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Happy New Year Heureuse Année 2009

NEW YEAR GREETINGS FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

With the festivities over we just have enough time to wish a Happy New Year to all our members at the start of a very special year for the Truro Pays de Morlaix Twinning Association.

We had yet another fantastic year in 2008 with exchanges both sides of the channel and fundraising activities to boost our hopes of a great 30th Anniversary Year. Plans for the year have already been mooted and we know it will be a busy year planning events so we can celebrate with our fellow twinners from Morlaix and the people of Truro next August Bank Holiday.

Our visit to Morlaix is going to take place at Easter. Although we have heard very little about the Morlaisiens plans for the 30th celebrations we can be assured of a true welcome when we go. What a delight that will be! The warmth of the welcome from our hosts when we get there, the trips out, the friendships we have developed has really given us the true meaning of jumelage. To think this has been sustained for 30 years through the continuing support of our members is certainly something to celebrate.

Thank you to you all

Christine Ward

Coffee Morning

On October 18th we held a very successful coffee morning at the Town Hall [with kind permission of Mayor Sue Callen]. Cakes, biscuits, jams and chutneys appeared from all directions and were varied in both taste and flavour to tempt everyone's palate. Small ones, big ones, slices, buns, round ones, squares and oblongs, fruit cakes, spicy cakes, lemon cakes - every aspect of cake and biscuit making was covered. What a feast, and what a choice for all those who visited our stalls!

We had raffle tickets and guess the weight of the Christmas cake, and a cup of tea or coffee with some biscuits but, most importantly, a warm welcome for everyone. The foyer was 'dressed up' with flags, balloons and our Twinning Association banner was on display. Members of the committee armed with smiles and with some humour managed to raise over a hundred pounds so a really good result for a two hour period. Thank you to everyone for donating cakes and biscuits...no mean task these days ...

The Mayor came to visit us so we would like to send a big thank you from TMTA to Sue Callen for her support. It was certainly a worthwhile event!

Over forty of us enjoyed a Christmas Dinner at the Cove in Maenporth on December 14th. We had an excellent meal and a lovely time together.

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Quiz evening

Well! What a surprise! Members in fancy dress? Who is this coming through the door at Kea Church Hall? What a mixture of 'guests'!

We had a visit from a sheik, a French lady, a French waiter, a representative from a national chain of shops complete with carrier bags, [no not a bag lady]....footballers, a pirate, a member of the cast of Cabaret, a cat, wurzel, a witch, a Breton/Cornish flag lady, and a visit from a Celtic cousin from Wales. What an innovative and brilliant lot we were!

Gareth and Trudie Wilcox did a fantastic job with the quiz full of wit and humour...and certainly a different quiz to the usual ... they put us through our paces with both general knowledge and questions on Cornwall. We laughed and cheered when we got one right! Competition was quite fierce between teams but very amicable.

Whilst the French waiter [Robert Moodie] worked hard in the kitchen to ensure that we enjoyed the fruits of the vine, a 'play the game' room was set up for the children. Ann Burnett organised the games and challenged all the children **not to** enjoy themselves!! There was apple bobbing, picking up smarties on a plate with chopsticks, eating a doughnut on a string not using any hands to help and, so much laughter! The 'grown up guests' had felt the need to join in and it really was hilarious.

It was a great evening and raised £32.47 for funds. out all the stops

Thank you to everyone with the fancy dress.

who attended and for pulling



The Cornish Variety Evening with Bert Biscoe and friends.

This was an event that we had high hopes of to give our funds a real boost in preparation for our 30th Anniversary celebrations.

It was an evening in a lovely setting at the Lander Gallery, Lemon Street Market. The afternoon had been spent decorating the gallery with Cornish and Breton Flags, white, black and gold balloons bedecking the stairs and around the gallery itself. The trees in the gallery were adorned with white lights which just gave a little indication that the festive season was on the way.

A slide show was ongoing throughout the evening showing our activities and visits to Morlaix and to Truro by twinning throughout the last few years. There was a display in the gallery used as an educational tool to give information about Twinning. We used original photographs of the initial charter signing in 1979 to remind everyone how important next year is to us and the achievement of our members to keep the Association going for such a long time. We were delighted that Mrs Doris Ansari accepted our invitation to come to the evening. Mrs. Ansari was the Mayor of Truro in 1979 and signed the original Charter with the Mayor of Morlaix.

