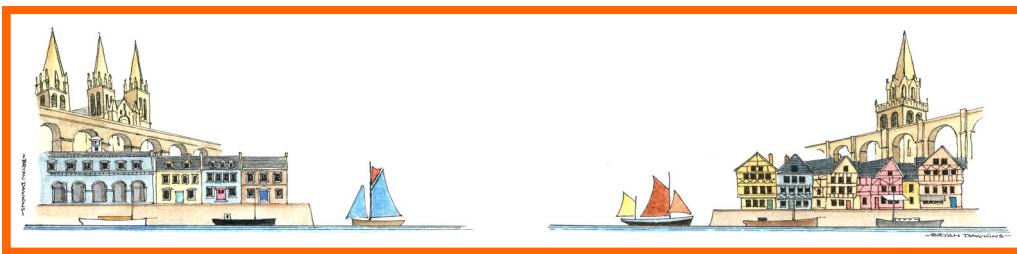


TWIN LINK OCTOBER 2014



Chair's report for Twinlink October 2014

Welcome to the Autumn edition of Twinlink. I hope you have all been able to enjoy the good summer weather over the past few months. It was certainly good news for those who play Boules regularly at Boscowen Park: no cancellations on Sundays and a really warm Eddie Jones Tournament in September. There was an enthusiastic turnout though numbers were a bit low, and we were pleased to welcome Eddie's son and daughter to the occasion. They kindly agreed to present the prizes too. Unfortunately we could not get a team together for the County Boules Competition in June owing to members' other commitments.

At the beginning of July a few of us enjoyed a picnic at Godolphin House and a tour of the building afterwards.

This year's trip to Morlaix was generally agreed to be one of the best in recent times. We all really felt the warmth of the welcome both officially and in individual homes. Even a local canine wanted to join in the Civic Reception! (Sorry, you had to be there.) Everything ran smoothly and Morlaix was looking at its best. As I write this season's Immersees will be returning from Brittany. Seven members took part – three "stalwarts" and four "debutantes".

Some of you may have seen that we managed to get the West Briton to publish a couple of items about TMTA; it has sometimes been a struggle to get this publicity. I'm hoping that it may promote further interest from potential members.

I hope you will be able to attend our French Evening at Malpas at the end of November, and please make a note in your diaries of the planned events for next year listed in this edition of Twinlink.

Lastly, best wishes to all members who are experiencing health problems at this time.

Jean

Truro Twinning. Immersion visit to Morlaix 10 -14 October 2014

'You're brave' a friend said to me the day before I left for Morlaix 'you are going to spend four days with someone you have never met before and speak French the whole time? well, it's not something I would want to do'. But in the event, I was not brave at all as I had a great time with Kathy.

Kathy Berthou lives in a beautifully converted 16th century house in the countryside just outside Morlaix and I had accommodation in the gite attached to the house. She was a wonderful hostess and took me all over the place. I loved the Saturday market in Morlaix and the corbelled 16th century Duchess Anne's House; the beautiful Corniche Amorique coast and the pink granite rocks of Ploumanach; the Dubuffet exhibition at the Leclerc gallery in Landereau and the visit to a vide grenier where energetic Kathy was dashing around collecting unsold clothes and toys to take to underprivileged children in Morocco later this month.

On Sunday evening we met up with the whole immersion group and had a pleasant evening in the Ocean Creperie in Morlaix while the wind and rain lashed at the windows reminding us that winter was on its way.

On Monday morning on our way to the ferry back to Plymouth , Kathy and I were chatting happily away in French. The immersion visit had done its job and I am delighted to have been part of it.

Mary Whiteley

YOUR COMMITTEE for 2014—2015 (elected at the AGM in March)

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We do now have vacancies on the committee again, so if anyone would like to come forward please get in touch!

Annual Eddie Jones Boules Tournament Report

Sunday 7th September saw the end of the summer boules season with the Eddie Jones Boules Competition. The weather was kind with wall to wall sunshine and no wind, and the piste was in excellent condition.

