

Bourne End (Bucks) Twinning Association Newsletter – October 2003 – No. 7

Petanque Evening

It was a warm evening on 6th August when twenty members went along to the Hand & Flowers public house in Marlow for a Petanque Evening hosted by Marlow Town Twinning Association Petanque Club. All twenty tried their hand at this very French sport playing two full games and when the evening drew to a close and the light faded, all agreed it was a very enjoyable and successful evening.

Little Marlow Fete

On the 25th August BEBTA had a stall at the Little Marlow Fete to promote the Twinning Association. The winner of the "Find the Star" game was Penny Chapple of 45 Hillside Road Marlow.

Garden Party

The weather had broken as the long hot August came towards its end when BEBTA held its annual garden party on 30th August. Luckily it remained dry and mostly sunny for the 32 members who attended. The garden was a mass of flowers, and coloured bunting of French and English flags. As members arrived the men were given an English word and the women a French word and they were asked to find the matching word to form 2 person teams for the picture quiz. The joint winners of the picture quiz were the two teams of Penny Walsh / Colin Blacklock and Diana Hyde / Janet Cary. Then it was time for the food and cream teas to be served. See the picture above, which appeared in the Bucks Free Press and by whose kind permission is shown here.

First Twinning Visit

The first twinning visit by members to Octeville sur Mer took place over the weekend of 27th/28th September. Members arrived at the Town Hall



Members of the Bourne End (Bucks) Twinning Association committee at the Garden Party
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(Mairie) in Octeville sur Mer at approximately 11:30 am on Saturday morning to be greeted by the excited CJO members. After introductions members went for a quick lunch with their hosts for the weekend before returning to the centre of the village for the start of the Rally (treasure hunt). Then each car took off with a mixed team of BEBTA and CJO members to find the locations and answer a list of questions. The Rally took place just south of the river Seine in an area of outstanding beauty. The little farming villages were all very old wood-framed cottages with thatched roofs topped with irises (to make the roofs last longer). The Rally also took in a nature reserve where wild fowl and other birds could be observed.

On Sunday members visited the open market in the centre of Octeville sur Mer and watched the Parachutists Parade with its band, veterans, jeeps and flags wend its way to the war memorials outside the church.

At noon it was time to start the Lamb BBQ and the first event was to present the Rally prizes and toast the winners with a drink of orange juice and rum. Over 70 people attended and the afternoon was spent eating, drinking

and talking. Around 5 o'clock half the company went to the nearby cliffs to watch the hang-gliders and radio controlled gliders while the other half played an impromptu game of petanque. Then back to the feast. All too quickly this great weekend came to a close.

Halloween Dinner

The Halloween dinner will take place on Friday, 31st October at St. Dunstons Hall at 7:00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. There will be a 4 course meal, an auction and a fancy Halloween **hat** competition. Please come along and bring your friends.

Future events

Please put these dates in your diaries and come along to support your Association.

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| 17 th January | Dance Evening |
| 6 th March | AGM & Dinner |
| 22 nd May | Fete au Village-Art show
(visit to Octeville) |
| 12 th June | Quiz Night |
| 3 rd July | Octeville sur Mer visit
to Bourne End |
| 28 th August | Garden Party |

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