

Special  
50th  
Edition  
on  
2023  
Exchange

Including:  
May visit  
My last visit  
Stratford trip  
French town  
tour  
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AGM 2023  
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Stratford,  
not Rouen!



# Ludlow French Twinning

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## May 2023 visit to La Ferté-Macé

### Going to France

The coach, will be departing from Ludlow at 2 pm on the afternoon of Friday 26th May from **Smithfield** car park for the 23.00 crossing from Newhaven to Dieppe, with DFDS Ferries. Participants are advised to bring sandwiches and water or a flask. The coach has a toilet.

We expect to be in Rouen around 08.00. am. We shall stop in the Cathedral quarter where you can find cafes which are open at that time, such as *le First Liberty* in the Rue Aux Juifs and *Columbus*, and are both just two minutes away. We shall issue a short guide to Rouen on the coach so that you can easily find the most interesting things to do and places to visit. Just after lunch we shall leave Rouen, at a time to be announced on arrival, for the two hour journey via Sees and Argentan to La Ferté-Macé where our hosts will meet us.



Rouen

### Coming back

Leaving la Ferté-Macé around 8 am on Tuesday 30th May ,we return via Dieppe at 12.00 , to arrive in Ludlow late in the evening.



#### **REMEMBER** Passports must be:

- ◆ Issued less than ten years before the date you enter the country .  
(check the 'date of issue')
- ◆ Valid for at least 3 months after the day you plan to leave (check the 'expiry date')

When it mentions leave it means leave France which in our case will be 30th May 2023 (i.e. your passport must be valid to at least the 30th

## Stratford and other trips



William Shakespeare is buried in Holy Trinity Church,

### Stratford

42 Members and friends enjoyed our coach trip to Stratford on Saturday 4th March. Some visited the Royal Shakespeare Company's performance of *The Tempest* whilst others enjoyed the life and times of Shakespeare

and the many delights of the town. Several walked along the banks of the river from the town centre to Holy Trinity Church, to visit the grave of William Shakespeare where the Bard was baptised in 1564, where he worshipped, and where, ultimately, he was laid to rest in 1616.

### Other trips

So successful was this visit that, on the return, a 'reverse' poll was held in which the most favoured suggestions for future trips of this kind received the **lowest** score. There were many intriguing suggestions. Bath, with 73 preferences was the clear favourite, followed by Oxford a clear second with 86 Warwick, at 100, was clear third. Bath Xmas Market at 125 was clearly of little general interest.

Some, ranging from Lichfield to Blackpool and the new RHS garden at Salford, were mentioned only once. Those mentioned more

than once were:

Chester x7

Liverpool x7

Bristol x4

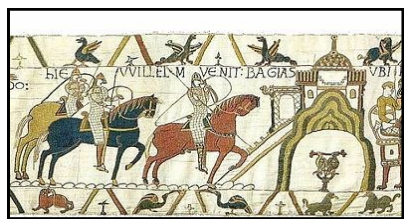
Aberystwyth x4



Aberystwyth and Dieppe seafront have similarities with each other .  
Do you recognise which this is?

## My previous French visit

“ I really enjoyed seeing the Bayeux Tapestry especially as I am learning about it in school now. I also really liked being able to speak some French buying pain au chocolat in the patisserie and fruit in the market. The visit to the dairy was fun and I liked the gala dinner. The weather was great and our lovely host



## A note from the Newsletter editor

This is the 50th edition of our on-line newsletter, with the first appearing in 2013. In some ways it has been the hardest to write if a recent report in the 'Times' is accurate. It says:

'The Times reported that schools on the continent, particularly those in France, are now choosing to visit Ireland for languages trips rather than the UK. This is because post-Brexit French children are required to have passports, rather than national identity cards, to enter the UK and some are required to purchase a visa (which are upwards of €118). So naturally another

English-speaking country located in the EU is a more desirable choice.' This is such a sad and unnecessary deterrent for events such as twinning.

On a personal basis I am really looking forward to seeing and using La Voie Verte in La Ferté. We must make sure our young twinningers see initiatives like this and demand them for the Ludlow area. Philip Adams



## Shifnal brings Machecoule to Ludlow

On 27 April, it will not be La Ferté-Macé's twinningers in Ludlow, but those from Machecoule', a growing town of 6,500 in the Vendée region of France. Their English counterparts, Shifnal, think that Ludlow is a great place to visit. Accordingly, Ludlow Twinning Secretary Phil Horsfall is obliging our friends in Shifnal with a full town tour in French for the Machecou-lais. Our Committee see such visits as a benefit to Ludlow and will encourage further visits of this kind in conjunction with other Twinning groups in Wales and the Marches. We shall offer our help if they wish to visit Ludlow with their French visitors, and twill share ideas regarding social activities and fund-raising with them.

In the other direction, recent coach visits by members and friends to Narberth in Wales and to Stratford-on Avon have been most successful and fully subscribed. There is more about this on page two.

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## Change to our Constitution

At our AGM held at the Blue Boar on 5 April, all our Officers and committee were re-elected unanimously. Their roles and contact details are listed above.

Two important changes were made to our Constitution. The first was to enable the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer to continue to serve, subject to annual re-election at the annual general meeting.

The second change was to allow for our accounts to be *independently examined* instead of being *audited-a more expensive and involved process*. Any member wishing to receive a copy of the revised constitution should contact our Secretary who will be pleased to supply one electronically.

## Blue Boar Film programme April to December 2023

Please note that we shall be screening *Les Vacances de M. Hulot* / *Monsieur Hulot's holiday* in place of *La Séparation* in May. Each starts at 7.30.



May 3	Monsieur Hulot's holiday
June 7	The vanishing fiancée
July 5	Paris 13
August 2	Petite Maman
September 6	An impossible love
October 4	Riffi
November 1	Le mouton a 5 pattes
December 6	Tell no one