

# L'Amitié

## Newsletter of the Norfolk and Norwich Rouen Friendship Association

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Welcome to the latest edition of the NNRFA newsletter.

Last month April our friends from Rouen visited us. They arrived on the 12th April and departed on the 16th April.

Although it was a smaller group than in past years, we still managed to provide a good programme of activities for them to enjoy.

Their visit started in Wymondham with a guided tour and discussion at Wymondham Abbey. After that we made our way to the Green Dragon Pub, a 15th century establishment where we had a buffet lunch. It was the back to Norwich for some free time.



The lunch party at the Green Dragon.

On Thursday the following day we boarded the coach and made our way to Lowestoft. The first 'port' of call was the Anchor Smoke House, where we saw Herring being prepared in readiness to be Kipperd in the old tradition way with oak chips in a chimney type smoker.



Arriving at Wymondham Abbey





**Preparing the Herring.**

We then made our way to Ness Point, the most easterly point of the UK, where we stopped and took in the views of the North Sea.



Ness Point, distance compass to European and beyond capitals.

Then leaving Lowestoft we made our way to Somerleyton Hall. Where had lunch, a conducted tour of the hall and free time to explore the gardens and maze.



On the Friday, we made our way to Coldham Hall Public House at Surlingham on the banks of the River Yare overlooking Brundall on the opposite bank. Lunch was taken there. Fish and Chips being the requested meal.

The Sheriff of Norwich, Mrs Beryl Blower met us there, where we held an informal reception.



After lunch we made our way to the Winbirri Vineyard, Surlingham. Where we had a tour of the vineyard, winery and a tasting of their product.



**The Vines, and the tasting**





On the Friday evening our visitors had a farewell dinner at their hosts, homes.

The weather was very sympathetic towards us, we had lots of sunshine and the occasional showers did not spoil the visit.

On Saturday 16th April our visitors returned to Rouen.

It was a successful visit, all boxes ticked and with lots of ideas for their next visit.

#### Future Events.

The annual Garden Party this year will be held at the home of Margaret and Frank Garwood. The usual format bring a dish of food, savoury or/and sweet to share and Drinks ! This will be on Saturday 2nd July from 12 noon onwards. Further details to follow. Margaret would appreciate members contacting her prior to the event.

The annual dinner at The Library Restaurant has been booked for Thursday 24th November. Menus and details to follow.

We need to hear from the membership of any activities we can get together as a group. We are getting to be a smaller group and new members must be encouraged to join. Any ideas from the members would be useful.

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I hope to publish a newsletter on a regular basis, if any member has anything they would like included in the next issue please let us know.

Thank you

