



TWIN LINK



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TRURO—PAYS DE MORLAIX VISIT. The Truro Twinners Visit Morlaix

JULY 10TH—14TH 2008

Some twentyseven Twinners from Truro set off to Morlaix to spend the weekend with their Breton hosts, to experience a wealth of typical Breton culture and hospitality.

After the Thursday night's arrival they were taken through a hectic itinerary of visits—to a food processing factory, art exhibitions, market, Abbaye du Relec at Plouneour Menez and finally to experience the Fête Maritime Internationale at Brest.

In between visits they were invited to a dinner held in their honour at Plouezoch at which the Bretons sang traditional songs. Not to be outdone the Truro contingent sang Cornish songs, and were proud to have three soloists among their midst—Barrie Anthony, Mike Polkinghorne, Lilian Polkinghorne, and Val Jewell who gave wonderful renditions of 'The White Rose' and 'Lamorna'.

After the delights of Morlaix town market to see and buy local food, a formal reception was held at Plourin, a town which was included in the charter of Truro-Morlaix Twinning Association in 2006.

Plourin, alongside four other towns, joined the Association and the Truro—Pays de Morlaix Twinning Association was formed. It was the first time that Mayor of Plourin, Monsieur Jaques Brigant, had met Deputy Mayor Roz Cox and Truro Twinners.

Following a picnic Breton style the Truro and French Twinners visited the 12th Century L'Abbaye du Relec. After thirty years the abbey is still only partially restored. Currently the Abbey is being used for musical recitals and concerts.

The highlight of this year's trip was the visit to the Brest Maritime International Festival. 2000 boats, 15000 sailors from 25 countries ensured that the Twinners had plenty to see and do. There was music on every corner, bands marching through the streets, and stalls from exotic countries selling their produce.

Twinners were delighted and proud to see boats from Cornwall. 'Happy Return'. A 1904 lugger from Penzance owned by the 'Mounts Bay lugger Association' was spotted and 'Whim', a 1905 Auric sloop from Falmouth, was listed in the Centennials section of boats attending.

Everyone returned home all the more enthusiastic for their visit to Morlaix. Their next visit is at Easter next year to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Truro-Pays de Morlaix Twinning Association. Truro Twinners have already started planning for the Breton's visit 2009 and hope to have a week of celebration in August.



Michel Cocheril, Morlaix chairman, his wife Daniele, and Christine Ward, Truro Chairman, enjoying each other's company.



Having a good time in Morlaix:



Message from our Chairman:

Plans for **next year's 30th anniversary** have already started. We are hoping that it will be a year of celebration to be enjoyed by the people of Truro as well as our most valuable asset, you, our members. We will continue to need your invaluable support and look forward to the coming few months to continue with our plans to ensure it is a year of which we can be proud. Thank you to you all.

Christine Ward

Chairman's speech at the formal reception in Morlaix:

It is with great pleasure and thanks to our French Twinners and friends that we are visiting you again in Morlaix. It is a time that everyone in the Truro Twinning Association looks forward to each year, and this year is no exception.

Both our associations have worked hard to ensure their continuing success and it is individuals like yourselves who contribute to the wonderful friendship and closeness that has developed over the many years.

We feel extremely proud to be representing our beautiful City, and feel that each time we visit we are privileged to meet our fellow twinners and hosts. Each visit has given us opportunities to explore the beautiful town of Morlaix and the surrounding areas, sample the Breton cuisine, experience your lifestyle, and learn about your history.

We learn so much from our experiences and appreciate the kindness you give and the time and effort that you put into making our visits a continual success. We are richer for it. The greatest wealth is the friendship and understanding we have for each other. So, thank you to you all.

Next year is our 30th Anniversary, a time to be proud, a time to reflect and to celebrate. I hope that you will all join us for what we feel is an opportunity to promote our associations, welcome new members, give our local community a chance to share cultures in whatever form that takes. We have the support of our Town Council, businesses and many other organisations to start 'making' it happen. We actually feel a great sense of pride in our Association and welcome the opportunity to celebrate the anniversary with you all.

We will be spending the next few days enjoying the fruits of your efforts and are expecting to be totally worn out at the end of it. Have a wonderful weekend everyone.



French films at the Poly in Falmouth: Please show your TMTA Membership card to qualify for a discount price of £4 !

