

Marie Jean Antoine Nicolas **CARTIAT** marquis de **CONDORCET** was a member of the French Academy, an encyclopaedist, a philosopher, a political figure, the inventor of the calculation of probabilities, the father of public instruction, the first Republican of the Revolution, a defender of freedom and human rights, and a precursor of our modern world. He is buried at the Pantheon in Paris.

Nicolas Francois **BLONDEL** was a follower of Louis the 14th and Colbert. He became the King's adviser, the Marshal of the Camps and Armies, was an Engineer of the Navy, a Member of the Academy of Sciences, the tutor of the "Grand Dauphin", a diplomat and the president of the Academy of Architecture.

Louis Vincent **LEBLOND**, Count of Saint Hilaire was a General, "Grand Aigle" of the "Légion d'honneur". He was appointed Commander of the "Ordre Royal de la Couronne de Fer" and Governor of Berlin, and became a Count under the Empire. He died during a battle in Wien, Austria and was buried at the Pantheon in the presence of the Emperor Napoleon 1st.

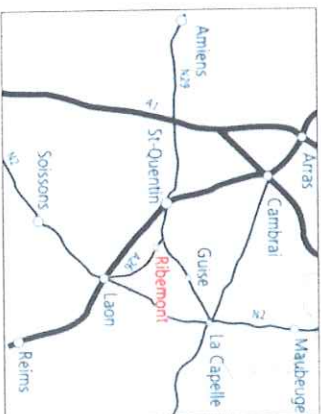
Léon **HENRIQUE** was a writer, a member of the "Soirées de Médan", and a friend of Zola, Daudet, Maupassant, and of the Goncourt brothers. He created the "Académie Goncourt" and became its first president.

PLACES TO VISIT:

- St Pierre and St Paul church
- St Germain chapel
- Condorcet's birthplace
- Condorcet's statue and public garden
- The valley of the Oise river
- St Nicolas Abbey (private property)
- The mill in Lucy



Touring the Oise valley riding on an authentic steam train called "Le Petit Train du Vernandois"



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 Museum: the House of Condorcet

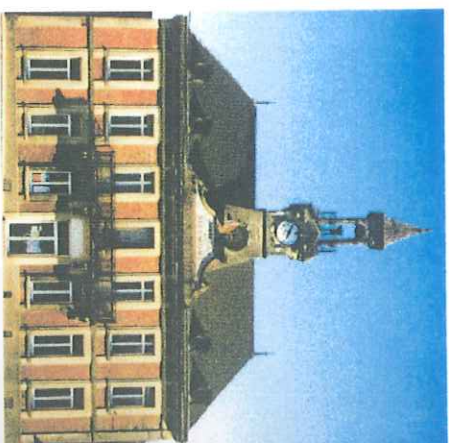
LEISURE ACTIVITIES:

- Choreographic workshop - Badminton - Library- Canoe and Kayak - Hunting activities - Hiking trails - Mountain bike - Choirs - Horse riding - Fencing- Football - Gymnastics- Judo - Multimedia workshop- Fishing - Petanque - Tennis. Camping and RV facilities are available.



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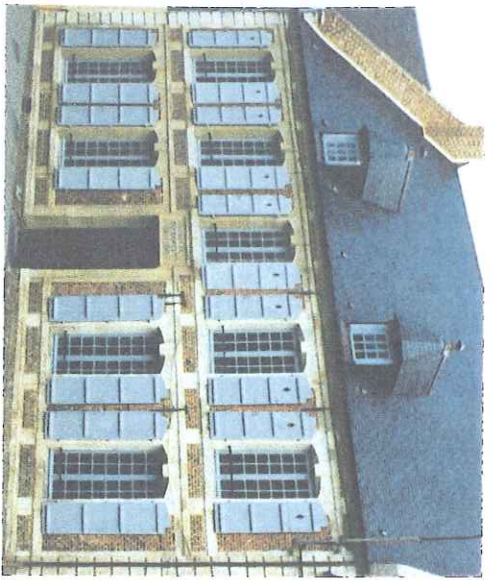
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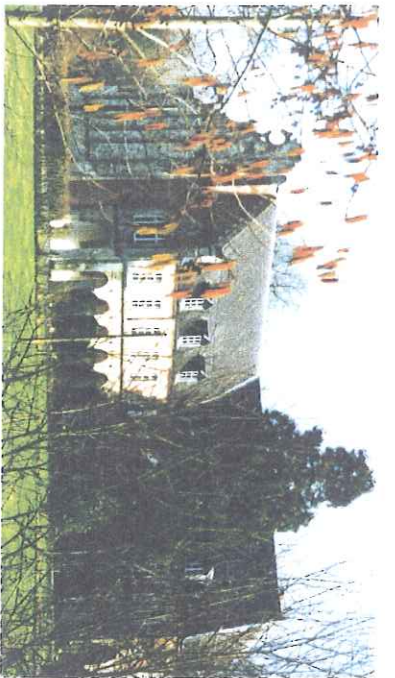
CITY HALL
 BIRTHPLACE OF MARQUIS DE CONDORCET
 HISTORICAL CITY
 ANCIENT FEUDAL SITE
 NATIVE LAND OF ILLUSTRIOUS PEOPLE



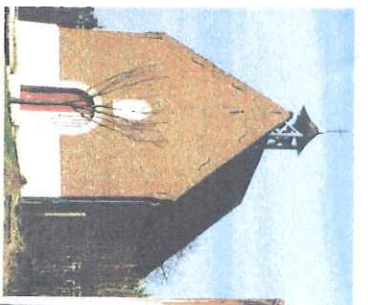
CONDORCET



BIRTHPLACE OF CONDORCET 17th century



ST NICOLAS DES PRES ABBEY 11th century



SAINT GERMAIN CHAPEL
18th century



Choir access



LEON HENNIQUE 1850-1935 Writer
First president of "Académie Concourcort"



ST PIERRE AND ST PAUL CHURCH 12-16th century



MILL OF LUCY 19th century
Industrial site of the past



GENERAL and COUNT
SAINT HILAIRE
1761-1809



CONDORCET 1743-1794
Birthplace



UNDERGROUND PASSAGE USED IN THE MIDDLE AGE



BLONDEL, 1618-1636
Architect of the St Denis Gate(Paris)