



## Musique Anglo-Normande



## Newsletter | March 2023

Our monthly newsletter looks ahead to future tours, reviews past tours, shares interesting info on the venues and activities we organise, with a moment to focus on one of groups that are touring to our beautiful Pays d'Auge. Enjoy!

### First tour makes a wonderful impact!

Our first tour took place from the 10th to 14th February, with Radley College working alongside the Lisieux Conservatoire and Ecole de Musique 'Erik Satie' d'Honfleur. The beautiful Chateau Canon hosted the first concert (pictured right) in which the Lisieux Conservatoire's *Orchestre Cadet* joined forces with Radley in a fun orchestral and choral programme. The following day over 110 musicians amassed the stage at Honfleur's 'Greniers a Sel' venue for a multi-level orchestral programme based around the BBC Ten Pieces repertoire. We were delighted to see the French and UK students mixing in the break times, music really is the perfect ice-breaker!



"Thank you so much for the huge amount of thought, time and care you put into making the trip such a success."

Sam Gladstone,  
Director of Music  
Radley College

### Focussing on....

## Denstone College tour, July 2023

The young musicians from Denstone College are travelling to us in July for a tour involving lots of concerts and partnerships. They will be joining forces with the 60-strong youth choir of College Gambier, the secondary school in central Lisieux that is linked with the Lisieux Conservatoire. Rehearsals will lead towards a concert at Chateau Canon, in which the UK students will sing alongside the French choir, and also form an instrumental ensemble to accompany. They will also be performing Honfleur and visiting Cerza Zoo, along with a concert at the impressive Basilica of Saint Therese.





Having lots of fun at....

## Disneyland Paris!

Our position in Lower Normandy is ideally situated for easy access to the A13 Autoroute to Paris. This means that many groups are involving a Paris element to their tour here, as central Paris is only around 2hrs45mins away.

This can operate as a day-trip, and groups are making the most of this to arrange a full day in Disneyland! The park gates open to the general public at 9.30am, and so it is possible to leave early and get there in time for a full day at the park, with the flexibility of choosing a mid-week date to avoid the queues!

Some groups are extending this into a weekend Paris visit, with overnight accommodation organised by us in one of the central Paris hotels or youth hostels. The BVJ Opera-Montmartre hostel is located within easy walking distance of the Sacre Coeur and the Palais Garnier, and we can also arrange for a musical performance alongside.

Performing at.....

## William The Conqueror's Castle

The impressive Chateau de Falaise, birthplace of William the Conqueror, is dramatically perched on the cliffs overlooking the town of Falaise. The castle itself is very well set up for youth group visits, with hand-held tablets provided to the children that have 'augmented reality' technology, so each room in the castle comes to life on the screen!

The chateau are also very happy for us to organise musical performances, and this can either be in larger groups in the central keep, or smaller groups using the indoor areas or indeed moving around the castle following a 'musical visit' format.

