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Ludlow Twinning News

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This is a key fund-raising event with eight races on a big screen. It will enable us to reciprocate the hospitality shown to us by our friends from La Ferté Macé. All money raised will be spent on entrance fees to local attractions for French Twinning visitors. Please note that the race evening is **not** restricted to members of Ludlow French Twinning. New families and individuals are most welcome to join us. To make it a success we would like as many people as possible to attend. If you have not attended a race night before, I can assure you of a most enjoyable and exciting evening which will definitely NOT cost you the earth.

Finally, on behalf of the Twinning Committee, I should like to thank all eight race sponsors and for the support of all those attending and those owners, unable to attend, who purchased the sixty-four horses to start. Fuller details can be found on page three.

Phil Horsfall, Clerk of the Course

RACE NIGHT 2019

Knowbury Village Hall
Saturday November 23rd at 7 for 7.30 prompt

Twinning dull and boring?

Yes, sometimes it is, judging by the experiences of a Scottish town.

Dull, the Scottish town in Perth and Kinross was not satisfied with being twinned with Boring (Oregon) so it joined up with Bland of Australia. If saying that twinning is dull and boring is the wrong message, who can argue that 'Drive Safely' is not the right message?



Should we be worried about Kevin? Or, Gabriel and Emma?



Goodbye Craig and Shannon?

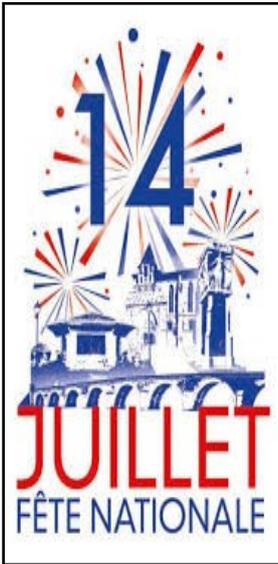
A recent census of babies' first names in England and Wales revealed huge changes in their popularity between 1996 and 2017. *Craig* and *Shannon*, the most popular boy and girl's name in 1996, had virtually disappeared twenty years later. For example, over 4000 Shannons had dropped to just 40!

In France the choice of given names was restricted by law at the end of the 18th century. Officially, only names figuring on a calendar, or names of illustrious Frenchmen/women of the past, could be accepted. Yet, in 1991, 14,087 baby *Kevins* came into the world in France.

In 1966, a new law had permitted a limited number of other names, such as regional or foreign names and alternative spellings, but only in 1993 were French parents given the freedom to name their child without any constraint. The exception was where the birth registrar thinks that the chosen names may be detrimental to the child's interests, or to the rights of other families. In such cases the registrar may then refer the matter to the local prosecutor. The court may then refuse the chosen names, particularly names that may expose the child to mockery.

By 2018 there weren't many new Kevins: the most popular French baby names were Gabriel and Emma.

Le 14 juillet ne commémore pas la prise de la Bastille



La fête nationale française a lieu le 14 juillet, vous le savez probablement. Certes, la prise de la Bastille a bien eu lieu le 14 juillet 1789. Mais ce n'est pas la prise de la Bastille qui est fêtée en France chaque année. C'est un tout petit peu plus subtil: La fête nationale française commémore la fête de la Fédération. Celle-ci eut lieu le 14 juillet 1790, à l'initiative de La Fayette pour fêter les fédérés des gardes nationales de France. Elle se voulait un événement de réconciliation et d'unité des

Français.

Le 14 juillet 1789 est jugé trop douloureux et sanglant. C'est donc le 14 juillet 1790

qui sera préféré, n'ayant coûté ni une goutte de sang ni une larme.



Ludlow College success

Some very good news from Alice Fishleigh, Lecturer in French at Ludlow College.

Last year's group, who visited La Ferté Macé last autumn, all achieved grade A at their 'A' level exams!

A week's exchange with La Ferté Macé Lycée to Ludlow started on Monday 7th October with a return visit for Ludlow College to La Ferté Macé for a week at the beginning of November.

Annual Dinner 2020

Our annual dinner will again be held on a Saturday evening towards the end of January. Once the date and venue have been arranged we will let members and friends know immediately. Please have your diaries open.



