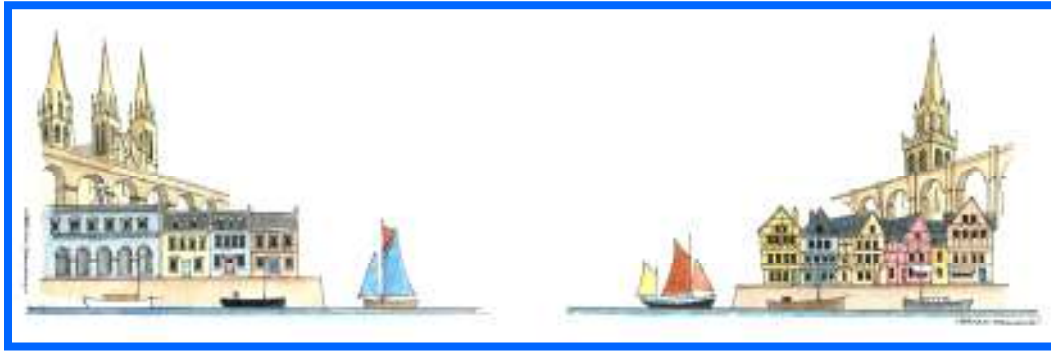


TWIN LINK OCTOBER 2010



Chairmans's report:

Twining weekend

The twinning weekend in September was certainly a memorable one! After a number of little hiccups during the build-up to the weekend, including 3 funerals and a wedding, all was finally on courseand then very early on the morning of their arrival I was awakened by a phone call informing me that there was a ferry strike at Roscoff and that the next ferry would not be until the following day!

Frantically Sandra and I started ringing around the hosts, the Mayor, the coach company. We cancelled the restaurant, caterer, civic reception. I had just put the phone down when Michel phoned again to tell me that the strike had been cancelled and that they would in fact be arriving that evening as planned! Still in pyjamas and gasping for a cup of tea, we began another round of phone calls! Luckily it was early enough to reverse all the cancellations and alterations.

To say I was relieved and delighted to see all the French twiners that evening is an understatement! The rest of the visit went swimmingly, the weather was wonderful, and both the new members and old on both sides seemed to have really enjoyed the weekend. It was lovely to see so many new members and young families to take twinning forward. The children all had a good time and hopefully have made some long lasting friendships.

Eddie Jones Boules Tournament

Unfortunately entries were down this year as the competition had to be postponed by a week due to torrential rain. However, on this second attempt the weather was dry and sunny and there was some fierce competition especially in the finals where we had husband and wife competing for the trophy. In the main Eddie Jones tournament Sue Lawrence played Dave Lawrence and for the Penrose cup Mike Polkinghorne played Lilian. In the end it was a male victory as Dave won the Eddie Jones trophy and Mike the Penrose trophy. Once again we were pleased to welcome the Polkinghorne children who played so enthusiastically. The Junior cup went to Cadan Polkinghorne. The trophies were kindly presented this year by Roland Goddard.

BBQ

The Barbeque at Barrie and Sandra's was another splendid affair. Barrie cooked the hot food to perfection, and Sandra had prepared some wonderful salads to accompany Barrie's efforts. Again, we were very lucky with the weather, and an enjoyable time was had by all. Thank you so much, Barrie and Sandra, for providing the food and the lovely venue.

Members' News

Our best wishes go to Ann Bailey following her operation. We were delighted but amazed to see her at Tregoninny just hours after she had been released from hospital, having had surgery the day before! We hope that the operation was successful and wish her a speedy recovery.

Anne Moodie



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Barrie takes the money for the walking treasure hunt in Truro in July

A good number of us took part in the Treasure Hunt around Truro, which was most enjoyable and also very educational. I think we all learned quite a lot about our city. We finished up at a surprise venue, a cafe near the Cathedral, where we were treated to tea and cakes. A lovely end to a good afternoon. Thanks to Barrie for organising it all.

Anne, Barrie, Sandra and Robert went dressed as 'Johnny Onion' and friends in the Truro Carnival. They were rewarded with a cup for their efforts!



BBQ

Barrie cooks the yummy food for the Barbeque in September.



We enjoy the fruits of Barrie's labours (from the BBQ), and the results of Sandra's hard work preparing the salads and everything else.



