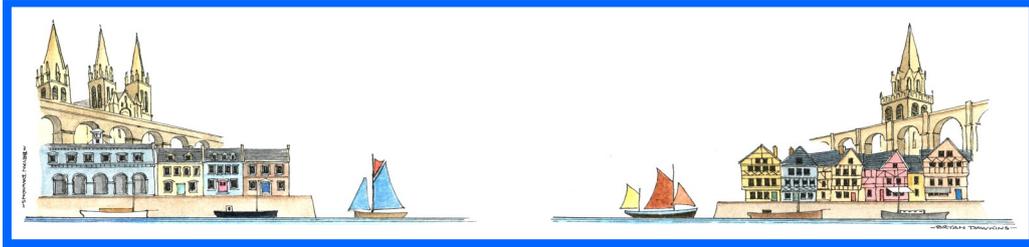


TWIN LINK MARCH 2012



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT :

It has certainly been a busy year at the hospital for our members....with knee replacements, hip replacements, spinal ops, cataracts, to name but a few! I'm pleased to report that all are recovering well. Unfortunately, on a sadder note, we lost Pat Young to cancer and on the French side, Philippe Perrin and Katherine Therme, former committee members. We were also sorry to say goodbye to the Dawkins family and Patsy Newton who have moved away. On the plus side several new young families have joined this year and we extend a warm welcome to them .

I am very grateful to all of you who come to support all of our social events. The committee work hard to organize them and it's lovely to see all of our friends on these occasions. Thank you too for your generosity in donating raffle prizes and an even bigger thank you to Sandra who has organized the raffles for so many years. We are also very much indebted to our members who open up their homes for social events and in particular I would like to thank the Vanstone family, the Andersons, Heginbothams and Anthonys. Not only are they wonderful social occasions but also important fundraisers.

The twinning weekends here and in Morlaix in 2011 were a great success. We now look forward to the French visit at the end of April. Preparations for the visit are well in hand. We very much appreciate members' kindness in hosting our French twinningers each year. Our visit to Morlaix is planned for July and forms will be circulating soon for that. Although the numbers were down for the immersion visits this year these visits are still proving invaluable to those wishing to improve their language skills. We have just received three delightful members from Morlaix and our immersion visit is planned for the autumn.

The boules season gets underway again on Easter Monday and we hope that the weather will be kind to us this season. For a summer activity we spend most of our time at the park in fleeces and gloves. The County boules competition will again be the last weekend in June and although we may not win the big trophy, we are certainly the best looking team in our smart new polo shirts, for which we must thank Sandra Anthony. Sandra has a number of shirts in stock if anyone would like one. We thank Jean Anderson for organizing the monthly boules and the Eddie Jones tournament.

When I became Chairman we had an unusable, out of date website that no-one could access. As most of you will know our son, Andrew, while at university kindly created a new website for us, which he updated regularly. Unfortunately, since leaving university, he has discovered the real world of long working days and so no longer has the time and more importantly he has no internet access to be able to continue that role. However, John Flatt has very kindly offered to take on the job and to be our "webmaster". Thank you, John.

As you know, this AGM marks the end of my term in office. It has been an honour, a privilege and a joy to have been your chairman. Not only do I believe strongly in the principle of twinning and the fostering of friendship between nations but our Truro-Morlaix association is truly a family affair. Friendships that were formed many years ago continue today, not just with individual members but also with the families of those members and new friendships are made every year. We have made many good friends during the five years that I've been here.

To be chairman, you need a good team behind you and I have been blessed with a wonderfully dedicated group of committee members and I thank them all, past and present, for all the hard work and support they have given me. I couldn't have done my job without them. Thank you.

It's always a dangerous game naming individuals as invariably someone is missed out and offended. However, I feel I must pay tribute to a couple who have been on the committee for even longer than me and have been unswerving in their commitment and dedication. Barry Anthony has been a superb vice-chairman...always there, ready to step into the breach or to be a listening ear. And Sandra, who as well as the raffle, does a huge amount of work with the hosting of our French guests. Sandra is always hands on in the background, booking village halls, discussing menus with hotels and always willing to share a problem. Thank you, Sandra & Barrie. But of course, a chairman would be lost without his or her secretary. Val Flatt has been a wonderfully supportive secretary and always agrees willingly to all my demands....endless reminders, booking forms, letters and so on. It is almost a full-time job. In addition to this Val also has the job of producing the Twinlink. I am truly grateful, Val, for all your tireless work. Thank you .

I must also thank my family for their support, encouragement and patience during my term of office and thank you Robert for your work as treasurer.

Thank you to all of you, the members, for the wonderful support and kindness that you have shown me. I wish my successor a happy and successful chairmanship. I look forward to the continuing success of our twinning association.

Finally, thank you Mr Mayor for presiding at our AGM and for the continued support from the council and the council staff.

Anne Moodie



Mayor's Charity Day, December 10th 2011. Mike and Barrie nobly man the TMTA stall.



New Year Lunch at the Penventon, January 15th 2012.



We now have a supply of polo shirts printed with our TMTA logo, in various sizes. Please contact Sandra Anthony for details and prices.

YOUR NEW COMMITTEE for 2012—2013 (elected at the AGM on March 14th)

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Silent Auction, Beetle Drive and Pasty Supper, February 11th



And the winner of the Beetle Drive was.....Hugo Cronier Keeble, seen here next to Erica. Congratulations Hugo!



