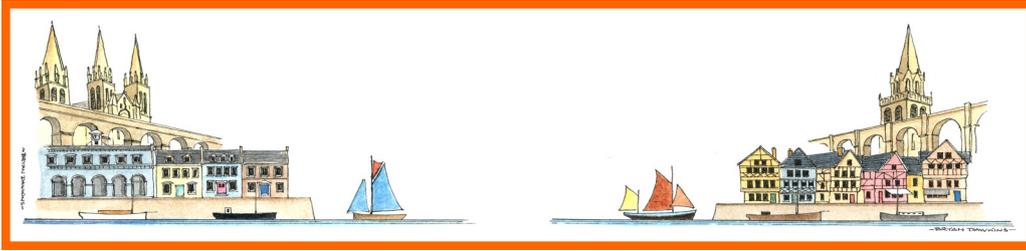


TWIN LINK JANUARY 2014



Chairman's report January 2014

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year.

In my last report I said that I was attempting to confirm the visiting dates for the coming year; I have not been entirely successful. There is a new committee in Morlaix (a list appears elsewhere) and Michel Cocheril has at last been able to hand over the Presidency to Etienne Destable. We wish him and Danièle some more peaceful times without the responsibilities he has shouldered for so long. Our Committee is suggesting that the visits be on a two year alternating cycle. The ferry restrictions from October to March, and the differing public holidays in each country, seem to have had the effect of squashing the two main visits closer and closer together, which creates a lot of pressure on both sides. There was a meeting on the 6th January in Morlaix to discuss our proposals and so far I only have confirmation of the Immersion in France from 14th to 18th February. They have not yet decided on the main visit to Truro but are now thinking it would be better in September rather than the end of April which we had suggested. I apologise once again for the uncertainty and will bring you up to date as soon as possible. (See elsewhere in Twinlink about the Immersion.)

The French Immersion in October was cancelled due to poor interest from the French membership and, because of very limited preparation time for the Committee, our Fun and Games evening was also abandoned. However, the Quiz night and Supper in November was a great success and we once again felt that the hall at Tresillian is a good and inexpensive venue.



The Winning Quiz team.

The main visit to Morlaix was another success and introduced three of our more recent members to the most important aspects of twinning, sharing time and activities with French twinningers. By all accounts it was a positive experience for them all.

As some of you know, I have had to spend a considerable amount of time recently in Essex due to illness in the family. At present Bill and I are back in Truro but may be called eastwards at any time; however, I am intending to make every effort to be at our forthcoming lunch at the Penventon Hotel on the 19th January and hope to see many of you there.

Jean



The BBQ at the Anthony's was another great social occasion.



Fun at the Boules pitch in Boscawen Park.

YOUR COMMITTEE for 2013—2014 (elected at the AGM in March)

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Annual Eddie Jones Boules Tournament Report

Sunday 25th August saw the end of the summer boules season with the Eddie Jones Boules Competition. The weather was kind with broken sunshine, and the piste was in excellent condition, the City Parks Department having replaced the wooden edging with concrete kerbing, rolled it well at the beginning of the season, and applied sufficient weed killer to ensure that nobody could blame a little bit of greenery for their boule not arriving at its intended destination.

Eleven names went into the draw and the competition was wide open when the 2011 and 2012 winners, Bill and Jean Anderson, were both knocked out in their first matches. Suzanne Ashworth progressed to the first Semi-Final with narrow 9-7 wins over Alison Cameron and Josianne Cacha, but then came up against an in form Mike Polkinghorne who earned his place in the Final with a 9-3 win. In the bottom half of the draw Peter Coxwell got to the Final with wins over Lilian Polkinghorne, Mike Cluett and Anne Moodie. The Final was closely contested with the scores level at 9-9 after 16 ends before Mike Polkinghorne squeezed home with single point victories in each of the last 3 ends.

