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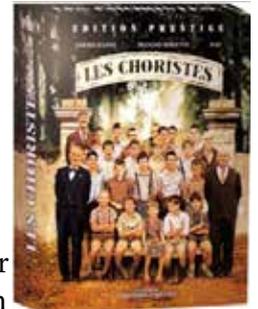


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## 2019 AGM FRIDAY 1 MARCH



Rachael gave the 2018 report and Richard presented the accounts. The minutes have been circulated separately by email. We all enjoyed a glass of wine and a chat and the film was charming.



Once again the big concern is a shortage of help on the committee with one or two very long-serving members keen to pass on the baton. **Rachael**, who has led things admirably for the last few years, is reluctantly resigning due to other commitments and a new chairperson is urgently required, along with new supporting committee members.

The team currently comprises: from the original 1995 committee: **Allan Beale** (hon president), **Judith Haines** (accommodation sec), **Elisabeth Targett** (catering), **Sue Smith**; along with **Richard Targett** (treasurer), **Keith Mansell**, **Isobel Hié**; with a little peripheral help from Carole de Lacroix (newsletter), Sue Reed (NTC rep), Jonathan Duckworth (town mayor)

The more help on the committee, the lighter the load for individual members, so please do consider putting yourself forward. The next tasks will be gathering reports and photos of the May 2019 visit, organising a social event or two during the rest of the year, followed by the AGM next March and the visit from Lèves in May 2020, which will mark the 25th anniversary of our relationship with Lèves!



## NAILSWORTH ANNUAL TOWN MEETING SATURDAY 27 APRIL 10.30AM TO 1PM

This event takes place in a marquee in Town Square, with the town's various clubs and organisations exhibiting together.

Would any members be willing to assist Allan and Keith on the Twinning stand? Or just come by and say hello and give them your support.



The Lèves coat of arms represents the 3 elements of Lèves: the lion of the old lords of Lèves; the star and the flower of the old Abbey Notre-Dame de Josaphat and the sun of the Aligre family.

The upper part of the Nailsworth shield shows three sheep on a green background, depicting the connection with the wool industry and its three parishes from which the town was formed (Horsley, Avening and Minchinhampton)

The lower section is a copy of the original arms of Lord Windsor, who in 1543 was granted the manors of Hampton and Avening and many acres of land surrounding Nailsworth (hence the local place names of Windsoredge and Windsorash)



## 2019 TRIP TO LÈVES



65 people are taking part in this visit, including 36 musicians from the Nailsworth Silver Band, which will be a third visit for the Band.

The Rover coach departs Nailsworth on Friday 3rd, returning Monday 6th May, crossing the Channel on a Dover to Calais ferry.

### Friday 3rd May

05.30hrs Depart Nailsworth Bus Station  
11.10hrs P&O Ferry departs for Calais  
18.00hrs eta in Lèves

### Monday 6th May

09.00hrs Depart Leves  
lunch/sightseeing/shopping stop in Boulogne  
20.35hrs Ferry departs for Dover  
01.15hrs eta Nailsworth bus station

Philippe has sent the planned programme for the Silver Band : **Saturday** morning, playing 11am to 12 in Place de Nailsworth (or in the school if it is raining).

Midday picnic with French musicians at Espace Soutine  
2 to 3.30pm, rehearsal with French Music Band

7 to 8pm, preparation for evening concert

8.30 to 10.30pm, Musical Evening with French and English bands.

**Sunday** evening at 7pm, dinner for all. Possibility for Silver Band to play before or after dinner (30 to 45 mins).



*The Band accompanied us to Lèves in 2005 for the Twinning's 10th Anniversary*



We were able to have a close look at Lilia's mural design at the AGM. This is due to be put up in Lèves Corner imminently to provide a colourful focal point on this large wall. Many thanks to all the sponsors who contributed to the cost.

## L'HISTOIRE DU MUGUET POUR LE 1<sup>ER</sup> MAI

Lily of the valley comes from Japan. In France, on 1st May, bunches of lilies are offered for good luck, following a tradition started by Charles IX.

In 1560, Charles and his mother Catherine de Médicis visited le Dauphiné (a former province in south eastern France) where the chevalier Louis de Girard de Maisonforte offered the young king a bunch of lily of the valley picked from his garden.

The king was charmed and started the tradition of offering bunches of lillies to each of the court ladies. This tradition quickly spread across the country and still continues today.

You may well be offered some while you are in Lèves!

