

WOODBURY TWINNING ASSOCIATION 1978 - 2021 +



The pictures in this booklet are from the original trip to Bretteville in 1978, and the subsequent Charter signing visits of both sides.

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Twinning

The dawn of a new era, which was spawned by the creation of the European Union, brought with it a desire to get better acquainted with our continental neighbours.

Devon in particular was a leader in this process, and at that time Devon County Council appointed a twinning officer for Devon called Frank Claxton. He was instrumental in the setting up of a contact between Woodbury and Bretteville-sur-Odon in Brittany. Several exploratory visits took place by a newly formed twinning

committee, to make sure we were compatible, prior to the signing of the Charter on Easter Saturday 25th. March 1978 on the village green, with due pomp and ceremony. On 22nd. October of the same year a reciprocal Charter was signed in Bretteville, followed by a champagne reception in the Mairie. We subsequently named a road "Bretteville Close", and the French named one of their roads "Avenue de Woodbury". Since then the twinning association has flourished with many visits both ways.



Left:
Signing the Charter on the Green. From left to right are: Roger Stokes, Mme. Yvette Monier, the French deputy mayor, Frank Claxton, Ted Neather, Eric Ware, (Chairman of Woodbury Parish Council), and Mme. Audoli, (Chairwoman of the Bretteville committee).

Right:
Following the ceremony a wreath was placed on the War Memorial, by the representatives of both communities.



Left:
Later in the year in Bretteville, the second part of the Charter was signed by Mayor Vasseur on behalf of the French, and by Eric Ware on our behalf. Seen also in the picture are left, Tony Palmer, and second left Hamish Palmer (no relation), who were both major mainstays of the organisation at that time.



