



A demonstration of Breton Line Dancing from our hosts in Ligné

Presteigne and Norton Twinning Association

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Our welcome to Ligné at the Mairie, October 2001

Welcome to the first Newsletter of the Presteigne and Norton Twinning Association. We would like to thank you for becoming a member of the Association and hope that you will continue to enjoy your involvement.

Many of you will have attended the meeting held on 12 January in Presteigne Assembly Rooms, when people had the chance to come and find out about the visit made by eleven of us to Ligné in October. We had a full house and were very encouraged, not only by the attendance but by the amount of interest shown. Generally this was very positive and we can now feel more confident of support for the twinning.

The main event of the year will be the return visit of the French people from Ligné. We had hoped that this would take place during the Jubilee holiday weekend at the beginning of June. However, due to administrative difficulties at the Brussels end, the visit has had to be postponed until the autumn and will now take place on 4-7 October. After the tremendous welcome we received in Ligné last October, we are very much looking forward to returning the hospitality and have produced a programme which we hope will give our visitors a wide flavour of the area. This will include a visit to the Judge's Lodging and an evening ceilidh.

We have already had a number of offers of accommodation for the visitors. If you would like your name to be added to the list of potential hosts, please contact Llinos Griffin on 01544 267437.

Two fund-raising events are planned before the arrival of the French visitors. The first will be a Fun Day on Monday 5 May at Wilson Terrace Playing Field, Wentes Meadow, held in conjunction with Presteigne Chamber of Trade. Attractions will include a car boot sale, a football tournament, crazy golf, a bouncy castle, a tombola, face painting, a ball and bottle stall, a cake stall and a plant and produce stall, raffles, a barbeque, teas and refreshments. Contributions to the stalls, eg cakes, plants, prizes for the tombola, would be welcomed. If anyone has an additional idea for a stall and/or a sideshow and would like to take part,

please would they contact Elwyn Powell on 01544 267717. Half of the proceeds of the Fun Day will go to the Twinning Fund. Please come to support the day and bring your family and friends.

The second event will be a Ceilidh to be held during the Jubilee weekend on Saturday 1 June. The music will be provided by Bandamania, led by Sue Harris, who needs no introduction and who is now one of this area's finest and best-known musicians. A ploughman's supper will be included in the price. The venue and time are still to be decided but full details will be publicised as soon as these are finalised. Watch out for posters advertising this and other events.

We have received much helpful advice from Newtown, who have a long-standing twinning association with the French town of Les Herbiers. On 11 May they have invited a team from Les Herbiers to take part in a Boules contest to be held at Newtown Cricket Ground. If anyone would like to go to Newtown to watch, would they please contact John Kendall on 01544 260550.

Finally, we need a logo for the Association! Various ideas have been put forward, including the oak leaf motif for Presteigne. Ideally, we need a logo which incorporates emblems for both towns and countries. If you have any ideas for a design, please submit them to John Kendall.

We are grateful for all the support we have received so far from our members. New members are always welcome, so please would you spread the word – cost only £5 for this year's subscription.

We hope you will enjoy the fund-raising events and look forward to seeing you. A bientôt!

Avec nos meilleurs amitiés/best wishes,

Patricia Wilson
for Presteigne and Norton Twinning Association