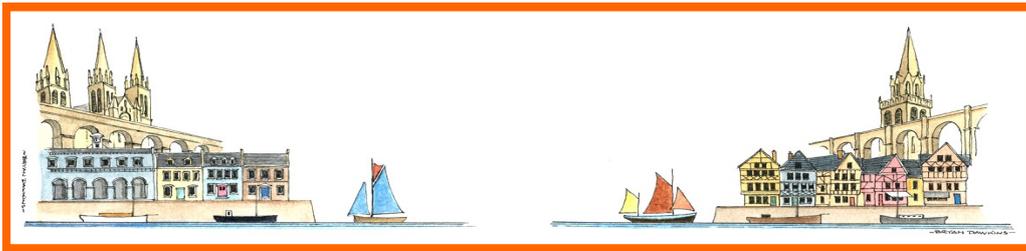


TWIN LINK APRIL 2015



Chairman's report March 2015

Dear Twinners,

It was encouraging to see a good turnout for the AGM and to be able to report that the Association is in good shape. I am especially pleased that we now have several new or returning committee members which I think will inject a renewed sense of purpose to our activities. I did give my thanks generally to the "old" committee in my Annual Report but I would like here to be more specific:

Barrie: always ready and willing to take on any task or to deputise when needed.

Val: our very efficient secretary who manages her role conscientiously, even from France

Richard and Carol: also ultra-efficient in their official roles but also tending the bar or food shopping for our events.

Sandra: who manages the sometimes difficult task of arranging hosts with great determination and diplomacy and secures the raffle prizes like a magician.

Ros: for her readiness to liaise where appropriate with her Council colleagues.

Connie: for her continuing enthusiasm for the principles of twinning.

Alison: for joining the committee and contributing her ideas and previous experience.

Again I thank them all most sincerely.

We have enjoyed three events since the last Twinlink. November's French Evening proved very popular; the venue was very pleasant and the transport arrangements, with the exception of one problem (2nd return taxi didn't turn up due to a miscommunication), worked well. The Penventon once again treated us to a superb lunch in January which was also well attended and the annual Crêpes evening drew the usual enthusiastic crowd.

We now look forward to the beginning of the Boules season and other events listed elsewhere in this edition.

I have very much enjoyed my three years as Chair of TMTA and thank everyone for their continued support. I wish Alison, our new Chair, every good wish for an interesting and fulfilling period of office.

Jean

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IMMERSIONS

Catherine Paul kindly sent some photos of the immersion experienced by the Truro Twinners when they went to Morlaix in October 2014. Many thanks to Catherine.



These photos were taken at a get-together after a few days' hard work on the language.

It is always good to share food together, and Twinners seem to be very good at it.

In March this year (2015) nine Morlaisiens came over for their immersion. The immersees and their hosts had a 'bring and share' lunch during which their certificates were presented.



Lovely booklet prepared by this immersee!



The **New Year meal** was again held at the Penventon Hotel in Redruth. Plenty of parking space, delicious food, and very pleasant company.



On Shrove Tuesday Jean Anderson once again hosted the **Crepe evening**. A good number turned up to enjoy the crepes, but no-one took a camera!

Apartment to let in les Menuires, (Trois Vallees area, www.lesmenuires.com). Sleeps six, for skiing, summer holidays, or just enjoying the French Alps at any time. For details please contact Barry and Sue Pettit by email, barry_pettit@tinyworld.co.uk, or phone 01872 273222.

The Annual General Meeting was held on March 12th in the Council Chamber of the City Hall

Current Mayor of Truro, Councillor Loic Rich, chaired the meeting. Retiring Chair Jean Anderson gave her Annual Report.



Treasurer Richard Heginbotham gives his financial report to the meeting.



There was a good turn-out of members.



New Chair Alison Mandeville receives the chain of office from retiring Chair Jean Anderson at the end of the meeting.



Chair's Report for AGM (for the benefit of those who were unable to attend)

As this is the last report I will make as Chair of the Truro-Morlaix Twinning Association I shall be reviewing the past three years rather than the one just ended.

As with most organisations some things remain enduring and others change and evolve. Some of our members have died leaving us with happy memories of their company and contributions to the Association. Some no longer feel able to participate fully in our activities due to illness or infirmity; we like to think that they are still friends. And we have welcomed a number of new members which is always good for a fresh injection of enthusiasm and interest.

No Chairman can do their job effectively without a good Committee and I have been blessed with such a one. Although their number has been fewer than in earlier years, they have been consistently supportive, loyal and willing not to mention efficient. Different views are aired, discussed and usually resolved in an atmosphere of joint enterprise which is to everyone's benefit. They are generous of their time and effort and have 'held the fort' for me on a number of occasions when family matters have demanded my attention away from Cornwall. For this and all their work I thank them each and all most gratefully.

You may be aware that many of the Twinning Associations in Cornwall, including ourselves, are affiliated to the Twinning Committee for Cornwall which meets four times a year including an AGM in November. Representatives of our Committee try to attend as often as possible. Apart from providing an opportunity to find out what other Twinners are doing ...some have much larger French or German groups to stay than we do, and considerably more events...this umbrella group negotiates a good premium for our public liability insurance. I also used the TCC avenue to investigate the problems we experienced in making our bookings with Brittany Ferries a year or so ago as other groups were having similar problems. Matters do now seem to be resolved and last year the service was good.

Either Barrie or I, often both of us, have attended the annual Mayor Making Ceremony each May by invitation of the Council. We have also represented the Association at the Civic Service held in June and the Remembrance Day parade and service in November, which acknowledges in a very tangible way the link between the Town Council and TMTA. Ros Cox has been the Council representative on our committee for a number of years and continues to maintain her interest, even though personal circumstances have prevented her from attending meetings recently. It is helpful to have someone who can raise any practical matters or queries for us in the Council. Despite his very busy schedule our current Mayor, Loic, has attended a couple of TMTA Committee Meetings and is hoping to have greater involvement in future (the General Election notwithstanding!)

