

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2019



Morning Coffee on our first full day in Hédé May 2019

COME AND JOIN US FOR A SUMMER
BARBEQUE ON SATURDAY JULY 20TH AT
4.30PM AT BATTELEYS COTTAGE THE LING
Tickets £10 includes food and drinks

Tickets will be available from The Village Stores.
Please bring chairs, plates and cutlery.

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More dates for your diary

Hédé Jumelage are visiting Badbergen Germany from 1st to 5th August. If anyone is interested in going to Badbergen at this time please let Linda know (linda.simpson@gmail.com 07949 204820)

Members Vicky and Tim will be hosting a moth spotting and **nocturnal wildlife evening on Wortham Ling, on 30th August**

Venue: 9 The Corner, The Ling, Wortham, IP22 1ST

Time 7:30pm until 9:30 /10pm

Small presentation at 7:30 to talk about Nocturnal Wildlife that might be spotted along with an introduction to Moth Trapping and the evening's activity. Then outside to listen for bats, owls and muntjac and identify some of the moths attracted to the moth trap set up in the garden.

Hot drinks and cake served.

Children friendly activity but must be accompanied by an adult.

Donation tin on the night to support Twinning activities.

RSVP Vicky 07739049100 so we can ensure there is enough cake (very important)

Pam will be hosting one of her popular cookery demonstration/ class evenings on 7th November at 7pm. She will be making some French classics to include Baba au Rhum, Crêpes Suzette and Gâteau de Riz.

Lots of tastings and a glass of wine. Cost £7

Christmas Market Hédé

The Christmas Market in Hédé will be on Sunday 1st December. As usual we will be sending a car full of products to sell. The market is organised by Hédé Jumelage and is their main fund-raising event of the year. It is also usually a good fund-raising event for us too. We usually arrive on Friday evening to be able to help set everything up on Saturday.

Members who are interested are encouraged to go to Hédé to help out. You will be hosted by one of the Hédé Jumelage members. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in going so that the French hosts can be organised. E mail or telephone Judith (worthamandburgatetwinning@gmail.com / 01379 741806)

Next year it is the turn of our friends to visit us here in Wortham. The visit will take place from evening of Thursday 9th July until the morning of Monday 13th July.

News

Vacancy

Our hard-working secretary Judith is standing down at the end of the year so we are looking for a new secretary. Judith is happy to work alongside anybody who volunteers and will be remaining on the committee. You need to be able to take our committee minutes and circulate them. Also, e mail members as and when needs be and generally undertake the administrative work such as booking venues etc. Other tasks such as the newsletter, web site updates, membership subscriptions etc are undertaken by other members and we aim to share the tasks around so that no one person is expected to do too much. If you would like to know more or join us on the committee and become secretary please let me know. Linda (lindaruth11@gmail.com)

Visit to Starwing Brewery 30th March

Around 28 members and friends enjoyed a warm spring sunny day's visit to Starwing Brewery. After being shown the brewing operation and given a brief talk by owner, Mark Duxon, about the story of the brewery, its name and its future plans we had the opportunity to taste the different beers it is producing.

We had the tasting in the new tap room that the brewery was about to open. It was also a very good venue for our lunch of cheese and bread and pickle. The bread was made by Mick the Baker who had just newly set up an outlet in the brewery tap room. Members had the opportunity to buy some of his bread and pastries. It was a very relaxed occasion which was much enjoyed by everyone there.

We hope that we may be able to organise an event here perhaps when our French friends visit us next year.

Visit to Hédé

A party of 27 members, including 3 younger members visited Hédé this year.

As always, the programme for the visit was very interesting as well as fun. The first day of our visit, Thursday, being Ascension Day was a holiday day for the French. There were options for the day including cookery, a cycle ride, a visit to a garden and later in the day tennis.

Cooking at Janines

On Thursday morning a group went to Janine's farmhouse home to experience making some Breton dishes. Janine with the help of Alfie, Vicky and Amber made the spelt batter for galettes which involved a lot of heavy beating which, traditionally, is done by hand. The batter was allowed to rest while Janine and her volunteers made the custard for Far Breton which is similar to clafoutis but with prunes. Rum soaked prunes were placed in a dish and the batter poured over. It was then cooked in a traditional outside wood fired oven until set.



At midday Janine showed us how to make the traditional Galette Bretonne which consists of a pancake, ham, and egg cooked on a hot plate (une billig).

We then all made our own lunch pancake accompanied by local cider. For dessert we all tasted the Far Breton.

Pam Gurhy

Cycle ride and tennis

On the Thursday morning those of us who had opted for a cycle ride left Janine's after lovely mid-morning refreshments and mounted our allotted bicycles and set off.

The ride started in fine style downhill from Janine's farmhouse and then in an easterly direction along the Ile et Rance canal. We possibly travelled for 5 kilometres before we stopped for a rest and then crossed the canal to return in a westerly direction towards Hédé once again. This time the cycling seemed slightly more challenging as L'halage had what seemed a rather more upward slope! We passed le Lac de Bazouges on our right and then came to La Magdeleine and one of the onze écluses. This was not the only lock we passed on our way to Tinténia where we had a well-earned picnic by the canal.



To add to the excitement four of us had agreed that we would play tennis here at the club so that we could hopefully initiate a possible exchange with Wortham tennis club and members of the Tinténia club. We cycled on to the Sports Centre and were warmly welcomed by members. Hans and Netty played doubles on an indoor court while Judith and I played mixed doubles outside. We thoroughly

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enjoyed ourselves and couldn't help feeling somewhat virtuous as we cycled back to Hédé, having covered the same route as the others but also played a good hour's tennis! However, some of us gave in and pushed our bikes up the final hill to Janine's house; a contrast to the ease with which we had free wheeled down in the morning!

In the final analysis, we had a lovely day and do hope that we are able to widen the Twinning Association through both clubs.

Frances Beasley

Garden visit

The garden visit was to a garden called La Levrette and all of us who went came away inspired and with ideas to try out. It was a large garden with many mature trees which had the understory removed. This enabled underplanting with many choice shrubs and perennials as well as metal rod sculptures that seemed to grow organically from the plantings. We were all particularly taken with the very narrow curved and undulating box hedges.



Linda

Early on Thursday evening we were treated to an organ recital and choral music from two English ladies who had beautiful voices which complimented each other beautifully. It was part of a tour of churches in the area. This was followed by a bring and share hosted by Nadine and Jeff.





On Friday as the temperatures rose, we all visited L'Abbaye Notre Dame de Paimpont and The Forêt Broceliande reputed to be the home of fairies. An interesting sound and light presentation with depiction and models of people involved in forest occupations and legends started the visit and was followed, after a picnic lunch, by a walk in the forest. Numerous routes were taken but we all saw the L'Arbre d'Or.





Some of us also visited Dingé afterwards for a refreshing drink and a chance to sit by the river and watch the world go by.



In the evening we had our gala meal with members of Hédé Jumelage.



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A delicious hog roast was provided and we were entertained with live music

As it became even warmer on Saturday a day out by the sea was just what was wanted. A short boat trip from St Malo to Dinard gave us the opportunity to visit the market there. The children, young visitors and those who wanted, spent time on the beach and swimming in the sea. A lunch of galette and saucisse was enjoyed by many of us.



In the evening our hosts organised meals in various locations for smaller groups.

Once again, our French hosts provided us with a very memorable visit. We were fortunate with the weather but as always it is the very warm welcome we are given and the friendships and links that are renewed or made that make these visits very special.