

UPPINGHAM CAUDEBEC-EN-CAUX TWINNING VISIT . 7-10 JUNE

MAYOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

1. CIVIC DUTIES AND CEREMONIES ATTENDED

All the events listed below involved the Mayors of Caudebec-en-Caux (France) and Nettedal (Germany)

Friday:

- Civic welcome in Caudebec

Saturday

- March through Caudebec with Fire brigades of Caudebec & Nettedal accompanied by Brass Band and civic flags.
- Joint laying of wreaths at Caudebec war memorial
- Inspection of parade of Fire Brigades of Caudebec and Nettedal in market place
- Dinner dance and civic reception. Presentation of gifts and speeches by all.

Sunday

- Visit to Rouen. Reception hosted by French Navy on board warship "la Mange" in presence of Mayors and senior regional politicians. Bridge visit. Viewed Firework display from Helicopter Deck.

2. SOME GENERAL COMMENTS

- It was pleasing that Ron Simpson , Pete Rees, Susan Awcock and myself made up a decent contingency from the Town Council.
- The civic gift-a caricature picture of Uppingham , kindly funded by Uppingham First – was well received by our hosts.
- The twinning participants from Uppingham presented a positive image of the inhabitants and life of our town.
- As usual we were generously hosted by Caudebec both on a civic and individual level.
- Current plans, yet to be confirmed, are that Caudebec will visit Uppingham in 2014. They are aware that little civic funding is available to support this. UTC needs to work with the Twinning Association to help maximise the resources available for this visit.
- I should wish to congratulate and thank the Twinning Association for their hard work and enterprise in planning this 2013 adventure.

David Casewell June 2013