



VISIT TO LÈVES FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENDING OF WW1



On

a very wet Friday evening, myself, Daphne, Bruce and Sue (Fenn) set out to drive to Newhaven to stay in a Premier Inn prior to catching the Ferry to Dieppe the following day. We were thankful that the bad weather had abated, and we arrived in France on time at 3.00pm.

We arrived in Lèves at about 6.30pm, a little late; we had told our hosts ETA 6.00pm. This was due to my asking to go a different route via Anet for old times sake, which was a bit of a mistake as by now it was quite dark.

Daphne and myself were staying with Francois and Nicole Dauvillier, Bruce and Sue were being hosted by Roger and Jannick Moreau.

Sunday 11th November dawned very wet and windy. The Service of Remembrance was in the Eglise St. Lazare, starting at 10.00am, where I was invited to read one of the bible readings. As we were celebrating the ending of WW1 100 years ago, the Service was interspersed with music from "l'école de musique", so a slightly different format to previous ones.

After, we all assembled with the congregation, residents of Lèves and the Town Band to walk to the Cemetery. Bruce was carrying the Royal British Legion Flag and at the Cemetery Allan laid the Poppy Wreath. The names of the fallen were read out and the two National Anthems played.

We then proceeded to the Ecole for drinks and a speech by the Mayor, Rémi Martial.

At 1.00pm we were seated in the Espace Soutine for the Banquet, which is provided for the Veterans and their Widows.

On Monday with better weather, we all visited Chartres, myself and Daphne then joining Michel and Marie Fruchard for lunch, Bruce and Sue catching up with Philippe and Odile Vanneau.

Our journey home on Tuesday was uneventful and we thank our hosts for making us so welcome, as they always do. In conclusion, a very pleasant week-end. Allan.





2019 TRIP TO LÈVES

Plans are advancing for our trip to Lèves next year. Deposits have been paid and seats reserved but there may be room for more people. If you were hoping to join us, it's important that you contact Rachael in the next few days to let her know that you are interested.



YOUR TWINNING ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU !

The Association is looking for members to step-up and take an active role on our committee. We are in particular need of a new coordinator to take over from Rachael Locke who will have filled this post for the last 3 years and can no longer continue. Unfortunately, we no longer have a deputy in waiting.

The coordinator's role includes:

- Acting as the main point of contact for the Association
- Maintaining the Association's files and membership records
- Convening meetings (4 x per year on average) and keeping notes
- Organising the coach to Lèves every other year (already done for 2019)
- Contributing/organising articles for the newsletter as required
- Attending occasional meetings of the Town Council

The biggest function of the Association is arranging for French visitors to come to Nailsworth every other year. Whilst this needs overseeing, it is very much done as a team with everyone on the committee helping out. This is due to occur next in 2020 so there will be plenty of time to get to know the team and workings of the Association before the next visit.

If you don't want to take the full role on but would be happy to help, you'd be very welcome to join the team. One way forward might be to just to share the jobs around everyone more equally.

If anyone is interested, now would be a good time to contact Rachael. If need be she will help any "newbie" ease into the role. We have meetings planned for the 30th November and 1st Feb at 1.30pm, which you could come to and observe before committing yourself.

We've received a request from 17 year old Maeva, who would like to correspond with someone of her age.

Her mother writes : « Ma fille est dans un projet professionnel qui nécessite qu'elle soit bilingue et elle aimerait que cet échange lui permette de partager avec un jeune d'un autre pays tout en travaillant la langue anglaise. Si le souhait est partagé, nous pourrions accueillir le ou la jeune à Lèves quelques jours. Maëva est une jeune fille attentionnée, sensible aux autres, qui aime beaucoup la musique (elle ne joue pas d'un instrument), s'oriente vers un projet autour du mixage et de l'organisation. Elle aime beaucoup la photographie (elle fait surtout des photos de nature et des portraits) et les soirées entre amis. Elle est fille unique. Nous avons un chat. »

(My daughter, Maeva, is 17 years old and her career plan requires her to become bilingual in French and English. She is therefore looking for a young person from another country to correspond with, get to know and improve her English at the same time. We would be happy to invite him or her to come and stay with us for a few days in Lèves if they wanted to. Maeva is a considerate young woman, sensitive to others, loves music (she doesn't play an instrument), and aims to work in mixing and organisation. She is keen on photography (she takes mainly portraits and nature photos) and enjoys spending time with her friends. She is an only child. We have a cat.)

