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### Wadhurst Twinning Association

The Wadhurst Twinning Association was formed more than twenty years ago during the celebration Millennium week-end in July 2000. It followed the research done by John Mackenzie, the history teacher at Uplands, about the twenty-five Wadhurst soldiers killed as a result of the Battle of Aubers Ridge on 9<sup>th</sup> May 1915.

2020 is the twentieth anniversary of the signing of the Twinning Charter between Wadhurst and Aubers. Celebrations were to have taken place including the bellringers ringing a quarter peel as they did in 2000, but because of the pandemic everything has had to be postponed until 2021.

The purpose of the Twinning Association is to commemorate the lives lost at Aubers, but also to foster the relationship between Aubers and Wadhurst for the future, trying to find ways to encourage residents of both villages to come together. Good friends and contacts have already been established and, in the intervening years, youngsters from the Primary Schools, choirs and other musicians, painters and historians, cyclists and footballers have enjoyed exchanges. We hope to continue to involve all generations in creating and maintaining strong links between the two communities.