



Ludlow Twinning News



Solidarity with France.
But where is this?

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Fougères castle - known throughout France

France 2019:final arrangements

Wednesday 29 May until Monday 3 June.

The details of this year's visit to France have changed from those listed in the January newsletter. That's because our proposed arrangements must fit in with those made by La Ferté Macé's twinning committee and the events taking place to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings. Here is an outline of the day-by-day arrangements in a nutshell. We will e-mail you with the details shortly.

Wednesday 29 May Leave Ludlow at 3.00 pm
Thursday 30 May Arrive Ouistreham 6.45. Arromanches. On-coach commentary about landing beaches. Then Bayeux, and Suisse Normande. Reception at a Cider Farm near La Ferté Macé at 4.30pm
Friday 31 May Group visit to Fougères
Saturday 1 June Optional town tour am. Evening social at Lougé-sur-Maire
Sunday 2 June Day with host family
Monday 3rd June Leave La Ferté Macé at 9am for Pegasus Bridge. Lunch at Caen. Leave for Ouistreham at 13.30.



The imposing castle at Fougères

Film season continues



Coco before Chanel

Wednesday
June 15th
at 7.30

Beginners

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Our programme of English-subtitled French films at the Blue Boar, Mill Street, goes from strength to strength and continues on June 5 with

Coco before Chanel

Future showings will be:

- La Règle du jeu (July 3rd)
- Joyeux Noël (December 4th)

We are most appreciative of those who have loaned copies for screening and those who have suggested titles. As a result of demand we shall continue the programme throughout 2019.

We will let you know very soon about the remainder of the 2019 programme. To whet your appetite, here are some of the titles that we expect to be included:

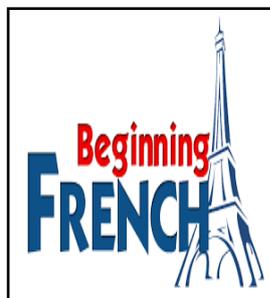
- ◇ Fils de l'Épicier
- ◇ Un long dimanche de fiançailles
- ◇ La vie en rose
- ◇ Le Havre
- ◇ Persopolis

- ◇ Ce qui nous lie (Back to Burgundy)
- ◇ L'école buissonnière
- ◇ Asterix et Obélix contre César
- ◇ The triplets of Belleville
- ◇ Au revoir les enfants
- ◇ Un homme condamné à mort est échappé

Beginners French – a new group-and the Language Café

A new **U3A** French Beginners' Group is being set up and will meet for the first time in early May. The group is for those who are absolute beginners or for those who still have a smattering of the language from long ago. We will start at the beginning with pronunciation, numbers, simple useful words and phrases and move on to some essential basic grammar. It is aimed at those of us who want to be able to make ourselves understood, and to understand, in every-

day situations when visiting France. Anyone interested in joining us for the first meeting on Monday 6 May between 2 and 4 pm.



The Language Café

And if you are not a beginner, you may wish to drop in for a friendly soirée of French conversation at the **Ludlow Language Café**. It's held on the third Monday of the month at the Charlton Arms. You can come in at any time between 5 and 7pm to enjoy a drink and a chat with friends. Just make sure you choose to sit at a French-language table.



The fire

Ludlow and La Ferté Macé Twinning have stood side-by-side over the terrorist attacks of recent years whichever side of the Channel they occurred. This time we stood together again over the fire at Notre Dame. Here is La Ferté Macé's Comité de Jumelage's response to our Chair's letter of condolence after the blaze at the 850-year-old church on 15 April:

Merci beaucoup pour votre chaleureux message que j'ai bien sûr transmis au bureau du Comité de Jumelage.

C'était une terrible soirée que nous avons passée devant notre télé à espérer que le désastre n'ait pas lieu ; par le dévouement des pompiers il n'a pas eu lieu : le bâtiment, un chef-d'œuvre gothique de légèreté et d'équilibre fragile, a résisté aux flammes !

Le désastre a été évité : Notre-Dame conserve le même aspect extérieur et plusieurs trésors ont été sauvés (les grandes rosaces du transept, les grandes orgues et des trésors religieux).

Votre soutien et toutes les réactions exprimées en Europe et dans le monde sont un chaleureux réconfort pour surmonter cette tragédie.

Maintenant, place à la restauration ! Dix à quinze années de travaux ... ce sera bien long avant de revoir Notre-Dame ...

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From the 2019 AGM

Chairperson Sylvia Duffy thanked members for their support for the Association during the year, mentioning committee member Pauline Oram for her sterling work on recruitment of several new members. Garry Oram's work does not stop with his Treasurer role: he does considerable work on coach and ferry bookings and his seemingly limitless competence extends to staging the film programme. Pamela Thompson has been assiduous as accommodations officer, liaising with her French counterpart to ensure that visitors and hosts were well-matched. Ros Roberts was a valued presence on the committee, with her drive and enthusiasm. Shirley Davies as web site organizer, and Philip Adams as Newsletter author, were key to publicizing twinning. Events.

Sylvia welcomed Philip Horsfall's formal election to the Committee, indicating that his background will be a great asset to French Twinning.

The film nights at The Blue Boar are proving to be a welcome innovation, providing a fund-raising opportunity and another occasion for people to meet. The funds raised helped towards subsidizing youth travel to France on the exchange. Take-up of places from school pupils for the exchange had declined somewhat and Sylvia speculated on probable causes. These included GCSE's occurring at about the same time as the visit; the decline of modern languages in the curriculum and the uncertainty surrounding Brexit. Nevertheless several school pupils, including the children of new members will be travelling to France.

Although no longer formal committee members, Dave Mulliner and Sheila French continue in advisory roles, Dave having in the past held every post. Sheila's years as Accommodations Officer continues to be of value in helping to build up French/English partnerships.

Social events

The film programme has been a big success, but what other types of social events would you like to see? Race evenings, Beetle drives, Board games' nights, Wine-my-bluff, Antiques roadshow? Please let us know what you think we could do.

Just tell any committee member.