



# TWIN LINK

June 2008

## The Morlaix Twinners Visit Truro

Chairman's welcome speech:

Mayor Elect Sue Callen, Monsieur President, Ladies, Gentlemen, and children

We extend a warm welcome to Truro. We are very happy and excited that you are here and we are looking forward to a busy weekend with the many friends we have already made and, the new friends we are going to make. It is a pleasure to welcome children and new members to our City and to our County. We hope you enjoy your stay with us and that this visit will give you all further insight into the heritage and culture of Cornwall. Enjoy our City, our hospitality, our friendship, and warmth that we extend. We hope at the end of your stay your experiences may have left you just a little tired maybe, but very happy that you came.

The Morlaix Twinners arrived in Truro in the late evening of Friday May 9th. On the Saturday morning there was a reception at the British Legion Hall, where the Mayor, Sue Callen, welcomed the party. After drinks and nibbles the rest of the day was free to spend time with hosts until the evening entertainment from the Hevva Dancers. This was held at the Carnon Downs Village Hall, and included a buffet. On Sunday there was a very successful visit to the China Clay Museum, followed by another excellent visit, this time to the Heritage Centre in Charlestown. On Monday the hosts were able to spend time with their hosts until it was time for them all to say 'Aurevoir' and depart for the ferry back to Brittany. A good time was had by all.



Chairman Christine Ward, Morlaix Chairman Michel Cocheril and Truro Mayor Sue Callen at the reception in the British Legion Hall

## Your new committee for 2008 to 2009

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## Chairman's Message

Welcome to this edition of Twin Link which has now got a new Editor in Val Flatt whom I am sure is going to 'do us proud'.

A lot has happened since the last edition. The AGM was held, including the election of a new committee which includes 'old' and 'new' members. All have shown enormous enthusiasm and support for the Association which bodes well to a bright future for us. A future which will bring its own rewards to individuals and to the City of Truro, and Cornwall, through promotion, and encouragement of our community to get involved.

Negotiations are ongoing with sporting teams, the arts, business and other organisations to ensure that awareness is raised within Truro's community. This will enable us to understand the true meaning of 'entente cordiale' and strengthen the bond between Truro and Morlaix. We will be using new and old ideas to nurture and help the association grow even further.

Planning for May's visit of our fellow twinned from Morlaix had started before the AGM but new committee members became involved and were an absolute asset. I think every single one who participated deserves a pat on the back for making it such a success. We have received so many compliments from our French friends who were delighted with their hosts and all the events. Even the good weather was a bonus.

Plans for **next year's 30th anniversary** have already started. We are hoping that it will be a year of celebration to be enjoyed by the people of Truro as well as our most valuable asset, you, our members. We will continue to need your invaluable support and look forward to the coming few months to continue with our plans to ensure it is a year of which we can be proud. Thank you to you all.

Christine Ward



### The French trip weekend Diary from a 1<sup>st</sup> timer

Well, what a great weekend!

#### Friday Evening

It got off to a great start from the moment we picked up our French guests with a little English and a little French spoken between us. Google translate broke the ice.

#### Saturday

The welcoming ceremony was a great success with eloquent speeches made by all three speakers. We then took our guests on a tour of the Museum, which they enjoyed.

On Saturday evening we attended the Hevva Dance at Carnon Downs when all of our party took part in the dancing, enjoyed the supper and won several raffle prizes.

#### Sunday

We woke up to a beautiful day. We joined up with the group to partake in the China Clay museum which both our French guests and my family found both educational and interesting especially as my granddad worked for the ECC.

In the afternoon we went to the Charlestown Maritime Museum, which our guests found enjoyable, and of interest.

#### Monday

Saw yet another glorious day, Monday was our free day to spend with our guest so we took them to Lands End for a walk and a Mystic Legends show.

The weekend was hectic, busy but rewarding as it gave us as a family a chance to meet some special people and make new friends.

Leeanne Higgins



## DO YOU HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS ?

We all need to be conscious of not wasting money, and our committee is no exception. It would be very helpful, and much more economic, if those of you who are reading this would be willing to receive future editions in e-mail form as an attachment. Please send your address to

johnorval@talktalk.net. Thank you very much.

## Cleaning up the Boules Pitch

A few hardy souls turned up, with their tools, on a cold Easter Monday. Fortunately the pitch was relatively clear, as the Council gardeners had been working on it. A few of us did some picking up of rubbish and raking of the surface while others watched, chatted, and contemplated the weather and life! The pitch is now ready for use. Do come along on the first Sunday in the month. The boules pitch is behind the cricket pavilion at the far end of Boscawen Park. See over page for times.



Mike looks busy!



These were thinking about it. They gave moral support!

In case you have forgotten the basic rules for Boules (Petanque), here they are:  
Singles and Doubles—3 boules per player. Triples—only 2 boules per player.  
Decide which team will start, and any player from that team may begin.  
Stand with feet together in a small circle and throw the jack (cochonnet—piglet).  
The same player throws a boule, palm down, to land as close as possible to the jack.  
A player from the second team throws, trying to get closer to the jack.  
The team farthest away throws next, and keeps throwing until they get closest.  
When all boules have been thrown, then scoring takes place.  
Count the number closer to the jack than your opponents.  
The winner of that 'end' draws a circle at the other end and the game continues.  
First to reach 13 wins (or whatever number is decided by the organiser).

Your support is really appreciated. We are a thriving association and hope to continue to grow. Tell your friends about us! Children especially welcome.

If there is something that you would like TMTA to do to improve your experience as a member please let a member of the committee know.

