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Saturday 26th May 2018 at 11.30am promptly

Visit to Fontevraud

Lunch at the Restaurant

«Le Plantagenet»

Hostellerie de la Croix Blanche

in the company of

Laure Chabenat

French Candidate at the IPSC 2018

We ask you to arrive promptly for an aperitif on the terrace, weather permitting, at 11.30am. Lunch will be served promptly at 12noon.

**“Le Plantagenet”, Hostellerie de la Croix Blanche,
Fontevraud**

Tel: 02.41.51.71.11

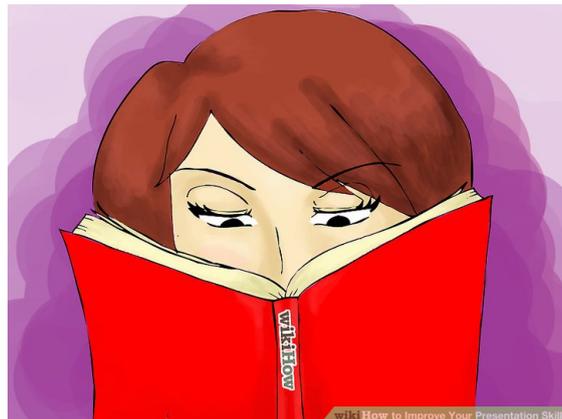


Laure Chabenat, a student at the Lycée Saint Louis in Saumur, is this year's winner of the National Public Speaking Competition held here in the Loire Valley. She will represent France in the ESU 2018 International Public Speaking Competition in London 14th to 18th May.

Her parents run the Hostellerie de la Croix Blanche in Fontevraud and are happy to have this opportunity to welcome us to their restaurant and to hear Laure talk to us, after lunch, about her time in London.

The candidates at the IPSC 2018 have a very special itinerary this year as their stay in London coincides with the celebrations to mark the 100th anniversary of the founding of the ESU. As part of the festivities, they have been invited to a reception where they will have the honour of being presented to HRH the Princess Royal.

Representatives of our partners: the Bibliothèque Anglophone and the Maison de l'Europe, teachers, trainers, and those involved in the organization of the IPSC in our region have been invited to attend this lunch in the hope that they will in turn be able to inspire next year's students setting out on the challenge leading to London in May 2019.



**The theme for the heats at this year's competition is
"Great Artists have no Country".**

**Laure is currently working hard through the school holidays to give
the finishing touches to her speech entitled
"Let's Think out of the Box – Out of the Frame"**



From 3pm we will be free to visit various attractions in and around Fontevraud.

The Royal Abbey itself is on every tourist's list of "must-do" visits in our area. Many of you will already have been round the historic buildings, possibly more than once. The committee therefore took the decision not to organize a tour but to leave it to individuals to decide how they would like to spend the afternoon.



Below are some suggestions but please check before visiting any of these that they will be open during the afternoon of 26 May as we don't want anyone to be disappointed on the day:

The Église Saint Michel, opposite the Abbey, which featured in the clues of last year's Treasure Hunt compiled by Terence O'Hara. Not everyone had time to make the trip to Fontevraud before the finish time. For those who didn't visit the church in September, this could be the perfect opportunity.

Early risers may be interested in a visit to an exhibition at the **library** in Fontevraud "**l'Anjou dans la Grande Guerre 1914 – 1918**". Unfortunately the library will only be open from 10.30am – 12 noon and will be closed in the afternoon.

Also in Fontevraud there are many small galleries you may like to visit. The village of **Turquant** just 5km away also boasts several little boutiques and galleries.

Close to Turquant, 5,6km away is Le Troglo des Pommes Tapées du Val de Loire.



Less than 4km away from Fontevraud is the **Savonnerie Martin de Candre** at the Domaine de Mestré where last June some members spent a most enjoyable afternoon.

The **Collégiale** in the delightful village of **Candes-Saint-Martin** is just 4km away. Legend has it that when St Martin died in the winter months, his body was carried to Candes-Saint-Martin, where all the flowers and blossom came out to greet him.



Also in Candes-Saint-Martin is the **Parfumerie Nicolas de Barry**.

Less than 4km away, the **Château de Montsoreau** has a gallery of contemporary art.

Lastly, of course there are many **vineyards** that can be visited in the area. Notable among them is the Cave Robert & Marcel at St. Cyr-en-Bourg and the Château du Petit Thouars, 4,3 km away at Saint-Germain-sur-Vienne, where English is spoken.



