

Watlington-Mansle Twinning Association

20th Anniversary visit to Mansle, France – 27-31 May 2010

Draft Programme of Events

Thursday 27th May

- Welcome to the delegations in the afternoon / early evening at the Parc Botanique, with apéritifs offered by the Mairie and introduction to the host families.
- Evening with host families.

Friday 28th May

- Morning - visit to Mansle factories for those who may be interested (plastic components factory and possible bleach and plastic bottle factory) - **an idea of numbers will be necessary.**
- Picnic at lunch time at the campsite by the Charente river.
- Afternoon- visit to Tusson,. The party will be divided into groups to visit gardens, monuments, stained glass workshop and museum – **our hosts will need to know the numbers going.**
- Evening - soirée charentaise with typical charentais meal (confit de canard and haricot beans) with charentais folk and dance band, dancing. Informal.

Saturday 29th May

- Morning – ‘jeux sans frontières’ organised by the Mansle firemen, the cycling club and the cricket club, at the hippodrome.
- Barbecue for all at lunchtime at the hippodrome
- Afternoon
 - Conference (interactive with workshops and brochures in English) on the mobility of youth in Europe - themes - Erasmus, Leonardo and other such schemes that enable our youth to travel in Europe for their studies, careers etc..
 - There are also plans for an exhibition by an association called "pompiers dans l'urgence international" if there are firemen from Watlington and Korb present. This association is based in Limoges and they are sending firemen out to Haiti at the moment.
- Evening - gala evening (after a light supper with host families), which will be more formally organised. To include speeches by Maires/ council chairs, presidents/ chairs of the twinning committees, MPs etc. punctuated with songs by Mansle's choir, music from visiting bands and dances and songs by local schools. This will be followed by a cocktail.

Sunday 30th of May

- Free morning with optional activities - mass, cycle ride, walk, etc.
- Apéritif at the Mairie (town hall) followed by Sunday lunch in host family homes.
- Afternoon free. Cricket match in Mansle to watch – league match between Eymet and Mansle.
- Evening - European evening with English aperitif (Pimms) Spanish dish (paella), French cheese and Italian dessert. Music by disc jockey for all ages with dancing. Informal.

Monday 31st of May

- Visit of schools for those who are interested.
- Visit of gardens for those who are interested and meeting with the Mansle "chantier d'insertion" which is their social employment team. The town employs 20 people who have social or employment problems and tries to train them so they can get jobs at the end of their year. They look after the gardens. Mansle would like the team to be able to create some contacts with Watlington, to then organise a visit to Watlington and plant some bushes, shrubs or whatever is appropriate in our gardens as a gift to our town, and especially as a unique experience for the team who never get the chance to travel as they just don't have the means.

Our hosts will provide:

- The visits and all activities organised by them.
- Food and drink on the evenings of the 28th and 30th (paying bar after drinks quota is drunk)
- Cocktail on the evening of the 29th.
- Barbecue lunch on the Saturday.
- Host families will provide dinner on Thursday the 27th, the picnic for the Friday lunch (and the committee will provide it for those in hotels, gites, B&Bs and the Pierre Vives centre), Sunday lunch, all breakfasts and supper before the Saturday gala evening.

They will not provide (pay for):

- Hotels, gites or B&Bs (but they can deal with reservations) beds or breakfasts.
- Thursday evening dinner, Sunday lunch for those staying in hotels, B&B's and Pierre Vives centre (hostel).
- Transport, (except possibly a coach for the Tusson visit)
- Extra drinks at meals over the planned quota. There will however be a cheap bar for extra drinks at each event for the beer drinkers etc...