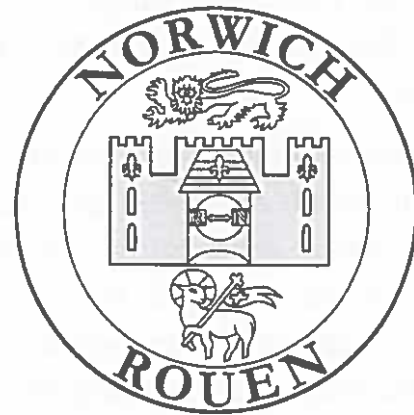


La Amitié

Newsletter of the Norfolk & Norwich Rouen Friendship Association December 2016



Joyeux Noel et Bonne Année.

Tis the season to be jolly !

As this year draws to a close we can reflect upon what has happened. We entertained our friends from Rouen in April. They visited a traditional smoke house in Lowestoft, then on to Somerleyton Hall for a visit and lunch. There was a visit to Wymondham Abbey for visit with thanks to Ruth Bowden for her great interpretation. Lunch was then taken at the Green Dragon public house, one of the oldest inns in Norfolk. Fish and chips were requested by our visitors and we had these at Coldham Hall ph. This was followed by a visit to the Winnbirri vineyards where a tour and tasting was taken. Our visitors bought some of the wine on offer. This was a successful visit and our friends had an enjoyable time.



Outside the Green Dragon, Wymondham.

In July we held our yearly garden party, this year held at the home of Margaret and Frank Garwood, lots of good food, drinks and con-



versation. Enjoying the Sunshine

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On a sadder note, most of you may remember the two tragic events that took place in Rouen this year.

The first on July 26th the murder of a priest and members of his congregation in Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray.

And secondly the loss of lives in a fire on August 8th, at a birthday celebration in the Bar club, Cuba Libre. The association's condolences were passed on at the time.

The annual November dinner was held this year at the Inviniti Restaurant, Tombland, Norwich.

29 members gathered together for a 3 course meal, the service a bit slow and tentative but the food when it arrived at the tables was good. On the whole it was an enjoyable evening, with good conversation helped in part by the wine and warm ambience.



It doesn't seem possible we were enjoying warm weather and the pleasant conditions we had over the past few weeks. Apart from the consolation of the Autumnal colours we are enjoying, the weather has decided it's time to get colder, but please not so much rain! We are lucky in Norfolk we are not experiencing the awful conditions in the west of the country. Let's hope for a bit of settled weather in the lead up to Christmas and 2017.

Perhaps a bit of snow to decorate the festive season. I think we all spare a thought for those less fortunate than us and in our own way do what we can.

Looking to the future and our programme for 2017 as it is shaping up.

Wendy Quinn has asked me to post notice of an event: The N&N Novi Sad Association are holding the annual Paul Cross Memorial Concert on Saturday 14th January 2017 at the Assembly House, Norwich. Details can be found by going to the concert web site,

nnnsa.org.uk

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 15th March 2017, at the City Hall Council Chamber 7pm. Please try to attend as your input is valuable to the committee as well as your presence, an opportunity to meet up and re-new friendships.

Our visit to Rouen in 2017, arrangements, programme and dates are falling into place.

We will go on the 10th May 2017 and return 14th May 2017. Suggested visits to Caen and the quarries, Honfleur and a trip on the River Seine with lunch included, other suggestions may be forthcoming. Bob Barnard is busy pursuing quotes from coach companies that will meet our requirements. Notcutts have informed us that it will no longer be possible to park on their premises, this is another issue we have to resolve to make it convenient for the members to park safely..

Other future events not scheduled the membership will be advised as they become known.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Hate to bring up the subject of money, but **Annual Subscriptions** are due on the **1st of January**, £7 single membership, £12 joint membership.

Our Treasurer Bob Barnard has asked us to include a note in this edition of *Amitie*. He would like members to pay by Standing Order. This would save both the Membership Secretary and the Treasurer a considerable amount of work each January. It would also retain members as they would not need to be reminded to pay their subscription and, of course, it would save them postage in sending a cheque to the Membership Secretary.

It is a simple process to set up a Standing Order. All that needs to be done is for the

Member to ask their bank to create a Standing Order for £7 for a single person or £12 for a couple payable to the **Norfolk and Norwich Rouen Friendship Association** quoting **Account Number 01693528** and **Sort Code 30-96-17** (Lloyds Bank)

If you are still happier to pay by cheque, we will accept them. Please make payable to NNRFA. Post to: -

Ann Rowe, Membership Secretary, NNRFA, 18 The Ramblers, Poringland, Norwich, NR14 7QN. Please try to get payments in by or near the 1st January

Thank you for your co-operation.

As with many of the other twinning groups, the committee tries to find "activities" that would interest the membership, your help in this would be useful. Please forward any ideas or thoughts to the Membership Secretary, Ann Rowe.

The same applies to our annual dinner. If people are happy we could book the Inviniti Restaurant for next year. Or a different venue could be investigated. If a different night of the week suits the membership better, let us know.

As mentioned at the beginning of the newsletter, we are coming into the celebration of Christmas.

A happy and enjoyable Christmas to you all, however you chose to celebrate it.

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We have a supply of NNRFA Badges

If you want one, contact Ann Rowe.

They are £3 each, Thank you.



