

LUDLOW
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TWINNING'S
30TH
YEAR

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Ludlow Twinning News

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Thirty years ago-1

As we were the instigators, LFM suggested Ludlow should go to France first, which we did in October that year. It was a resounding success, and I will never forget on the return bus journey, immediately we were out of site of our new friends in the Place de l'Eglise, the conversation and the noise level seemed to suddenly explode and gave a unique atmosphere as words were tumbling out of everyone all at once, desperate to tell what an amazing experience they had had. French first names of new friends were proudly banded about left right and centre, everyone was on a high, just like the excitement of children.

John Holliday



Do not forget yours!

Chair's message

Please read the revised visit schedule on page two very carefully because there have had to be several minor, and one big, change. The big change is that the visit to Mont St Michel cannot take place as we had planned because of a previously scheduled event. For those of you who have not seen this part of France previously, you will no doubt see plenty of Basse Normandie through our visits to Caen, Orbec, Alencon and wherever your hosts might decide take you on a Sunday mystery trip. And, please make sure your hosts get you to La Salle Gerard Philippe in the town centre to see the pictorial displays of thirty years of twinning and the wonderful events that have taken place on both sides of the channel during that time.

Sylvia Duffy

Language Cafe

There will be two language Cafés before our visit to France. The first is tomorrow,

Monday 24 April

The second will be

Monday 15 May

Each is from 5pm – 7 pm at the Charlton Arms.

It's an interesting ways of keeping up your French and making your twinning visit more fun. This is just informal social chat and people stay as long as they want. And do not forget there is a new mixed ability U3A French group which concentrates on improving speaking skills.

For either of these please contact Sylvia Duffy (sylvia Duffy@uwclub.net)

Revised visit arrangements for 24st to 30th May 2017.**Outward: Wednesday 24th May**

16.00 (4pm) Leave Ludlow Leisure Centre
22.00 (10pm) Sail from Portsmouth

Thursday 25th May

06.45 Arrive at Ouistreham
08.00 approx. Arrive at Caen for breakfast and sightseeing
12.00 approx. Arrive at Alencon for lunch and visit
17.00 (5pm) Arrive at La Ferté Macé
17.30-18.00 Reception at La Ferté Macé Mairie (town hall)

Friday 26th May

09.30 Depart for visit to Orbec and Fromagerie
18.30 Arrive at La Ferté Macé

Saturday 27th May

Daytime Display: 'Thirty years of twinning'-at Salle Gerard Philippe
Evening Dinner at Domfront
Our choir will sing six songs before dinner

Sunday 28th May

Day with host families

Return: Monday 29th May

09.00 Depart La Ferté Macé for Ouistreham. Lunch stop en route
14.30 Arrive Ouistreham
16.30 Depart Ouistreham
21.15 Arrive Portsmouth

Tuesday 30th May

01.15 Arrive Ludlow

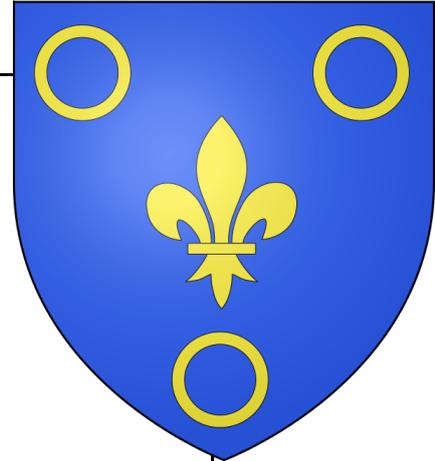


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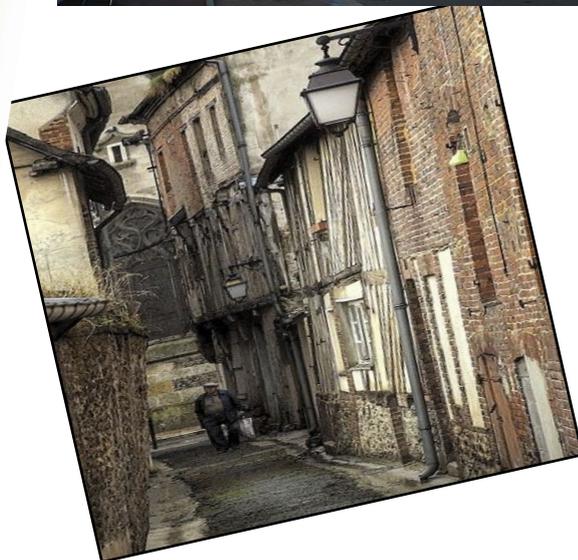
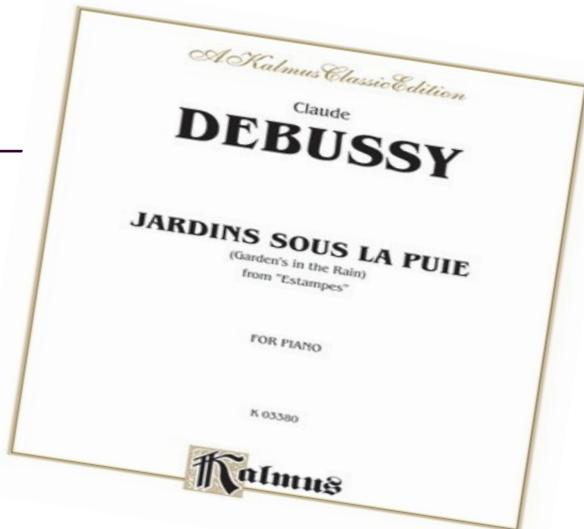
Orbec

Orbec is a small town near Lisieux in the Calvados department of Normandy and is twinned with Kingsteinton, between Exeter and Torbay, in Devon. The town is best known for Lanquetot's, the camembert cheese producer, its wooden architecture and for its church, Notre Dame d'Orbec, near to which Debussy

composed his work 'Jardin sous la pluie'. We shall keep our fingers crossed that Friday 26th May will be 'pluie-free' at Orbec, but no matter, we still have a cheese tasting to savour



Orbec's coat of arms



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Membership

There are still some membership subscriptions outstanding for 2017. The committee intend to revise the Association's membership list which means terminating the membership of any member whose subscriptions are still outstanding at the end of April 2017.

Please note that Pauline Oram is now Membership Secretary whose contact details are given above. However if you still wish to pay your membership fees to Dave Mulliner, he will be pleased to receive them on Pauline's behalf.

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Thirty years ago-2

I hadn't realised some of you didn't know we exchanged twice a year for the first few years. Sue Dash and I made the initial contact with LFM in 1985 it must have been, when we visited one very wet February week-end. LFM then visited Ludlow, the following May Bank Holiday which included David Lloyd giving his historical tour. For balance, we also showed him the Sandpits Avenue and the factory areas, which was basically restricted to McConnells plus a few smaller places in Weeping Cross Lane/Temeside area, and The Trouser factory in Old Street. The Sheet Road Industrial Estate was just being opened up then.

John Holliday

When things go wrong-**EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

Such things rarely happen, but sometimes they do. Maybe you have forgotten where the bus is going to pick you up. Or it may be that you have lost your passport, or that you have been taken ill.

If so these are the numbers you can contact when we are in France

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