

Visit by Caudry delegation—a huge success!

A seven-strong delegation visit from Caudry was a real success, despite having to be cut short by a day at the 11th hour. Arriving at 7pm on Thursday evening, it wasn't long before several of them found the 'Vic' pub and were chatting away. Friday saw them taking a ride in a vintage bus to Clifton School where they met with pupils and staff. Then it was on to Lytham Hall for a tour and lunch, meeting up with Fylde's Mayor, Peter Collins and his wife, Caroline and Town Crier, Colin Ballard. Next it was Lytham Windmill followed by a tour of St Anne's Lifeboat house.



Later in the afternoon the visitors were involved in an **Information Exchange** where they met with representatives from many clubs, leisure, cultural organisations and societies, swapping information and contact details. This proved to be just what the caudrésiennes wanted. They are very eager to develop links with organisations and societies to develop projects and activities and the Cloggers and the Town Crier have already been approached to attend Caudry's carnival in 2020.

It is vital that other organisations make plans with their counterparts so, ***if any members are involved in other organisations such as a choir and would like to take part in an Anglo-French event please get in touch.***



A demonstration of Clog Dancing was well received, and members of the French group had little hesitation in getting involved (see photos below) This was followed by a concept unfamiliar to our guests - a Beetle Drive - but it was a great way to break the ice and mix everyone up!

Saturday involved an early start in preparation for St Anne's Carnival. Sporting a banner, and with the Mayor of Caudry resplendent in his official 'sash', the visitors met with MP Mark Menzies, and the town's civic dignitaries before leading the procession around the town. Many people in the crowd knew that the French group were here and lots of 'Bonjours' could be heard all along the route! What a welcome for our French friends.

A refreshing lunch and a chance to rest our feet in Robert & Lyndsay's garden was a welcome and very enjoyable diversion after the exertions of the Carnival procession. Some guests chose to visit Lytham for retail or other therapy whilst one couple walked all the way back to St Anne's as if the procession hadn't been long enough for them!

A dinner involving our French guests and Civic dignitaries completed the day's activities with speeches and a presentation of gifts amid much humour. **Grateful thanks to Robert for all the translation he undertook – it was very much appreciated.**

Thanks to Linda Page, Christine & Andrew & John & Joyce, Robert & Lyndsey for being host families. Thanks also go to Vanilla Café for the St Anne's made fudge, Fylde Transport Trust for the complimentary use of the bus Bonney Fabrics for the urgently needed bunting and to the other shops and businesses, too numerous to mention, who supported the visit.

New Members - This month we are really pleased to welcome two new members Ian & Kathryn Coats. Looking forward to seeing you both very soon at one of our events.



Celebrating 35 years

Not forgetting Werne. Next year will be the 35th anniversary of our link with Werne so we need to consider some events and activities that reflect that – ideas from members would be welcome.

Horst pays a visit

Horst has been bringing exchange pupils to Lytham St Annes for years and this year was no exception. A few of us got together to catch up with him recently.



Dates for Your diary

Saturday 11th August from 10.15 Coffee morning 6 Dover Road FY8 3HN

A Wine & Cheese evening - with the focus on French cheese and wine (Date & venue to follow)

Race Night TBC

Quiz Night TBC

The Committee would welcome any ideas & suggestions you have for events and activities. Anyone out there with Website skills? Our website desperately needs updating but with a small committee its just one job too many for us!





Frederic samples the 'Caudry Blonde' brewed in St. Anne's by Lytham Brewery.



Jean-Baptiste tries out some Clog dancing moves



Town Mayor Karen & Anne-Sophie in discussion



Ready to board the bus



The Free French were already in St Annes



Le Depart – au revoir