Eleven names went into the draw and the first set of matches saw repeats of the 2011 and 2013 Finals. Suzanne Ashworth played Bill Anderson in a repeat of the 2011 Final. It was a fairly tight match until Bill sealed it with a '3 pointer' on the final end. The repeat of the 2013 Final between Mike Polkinghorne and Peter Coxwell was the closest match in the early rounds. The score was 8-8 with the winner being the first to 9 points, and Mike squeezed it leaving Peter, to defend the Penrose Trophy for First Round Losers which he won last year. Bill knocked out Mike in the next round, but the Polkinghorns were still represented in the Final when Lillian defeated Sandra Anthony 9 - 7 in a tight Semi-Final.

The Final was the closest for some years. Lillian started strongly and built up a lead but Bill clawed his way back to make it 12 – 12 after 16 ends, ensuring 'sudden death' on the 17th end. Bill persevered to regain the Eddie Jones Trophy which he had last won in 2011.

Those who lost their first matches in the Eddie Jones Competition went into a subsidiary competition for the Penrose Trophy. Peter Coxwell performed strongly in this defeating last year's Penrose Trophy Winner, Margaret George, in the Semi-Final and Brian Mandeville in the Final

We were delighted to have Nicola Rowe and Nigel Jones, daughter and son of the late Eddie Jones, with us for the Final. They kindly agreed to present Bill with the Eddie Jones Trophy and a bottle of wine and Lillian with the Eddie Jones Runner Up Trophy and a bottle of wine. At the end of the Penrose Trophy Competition TMTA Chair, Jean Anderson, presented the Penrose Trophy, plus a bottle of wine to Peter Coxwell.

Players and supporters then enjoyed a picnic lunch together in the sun before going their separate ways.

Play will resume on Easter Monday 2015 at 11.00am, weather permitting.

Bill



Truro Twinners visit to Morlaix from 12th to 15th September 2014

The visit to Morlaix, on the 35th anniversary of the original twinning agreement was "very successful", according to Jean. Some personal links with friends go back many years but newer members discovered how strong those links are and why the relationship has flourished.

The French hosts provided a balanced programme of activities and free time, and the warm September weather was an added bonus.

Events included a visit to a local school which runs an organic farm as part of the curriculum, a guided tour of the chateau of Rosanbo and its gardens and an evening dinner.

At a formal reception at the Mairie, short speeches were given by the deputy mayor of Morlaix, the president of the Morlaix Twinners, Etienette Destable, and by our chairman, Jean.

Truro mayor Loic Rich had also sent a message of greeting, which was read out on his behalf by former chairman Anne Moodie.

Thanks to those who took photos—especially Etienette!

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.

Visit to the Greenhouses at the Lycee de Suscino



Aperitifs at the salle Gallouedec at St Martin des Champs



Visit to the library at the Mairie in Morlaix, followed by the official reception



Evening at the l'Auberge de Jeunesse in Morlaix



Guided visit of the Chateau de Rosanbo followed by an indoor picnic



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).

November 29th. French themed café-style evening with food at the Malpas village hall. Please let Richard know if you are coming by Oct 24th, and send him your cheque. You will be informed about the transport details in due course.

January 11th 2014. New Year Lunch at the Penventon Hotel.

February 17th. Crepe evening at Jean Anderson's.

March 12th. Annual General Meeting.

March 13th—16th. French come to Truro for their immersion. Please let Sandra know if you are willing to host.

May 22nd—25th. Our main visit to Morlaix. Please let Jean know if you are interested in going on this visit even if you have to change your mind at a later date. It would be a big help. Thank you.

100 Club Winners

June 2014:	1. Sandra Anthony	2. Marlene Davies	3. Andy Woodhall
July:	1. R&C Heginbotham	2. Lilian Polkinghorne	3. Ros Cox
August:	1. Sheila McGill	2. Mike Cluett	3. Barrie Anthony
September:	1. Connie Fozzard	2. Peter Willett	3. Keith & Stella Plummer
October:	1. Mike Cluett	2. Lilian Polkinghorne	3. Joan Goddard

Group photo at
the Chateau de
Rosanbo



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

N.B. Annual subscriptions to TMTA are: Single £10, Family £15, Corporate £20.

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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