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Brimfield dinner is another success

Brimfield Sports Club at Little Hereford was again our venue on Saturday January 14th. This time it was not to welcome our French guests but to hold our own annual dinner. The highly successful evening of food, drink and conversation saw all the tables being taken.

It was the first time we have held the Annual Dinner there and both the venue and the catering arrangements by Tony Price and the Roebuck Inn, Brimfield, attracted favourable comments.



Extra day

The visit in 2017 is the 30th anniversary of the twinning with La Ferté-Macé and we are having a day more than usual for the celebration. The dates for the visit are 24st to 29th May 2017. **There are a few seats left on the coach for members or friends.** Please contact Dave Mulliner if interested on 01584 873293.

La dentelle d'Alençon

Au XVe siècle la dentelle de Venise rallie tous les suffrages de la noblesse. Pourtant, vers 1660. Marthe La Perrière invente le point d'Alençon qui obtient de Colbert un privilège de manufacture royale, afin de concurrencer les produits importés à coût élevé de la Sérénissime. Le « point d'Alençon » est une dentelle à l'aiguille caractérisée par un réseau de mailles bouclées, des points de fantaisie appelée « modes » et des « brodes » recouvertes de points de boutonnière serrés. Le réseau de mailles bouclées est mis au point vers 1690, mais n'est appelé « point d'Alençon » que vers 1720. À partir du 1855 apparaissent les motifs ombrés, qui donnent un effet de clair-obscur. Afin de conserver le secret du précieux point d'Alençon, chaque dentellerie ne connaît et ne réalise qu'une étape du processus.

À partir du XVIIIe siècle, la dentelle d'Alençon est considérée comme la plus prestigieuse et la plus couteuse des dentelles. A l'Exposition universelle londonienne de 1851, la dentelle d'Alençon est sacrée « reine de la dentelle ». Elle disparaît pourtant au début du XXe siècle, avec l'apparition de la dentelle mécanique.



EXTRA! Visit arrangements for 24st to 29th May 2017.

Outward: We leave Ludlow on the late afternoon of Wednesday 24th May to catch the Portsmouth/Caen ferry for the overnight crossing sailing at 22.00 hours and arriving in France at 6.45 hours. There will be time for breakfast and some sightseeing in Caen before we visit Alencon before making our onward journey to La Ferté M.acé

Return: Depart from LFM at 14.30 hours for Caen to catch afternoon /evening ferry departing at 16.30 hours and arriving Portsmouth at 21.15 hours for onward journey to Ludlow.

A full itinerary will be sent out at the beginning of May.

Cabins/Berths: We have reserved 15 x 2 berth cabins and 5 x 4 berth cabins. The price of £24 per berth relies on 2 persons sharing the 2 berth cabins and 4 persons sharing the 4 berth cabins. All subject to availability.

Cost: The basic cost per person of the visit is £98.00 with a reclining seat for the night crossing. The cost, per person, with a cabin berth is £112.00. The final cost may vary slightly and will be adjusted on the request for final payment at the end of April.

Travel Insurance: All members are strongly advised to have travel insurance for the visit.

Passports: Check now that your passports are in order and up to date.

Official dinner/social/soiree.

It is usual during the visit that arrangements are made for an official dinner/social/soiree. (*Adults 28 euro, children 15 years and under 14 euro*). It is not compulsory to attend the function.

You must liaise with your host family!

ANY QUESTIONS: Contact Dave Mulliner on

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Choral event

Members are reminded that a group of members will be singing at a venue in La Ferté Macé during the visit. The group are already preparing for the visit and, if you are interested in joining them, please contact Pauline Oram on 01584 875523.

You do not need to have any previous experience in a choir to join the group. Just come along and enjoy it !



30 years in photos: our display

To commemorate 30 years of twinning when we get to La Ferte Mace we shall be mounting a display of photographs and documents to show the people and places that have featured over this period. No matter how long you have been 'a twinner', you will, no doubt have some favourite pictures that you would like to share with everyone.

presentation to any committee member. This can either be as a hard copy or electronically

Please send any photos you would like to feature in our



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**One that went wrong in our 30 years. It's
Narberth!**



John Holliday (left)

**Life President and a founder
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