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Cranleigh and Semur-en-Auxois Twinning Association

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Schools

Park Mead school continues its links with the Remparts School in Semur via the 'visio-conference' and Glebelands School, Cranleigh Primary school (formerly St Nicolas) and Cuthbert Mayne, have expressed an interest in this and contact details have been exchanged.

In addition, the Duke of Kent School has set up links with St Joseph school in Semur and both schools are encouraging their students to exchange correspondence etc. St Joseph school had already arranged a visit to England in May – and are including a visit to Cranleigh!

Student Exchanges

We are continuing to explore the possibility of further exchanges – if you know of any students who would be interested in visiting Semur or in hosting a French student from Semur then please do let me know. We have dealt with a number of enquiries from both sides.

Commerce

There is a page on the Chamber website that refers to the twinning and includes contact details for any wishing to get involved – see <http://www.cranleighchamber.com/twinning-businesses/twinning-websites.aspx>

I provide updates to Cranleigh Initiative as well as the Cranleigh Chamber of Commerce regarding progress of twinning matters generally.

Visit to Semur by Alan Goulden, Cranleigh Editor of the Surrey Advertiser

We hope that Alan will be able to visit Semur later this year. This would provide great publicity for the twinning as well as for the town and area generally.

Thank you to Alan for his help in publicising Café Cranleigh in the Surrey Advertiser.

Membership

Annual subscriptions (a very reasonable £10 per family) are now due for 2010. The monies go towards funding the local events to raise awareness, running and admin costs (e.g. the newsletter) as well as the visits from the French to Cranleigh. We do not receive any public funding whatsoeverso every penny helps!

Village Signs

As you will hopefully have noticed the signs are now up! (well most of them). Whilst it took substantially longer than originally anticipated to organise, we are all delighted that they are now in place, and hope that they will raise awareness of the twinning. The erection of the final sign on the Elmbridge Road has caused a few problems, but hopefully this will be put up before too long.

Social Events

Drinks Reception and Wine-tasting

The Drinks Reception and Wine Tasting on 12th February in the Reading Room at Cranleigh School was a great success. It gave the opportunity for members to meet each other as well as other interested parties at a fun social event! Our friends from the European Friendship Club in Semur gave us some wine that was included in the tasting and some local gateaux

Café Cranleigh - Coffee and Croissant anyone?

On 20th March we held a French themed morning in the Band Room, Cranleigh. As well as showing great waitressing skills in serving coffee and croissants children from Park Mead School entertained us by singing some French songs. Local Boules groups were there too giving demonstrations (or such as they could with the dismal weather!) The event was open to the public and we were very pleased with the response – so much so that we plan to do it again, hopefully in better weather!



General

The return visit by the French to Cranleigh this year will be on the weekend of **30th July -2nd August**. We are finalising a programme of events but wish to keep it as informal and flexible as possible. If you are able to host a family then please do get in touch with me as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have already given their details. All the host families had a great time on the last visit and some long lasting friendships were made. At present we are not sure of numbers attending but please add your name early to avoid disappointment!

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