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Bonjour!

That's the name of a new book about twinning which is now available. It's all about our twinning with La Ferté-Macé over the years and above all, about the people who have made twinning possible and those who have enjoyed its unique experience. Best of all, it comes from the very mouths of the many people who have been so involved over the last thirty years and more. And that's mainly **YOU!**



Bonjour explores the factors needed for successful twinning, and describes the enthusiasm, organisation and participation that goes into so many activities, especially Ludlow's food and drink, sporting musical and other cultural events. It is a **MUST** read! You will find more about it on page two.

A bit more about *Bonjour*



The 168-page paperback book has 130 illustrations which explains so graphically why Normandy was chosen as a partner and why twinning is so important today. It looks at key factors in getting there and back, hosting and accommodating, financing and other matters that make for successful twinning. Reminiscences are plentiful from the many Ludlovian members and others who have engaged in twinning, both here and in France, whether in sports, education, music or food, from 1985 till the present

day. This is supported by means of a comprehensive year by year memory-jogging account of so many momentous events.

A historic reference section lists the key players from both Ludlow and La Ferté Macé whose involvement in twinning in so many ways has made it so successful. The work also looks at how twinning and local government work together in a different ways in the two countries.

Other twinning groups ,too, will find much useful advice

and information in the book. Above all, the book shows so clearly that twinning is healthy and alive and kicking in the modern age, especially in Wales and the Marches.

Copies of *Bonjour* are obtainable from:

Castle Bookshop,
5 Castle Street
Ludlow SY8 1AS
Tel: 01584 872562
Price £16

Or online at:

www.britonferrybooks.uk
Price £16 plus postage



The sculpture of thoroughbred horses, which was presented to us by La Ferté in 1988 .



Tombola stall 2022

Thanks to members donations, good weather and attendances at Ludlow's September Food Festival, our tombola venture was again rewarding for all concerned. We are most grateful to those members who contributed prizes. And to the committee members on the stall– Grace Wilkins, Garry Oram and Ann and Andy Mulford. The pictures show you how much interest the prizes on our stall at the Bull Ring generated for a wide array of visitors.

France 2023-provisional

The committee have considered several options for the dates of the 2023 visit to France. The advantages and disadvantages of factors such as travel times, length of stay, school and bank holidays in Britain and France, crossing and cabin availability were considered before deciding on the best overall travel option. This is outlined in the box on the right.

The visit will be in late May and we travel with DFDS Ferries to and from Newhaven and Dieppe.

Outwards

Leave Ludlow 2am on Saturday 27 May

11.00 Depart Newhaven

16.00 Arrive

Arrive La Ferté Macé

Return

Leave La Ferté Macé on Tuesday 30 May

Depart Dieppe

Arrive Newhaven

Arrive Ludlow

Further details will be emailed to you



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ject matter that appears in newsletters is virtually endless. You can include stories that focus on current technologies or innovations in your field.

You may also want to note business or economic trends,

“To catch the reader’s attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here.”

Films 2022

The film programme for the remainder of 2022 will be:

November 2
L’Appartement

December 7
La chignon d’Olga



Films 2023

For 2023 we shall be asking members and friends to select their preferred films from those in our film library that have not yet been shown. Your voting form which will include a film list from which you can choose your preferences, will be sent to you by e mail.

A goodwill visit to Narberth



Over thirty Ludlow twinning members and guests made the Autumn trip to Narberth. Here they are saying 'goodbye and thank you' by displaying the Welsh flag before leaving town.



The delightful café in the Malthouse (Left) and a floor in the main Antiques Centre (Right)

Narberth-‘The loveliest town in Wales?’

Narberth's population is just 2150 and a third of its inhabitants speak Welsh. The settlement was founded around a Welsh Court which became a Norman stronghold on the Landsker line from the 13th century when the castle was built. The Normans settled south of the line and the area became English speaking, whereas to the north the use of Welsh predominated. One could say Narberth's first connection with Ludlow really occurred then.

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Narberth Castle 's outline remains on a prominent spot but no upper storeys remain.

In 2005, the castle and its grounds were taken over by the council. To commemorate this the official twinning documents were signed by the Mayors of Ludlow and Narberth.

A special production of the Mabinogion was performed to commemorate these significant events.

(The Mabinogion were the earliest British prose stories compiled in the 12th and 13th centuries)



Until recent times, Narberth's Book shop and Museum was a bonded store for many, many years belonging to wine merchant and brewer James Williams. The business was taken over in 2002 by the Cardiff Brewer, Brains who closed the warehouse, enabling local volunteers to create a museum. Today it contains objects from the bonded store, along with a model railway, an exhibition of significant Pembrokeshire women and much else of interest about the Pembrokeshire area.



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Annual dinner 2022

Our annual dinner normally takes place in the following January. This year's is no exception. Once the date and venue is set members will be invited.



Bill's Kitchen was the venue for our 2021 Annual dinner