

## **Crookham Village/Levignen Twinning Weekend 2017**

The weekend of June 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> saw a party of French visitors from Levignen enjoying a visit to Crookham Village.

On Saturday, there was a visit to the Bombay Sapphire Gin Distillery at Laverstoke Mill. Everyone was impressed by the historic old buildings, set beside the River Test. Guides were on hand, and there were audio presentation points, where information was given in French or English.



Two beautiful new Glasshouses contained “botanicals”, which are used to flavour the gin. There was a very informative conducted tour of the Still House itself, and the tour ended in the Bar, of course, where samples could be enjoyed.

An evening Dinner at the Zebon Community Centre was accompanied by music from the Graham Hix Quintet with vocalist Emma Mabin.

On Sunday morning, families spent time with their guests, then met up for a picnic lunch at the Zebon Community Centre.



This was followed by the usual Inter-Village Games – a tournament of crazy “sports” –before the hotly contested tug-of-war. As always, by tradition, the French visitors won and were presented with the Trophy (designed and made specifically for these tournaments).



The day was rounded off by several dinner-parties among groups of friends, before fond farewells on Monday morning as the visitors set off home, or to extend their holiday in Britain.

New friendships had been made, and old ones renewed during an action-packed and very enjoyable weekend. And Brexit was hardly mentioned.

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