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THETFORD TWINNING ASSOCIATION

KING'S HOUSE, KING STREET, THETFORD, NORFOLK, IP24 2AP



Tom Paine 200 Weekend: Friday 5th - Tuesday 9th June

Evaluation Comments

What did you like best about the weekend and what did we do well?

- The organisation and the catering was super-super!!
- We like best the organisation and the things they have done (especially the things from the 1780s).
- Much guests, a full programme with all kinds of things - wonderful.
- Extremely well organised, plenty of activity, well publicised, a delight to meet up with so many old friends in the town, as well as among our guests. A delight to see them all. So glad that our Spijkenisse friends have 'returned to the fold' so well. Also lovely that people are so friendly and interested.
- A memorable weekend aided by Tom Paine celebrations. It brought all our twin towns together as well as the town council and Thetford festival and Tom Paine Committee, plus numerous other Thetford societies.
- The weekend went extremely well with a nice balance of flexible organisation. Well done!
- The organisation was excellent. No effort was spared to integrate us into the celebration weekend and make us feel welcome. The town was full of visitors and we were very privileged to be part of this occasion. Our hosts were kept busy escorting us everywhere and the twinning spirit was upheld in the best possible way.
- All a great success. Most enjoyable weekend. Many thanks.
- All very well organised, very enjoyable.
- 1) Information pack received was very helpful. 2) Excellent activities, very varied - Thetford really came to life. 3) Facilities/arrangements for twinning guests very well thought out. 4) Meals provided were excellent.
- Great to involve Twin Towns. Plenty to enjoy. Get-togethers made visitors feel welcome. Enjoyed particularly the company of those who visited. Lots of laughs. Friendships forged. Thanks to organisers - lots of hard work involved, much appreciated.
- The information of Tom Paine has been very interesting for us. His thoughts are still actual. It should be good that his papers got more attention!
- The warmth of the reception and the hospitality. The organisation of the weekend - no detail was missed. The great variety of the activities - inventiveness. The possibility to get to know people and share their daily life. The readiness of everyone to make us feel at home. The Thomas Paine Celebrations were exciting, interesting for foreigners.

Evaluation Comments (cont)

What did you not like about the weekend and what did we do badly?

- The elections of Tom Paine were interesting, but it would be better to use a microphone.
- There was no microphone on some places, it was difficult to understand things.
- The rain on Sunday. Otherwise the extremely hard work by all those involved and level of co-operation between all organisations such as Twinning Association, Town Council and the Tom Paine 200 organisation, worked extremely well. We are and should be proud of our town and all here. Could do with cleaner streets, pity we can't be more like the French and arrange for shops etc to wash pavements outside their premises.
- Nothing.
- It was all over too soon!
- Just the rain!!
- Nothing.
- Same nationalities hosted (same language) would be more appropriate than mixed.
- I am sorry, but there was nothing wrong. We have had a fantastic weekend.
- Nothing.
- Not enough meringues - they are delicious but we could only eat one!!