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Wishing all members and friends the very best for Christmas and 2020



Ludlow Twinning News



NOVEMBER EXCHANGES

Pictured outside Ludlow Castle are the exchange students from La Ferté Macé Lycée who came to Ludlow for a week on Monday 7th October. Their Ludlow College counterparts, also in the picture with their teachers, paid a return visit to La Ferté Macé for a week at the beginning of November. Included in the group are:

Sylvia Duffy, Twinning Chairperson (Far left) and Alice Fishleigh, Lecturer in French, (Second from right in orange dress).

Last year's group, who visited La Ferté Macé last autumn, all achieved grade A at their 'A' level exams! This year's visit included a town tour under the leadership of official town guide, Roger Furniss.

2020 AGM

This newsletter is the official notice to let members know that the AGM will take place at St Peter's Hall, Ludlow, on **Wednesday 25 March at 7.30 pm**. Members and friends may attend either the AGM or *Wine My Bluff*, or both. (More details of *Wine My Bluff* on page three). The committee shall be elected at the meeting, including a chairman, secretary, treasurer and other officers. The committee's roles are outlined on page four. We welcome new committee workers, whether elected or co-opted. Our Constitution says that the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer may serve for a maximum of three years subject to annual re-election at the annual general meeting at the end of which time they may stand for a further year if re-elected. Thereafter they must stand down for a period of two years before seeking re-election.

Race night at Knowbury



Early stages, but this race was grabbed everyone's attention...from start to finish

Knowbury Village Hall was packed on Saturday November 23rd when members and friends came together for Ludlow French Twinning's first-ever race night. Racegoers brought their own food and drink in hampers, picnic-fashion. They brought plenty of small change to place bets (typically 50p)

per person.

Every one of the eight races, a selection of flat and hurdles, was met with great enthusiasm. The evening climaxed appropriately with *The French Connection Classic*. Not every one of the sixty-four horses that started was a winner, or even completed the course, but the uncertainty, between success and also-ran, made the night so much fun for all involved.

All money raised will be spent where entrance fees to local attractions are required for French visitors on the May 2020 visit.



And here's the finish. OMG it's my horse, Olli. I can't believe it. Our table is going to win. We are going to win!

(Thanks to Olli Prowse for the pics on this page.)

Film Nights 2020



We shall continue the film programme into 2020, showing a French film with English sub-titles every month. The season starts on Wednesday 8th January with *La Vie en Rose*. Films are presented on the **first Wednesday** of each month, except for January. The dates opposite are confirmed, but the titles shown may be adjusted for various reasons. Members and friends will receive e mails each month in advance of showings to confirm the title for that month.

January 8	<i>La Vie en Rose.</i>
February 5	Molière
March 4	La Gloire de mon père
April 1	Au revoir les enfants
May 6	Les Parapluies de Cherbourg
June 3	Un long Dimanche de fiançailles
July 1	
August 5	
September 2	
October 7	
November 4 and December 2	



The Discovery Centre and viewing gallery from the air



Annual Dinner January 2020

Our annual dinner will be held on Saturday 25 January at the Secret Hills Discovery Centre, Craven Arms. It will be a three course dinner with tea or coffee and wine. There will be three choices for each course, to be ordered in advance. Special dietary needs can be catered for. Further drinks will be available from the bar. Pauline Oram will be contacting members and friends with the full menu and joining details. Cost is £20 a head. Timing is 6.30 for 7 pm (to be confirmed).

AGM and Wine-my-bluff-25 March

Wine my bluff

This event will follow the AGM. An entry fee of £5 will be charged to cover drinks. It is based on **Call My Bluff**, the long-running British game show between teams of celebrity contestants. The point of the **Wine my Bluff** game is for the teams to determine the correct identity of each wine tasted from the descriptions provided by our host, Philip Horsfall. All the descriptions will be plausible...but will they fool your team?



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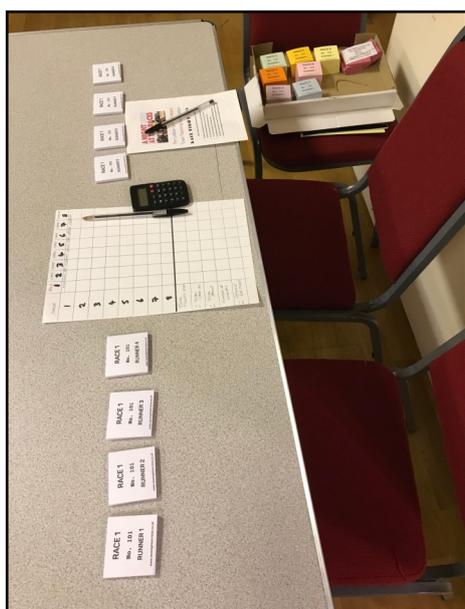
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Boultons of Shropshire, *Coaches that take us to France on the twinning*

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Empty chairs for now, but soon our delightful bookies, Jayne and Grace, will be sitting there to take your bets. And for some, to pay out your winnings



No detail escaped Lily's lens on Race Night! Here she closes in on the Race Card.
(Pics on this page are thanks to Lilly Wang)



Empty chairs for now, but once our punters have placed their bets they will sit down and tuck-in whilst watching the next race.

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From the Chair

Our twinning arrangements with La Ferté Macé and the organising of a social programme for members and friends requires constant activity by the committee over a two-year cycle. There is nothing new about this: it has been the case for over thirty years. But that does not tell the whole story. It does not do so because, over this time, the Twinning Association has, inevitably, experienced a turnover of membership and organising committee. Many have contributed their time, imagination and expertise to the Twinning cause on both sides of La Manche, whether as hosts, serving on the committee, or supporting at social events.

As we look forward to organising and receiving another party in May, it is worth reflecting on the pluses and minuses of 2019. The pluses have been mainly on our social events—the new venue for the annual dinner at the Discovery Centre in Craven Arms, the summer games at Ashford Carbonel, the film nights, and the most successful race night. The other pluses have undoubtedly been the visit to France in May by the main Twinning group and the wonderful link with Ludlow College and their enthusiastic teacher, Alice Fishleigh. Unfortunately we still have work to do to get a regular link with Ludlow School.

Membership and Accommodation Secretary Pauline Oram's voluntary teaching work in French at Orleton Primary School has, not surprisingly, attracted some new families to Twinning.

All these initiatives will stand us in good stead as we move into 2020,

Ludlow U3A

There are several language groups in Ludlow U3A, of both ancient and modern varieties. French, with six conversation or reading groups already established, is the most popular modern foreign language amongst these. We hope to continue to recruit further twinning members from the friends we have in this successful, expanding U3A source.