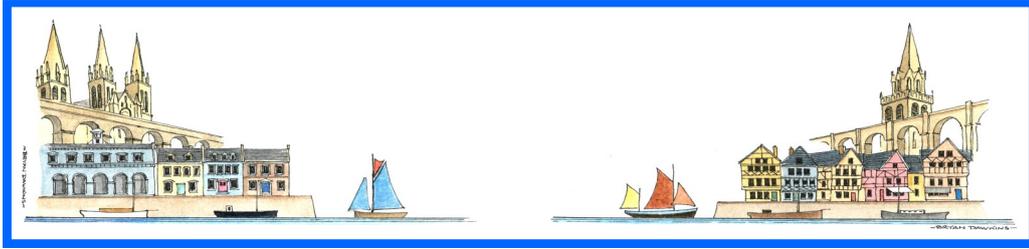


TWIN LINK OCTOBER 2011



Chairman's report

I must be getting old as this year seems to have whizzed by very quickly.

Autumn already! Although the summer was disappointing (again!) we were lucky to have a pleasant afternoon for our cream tea in June, which was very kindly hosted by the Vanstone family.

The weather was also good for the County Boules tournament. We may not have come away with a trophy but we were certainly the best kitted out in our smart new polo shirts.

Unfortunately the weather was not so kind for us on the day of the Eddie Jones Tournament, but members played on, braving the elements to finish the competition. The trophies were presented by Michel at the meal in the Cathedral restaurant during the Twinning visit the following week.

The storms that were forecast for the Twinning weekend fortunately did not materialize and we were grateful for a few glimpses of sunshine.

There were not so many old faces this year but it was lovely to see the few who did come and to get to know the new members. Again many friendships were made and renewed.

As I write, three of our members are in Morlaix on immersion, brushing up their French.

Despite a poor turnout, we enjoyed a fun evening at our Autumn Fest and managed to eat all the delicious dishes that members had brought. We now have a TMTA mascot – a French bear that I won in the raffle! (See photo). As yet he doesn't have a name and I would invite everyone to submit a name for him and the winner will receive a prize (but not the bear!)

Next month is the Quiz and pasty night when we look forward to seeing you all. Please pre-book your pasty!

We now have calendar dates for next year so please make a note of them in your diary. Please note that next year we change season for our visits so the French will be back in Truro in May and we shall be going to Morlaix in July for the Brest Maritime Festival. It's also very important that we have a full turnout for the AGM as my chairmanship comes to an end and we need to elect a new chairman and new committee members.

Sadly I have to announce that Alison Cameron has regrettably resigned from the committee. We are very grateful to Carol Heginbotham for offering to take over as membership secretary. Thank you Alison

We wish John Flatt a speedy recovery after his recent spinal operation and to Val a special thank you for valiantly producing this edition of Twinlink while struggling with limited vision in between cataract operations.

Anne Moodie

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This lovely bear needs a name!
There will be prize for the name we feel is the winner! Submit your names to Anne Moodie please.



Cream Tea at the Vanstone's house



The Autumnfest evening produced some interesting outfits!



Shirley Barnes' account of the Immersion, October 22nd to 26th , 2011

Immersion – it sounds frightening: to stay with someone you don't know in a different country and only supposed to speak French. So it was with some trepidation that Sheridan, his 12-year old daughter Katie, and I set off on the overnight boat from Plymouth.

Yet what a great weekend it was. I stayed with Laurence (a woman's name in France!) in her house in Ploujean on the outskirts of Morlaix. From the start we got on like a house on fire and chattered away non-stop

I am vegetarian, a concept very difficult for the French to grasp, but Laurence had thought about and cooked delicious food for us both. Apart from meal times, we were out and about all day, every day. We went shopping in the market, small shops and *Géant* supermarket in Morlaix. We went for walks along the coastal path, walked across the lower level of Morlaix's pink granite viaduct and around the old streets nearby. We went to a Breton afternoon in the village hall at nearby Plougasnou (free entry and an audience of around 200, most of whom seemed to understand the Breton). This included un *bagad* (band) playing *binious* (Breton pipes like bagpipes), a young woman playing the accordion whilst her grandfather sang, an elderly woman from sheltered housing singing in a pure clear voice, stories and jokes in Breton and French, musicians playing banjos and guitars, and Breton dances. Tunes were from Brittany, Ireland, Scotland and Wales and we even had – on the *bombarde* (a high-pitched pipe, so impossible to sing along) – Trelawney! Laurence and I joined in one or two of the dances, very similar to Cornish ones, and I found I could hum along to the Breton anthem, as it has the same tune as the Welsh national anthem which I know as "Land of our Fathers".

We went to dinner in the home of Giovanni, a member of Morlaix-Truro Twinning, from where we could see – as a grand finale to the evening – fireworks from the *Foire Haute* (fun fair) shooting up over Morlaix.. On the final evening of our 3 ½ days we dined at the Créac'h family's house, where Sheridan and Katie were staying. Here, Michel Cocheril presented us with our *dipômes* and Laurence had bought as a surprise dessert a huge cake with "Félicitations" inscribed on a chocolate plaque.

Although I hadn't had time for the prescribed formal work (writing the daily journal, reading French aloud every day), Laurence would gently correct my French even when I made the same mistakes over and over again. She patiently answered my questions and helped me with my pronunciation, grammar and vocabulary. There is no doubt that my French has improved, I have made new friends, and I thoroughly enjoyed myself. There's no need to be frightened: I can recommend the experience to all Twinners.



Images from the September visit.

The Mayor of Truro, Councillor Robert Nolan, welcomed our guests, accompanied by his consort. Our Chairman, Anne Moodie, and Morlaix Chairman Michel Cocheril, gave speeches in both French and English.



Visiting the Camel Valley Vineyard



Three Wise Men?



Framed!



The group who went on a guided tour of Trecice.

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).

Saturday November 26th. Quiz and Pasty Supper. Kea Church Hall. 6.30 pm.

Saturday December 10th. We will be having a TMTA stall at the Mayor's Charity Day on Lemon Quay, so do come and support us!

Sunday January 15th 2012. New Year Meal.

Saturday February 11th. Silent Auction and Beetle Drive at Kea Church Hall..

Tuesday February 21st. Crêpe Evening.

February/March. Our immersion in Morlaix.

Wednesday March 14th AGM.

Easter Monday, April 9th. Start of Boules season.

Monday May 7th. Bank Holiday walk and Pub lunch.

May 16th—20th (TBC) Twinning weekend in Truro.

June 24th (tbc) County Boules.

July 11th—15th (tbc) Twinning weekend in Morlaix.

July 21st or 28th Cream Tea

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

Our Boules teams



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.

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

During the September visit some of our members and their visitors were able to visit the Cathedral bell-ringing area.



100 CLUB WINNERS

July	1.	Sandra Anthony
	2.	Peter Willett
	3.	Roland & Joan Goddard
Aug.	1.	Enid Hawke
	2.	Barbara Woodhall
	3.	Carol & Richard Heginbotham
Sept.	1.	Peter Coxwell
	2.	Margaret George
	3.	Barrie Anthony
Oct.	1.	Carol & Richard Heginbotham
	2.	Andy Woodhall
	3.	Roland & Joan Goddard

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

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.

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
Our Morlaix friends have a new web-site of their own. It is: www.jumelagemorlaix.canalblog.com