### FRENCH LESSONS

Anyone interested in learning French? Please e-mail Nikki ([nikki.dawkins@btinternet.com](mailto:nikki.dawkins@btinternet.com)) or phone 01872 571435 now for information regarding Conversational French classes in September

The TMTA committee and members would like to thank those who have so kindly donated prizes for our recent raffles. The most recent donor is Tremletts News, River Street, Truro

### Latest 100 Club Results:

March winners: 1st no. 11, Bill Anderson, 2nd no. 3, Suzanne Ashworth, 3rd no. 10, Patsy Newton

April winners: 1st no. 3, Suzanne Ashworth, 2nd no. 19, Christine Ward, 3rd no. 11, Bill Anderson.

May winners: 1st no 10, Patsy Newton, 2nd no. 1, Katy Fletcher-Peters, 3rd no. 11, Bill Anderson

As you can see, Bill gained three prizes here!!! Lucky him! Bill and Jean hosted a fantastic 'crepes' evening at their home on Pancake Day, so no-one would begrudge them their three wins!

**JOIN THE 100 CLUB! The more that join the bigger the prize money, the better the benefit to TMTA.** The 'TMTA Super 100 Club' is like a 'Club Lotto', open to all over 18 years of age. It is only £12 per year per ticket and there is a draw once a month. The more people who join, the larger the prize fund, as there is more in the pot to share out. Also, the more we can then undertake to do for the association and our guests from Morlaix. Pay by cash, cheque or standing order, whatever is convenient to you. As they say... 'you have to be in it to win it'. Call Peter Coxwell on 01872 274789.

Small ads: Please use this newsletter to advertise. For private ads the cost is £2 per item for sales/wanted etc., and £2 per greeting. The Editor and the Committee will consider other advertising.

## EVENTS DIARY AND WHAT'S ON

**First Sunday in each month. 11 am onwards. Boules in Boscawen Park.**

The Boules pitch is on the road side of the cricket pavilion at the far end of the park. Come and join us. Bring a picnic and something to sit on, and stay as long as you can.

**Sunday June 15th. (FATHERS' DAY) Family Fun Day at Boscawen Park. We're manning a stall (games) & "Try your hand at Boules" on the boules piste (as far away as possible from noisy bands!) Would welcome members' presence and support. Come & play! 1.45 pm—5 pm.**

**Sunday June 29th County Boules 10 am-4 pm (approx) at Boscawen Park. Come & support our teams. Bring a picnic, chairs etc. FOLLOWED BY :**

**A BARBEQUE at Riverside, Tresillian (home of Sandra & Barrie Anthony) £5.50 a head, £16 for a family ticket (2 adults & up to 3 children). Book a.s.a.p. Contact Anne (01872 277854 or e-mail: robertmoodie@btinternet.com)**

**Thursday July 10th to Sunday 13th. Twinning weekend to Brittany. This will include visiting the Tall Ships in Brest.**

**Monday August 25th (Bank Holiday): Eddie Jones Boules competition. 11 am-4 pm. £1 entry. Adults & Juniors. Prizes. Bar. Raffle. Bring a picnic, chairs etc.**

**Saturday Sept 27th Beetle Drive and Silent Auction at St. Kea Church Hall**

**Late October: Proposed Immersion visit to Truro.**

**Saturday Nov 1st A quiz with a fancy dress theme. There will be games for children, so bring the whole family along!**

### Advance Notice - 30th Anniversary

For the 30th anniversary celebrations next year it has been suggested that we go to Morlaix at Easter and that the French come here at the end of April/7th May. This is only a suggestion and has yet to be confirmed or indeed changed. Please try to keep your diaries free for both visits to make this a really special event.

### CHANGE OF VENUE

The monthly get-togethers are to start again in September, and on the first Tuesday of each month, but they will now 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.

Have you paid your subscription for this year? They were due on April 1st and most people paid them at the AGM. If not, please send it to Nikki Dawkins, The Fold, Quarry Road, Bolingey, Perranporth, TR6 0AS. Fees are: Individual £10, Family £15, Corporate £20

When we stayed with our 'Twinning' family last September, we were offered an unusual jam with our French bread. On enquiry, we discovered that Pierrette, our host, had made the jam from the fruit of the quince tree in their garden. I obtained a copy of the recipe, and have made the jam from our own quinces. Val



### **A Recipe to Try: QUINCE JAM**

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#### Gelée de Coings

Essuyer les coings pour enlever le velouté blanc. Puis dans le recipient choisi, couper en morceaux, les coings, peause et cœurs (pepins compris). Recouvrir d'eau à niveau des fruits. Faire cuire environ ¾d'heure. Egoutter le jus obtenu à l'aide d'une passoire. Peser le meme poids de sucre et remettre à cuire environ ½heure. Le liquide doit garder sa belle couleur, rose rouge, verifier le degree de gélication en versant 1 cuillère à café sur 1 assiette. Mettre en pots.

#### Pâte de Coings

Passer la pulpe quie est restée au moulin à legumes en se servant de la grille fine. Peser le meme poids de sucre. Laisser cuire à petit feu pour 45 minutes environs. Étaler en couche de 2 cm environ au fond d'un plat rectangulaire de preference. On laisse sécher, quelques jours recouvert d'un film alimentaire et on découpe des petits carrés en forme de bonbons que l'on conserve dans une boîte.

Win Win Win Win Win

TMTA 100 CLUB

Further information from

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#### French Holidays 2008

12 May Whit Monday

14 July Bastille Day

15 August Assumption

1 Nov All Saints Day

11 November Remembrance Day

25 December Christmas Day