

An enormous **THANK YOU** to our Mayor, Jonathan Duckworth, and Nailsworth Town Council for the grant to help with our costs for hosting the Lèves Music School as well as members of the Lèves Twinning Association when they visit next May.

NEXT YEAR, LEVES WILL VISIT NAILSWORTH

WE EXPECT A LARGE GROUP FROM THE LEVES MUSIC SCHOOL SO KEEP 21ST - 24TH MAY 2020 FREE!



Please keep 21-24 May 2020 free for this visit and **IF YOU CAN HOST ONE OR MORE PEOPLE, JUDITH WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU (FAMILY.HAINES@BTINTERNET.COM)**. IF YOU KNOW OF ANY NON-MEMBERS WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO HOST, THAT WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED TOO.



We still need to raise more money! We have 50 members of the Lèves Music School coming as well as 30 or so members of the Twinning Association. As it is our 25th Anniversary, it will be an important year for us and we would like to make it very special.



You've probably noticed that you are getting e-mails from Isobel since Rachael stepped down as chair of the Association. This role is still vacant so in the interim, Isobel has agreed to be the contact and is relieving Rachael of a lot of the organisation and responsibilities of the Association.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER 2019.

Six Lévois will be arriving on Saturday evening and leaving on Monday morning. The lunch venue is yet to be organised but make a note of the date as members are welcome to join us for Sunday lunch.



photo taken on Remembrance Sunday 2017 when we last had a representation from Lèves.



EVERYBODY WELCOME

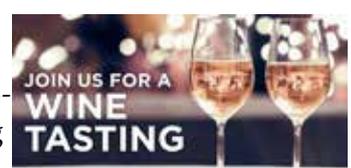


PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN US



7TH SEPTEMBER: BRIC-À-BRAC DAY FROM 9AM-4PM to be held in the former Bosom Buddies shop, Fountain Street. Please put aside anything you might want to donate to the sale and deliver on Friday, 6th September between 3pm and 5pm or contact Rachael beforehand. Please make sure you put a price tag on the items. We are still looking for helpers for this important fundraising event so please contact Rachael as soon as possible (rachaellocke68@gmail.com). If you have a clothes rail, trestle table or other, please come forward! In the event that the shop is let before the sale then we will find another venue – so keep an eye on your emails nearer the time.

WINETASTING: ON 28TH SEPTEMBER AT 7 PM. Tickets at £15 each (non-members £20) to include finger food. Please invite as many friends as possible to this event which will take place in the Parish Rooms of St George's Church, Nailsworth. Tickets are on sale NOW so please e-mail Keith to let him know how many tickets you require and make your payments to The Nailsworth & District Twinning Association by cheque (or BACS – sort code 30-94-28; acc n°: 58825360 with WT and your name as reference). Let's make this evening a success! The tasting quiz will be organised in groups of four with a prize of wine for the winning team. You can reserve as a team or join one on the day. There will also be a raffle (donations welcome!). Contact: Keith Mansell (keithrmansell@gmail.com).

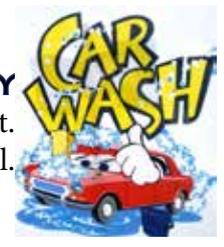


7TH DECEMBER: WE WILL SERVE REFRESHMENTS AT THE NAILSWORTH SILVER BAND'S CHARITY CONCERT AT CHRIST CHURCH 7.00-9.30 PM. No alcohol – tea, coffee, soft drinks and savoury/sweet finger food. If you are available to help get things ready, bake, serve, please contact: Isobel Hié (isobel.hie@outlook.fr).



AUCTION (via web). This event will be launched in March and the aim is for members to offer goods or services which people will bid for. I myself will offer some French lessons! Info: Isobel

We are also hoping to organise a **CAR WASHING DAY** but are looking for a place to do it. If you have any ideas, please contact Rachael.



On **28TH JUNE**, Allan and Keith spent a warm but blustery afternoon at the **NAILSWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL FÊTE**. No, they were not running madly around from stand to stand with the rest of the kids but on duty to promote the Nailsworth & District Twinning Association. Well done to them both. There was some interest shown and a new member gained.



On our recent trip to France for a few days walking in the Alps, Anthony and I dropped into Lèves to meet up with the Fruchards. The first thing we noticed on arrival was that the new road layout and improvements to Rue Hoche Allard (where the Fruchards live) had been completed. It's given the old centre of Lèves a much more village feel with less traffic and a new street scene. It's a thumbs up from us!



We had an enjoyable barbecue in the garden, and it was a lovely surprise to also see Alix and Remi Martial and their boys, who popped in to say hello and have a drink with us all. Michel has been busy with his new vegetable plot, successfully growing several large onion squashes. We said he has “green fingers” but in France they say “a green hand” apparently!

As always, we felt so welcome and happy to be in Lèves. I worked out it was my 10th trip there so I now feel like a truly qualified town twinner! Rachael



This year the weather was kind to us for a **BOULES MATCH** on the KGV playing fields on **21ST JULY**. The afternoon was well-attended and several matches were played. Well done to all those players who were able to display their skill in dastardly techniques by knocking opponents' boules out of the way to win points. The compensation for winners and losers alike was a mountain of scones with cream and jam, delicious cakes and lashings of tea and coffee. Many thanks to everyone for making it a very pleasant afternoon.





An important celebration also took place on 14th July and I'm not talking about Bastille Day and President Trump's presence in Paris but rather closer to home and someone we love and appreciate very much – Judith Haines. It's hard to believe but she has reached the grand age of 70. But remember, 70 is the new 50 and judging by appearances and stamina, this is easy to believe.



CONGRATULATIONS TO MARIE AND MICHEL FRUCHARD ON THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN JUNE. WE TRUST THEY CELEBRATED IN STYLE



LEARNING OR IMPROVING YOUR FRENCH WITH SUSAN DUNNETT

French Intermediate classes in Horsley restart on Thursday 19th September, 7-8.15pm. The cost is £100 for a block of ten lessons.

The focus of the class is on Listening and Speaking, with some Grammar. The aim is to learn in a relaxed and friendly environment. Classes are kept small.

If there were sufficient interest, Susan would consider starting a beginners and/or advanced class. Susan taught French at Stroud College for 16 years. Before that, she was a secondary school teacher.

Davina Loveridge has done a course with Susan and says she is very good. If interested, you can contact Susan at: susandunnett1@gmail.com



Please remember also that there are French groups offered by the U3A. Information on <https://u3asites.org.uk/stroud/groups>