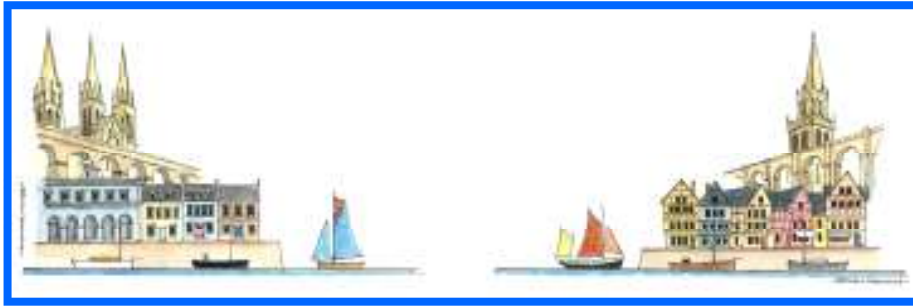


TWIN LINK FEBRUARY 2010



Chairmans's message:

It's amazing to realize that the AGM is nearly upon us, this year has gone so quickly, a busy year that saw us celebrate our 30th anniversary. As usual the evening will begin with a cheese & wine reception, a chance to meet and chat and the opportunity to renew subscriptions for the coming year. Ann Burnett will be in attendance ready to take your money! We look forward to seeing you. We are always looking for willing volunteers so if you are interested in joining the committee or would like to nominate someone we would love to hear from you.

You may have noticed that we did eventually get a floral display on Waterloo Bank to mark our 30 years of twinning, albeit a little late.

We are looking forward to receiving the Morlaisiens for their language immersion in March and hope that they find it a valuable and enjoyable experience. Our official visit to Morlaix is set for May and plans for the trip are well under way.

In the meantime we have the crêpe evening to look forward to and we thank Jean & Bill Anderson for their kind hospitality and delicious crêpes.
Anne Moodie



Our Christmas dinner took place at Killiow Golf Club, and a good time was had by all.



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A "FLYING" VISIT TO THE COTES D'ARMOR.



It is 12.30 pm on Monday the 27th. July 2009, and from the runway at Newquay Airport Flight IOS772 takes to the skies en route to St. Brieuc in the Cotes d'Armor or the "*The bright side of Brittany*" as claimed by the locals. On board this flight operated by Skybus (the aviation branch of the Isles of Scilly Steamship Company;) are Sheila and Peter Willett, courtesy of TMTA, and a one pound winning raffle ticket.



This is our account of the visit we made to a part of Brittany we had longed to explore more deeply, our appetite having been wetted by several trips to Paimpol.

Our flight was in a de Havilland DH-6 Twin Otter with a crew of 2 (pilots) and just 6 other passengers. With plenty of all-round vision and flying at 9,000 feet in clear blue skies we were able to track our route across Cornwall, to Plymouth and Exeter and south over the water towards Guernsey and the Bay of Saint Brieuc. The approach to the airport was made all the more interesting by the fact that we were able to see the coastline that we hoped to visit in the following days.

On landing we were met by our son Mark, who had travelled overnight by car from his home in Surrey and would be providing our transport; in addition to having several other essentials on board for picnics etc.. Our accommodation for our weeks' stay was at a B&B in Pordic, and the first things we noticed on entering the small town was that a) It is twinned with Hayle and b) on the Saturday evening the local Fire Brigade had a fundraising event serving MOULES and CHIPS etc. for 8Euros 50 per person this price to include cheese and apple pie; so there was one evening meal we did not have to look for.



Our weather throughout the week was good to excellent, (except for the Saturday when we had to wonder if we were back home,) so we made the most of the opportunities to take many of the well marked and maintained cliff walks, visit St Brieuc the Cathedral of which dates back to the 12th. Century, and the Town Hall which the municipal authorities have



occupied since 1805. Naturally we could not miss visiting Paimpol yet again, but this visit was a first in that it was Market Day; and one of the finest we have seen for many years.

Another trip on our "hit list" was to the Isle de Brehat, a 15 minute trip by boat off the mainland north of Paimpol and likened by many people to the Isles of Scilly. We can only say that we were bowled over by the scenery, abundance of flowers, and the general beauty of an island which is also *a must* for any ornithologist. Despite having been told and read about the effect of the low exchange rate between the pound and euro we found many restaurants serving extremely good meals at acceptable prices, and the firemen's moules and chips evening, did not disappoint.

Upon arriving at the airport for our return flight we were told that there was a delay; -- in fact they had no idea where the plane was -- luckily our host who was with us, took us under her wing, agreed that she would phone to find any details later and we ended up at a local beach enjoying an early evening stroll and meal. Our flight left St. Brieuc at 8.30 (local time) flying through low cloud (which had been the earlier problem), and arrived at Newquay in heavy drizzle and mist.

Would we take this Having flown in small before, this was the and interesting. Our whether the route is by the operators; as we passengers again, out of know of at least one just one passenger !!!.



flight again? -YES. planes many times most comfortable, only concern is considered viable only had seven a possible 20; and flight which had

Sheila and Peter.

The Mystery of the Missing Ginster Cup

The report on the Eddie Jones Memorial Boules Tournament in the autumn Twin Link referred to a missing cup and how it had been replaced with the new Penrose Trophy.

So what did this missing cup look like? Has anyone seen it in recent years? Who last had it? We need a 'Hercule Poirot' to solve the mystery.

