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2018 visit

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*Bienvenue*      *Welcome*

*a nos amis*      *to our friends*

*de*      *from*

*la Ferté Macé*



Ludlow's twin town in Normandy

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Steam train passing Ludlow Brewery

## Reception at Ludlow Brewery, Saturday 28 April

We expect the French coach to arrive just after 17.00. Around 17.15 there will be an opportunity for photos to be taken when both Mayors join with twinning committee members for a photograph beneath the Twinning banner outside the Brewery. Don't be shy in asking for a selfie with them before everyone goes inside for the welcome drink. Parking will be available next to the brewery. Proceedings will end in time to enable those wishing to attend the Choral event to do so.



**Ludlow  
Orchestra  
And Ludlow  
Choral Society**

## Beethoven Symphony 28 April

Hosts have the option to take their guests to St Laurence's Church for an evening of Beethoven's Choral Symphony, with Ludlow Orchestra and Ludlow Choral Society. It's £15 a head but under 16's get free entry. Tickets are obtainable at the Assembly Rooms, the Wool Shop and on the door.



**The Knife Angel  
at Oswestry  
Sculpture Park**

## British Ironworks Centre and Sculpture Park Oswestry Sunday 29 April

The coach for Oswestry leaves Smithfield car park at 10.00. We expect to arrive at 11.15 to 11.30. Entry is free but there is a bilingual guided tour of the workshops. Some hosts may wish to take guests by car. Hosts should note that picnics are NOT permitted, but there is a café on site. Leave for Ludlow no later than 3.30, because the meal at Brimfield Club is 18.30pm for 19.00! Now read opposite!



### Return from Oswestry on Sunday 29 April

We leave Oswestry for Wales, passing through Llanymynech, Welshpool, Montgomery, Churchstoke and Craven Arms to return to Smithfield car park in Ludlow.

Whether we stop at Montgomery will depend on progress made. Visitors who wish to see the castle in Montgomery, and the views therefrom, will have to ascend on foot or by car because the bus is too big to turn at the top. The village of Montgomery (pictured right) is neverthe-

less a very pretty attraction which requires no climbing to see it. A commentary to highlight the many points of interest will be made on the bus in both French and English. Our driver will soon find out why it says ARAF on the roads of wild and woolly Wales. Whatever happens, it should be a great experience for everyone!



Montgomery has Norman connections

### Dinner at Little Hereford, near Brimfield, Sunday 29 April

The sports club is off **Haynall Lane, New Hereford, Ludlow, SY8 4BG.**

Travelling from Ludlow;  
A49 south to Wooferton  
Left onto A 456  
After 1 mile sharp right  
Take Haynall Lane (on left)  
After 150 m sharp left into car park. Lots of room.



**You need to be at Brimfield at 18.30 for 19.00**

### Hosts' choice: Stiperstones and Presteigne Monday 30 April

The **Bog Visitor Centre** in the shadow of the Stiperstones in Shropshire, is a gas-lit Victorian former school which is one of the few remaining buildings of a lost lead and barytes mining village.

The Bog mine once had 200 buildings and featured an amazing aerial ropeway. It is set in a legendary geological landscape and noted in folklore for the exploits of Wild Edric. The centre is staffed by local helpers who receive over 20,000 visitors each year. With ample car parking it is

the ideal starting point for many walks around the Stiperstones National Nature Reserve, and is noted for its warm welcome and local home-baked refreshments. If your guests are of the active variety, maybe you might wish to give the area a try!

An alternative visit could be to the **Judges' Lodgings at Presteigne**, specially opened for us, to see Welsh law at work. The 1.5 hour visit is in French or English and costs £7.50 a person.



A Stiperstones scene

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### French visit 28 April-1 May 2018

Confirmed arrangements are: This is an outline of key arrangements for the visit:

Saturday 28 April	17.00 onwards Mayor's reception at Brewery
	19.30 Optional Concert at St Laurence <i>Beethoven's Ninth</i>
Sunday 29 April	10.00 Bus leaves Smithfield for Ironworks Museum and Sculpture Park
	18.30 for 1900 Dinner at Brimfield Monday
Monday 30 April	Host families to entertain guests.
	14.30-16.00 <b>Visit to Judges' Lodges at Presteigne available.</b>
	Consider <b>Bog Visitor Centre</b> Stiper- stones
	Consider Hereford
Tuesday 1 May	08.30 French bus departs Smithfield