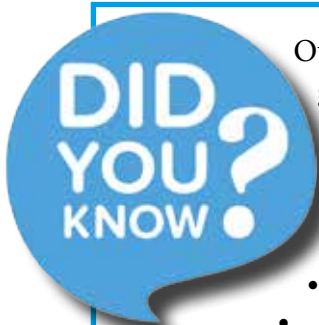
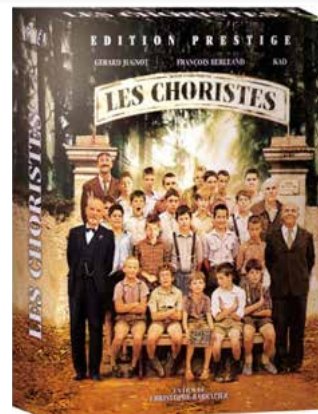
If anyone knows of a suitable pen pal please ask them to get in touch with a little bit of information about themselves and Rachael will send the information on.





**SAVE THE DATE
FOR THE 2019 AGM
FRIDAY 1 MARCH, 7PM**

at the Arkell Centre, Forest Green.
After the brief business meeting we will have a cinema night showing the French film *Les Choristes*, a heart-warming story about the power of music to improve lives. (with English subtitles)



Over the years NDTA has been involved with taking lots of local groups to Lèves, involving a diverse range of people from Nailsworth and the surrounding areas. The groups are listed for your information but if you think we've missed anyone out who may like to join us on future visits please let us know. Twinning is open to all!

- Silver band – a third visit will take place in 2019
 - Christ Church Ecumenical Choir
 - Nailsworth Scouts
- Commoners Cricket Club
- The British Legion
- Nailsworth Community Choir
- Nailsworth Tennis Club
- Ruskin Mill students



The Mayor of Lèves Rémi Martial, his wife Alix and their two young sons visited Nailsworth in July, staying first in Bath and then with Nailsworth Mayor Jonathan Duckworth.



21 September - **WINNERS SALUTED AT GLITTERING PRIDE OF COTWOLDS CEREMONY**

Good neighbours, sporting heroes, inspirational teachers and dedicated volunteers were among those recognised during an uplifting evening at the New Lawn home of Forest Green Rovers Football Club.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LINDA CARTER FOR HER 'VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR' AWARD.



ANNUAL BOULES MATCH
~~29 JULY, 3 PM~~
 at KGV playing fields.

The weather on the proposed date was particularly bad, so the match was played instead on the sunny evening of 1st August with a good turnout of members.



LÈVES CORNER GARDEN

The gardening team did an autumn tidy up of the flower beds recently, clocking up another 3 hours 45 minutes of volunteering for the Association. This brings our total for the year so far to just over 660 hours / 82 working days approx.

Bulbs and polyanthus were planted for the spring as well as chopping and weeding to make the area look cared for. A new tree is also due to be planted to replace the now dead 20th anniversary cherry tree (mark II) at the bottom of Spring Hill. We've taken some advice and the new tree will be a Rowan (Mountain Ash) which we hope will be more robust and suited to the area.

Third time lucky we hope!

We are still also looking for donations to fund the wall mural in Lèves Corner. Thanks to Gill and Roger Ogle for their contribution. If anyone else would like to donate towards this project, please send a cheque or cash to Rachael Locke or make a direct contribution into the twinning bank account.

