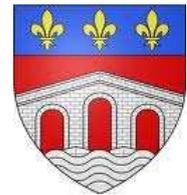




RINGWOOD & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION TWINNED WITH PONT-AUDEMER



Pont-Audemer

RINGWOOD VISITS PONT-AUDEMER

Eleven Ringwood residents visited Pont-Audemer in June on a Twinning visit which fortunately coincided with the D-day celebrations in Normandy . We were greeted with great enthusiasm on arrival and were welcomed with a barbeque, French style, which lasted late into the evening and involved some memorable dishes and wines.

The weather was excellent throughout the trip, with the exception of the morning of the D-day celebrations, which we were privileged to be invited to attend. A moving ceremony conducted by the Mayor of Pont-Audemer and the Dutch army, who were responsible for liberating Pont-Audemer in 1944, was the highlight of the visit.



A programme of visits had been arranged for us, which we thoroughly enjoyed. The first event which followed the ceremony above was a civic reception by the Mayor of Pont-Audemer. At the reception, our Chairman, John Legg, presented an engraved bowl and other Ringwood memorabilia to him on behalf of the Mayor of Ringwood.

Other visits included a visit to Rouen, the Fresne-Cauverville Gardens, a Calvados distillery, Honfleur, the lively Pont-Audemer market and two excellent restaurants.

Some of us stayed "en-famille" whilst others chose B&B. Either way we left knowing slightly more French than when we arrived and considerably more about the French way of life, which we can highly recommend.

We also took time out to visit their water skiing lake. We are working on arranging some Twinning activities with a leisure theme this year as an alternative to the traditional Twinning activities. You may have attended one of our other recent events which included a visit by Cantarisle Chorale in April to sing in the Parish Church and La Morelle Folk group who performed at the Ringwood Fanfare for Spring.

To become involved with the Twinning and help us develop this exciting, enjoyable and interesting initiative please contact....Trevor on 07825 093 832 or Colin on ringwoodtwinning@yahoo.co.uk