

Chair's Welcome Twinlink June 2017

Dear Twinners and Interested Readers,

I am delighted to be writing once again for our very useful and interesting Twinlink.

Since my last report, we have had our annual Crêpe evening generously hosted –once again - by Jean and Bill Anderson which was most successful and the raffle was a useful boost to our funds. Please note that we are looking for a new host for this event next year because Jean and Bill have done this for many years and would welcome a break. Please contact me if you feel that you could host this in 2018.

In March we welcomed ten Immersees from Morlaix and this went very well. I have since heard from their English Language teachers in Morlaix, that they felt their visit had resulted in a marked improvement in their English and so it is well worth having Immersions in both directions. My thanks to all the hosts who worked so hard to make them feel welcome and helped them with their English.

At our AGM in March, we welcomed four new members and this shows that we continue to offer something attractive and fun for all.

Alas two of our members, Suzanne Ashworth and Enid Hawke, have died since my last report. They were both long standing and active members of the Association and will be missed on both sides of the Channel.

23 of us visited Morlaix at the end of April and we were most generously hosted and entertained over the four days, with interesting outings but also time for us to relax with our hosts and work on our spoken French.

We have just enjoyed our late Mayday walk and lunch and once again the weather was kind to us.

We look forward to our car treasure hunt and afternoon tea, in July, and in September to our visitors from Morlaix for whom your Committee is putting together another interesting programme.

For anyone reading this who is interested in joining Truro/Morlaix Twinning Association, please contact Val Flatt Membership Secretary – details below.

May Brian and I wish you all a happy Summer.

Best wishes

Alison Mandeville (Chair TMTA)



We held another successful crêpe evening on Shrove Tuesday. Once again Jean and Bill Anderson opened up their home, and Jean prepared lots of crêpes.



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If you need to send cheques for any of our events to the Treasurer, the address is: Richard Heginbotham, Hope Springs, Carnon Vale, Carnon Downs, Truro, TR3 6LG. Please make sure cheques are made payable to TMTA. Thankyou.

Ten French twinnings came to us for their immersion in March.



Arrival at Truro station



Discussing making a journal—in Lemon Street Market café.



There was lots of chatting at the bring and share evening towards the end of their stay. The certificates were presented to those who had successfully taken part, which was all of them!



The hosts at the bring and share evening



The Annual General Meeting took place in March, in Truro City Hall. It was chaired by the Mayor, Councillor Robert Nolan.



The wine and cheese is always a popular part of the evening.



We were very saddened to hear of the death of Suzanne Ashworth, one of our stalwart members, and a former Chairman of TMTA.



← Catherine Paul, Connie Fozzard and Suzanne Ashworth .



My memory of Suzanne (written by Catherine Paul)

As long as I live, I will remember Suzanne Ashworth. She was an English lady, which for me means a smart look and a nice smile. She always took part in our exchanges and I think of her in her bermudas when the group of Ramblers met their Breton counterparts in Morlaix (probably on the 20th Anniversary of the twinning)

She always took interest in what was at stake on both sides ; I remember how she was interested in our two competitions for children and teenagers on the 20th Anniversary of the twinning (in 1999). She arranged the accommodation of our 2 winners with the help of her daughter-in- law .

She never took things easy when she had guests staying with her and did her best to make them comfortable.

She must have suffered from her illness when I stayed with her in September 2015 but never said a word. She showed a lot of dignity (like others that I want to recall today i-e Pat Young)

Thanks to Suzanne I have a precious gift at home : when she knew that my souvenir of the 20th Anniversary had a crack (crochery) she insisted on giving me hers and that I will never forget.

We have also been saddened by the sudden death of Enid Hawke. Enid must have been a member of TMTA for at least 27 years. She was always keen to take part in every aspect of the association, and made many visits to Morlaix.



Enid at the Crepe evening on Shrove Tuesday this year.



She did enjoy a glass of red wine!

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.

Our group visit to Morlaix took place at the end of April. Twenty three of us went from Truro to Morlaix, and we were treated to a wonderful few days with our hosts.



Civic reception in the Mairie in Morlaix



Afternoon guided tour of the Cairn of Barnenez. The guide spoke in French, and we were very grateful to Margaret George for interpreting as the talk continued!



A delicious evening meal at L'Albatros restaurant, with music provided by a lovely group, which encouraged many to get up and dance.



A day trip by coach to Brest included a visit to the Maritime Museum at Brest Chateau, lunch in different venues, then a visit to Capucins. This huge building is an ex-naval manufacturing base which is being turned into a leisure/meeting complex, not yet complete. An attraction for many was a ride by the téléphérique to the other side of the river.



A showery day, but we were not put off!

