

## SAWBRIDGEWORTH TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

### 50TH ANNIVERSARY VISIT FROM BRY-SUR-MARNE 15-18 SEPTEMBER 2023



A party of 30 guests from our twin town of Bry-sur-Marne, near Paris, visited Sawbridgeworth from Friday 15 to Monday 18 September to help celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our twinning relationship. Maire Adjoint Sylvie Roby and her husband represented the mayor of Bry-sur-Marne. Saturday was a free day with hosts and some hosts and guests went to the Gibberd Gardens for a tour and tea.

In the evening we all dined at Villa Italia, via a formal welcome in the Hailey Centre, where we presented Mme Robie, and Laure Roger (the twinning organiser from Bry) with a copy of the Sawbridgeworth photobook, expertly produced by Chris Armistead. We also gave Mme Robie a copy for the Mayor of Bry-sur-Marne M. Charles Aslangul.

On Sunday we all went to Cambridge and had a two-hour guided tour, plus an afternoon cream tea in the Varsity Hotel, 60 of us all told! On Monday morning we planted a commemorative tree in Gt St Mary's churchyard, a suitably environmentally friendly bird cherry. Father Simon blessed the tree and our twinning links. Photobooks were presented to Father Simon and our mayor, Ruth Buckmaster.

Our celebrations continue at an invitation-only event for present and past twinningers on 29 September, and when we visit our German twin town, Moosburg from 19 to 22 October.



