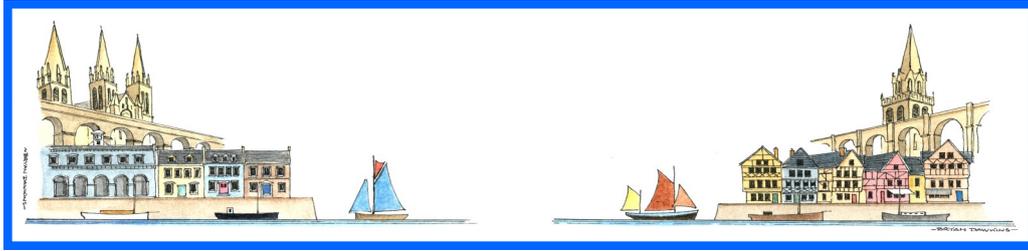


TWIN LINK AUGUST 2013



Chairman's report August 2013

I'm sure we have all been revived by the improved summer weather which finally arrived. Unfortunately the most recent Boules session was ironically rained off !! Numbers are small but enthusiastic and you can read about our County Boules activity elsewhere in this issue.

It is sad to hear about a number of our members who are currently, or have recently been, in ill health. The best wishes and supportive thoughts of the association are with them all.

After the local town council elections in May we now have four councillors nominated as links with TMTA including long-standing supporter Ros Cox; the committee were pleased to welcome her and Deputy Mayor, Loic Rich, to our recent meeting and look forward to their continued support.

In response to views expressed by both members and the committee I am attempting to get firm advance dates for visits/immersions from our French friends. Their organisation is run in a very different way to our own as their members comprise those signed up to the English classes in September each year and those can change annually. Their numbers are much greater and the organisation more diffuse. I will be keeping up the pressure during the next few weeks.

Speaking of members, we have lost a significant number this year for a variety of reasons, particularly among the younger ages. Once again I would ask that you "spread the word" about Twinning wherever possible and refer any potential new recruits to Carol. We are already experiencing some difficulties in finding hosts for this year's Immersion and the last main visit of the French was similarly affected.

On a more positive note, I was able to act as a go-between for a young French student looking for a work placement in Truro during the summer as part of her studies. She has just finished 8 weeks working in the Tourist Office and Anne Moodie joined her for a meal with Bill and I. She seems to have enjoyed her stay (her first in the UK) though she had limited opportunities to see any of the places she was recommending to visitors !

I do hope that you will be able to support as many of the coming months' programme as possible and I look forward to seeing you.

Jean

Nadi Kermovant, wife of past president of Pays de Morlaix Twinning, died in April after a long illness. Respects were paid during Michel Cocheril's speech at the City Hall Reception on 10th May.

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

Cream tea at Richard and Carol's in June

The weather behaved itself again and everyone who came had a good time. However, the numbers were down on previous years so maybe it is time to do something different next year? Do let the committee know your thoughts on this.



Visit of the Morlaisiens to Truro May 8th to 11th 2013

Thursday May 9th: We visited Lanhydrock in the morning, where the weather was rather inclement. We enjoyed a meal together at Trellisick Barns in the evening.



Some of the group at the reception kiosk, and in front of the house.

Friday 10th: In the morning there was the official civic reception at the Municipal Buildings in Truro.



The speeches were given by Truro Mayor, Councillor Lindsay Southcombe, on behalf of the City Council, by Michel Cocheril, President of the Morlaix Twinning Association, and by Jean Anderson, Chairman of the Truro Association.

In the afternoon we all enjoyed a boat trip on the River Fal, which included a Pasty and a pint.

Some stayed inside in the warmth, others braved the outside, where it was a bit on the chilly side unless you found a sheltered spot. There was lots of chatting going on.



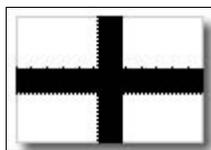
Mike Cluett has been given the task of organising games for the 'Yesteryear' Games Evening which we hope will take place on October 12th. (Date yet to be confirmed). If you have any ideas for games, e.g. Pin the tail on the donkey, could you please contact Mike by e-mail or phone (contact details on front page).

