

Bourne End (Bucks) Twinning Association Newsletter – September 2006 – No. 17



Scones, Jam and Cream at the Garden Party



The Marshs and Willinghams at the Petanque Evening

Annual Garden Party

The hot and dry weather of July 2006 had well and truly passed and it was with some misgivings that the BEBTA committee laid out the tables and chairs for the Annual Garden Party on 26th August at 38 Goddington Road home of Estelle and Arthur Huxley. However while it remained cloudy and threatening on occasions during the event the weather was almost perfect. Attendance was a little bit down on last year at 29, but this did not stop members enjoying the competition organised by Liz and Peter Yeeles, which was a cross between a treasure hunt, an anagram and an observational quiz. This was won by Treasure Paul. Afternoon tea followed with sandwiches, scones with Jam and cream, and delicious cake (scones and cakes courtesy of Estelle Huxley) washed down with the prerequisite tea. There were a large number of entries for the twinning photo competition and this years winner was Pearl Hill.

Petanque Evening

Nineteen members attended the Petanque Evening on 31st August organised with the help of Marlow Town Twinning Associations (MTTA) Petanque Club and held on their piste at the Kings Head, Little Marlow. The event had been arranged to ascertain how many BEBTA members would like to find out more about the game and if, following this, whether there was sufficient interest in forming a BEBTA Petanque Club.

Soon after arriving all the BEBTA members were split up into teams and were quickly playing with the help of an expert coach. A very enjoyable summer evening was spent playing and learning the game.

A survey of those that took part showed that, while everyone, without exception, enjoyed the evening, there was not sufficient support for a BEBTA club. Therefore it is proposed that (a) anyone that wants to play Petanque regularly should contact the MTTA Club and (b) next year 2 Petanque evenings are arranged, the second one being a match against the MTTA.

Autumn Dinner

The invitations have just gone out for the Autumn Dinner that will be held on **28th October** at St. Dunstons Hall. A two course dinner will be served, followed by cheese and biscuits and coffee and mints. There will be a licensed bar serving wine etc.

Following dinner we have a superb speaker/entertainer who will present "The Life & Times of Mr. Punch".

All are welcome to attend and therefore please bring along your friends. Tickets are £16 per head available from David on 01628 520065.

PUT THIS IN YOUR DIARY!!!

Our twinning visit to Octeville sur Mer will take on **26th to 29th May 2007.**

We plan to travel by coach via Eurotunnel and we will be sending out an invitation to members once we have more information. Places will be allocated on a first come basis and to guarantee your place on this visit please reply as soon as possible after receiving the invitation.

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