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The Newsletter of the Norfolk and Norwich – Rouen

Friendship Association

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Welcome to the latest Newsletter

The long awaited visit of the Rouennais is now in our memories. They arrived in the UK on Wednesday 30th April and after a stop at Penshurst Place, Kent they made their way to Norwich and were quickly on their way to their hosts or hotel.

On Thursday 1st May the day started off at the Sainsbury Centre for some where they visited the exhibition "Monument : Aftermath of War and Conflict" being shown. In the afternoon, after refreshments, there was a free afternoon in Norwich followed by the reception at City Hall hosted by the Lord Mayor. It was a chance for members and visitors to get together and renew friendships. At the reception the Armada themed competition was judged, it was won with a painting by David Talks.

On Friday 2nd May those that wanted to go, assembled at Notcutts and made their way to Neatishead where there was the museum of radar equipment, important to the defence of the British Isles and Europe, both in times of war and peace. We then made our way to Horning where we embarked on the Southern Comfort "Steam Boat" for river trip and lunch. For the ornithologists on the trip we saw Coots (white markings) Moor Hens (red markings) a Marsh Harrier, Gt Crested Grebes, a Grey Lag Goose and Goslings, White Egret and Heron. After the river trip we made our way to Swardeston Church for more memorabilia on Edith Cavell. We returned to Notcutts where our visitors went off to their respective hosts or Hotel.

On Saturday 3rd May, once more assembled at Notcutts to go firstly to Swaffham and experience an open air auction. Then on for a buffet lunch at The Ostrich Public House. In the afternoon the group visited Castle Acre Priory, where Bob and Valerie Barnard gave an informative talk and tour. The coach then returned to Norwich and in the evening our guests had dinner with their hosts.

On Sunday 4th May after farewells etc. our Rouennais visitors left for the return to Rouen.

There are some pictures and dialogue from our visitors to be found at: <http://www.norwich-rouen-club.com>

Past events. It was a very poor turn out for the AGM this year. Without the Lord Mayor, Keith Driver, joining the NNRFA the meeting could not have gone ahead. It only reiterates the need for an active membership and new younger members joining the association.

Similarly the annual dinner was under subscribed so did not go ahead. There has been discussion re the timing of the 2 dinners we have in the year. Perhaps they are too close together. **Comments from membership please.**

Future Events: There is a French Language film 'Etre et Avoir' being shown at St Matthews Church in Telegraph Lane, Norwich on Tuesday, 20th May at 2pm. Do come: you are in for a real treat!

The Garden Party will once again take place thanks to the hospitality of Audrey and David Talks at their home at 20 Cathedral Close,

Norwich on Saturday, 28 June from 12-3pm. We usually take a plate of sweet or savoury food to share and a suitable bottle of drink. They have arranged for us to park cars along the wall of their garden, so please let the man at the gate know you are going to Number 20. Contact telephone number 01603 664516, to advise Audrey of the "type" of plate being taken.

Summer Outing Several members have expressed a wish for a group outing in the summer. If any of the membership can think of a suitable outing or activity we can do as a group, please let a committee member know in order for us to organise it. It may be too late for this year, but there is always next year!

A date has not been set for our "**November Dinner**". This may well occur a month earlier. Discussion re dinners and dates are up for discussion, as stated earlier.

As the cost of postage keeps going up, would the membership please let the Membership Secretary, Ann Rowe, know the preferred method of communication. Ideally this would be your current email address, to ann18rowe@yahoo.com

A plea from Richard Moore, Old Catton Twinning Association:

Can anyone host a 15 year old boy 28th May to 1st June while their French friends visit? No-one is able to do this in Old Catton.

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Chairmen: French and English, past and present



At the Lord Mayor's reception at City Hall