Menu

Apéritif

Apéritif Maison

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Entrée

Velouté de petit pois frais avec son croustillant de jambon de Vendée

ou

**Pannacotta de chèvre de Touraine de la maison Vazereau,
petits légumes croquants**

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Plat

Pièce de veau confite au vin rouge de Saumur, pâtes fraîches

ou

Brandade de morue fraîche accompagnée de jeunes pousses

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Dessert

Gourmandise aux deux chocolats

ou

Parfait glacé au Royal Combier

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2 glasses of wine and coffee

Cost: 24 Euros per head per member 26 Euros per non-member

ATTENDANCE SLIP

Please complete and return with your cheque, payable to **ESU Loire Valley** to:

Julie Dufour, 47 rue des Bouteilleries, St. Lambert des Levées, 49400, Saumur
julied49@live.fr

The Deadline for receipt of Attendance Slips is Friday 19 May 2018.
To help the committee, please return your slip and cheque to Julie as soon as you can

Name:

Telephone:Email:

Do you have any special dietary requirements?

Number of members attending @ 24€.....

Number of non-members attending @ 26€.....

Total enclosed.....

I can provide transport for, from

TOTAL ENCLOSEDEuro

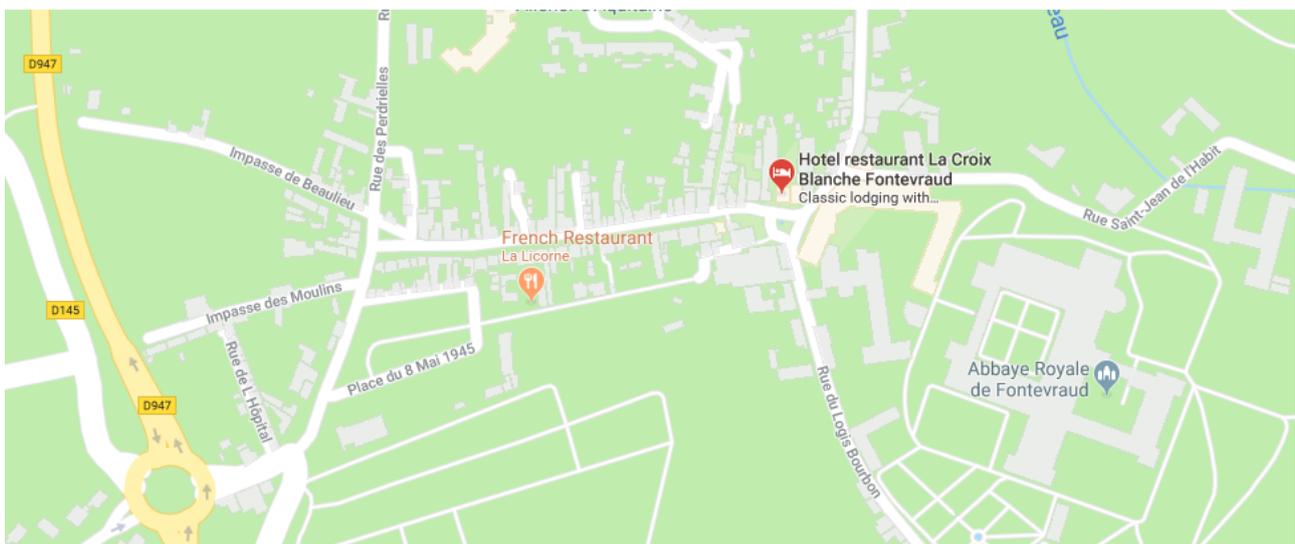
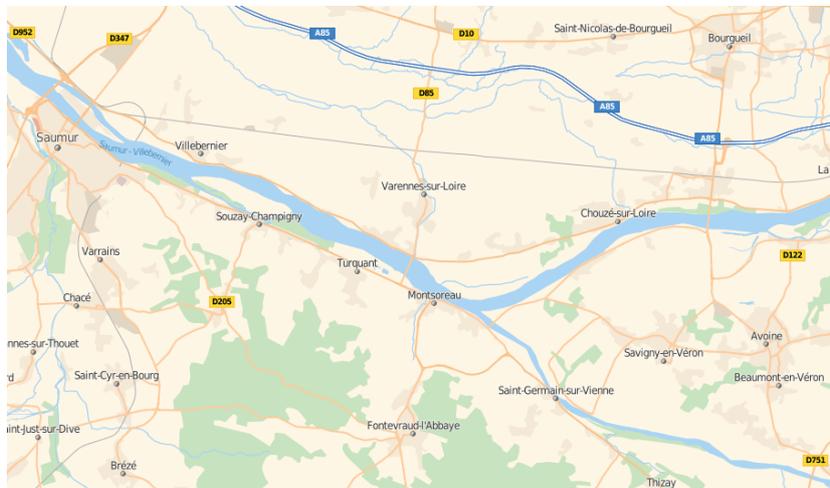
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DIRECTIONS

Hostellerie de la Croix Blanche
Fontevraud
02 41 51 71 11



The hotel and restaurant are in the main square close to the entrance to the Abbey, which is to the right of the picture. For parking please use one of the two main car parks either by the Boule de Fort building or opposite the entrance to the Abbey (on the right of the road leading down past the tea shop and estate agents).



Our appreciation to Google Maps & Mappy for the use of these maps.