

Anniversary Exchange Visit 2016

At the end of May members of East Woodhay Twinning Association enjoyed a memorable weekend in Normandy. The trip marked the 20th anniversary of the first charter which established the link between our communities. On Saturday guests and hosts visited a variety of interesting and iconic places including Mont St Michel, Honfleur and Granville, as well as several gardens, chateaux and a bell-foundry. Sunday was given over to celebrations of 20 years of fun, friendship and discovery. In the morning, all gathered in the community hall at Anisy. Speeches, re-dedications and the unveiling of a signpost pointing towards East Woodhay were interspersed with lively music played by the band from the nearby town of Douvres la Délivrande. A delightful painting of a typically rural English scene was presented to the French chairman as a souvenir of the anniversary.

In the evening a grand dinner was held at Colomby-Anguerny (the 2 villages having merged into one “commune” in January 2016). The climax of the event was the serving of 5 celebration cakes decorated with blazing sparklers and tasting every bit as delectable as they looked. Finally each family was presented with a souvenir photo album covering the many exchanges and visits of the past 2 decades, and a small personalised sachet embroidered by their hosts and containing a hand-made soap. All too soon it was time to say Au Revoir until it's our turn to host the party in 2017.