

COWES DEAUVILLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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THE VISIT TO COWES BY THE TWINNED GUESTS FROM DEAUVILLE, FRANCE.

Despite the worry of the outcome of the Brexit vote, a group of 16 French guests braved the Channel crossing to the Island. After being welcomed at Ryde by their Cowes hosts, they enjoyed a hectic program for the weekend. It was also fortuitous that this visit coincided with the arrival of the contestants for the first stage of the "la Solitaire Bompard le Figaro" solo yacht race.

The first day's social events included the Welcome reception with a BBQ lunch at the Island Sailing Club Cowes with an evening soirée at a member's house in Wootton.

We also had relatively good weather for the following day's coach trip to Calbourne Water Mill where the Oyster Girls were performing their traditional country dances. After a lunch at the Sun Inn, Calbourne we had with a quick visit to Alum Bay chair lift to view the famous Needles.

That day finished with a party with a guitarist entertainer at the Community Hall, Northwood House.

The President of the Association, Mrs J. Powis, along with the leader of the French group, Ms S. Moitie, are shown cutting the celebration cake during the party.



The group gathered on the final day at the bandstand on the Parade, Cowes to view the tile plaque presented to the town by the Marie of Deauville during the 50th anniversary celebration of the Twinning. The Association is grateful to the Cowes Town Council who funded and arranged for the mounting of the tile in a stainless steel frame.

The tile plaque mounted on the Cowes Parade Bandstand wall.



Cowes Twinning members with their French guests in front of the Plaque



Finally, we completed the weekend festivities with a formal dinner at the New Holmwood Hotel, Cowes.

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