Sat 20 Sept 5.45 & 8.00 pm, Sun 21 - Mon 22 Sept 8.00 pm SUMMER HOURS 1 hr 43 min, In French with subtitles.

Juliette Binoche leads a fantastic ensemble cast as one of three distant adult siblings who must decide how to deal with their recently deceased mother's estate, including a valuable collection of art. Writer-director Assayas weaves the subtle parallels which emerge between the lives of these family members in a film which also examines the role and value of cultural legacy and the erosion of the past. Summer Hours is a deeply affecting and beautifully observed exploration of generational change, loss and ultimate renewal.

Tues 23 to Thurs 25th September. 7.30 pm. COUSCOUS (12A) 2 hr 34 min. In French with sub-titles

At the Mediterranean port of Sète, divorced 60-year old Slimane faces losing his shipyard. Turning round his broken family situation and feelings of despondency, he ambitiously takes over a wrecked tug with the dream of setting up his own port-side restaurant, eagerly supported by his enthusiastic daughter Rym, and with his ex-wife Souad doing the cooking - including her speciality, the fish couscous of the title. The failure or success of Slimane's dream provides the drama of this warm, engaging ensemble piece which reaches the UK garlanded with European prizes and accolades. It shows a keen humanist vision of the cultural complexity in contemporary France.

More details from www.thepoly.org/whatson.



The summer barbecue held at the home of Barrie and Sandra Anthony was a big success. A great time was had by all.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR SUBSCRIPTION THIS YEAR?

If not, can you please send it as soon as possible to Nikki Dawkins (Tel 01872 571435) The Fold, Quarry Road, Bolingey, Perranporth, TR6 0AS. Members who have not paid will not receive another Twinlink after this one!!!

Cornwall Twinning's annual Boules Competition

The Twinning Committee for Cornwall's Annual Boules Competition held in Boscawen Park, Truro, at the end of June proved as successful as ever, with many Twinning Association teams throughout Cornwall taking part.

The 2008 County Boules Cup was won by the Torpoint Twinning Association team of Dave and Ann Ellis and Ewart Hodge, who received the trophy from Association chairman, Sue Lumley. They defeated the Restormel Twinning Association team of 'Ebby' Anstey, Ian Smith and Steve Steptoe, who were presented with the John Jagger Runners-up shield from the Chairman. Third place play-off winners were the St Germans Twinning Association team of Ron Daniel, Neil and Ann Asprey, recipients of the Boule Plate.

The Eddie Jones Tournament

This took place at Boscawen Park on Bank Holiday Monday, August 25th. The weather behaved itself for once and, after a rather gloomy start weatherwise, the sun shone for most of the time we were there. There was fierce competition for the two trophies. The winner of the Eddie Jones Memorial trophy was Denis Hendy, with runner-up Suzanne Ashworth. The winner of the Ginster's trophy was Mike Polkinghorne with runner-up Barrie Anthony. Junior winner was Asher Polkinghorne with runner-up Dylan Polkinghorne.

There were some good raffle prizes to be won, and a great time was had by all.



← WINNER!

Denis Hendy receiving his trophy from Mayor Sue Callen



Mike Polkinghorne, winner of the Ginster's trophy



Junior winner Asher Polkinghorne



Runner-up ↑
Suzanne Ashworth

Some very careful measuring had to be undertaken.

Your support is really appreciated. We are a thriving association and hope to continue to grow. Tell your friends about us! Children especially welcome.

If there is something that you would like TMTA to do to improve your experience as a member please let a member of the committee know.

SHORT BREAK? Upholstery and Soft Furnishing Classes in Brittany (near Morlaix)

Small classes with Jude Sowerby (National Trust, English Heritage etc). Have fun learning upholstery and/or soft furnishings over two or three days. Possibly end of October.

For more information contact alisoncameron@talktalk.net

The TMTA committee and members would like to thank those who have so kindly donated prizes for our recent raffles. The most recent donors are: Truro Golf Club, The Hall for Cornwall, Cameracraft, Morrab Studio, Truro Football Club, Scruples Hair Salon, and The Wear House.

Our latest book review: Reviewer Barrie Anthony (Vice-Chairman of TMTA)

DISCOVERING THE HISTORY OF BRITTANY. Author Wendy Mewes, Published by Red Dog books at £8.99

ISBN 0-9536001-5-7. www.reddogbooks.com

This curious little book I won at a City Hall raffle.

