

# Twin Link

## THANK YOU

To Bryan Dawkins for creating and gifting TMTA's new logo.

From January we will be distributing leaflets and posters in and around Truro to encourage new members to join and to generate some new life into our organisation.

After the AGM in February and the apparent lack of enthusiasm shown by the membership, perhaps you have fallen out of love? The committee feel that an injection of something interesting—like adrenaline, well colour anyway, is in order. We have tried to find out what you want and what you think, with little success, and with dwindling numbers attending any events we are concerned for the future of TMTA. We need to introduce new members and encourage all of you who have supported us to date, to reaffirm your commitment to us.

You may be asking—so what will a new logo do?

In leaflet and poster form the logo will be produced in colour, for the newsletter apart from this one, it will be reproduced on the newsletter in black and white as usual. We want to promote our Association, yes, yours and mine, as it is, colourful, bright, friendly, cheerful.

As ambassadors for Cornwall and Truro in Brittany, we are proud to be part of this organisation and enthusiastically support entente cordial between our two regions. We believe that you will agree that this delightful illustration captures what we all stand for.

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Please note new e-mail address for Twin Link Editor.

**Tell us your story**

New contact Telephone number for the Chairman  
Chris Ward

## *Flatt out in Morlaix!*

Our first visit as 'twinners' to Morlaix was very interesting. Not sure what to expect, we were met at Roscoff by our French hosts Pierrette and Daniel, we were made to feel welcome. The programme of events was varied and interesting and gave us a taste of Breton history over several centuries as well as the Breton and French relationship with England and Britain. All our adventures were broken with lovely lunches with new friends.

We visited a Manor house in Morlaix whose recent history involved being commandeered by the Germans during the second World War where they built substantial bunkers. In the evening we enjoyed meeting up with everyone from Truro and Morlaix for a Breton meal, a Kig ar Farz in the Monts d'Are! A boat took us on Saturday to an island in the bay of Morlaix to visit the Chateau du Taurau, built to defend French shores from the English.

On the Saturday evening some of the twinners attended various parties. Others, like us, spent a relatively quiet evening with our hosts in their lovely home. We had a wonderfully relaxing time drinking (not too much!), eating and chatting. The time just flew by as we talked – mostly in French, sometimes in English. Our dictionary was well-used, and we were very pleased that although both Daniel and Pierrette spoke English, the standard of their English was about the same as that of our French, which was very reassuring. We didn't feel embarrassed or silly when we made many mistakes. We had lots of laughs as we exchanged details of our families, hobbies, houses etc., and we were amazed at how much we had in common.

On the Sunday we had another local walk, which included visiting a vineyard just up the hill which is run as a community project. Apparently this year the yield has been terrible, but in previous years they have had many bottles of their own wine, of varying quality. They told us that the year in which they had the most wine, the quality and the taste were the worst, but they still drank it as they don't like wasting anything!

We had another lovely lunch at our adopted home before our hosts drove us back to Roscoff in order to catch the ferry back. After fond farewells and promises to keep in touch, and hopefully see them next year, we embarked on the boat for the journey home.

We thoroughly enjoyed our first experience of twinning, and had a fantastic time. Everyone was so friendly and made us feel very welcome. We must thank all those who obviously worked very hard to make all the arrangements, and congratulate them on the excellent outcome. We look forward to the next event.

Val and John Flatt



## OUI YES NON NO

### **Being Bilingual Keeps You Sharp!**

Learning French can keep you sharper in old age and stave off dementia, according to a research project at York University in Canada. Scientists carried out tests on 104 people aged 30 to 88 and found that those fluent in two languages were less likely to suffer mental decline. Writing in the journal of Psychology and Aging, they said 'The bilinguals were more efficient at all ages tested and showed a slower rate of decline. It appears...that bilingualism helps to offset age related losses.'

### **Silent Beetle Drive? NoN!**

Peels of laughter and much hilarity was the recipe for the convivial atmosphere experienced at the last Beetle Drive and Silent Auction! Far from quiet, all who came along, young and old, new and established members all had a great time. A pasty supper and Peter's Bar were much appreciated. Probably 'the most successful event this year! We raised over £200.00 between the Beetle Drive and the Silent Auction. Over 25 people attended and created the fun and happy time that was had by all. We have a long way to go to ensure we are able to fund the visit by our French friends in the spring. Please help us by supporting our events. If you are unable to come send us a donation—although it would be great to see you.

# News from the Inner Sanctum!

'It is with great pleasure that we are here to visit our friends in Morlaix once again and to say thank you to Pays de Morlaix. The essence of our visit is to enjoy the warmth and welcome of the hospitality of our friends and once again remind ourselves of the Breton culture and beauty of Morlaix. I think that all in our association agree that coming here is something that we look forward to throughout the year, something which will continue to give us incentive to maintain the link between Truro and Morlaix for the future.

This year has been busy for the Truro Twinning Committee. After many years Lillian and Mike have handed over the secretaryship. They have worked hard and tirelessly for our association for which we are very grateful. As for myself I was elected as chairman to follow on from David, whom I know is sorry not to be here this weekend. We also have a new and enthusiastic committee. We are working hard to introduce new ideas and a new look to our association which we hope will encourage new members to join. Time will tell, but we continue to be optimistic that our efforts will be rewarded. Like every thing it takes time and effort by a few to breathe new life into an association such as ours.