First though we need to go back in time. Eddie Jones was a founder member of TMTA, and later, together with his wife Ernestine, went on to found the Twinning Committee for Cornwall, an umbrella organisation offering help and advice to local twinning groups.

Eddie was a stalwart supporter of twinning, attending almost every event and helping teach us how to play boules (petanque). When Eddie died in 2002 he left money to TMTA and at the following AGM it was decided to set up an annual boules tournament in his memory and use the legacy to buy trophies.

In May 2003 during the annual visit to Morlaix the three trophies currently used were purchased, and that autumn the inaugural boules tournament took place based on the lines of the county tournament, but with individuals competing instead of teams of three players.

The county tournament has among its trophies a Ginster Plate.....

"Ah-Ha" you say, putting your little grey cells to work, - "this is where the confusion lies" - and you would be right! The Ginster Plate is awarded annually to the winning team of the lower division of the county tournament, and is not lost!

As for the Ginster Cup, - well, there is no such cup and never has been - so, another little mystery solved..... 'Miss Marple'/ Lillian

The Beetle Drive, Silent Auction and Pasty Supper, which took place in Kea Church hall, proved very popular, and a good time was had by all. The silent auction produced some good items, and the pasties were delicious.



The 100 Club

The 'TMTA Super 100 Club' is like a club lotto, for all over 18. At only £12 /year / ticket there is a monthly draw. The more who join, the larger the prize fund, as there is more in the pot to share out. and the more we can then undertake to do for the association and for our guests from Morlaix. Pay by cash, cheque or standing order. Contact Robert Moodie 01872 277854

Winners

November: 1st Sheila McGill ,
2nd Barbara Woodhall, 3rd Carriad Cockcroft .

December: 1st Joan & Roland Goddard,
2nd Bryan Dawkins, 3rd Zena Richards

January 2010: 1st Anne Moodie.
2nd Margaret George. 3rd Sheila McGill

EVENTS DIARY AND WHAT'S ON

Everyone is invited to all events. Need transport? Contact one of the committee. We try to notify everyone promptly particularly when numbers are required in advance. Help us to help you by giving us your e-mail address. This can also save the association money by avoiding unnecessary postage.

Proposed dates for 2010: (these may be subject to change!)

March 18th Cheese and Wine at 6.30 pm, followed by our AGM, in the Council Chamber.

Annual subscriptions are : Single £10. Family £15. Corporate £20. Cheques to: Ann Burnett, 2 Mullion Close, St Austell, PL25 3SS. To encourage younger members a resolution will be put to the next AGM that students under 21, in full time education can join for free in their own right.

ANN WILL BE COLLECTING SUBSCRIPTIONS AT THE AGM ON MARCH 18TH

We will not be issuing membership cards this year, as since the Poly in Falmouth is now closed, they have no significance. A receipt will be issued instead.

March 19th to 23rd French to us for their Immersion
May 12th to 16th. Group twinning visit to Morlaix.
June 19th Cream Tea at Carol and Richard Heginbotham's, 3 to 5 pm.
June 27th County Boules Tournament
July 11th Car Treasure Hunt
August 7th Safari Supper
September 5th Eddie Jones Memorial Boules Competition and Barbeque
September French to visit us (dates yet to be fixed)
October 15th to 19th Us to Morlaix for Immersion
November 13th Curry Evening
December 12th Christmas Dinner

In France instead of Christmas cards they send one another New Year cards. These may arrive at any time during the month of January. At the end of January Mike and Lilian received a card from Matthew West. Many twinningers will remember Matthew. After joining TMTA and experiencing the real France on his first exchange visit, he made up his mind to learn the language, sell his home and go to live in Brittany. He now lives in Pleyber Christ not far from Morlaix, but likes to keep in touch with members of TMTA. Mike and Lilian thought it would be a good idea to share his card with you all, so here it is - dictionaries may be required!

Recette de Bonheur

Pour une très Bonne Année

De belles coupes de sourires
Quelques éclats de rire
Une grande cuillère de gentillesse
Quelques grains de tendresse
Une bonne dose d'amitié
Une pincée d'affection
Des poignées d'or et d'argent
Et un maximum de réussite.
Saupoudrer abondamment de gaieté
Faire mijoter avec douceur
Laisser dorer au soleil
Servir joyeusement, sans modération.

OBITUARY

It is with sadness that we have to report the passing of Sylvia Auger (cousin to David Hoskin), former teacher, Primary and Middle School headteacher,and member of TMTA. In recent years Sylvia often accompanied David to the Beetle Drives, Christmas lunches etc and it was always a pleasure to see her. We extend our condolences to David and family.

The Committee would like to thank everyone who has raised money over the past year for the Twinning, and for all those who have helped in the visits. We look forward to your continued support in the future.

URGENT:

We desperately need good quality Raffle Prizes.

Unwanted gifts, home-made fare and/or craft, job (e.g. an hour's gardening, baking a cake etc.) Please contact Sandra Anthony 07800 867163 Thanks.

The Riverbank in Truro has been refurbished. It is felt that it is difficult for new or potential members to turn up at the Riverbank in the hope of meeting other members, not knowing anyone from Twinning, and possibly finding themselves sitting all evening by themselves. This does not give a good introductory feel to our Association. We have therefore decided to cancel this arrangement, but are open to suggestions for alternatives.

Keep up to date by logging on to our web-site created by Andrew Moodie. You can see all the latest photos, and read past editions of Twinlink etc. At :- www.truromorlaixtwinning.weebly.com

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