

**Colney Heath  
Boissy St Yon**



**Twinning  
Association**

## **November 2020 NEWSLETTER**

Dear member, how has the latest lock down been for you all so far? For me it does not seem that much different to how things were before, other than my eldest daughter not being able to come around for Sunday lunch!

Unfortunately, in the current circumstances we have had to cancel the Christmas event, but the prospect of the vaccine rollout means we can look forward to events taking place in 2021. Hopefully this will also include our rescheduled trip to Boissy at the end of May. Below are a couple of pictures from the recent past two visits, both to stir memories, and offer hope for re-convening in the future.



Looking at these, Judy and I were wondering how Covid-19 had affected life in Boissy over the past 10 months. So, we asked our twinning family to send us a note on how things had been.

***From Pierre and Veronique:***

*Before the Covid-19 pandemic, village life was punctuated by festive events organized by numerous local associations: the twinning of Colney heath, sports associations, the senior citizens club, etc.*

*Then with the circulation of the virus, Buxéens had to adapt and reinvent themselves. From the first days of confinement, to maintain social ties, thanks to digital technology, some people took the initiative to invite groups to organize virtual aperitifs on SKYPE. Others sent humorous messages to keep morale up.*

*Outside, Madame Nature resumed her rights and the lucky ones, those living near the woods, could see deer, squirrels and even wild boars approaching the houses.*

*Today, normal life has not completely returned to Boissy. Many people are at home and telecommute. Only the construction sector seems not to be idle since we have seen plenty of houses being built in the streets of Boissy. Entire housing estates. This is probably due to the confinement suffered by the small apartments of Parisians who wanted to leave the capital to live in the countryside.*

*Fortunately, the schools reopened, and the children were able to find their friends. The government has allowed people to travel between regions and to reunite as families for the holiday season.*

*The return to normal life in Boissy will take place gradually. The epidemic is not yet behind us, although an improvement is looming at the start of 2021.*

*One day this normal life will resume and the Buxeens will be happy to find their English friends again to exchange and party.*

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### Henry Parker

Many of you will know that Henry has not been well lately and his condition means that he has now moved to Vesta Lodge, Watling view St Albans AL1 2PB. We all send Henry our best wishes and look forward to being able to visit him when we are able to do so.

### 100 Club

**At the Virtual committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November, the October 100 club draw was held.**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize No 18 Gillian and Frank Graham £21.50

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize No 40 Lynn and Ian Skelt £12.90

As always, John Clemow has a video recording of the draws which is available on request.

For obvious reasons, it has not been practical to hand out cheques for the prize winners so far this year and we have been trying to set up the online banking account for the 100 Club. Unfortunately, we are still waiting for the bank to complete the process but please be assured we will transfer the winnings as soon as we are able.

**As mentioned previously, your committee wish you to know that we are here to support you in any way that we can. So, if we can help, or if you would simply like a chat, please feel free to contact any of us. Details below:**

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