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Cranleigh and Semur-en-Auxois Twinning Association

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Schools

Following the visits earlier this year I have heard that a further visit from pupils at les Remparts primary School will take place around Easter next year. They have already booked to stay at Cranleigh School, which they loved last time.

Strong links continue between the secondary schools.

VISIT TO SEMUR!

10th-13th June 2011 – Visit to Semur

You may have seen one of the articles in the local press about the successful visit that took place in June. The group from Cranleigh were taken on an interesting visit to vineyards and enjoyed some wine tasting in the wine region near Beaune south of Semur-en-Auxois. The day also included a visit to the old Hospice in Beaune, famous for its decorative roof tiles and lunch at a restaurant. All the visitors were well looked after and had a most enjoyable weekend.



Student Exchanges and Work Experience visit

During the summer there were exchange visits involving two students from Semur and two from Cranleigh. The summer visits were a great success – the students wrote:

"I had a really nice time in France staying with the Garcia's. They were really kind and I enjoyed seeing how the French ways of life are different from the English! I learnt lots of French and my understanding has improved a lot! I would highly recommend this opportunity and would definitely do it again! "

"We went to the airport near Dijon to welcome Hannah on the 7th August. We visited Dijon, Beaune, Semur and some monuments around my village. A week later Hannah and I took the plane together to Southampton. I have been very well welcome by Hannah and her family. We did many outings and I really liked being with the family because I learnt a lot of things I don't learn at school. That's really good to improve my English level. I'm ready to do it again!!!"

In addition in June/July a girl of 21 from Semur spent 6 weeks in Cranleigh as an au pair. It was her first time in England and she was very impressed!

Social Events

We will be holding another drinks evening to give members a chance to catch up with each other. Please put the date in your diary now – **Friday 18th November**. Invitations will be emailed round to all members shortly.

Twinning Visit 2012

We are currently planning the visit by our friends from Semur to Cranleigh next year – dates are being finalised. There will be opportunity to host someone from Semur or just join in with the weekend events. More details will follow as soon as possible.

Membership

New members are always most welcome. An annual subscription to the twinning group is a very reasonable £10 per household. The monies go towards funding the local events to raise awareness, running and admin costs (e.g. the newsletter) as well as helping organise the visits from the French to Cranleigh. We do not receive any public funding whatsoever.....so every penny helps!

General website info

<http://www.cranleighchamber.com/twinning-businesses/twinning-websites.aspx>

<http://www.ville-semur-en-auxois.fr/>

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