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## Visit to Lèves for the Remembrance Ceremonies on 11 November 2016

Following a good nights sleep at the Premier Inn, Newhaven, Bruce, Sue, Daphne and Allan boarded the Newhaven to Dieppe ferry for a four hour smooth crossing.

After a pleasant drive via Rouen, through lovely

autumn colours, we arrived in Lèves at 5.55pm (we had informed our hosts ETA 6.00pm). Bruce and Sue were hosted by Philippe and Odile Vanneau, and Daphne and Allan by Nicole and François Dauvillier.

At 10.30am the following day, Friday 11 November, we gathered at the Eglise St. Lazare for a Service of

Remembrance which was conducted partly in English, and Allan read one of the Gospel readings.

Following the service, all the Veterans assembled and followed the town band to the cemetery, Bruce carrying the Royal British Legion Flag. At the cemetery the names of the fallen were read out one by one by four primary school children. Wreaths were laid by the local Sub-Prefect, the Mayor and Allan laid a poppy wreath. The two National Anthems were then played by the Band. ("God Save the Queen", particularly well). The assembled then proceeded to a small hall for drinks, where the Mayor Monsieur Remi Martial gave a speech. We then moved on to the Espace Soutine for a four course banquet, which is provided for the Veterans and their widows.

Allan gave a speech thanking everyone for their hospitality and passed on good wishes from the citizens of Nailsworth. Following a very busy week-end we arrived home at 2.00am on 15 November.

While at the Espace Soutine, we checked on the Oak Tree, which was looking good in its autumn colours. *Bruce, Sue, Daphne and Allan.*

Our little cherry tree has a bit of catching up to do!





## TOWN TRIP TO LÈVES 2017 WEEKEND OF 29-30 APRIL

Coach will depart Nailsworth bus station on Friday 28 April, approx 7am for lunchtime ferry crossing, arriving in Lèves at approx 6.30pm. Departing Lèves Monday 1 May, approx 8.30am for lunchtime ferry crossing, arriving back in Nailsworth mid evening. Travel in Rover Coaches very comfortable, modern coach.

Travel Cost will be between £110 and £165 pp; the more people who come on the coach, the less everyone pays. A £50 non returnable deposit is payable on booking, and payment in full must be received by 31 January 2017. Please book your seat as soon as you can. (We have 20 Twinning members booked up so far.) **BOOKING FORM ATTACHED**



### THE WEDDING OF LAURINE AND MAXIME COLAS

In 2006 during one of our many trips to Leves, Laurine, granddaughter of Nicole and François Dauvillier, approached Allan and asked if she could come to Nailsworth during the summer holidays so that she could improve her English. Laurine duly came for two summers, working in William's Kitchen (Shop).

Fast forward 10 years and we were honoured to be invited to Laurine and Maxime's Wedding to be held on Saturday 12 November 2016.

The day started bright, but cold, with rain promised for the afternoon. The Civil Ceremony took place at 2.30pm at The Mairie in Coudray, (a suburb of Chartres) followed by the obligatory photographs, which had to be taken under cover because of the rain. We then all drove in convoy out into the countryside to Les Hauts de Pardeillan, east of Epernon, where the remainder of the Wedding Celebrations were to take place. The buildings, which consisted of three sides of a square, would not have looked out of place here in the Cotswolds.

The Bride looked amazing in her fur lined white coat over her wedding dress. She was assisted all the way by her two younger sisters, Anaëlle and Soliane. The proceedings started with the Exchange of Rings Ceremony which took place in the big Hall, which looked really magical with small white pin point lights and an enormous log fire. Following this, we were offered champagne and canapés and rumours of a "Surprise" at 8.00pm. The "Surprise" was a glorious display of Fireworks, much to the delight of the little children present. At 9.00pm approx, we all sat down for the meal, when after each course, an 'event' would take place. One of them was the Bride and Groom taking to the floor for their first dance, another was the appearance on the



If it were up to the primary school children in Nailsworth, the Twinning Association membership numbers would not be on the decline - quite the opposite!

Rachael's talk at the school about the town's long friendship with Lèves was enthusiastically received by the children. A show of hands showed many would be interested in visiting Lèves next year, which prompted head Vince Southcott to write home to parents about the trip. Fingers crossed we may get some takers but we all know sadly that busy lives can make it difficult to participate in all we'd like to do.



stage of 'a type of washing line' with 52 cards pegged to it. Guests were asked to come and pick a card, which had a date pencilled on it. Ours was 23 to 29 January 2017. The idea behind this is that we write to Laurine and Maxime during that week, giving them our best wishes, and they will know that we and the other guests who picked the remaining 51 cards have not forgotten them. The ceremony of the 'cake' was held at midnight, when the happy couple were toasted in champagne, and after that the party and dancing began. We learned the next morning at breakfast that the Bride and Groom finally retired at 5.00am.

The next day, Sunday, about one hundred guests met again for a buffet lunch in the Salle des Champs Brigards, a hall similar to our Arkell Centre, where once again we were wine and dined.

The Wedding was like no other we have ever been to, and the memory of Laurine and Maxime's special day will stay with us for a very long time.

PS. The bride and groom share the same surname, so Laurine did not change hers. Apparently Colas is a very common name in France, like our Smith. *Allan and Daphne*

NAILSWORTH AND DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

BOOKING FORM - LEVES 2017 (Friday 28<sup>TH</sup> April – Monday (bank holiday) 1<sup>st</sup> May)

Name in Full (as shown on your passport)	Male /Female	Date of Birth	Do you speak French ? Y/N

Non-members please provide your address and contact details – an email address is useful.

Please let us know if you or anyone in your party has any dietary requirements or special needs that we should make your host aware of. Consider things like allergies, mobility issues, particulars likes/dislike that could impact on your stay.

**Please return this booking form to:**

**Mrs R Kayani, Harleywood House, Bath Road, Nailsworth, GL6 0QJ.**

A £50 deposit is required to secure your booking. Payments can be made either by cheque made out to the Nailsworth and District Twinning Association or on line to sort code 30-94-28 Acc. 58825360, ref your name. If you have paid online please put the details here:

Date of payment and amount:

**Please note full payment**

**must be received no later than 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017. Book early to secure your seat as places are limited.**