

Bourne End (Bucks) Twinning Association Newsletter – May 2008 – No. 21



Soirée Group

Annual Dance Night

Fifty three members and friends attended the Disco held on 26th January at St. Dunstan Church Hall. As soon as the music started everyone was on the floor and so it remained for the whole evening. Half way through there was a hot baked potato supper followed by a selection of desserts. Photos of the dance provided by Raymondo Marcus can be seen at www.bebta.ukgo.com/folder_1/photos_2008/disco.html.

AGM and Reception

The Annual General Meeting and Reception took place on Saturday 1st March at St. Dunstons Hall. There were 46 members present but this year, because of a clash of events, there were no visitors from Octeville sur Mer.

As this year is the 5th anniversary of the signing of the Twinning Charter the Chairman in his review of the year talked about the health and progress of the Association. He concluded that BEBTA had made a good which with the support of members should continue for the foreseeable future. The current officers and committee were re-elected and one new committee member was duly elected. Following the formal AGM there was a reception where a 2 course buffet

supper was served and members were regally entertained by the choir 'Harmony' conducted by Jackie Duxbury.

Octeville sur Mer Twinning Visit

The Official Twinning visit by Octeville sur Mer to Bourne End took place on 2nd to 5th May. With their Député (equivalent to an MP), M. Daniel Fidelin, and the new Mayor, Jean-Louis Rousselin coming, this was always expected to be a special visit and so it turned out.

Our visitors arrived in a grey and showery London on Friday 2nd May where they were met by five BEBTA members. In the morning some went shopping while others had a sightseeing tour. After a picnic lunch in Hyde Park a leisurely walk, via Buckingham Palace, brought them to the House of Commons where a tour of the building had been arranged by Dominic Grieve MP. Then it was on to Bourne End for a Reception where they met Pauline Wilkinson M.B.E., Chairman of Bucks. County Council, John Savage, Chairman of the Wycombe District Council, and Mike Appleyard Chairman of the Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council. Following an aperitif and welcoming speeches they went off with their hosts for dinner.

Saturday dawned little better, but this did not stop our guests shopping or going on the organised walk. All the hosts and guests attended the Soirée at Wye Valley School hall which was also attended by our guests of honour, two of the council leaders and Dominic Grieve MP (and Shadow Attorney General). Following the dinner everyone joined in the fun of the barn dance supplied by the Bodgers Wood Band.

On Sunday our visitors and some BEBTA members visited Waddesdon Manor for the day and our visitors were very interested in the pieces of fine French furniture and object d'art to be found in the Manor. In the evening guests and hosts joined others for group suppers and, once the wine had worked its magic, a few songs.

All too soon Monday morning came and with it the emotional farewell as our friends departed in their coach for Winchester and onward to the ferry port at Portsmouth.

Future Events

28th Jun Quiz Night

23rd Aug Annual Garden Party

25th Oct Autumn Dinner

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