

# Exmouth Twinning Association

## Keeping you in the picture – April 2019

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR, SUE MORETON

Hello all Twinners

This is the first newsletter since I was elected chairman at the AGM. I would thank to thank Eileen Beech for all for her hard work and enthusiasm over the last few years.

Also thank you to all the committee who remain in post. If anyone would like to come along to any of the meetings please do, or if you would be happy to help with a set project do make yourselves known to any of us.

We can look forward now to the French visit to us and then our visit to Langerwhere later on in the summer.

Devon Twinning Circle (DTC) meeting of 13th April.

This was hosted by us at Brixington Community Church. The day was cold but the venue and welcome warm. Thanks to the organisation and leadership of Maggie and the willing helpers we did very well. We fed 18 paying twinners who were full of compliments for the day. We are not out of pocket as an organisation since the DTC gives us an allowance for the hire of a venue for which are grateful.

April Marjoram gave a very interesting talk on Francis Danby and one of the visitors, who has sat through many DTC talks, said it was the best one they had heard. Once again thank you to all the twinners who gave up their time to set up, bake cakes, make desserts, help with IT and generally make themselves available. It is much appreciated.

The next DTC meeting is in Stokeinteignhead on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July; if any one would like to go then please contact Maggie who will see if there is any car sharing to be had.

We have some events planned for the next few months so do come along and renew friendships or make some new ones. All are welcome.

Sue Moreton

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS and the AGM

Our AGM took place in March and was followed by a very popular cheese and wine social. The committee members elected at the AGM are as follows -

Sue Moreton - Chair and Dinan sub-committee chair

Barry McHugh – Treasurer

Maggie Gingell – Secretary

Tim Dumper – Langerwehe sub-committee chair

April Marjoram

Sandra Dunn

Dot Taylor

Linda Bolt (who is also our minute taker)

If you want your committee to consider any particular matter at one of its meetings please contact the secretary Maggie Gingell on [maggiestingell@aol.com](mailto:maggiestingell@aol.com) or 01395 278448 or speak to one of the committee members.

## **DINAN**

### **Dinan visit.**

Please note the briefing meeting will be at Littleham Leisure Centre on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 8 pm.

### **Outline Programme**

**Friday June 7th** Guests are expected late evening.

### **Saturday June 8th**

10.30 am Joint English and French committee meeting at Exe Sailing Club followed by

11.00 am Civic Reception with lunchtime finger buffet and drinks.

3.00 pm Possible afternoon tea with fun cricket on the beach.

**Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>** Free day then in the evening hot and cold buffet meal at The Manor Hotel with music afterwards.

### **Monday June 10th**

Day Visit to Honiton with your guests.

3.00pm Afternoon Tea at 'The Boston Tea Party'

The French coach will depart in the evening for the overnight ferry from Plymouth.

Sue Moreton, Chair, Dinan Sub Committee.

The book '**The English Colony of Dinan**' was given to our association during the last French visit and, in order to make it available to members, a loan system is in place. Any member wanting to read the book should contact the secretary to arrange to borrow it for up to one month.

## **LANGERWEHE**

We will be visiting our German friends from 14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> August and the coach has now been booked. The programme for our trip includes a Civic Reception in the Pottery Museum as usual; a trip to the Ahr Valley for a brief guided tour of the pretty town of Ahrweiler, a short walk then wine tasting and an evening dinner; and a short visit to an energy museum. A letter will be sent out soon when more details are available and hosts have been confirmed.

Tim Dumper, Chair, Langerwehe Sub Committee

## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

A Summer BBQ will be held at Dot Taylor's home on Bastille Day, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Please note the date in your diary and look out for an email soon giving full details and a booking form.

