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**SHELFORD TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

February 2023

**VISIT TO VERNEUIL June 1st – 4th 2023**

Dear Members,

After a gap of three years, we are delighted to inform you that our visit to Verneuil will take place June 1st – June 4th which is at the end of the school half-term holiday. The format will be similar to previous family visits, and is open to single adults, couples, children and family groups. All we ask is that primary aged children are accompanied by a parent, grandparent or approved guardian.

**THE PROGRAMME**

**Day 1:** One day's travel to Verneuil by coach and ferry: this is taken gently, lasting around 8 hours door-to-door, in a luxury coach with a toilet. We aim to arrive early evening in Verneuil. Although the journey is long, we have plenty of breaks and the children usually find it rather exciting!

**Day 2:** The children (11 and under) will be spending the morning in the school which many of their French friends attend. Seeing life in a French school is a unique and stimulating experience for our children. The adults will have a short visit to a place of local interest and an opportunity to do some shopping. There will be a half day outing in the afternoon for the entire group.

**Day 3:** This day will be spent with host families. We find that families will often get together with other families and their guests to spend the day together. Lots of opportunity to test out your French! In the evening there will be a party for all hosts and guests.

**Day 4:** We will leave Verneuil and be returning to Shelford at around 8pm.

**CHILDREN**

Wherever possible, children (with their parent/s) stay in families with children of similar age and interests, although it may not always be possible to accommodate large families together. They become part of the family, joining in family activities and often a local outing for which many host families get together. Most of the host families have been involved in twinning for many years and are well-known to the organisers both in France and here in England.

The various events also give us all opportunities to meet up frequently with each other and with the group’s organisers, who all speak French. In addition, we are all staying in and around the village, within easy reach of each other.

If older children are not accompanied by their parent(s)/guardian(s), please rest assured that adults from the Twinning Association who are accompanying the group have the relevant CRB checks in place and have up-to-date safeguarding training.

**WHAT YOU WILL NEED**

You will require a **passport** and an up-to-date **GHIC (Global Health Insurance Card)**. This is free of charge and is applied for online. If your **EHIC** card is still in date, you may continue to use that. If you need to get one of either of these for yourself or your child be sure to apply in good time. Before leaving, you will also need to make sure you have your own travel insurance.

**THE COST**

As a committee, we have decided to keep the **price per adult at £95** and **the price for the first child (current Y7 or under) at £75**, **and all subsequent children will be able to travel for £50.** The cost includes travel, and some administrative costs. All the entertainment and activities are provided as hospitality by the host Twinning Associations and the host families.

All travelling adults are expected to become members of the Twinning Association (£10 single membership /£15 family membership) if they are not members already. The only other expenses would be a small gift for the host family, a little pocket money and your travel insurance for the four days.

These visits rely on exchanged hospitality and many long-term relationships have been built up that way. You and your children are likely to benefit most from this visit if you can host a French visitor during the return visit in the summer (8th – 11th July). However, **this is not a requirement**, and an inability to host should never prevent you participating in the visit to France.

**WANT TO KNOW MORE?**

Contact Sarah Haddow (tel: 01223 845942; email [sarah.haddow@talk21.com](mailto:sarah.haddow@talk21.com))

or contact Colin Jefferson (tel: 01223 513471; email colin@frenchfrogs.net).

There will be a meeting with parents before departure.

**PLEASE NOTE!**

We need to know **SOON** who would like to go, so we can book the coach.

**The closing date for replies is Friday 24th March 2023**

**If you are interested, please complete the form below and return it with a £30 deposit per person to**:

**Sarah Haddow, 24 Mingle Lane, Stapleford, CB22 5SY.**

**(email: sarah.haddow@talk21.com)**

*On behalf of the Visits Subcommittee, Shelford Twinning*

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Name(s) of participating adults:

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Number of children wishing to go on the visit: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of participating child(ren), age(s) & date(s) of birth

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I enclose £30 **per person** deposit (cheque payable to Shelford Twinning Association).

Please indicate: cheque \_\_\_\_ *or* cash \_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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