Bert Biscoe and Pol Hodge gave us a fantastic performance with their poems spoken in Cornish and then in English interjecting throughout with their own sense of wit and humour. Kessenyans from Penzance sang old Carols in perfect harmony, Viv Hendra entertained us on the piano. Kana Benynes provided us with a more up beat mode of singing which included their version of Abba songs and, accompanied by Viv Hendra on the piano, Magdalena Glowkowska gave a superb rendition of a folk song sung in Polish as well as one in English.

The evening ended with the wonderful sound of Trelawney.



It goes without saying that there a lot of people to thank for their contribution in making the evening a success. TMTA wishes to thank them through this edition of Twin Link.

They are as follows: Bert Biscoe and friends for their performances given freely, Viv Hendra for the use of the venue, Barrie Anthony who had kindly donated a bottle of champagne to a lucky ticket holder which raised extra funds, Bert Biscoe who also printed posters and programmes and gave us gifts of books and a CD to add to the prize list for that evening. Val and John Flatt for printing tickets, setting up and running the fantastic slide show, Sandra Anthony and Ciariad who organised and sold raffle tickets for our Grand Raffle throughout the evening's performances. Jean Anderson, Robert Moodie, Ann Burnett, Bill Anderson, for helping to set up the venue and making it look so wonderful, Ann Burnett, Barrie Anthony, Anne and Robert Moodie who were on the doors to collect payments for tickets and check those already bought. Truro City Council for the loan of chairs. Non members who also helped: Mr Johnson for driving and the use of van to pick up chairs, Miss Alison Walford, Mr. D Balman. A big thankyou also to all those who came to support us on the night.

The total raised on the evening £271.10 including Grand Draw and raffle tickets sold on the evening.

The TMTA committee and members would like to thank those who have so kindly donated prizes for our raffles. For our recent major raffle, with superb prizes, the donors were:

Skybus with return tickets for two to St Briec, won by Mr & Mrs Willet

Mr & Mrs Baird of Porthbeer Caravan Park with a week's holiday at their site in Coverack, won by Miss Z W Dawes

City Football Club with a family season ticket, won by Bryan Dawkins

Other donors who gave fantastic prizes for the same raffle were Cameracraft, Dales, St. Michael's Hotel, Enterprise Boats, Truro Golf Club, Jane Adele flowers, Astons restaurant, The Hall for Cornwall, Plaza Cinema, Truro Fabrics, Trevaills, Morrab Studio, Scruples Hair Salon, and Café Bistro. Thank you so much for your generosity.

The committee has received a letter from founder members Don and Mavis Shorland, which we thought current members would like to see, so here is an extract from the letter:

We are so pleased to receive the information you have sent to us concerning the events and progression being made with the Morlaix Truro Twinning Association.

As an Honoured Member for so many years, my husband for some 17 or 18 years, it's such a joy to see how well your committee and the members are continuing the sterling work begun by all of the 'older' members of our era. Please thank everyone with the pride we feel when reading your great Newsletter. We may live here in Dawlish right now (here we are twinned with Carhaix, close to Morlaix) our hearts however are always in Truro, it makes us even happier to see there are old friends staying the course with you. We visit whenever we can, maybe in 2009 we may get lucky enough to meet with some of our *new* friends.

Please say our 'hellos' to Bert Biscoe, he'll remember me as Mavis Davies from The People's Palace. Give him our best and do please tell him I fly the Cornish AND Brittany flags on my electric scooter!

Thank you for all your efforts to keep our flags flying, *all* of you.

'Vive le Jumelage' - bonne chance pour le future.

I have just received an e-mail from Mavis telling me that she suffered a heart attack on the last day of a four week holiday in Malta, and spent Christmas day, and a few others, in a Maltese hospital. She is now home, but feeling rather frail, and hopes to have a new heart stent fitted soon.

This is the recipe that Jean Anderson made for the coffee morning recently, which was a big hit!

