



Redgrave, Botesdale & Rickinghall Twinning Association

Our three villages have enjoyed alternate exchange visits with Tinteniac – a small Breton town just south of Dinan – since 1994.

The visits are usually in the late May Bank Holiday weekend and last for a duration of four days. Some fifty households host their visitors and practice their linguistic skills – with varying degrees of success. The French invariably arrive by coach – the English prefer to travel by air or car.

The Committees organise events throughout the visits that not only entertain but also give insight into the history and culture of their societies.

During the rest of the year our Committee engage in fund raising and organising social events that provide excellent value for money. Recent gatherings have included a Plant Sale, a Garden Party, an Autumn Ramble, a Wine tasting Evening and a Quiz Night. What started out as a gentle exercise in international relations has now blossomed into an Association that fosters friendship and good fellowship throughout our local villages.

In 1999 the Committee decided to produce two tapestries (one for us, one for our French friends) to celebrate the Millennium visit of Tinteniac. In all, thirty-eight of our local activities were able to contribute a representative panel. An accompanying book, beautifully illustrated by hand and filled with copious information was painstakingly created by Lesley and Charles Greenhough. Also included is a very detailed article by June Shepherd on the origins, founder members and early development of our Association.

If you are interested in joining then contact the Chairman, John Brooks, on 01379 890005.

The Annual membership is £12 per household or £8 for a single member.