 2015

This year we have decided to plan our programme of events for the whole year in advance. These are set out below and final details will be confirmed nearer the time.

Tuesday 27th January 7.30pm Wortham Village Hall

Annual General Meeting followed by French themed quiz and refreshments. There will also be the last chance to purchase a twinning calendar if you have not already done so.

Friday 6th March 7.30pm Wortham Village Hall - Film Night

A family French film (title to be confirmed) with subtitles. Tickets £5 includes a glass of wine and nibbles. A chance to tune your ear in to French before the visit to France?

Thursday 9th April to Sunday 12th April

Visit to Hédé

Saturday 20th June Battelys Cottage The Ling Wortham - Summer Garden Party

Time cost and details to be confirmed nearer the time.

Friday 2nd October Wortham Village Hall - Murder Mystery Evening

Yes we know those of you who have been members for a while will remember the two failed attempts to do this before. However this time we will be organising it ourselves! This should be a fun event with a finger buffet provided. Full details and cost of tickets will be notified later in the year. It will be suitable for young people as well as adults.

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Friday 4th December/Sunday 6th December - Christmas Markets, Wortham and Hédé

Members wishing to volunteer to go to Hédé to help sell produce will be hosted by a French family and some subsidy may be available towards travel. More information/ requests for volunteers nearer the time.

Thursday 17th December Easter Barn Mellis - Christmas Social

Hosted by Nick and Frances Beasley

In addition to the above events, member Pam Gurhy will be hosting a cookery demonstration with a French theme. Numbers will be limited but if there is enough interest she will undertake two sessions. Dates and details will be notified in due course.

Also ongoing are our French classes. We currently have a beginner's class and a conversation group. We are hoping to restart the 'improvers' group again soon. If you are not already involved in any of these but would like to be please let Linda or Nick know (phone numbers as detailed earlier in the newsletter).

Most of the above events will be open to friends as well as members. Also if you know of somebody who might be interested in joining Twinning please bring them along. We would particularly like to encourage families and we are trying to foster links between our local schools and the schools in Hédé and Tinténiac (Twinned with Botesdale). If you know of any families who might be interested please let us know and we can make contact with them.

Members may also be interested in the Jazz aux Ecluses festival which takes place beside the series of locks on the canal just outside Hédé. This will be held over the weekend of 18/19/20th September. Anyone interested in going or wishing to know more please contact Nick.

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Approximately 40 people enjoyed the Christmas social which this year was a three course meal with a French theme. Guests were welcomed with a glass (or two) of wine and then sat down to a starter of pate, followed by cassoulet, potatoes and salad . Pudding was a choice of tarte au pommes or mincemeat tart , or cheese. A vegetarian option was also served. Seating was French style, long tables, and before pudding was served, places were swapped so everybody had ample chance to talk to other members. So much so that organisers had to encourage guests to leave at 11.30!

We were entertained by accordion music played by Sue Coales and singing by Chrissy Odams. We even managed a circle dance between courses. Guests rolled £1 coins to try and win a bottle of champagne and Jeanette Higgs was the lucky winner.



(Sorry not many photos – we were all enjoying ourselves too much to think of it!)

Our thanks to everyone who contributed by shopping, cooking, serving, washing up, entertaining and of course supporting us.

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Hédé Christmas Market December 2014.

This year Nick and Frances Beasley, Lynn Clarke and Pam Garside went to France to sell produce at the Hédé Christmas Market. As some of you will know the market, which is all day, is organised and run by the Hédé Jumelage (Twinning) Committee. There are many different craft and produce stalls as well as stalls selling crepes and vin chaud. The Wortham Twinning stall is always very popular, with regular French customers coming to buy Christmas crackers and homemade produce. This year Frances Beasley made mince pies to sell to showcase the mincemeat we had for sale. This proved to be very popular as did the marmalade, pickles and curd. In addition gift items kindly donated by Chrissy and Mike Odams also sold well. A total of £330 was raised for our Twinning funds from the market sales.



Au chalet de Wortham, Alain Tetu, Frances Beasley, Janine Feudé, Nick Beasley, Lynn Clark et Pamela Garside.

A long and sometimes cold day is rewarded by friendly French hosts ensuring you keep warm with plenty of the warming wine and also providing meals and accommodation while you are there. Any member can volunteer to man the stall. Many thanks to everybody who donated items to sell.

And Finally.....

Welcome back to Edward and Sue Coales who have now re-joined Twinning. We look forward to seeing you at our future events.

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