Charter signing in Woodbury





General look around in Woodbury



Arrival of the French party in Woodbury



Bretteville - sur - Odon view



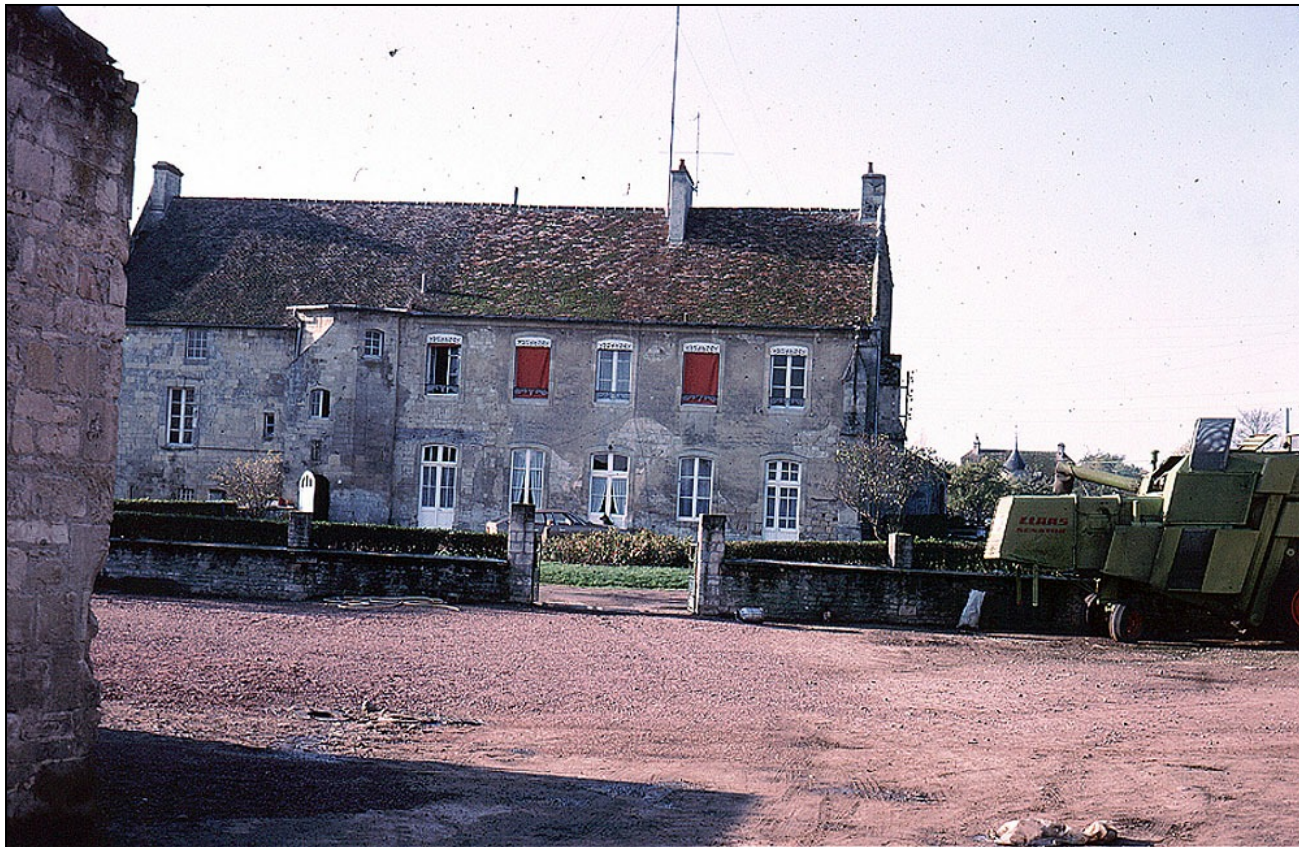
Bretteville - sur - Odon view



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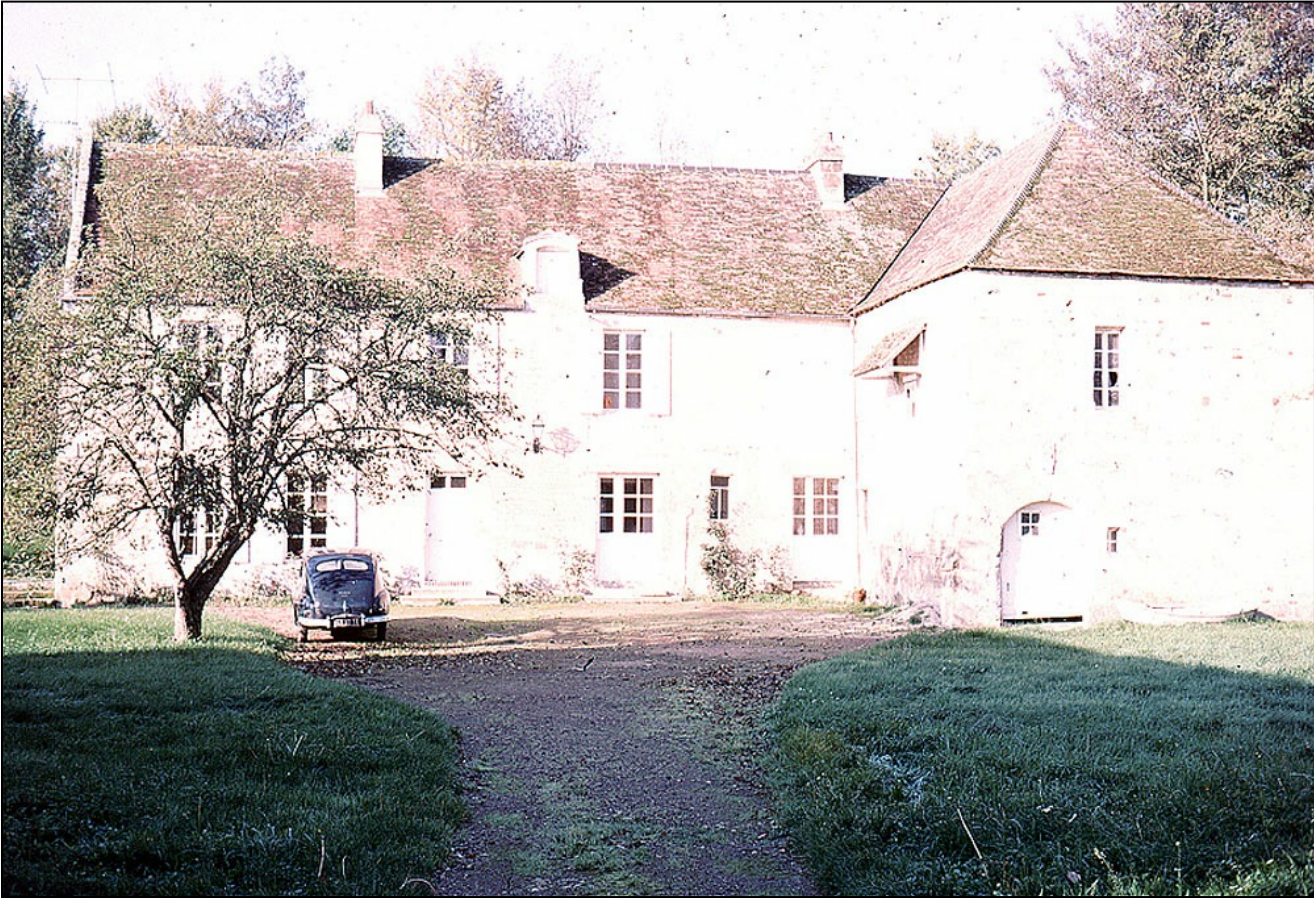
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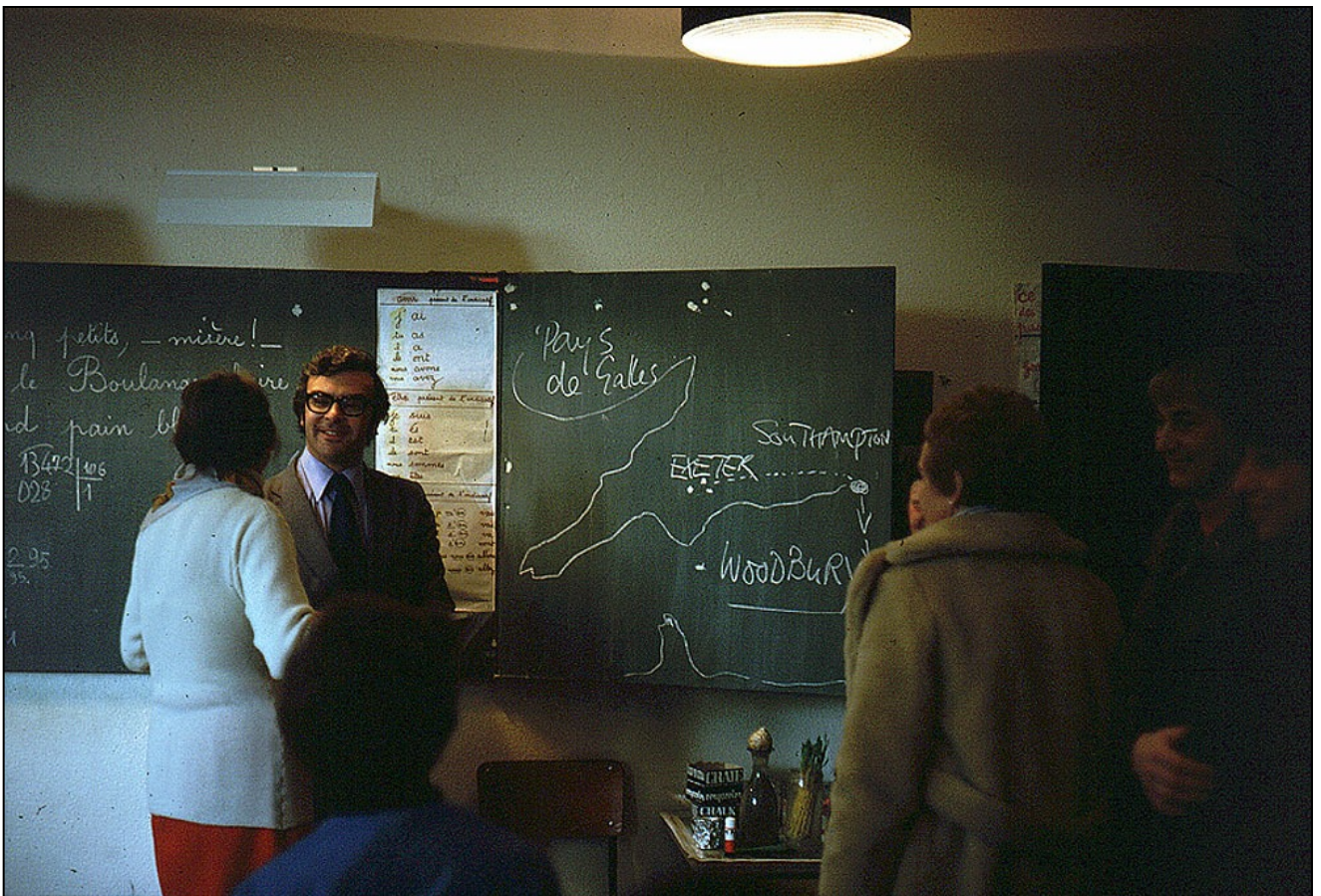
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Bretteville - sur - Odon view



Bretteville - sur - Odon school



A nice tidy Bretteville vegetable garden



We were fascinated by the plastic flowers in the Cemetery which looked lovely!



Bretteville - sur - Odon Church



Bretteville - sur - Odon view



Bretteville - sur - Odon Church inside



Inside the Church



Bretteville - sur - Odon view



Inside the sports hall



Bretteville - sur - Odon view



Inside the school



Bretteville - sur - Odon Church outside



Inside the play school with Joan Ware, who used to run the Woodbury play group



Bretteville - sur - Odon view



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Bretteville - sur - Odon view



Bretteville - sur - Odon view



Bretteville - sur - Odon view



Bretteville - sur - Odon Mayor's office



Bretteville - sur - Odon outside the Mayor's office after the Charter signing



Bretteville - sur - Odon sunset



Bretteville - sur - Odon outside the Mayor's office after the Charter signing