

Bourne End (Bucks) Twinning Association Newsletter – December 2003 – No. 8

Halloween Dinner

On the last day of October 54 members and friends attended the Halloween dinner at St. Dunstons Hall. They enjoyed a 4-course meal, which was followed by an auction of 52 items donated by members. To finish the evening there was a fancy Halloween hat competition, which was won by Roger and Jill Smith.

Barn Dance

A Barn Dance will be held on **17th January** at St. Dunstons Hall. A hot supper will be served and beer and wine will be on sale. This event is open to all and accompanied children above the age of ten are welcome. Tickets are £10 per person and £30 per family (2 adults and 2 children over 10 years old) and can be obtained by calling 01628 527142 or from Crocks & Crystal in The Parade.

St. Pauls School Fete

The Association had a stall at the St. Pauls School Christmas Fair held on 11th November. The stall sold items for Christmas and promoted the Association.

Football Competition

Octeville sur Mer runs an international football competition for 10 to 11 year olds each year in May. There are normally 26 to 28 teams from all over Europe and next year will include teams from Everton, Arsenal and Bourne End. Bourne End Junior Sports Club after consultation with parents has agreed to send a team and is currently awaiting F.A. approval.

Pen Friends

We are currently looking for children in the age range of 9 to 17 years that would like to be a pen friend with a boy or girl from our twin Octeville sur Mer. If you are interested please call 01628 527320.



From left to right Coralie Loiseau, Gauthier Boulanger and Johanna Raas at the Claytons Fair

Special Visit & Claytons Fair

On the 29th November a special party of visitors from Octeville sur Mer arrived in Bourne End. The delegation comprised Christian Coquin the Headmaster of Jules Verne School and his wife, Michele Coquin, Christian Roquet a teacher at the school who is also a Town Councillor, Johanna Raas the Youth Organiser for the Council, and two Junior Youth Councillors Coralie Loiseau and Gauthier Boulanger. They came to meet with the headmistress and staff of Clayton's in an order to forge links between their primary school and ours and Clayton's Christmas Fair was the perfect opportunity for them to meet the staff and have a tour of the school.

BEFTA had a stall at this Fair to promote the Association and sold second-hand items and ran find the star game, which was won by Ann of Wharf Lane. Behind the stall the two French children put up a display on their village and answered questions from the Clayton's children.

After the fair the party visited the Bourne End Junior Sports Club facilities and met with the football section to discuss arrangements for the Football competition.

In the evening a dinner was held for our guests at the Garibaldi public house and representatives from Clayton's School, Wye Valley School, and BEJSC attended.

From the comments of those involved it appears the visit was a great success.

Calling all Artists

For the weekend of 22nd May the Association has been invited to the "Fete au Village" in Octeville sur Mer. This is a large art show and we have been invited to show them local, and regional art. The artwork can be for sale or just for display. If you are an artist who would be interested in exhibiting please call 01628 521864.

Future events

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

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| 17 th January | Barn Dance |
| 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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