Crêpe evening at Jean and Bill's, Shrove Tuesday 2012. Thank you for all your hard work in preparing the crêpes, Jean.



Driving in France – new regulations

Satnav and speed camera alerts

Since 3 January 2012 French laws have prohibited drivers from carrying any device capable of detecting speed cameras. This includes devices able to warn or inform of the location of speed cameras e.g. Satnav or GPS systems capable of showing speed camera sites as Points of Interest.

The French government is also installing around 400 new, unsigned, fixed speed cameras as well as taking down signs indicating the location of existing camera sites.

If you have a Satnav capable of displaying French camera locations in France then you must at least disable camera alerts. The fine for not complying is around 1,000 euros!

Breathalysers

The French government has confirmed that from 1 July 2012 the drivers of all motor vehicles and also motorcyclists (excluding mopeds) must carry a breathalyser. This regulation will be enforced from 1 November 2012. Anyone stopped after this date who fails to produce a breathalyser when requested will receive an on the spot fine of €11.

The official announcement states that one unused, certified breathalyser must be produced showing the French certification mark NF. It will have only one line indicating the French level of 0.5% BAC. Two single-use breathalysers should be carried – if one is used or damaged, you will still have a spare to produce. The breathalyser produced has to be in date: they normally have a validity of up to 2 years. Packs of 2 single-use breathalysers can be obtained from supermarkets in France, such as Leclerc, for around 2 euros.

Compulsory equipment in France and Monaco: **Warning triangle** - excludes motorcycles **Snow chains** - must be fitted to vehicles using snow-covered roads in compliance with the relevant road sign. Maximum speed limit 31 mph (50km/h) **Reflective jackets (EN471)** - one reflective jacket must be kept within the passenger compartment of the vehicle, i.e. NOT in the boot. **Apparatus with a screen** - which can distract a driver (such as television, video, DVD) should be positioned where the driver is unable to see them. It is prohibited to touch or program the device unless parked in a safe place. **GB sticker** - must be displayed; failure to comply could result in an on-the-spot fine.

See the AA's website http://www.theaa.com/motoring_advice/touring_tips/france-monaco.pdf for full information.

Shirley Barnes, 14 March 2012

Three brave Morlaisiens came for an 'immersion' in February. They worked hard to improve their English, they were great fun, and they all thoroughly deserved their certificates. Here our Chairman Anne Moodie is presenting the certificates at our celebratory get-together.



Our 'opposite numbers' in Morlaix have embarked on a new venture recently—'A cup of tea' once a month. Besides their annual visits to Truro, and the visit of the Truro group to Morlaix, they have organised some French-English meetings over a cup of tea. These are to be held once a month at the Tempo Bar in the port area of Morlaix. The choice of venue is influenced by the presence of many English boats which overwinter in Morlaix, and the Morlaisiens hope to be able to meet some of their occupants and to have informal conversations in French and English in order for both nationalities to be able to practise the other's language. It sounds as if this venture has got off to a good start.

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. Please help us by giving us your e-mail address (if you have one).

**Easter Monday, April 9th. Start of Boules season. 11 am in Boscawen Park.
Bring a picnic and a chair.**

April 27th to 30th Twinning weekend in Truro. French to come to us.

May 7th Walk and pub lunch Stithians (tbc)

June 24th County Boules.

July 11th—15th Twinning weekend in Morlaix.

July 21st Cream Tea at Hope Springs, Carnon Crease

September 2nd Eddie Jones Tournament & Barbeque (reserve date Sept. 9th)

October Our immersion in Morlaix

Thank you to all those who paid their subscriptions at the AGM—it saved us, and you, postage. If you have not yet paid, they are due on April 1st, and are:

Single £10, Family £15, Corporate £20.

HAVE YOU JOINED 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 on 01872 277854

Recipe Book

We are still trying to get together a recipe book which can then be sold. Do you have a favourite recipe, or one that was particularly well-liked by the French? We only really want one recipe per household but perhaps you could submit a few (numbered in order of preference) in case we are short of recipes in the end? It would be helpful if the ingredients were in grams. You can send them to any committee member.

100 CLUB WINNERS

Nov. 1.	Sandra Anthony
2.	Andy Woodhall
3.	Alison Cameron
Dec. 1.	Carriad & Chris Cockroft
2.	Anne Moodie
3.	Sue Lawrence
Jan. 1.	Mike Cluett
2.	Lilian Polkinghorne
3.	Enid Hawke
Feb 1.	Margaret George
2.	Sue Lawrence
3.	Sandra Anthony
Mar. 1.	Carol & Richard Heginbotham
2.	Bill Anderson
3.	Roland & Joan Goddard

A heartfelt thanks to those of you who have so kindly donated gifts. We currently have a reasonable supply although home-made fare and/or craft, offering to do a job (e.g. an hour's gardening, baking a cake etc.) are always welcome. Please contact Sandra Anthony 07800 867163 or 01872 520288 if you have any ideas. Thanks.

Our web-site is shortly to be taken over by John Flatt and will then be up-dated. You will then be able to see all the latest photos, and read past editions of Twinlink etc. at :- www.truomorlaixtwinning.weebly.com
Our Morlaix friends have a web-site of their own. It is: www.jumelagemorlaix.canalblog.com