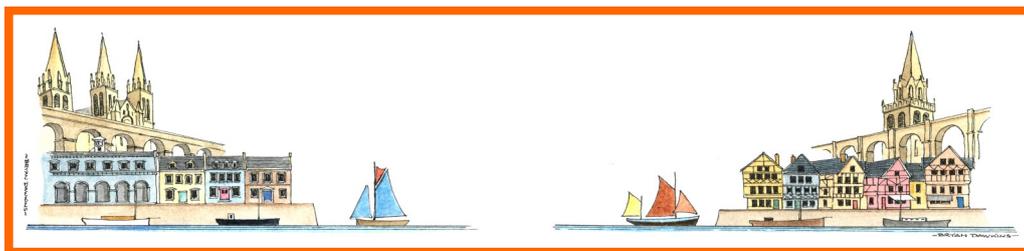


TWIN LINK MAY 2014



Chair's report for Twinlink

The year seems to be passing very quickly indeed and it seems less than four months since our last Twinlink.

Since then we have enjoyed our annual lunch, our AGM, our French visitors' trip to Truro and the May Day walk.

The Penventon Hotel once again provided an excellent meal in beautiful surroundings and the feedback from members was very positive. The AGM was well attended and generated some brisk discussion before the vote in favour of keeping the annual visits as they are was decided. Despite their arrival in the wind and rain of a stormy night, the Morlaisians saw the weather improve over the weekend, which meant that the St. Ives and Tregrehan visits were particularly enjoyable; once again feedback was positive from members and visitors. The Library venue, though forced upon us, proved popular, as did the cakes, so the committee will keep this resource in mind for the future. Due to the unfortunate, and to date still mysterious disappearance of the details of the May Day Walk for emailing, notification was at rather short notice and may be reflected in the small number who took part. However, those who did had a good time and a very good pub lunch by all accounts.

During Etienne Destable's stay with me we had a good discussion and she seems as keen as we are to identify visit dates well in advance ...and stick to them! She, Joel Labous and I had a meeting with the current European Co-operation Officer at County Hall whose role appears to be mostly related to business links between Finistère and Cornwall, but who might advise on cultural connections also.

The Boules season has begun and I have just heard that the County Boules Tournament is to return to the Seaton venue on 15th June. There had been some concern that the winter's storm damage might mean that the Truro pitch would be needed but repairs are finished in time.

With best wishes for an enjoyable summer and happy holidays,

Jean

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At the AGM we recorded our sincere thanks to Mike Cluett who has served as a very helpful member of the committee for several years, but now needs to step down. Since the AGM Pauline Minter has tendered her resignation from the committee. We thank her for her input over the last year.

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

Morlaix Twinners visit to Truro, April 2014

The official reception was held in the Community Room in the Truro Library

The two leaders,
Jean and Etienne



Truro Mayor Councillor John Tamblyn with TMTA Chairman Jean Anderson, and Morlaix President and Vice-President Etienne Destable and Joel Lebox



A delicious meal followed by entertainment from the Celtic Fiddlers at the Lily Tearooms in Shortlanesend.



Some of us in the Tregrehan Gardens



At the gardens we enjoyed tea, coffee and Cornish fairings, then had an excellent guided tour of the area.



At our last committee meeting it was decided to organise a picnic at the Godolphin estate with a guided tour round the house afterwards. The date is: Saturday 5th July. The time is: 12pm for the "bring your own" picnic in the grounds. The house tour will probably be about 2 pm but this has to be confirmed. We hope as many as possible of you will be able to come along, even if you've been before. If we can get a minimum of 15 the cost will be £7.20 per person (house and garden). However, many of us have NT membership so it would of course be free entry. I'd like to give Godolphin numbers before I go away on holiday, so please let me know if you'd like to come (and bring a friend or two?) by **Thursday 5th June**. Jean

Immersion in Morlaix October

Going out overnight on Thursday Oct 9th, returning daytime Monday Oct 13th

If any member is interested in taking part in this short but intensive experience please let Jean Anderson know as soon as possible. Members stay with French hosts and the idea is to speak and listen to French during the visit, thereby improving your language skills. It is helpful to have some basic French and it is quite tiring but all those who have taken part have felt real benefits. If you would like more information contact Jean.

The Annual General Meeting was held in March.



The Crepe evening in February at Carol and Richard's was most enjoyable.



The May Day walk took place along the valley from Pentewan towards St Austell, mostly on the now disused railway line, so it was an easy stroll. There were not many of us but those of us who did go thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Beautiful scenery, good conversation, and an excellent pub lunch at the end. The rain held off until we were on our way home—all in all, an excellent time!

Thanks to Barrie for organising it.



At the March AGM tributes were paid to three of our former members who have passed away during the last year, George Smith, Bridie McDonald and David Hoskin. David was a committee member until very recently, and was also a past chairman. Three people who will all be missed by family and friends.

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.

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).

Don't forget the first Sunday of every month we play Boules at Boscawen Park. Come along and play, or just watch, and bring a picnic. Details from Bill Anderson.

July 5th from 12pm Picnic at Godolphin. Names to Jean by June 5th please.

September 11th (overnight) to 15th. Group visit to Morlaix.

October 9th (overnight) to 13th Immersion to Morlaix

October 15th—19th there is a Celtic Festival at the Ponsmere Hotel in Newquay which you might want to go to.

November 29th. French themed café-style evening with food at the Malpas village hall.

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

100 CLUB WINNERS

December 2013: 1. Harry McGill, 2. David Hoskin, 3. Patsy Newton

January 2014: 1. Bill Anderson, 2. Joan Goddard, 3. Peter & Sheila Willett

February: 1. Joan Goddard, 2. Alison Cameron, 3. Margaret George

March: 1. Jean Anderson, 2. Richard Heginbotham, 3. Don Minter

April: 1. Ginny Moses, 2. Linda Gibbons, 3. Alan Ranson

May: 1. Barbara Woodhall 2. Peter Willett 3. Linda Gibbons

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

Jean has ordered some new badges. They will be £4 each.

N.B. Annual subscriptions to TMTA are: **Single £10, Family £15, Corporate £20.** The next ones will be due on April 1st, and can be paid at the AGM..

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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