

Bourne End (Bucks) Twinning Association Newsletter – October 2007 – No. 20



Group picture before lunch at Battle Golf Club

Twinning Visit 2008

It has just been agreed that the Oteville sur Mer twinning visit to Bourne End will take place from Friday 2nd to 5th May 2008. **Please keep these dates free.** It is expected that they will arrive in Bourne End on the evening of 2nd May and leave on the morning of 5th May.

The details of the programme of events over this weekend will be issued to members once these have been arranged.

It is expected that both their Mayor and Député will come on the visit.

Annual Garden Party

Right up to the day of the Annual Garden Party on 25th August the weather had been unseasonably cold, but on that day there was glorious sunshine with not a cloud in the sky. Around 40 members attended and we were especially pleased to welcome many new members.

While members waited for the refreshments to be served (sandwiches, scones with Jam and cream, and Estelle's delicious cakes washed down with tea or coffee) they took part in a picture quiz which was won by Penny and Brian Walsh. There were a large number of entries

for the twinning photo competition and this was won once again this year by Pearl Hill. The photo competition was judged by Lesley and David Davis and as it would be their 40 wedding anniversary in early September they were asked to cut a celebratory cake.

Lunch at Battle Golf Club

On the 6th October 42 members made the trip to Battle Golf Club to meet their Oteville sur Mer friends for Lunch. The day started perfectly, it was a bright sunny day, there were no hold ups on the M25 and there was just time for a quick visit Hastings. However upon arriving at the appointed time at the Battle Golf Club there was no sign of the Oteville party and it was almost 2 hours before they finally arrived having been forced to follow a long deviation caused by the road bridge at Rye being closed.

In next to no time everyone from both parties (totalling 119 people) were seated for the excellent 3 course lunch and enjoying each others company. For the next two hours over lunch everyone kept up a constant buzz of conversation and laughter.

After the meal, sadly, it was time to say farewell to our French friends and start our homeward journey.

Petanque Evening

After the very enjoyable evening in June it had been planned to hold another Petanque evening in September, but this was not possible and the next Petanque evening is now planned for spring next year.

Autumn Dinner

A good time was had by all of the 55 people attending the Autumn Dinner on 27th October at St. Dunstons Hall. Our guest of honour, Dominic Grieve MP, arrived a little late, due to witnessing a car accident, but was happy to find a meal had been kept for him.

After dinner everyone joined in with singing to the superb music of our entertainer, musician and composer Geoff Britt "the one man band".

Dates for diaries

30 th Nov.	BE Fun Night
26 th Jan.	60s/70s Disco
1 st Mar.	AGM and Reception
2 – 5 th May	CJO Visit

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