



# Ludlow French Twinning

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## An important message about our May visit

Our coach will leave Ludlow at 2pm on the afternoon of Friday 26th May to catch the 23.00 DFDS ferries' sailing to Dieppe. The five-hour crossing will be shorter than the Brittany Ferries from Portsmouth to Caen and there will be reclining seats for all. We expect to be in Dieppe at 0600. We leave Dieppe to take breakfast and enjoy a day in Rouen, just 53 km further along the route to La Ferté Macé. Our hosts will be expecting us there around 5pm on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May. On return we will leave La Ferté Macé to take the 12.00 lunchtime sailing from Dieppe on Tuesday 30th May.

### Outwards

#### Friday 25 May

Leave Ludlow 14.00 (awaiting confirmation)

23.00 Depart Newhaven

#### Saturday 26 May

06.00 Arrive Dieppe

17.00 La Ferté Macé

### Return

#### Tuesday 30 May

Leave La Ferté Macé at 08.00

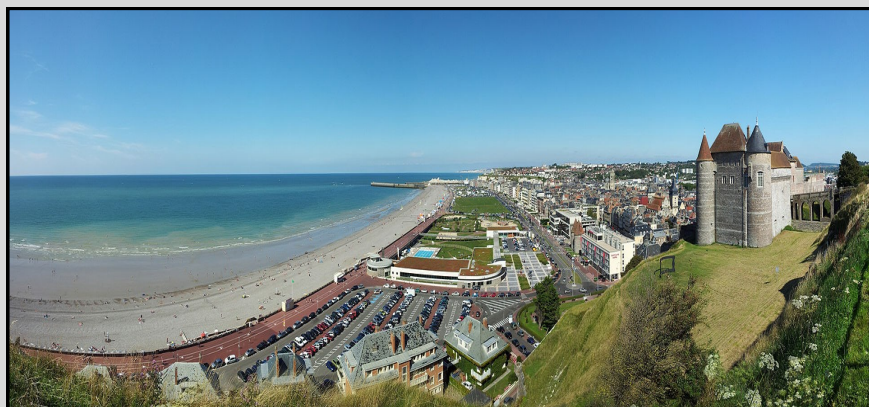
Depart Dieppe 12.00 lunchtime

Arrive Newhaven 18.00 (estimated)

Arrive Ludlow 23.00 (estimated)

These are just the travel arrangements. We also have two full days to enjoy in and around La Ferté Macé, including an optional welcome dinner and a mystery trip to somewhere interesting.

Details on this will follow



Cost is £150 per adult but, as always, children (up to 18) go free.

## 2023 French film programme

**The 2023 film programme is up and running.**

|           |                                    |
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| March     | Rust and Bone                      |
| April     | <b>Beloved</b> (Following our AGM) |
| May       | La séparation                      |
| June      | The vanishing fiancée              |
| July      | Paris 13                           |
| August    | Petite Maman                       |
| September | An impossible love                 |
| October   | Rififi                             |
| November  | Le mouton a 5 pattes               |
| December  | Tell no one                        |

**All films are shown with English subtitles**

### AGM and film April 5

This year's AGM will be a little later than usual and will be unusual in that it will take place before our April film at the Blue Boar Sitting Room.

For your diaries, then:

7pm-7.30 **AGM**

7.30 **Beloved.**

*Les Bien-aimés (Beloved)* is a 2011 French romantic drama set in the 1960s through to the 2000s in Paris, Reims, Montreal, Prague and London. **Why not come to both AGM and film?**



### Members New Year Dinner 2023

This year's Annual Dinner took place for the first time in many years at the Feathers Hotel on 26 January. The meal had a nostalgic aura because it was here, some thirty-five years ago, that the decision was made by the people of Ludlow to formally link up with our friends in La Ferté-Macé. Members and friends enjoyed both the meal, its setting and the historical connections, as they once again enjoyed their three course meal and conversations in the cosy James II room. There is now another twinning connection because Shifnal twidders also have their eyes on a meal in the *Feathers* (see page 3).

## About ...Stratford and Twelfth night

### Saturday March 4th:

We have a coach trip to Stratford for members and friends. The Coach leaves Smithfield car park at 08.30. For those of you who would like to book yourselves into *Twelfth Night*, there is ample time to attend the matinee which starts at 14.00. Those not wishing to attend the play can take this opportunity to enjoy Stratford's many other attractions.

The coach returns at 17.00. If you wish to book a place you have until **January 31st** to do so.



Guess who?

Cost for the coach for adults is **£20**. Payment can be made by cheque to Ludlow French twinning

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### A town synonymous with William Shakespeare.

No visit to Stratford would be complete without finding out more about the English poet and playwright who makes it famous. A visit to Shakespeare's birthplace allows you to discover more about his early years. Other must-see Shakespeare locations include Hall's Croft (home to Anne Hathaway's cottage (a romantic setting) and Mary Arden's Farm (the childhood home of Shakespeare's mother).

Among the many other attractions in and around Stratford is Shakespeare's schoolroom where visitors can join a Tudor lesson.

And then, of course, there is *Twelfth Night* at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre on the Waterside



Anne Hathaway's cottage

### Shifnal interest

Collaboration with other twinning groups is not a new phenomenon. For example, Ludlow and Tenbury Wells have done so on both social events and visits.

Shifnal, who are twinned with Machecoul-Sainte Mème in the Loire Atlantique have approached us with a request for a Town Tour for their visitors on 27 April. After an English breakfast they are due to visit the *Feathers* for lunch farmers' market. as part of a town tour

Not only has official town tour guide Phil Horsfall stepped in to oblige, he intends to do the tour in French!



At the start of their 2022 town tour, Twinning

Secretary Phil Horsfall explains to a group of La Ferté twinningers what interesting features they will

see during their visit to Ludlow (L)

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People of all ages, from the Ludlow area, are welcome to join the Association to come on our visits and join in our events. The picture above shows our group assembling in preparation for a visit to Fougères chateau during our last trip to France in 2019

## La Ferté-Macé/ Ludlow Twinning Committee

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