



COOKHAM TWINNING NEWSLETTER

Winter 2016/17

A great Twinning exchange in October

The group of over twenty visitors from St Benoit greatly enjoyed their visit to Cookham in October, as indeed did their hosts.

The St Benoit minibuses had started very early from St Benoit on Saturday morning and arrived late afternoon in Cookham. A reception was held in the evening, where Fiona Hewer, Chairman of Cookham Parish Council, and Keith Le Page welcomed the visitors. A letter was read out from Richard Simmonds, President of Cookham Twinning, covering the hope for even stronger links despite the UK's Brexit vote! Joel Blaud said how much they were looking forward to the weekend.



On Sunday, we had a splendid lunch at the Odney Club, followed by an exploration of Cookham through a Peter Bysshe inspired treasure hunt. Everyone enjoyed the visit to the skittles alley at The Feathers at Eton Wick in the evening.

On Monday we arrived in London in good time for our tours of the Houses

of Parliament. Two groups progressed around the whole of the Palace of Westminster—the

second group taking twice as long as expected! Then onto the Thames Clippers

boat for a ride to the Tower, and a tour of Tower Bridge before the return trip to Cookham.





The evening was spent enjoying Indian food arranged by Mandy Brar, listening to Richard Kellaway's team of musicians, and trying our hands at boules—in the rain as always.

Thanks are due to all those in Cookham who hosted visitors or who assisted the visit in any way



Social Gathering. Anyone with a liking for things French is invited to join Cookham Twinning's social evening and AGM at the Jolly Farmer, Cookham Dean on **Monday 20th February**, starting at 7.30pm. Once we've dealt swiftly with the business of the Twinning AGM, we'll order food from the excellent kitchen of the Jolly Farmer, and partake in a light-hearted French quiz. No need to book although notification to keith_le_page@hotmail.com would be helpful.

Membership. If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership now. Only £3 single/£5 family for one year or £12 single/£20 family for five years. Send your cheque to Stephanie Diggon, 19 Gorse Road, Cookham SL6 9LL

2017 visit to St Benoit. We will be visiting St Benoit from Saturday 21st October to Tuesday 24th October, (half-term week). We'll be certain once again of great French hospitality—book the dates now!

French Classes. Pat Cairney holds intermediate French classes for those wishing to improve their language skills. Classes are usually held monthly on a Tuesday evening, cost £3 per session, including light refreshments.

Contact Stephanie Diggon to go on the mailing list for future dates. (stephaniediggon@hotmail.com)

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