I'd like to start off by thanking Jean Anderson for all the hard work and time that she has put into being Chair of the Association over the last 3 years. As you know she came to the end of her 3 year term in March and I was elected Chair. She is a hard act to follow but I will do my best.

We have had an excellent spring and summer since the AGM with lots of activity and involvement from our members.

Our new year started with a very successful immersion visit by 9 of our French friends and they were involved in activities as diverse as making their own diary and learning how to make (and enjoy) a Cornish Cream tea. (Photographs of this were seen in the previous edition of Twinlink.)

The monthly Boules sessions began at the pitch in Boscowen Park on Easter Monday and we met on the first Sunday each month after that until the Eddie Jones Tournament at the end of August. We had rain free days each time!

On May day we enjoyed a delightful walk at Luxulyan Woods with a pub lunch and a game of bowls to follow.

Our visit to Morlaix later in May was wonderful with a Bring and Share supper, a guided tour of St Pol de Leon, a sunny picnic on the Isle de St Anne, a visit to the Exotic Garden and a meal overlooking the harbour at Roscoff.

In June we hosted the County Boules competition at Boscowen Park and there was an excellent turnout for this.

July was the month for a Cream tea in the Heginbotham's garden and also the month when we took part in the Truro Carnival waving the flag for the Association and also one for Brittany.

In August we followed the Eddie Jones Tournament with a BBQ at the Anthony's house - again enjoying lovely weather.

September brought our French guests to Truro and we had a splendid weekend with a Reception by the Mayor Lorrie Eathorne Gibbons, a Bring and Share supper at Probus, a much appreciated complimentary trip down the river to Falmouth and back, our Official meal at Tresilian and a fascinating day visit to Tintagel.

October sees 4 members heading off to Morlaix for their immersion and because of the vagaries of the Brittany Ferries timetable, they are staying for a week. Lots of French to be spoken!

We look forward to our November Social on 27th November at Carnon Downs Village Hall and into the New Year for our Annual lunch in January 2016.

None of the above could have been achieved without the incredible hard work and commitment of the Members of your Committee and I would like to take the opportunity to thank them on your behalf for all that they have done and continue to do.

I would also like to thank them for all the support and help that they have given to me over the past 8 months.

Alison Mandeville      (Chair)
The main group visit to Morlaix took place in May. Our counterparts had organised several things for us to do, and the experience was greatly appreciated by all those who were able to participate.

Civic reception with the official welcome and speeches.

A guided tour of the historic centre of St Pol de Leon, followed by a visit to a local farm which has diversified by building a small visitor information building.
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Lunchtime picnic in the sunshine at St Pol de Leon. The French do their picnics in real style.

The last evening. A lovely meal overlooking the sea in Roscoff.
June saw us hosting the annual County Boules competition at our own Boscawen Park.

A rare photo of past and present Presidents and Chairs of Morlaix and Truro Twinning Associations.
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Annual Eddie Jones Boules Tournament Report

Bank Holiday Monday (30th August) saw the end of the summer boules season with the Eddie Jones Boules Competition. The weather was kind with broken sunshine, and there were no showers to interrupt play.

Thirteen names went into the draw to give 5 first round matches with Alison Mandeville, Alison Cameron and Brian Kirkpatrick getting byes. The closest of the first round matches was between Lillian Polkinghorne and Peter Willett, the former squeezing through 9 – 8 in the last end. In the second round there were closely contested matches between Anne Moodie and Mike Polkinghorne (9 -7) and Lilian Polkinghorne and Peter Willett (9 – 8). Bill Anderson, Mark Willett, Alison Cameron and Jean Anderson were the other Round 2 winners. This gave a certain symmetry to the Semi-Finals with the battle of the Alisons (Cameron and Mandeville) in the top half of the draw and the battle of the Andersons (Jean and Bill) in the bottom half. Both matches led to very clear cut results (9 - 0 and 9 - 2).

The Final was closely contested with Jean winning the first two ends to take an early lead. Alison responded with a good 3rd end to take a 4 - 3 lead and looked like emerging as a comfortable winner. However, Jean fought back but was only picking up single shots on the ends she won, and Alison prevailed to emerge as the Eddie Jones Trophy Winner with a 13 – 11 shot victory.

Those who lost their first matches in the Eddie Jones Competition went into a subsidiary competition for the Penrose Trophy. Losing their first matches didn’t blunt their competitive edges and there were a number of closely contested matches, including the Final in which Mark Willett beat Peter Coxwell 13 – 12.

At the end of play TMTA Chair, Alison Mandeville, presented the Eddie Jones Winners Trophy, the Eddie Jones Runner Up Trophy and Penrose Trophy, plus a bottle of wine each, to Alison Cameron, Jean Anderson and Mark Willett.

Play will resume on Easter Monday 2016 at 11.00am, weather permitting.
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Article submitted to the West Briton concerning the Truro-Morlaix Twinning visit to Truro

Twenty people from Truro’s twin town of Morlaix recently spent a long weekend in the city, where they were made welcome by Truro members of the Twinning Association, who offered accommodation and hospitality. For some of the visitors it was a return to familiar places but others were discovering the region for the first time.

A busy schedule was planned and enjoyed by all, starting with a reception at the City Hall where the Mayor Mrs Lorrie Eathorne Gibbons and her Consort Mike welcomed Truro Chair Alison Mandeville and the Morlaix President Etienne Destable and her group, and treated them to a pasty lunch.

A sunny Saturday saw the group sailing down the river to Falmouth, courtesy of a free trip kindly offered by the Fal River Company. That evening the participants met at Tresillian Village Hall for a convivial meal which was followed by a musical interlude provided by Rachel Heffer who entertained beautifully with her harp and songs, and Paul Gatt, a fine singer from Malta.

On Sunday the French guests and their hosts enjoyed a day-trip to Tintagel for a picnic lunch and a visit to King Arthur’s Hall, a most interesting place which offers a son-et-lumière history of Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table and an impressive Great Hall decorated with lovely stained glass windows by the artist Veronica Whall. The Old Post Office also impressed the French visitors, and the afternoon was spent exploring the castle ruins.

Monday was a ‘free’ day and hosts took the opportunity to show their French guests different parts of the region including Trelissick Gardens and The Lizard. For one French couple the day was especially significant: Louis Madec’s father left occupied France in 1943 in a small boat, intending to join the Free French resistance fighters. Along with his hosts, Louis was able to discover the very spot where his father landed 72 years ago - the small cove next to the old Lizard lifeboat station.
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).

September 17th to 21st. Morlaix Twinners to visit Truro. You should have received all the relevant details of events taking place while they are here.


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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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