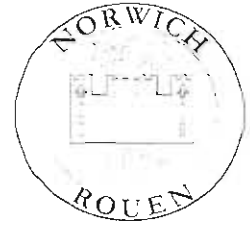


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*The Newsletter of the Norfolk and Norwich – Rouen
Friendship Association*

August 2010

From the Chairman

The visit of our friends from Rouen in June now seems an age away. Happy memories of the few days spent together, however, remain. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the visit so special.

Their visit with us divided itself up into distinct themed days. On the Thursday we went into Norfolk to explore the dual subjects of Lord Nelson, and medieval churches. Friday was spent in Norwich, and Saturday saw us exploring Cambridge. They also had a further dimension: the visit to Chartwell on the way up through Kent. One of their members, Alex Hervé has written about this, and his account of the visit is enclosed for those who might be interested, because not only is the French good to read, but it shows Winston Churchill! from a different perspective.

Our day out to **Burnham Thorpe** was well appreciated by both the English and the French. We had wonderful weather, and the delicious meal at the Lord Nelson came with an added extra: an account of Lord Nelson's involvement in Burnham Thorpe in French and English from the landlord. We also visited the church at Burnham Thorpe where Nelson's father had been the rector, and



the round-towered church at Burham Norton. No consideration of medieval churches in Norfolk can omit reference to the round towered churches, as



*Members from Rouen and Norwich in
the garden of the Lord Nelson*

most of them in the country are in Norfolk.

Friday was spent in **Norwich**. Two of our members, Bob Barnard and Huguette Andries-Smith, both Norwich City accredited guides, offered guided visits around Norwich "in the footsteps of Nelson". We very much appreciated their generosity and both tours were very much enjoyed. The rest of day was free until the Reception at City Hall in the evening, where we were received by the Lord Mayor of Norwich, Councillor Tom Dylan and his consort, and by the Sheriff of Norwich, Derek James, and his wife. Norwich City Council, unlike many others, supports the concept of twinning, for which we and the other Twinning Associations are very grateful.

Cambridge was the destination of their final day with a guided tour on the city in French organised by the Cambridge Tourist Information Office. We were lucky enough to have lunch at the University Centre where the dining room is on the first floor and overlooks the river Cam. A lovely setting for a good meal.

All too soon the visit was over, and we gathered again in Notcutts car park to wave our friends off. Until the next time!

Garden Party

The sky for once looked ominous on the morning of Saturday, 17 July, but when we gathered for lunch in Geraldine Smith's garden for lunch, we were rewarded with a little sunshine and no rain. Once again, sadly for the last time at Geraldine's house, we met together to eat our "bring and share" lunch with the range of food items being many and varied. We thank Geraldine for her unfailing support and kindness in allowing us to hold the summer get-together in her lovely garden over the years, but she now feels the time has come to stop. We are delighted to announce that the Garden Parties will continue, with the one for next year planned to be held in the garden of 20 The Close, the home of Audrey and David Talks. Once again, thank you, Geraldine.

Autumn Quiz

As something different for the autumn, we are holding a quiz evening with a fish and chip supper in the Beehive Pub in Leopold Road in September. More details will be found on the enclosed flyer. Get yourselves into teams (any reasonable number more than 1) and let Ann know you are coming. We are holding this as a social evening and also as a fund-raising event to raise money to put towards the costs of hosting our friends from Rouen, particularly the costs of the receptions. We hope we can count on your support and look forward to seeing you there. Please see the separate sheet with the details. Raffle prize donations welcome!

News from other Twinning Associations

This year the Norwich-Novi Sad celebrates its 50th Anniversary. Various events are being held to mark this, including a civic reception which was held in Blackfriars Hall in July with dignitaries from Novi Sad and other friends present. Wendy Quinn, one of our members, is their social secretary, and I'm sure she would be pleased to give you further details. Her phone number is 458665. I am sure you would join with me in wishing them a successful year and 'bonne continuation'. We send our warmest congratulations to Waltraud Jarrold, founder and main

instigator of the Norfolk and Norwich-Koblenz Friendship Association, on receiving the MBE in June. This was awarded in recognition to her services to twinning.

Future Events

June has very kindly agreed to organise another archive film show and evening meal at the St Benedicts restaurant. This will be sometime in November. Those who came last year will remember what an enjoyable evening it was, so we hope you will come and join us. More details later. We are looking at planning a trip to Rouen next year, possibly in April-May time or September. We are in discussion with our friends in Rouen about this and as soon as we have anything to report, we will let you know.

Contact Details

The committee of the Norwich Club in Rouen have suggested that it would be useful for them to have contact details for our members. The Norwich committee members have access to their members' details in case the situation ever arose that we would need to contact one of them. We are suggesting that only names and email addresses are given to them for our members, and not full address and phone details. If you do not want your name and email address given to the Rouen committee members, please let Ann Rowe know by 15 September. Members without email addresses would just have their name given.

Future of L'Amitié

If you feel you could edit and produce this newsletter, please let me know. I find that it is just one more thing I have to do, and I really don't have enough time to do it justice. Mary.

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French Evening: 17 November
6.30 for 7pm at The Library