More on...Race Night



- * Please arrange to come with friends and book a table of any Number of persons from four to eight.
- * To book contact Phil Horsfall on philhorsfall2@gmail.com).
- * You bring your own food and drink in hampers (together with plates, glasses, cutlery etc), like a picnic.
- * There will also be a bar if you prefer.
- * Bets are typically 50p, so please bring some small change - in fact it is an excellent evening to use those 10p and 20p coins lying around at home.
- * There will be a tri-cast bet which everyone can enter to win a large cash prize.

Films for November and December

Our 2019 film season continues on Wednesday November 6th with **Colonel Chabert** and, on Wednesday December 4th, **Joyeux Noël**

Since our first film screening in October 2018, we've screened twelve films, with plenty more for you to enjoy. This is a reminder of what you have seen, or maybe, missed:

2018

October: *Être et avoir*

November: *Petit Nicolas*

December: *La Chorale*

2019

February; *Untouchable*

March: *Jean de Florette*

April: *Manon des Sources*

May: *Amelie*

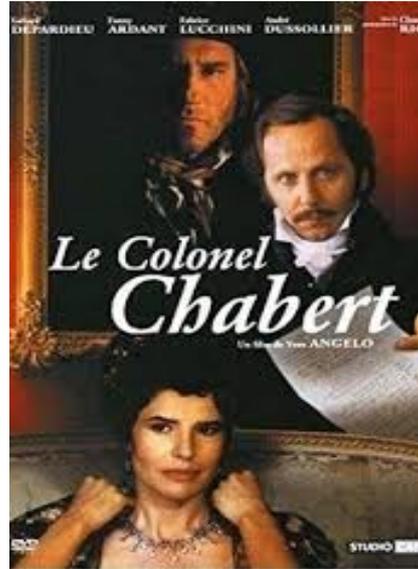
June: *Coco before Chanel*

July: *Cleo de 5 à 7*

August: *La Règle du Jeu*

September: *Les triplets de Belleville*

October: *Le fils de l'épicier*



Bagatelle and Molkky champs

At our summer games event on 31 August Molkky, the Finnish throwing game, was introduced to us by Dave Jackman from his friends in La Ferté Macé. It is suitable for all ages and is based on a combination of chance and skill. Players use a wooden molkky to knock over pins. To find out more why not join David, Carola, Mary, Kim Amanda, Jennifer and others for a game next time?

Or stay indoors and try your skill (no luck involved?) at that old favourite, bagatelle. Pauline Oram is silent about the scores but a little birdie has told us that Mike and Paula Tucker vied to become the bagatelle champion with Paula's tally of 395 just edging out Mike who totaled a creditable 385.



Inside Story Headline



David Jackman explaining the subtleties of Molkky to our new enthusiasts at Ashford Carbonei Village Hall sports field

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From the Chair

Our Association can only be successful with the active participation of the committee and members. In this connection I first want to mention the most enjoyable summer games event at Ashford Carbonell on 31 August. I thank all those who came, including those who made the effort after a long working day, and those who brought games. We all enjoyed ourselves in no little part because of the support of Dave and Val Jackman and the memorial Hall members. They ran both the catering and the new game of Mollky.

2019 will see yet another social activity in the form of our first Race Night, following on from the success of our monthly film nights which started last autumn (2018). Some of our activities are purely social whilst others are intended to fund raise as well as being social. In the past we have fund-raised to enable youngsters accompanied by parents, guardians or grandparents to travel to France free of charge. When we visit France we always receive great hospitality. As a committee we endeavour to reciprocate French generosity but have not always been able to fund certain visits with a large group where there are admission charges.

In order to rectify this, Committee Member Philip Horsfall, has proposed a solution. Maybe you've guessed: he has offered to run a Race Night. If you have not already read his note on the front page and the details of how the race night will work (on page three) please read them.

We look forward to seeing you on the night because a wonderful evening is assured for our new venture.

Social events

The film programme has been a big success, but what other types of social events would you like to see? More 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 and we'll do our best!.