

Bourne End (Bucks) Twinning Association

Newsletter – November 2002 – No. 3

Newsletter No.3

The Association foundations are now firmly in place and because of this it may seem that progress is slowing down, but this is far from the case and the committee is working as hard as ever on your behalf.

Membership

With the ongoing recruiting campaign, membership is continuing to grow and is now have well over 60 members.

Affiliation

On the 24th October the Association application to become an affiliate of the Community Association was officially agreed by the Executive Committee. Mike Hill will be our representative to serve on the Council. Amongst other things being an affiliate will allow us to have a discount on hiring of the facilities of the Centre.

Finding Our Twin

Over the last six months much research has been undertaken to identify potential twins and validate these. Following visits to Saily Sur La Lys and Guichainville and discussions with our other preferred candidate Bruyeres Le Chatel it appeared that none of these were what we wanted. Therefore the committee went back to the start and identified three more candidates for



Garden Party 31st August

evaluation. These were Octeville Sur Mer (just north of Le Harve), Le Pecq (suburbs of Paris next to Marly Le Roi which is twinned with Marlow), and La Ville du Bois (south of Paris).

During October committee members made a visit to these towns. They found Le Pecq and La Ville du Bois unacceptable. Their consensus was that Octeville Sur Mer was the one that they believe will make a very good twin. It has the same size population, was found to be very friendly, lively, pretty and in good surroundings. As they travelled close by they also called in on Bruyeres Le Chatel and found this to be smaller than Octeville Sur Mer but acceptable as a twin the only drawback being travelling around Paris to get to it.

Following the visit the committee is endeavouring to contact the representative of Octeville Sur Mer's Twinning Association.

Social Events

The Association's second social event a Halloween Dinner to be held on 26th October. Besides a three course dinner there will be an auction of items donated by members, including a table, rare bottle of wine, jewellery and a painting, so far 19 objects. There will also be a fancy Halloween hats/ mask competition to add to the amusements.

We are in the initial stages of planning the next social event, which is expected to be held early next year.

Bourne End Christmas Fun Night

We plan to have a stand at the Bourne End Christmas Fun Night and will be raffling three Christmas hampers. Come along and support your Association!

Fundraising

Fundraising through our social events and other activities is very important for the Association. We need funds to operate the Association for such items as stamps and insurance. However, the major reason is so that we will have sufficient to entertain our twinning guests when they pay us a visit. We can't expect to be royally entertained by them if we are unable to do the same. So please support the Association's events.

Bourne End (Bucks) Twinning Association
Woodside Chase
Hedsor Road
Bourne End
Bucks SL8 5DH
Phone: 01628 810967



BEBTA