VISIT OF OUR FRIENDS FROM MORLAIX TO US IN SEPTEMBER

At the Civic Reception in the Town Hall



Everything went to plan after earlier and last-minute problems! The Civic Reception, the evening meal, the visits to Trevarno, the Cyder Farm and the Ice Cream factory were all enjoyed and appreciated .

The weather helped, and Cornwall looked beautiful!

Enjoying the meal at Tregoninny



The children had a good time, too.



We enjoyed a visit to Troverno



We had a guided tour, and tractor ride, at the Cyder Farm



Enjoying locally made ice creams

Obituary

Viv Pascoe

24th March 1931 to 18th July 2010

Viv was a lifelong resident of Threemilestone and took great interest in encouraging the community, by being a founder member of the local theatre group and chairman of the social club, amongst many other interests. He loved to travel, and after a stroke some years ago, he decided to join TMTA to continue his travelling closer to home. He loved good food, good wine and good conversation. He certainly found all those through twinning. He was a fantastic host including several barbeques held at Willow Green Farm for the TMTA. He had been very ill for the past twelve months. All his many friends, who miss him, send their respects to his family.

Barbara and Andy Woodhall

100 Club Winners

July: 1.Barrie Anthony, 2. Peter Coxwell, 3. Roland & Joan Goddard

August: 1. Roland & Joan Goddard, 2. Barbara Woodhall, 3. Carriad Cockcroft

Sept: 1. Katy Fletcher-Peters, 2. Enid Hawke, 3. Alison Cameron

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

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.

November 13th Curry Evening 6.30 pm at Kea Church Hall £6 adults, £3 children

Please let Val know (01872 271593 or johnorval@talktalk.net) & pay at the door.

November 26th 'Allo Allo' at the Lane Theatre, Newquay. £7.

Please let Anne know (01972 277854 or robert.moodie@btinternet.com)

January 9th 2011 (to be confirmed) New Year Dinner.

Boules on a roll as new craze of the jet set.

This is an edited version of an article which appeared in the Sunday Times in July.

There can be nothing more French than the spectacle of elderly men in berets playing boules in the village square on summer afternoons. Traditional boules players seem to have bulging stomachs, cigarettes clenched between their lips and pastis on their breath, and to inhabit country village squares for most of the summer. Now the game has been taken up by the jet set.

The game was invented 100 years ago in southern France, having evolved from a much older game that is said to date back to the ancient Greeks. So much in vogue is boules, also known as pétanque, that designer sets are available this summer from Chanel, whose set of eight balls in a wicker basket costs about £3,500, and from Louis Vuitton, whose leather case and balls are being touted at £1,000.

In Paris these days it is not unusual to see men in suits buying sets of boules with floral designs for their wives. The game has become fashionable, too, among the young.

Each contestant in a threeperson team has two balls. The idea is to toss one's ball as close as possible to the tiny wooden jack, also called a cochonnet or 'little pig'. A point is awarded for each ball that ends the game closer to the jack than the nearest ball of the opposing team. Players can also knock a rival's ball out of the way. The pastis is optional!

This is part of an article from Channel 4 news in August 2010:

A British team are the reigning world champions of boccia. With two years to go before the London Games begin, the athletes challenged Boris Johnson to a match.

It is a game you may not have heard of, yet Britain are currently the world champions at Boccia, a type of boules that was specifically designed for those with cerebral palsy.

Our team took the group gold medal at the Beijing Paralympics, and today, with two years to go to the London 2012 Games, the boccia athletes challenged Boris Johnson to a match, and urged Britain to get behind them.

Using the traditional blue and red balls, they hit the white jack with ease. Boris missed. But then the athletes practice two hours a day, seven days a week, and are paralympic champions.

In fact, at an international level, the British have emerged as quite the talent at this game.

But one of those who made up the mixed team that won the top prize in 2008 told us today that they are among the most physically challenged athletes at the games.

21-year-old David Smith, who is currently at Swansea University studying engineering, has cerebral palsy, and reveals that those with his condition, or similar ones such as muscular dystrophy, often cannot compete at sports such as wheelchair basketball, or swimming.

But that makes them even more celebrated at the Paralympics, especially as their team has excelled at boccia.

He is currently ranked number four in the world.

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