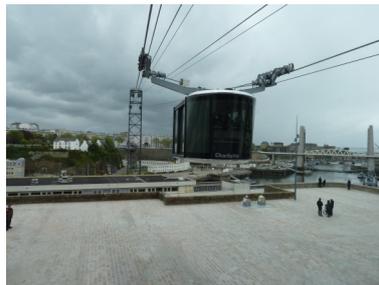


Views inside and outside the museum

Lunch venue for some of us



Visit to Capucins



Bring and Share buffet on the last evening at the Gallouedec Hall.



The most recent group visit to Morlaix had to come to an end.

On the return ferry journey from Roscoff, most took part in a quiz. The worthy winners were Janine, Linda, Peter and Josianne.

Here is a photo of the ' magnificent ' trophy won on the return trip from Morlaix .

It is now with Barrie for safekeeping and will apparently be used as the booby prize for the boules tournament !



May Day Walk

The May Day walk took place on May 29th. A good number of us met in the car park at the Golden Lion at Stithians lake, then we had a pleasant and easy walk along the lake side as far as the dam and back. Others joined us to eat in the pub. It was a very pleasant social occasion. Thanks to Barrie for doing the organising, especially ordering the food so that it all arrived at the same time, quite a feat when there were nearly thirty of us.

Peter Coxwell calls this 'The Dambuster's March'. Thanks for the photos, Peter.



It was a rather grey day, but luckily the rain held off for our walk.



EVENTS DIARY AND WHAT'S ON

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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).

July 9th Car Treasure Hunt followed by tea and cakes at Hope Springs.

Sunday Sept 4th. Eddie Jones tournament at Boscawen Park, starting at 11 am and, from 4pm BBQ at the Anthony's.

Sept. 14th to 18th. Morlaix twidders group visit to Truro.

October. Truro immersion to Morlaix.

100 Club winners.

February.	1. Peter & Sheila Willett,	2. Linda Gibbons,	3. Enid Hawke
March.	1. Lilian Polkinghorne,	2. Connie Fozzard,	3. Barrie Anthony
April.	1. Peter Coxwell,	2. Keith & Stella Plummer	3. Jean Anderson
May.	1. Ian & Caroline Jones	2. Anne Moodie	3. Bill Anderson

HAVE YOU JOINED THE 100 CLUB?

The 'TMTA Super 100 Club' is like a club lotto, for all over 18.

The 100 Club is a lottery (regulated and approved by Cornwall Council) in aid of Association funds. Members pay £12 per year (by cash, cheque or standing order), and a draw is held each month with 3 cash prizes - first prize £6, second £4 and third £2. Please contact Richard Heginbotham richard.heginbotham55@gmail.com for further details and to join. 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.

A **café gourmand** is an [espresso](#) and a selection of [mignardises](#) (also known as [petits fours](#)) served together. The first "café gourmand" is believed to have appeared in restaurants in [Paris](#) around 2005. There are similarities between "cafés gourmands" and the English tradition of [afternoon tea](#), although the latter is an altogether different occasion.

It is a step further in a general trend, in France, to have lunches in restaurants that are quicker than in the past. Back in the 20th century it was common as a minimum to have a starter, then a main course, then a plate of cheese, then a dessert, then a cup of coffee, and then a [digestif](#). Then the starter ceased to be the accepted norm, and the plate of cheese became scarce, and the digestif disappeared. The "café gourmand" represents a further step, as ordering the dessert and the coffee in one go gains time, avoiding the need to have to call the waiter over to order.

Apart from the gain of time, the "café gourmand" has other advantages: It gives the opportunity to eat several different desserts in one go, without feeling guilty for the [calories](#) as the quantity of each dessert is supposed to be tiny. It allows to sweeten the bitterness of the coffee, by going back & forth between the desserts and the cup of coffee. It creates a feeling of mystery and surprise, as the names of the mini-desserts are not indicated on the menu, so that the customer does not know what they will get beforehand.

We did not know what a '**café gourmand**' was until we were taken to a restaurant in Brest during the recent visit. The above description comes from Wikipedia, but the photo is of the one I enjoyed!



Petite Maison

Set in a quiet village within the Monts d'Areé national park, our small house is available from April to September for holiday breaks. A boulangerie, shop and pharmacy are within a 5 minute level walk. It is only 45 mins drive time from Roscoff, 25 mins from Morlaix and 50 mins from Quimper. Great area for walking. There is one double bedroom.

Call Alison or John 01326 318848 or e-mail: alisoncameron@talktalk.net



Thanks to those of you who have so kindly donated gifts. We always appreciate suitable objects for prizes. Please contact any of the committee if you have anything to donate. Thanks.

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