

Bastille Day comes to Box

Although Bastille Day falls on July 14th Box Twinning brought the flavour of this French celebration to the Selwyn Hall on Saturday July 11th with a dinner organised by new committee members Corinne & Thierry Sarkissian.

Over 40 guests were warmly welcomed with an aperitif and the chance to meet each other before sitting down to a fabulous four-course dinner, with a 'digestif Trou Normand' before the cheese course. Copious amounts of wine were included in the ticket price and we didn't run out this time! To enhance the atmosphere our audio technician Barry Sims ran music and footage from the Northey Arms Boules club visit to Sorigny last year.

Earlier in the day committee members and helpers had decorated the Hall with blue, white and red bunting, set tables to provide an intimate French feel whilst our chef Thierry prepared the 'gastronomic menu'.

John Roberts and the Jug Street Band provided lively music during the evening, culminating in some of our guests 'jamming' later in the evening, featuring the Marseille Three – Graham Cogswell, Kev Ford, Rich Grigsby – with guests Graham Williams and Pete Dixon.

The evening was full of fun and games, including a blindfold tasting session to discover the identity of red, white and rosé wine – not as easy as it sounds. Kev Ford ran a team quiz based on the French Revolution with team captains invited to entertain us with the Jug Street Band later on.

The event raised money to build a fund for the second half of the twinning celebrations to be held in Box in 2016, after which we'll be able to recover the majority of those costs from a European Friendship Fund and then help families cover the cost of travel to Sorigny. Thanks to all those who supported the event, helped set up and clear up and made this a memorable evening.

Our next fund-raiser is a Quiz Night with Kev Ford on August 9th – see page 15.

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