

City twinning celebrations

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AN EXCITING weekend is in store for members of the city's twinning association.

Starting this evening, with a dinner at West Dean House, guests from Chichester's twinned city, Chartres, will tomorrow enjoy a dance display by Martlet Morris Men, starting at the Market Cross.

A Mayor's Reception will then be held at The Old Court Room, Council House, North Street.

The Orchestre d' Harmonie de Chartres (OHC) will be staying in Chichester over the Easter period and will mark the 60th anniversary of the twinning by playing a concert for the Friends of Chartres in the University Chapel.

The band includes three sections - woodwind, brass and percussion - and plays a wide range of music of well-known and less familiar pieces.

On Saturday evening, a social evening

will be held at The Fishbourne Centre with a performance of a French play by Greg Mosse, followed by a bring and share supper.

The following day, the group will visit Portsmouth's Historic Dockyard and the Mary Rose.

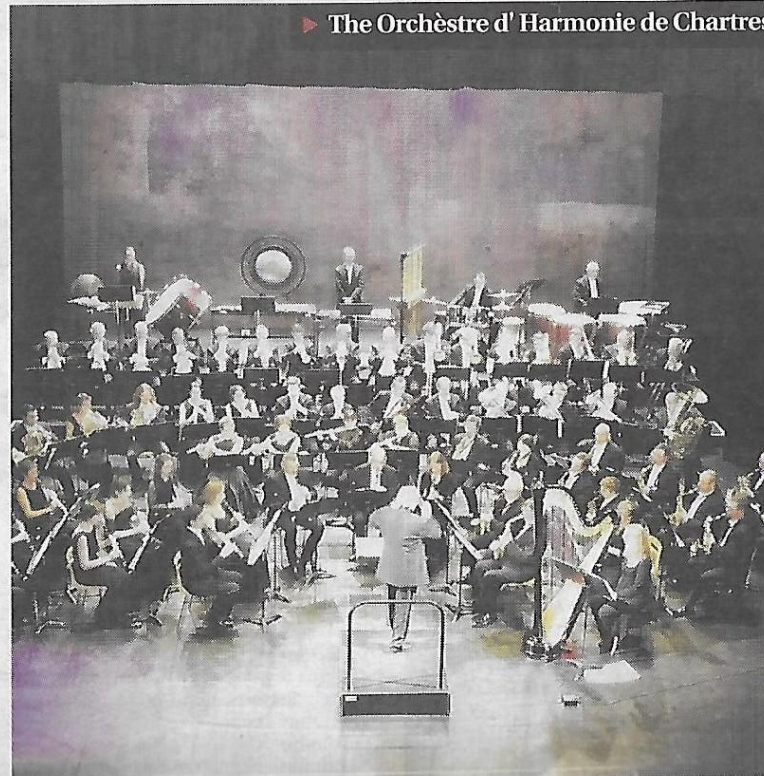
Following recent news, the Mayor of Chichester, Cllr Martyn Bell, has sent a letter to the Mayor of Chartres, France, following the Notre Dame fire.

He said: "On behalf of my fellow councillors and the citizens of Chichester, I want to express our great sadness at the news of the terrible damage to Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.

"It is a building loved and admired throughout the world and I am sure it is particularly sad for the people of Chartres and Chichester because of the two magnificent cathedrals in our respective cities.

"I would be grateful if you would pass this message to Jean Pierre Gorges. We are thinking of you all at this very distressing time."

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