

# Newsletter November 2019

Dear all,

This newsletter is just a very quick update and reminder to all our Members, hosts and followers before all the Christmas season events take over!

Our website: [www.newtowntwinning.co.uk](http://www.newtowntwinning.co.uk) has recently been updated with all our previous events photos and information. Details of our very successful 2019 Food Festival and 20th Anniversary celebrations along with our recent Annual Dinner at the Waggon and Horses and not forgetting Hafren Cycle Club members performing at the Chrono in October 2019, not forgetting the recent very popular Les Choristes film which received great support!

On the horizon we have more film evenings planned and another busy year ahead with 29 Friends from Les Herbiers who are joining us for the 6 Nations International in February 2020. We still have 7 seats available on the coach to Cardiff on the 22nd Feb please contact if you are interested. Unfortunately all our block booked tickets have been taken!

April 13th 2020 is our big event this year and an opportunity to join us in Les Herbiers along with many local musicians for a return of the very successful exchange Music Festival. All details to be found on the website. Please book early for a place on the coaches, the cut off date for applications and deposits is 20th Jan 2020. Lots to see and do! For full details please see the itinerary on our website.

On the 5th and 7th June 2020 Walking Newtown is organising its first Outdoor Festival, following on from the successful Newtown Walking Festival last year. Invites to French Walking groups have gone to Les Herbiers so it could be another opportunity to host French visitors!

At the moment the last event on our Homepage calendar takes us to the Newtown Food Festival and French Village 2020 and another opportunity to host.

Please keep a close eye on our website as new events arise! Sadly due partly to the indecision with the dreaded B word we have no visiting French Erasmus students next year.

Very best wishes and very many thanks for your support throughout 2019

If you have any questions relating to any of the above please don't hesitate to contact us at:  
[newtowntwinning@gmail.com](mailto:newtowntwinning@gmail.com)

Regards

Andrew Gentle

NLTA Secretary

Dear all,

My apologies for contacting you again so soon, however I omitted to explain about the important changes we have made to all visits we now organise to Les Herbiers.

To reduce the stress of a combined long coach trip and day crossing we no longer take day crossings on Brittany Ferries.

Regarding our next visit to Les Herbiers for the Music Exchange 2020 I have included the outline itinerary for the visit. We will be breaking the journey both outward and inward with a visit and stop in a popular tourist attraction and we will be taking overnight crossings on the outward and inward journey.

### **Music Festival Les Herbiers: April 14th-19th 2020**

#### **Itinerary:**

- **Tuesday 14th April** : Depart Newtown early afternoon, Overnight crossing Portsmouth to Caen.
- **Wednesday 15th April**: Late morning visit to **Mont St Michel**, Arrive late afternoon in **Les Herbiers for reception**. Evening with host families.
- **Thursday 16th April**: Rehearsals / Leisure time for non-musicians. **Visit and guided tour of Nantes** available for those not involved in the Rehearsals. Evening with host families.
- **Friday 17th April**: Rehearsals / Leisure time for non-musicians including a **local guided walk in Les Herbiers**. **Evening concert, meal and twinning celebration**.
- **Saturday 18th April**: Return journey with visit to **Falaise in Normandy**. Overnight crossing to Portsmouth.
- **Sunday 19th April**: Arrive back in Newtown early afternoon

Very many thanks

Regards

Andrew