FIG AND APPLE CAKE

225g (8oz) unsalted butter, room temperature

225g (8oz) golden caster sugar

1 tsp vanilla extract

4 large eggs

225g (8oz) self-raising flour

4 tbs milk

2 tsp baking powder

250g (9oz) dried figs, chopped

400g (14oz) Cox's apples, peeled, cored and chopped

3 tsp cinnamon

25g (1oz) flaked almonds to decorate

Pre-heat oven to 180C (160C fan) mark 4. Line a 30.5x23cm (12x9in) roasting tin with greaseproof paper.

Using either a wooden spoon or an electric hand whisk, beat together the butter, sugar and vanilla extract until pale and fluffy. Add the eggs, little by little, adding 1tbsp flour each time if the mixture looks as if it is curdling. Stir in the milk.

Sift together remaining flour and the baking powder, then fold into the mixture using a metal spoon- it should have a dropping consistency and fall easily off a spoon. If it's too thick, stir in an extra 1tbsp milk.

Toss the figs, apples and cinnamon together in a bowl, then fold into the mixture.

Spoon into the lined tin, level the surface and sprinkle almonds on top. Bake for 35-40 minutes or until golden and a skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean. If the cake browns too quickly, cover the top with foil to protect it

Variations:

Lemon and Ginger: Beat 200g (7oz) grated stem ginger together with the butter, sugar and vanilla extract in Step 2. Complete the recipe, folding in the zest and juice of 2 medium lemons and 2tbsp poppy seeds.

Coconut and Banana: Make the recipe to the end of Step 3, omitting the milk. Fold in 50g (2oz) desiccated coconut, 3 mashed bananas and 150g (5oz) chopped walnuts. Bake for 30 min rather than 35-40.

French Holidays 2009

12 April Easter Sunday. Paques

13 April Easter Monday. Lundi de Paques

1 May Labour Day . Fête du Travail

8 May VE Day. Fête de la Victoire 1945

21 May Ascension Day. Ascension catholique

31 May Pentecost Sunday. Pentecote.

14 July Bastille Day. France's National Holiday. Fête national

EVENTS DIARY AND WHAT'S ON

All members are warmly invited to ALL events.

Saturday January 31st. Beetle Drive and Silent Auction at Kea Church Hall, 6 pm for a 6.30 p.m. start. This is usually a good fun event, so do come and join us.

Tuesday February 24th (Pancake Day) As last year, we will be having a 'Crêpe evening' and raffle at the home of Jean and Bill Anderson at 30, Hurland Road, Truro. (Tel. 320121) Have your first course at home, then come along at 7.30 pm for a 'crêpe dessert' !

Thursday March 12th Our Annual General Meeting will be held in the Council Chamber from 6 to 9 p.m., starting with wine and cheese. (This has yet to be confirmed.)

GOOD NEWS!! Andrew Moodie has set up the beginnings of the new twinning website:

<http://truromorlaixtwinning.weebly.com> **DEFINITELY WORTH A LOOK!! Well done Andrew.**

Members are asked to e-mail comments regarding the website or additional material to add to the site to Andrew at Andrewmoodie1988@yahoo.co.uk

French films at the Poly, Falmouth:

Frid Jan 9th to Mon 12th Jan. RIVALS (Les liens du Sang) (15) in French with subtitles.

Frid Jan 23rd to Mon 26th Jan. Conversations with my gardener. (12A) in French with sub-titles.

More information from www.thepoly.org

Latest 100 Club Results:

September winners: 1st Ciariad Cockcroft, 2nd K. Fletcher-Peters, 3rd Andy Woodall

October winners: 1st S & F Fisher-Davis, 2nd J. Richards, 3rd Anne Moodie.

November winners: 1st K. Fletcher-Peters, 2nd Sue Lawrence, 3rd S & F Fisher-Davis

December winners: 1st Trudy Wilcox, 2nd Sue Lawrence, 3rd Ciariad Cockcroft

We are short of a few committee members at the moment as one or two have had to resign recently for various reasons. Can you please be thinking about potential new committee members who could be voted for at the AGM in March. It would be good to have some younger members!

MONTHLY GET-TOGETHERS

The monthly get-togethers on the first Tuesday of each month continue to be held at 'The Riverbank' (previously The Barleysheaf) in Old Bridge Street, Truro, near the Shoppers' car park. Come and join us for a drink and a chat. It is felt that since this is an event arranged for members to meet informally there is no particular need for a committee member to be involved. It would be good, therefore, if members could just contact other members to see if they would like to meet up there.

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