

# Food Festival 2025 Programme of French visit:

## Thursday 4th:

1. The French party arrival at Newtown Back Lane car park next to Hafan Yr Afon, estimated arrival 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm TBC. Welcome by all our hosts.
2. Evening meal with host family.

## Friday 5th:

1. 9.30 am French party arrive at Hafan yr Afon. A short guided tour has been arranged from 10 am to midday. To visit some interesting parts of the town to include: The Recent historic medieval discoveries and some French Napoleonic history in the locality, a visit to Oriel Davies and a guided visit to the Newtown Textile Museum where a French film crew recently made a French film. *(Please note that hosts are welcome to accompany their French guests during the morning)*
2. 12.30 pm Our French friends are collected by their hosts to return home for lunch.
3. 3.00-5.00 pm all committee members are involved setting up the French Village marquee on site.
4. Evening meal with host family.

## Saturday 6th:

1. French and Welsh committee members to arrive at French village at 9.00 am, to run the stalls from 9.30am, the official Festival opening is at 10.00 am.
2. 11.00 am: Galette and Crepe demonstration by Claudine and Martine in the Chef demo marquee. This has now been confirmed.
3. Expected arrival of French Mayor Christophe Hogard + 2 officers at and est. time of 1.00 pm TBC? Christophe Hogard and officers to be presented with possible options regarding a choice of visits and activities during the afternoon.
4. 5.00 pm. French Village closes and can be left overnight with on site security.
5. French party and hosts including Christophe Hogard and party have the option of a post-festival debrief meeting and a relaxing drink together in Hafan yr Afon.
6. Evening meal with host family. Christophe and party are presented with options for an evening meal if required.

### **Sunday 7th:**

1. French and Welsh committee members to run the French Village from 9.30 am.
2. The French mayor Christophe Hogard and officers will be presented with options regarding a choice of visits and activities.
3. 2.30 pm Newtown Twinning and Newtown Town Council to prepare for the 25 years presentation event to take place in front of the French Village marquee.
4. **3.00 pm Official 25 years Town Council event to start as follows:**
  - 3.00 pm Newtown Male voice choir perform a number of items in front of the French village to mark the start of the formal presentation event.
  - Formal proceedings organised by NLTC including an official welcome, presentations of gifts and speeches.
  - 3.30 pm the Male voice choir to perform the National Anthem to mark the end of the formal presentations.
  - Refreshments and Welsh afternoon tea to be served to French guests, Welsh hosts and choir members in the French village.
5. 4.00 pm Clear the French village marquee and pack away, hopefully finishing before 5.30 pm.
6. French guests and Welsh Hosts return home to change and prepare for evening.
7. Twinning Evening at Hafan Yr Afon for all French and Hosts involved including Christophe Hogard and officers and the Newtown mayor and deputy. 7.30 pm-10.30/11.00 pm. A Knife and fork buffet with bar and Traditional Montgomeryshire Welsh folk music provided by the local group "Hen Fegin".

### **Monday 8th:**

1. French party to tour N Wales and Snowdonia. This is an option for Welsh hosts who wish to join the party in the mini buses or in their own cars. More information regarding the day to follow shortly.
2. Evening meal with host families.

### **Tuesday 9th:**

1. French Party Leave from Hafan yr Afon, time to be confirmed.