

# Bourne End (Bucks) Twinning Association

## Newsletter – July 2010 – No. 27



*Departing Group Photograph*

### **Octeville sur Mer's Twinning Visit**

#### ***Octeville Place Sign Unveiled!***

BEBTA and CJO members were delighted when the CJO President, Alain Richard, unveiled a sign bearing the words "Octeville Place". They showed their appreciation and what it meant to them by clapping and hooting as the sign was exposed. Thus suitably defined, the CJO official twinning visit started on 1<sup>st</sup> July at the place where all the CJO visits to Bourne End have always started and finished.



Following the ceremony a short Reception was held and the Octevillais were welcomed by the BEBTA Chairman, Rob DeVille and thanked by the CJO President.

A second party of 8 Octevillais arrived on Saturday and stayed until Monday afternoon.

***Hampton Court Corker!*** On Friday the weather was sweltering, the Palace a fantastic venue. Not only were 60 rooms on show, Henry VIII's, Mary II's, William III's, and the Georgian Apartments, but actor's in period dress were on hand to stage the marriage of King Henry VIII to Katerny Parr. Many of our party were roped in to playing courtiers and servants in the production which moved through courtyards and rooms of the palace. Our visitors were amazed by "The Great Vine" and of course "The Maze".

***Dominic Grieve at Soiree!*** The Right Honourable Dominic Grieve QC MP and Attorney General came to the Soirée, on Saturday to welcome and greet the Octevillais. After his speech he tourer the tables talking to all the guests before he had to leave for his next appointment. Dinner was followed by country dancing. Caller, Ivan Aitkin, and instrumentalists, Janet and Peter, soon

had the floor full of happy laughing people dancing and so it stayed until the end of the night.

***All aboard!*** Time and tide wait for no man and so it was that after a glorious visit it was time for our visitors to wend their way home. Many new friendships had been made and the farewell heard again and again in those saying goodbye, "to the next time" is a fitting twinning slogan.



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### Quiz Night

Seventy three people took part in the Annual Quiz Night which was held on Saturday 5th June at St. Dunstans Hall. This year we had new Quiz masters, Tracey and Lawrence Huxley, providing the own brand of questions in a more high tech. format. As usual the hall was a buzz with lively conversation all night. Four sets of questions made up the first half of the quiz which was followed by a large ploughman's supper and Estelle's wonderful desserts. The quiz continued for another four rounds after the supper with much enthusiasm from the 10 teams involved. Right up to the end the outcome was uncertain, but at the end of the evening the team "Clueless" were declared the winners and presented with their prize of a bottle of red wine each.

### Bourne End Fete

BEBTA offered free French wine and cheese tasting at the village fete on 12th June. The Basque sheep cheese, ossau-iraty, was a favourite and the palmier biscuits went down well. The younger visitors however preferred the Quality Street chocolates. Visitors to the table were able to find out about Bourne End's twin village, Octeville sur Mer and the role of the Twinning Association in fostering links between the two communities.

### Annual Garden Party

The Annual Garden Party will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> August at 7 Chilterns Park, Bourne End. This member's only event will run from 3 to 6 pm. and follow the normal pattern, with a photo competition and cream teas etc. Entrance is £3 per person (children free). For more information please call 01628 520065.

### CJO's Sicilian Twinning

Octeville sur Mer has found a second village to twin with. It is named Furci Siculo and is in Sicily. It has about 3300 inhabitants and is located on the coast to the northeast of Sicily and with Mount Etna 40Km away. Tourism is the main industry, followed by agriculture. Sicily is full of cultural and architectural treasures with numerous Greek and Roman ruins. It was also invaded and settled by Arabs and Normans.

From 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010 a party of 45 Octevillais visited Furci Siculo and on the 11<sup>th</sup> April twinning charters were signed.

A party of Sicilians will be visiting Octeville sur Mer 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> July and on 9<sup>th</sup> July a twinning charter signing ceremony will take place at the Mairie followed by the "Grand Twinning dinner". Five BEBTA members, including our Treasurer, will attend and represent the Association at these events.

We have been assured that this will not change our relationship with the CJO and our many friends in Octeville.

### Future Events

28<sup>th</sup> August Annual Garden Party  
30<sup>th</sup> October Autumn Dinner

