



# French Twinning

November 2018

## A special experience



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Many people do not know about Ludlow's **French Twinning Association** or have some incorrect ideas about it. It was formed over thirty years by people from the Ludlow area to encourage friendship and travel between local people and those in La Ferté Macé in Normandy. Exchanges have taken place to foster relationships between families, schools and cultural and sporting organisations from the two towns. We also help and encourage exchanges between local clubs and their opposite numbers in La Ferté Macé, such as Judo, Walking, Tennis and Badminton Clubs.

is of similar population to Ludlow. The surrounding rural area is famous for its production of dairy products, cider, 'Calvados', tripe and foie gras. We sometimes make contacts for economic initiatives by individuals or businesses, in agriculture or crafts for example, with the help of their professional organisations. The Ludlow Food Festival each September is an example. In November this year a Twinning delegation from the Association and Ludlow College represented Ludlow at the 100th commemoration of the First World War armistice.

take place in May and are spread over a long weekend (four days). Ludlow members will visit La Ferté Macé one year with a return visit by 'Les Fer-tois' the following year. In 2019 it is Ludlow's turn to visit France. Members stay with a host family, which is carefully selected to closely match the interests and ages of individuals. Ludlow families with children will therefore be twinned with a similar family. **And don't forget youngsters go for free with parents or grandparents!**

The visits usually include a dinner/social evening where all families socialise in a convivial atmosphere. A day visit to a particular place of interest is

## How it works

Organised visits usually

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I/we are interested in joining LUDLOW TWINNING ASSOCIATION to visit La Ferté -Macé from 29 May to 3rd June 2019 and to host a French family during their visit in 2020.

NAME.....TEL NO.....

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Please return this slip to Pauline Oram at 42, Mill Street, Ludlow or, for further information, contact her on

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You can make payments such as membership fees on line to the Association's account:

Payable to: LUDLOW FRENCH TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Sort code:2 0-53-22

Account no: 90533866

## Some upcoming events



A member's exhibit from an Art Exhibition; a typical Twinning event

## Film season

The last film in our 2018 programme of English subtitled French films at the Blue Boar, Mill Street on December 5th will be:

**La Chorale:** the story of a choir being formed at a Boys' School.

The programme will continue in January, February and March, 2019, and will be selected from:

**Le Fils de l'Épicier:** story of a grocer's son who travels around villages in Provence.

**Untouchable:** comedy based on a true story about a young man looking after a paraplegic

**Le Petit Nicolas:** based on the stories of a little boy his friends and family

**Jean de Florette:** based on the classic by Marcel Pagnol

**Manon des Sources:** sequel to the above

**Amelie:** Comedy with Audrey Tatou —very popular when released.

You don't have to live in Ludlow to be a member: we have members from Knighton, Craven Arms, Church Stretton and elsewhere.

Friends are welcome to attend. Attending supports twinning!

## Annual Dinner

This takes place on  
**Saturday 26 January, 2019**  
at the  
**Secret Hills Discovery Centre,**  
Craven Arms  
Non-members are welcome



## Visit to France 2019

From Wednesday 29 May until  
Monday 3 June.

Please see front page if you are  
**NOT** a member.

## How it works... continued

included, such as Mont St Michel, Bayeux, St Malo, Le Mans, Falaise, Suisse Normand etc. When the French visit Ludlow, our members provide accommodation. Often this is with the same family year after year. At other times of the year we organise social events for members. These have included film and quiz nights, treasure hunts, barbecues, wine tasting evenings and French conversation cafes. These events retain the friendship built up between visits and may take place in Ludlow or in surrounding village halls like Ashford Carbonel. Events are organised by a committee with the support of members. New, young members are especially welcome.