

# Bourne End (Bucks) Twinning Association Newsletter – July 2002 – No. 1

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Well it has been about six weeks since we all attended the public meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May in the small hall at the Bourne End Community Centre and you helped us form the association. We have a strong committee and with your support we are confident that it will be a worthwhile undertaking.

At the meeting we promised to keep you informed of progress so here goes with our very first newsletter and I hope it is to your liking.

## Finding Our Twin

Researching the Twinning database for potential twins the committee selected those that had a similar population to Bourne End and were within one days travel distance. Following this two further reviews have been held. From the initial seven candidates, three have been chosen as preferred candidates, two as reserves and two eliminated. All the candidates are in northwest France. The three preferred candidates are :-

Sailly Sur La Lys a small town of 4500 along the river Lys 30 kms from Lille.

Guichainville population 2500 located between Paris and Rouen and 5 kms from Evreux.

Bruyeres Le Chatel a village of 3200 only 36 kms south of Paris, on the River Orge.



They all have junior schools, but details on secondary schools were not supplied and therefore tentative initial contact with them has been made to find out more information.

Gathering information is made easier for the committee since we have a very enthusiastic French lady on the committee and on her way to her holiday destination in early July she will visit one of the candidates to obtain a first impression.

The official application form for Bourne End has been completed and will be signed off and sent in to the Twinning clearing-house within the next two weeks.

Work has also started on the brochure that will be used to sell Bourne End to towns wanting to twin. Other than facts on the village the committee is endeavouring to identify what best describes Bourne End in order to provide the flavour or distinctive features.

## Social Event

The association's first social event will be a garden party to be held on 31st August. Please put this date in your diaries and make sure you come along to meet everyone and enjoy yourself. Ticket cost, times and details of the event will be sent to members early July.

## Constitution

The association's Constitution has been completed and will be made available shortly.

## Members Website

A members website is being set up to help to supply you with up to date information. It will also be linked to the Community Centre site at the appropriate time. The address will be [www.bebta.ukgo.com](http://www.bebta.ukgo.com) and it should be available by the end of July. Take a look and let us know if we've missed anything you would like to see. Your suggestions on content are welcome.

## Donkey Derby

The association will have a stand at the forthcoming Donkey Derby to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> June. If you happen to attend this event don't forget to visit the stand and pass a few words of encouragement to the committee members manning the stand.

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