

Bourne End (Bucks) Twinning Association Newsletter – November 2004 – No. 11



Group picture taken of the 3rd age visitors from Octeville sur Mer with some of the BEBTA Committee at the Marina

Garden Party

Forty-two members attended the annual Garden Party that took place on 28th August. The weather the preceding week had been very wet with very heavy showers, but while it became very cloudy while the preparations were being done for the garden party the sun broke through as members started to arrive and there was bright sunshine for the whole of the afternoon. Within a very short time everyone was deep in conversation.

As is usual at the Garden Party, the organisers had arranged by way of entertainment a small competition that would help everyone meet the other members. This year it was Introduction Bingo, where if a number came up on your card that was coloured green or orange you were required to move on to another table and introduce yourself. The winner, the first one with a complete card, was Wilma Johnston. The people on the table where the winner had been also received a small prize and they were asked to be the judges for the photograph competition. The winner of the photograph competition, for the picture that best displayed the spirit of twinning, was Pearl Hill.

Third Age Visit

On the morning of 20th October a coach carrying 52 third age (senior citizens) visitors and helpers from Octeville sur Mer arrived in Bourne End. For many this was their first time in England. Leaving their coach they gathered for a group photograph taken by the Bucks Free Press Photographer.

First they enjoyed a cuppa and biscuit with the Bourne End senior citizens at their Rainbow club's, Wednesday morning get-together, at the Bourne End Community Centre. Then they visited the Library to see the oil painting that had been presented to Bourne End by Octeville sur Mer at the Twinning Charter Signing Ceremony last year.

Leaving the library the group took a leisurely stroll along the Parade stopping at Crocks and Crystals where a special window display had been put up for their visit. Group pictures were taken at the finger post bearing the Octeville sur Mer sign, and at Penny's Corner. Finally they visited the Marina before taking their coach to the Spade Oak for lunch.

After lunch the visitors mounted their coach for a visit to Windsor and the castle.

Taking advantage of the visit, Christian Roquet, teacher at the Jules Vern School and Octeville sur Mer

Councillor, and Sandrine Hammerlindl BEBTA Committee member visited Mr. Orford the new head teacher at Claytons School. They discussed exchange visits between their schools and hope to arrange these during 2005.

Halloween Dinner

The annual Halloween Dinner was held on 30th October at St. Dunstons Hall. Fifty-five members and friends came along for the delicious 4-course dinner.

This was followed by the Halloween Hat Competition, which attracted 14 imaginative entries. Our caterers were the judges and after much deliberation chose the female and male winners, Estelle Huxley and David Wallington. This year the auction of items donated by members (for which we are very grateful) contained a total of 63 lots, including 14 jigsaw puzzles, 2 woodcarvings and 2 large paintings. Our auctioneer was Gill DeVillie who professionally worked her way through all the items.

Future events

Please put these dates in your 2005 diaries and come along to support your Association.

22nd January	Dance Night
5th March	AGM and Reception
27/29th May	Twinning Visit to Octeville sur Mer

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