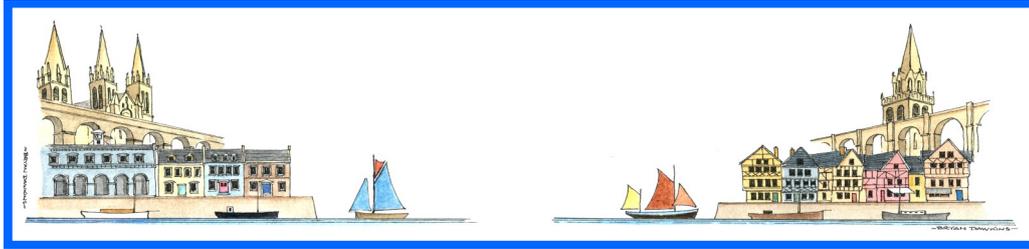


TWIN LINK JANUARY 2013



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT :

By now you will all know that our Treasurer, Robert Moodie, died at the end of November following several months of illness. We have all been shocked by this news. Many members have already contacted Anne with messages of condolence and some were able to attend his funeral at the Cathedral. The large numbers present were a testament to the high regard in which Robert was held by former pupils, colleagues, friends and associates, not least ourselves. He was a stalwart member of TMTA, an efficient Treasurer and a reliable barman at our many functions quite apart from being one of the kindest people many of us have known. We will all miss him very much and offer Anne, Andrew and Helen our heartfelt condolences and support.

Not long before this, we had heard of the death of another long-time member of our Association, Roland Goddard. Again, tributes have been paid to this fine Scillonian who was much respected. We too salute his contribution to our organisation and grieve with Joan. We are pleased to know that she is planning to join us for the New Year lunch.

Personally, I wish to thank our Committee members for their efforts in keeping members informed and arranging for the quick transfer of the Treasurer's books and effects to Richard Heginbotham who has kindly offered to handle the finances until the AGM. Their assistance was much appreciated during my absence in New Zealand.

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Reports on other activities since our last Twinlink appear elsewhere.

Best wishes,

Jean

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

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We do not have our full complement of committee members at the moment. If you would like to join us, and perhaps even take over one of the above positions, we would love to meet you. Please get in touch with Jean Anderson. Anyone with computer skills would be especially welcome!

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

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

Twinnors get Immersed

Six brave members of our Truro-Pays de Morlaix Twinning Association recently crossed the Channel to become immersed in the French way of life in Brittany for four whole days. Leaving Plymouth on an overnight crossing on the Brittany Ferries' Armorique, we arrived in Roscoff very early on a Friday morning, to be met by our hosts. Each of us was 'placed' with a person or family who had been matched up so that the hosts and immersees had common interests. This was because the main reason for taking part was for us to improve our French and get immersed in the local life and culture. Speaking, listening, reading, watching TV, visiting other homes, sightseeing, eating French food, doing French shopping, even such simple things as laying the table for one's host shows up the differences between us and our fellow twinnors living in Morlaix.

Before the end of the visit we had a get-together at the home of Michel Cocheril, the President of the Morlaix Twinning Association, where we were presented with certificates to say we had taken part.

An immersion is great fun but quite hard work, and on the return on the afternoon ferry on the following Monday there was a huge sense of achievement at the progress made in language skills, as well as delight at having made new friendships and having caught up with previous acquaintances.



Katie, Sheridan, Val, John, Michel Cocheril, Alison and Jean at the presentation 'ceremony'.



The 'immersees' with their hosts.



Cinqathon Games

CINQATHON GAMES EVENING (Contributed by Barrie Anthony)

Our first Cinqathon Games Evening was held on Saturday 17th November. Simply five objectives with accumulative points. Mike C and Barrie A dreamt up the games and the rules, and acted as guides and umpires.

Only twenty-three were able to come, which was a shame as much fun and merriment ensued, with loads of cheating and much laughter. The evening started with Richard handing out generous portions of his home-made mulled wine, then we sat down to a truly splendid meal with lots of wonderful and tasty choices that had been lovingly prepared by Jean, Carol, Ros and Sandra. The Bar was manned by Richard, who made sure that everyone had sufficient quenching of thirst, not forgetting the torpedoes of French bread to mop up with.

The Olympian medals were awarded by Barrie to:

Gold: Vernon Bailey, 98 points

Silver: Keith Plummer, 94 points

Bronze: Chris Cockcroft, 89 points.

Close fourth was new member Tom Hawkins with 88. 205 was the possible maximum that could have been scored.

Our special thanks to The Hawkins Arms, Probus, who loaned us their Bar Skittles.

In conclusion, a wonderful and enjoyable evening missed by many!

Cinqathon Games name	points	points	points	points	Grand Total
Spat Le Rodent					
Fin Car Ruelle					
Quatre Demois					
Jeu de Skittles					
Fulle de Golf					
Catified by					



Winners Chris, Vernon and Keith receive their prizes from Barrie.

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).

Sunday January 20th 2013, 12.30 for 1 pm. New Year Lunch at the Penventon Park Hotel in Redruth (post code TR15 3AD for Sat-Navs). See you there! Hopefully all of you who intend to go have booked and paid by now!

Tuesday February 5th, from 7 pm. Crêpe evening at the Anderson's, 30 Hurland Road, Truro, TR1 2BU. Please let Jean know if you are coming so that she can prepare enough crêpes. There will be a raffle. Note that this is NOT Pancake Day, Shrove Tuesday, but the week before, as our hosts are not available on the 12th.

Thursday, March 14th. Our Annual General Meeting in the Council Chamber. There will be wine and cheese from 6.30 pm, and the actual AGM will start at 7 pm. This is usually a relatively short business meeting, and the rest of the time is spent socialising, so we hope as many as possible will be able to come. The necessary paperwork will be sent out in good time.

Yet to be confirmed:

2013 visits: Our Morlaix friends are due to visit us in the Spring, and we should be going there in September. The French to come to us for their immersion the first weekend in March and the group to come May 9th to 12th.

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. Standing order is easiest for you and the treasurer. If you are coming to the New Year Lunch, there will be a chance to join up. We are also having the draws for the last few months at that event.

N.B. Annual subscriptions to TMTA are:

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

100 club winners

We have decided to do the draw for the winners for October onwards at the New Year Lunch in January,

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.

Our web-site address is :- www.truromorlaixwinning.weebly.com

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