

Bourne End (Bucks) Twinning Association Newsletter – October 2009 – No. 25



Group Photo On Arrival

Visit to Bath

The weather was just perfect for the Associations visit to Bath on 26th October. The coach, carrying 35 people, arrived about 10 am and after a short walk into the centre of Bath members soon found and met up with their Octeville sur Mer friends. There was no fixed programme for the day and everyone seemed to quickly take off for their favourite attraction.

One group of 23 went first to see the famous Roman Baths and using the audio guides provided, enjoyed the commentary in either French or English. Many then boarded the City Sight Seeing Tour bus to get an overall appreciation of Bath and its many attractions. The Abbey Church also proved to be very popular and there was the added bonus that the Bath Philharmonic Orchestra was rehearsing in the church in readiness for their evening concert. Beautiful Bath was teeming with people, lots of street entertainers, bustling shops and restaurants that spilled out onto the pavements providing a lively backdrop. There was more than enough for everyone and a wonderful time was had by all.

The homeward journey was diverted as the police had shut one of the roads, but our driver Paul did a great job and still got us back home on time.

Quiz Night

It was a very hot and humid evening when 73 people arrived for the Annual Quiz Night which was held on Saturday 27th June at St. Dunstons Hall. The hall was a buzz of lively conversation all night and it was often difficult for the Question Master, Mike Hill, to make himself heard above the hub bub. Three sets of questions made up the first half of the quiz which was followed by a large ploughman's supper and Estelle's wonderful desserts. The quiz continued for another three rounds after the supper with much enthusiasm from the 9 teams involved. The outcome was a close run thing but at the end of the evening the team "Forum Quorum" were the declared winners and presented with their prize of a bottle of red wine each.

Annual Garden Party

The weather forecast for 29th August, the day of the Annual Garden Party, was not very promising, so much so that the Association took the precaution to hire a hall just in case it rained. However, in the event, although there was a blustery wind the sun was shining for most of the time for the party. Forty one members attended and were made very welcome

by our hosts Marie and Peter Willingham.

After members had taken their free glass of wine or soft drink and settled down at a table it was time for the competition to commence. This year it was a Beetle Drive and after each round the winning couple moved to a new table and there took new partners. At the end of the competition the winner was Brian Walsh.

Then it was time for the refreshments to be served, sandwiches, scones with Jam and cream, and Estelle's delicious cakes all washed down with tea or coffee. There were a very large number of entries for the twinning photo competition and this was won by Michael Cary

2010 Twinning Visit

The Octeville sur Mer twinning visit to Bourne End will take place from 1st to 4th July 2010. Members are asked to **please put these dates in their diaries and keep these dates free.** Please be prepared to host if you can. The details of the programme of events over this weekend will be issued to members once these have been arranged.

Future Events

4th Dec. Bourne End Fun Night
23rd Jan. Dance Night (Barn Dance)

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