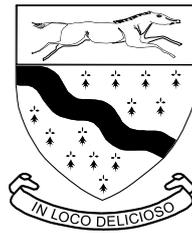


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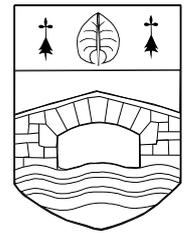
Newsletter

November 2001

CRICKLADE AND DISTRICT
TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Cricklade



Sucé-sur-Erdre

Sucé visit 2001- a great success

We left Cricklade at 5pm on Friday and headed for Portsmouth - thanks to everyone for being on time. On arrival at Portsmouth we had to go through airport style security. A smooth crossing to France overnight and on to Sucé with the coach arriving at Sucé in the early afternoon Saturday.

And so to wining and dining with our host families until the early evening.

Saturday evening a Caribbean Evening until the early hours of Sunday. 250 guests including the Mayor of Sucé's German Twin Town. Speeches and the exchange of gifts.

Sunday spent with host families in a variety of activities.

Monday on the coach for a tour of the Briere salt marshes, stopping at the pretty walled town of Guerande. On to Croisic for a picnic lunch, before leaving for the U-boat pens at St. Nazaire.

Visit the museum on the history of cruising, but not before receiving a explanation of the role of shrinkles and boonkers in recent history (Do shrinkles help the Vice Queens of Sucé avoid shrinking winkles? - and people say

something always gets lost in the translation).

Back home for supper and more "Apéritifs".

Up early to avoid a painful encounter with Celia's clipboard ("I counted them out - and I counted them back") and back on the coach for the return trip to Cherbourg.

Calm crossing back although many of our company zigzagging around the boat, claiming rough seas as an excuse for overindulgence in wine and shrinkles.

Anyhow many thanks to Celia and Marie for keeping things running smoothly.

As for next year we hope the French will visit in May/June dependant on their elections. Sorry for the uncertainty, but as you know the French are Revolting people and take these things seriously.

Annual Autumn Feast

To be held on 25th November at the Cricklade Country Club.

Cost £17 per head. Booking form is attached. This has always been a very enjoyable event.

AGM

The AGM will be in January details to follow.