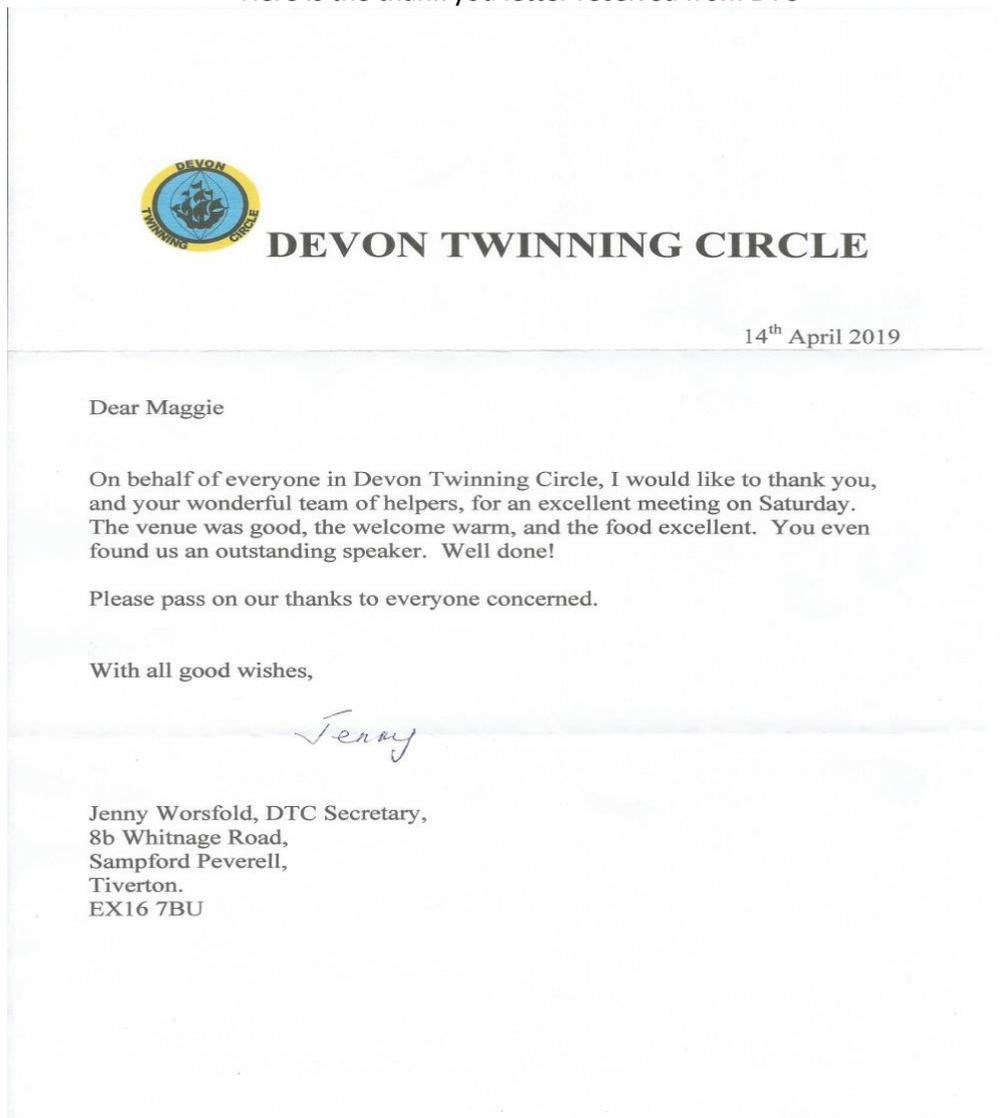
Another 'save the day' for you – Sue will be hosting an event on October 4<sup>th</sup> in celebration of German Unity Day. Full details nearer the time.

## **DEVON TWINNING CIRCLE**

We are invited to send representatives to the quarterly DTC committee meetings which are hosted by the various associations in turn. Maggie Gingell is our nominated DTC representative but other members may attend the meetings as well. Let the secretary know if you would like to attend the next one at Stokeinteignhead on July 20<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the lunch at DTC meetings will be met by our association for those representing it at the meetings.

As you have read in our Chair's report, our hosting of the DTC meeting on Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> proved very successful.

Here is the thank you letter received from DTC



## WEBSITE

Tony Jackson continues to maintain our website Have a look – [www.exmouth-twinning.org.uk](http://www.exmouth-twinning.org.uk)

## MEMBERSHIP

Sadly, we say goodbye to some long term members who, due to age and infirmity, are no longer able to take part in our twinning visits. We thank Joyce and David Cox, Sadie and Bernard Cracknell and Jan and Trevor Stokes for all they have done to promote Twinning over many years.

The good news is that we welcome three new members – Millie Carter, Carolyn Hallett and Imy Payne. Many of you will know Imy who has travelled with us to Langerwehe on a number of occasions with her grandparents, Frank and Elaine. Some of you will also know Carolyn who is deeply involved in many local organisations. Millie is known to one of our members and the rest of us look forward to meeting her soon. We wish Imy, Millie and Carolyn many happy years of Twinning.