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MILVERTON MATTERS

Longny-au-Perche visits Milverton

THIRTY-two visitors from Longny-au-Perche, Milverton's twinning partner, enjoyed a wonderful four days in early May.

They arrived to a reception at Milverton School to be greeted by twinning association chairman Simon Forrester and the committee before joining their hosts for dinner.

On Friday, they enjoyed a day trip to Wells in the sunshine, visiting and lunching in the cathedral, followed by a guided tour of the city. Safari suppers with the hosts awaited them on their return.

On Saturday, they visited the community market in Milverton and saw round the village.



After lunch, they had a tour of open gardens arranged by the horticultural society, enjoying afternoon tea in the cultural society, enjoying chairman's delightful

garden followed by a very successful evening skittles match.

On Sunday, a trip to Sidmouth was arranged. This included a visit to the museum and various other venues of interest.

A grand farewell dinner for 84 hosts and guests was held in the Victoria Rooms in the evening, with honoured guests Jeremy Browne MP and Graham Watson MEP further promoting the cause of 'entente cordiale'. Dancing to a local quartet of musicians concluded the evening on a very happy note.

Pictured are Longny-au-Perche twinning committee chairperson MME Chantal Legrand flanked by Graham Watson MEP (left) and Jeremy Browne MP.



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Reflection on a Milverton Street Fair

The day before

Who on earth thought it was a good idea to put up all the bunting? I did!

Who on earth is going to put it all up? We will!

How on earth will you reach up there? With great difficulty!

My - that looks good. Very festive. Who's going to take it down when this is all over? We will, I s'pose.

Who's going to get the street signs? David will

Who's going to help him put them up? Tony Mc will

Who's going to mark out all of the pitches? We will

That looks very efficient, what happens if it rains? We'll have to do them again

What's the weather forecast? Awful

What happens if it rains? We get wet

Will the Vicar continue to Rock in the rain? Certainly

6.00 am

Curse, it has poured all night, and the pitch marks have all disappeared. Do them again

10.00 am

Have we got it right? Did we do enough publicity? There's not many people here - Panic

11.00 am

Thank you Lord, the sun is shining. We can't see to the end of the street. The food stalls are running out of food, the Music Club is playing, the Morris Men are dancing and Punch and Judy are fighting it out. Relax.

4.00 pm

Thanks to all the people who have helped to make it a success. Now can we get it all put away so the Vicar can set up the Disco? Of course we can

5.00 pm

Wow! Watch them all enjoy themselves. Let's get off home and plan it all again for next year. Don't forget about the bunting!



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