LUDLOW FRENCH **TWINNING'S** 30TH YEAR



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May visit confirmation

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Thirty years...and more

Twinning founder member and Life President John Holliday pointed out to members at the recent AGM that that thirty years of twinning with La Ferté Mace does **not** just mean that fifteen visits have been made in either direction. "in the early days it was quite usual for two visits a year to take place" said John. He followed this up with many amusing tales about some of the early visits. Not your usual AGM, but most fascinating!



Domfront-well known to Ludlovian twinners!



Brittany Ferries-also well known to Ludlovian twinners!

Chair's message

Your new and existing committee members who were elected on 22nd March are listed

on the back page of this Newsletter. Dave Mulliner is retiring after May as our treasurer, membership secretary and travel organiser for 30 years. He will be replaced by Gary Oram as treasurer and Pauline Oram as membership secretary. Sheila French is retiring as accommodation organiser and Pamela Thompson is taking her place. I am now chair, taking over from Valerie Cooke who is now working full time. Many thanks to those who are retiring, especially to Dave and Sheila who have been with us over the whole 30 years. We newcomers are all hoping we can maintain the high standards of our professional predecessors.

Sylvia Duffy

Keeping up your French

There are some interesting ways of keeping up your French and making your twinning visit more fun. One is the Language Café which is normally on the third Monday of the month, 5pm - 7 pm at the Charlton Arms. This is just social chat and people stay as long as they want. If you intend to come to the April Café, however, it will be on the 24th due to Easter.

The second is the new U3A French group which is mixed ability and which concentrates on improving speaking skills.

For either of these please contact Sylvia Duffy (sylviaduffy@uwclub.net)

Visit arrangements for 24st to 30th May 2017.

Outward: Wednesday 24th May

16.00 (4pm)	Leave Ludlow Leisure Centre
22.00 (10pm)	Sail from Portsmouth

Thursday 25th May

06.45	Arrive at Ouistreham
08.00 approx.	Arrive at Caen for breakfast and sightseeing
12.30 approx.	Arrive at Alencon
	Departure from Alencon to be agreed on arrival
17.00 (5pm)	Arrive at La Ferté Macé
17.30-18.00	Reception at La Ferté Macé town hall

Friday 26th May

Display: 'Thirty years of twinning'-daytime Evening concert: given by Ludlovians and Fertois

Saturday 27th May

Visit to Mont St Michel

Dinner at Domfront

Sunday 28th May

Day with host families

Return: Monday 29th May

- 11.00 Depart La Ferté Macé for Ouistreham. Lunch stop en route
- 16.30 Depart Ouistreham
- 21.15 Arrive Portsmouth

Tuesday 30th May

01.30 Arrive Ludlow



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Mont St Michel

Le Mont Saint Michel is a fantastic medieval abbey and town built on top of a granite island. It is located the north coast of France, and forms the regional border between Normandy and Brittany. dy and Brittany. dy and town Saint Michel is a of the ocean better than the other rocks around them. The mount has a circumference of about 960 meters and it is 92 metres above sea level at its highest point. The

In prehistoric times the Mont was on dry land. It is now a rocky tidal island. Sea levels rose and erosion changed the landscape of the coast. Several layers of layers of rock resisted the wear and tear

of the ocean better than the other rocks around them. The mount has a circumference of about 960 meters and it is 92 metres above sea level at its highest point. The tides can be very different. The difference between the high and low water marks is about 14 metres Medieval pilgrims who crossed the flat land sometimes called the mount "St. Michael in peril of the sea". Today, it can still be dangerous for visitors who do not use the causeway and attempt to walk across the sands from the opposite coast.

Polderisation and occasional flooding have created salt marsh meadows. They are ideal for sheep. The meat that comes from the diet of the sheep has a good flavour.





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A bit about....Alençon...and Tenbury



Alençon is an important town in the Orne department, towards the south of the Normandy region and north of Le Mans. An important town in the 10th-11th centuries, Alencon is best known as an important centre for lace production, and although the industry is not very active nowadays the story is recounted in the town's Museum of Fine Arts and Lacemaking.

In the attractive centre of the town you will discover a historic section with some interesting half-timbered and ornate

stone buildings lining the streets, and numerous small architectural highlights: it is very enjoyable to explore, with part of the historic centre also pedestrianised. The part of the town on the Sarthe river is also attractive, and Alençon has a good selection of cafes and restaurants.

Tenbury

Tenbury twinners are holding an 'inter-town quiz'. Details are below. The quiz will be in Englishwith questions about France and we would like to send at least one team.

