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Brimfield evening a huge success

Brimfield Sports Club was completely packed with 120 French and English guests on the first Saturday in May. It was a highly successful evening of food, drink and conversation, with musical entertainment provided by 'The Alltones'.

Tony Price and Pauline Oram's seating arrangements and table decorations attracted many favourable comments. You can see how things looked on page three.



Above: Barbara Mawson and Val Jackman



Left: Odile Jestin; Yvon Jestin, President of La Ferté Macé Twinning; Daniel Le Bedel and Odile Le Bedel

Here at last!

With the coach from la Ferté Macé experiencing some serious operational problems, the arrival in Ludlow was very much delayed. Despite the disappointment and discomfort experienced during the delay, everyone on board was pleased to alight to a tremendous, albeit informal welcome.



An informal welcome to Ludlow

Young sportspersons everywhere



This year's contingent of visitors saw a much larger than usual complement of young persons. Thirty-five junior participants had a very active time during this year's visit, enjoying every minute of the glorious weather that had miraculously appeared the day before arrival. The twenty-one young Fertois visitors joined fourteen young Ludlovians for a sparkling portfolio of sporting activities. These included basketball, tennis and golf. Seven young Fertois also spent a very interesting Friday at Wigmore School with nine

others tasting what Ludlow School had to offer their English counterparts. It was a far less sedentary day for them on the Saturday whether at Ludlow Golf Club or Ludlow Castle Tennis Club.

Participants' efforts were rewarded afterwards by post-match ice cream at the Mill Café as well as a picnic on the Linney playing fields.

The tennis and golf were competitive, but Twinning member Dave Jackman had an altogether different idea for the basketball team. He provided ten

of them with a morning's golf tuition under the expert guidance of Ludlow's golf teaching professional, Dan Francis.

Picture (left)

Dan Francis, in the white top, is seen giving individual tuition to a novice golfer.

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We are all golfers now

With ten apprentice golfers, three of whom were left handed, Dan Francis had plenty to do. The general consensus was how much everyone appreciated the chance to learn a little golf with Dan. The different skills and techniques needed to strike a dead ball on the ground from netting a basket became quite apparent during the morning's tuition! The sandwiches and the fish and chips were pretty good, too!



What no golf clubs?

No, look closer and you will see that these are the Tuckers' guests. Paula and Hannah are showing the Duchemin family around Ludlow and have just arrived inside the grounds of Ludlow Castle. Cyril, Stephanie, Mathis and Leo-Paul thought it was a 'brilliant visit'.



We've got plenty to talk about

Bernard Blondeel (If you did not know, he's the one on the left) and Rob Alderson (if you did not know he is the one on the right) have just broken off their discussion for an intrusive cameraman. Both are well known for their ability to hold forth on most topics. On this occasion it's almost certainly about agriculture or archaeology, or both at the same time, and in two

languages! Could this be the end of the Common Agricultural Policy as we knew it?

Or is Bernard interrogating

Rob about his voting intentions-Brexit or Remain?

It looks as though Yvon Jestin and the Pipers (in the background) have also much to discuss. How to get from Bridgewater to Ludlow, perhaps? Is that a hand signal for Yvon to turn right onto the M5?



No, its not Hello magazine

The sixty two visitors from France were joined by thir hosts for the Brimfield entertainment. It takes a lot of planning to accommodate 120 members and guests satisfactorily at such an event. To succeed the wives and husbands of committee members have to lend a willing hand too. Here we see Tony Price (L) (Social organizer with Judith Mulliner, Pat Price and Dave Mulliner (R) Membership Secretary taking a quick aperitif break before the 120

guests arrive to take their places.

The Alltones

With a minimum of fuss, the 'Alltones' soon held the stage to make their first appearance at a Twinning event and were well received to round off a wonderful evening with an anticipated sterling performance.



You've got to start somewhere!

Where's better than Ludlow Golf Club on a sunny Saturday morning in May. Even with safety instructions and golfing tips in two languages everyone enjoyed Dan Francis' instruction and made plenty of progress as a result of his professional tuition. They came to play basketball and went home with some useful golf skills as well!



Soccer too!

Some of our guests have also been following the fortunes of the French players and managers in the Premier soccer league. They are looking forward to the European Nations soccer championship which will be held in France this Summer. They were reluctant to make a forecast about the winners because they had been so amazed at Leicester City's 5000 to 1 success in the Premier League.

Mathis Duchemin (left) and Basile Andrieu



Welcome to the Laurels

Liz, Molly and Harry welcome the Sauv  family to Craven Arms. Aurelie, Damien and Florent and Sarah still find time from a very busy schedule to pose for a quick photo.

Basketball

There was no shortage of takers to appear in the hotly contested basketball match between Ludlow and La Ferté Mace's young twinningers. In the match, held in Ludlow Leisure Centre on Saturday afternoon, following the morning's golf. Ludlow's more ad hoc outfit showed some promising touches. La Ferté Mace's coach, Olivier 'Leo' Brossard commented: 'they gave us a tougher challenge than we were expecting'. Seventeen players took part with some really strong support around the court.



About basketball-thanks to Wikipedia

Basketball is a sport played by two teams of five players on a rectangular court. The objective is to shoot a ball through a hoop 18 inches (46 cm) in diameter and 10 feet (3.048 m) high mounted to a backboard at each end. A team can score a field goal by shooting the ball through the basket during regular play. A field goal scores three points for the shooting team if the player shoots from behind the three-point line, and two points if shot from in front of

the line. A team can also score via free throws, which are worth one point, after the other team was assessed with certain fouls. The team with the most points at the end of the game wins, but additional time (overtime) is issued when the score is tied at the end of regulation. The ball can be advanced on the court by throwing it to a teammate, or by bouncing it while walking or running (dribbling). It is a violation to lift, or drag, one's pivot foot without dribbling



the ball, to carry it, or to hold the ball with both hands then resume dribbling.

The ball can be advanced on the court by bouncing it

A pep talk from our leader?

Is this a serious pep talk from Ludlovians' coach Val Cooke or has something amusing occurred which required her intervention? It wasn't me Mam, honestly!



Shooting the ball

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AGM changes to the committee

It was approved that retiring officers would remain as committee members until the May visit. Then the roles of remaining committee members would be adjusted, reassigned or confirmed at a Committee meeting. The committee until the visit was therefore:

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The major changes are:

Valerie Cooke takes over the Chair
Viv Parry becomes Treasurer
Pauline Oram joins the Committee

The consequential changes are:

Sheila French will handover the accommodation work and leave the committee.



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