

Chipping Norton & District Twinning Association Success

The members of Chipping Norton & District Twinning Association have said goodbye to their friends from Magny-en-Vexin who spent the May Day Bank Holiday weekend visiting their host families in and around Chipping Norton – the twenty-first year of the exchange. The Magny party was 57 persons strong, ranging in age from under 5 to over 60 and encompassing people from many different walks of life.

A programme was arranged by the Chipping Norton & District Twinning Association comprising of a dinner/dance at the Crown & Cushion Hotel, Chipping Norton, on Saturday evening and a visit to the Black Country Museum at Dudley on Sunday.

Councillor Robert Evans, Mayor of Chipping Norton, kindly welcomed the guests from Magny at the start of the dinner/dance. He greatly impressed everyone by delivering his speech in English and French – no mean feat for someone whose first language is Welsh! The Association's Chairman, Stuart Golding, also made a short welcome speech, ably translated into French by Philip Ambrose, and this was responded to by Monsieur Dominique Theirry, President of the Amicale Magnytoise. Formalities concluded, everyone sat down to an excellent meal followed by dancing to the Peter Lay Quartet.

Sunday's visit to the Black Country Museum was a great hit with both nationalities and all ages. The visit to the coal mine proved especially popular as did "a pint" at the Bottle & Glass Inn along with the rides of the electric tram. The Museum introduced many of the French twinningers to yet another facet of our history and a "village" quite unlike those locally. All too soon it was Monday and time to say goodbye. Chipping Norton resounded to the sound of "à bientôt" and, seemingly, hundreds of cheeks being kissed as everyone made their farewells.

Many members of the Association will meet their friends on an individual basis over the summer but the next group visit will be that of Chipping Norton & District Twinning Association to Magny-en-Vexin next spring. If you would like to find out further information regarding twinning membership then please contact Stuart Golding on 01295 810487. If you require any further information please contact Pam Golding on the above telephone number (evenings) or 01295223502 (daytime)

W.O.D.C. SKIPS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

Ascott	7th August	Maple Way (top – by garages)
	18th September	Dawls Close (entrance)
Milton	28th August	Church Road layby, Reade Close
Shipton	11th September	Ballards Close, Ascott Road
