



The Presidents say au revoir at the Belmont before our guests head off home.



The guests presented their hosts with polo shirts marking the occasion and celebrating the relationship between our two clubs.



It was a great weekend and one that will be remembered fondly by all who were there. We definitely have some truly precious friends in the Rotary Club of Bordeaux Tourny and hopefully we will have for many years to come. Well done to Parmdeep and his helpers for making it such a success.



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PRESIDENT - ED CUFFLIN

BORDEAUX TOURNY VISIT MAY 2025

Over the Bank Holiday weekend we were delighted to welcome 13 friends from our twin club Bordeaux Tourny to Leicester. Following a slightly delayed flight from Bordeaux our guests arrived at Everards Meadows in time to sample a few pints of Tiger. Members of the Main Group and the Impact Group had kindly agreed to host our visitors and after dining at Everards the party dispersed to various corners of the county.

Early on Saturday morning the Presidents and Vice Presidents met to discuss how our two clubs could work together more effectively and promote an even closer relationship, both socially and as a fund raising tool.

At 10.00 we all assembled at the National Space Centre.



It was a fairly quick visit but the Bordeaux team were very excited by what they saw especially the



.....planetarium show and had many questions including the old chestnut – Why Leicester? Fortunately we had someone with us who had most of the answers but not in French.



Lunch at the Cosy Club was a very relaxed affair. Well attended by Leicester members. The main question over lunch was “are there still places in England to buy fish and chips wrapped in newspaper?”.

Following lunch the Bordeaux men headed off to Parmdeep’s house to watch Bordeaux play Northampton in the European Rugby Champions Cup Final. A great result for Bordeaux and Leicester fans; Bordeaux won, Northampton lost. The ladies had a short tour of the old parts of the city and a visit to the Richard III Centre.

European Rugby Champions Cup - Sat 24 May

Full time



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Northampton

Bordeaux Bègles

The evening saw us all enjoy a buffet at the Kayal restaurant. We were joined by our honorary member, the Lord Lieutenant, Mike Kapur, who welcomed our guests to Leicester and explained his role in the County as the King’s Representative. Our guests were impressed. There were a number of highlights on the night;



President Ed Cufflin made a very accomplished speech in French. Bordeaux Tourny President, Olivier Garosi, responded in English and exchanged an engraved salver which the two clubs will share.



It was tremendous to see Olivier present a Paul Harris Fellowship to Parmdeep in recognition of the effort he has put in to linking our two clubs.



Sunday morning was an education for many of us as we visited the Gurdwara Sahib Sikh Temple in Hamilton. We had a guided tour from a Melton Rotarian, ate in the dining hall and joined a service.



After a very interesting tour of the Cathedral including seeing the tomb of Richard III the group made their way to the Belmont for a traditional British afternoon tea.