I was glad to have the opportunity to establish a firm relationship with the new President of the Morlaix twinners, Etienne Destable. As I noted last year she took over the reins from Michel Cocheril and has made a very positive start. The speed with which e-mails may be exchanged is more than helpful in keeping in touch with the other side of the Channel and I feel she is very committed to continuing the good relations established in years past. I have confidence that this will continue under my successor.

All of the visits this past year have been successful, including the reinstatement of the Immersion after February 2014's storm hit ferry cancellation. (I'm hoping not to be tempting fate for this coming weekend's visit!) We are so dependent on Brittany Ferries and their operational ups and downs as other means of getting to and from Morlaix would indeed be arduous and almost certainly more expensive. We look forward as always to the May visit to Morlaix. There will be a group of 21 departing on May 22nd. Booking for the ferry will need to be made very soon so if there is still anyone who hasn't yet put their name down tonight is the last chance to do so. I have asked participants to make a deposit of £10 per person towards their fare, the balance to be paid by the end of April.

We also now have confirmation that the French will be coming to Truro between 17th and 21st September. Offers to host will be welcomed by Sandra and suggestions for the programme can be made to any committee member. So far we are investigating a whole day coach trip, perhaps to East Cornwall, which our visitors may not be so familiar with. Further details will follow in due course.

Looking back through the archives I note that our social activities are somewhat less frequent than in former years and have often relied on tried and tested events such as the Crepe Evening and the Cream Tea. This reflects, I think, the smaller Committee size -- less hands to organise-- and perhaps other demands which affect our individual lives. I would like to stress that the Committee is always willing to consider any ideas which the members might like to put forward. Dates for those events we have already fixed are available tonight and will also be published in the next edition of Twinlink. Communications with our members have changed significantly as the vast majority now have an email contact for information, instruction or Twinlink. Part of the reason our funds are in such good shape is due to the huge saving we have made on postage costs and stationery. I do thank Val very much for the production of Twinlink which I think you'll agree is always fun to read and good to look at. And we all like to see if we are in any of the chosen photos.....!!!! Our summer monthly Boules session in Boscawen Park continues to draw a small group of regulars and although we were not able to field a team for the County Tournament last year I hope we may this year as it will be back in the Park in June after relocating to Seaton for a couple of seasons. If you don't play come along to watch. Bill is the man to see for details of when and where we meet and I thank him and others for their work in tidying up the pitch before play each Sunday morning.

I'm not going to go into Bafta or Oscar mode but I would also like to publicly thank Bill for all his support whilst I have been Chair of the Association. It makes a huge difference to know that he understands and accepts the demands on time and resources and has never once complained. We joined TMTA to get to know people when we moved to Truro in 2005 and because we believe in Twinning and love Brittany. All of these things I look forward to continuing as I step down from this position.

Thank you. Jean Anderson

The 2015 **Boules** season started off on Easter Monday in Boscawen Park. The weather was absolutely glorious, and a good crowd turned up to play, watch, or just chat.



Some serious measurements going on here.



Petite Maison

Set in a quiet village within the Monts d'Are national park, our small house is available from April to September for holiday breaks. A boulangerie, shop and pharmacy are within a 5 minute level walk. It is only 45 mins drive time from Roscoff, 25 mins from Morlaix and 50 mins from Quimper. Great area for walking. There is one double bedroom.

Call Alison or John 01326 318848

or e-mail: alisoncameron@talktalk.net



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).

May 4th. May Day Bank Holiday walk in the Luxulyan Valley, followed by lunch at the Kings Arms, Bridges

May 21st to 25th. Truro Twinners go to Morlaix for group visit.

June 14th. County Boules competition to be held at Boscawen Park

July 4th. Cream tea from 3-5 pm at Hope Springs, Carnon Valley, Carnon Downs.

August 31st. Eddie Jones Boules competition in Boscawen Park, followed by a BBQ at Riverside, Tresillian. Come at 12.30 pm, and bring a picnic lunch to eat before starting the competition.

September 17th to 21st. Morlaix Twinners to visit Truro.

Don't forget the first Sunday of every month we play Boules at Boscawen Park. Come along and play, or just watch, and bring a picnic. Details from Bill Anderson.

100 CLUB WINNERS

November:	1. Connie Fozzard, 2. Mike Cluett, 3. Sue Lawrence
December:	1. Don Minter, 2. Connie Fozzard, 3. Barbara Woodhall
January:	1. Enid Hawke, 2. Keith & Stella Plummer, 3. Pauline Minter
February:	1. Sheila McGill, 2. Andy Woodhall, 3. Sandra Anthony
March:	1. Ginnie Moses, 2. Anne Moodie, 3. Mike Cluett.
April:	1. Jean Anderson, 2. Suzanne Ashworth, 3. Enid Hawke

HAVE YOU JOINED THE 100 CLUB?

The 'TMTA Super 100 Club' is like a club lotto, for all over 18.

The 100 Club is a lottery (regulated and approved by Cornwall Council) in aid of Association funds. Members pay £12 per year (by cash, cheque or standing order), and a draw is held each month with 3 cash prizes - first prize £6, second £4 and third £2. Please contact Richard Heginbotham richard.heginbotham@talk21 for further details and to join. 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.

N.B. Annual subscriptions to TMTA are: **Single £10, Family £15, Corporate £20.** They are now due for the coming year.

Thanks to those of you who have so kindly donated gifts. We always appreciate suitable objects for prizes. Please contact Sandra Anthony 07800 867163 or 01872 520288 if you have anything to donate. Thanks.

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