With a minor ailment and a sleepless night I reluctantly picked on this book to stop 'the mind wagging the dog'. It starts at 5000 BC, leads the reader chronologically to the late 1990's, the precise details accurately listing the inhabitants, claimants and users of this region of France that we know today as Brittany.

It is not as dry as it at first seems, and is full of fascinating and interesting events and dramas regarding the control, development and restructuring of this wonderful corner of France. It lays out and unfolds the complex specifics of the occupiers in a quite readable way and goes some way to explain the politics and power-plays the Bretons have had to endure (and had thrust upon them).

Not a novel, full of bare facts, so little account or background to some of the more remarkable events. It has some illustrations but you have to read the text to obtain any explanation.

Recommended to all seekers of facts or for research.

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EVENTS DIARY AND WHAT'S ON

Advance Notice - 30th Anniversary

For the 30th anniversary celebrations next year it has been suggested that we go to **Morlaix at Easter** and that the French come here on the August Bank Holiday weekend (this is a change from the original date). Please try to keep your diaries free for both visits to make this a really special event.

October 18th. MAYOR'S COFFEE MORNING

Truro Mayor Sue Callen has kindly arranged for us to run a fund-raising cake stall during this event, and there will probably be a competition to guess the weight of a cake. The coffee morning will take place from 10 am until 12 noon in the inner foyer of the Municipal Buildings in Boscawen Street. PLEASE could as many as possible make an effort to provide a cake or two for this stall. All contributions will be most welcome. Please bring cakes on the morning or contact Chris Ward (01872 264103) or Anne Moodie (01872 277854) for information.

Saturday November 1st.

Quiz and Fancy Dress, with games. 6.30 pm for a 7.00 pm start in the Kea Church Hall. There will be no food, but there will be a bar.

Friday November 14th.

Bert Biscoe Event—a Celtic Celebration— 30 years of Twinning. 7.30 pm—10.00 pm in Lemon Street Market in Truro. Numbers will be limited to 150 ticket-holders. There will be raffle tickets for sale in advance, and on the night, with prizes worth £1000!! Prizes will include Flights to Brittany, a week's caravan holiday at Coverack, Season Tickets to Truro City Football Club, a family Photo Shoot, Rounds of Golf, Boat Trips, Panto Tickets, Health Spa etc. Raffle tickets will be sent to all members—please encourage your friends and family to buy them!

URGENT!

We need volunteers to help on the evening of November 14th. Please contact Chris or Anne if you are able to help. (Phone numbers as above)

PROVISIONAL DATE FOR CHRISTMAS LUNCH IS SUNDAY DECEMBER 14TH

Latest 100 Club Results:

June winners: 1st Andy Woodhall, 2nd Patsy Newton, 3rd Lilian Polkinghorne

July winners: 1st Alison Cameron, 2nd Peter Coxwell, 3rd Patsy Newton.

August winners: 1st Cariad Cockroft, 2nd Barrie Anthony, 3rd Bryan and Nikki Dawkins.

WHY DON'T YOU JOIN THE 100 CLUB? The more people who join the bigger the prize money, and the better the benefit to TMTA. The 'TMTA Super 100 Club' is like a 'Club Lotto', open to all over 18 years of age. It is only £12 per year per ticket and there is a draw once a month. The more people who join, the larger the prize fund, as there is more in the pot to share out. Also, the more we can then undertake to do for the association and our guests from Morlaix. Pay by cash, cheque or standing order, whatever is convenient to you. Contact Robert Moodie 01872 277854

Please note that the Beetle Drive and Silent Auction which had been suggested for 27th September has been postponed for the time being. It will probably take place in January when there is not much else to do!

CHANGE OF VENUE

The monthly get-togethers are to start again in September, and on the first Tuesday of each month, but they will now be held at 'The Riverbank' (previously The Barleysheaf) in Old Bridge Street, Truro, near the Shoppers' car park. Come and join us for a drink and a chat from about 7.30 pm.

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French Holidays 2008—2009

1 Nov All Saints Day (Toussaint)
11 November Armistice Day (Armistice 1918)
25 December Christmas Day (Noël)
Jan 1st New Year's Day (Jour de l'An)
April 12th and 13th Easter (Pâques)
May 1st Labour Day (Fête du Travail)