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Top: Jacques Dalmont, Mayor of La Ferté Macé admires counterpart Mayor Tim Gill's robes of office, whilst La Ferté Macé Twinning President, Bernard Blondeel (left) just smiles.

Centre: *That's me there!* Ludlow's Pam Thompson reassuring guests that hosts are ready to receive them.

One of the many splendid metal sculptures in the safari park at the British Ironworks Museum. It is no wonder that everyone had their cameras at the ready.



“This is the one we took earlier. Don’t you think those deer are really life-like?”



The Mulliners, the Hollidays and guests at the Green Café on the river Teme in Ludlow— a favourite venue for visitors Note Yvon Jestin’s camera. So who took this picture?



Brimfield evening

Over 100 attended the evening social at Brimfield and Little Hereford Sports Club. Unusually, the 2018 event took place on a Sunday evening, following a busy day at Oswestry Ironworks Safari Park and a climb on foot uphill to Montgomery Castle. The preceding events did not deter anyone from dancing and generally enjoying the evening, however. To ensure that everything was in place for the evening- such as seating and floral

arrangements and the usual welcome refreshments the smaller bus had to leave early with the hall preparation team on board: Ros and Bruce Roberts and Pauline and Garry Oram worked miracles to preparing the hall in time. The red, white and blue table décor and menu was Pauline Oram's creative contribution to the evening's success. Ros ensured the final success of the night by securing the services of the most entertaining Hi Jinx Ceilidh Band.

Carla Morrison spoke for just about everyone when she put her feelings on paper:

Dear Committee,

Thank you for making the twinning weekend so enjoyable; we had so much to do and smiled throughout. My new guests Jacqueline and Didier were such fun, and praised everything. Phil at the Clock House put on a magnificent meal which made me proud of our food and the French agreed. The Ceilidh was fun to watch and sent me home laughing!
Thank you! Merci!

Carola Morrison



Hi Jinx Ceilidh Band ,comprising Garry (fiddle and melodeon),Garry (guitar and dance caller) provided the musical entertainment along with Moira (left) on the whistle.



Hosts choice: Judges' Lodgings, Presteigne.

More than thirty hosts and guests took the opportunity to visit Presteigne to see old-fashioned Welsh justice in action. At the cells and in the Judges' chambers, hear true stories about the local crime scene were heard. Mary Morgan's ignominious death in 1805, condemned by Justice Hardinge, fascinated all who attended. The Judges' Lodgings opened specially to enable this visit to take place.

Judges' Lodgings,



Above right:
An Anglo-French jury of eleven, minus the cameraman!

Right: Daniel and Odile Lebedel trying out courtroom costume

Far right:
It's really scary in the cells-just ask the Watson-Joneses

French Twinnings

Ludlow was twinned with La Ferté Macé in 1987.

Do you know which other local towns are twinned with a French town? Look at the table on your right,

Town	French counterpart	Since
Bridgnorth	Thièrs, Auvergne	1978
Bromyard	Athis-val de Rouvre, Orne. normandy	1980
Bishops Castle	St Marcel, Evreux	2003
Hereford	Vierzon, Cher	
Knighton	Varades, Brittany	2008
Leominster	Saverne, Bas Rhin	1994
Market Drayton	Pezenas, Hérault, Occitanie	
Newtown	Les Herbiers, Vendée, Pays de la Loire	
Oswestry	Combs-la-Ville, south east of Paris	
Shifnal	Machecoul-Saint Mème, Loire Atlantique	
Tenbury	Pont du Casse, Agen	1985
Wellington	Chatenay-Malabry, south-west of Paris	
Wem	Fismes, Marne, Champagne-Ardenne	
Whitchurch	Neufchatel-en-Bray, Seine Maritime, Normandy	

Renaissance Centre hosts Victoire

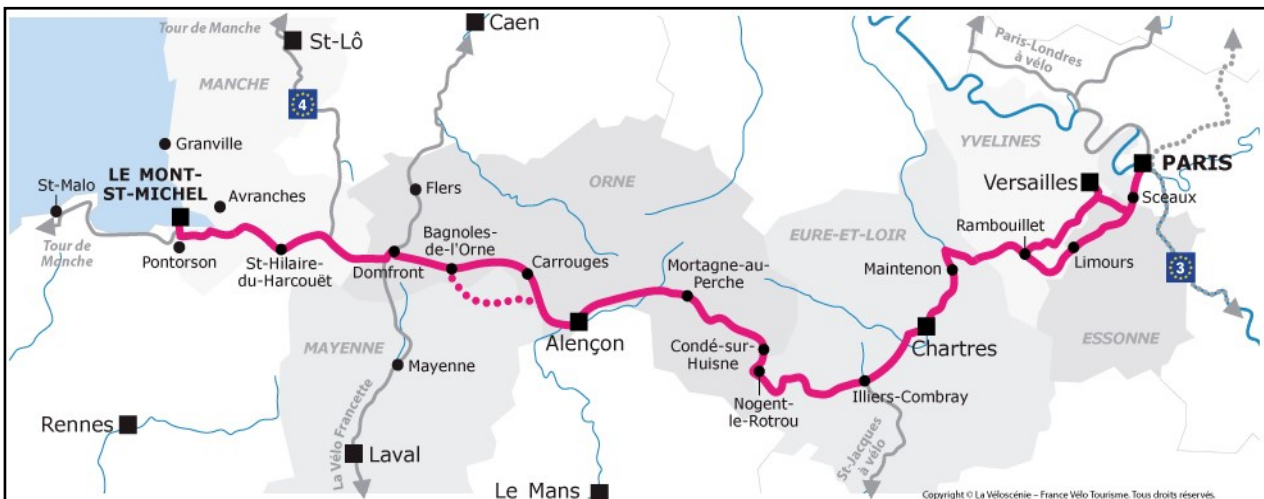
A key aim of twinning is to develop opportunities for establishing relationships between young people in Ludlow and La Ferté Macé. This is especially important where sustainable activities in industry, agriculture or crafts are involved. This year, twenty-year-old Twinning member and business student Victoire Ernault, whose home is a farm at Couterne near La Ferté Macé, stayed on after the April/May visit for work experience at the Renaissance Centre and Rockspring in Ludlow and CASCA in Craven Arms.



La Véloscenié

La Véloscenié is a long distance 280 miles cycleway from Paris to Le Mont St Michel which passes by La Ferté Macé, Bagnoles de L'Orne and Domfront . It is generally flat and friendly with just a series of gentle inclines between Alençon and Carrouges. There is plenty to see and do on the route: Orchards near Domfront, the Musée de Poire where you will find such delights as perry cider and Calvados.

Maybe you can persuade your hosts to try out the route (well, just a bit of it) when you join us on our visit to La Ferté Macé next Spring.



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Twinning and Brexit

Will Brexit be a nail in the coffin of UK/EU town twinning?

We certainly hope not, and do not think it will. However, even before Brexit, it was noticeable that lots of people in Ludlow did not know that Ludlow had a very active French Twinning Association, for whatever reason. We seek media coverage but also believe that there is no better way of making this known than by word-of-mouth, and members like ourselves telling others what a great time we've been having with twinning.

It's particularly important that young families understand what twinning is about—and the best way of doing that is to tell them. Getting young families to join will ensure the future of twinning. And do not forget that children travel free. Hosting guests or visiting overseas twinning friends are unforgettable experiences that you cannot obtain in any other way. Perhaps the message to put out about twinning is: *you can't explain it until you have experienced it.* So please put out that message at every opportunity.

Sylvia Duffy
(Chair)