Those who lost their first matches in the Eddie Jones Competition went into a subsidiary competition for the Penrose Trophy. Debutante, Margaret George, emerged as winner of this competition beating Lilian Polkinghorne 13-9 in the Final. This was also a closely fought match with the scores level at 8-8 after 14 ends, but a '3 pointer' in the 15th end gave Margaret an unassailable lead. At the end of play TMTA Chair, Jean Anderson, presented the Eddie Jones Winners Trophy, the Eddie Jones Runner Up Trophy and Penrose Trophy, plus a bottle of wine each, to Mike Polkinghorne, Peter Coxwell and Margaret George.



Play will resume on Easter Monday 2014 at 11.00am, weather permitting.

The prizewinners



Serious stuff!!!

Truro Twinners visit to Morlaix, September 2013

Some of us in the Abbey Gardens



Speeches at the official reception



Picnic at the Abbey de Daoulas



Meal at l'Albatros in the evening



Tourist train ride around Morlaix. Some of us got the time wrong so had to go on the next trip!

This happened to an Englishman in France who was totally drunk:

The French policeman stops his car and asks the gentleman if he has been drinking.

With great difficulty, The Englishman admits that he has been drinking all day, that his daughter got married in the morning to a French man, and that he drank champagne and few bottles of wine at the reception, and quite a few glasses of single malt thereafter.

Quite upset, the policeman proceeds to alcotest (breath test) him and asks the Englishman if he knows under French Law why he has been arrested.

The Englishman answers with humour: 'Not sure, really. Did you notice that this is a British car and that my wife is the driver—on the other side???'

Immersion in Morlaix

If any member is interested in taking part in this short but intensive experience please let Jesn Anderson know as soon as possible. Members stay with French hosts and the idea is to speak and listen to French during the visit, thereby improving your language skills. It is helpful to have some basic French and it is quite tiring but all those who have taken part have felt real benefits. If you would like more information contact Jean, Val or Anne Moodie.

Le nouveau Bureau du Comité

Le Conseil d'Administration du 6 décembre a élu un nouveau bureau : (Manque Angela Wainwright, secrétaire-adjointe). ceux qui ont pris des responsabilités et qui font vivre l'association, avec l'appui de tous les membres !

New Morlaix Twinning Committee

For your interest, the new committee in Morlaix is shown here:



Friendship Force International

During the summer I was contacted by a Canadian couple (via the Town Hall) about the above organisation. Over a cup of tea, this very enthusiastic and friendly duo quizzed me about twinning and how it works in Truro. In turn they asked me to let our membership know about Friendship Force in case anyone should wish to extend their international interests a little further. Participants choose a country they would like to visit and then stay with like-minded people for a week or so, absorbing the local culture, customs and cuisine. There are contacts all over the world. It seemed to me that you would need both time and money to jet around as much as this lively pair of mature people do, but if you are interested in finding out more there is a web-site: www.thefriendshipforce.org

Also a more language-learning offshoot at: www.mylanguageexchange.com. **Jean**

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).

January 19th. New Year Lunch at the Penventon Hotel in Redruth (TR15 1TE), 12.30 for 1 pm.

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.



Breton music and dancing at the meal.



100 CLUB WINNERS

July 2013: 1. Lilian Polkinghorne, 2. Harry McGill, 3. Pauline Minter

September: 1. Peter & Sheila Willett, 2. Mike Cluett, 3. Anne Moodie

August: 1. Barbara Woodhall, 2. Marlene Davies, 3. Sue Pettit

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October: 1. Joan Goddard, 2. John & Val Flatt, 3. Alan Ranson

November: 1. Alan Ranson, 2. Anne Moodie, 3. Don Minter

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

Jean has managed to get 10 more of the "flag" pins for twinning at £2 each. After this batch the price will go up to £4! So these are worth getting now. Grab a bargain while stocks last!!

N.B. Annual subscriptions to TMTA are: **Single £10, Family £15, Corporate £20.** The next ones will be due on April 1st, and can be paid at the AGM..

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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