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Treasure hunt



On Saturday 13 April, a group of Twinners enjoyed a delightful walk around the Chalford valley in lovely spring sunshine, albeit rather 'fresh'. Daphne and Allan were accompanied by their well-behaved dog Winnie, who patiently waited whilst clues were discussed.

The walk took about 2 hours following a ready-made trail kindly created by Pauline before she moved away. The interesting and varied buildings and gardens, rarely seen as we drive past, were much admired.



The Chalford Scarecrow Hunt was also on at the same time, so we were able to see the fun scarecrows along the way, while hunting for our sometimes ambiguous clues!

The most correct answers were given by Isobel, who received a chocolate Easter egg, with a mini egg as consolation prizes for the others.

Back at the Brimscombe Ship Inn, we all enjoyed a hot lunch, mostly delicious lasagne. Some were not able to do the walk, but joined us here.



Lilia's mural has been put up and adds a lovely splash of colour on the wall at Lèves Corner.

THIRD TIME LUCKY FOR OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY TREE!

After two failed attempts to grow a cherry tree (on the little green at the bottom of Spring Hill), a colourful Rowan Mountain Ash was planted on 15 November last year. Peter Rushton purchased the tree for us and Judith, Les and Isobel were there for the planting. This species has white flowers in spring and red berries

in autumn with orange leaves. Unfortunately in March, it was vandalised, or in any case destroyed. It has been trimmed and tidied and hopefully will survive.



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March 2019



one day, it might even look like this!



On 16 April, Keith and Isobel joined Nailsworth Mayor Jonathan Duckworth to meet with Rick Hauser, Mayor of Perry, a village (town) in New York State, pop 5000. <https://villageofperry.com/news/>

Rick outlined what sort of twinning he would like between Perry and Nailsworth; he envisages a more informal "friendship" partnership, starting out very gradually by working with different interest groups in our two towns and seeing how it goes.

Why Nailsworth? Rick and his family arrived here by accident three years ago and felt immediately at home. They see many similarities between the two towns – working communities rather than chocolate box tourist towns, dynamic people, lots going on and surrounded by beautiful countryside. This is Rick's third time here; Jonathan Duckworth visited Perry in 2017. Jonathan said that the Town Council appeared interested in an informal friendship arrangement and there was a meeting planned that evening, during which Rick was to present his plan to councillors.

Rick's idea is to begin with a resolution by the Town Council in Perry – Jonathan to do the same in Nailsworth? Form this informal relationship and get people on board – "sow the seeds". The different clubs, societies, organisations that could be interested would be in the fields of education, art, culture, leisure, Rotary, AmDram, music etc. They could form links and develop their own projects. The Town Council would be there to help but not to direct.

We thought it might be a good idea to have as a focus the 2024 Total Eclipse which will go through Perry and this would link very nicely with Jonathan's original visit to Perry when he went to the States for the eclipse in 2017.

The Nailsworth-Lèves Twinning Association would be there to offer any help or assistance it could but there was no question of creating a tripartite partnership. Isobel Hié and Keith Mansell



Ron Birch's brother mowed one of his lawns to copy the Chartres labyrinth. He was taking part in an 'open gardens' event. Brother John lives in Nevern in very west Wales - so a bit too far for a jumelage jamboree.

