



Llanwrtyd Twinning Association

Preamble



The link with Mériel began some 25 years ago when two walking enthusiasts, one Welsh and one French, became acquainted through their children. The friendship continued over the years and developed into exchange visits between the children of the two towns. In 2000 the Official Twinning

ceremony took place and was marked with the signing of the Twinning Certificate. This link has been developed over the past ten years and many private visits take place between various friends and families in addition to the Official visits every two years. Last year a group of our friends from Mériel visited the Food Festival in Llanwrtyd where they had a stall showcasing French Cuisine and also carried out a short cookery demonstration.

The Czech connection began with the opening of the Czech School at the Abernant Lake Hotel during the Second World War. Regular visits to the Town were made over the years by ex-pupils and in 1993 a Twinning



Agreement was made with Český Krumlov in what is now known as the Czech Republic. The first visit to Český Krumlov took nearly 32 hours by road! Steps have now been taken to revitalise this link which has resulted in visits being made by members of the Association to Český Krumlov on two occasions to date when we have been accompanied by the Built Male Voice Choir. Our last visit in October 2009 was highlighted by their 700 Years Anniversary Celebrations. The Mayor from Český Krumlov visited the Llanwrtyd Food Festival in April 2008 and also a delegation came to the Festival with Czech food and wines in 2009. Arrangements are currently being organised for a further visit to the Festival at Easter 2010.

The Association holds monthly meetings in the War Memorial Institute on the first Thursday of the month at 8pm which last approximately an hour. All are welcome, so do come along and learn more about our friends in Mériel and Český Krumlov. Being part of the Association enables you to learn more



about the different cultures of our Twin Towns, to make new friends and to visit, either as part of an Official visit or in a private capacity. Language is not the problem you may think it is and it can be fun trying to communicate! Don't forget, our friends in Mériel and Český Krumlov have

the same problems with communication as us. Links to the websites of both our twin towns can be found on the 'Links Page', and lots more photographs in the 'Photo Gallery'.