2024 **Exchange** Wednesday 8 until Sunday 12 May



Ludlow French Twinning

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May 2024 visit from La Ferté-Macé

The visit will be a day longer than usual so special arrangements will be made. This year the visit coincides with Ludlow Spring Festival which runs from Friday the 10th to Sunday the 12th May.



And there is a lot more:

| Wednesday 8 May | 5.30 pm | Arrive for Reception at Brewery |
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| Thursday 9 May | 9 am-4pm | Shrewsbury visit-optional private boat trip and free |
| Friday 10 May | 9 am-3.15 pm | Hereford-Bishops' Palace, Mappa Mundi and chained library, stonemason, riverside walk and shopping |
| Friday 10 May | 7pm | Evening meal for Fertois at St Laurence's Church and Barn Dance. Mayoral welcome at 7.15 |
| Saturday I I May | | Family Day-Spring Festival in Ludlow Castle– Classic cars, food, drink and music. |
| Sunday 12 May | 9 am Approx. | French coach leaves Smithfield |

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Clive Meal

Those who attended the 2024 meal ,held for the first time at the Clive Arms, Bromfield on Thursday, I I th January, enjoyed an early start at 5.45 for 6pm.

The venue, date, timing and menu were very well received by all who attended. However the Committee are anxious to know from nonattending Members whether any aspects of these arrangements prevented or discouraged them from coming. The Committee would be pleased to know from members of any preferences they may have for future arrangements for this, or any other, event.

Chester trip

Depart Smithfield 09.00

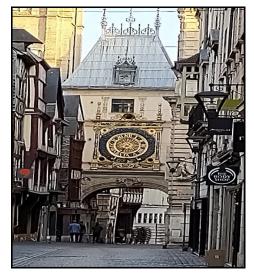
Toilet on board coach

Depart Chester 17.00









Déjà vu? It's Chester (L) and Rouen (R) in the two pics above

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Twelve years ago...London...2024 Paris

2012 was the year that London hosted the Olympic Games.

This year it's Paris' turn and it is appropriate to remember what happened during that 2012 Twinning visit. A key destination was Much Wenlock to understand the origins of the Olympic Games and the connection between Baron De Coubertin and William Penny Brookes of Much Wenlock.

It was not reported until our first electronic newsletter appeared in February 2013!

The logo for Paris 2024 combines three symbols – the gold medal, the flame and Mari-

anne, the personification of the French Republic. Marianne was incorporated into the logo to demonstrate that the "Games will be Games for everyone", while also being an acknowledgement that the first Olympics in Paris was the first that women could compete at.

Her face is also a homage to female athletes and a nod to history, as it was in 1900 at the Olympic Games in Paris that women were first allowed to compete, said the organisers.

The emblem will be used for both the Olympic and Paralympic Games, with the Olympic rings or Paralympic agitos – the streak-like symbols – placed underneath.

AGM reports

Treasurer

Garry Oram reported successful ongoing fundraising efforts-doubled from 2023 due to Films and Race night, with expenses increasing in line with the amounts raised, but with a healthy, increased balance overall. The French visit showed a loss of £488 because children's travel was at no charge.

Chair

Grace Wilkins reviewed the year, including our excellent visit to LFM which was blessed with good weather, and which included several new families. She referred to the other events held throughout the year which were enjoyed by members and friends alike.

Membership

Pauline Oram disclosed that 39 households, consisting of 70 individuals, engaged in French twinning in 2023 Thirty three of these households have already acted as hosts. Four new families have joined and have offered hospitality for the 2024 visit. Fifty visitors are expected in May 2024, with twelve aged between 3 and 16 years of age. Twenty-two households will be hosting.

Committee changes

Chair, Grace Wilkins, welcomed two new committee members elected at the AGM. The existing committee has been boosted by the arrival of **Gill Jones** and **Sarah Burke**. Gill is a returning local member whereas Sarah is a fairly recent citizen of Ludlow. Both are looking forward to what is clearly going to be a busy year for Committee members.

Sylvia Duffy is stepping down from the committee, but expects to remain an active member. She joined the committee in 2008 and served five years as Chair from the 30th anniversary in 2017, guiding our Association through the difficult COVID era to help secure its future.

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LUDLOW FRENCH TWINNING

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Photographs

Thanks to members who kindly submitted information and images for this newsletter and for the website.

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THANK YOU

Each film is screened on a Wednesday at 7.30 pm www.ludlowfrenchtwinning. co.uk

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Sheila French

Sheila died earlier this month after the effects of a fall from which she didn't recover. She and husband John were enthusiastic Twinning members since 1999.

For years, Sheila co-ordinated hosting arrangements in bringing families together between Ludlow and La Ferté Macé . It was a pleasure to learn from her. She was a veritable *Who's Who* of the Twinning Association until quite recently. Her contributions were based on the wisdom of years of experience and knowledge of the people and culture of both towns, where she, and John, will be missed by many friends.

Pauline Oram-Membership Secretary

Date **Film title** Film titles are unlikely to change, but should it be necessary, everyone will be notified in time. Apr 3 **3 colours- BLUE** May I **3 colours-WHITE** 3 colours- RED Jun 5 Le Havre Jul 3 Le Petit monde de Don Camillo Aug 7 Sept 4 Madame Bovary Oct 2 La môme Nov 6 A Journey through French Cinema I Dec 4 A Journey through French Cinema 2

Members and friends are invited to take advantage of the Blue Boar's offering of food and drink. A full menu is available before the film and hot and cold drinks are also available for con-

sumption during the film. Menus can be seen online at:

http://www.blueboarludlow.co.uk/

Blue Boar Film programme 2024