BRETON FLAGS

When we were attending the 'Tonnerres de Brest' last July, our Breton friend pointed out the old style Breton flag flying from one of the masts in the harbour. It is the opposite of the St Piran's flag i.e. white with a black cross. The French refer to it as 'Le Gwenn ha Du', (the white and black).

The flag which we are familiar with (stripes and 'hermines'), was created in 1925 by Morvan Marchal and symbolises the difference in language between west and east Brittany. The white stripes represent the former Breton bishoprics, - Leon, Tregor, Cornouaille and Vannetais, while the black stripes represent the five former Gallic bishoprics of the east. The 'hermines' recall the coats of arms of the kings and dukes who governed Brittany when it was an independent nation.

Contributed by Mike Polkinghorne



Kroaz Du



Ermine



Gwenn Ha Du



Our Cornish Flag

The first known flag of Brittany was the Kroaz Du (or Groaz du), the Black Cross, virtually the reverse of the old Cornish flag. It was given to Pierre Mauclerc by Pope Gregor IX c1236. This was effectively the national flag of Brittany until 1532.

Within Breton history is also the ermine banner or Ar Banniel Erminigouet which was a part of the arms of the Dukes of Brittany and dates back to 1316.

The present flag 'Gwenn Ha Du' means simple 'white and black' and was designed as late as the 1920's but incorporates both these historical devices and boasts 11 ermines to represent traditional Brittany with black and white bars to represent the Breton and Gallaic speaking regions.

(Information from the internet found by Val)

County Twinning Boules Competition 2013 Report

The Truro Morlaix Twinning Association provided the largest squad at the County Twinning Association's Annual Boules Competition held at the St Germans Twinning Group's new boule piste at Seaton on Sunday 19th May.

Thirteen teams from Callington, Saltash, St Germans, Torpoint, Truro and Cornwall All Stars (including our own Alan Ranson who came to support Truro Boppard Twinning) initially played in pools. All three Truro teams progressed to the quarter-finals of the knock out stages having qualified as runners up in their respective pools.

Truro C (Ann Moodie, Peter Willett and Barrie Anthony) came closest to making the semi-finals only losing 10 – 13 to Torpoint A. Truro A (Jean Anderson, Bill Anderson and Mike Cluett) lost to Torpoint B and Truro B (Josieanne Cachia, Lillian Polkinghorne and Mike Polkinhorne) lost to St Germans A.

The weather being cool but dry, many of the Truro squad moved their deck chairs to line the sides of the piste for an entertaining and close fought Final between Torpoint A and Torpoint B, the latter emerging 13-12 winners.

We didn't come away empty handed, as Mike Cluett won a prize in the raffle – "A Romantic Break in a Holiday Cottage".

Bill Anderson, Boule Coordinator



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.

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).

August 25th. Eddie Jones Boules competition at Boscawen Park from 11 am, followed by a Barbeque at Riverside, Tresillian at 4.30 pm.

September 12th to 16th. Truro group visit to Morlaix.

October 11th to 14th (tbc) French come to us for their immersion (dates to be confirmed). We intend to have a fun social evening while they are here - details to follow when the French confirm the dates.

November 30th. Quiz and Bring and Share supper social evening (confirmed)

January 19th 2014. New Year Lunch at the Penventon Hotel in Redruth (confirmed)

February 14th to 18th. We go to Morlaix for our immersion (tbc)

March 4th. Pancake evening

March 27th Annual General Meeting (confirmed)

April. French group visit to Truro (possibly 25th to 28th, but tbc)

April 21st, Easter Monday. Boules start.

May 5th. May Day Bank Holiday walk

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.

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.

Prizes are now:

First prize £6
Second prize £4
Third prize £2

100 CLUB WINNERS

April 2013 - 1st Enid Hawke, 2nd Peter Coxwell, 3rd Don Minter

June 2013 - 1st Richard & Carol Heginbotham, 2nd Connie Fozzard, 3rd Katy Fletcher-Peters

May 2013 - 1st Peter Willett, 2nd Marlene Davies, 3rd Sheila McGill

The draws for July, August and September will be carried out at the BBQ on Aug 25th.

N.B. Annual subscriptions to TMTA are: Single £10, Family £15, Corporate £20. They were due on April 1st.

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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