

Bourne End (Bucks) Twinning Association Newsletter – September 2002 – No. 2

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It has been 2 months since our last newsletter and while it seems a relatively short time it has seen a lot of good work by the committee which has meant the Association is really starting to grow and take shape. I hope as you read this newsletter you can get an appreciation of the progress being made and added confidence that we will achieve our initial goals.

Membership

With the ongoing recruiting campaign, membership is continuing to grow and barely a week goes by when our number has not increased. We now have well over 50 members.

Little Marlow Fete

The Association had a stand at the recent Little Marlow Fete held on 26th August. This time we were better prepared with a better display stand and lots of flags making the stand look very interesting. We also had a good position near to the merry-go round and fair ground attractions.

The weather was colder than most of August with a strong north wind blowing, but in spite of this there was a good turn out for the event and a lot of people visited the stand. We gave out a large number of leaflets and picked up three new members.



Finding Our Twin

Since the last newsletter we have been making good progress with finding our twin. A visit by one of our committee has been made to Sailly Sur La Lys (a small town of 4500 along the river Lys 30 kms from Lille) that was found to be on a trunk road into Lille. She has also visited part of Bruyeres Le Chatel (a village of 3200 only 36 kms south of Paris, on the River Orge).

Some of the committee visited Guichainville (population 2500 located between Paris and Rouen and 5 kms from Evreux), which was very pretty but small. They also visited one of our second choice towns Blainville Sur Orne (north of Cean) as it was near to where they were staying. We are grateful to committee members that have found the time and paid for their travel, which has made the visits possible.

Members Website

The members' website has been set up and can be found at www.bebta.ukgo.com. It has a link to the Community Centre site and there is a link on this site back to our site. Take a look and let us know if we've missed anything you would like to see. Your suggestions on content are welcome.

Bourne End Communiqué

The brochure that will be used to sell Bourne End to towns wanting to twin has been completed. It has a two page colour format and as well as the facts on the village we believe also provides the flavour and distinctive features. This document can be found on the members' website.

Social Event

The Association's first social event will be a garden party to be held on 31st August. We have plenty of French wine, nibbles, raffle and something to keep people amused. So this should be an event not to miss. Our second social event will be a Halloween Dinner to be held on 26th October. An invitation for this event will be sent to all members.

EU Grant

We have the form to allow us to request an EU grant which is only available for hosting our twin.

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