

Ide Twinning Association

The modern concept of town twinning, conceived after the Second World War in 1947, was intended to foster friendship and understanding between different cultures. The initial visit from our French twinned villages Cleville and Canteloup in Normandy took place in March 1976, which means in 2016 we celebrate 40 years of jumelage/twinning.

Just 4 visitors came to Ide from Canteloup Cleville that first year and 4 Ide families took part in the return visit to France in May 1976. The Twinning Charter was signed in 1977. After that, the Twinning Association flourished and numbers involved on both sides of the channel grew. For many years there were two visits a year, one for adults and one for children. This gave many people the opportunity to experience a different culture but also to forge lasting friendships.

Like twinning associations everywhere, numbers have fluctuated over the years as families have grown up and moved away but then new families have become involved. In 2014 over 30 people from Ide and around visited France to celebrate and remember the Normandy landings accompanied by our resident historian, Martin Robson, and in 2015 a record number of visitors from France came to Ide (we called it Norman Invasion 2!) and as always a lot of fun was had by all.

To raise money for twinning activities and for charity, and to encourage interest in twinning, twinners organise several popular village activities, the Community Fireworks display at the Poachers; Joyce Stevens' BBQs/garden parties (these ran for over a decade raising large amounts of money for several charities most notably Devon Air Ambulance), Carol singing in Coronation Gardens (an occasion that several have said really marks the start of Christmas), French themed lunches and of course the Quizzes in the Poachers. Recently several more energetic twinners have participated in the 24 hour cycle ride in Normandy to raise money for the French Telethon (a bit like Children in Need).



If you would like to join the Twinning Association or would just like to find out more about what we do please contact one of the following:

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Twinning Visit 2015 in Pictures



We consumed a lot of fine food in a lot of lovely places... and the school hall.



Some of us got very wet and did a lot of screaming.





Some of us climbed until we dropped.

Others were reminded of the previous Norman invasion.

Some discovered a taste for Pimms and boosted the sales figures of Exeter and Sidmouth's retail outlets



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