We all have busy lives but, ultimately maintaining our friendship in whatever way we can has to be meaningful for both of us. We need to continue to have understanding and empathy between us and to realise that our cultures may be different yet we all face the same difficulties and are sometimes influenced by things outside our control. However, we all need to persevere, put in that extra bit of effort to support our Twinning Associations, encourage family, friends and colleagues through spreading the word about our experiences and the warmth that we have been privileged to experience as an association for nearly thirty years. We have so much to gain from each other.

We would like to thank Michel and his team for having made our visit so happy and enjoyable.

Our visit is very short, which I sincerely hope will become longer in the near future, but I am sure we will enjoy ourselves to the limit and return home feeling tired but full of fond memories of our trip ready to relate them to our family and friends.'

Christine Ward 22 September 2007 Espace Roudour, Morlaix

## 100 Club Results 2007

### September Winners:

1st no.7, 2nd no.10, 3rd. no11. (drawn by Sue Callan Deputy Mayor of Truro)

### October Winners:

1st no.44, 2nd no.17, 3rd. no9. (drawn by Pat Young her Worship the Mayor of Truro)

**Join the 100 club ! The more that join the bigger the prize money, the better the benefit to TMTA.** Call Nikki for application forms 01872 571435

### Answer: Who am I?

*Peugeot, now a company of two parts one famous for its motor cars, the other for its cycles.*

*The cycle part of the business continues to produce pepper mills!*

*In August Twin Link received only one reply which was correct !*

*The respondent Anne Moodie wins the bottle of wine.*

### Eddie Jones Boules Tournament Results 2007

1.st Jean Anderson

Runner up – Jan Hendy

The Woodall Prize a set of boules to Bill Anderson This prize was kindly donated by Andy and Barbara Woodall , who both did a very efficient job of organising the tournament.

Thank you to all those who supported this event we raised over £60.

## Small Ads

In future editions of Twin Link there will be an opportunity for members to place small ads,.

For private ads it will be £2.00 per item for sales/wanted etc and £2.00 per greeting.

The Editor and the Committee will consider other advertising.

Going to France  
In a car?  
Let me know!  
Peter Coxwell  
01872 274789

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• **Congratulations** •  
• Helen on your Exam •  
• results and starting at •  
• Camborne—TMTA •  
• looks forward to a •  
• culinary demonstration •  
• in due course! •  
• .....  
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Hand Made Cards



Wide Selection Breton themes  
Christmas etc  
Edition Menez  
01326 211484  
25% donated to TMTA

Nick

We wish you well and hope you will be better soon.  
From all at TMTA

# Events Diary and What's On

Saturday 18 November

**County AGM** Riviera Hotel Newquay cost£14.00 per head (subsidised)  
Call Suzanne 01872 223500 Booking Essential.

Saturday 8 December

Saturday 15 December 12.15pm

**Mayors Day, Lemon Quay. TMTA will be there—please support us**  
**Christmas Lunch** £16.50 per head The Cove, Maenporth,  
Falmouth. Booking Essential Booking Form with this Twin Link.

Friday 1 February

**Wine Tasting** village hall or alternative max 30 people book early £6.00  
per head? Includes wine and biscuits (for cleaning of the palette -please  
eat before attending!)

Winter Fun!

Regular meetings during the winter months from Monday December  
3rd at the Punch- bowl and Ladle Inn at Penelewey (near Playing Place)

Come for a chat, bring a game, soap box, ideas, or just chill out and meet new friends, new and old members  
welcome!

## TMTA Christmas Luncheon Saturday 15 December at 12.15

The Cove  
Maenporth  
Falmouth

£16.50 per head

Booking form and menu with this Twin  
Link

**Book by 26 November**  
to avoid disappointment

### Getting There

From Truro follow signs to Falmouth. At Asda/  
B&Q Roundabout go straight over. At the next  
Roundabout (cannon) take the second exit sign-  
posted to Maenporth, follow this road until you  
reach a beach on your left hand side, The Cove  
is on the right. Some Car Parking at The Cove  
(free) or on the beach (may need to pay).

Problems getting to events?

Happy to share transport?

Call a committee member.

**Your Support is Always Appreciated**

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

No Carol Service this Year due to mad rules!  
£15.00 per Hymn !

## French Holidays 2008

- 1 Jan New Years Day
- 24 March Easter Monday
- 1 May Ascension & Labour Day
- 8 May 1945 Victory Day
- 12 May Whit Monday
- 14 July Bastille Day
- 15 August Assumption
- 1 Nov All Saints Day
- 11 November Remembrance Day
- 25 December Christmas Day



### Winter Fun!

Regular meetings during the winter months  
from Tuesday December 5th at the Punch- bowl  
and Ladle inn at Penelewey (near Playing Place)  
until further notice. Come for a chat, bring a  
game, chill out!

**First Tuesday of each month from 7pm.**

French Film  
at The Poly  
Falmouth

TMTA French Film ticket price of £4.00 to members  
of TMTA only available on French Films (usually  
£5.50) other non French films usual price applies.

Call the Poly for  
new film Programme details  
01326 212300