

Exmouth Twinning Association

Keeping you in the picture – August 2017

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR, EILEEN BEECH

Dear members,

The summer of 2017 is speeding by with very mixed weather. However, the sun shone for the visit of our Twinners from Dinan in May. Flags of Brittany and Devon flew in their honour on the seafront and the Welcome Banner was attached on the railings of the Manor Gardens. I think they really did feel welcomed! Our thanks to Sue Moreton and her team for organising a wonderful visit for them.

We have had two social events this year, the quiz hosted by Eric Howard which was a very jolly evening, and the convivial Bastille Day Lunch hosted by Sue Moreton. Between them they raised a fantastic £450.10 for our funds, boosted by the quality of the Raffle prizes. Our thanks to everyone who contributed to and attended these events.

Finally, we are looking forward to our trip to Langerwehe from the 17th - 22nd August. We must thank our hosts for welcoming us for 5 days which we hope will lessen the strain of the two long journeys so close together. Thanks to Tim and his Committee for planning our visit which I am sure will be a great success.

May I wish you an enjoyable rest of the summer and I look forward to seeing you at one of our future events.

Eileen Beech, ETA Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

If you want your committee to consider any particular matter at one of its meetings please contact the secretary Maggie Gingell on maggiengingell@aol.com or 01395 278448 or speak to one of the committee members.

Your committee members (until the AGM) are

Eileen Beech - Chair

Sue Moreton - Vice chair and Dinan sub-committee chair

Barry McHugh – Treasurer

Maggie Gingell – Secretary

Tim Dumper – Langerwehe sub-committee chair

Sue Turner

Stuart White

Linda Bolt (who is also our minute taker)

AGM

Our Association's AGM will take place on Wednesday November 29th at the Fire Station and further information will be sent out in due course. However it is not too soon to think about committee membership for next year. Our current officers are prepared to continue in their roles if re-elected (of course, you may nominate others for these roles) but some of our committee members are keen to take a break after a good many years' service.

We are already operating with a reduced number of committee members and cannot continue with even fewer as meetings will not be quorate. Please consider putting your name forward as committee membership is for only one year at a time and means attending about seven meetings during the year, so is not arduous. Meetings are arranged on varying days, usually in the evening, to try to accommodate everyone's availability and are generally at our Chair's house.

So, please think if you can help and use the nomination form below if you can offer your support or can persuade another member to do so!

Officers and Committee – nominations for the 2017 AGM

POSITION	NOMINEE	PROPOSER'S NAME	SECONDER'S NAME	NOMINEE'S SIGNATURE
Chairman				
Vice chairman				
Secretary				
Treasurer				
Committee (1)				
Committee (2)				
Committee (3)				
Committee (4)				

Return completed form to the Secretary - Maggie Gingell, 15 Raddenstile Lane, Exmouth, EX8 2JL

SOCIAL EVENTS

Annual Twinning Dinner

Our annual dinner will be held on Saturday, November 18th at The Manor Hotel on the Beacon. Your committee has chosen a new venue for this event in order to provide a very competitively priced meal to encourage as many members as possible to attend what is our major social occasion of the year.

The three course meal, with a range of options for each course plus tea or coffee and mints, will cost £20 pp and we will have a private room. Please save the date in your diary and look out for an email nearer the time requesting menu choices and cheques.

DINAN

Sincere thanks go to Sue Turner, Anne Bentham, Sandra Dunn and Eileen Beech for all the work they did for the most successful visit by our friends from Dinan. The French were impressed with the array of flags at the clock tower. The next visit to Dinan will take place over the weekend of June 9th/10th 2018, maybe with an extra day – exact dates (between June 6th and 11th) will be agreed after the ferry timetable is known. An art exhibition is being timed to coincide with our visit.

Sue Moreton, Chair, Dinan Sub Committee

LANGERWEHE VISIT 2017

Programme for the Exmouth to Langerwehe trip August 17th – 22nd

Those of you who were at the Briefing meeting will know the plans for this year's visit but those who have not yet been to Langerwehe may like to see what our trips include - though this year is slightly different from usual as we are going for an extra day and our Langerwehe friends have laid on an optional local castle visit and picnic lunch for the last day which should be very enjoyable as long as the weather is good!

Thursday August 17th 6.15 am

Departure from Estuary Coach Park – please arrive by 6.00. We are travelling again with Blake's Coaches and will be making one stop on the way to Dover, either at Fleet or Cobham Services, for 30 minutes. We are booked on the 12.55 ferry and should arrive in Langerwehe's Exmouth Platz in the early evening – traffic permitting!

Friday August 18th

Morning - 10.30 Joint Committee meeting (ETA Officers and Langerwehe Sub Committee members) followed at 11.00 by the Civic Reception, both at the Pottery Museum.

The Langerwehe choice for our charity money gift is Förderkreis Topfereimuseum, a group of volunteers who organise public events such as concerts and lectures at the Pottery Museum.

Evening Social Evening and Dinner at the Church Community Centre, Jungersdorf, with musical entertainment.

Saturday August 19th

Coach trip to Bruhl Castle, near the Rhine. Lunch arranged individually. We will have coffee and cake at a restaurant by the river later.

Sunday August 20th

Free Day.

Monday August 21st

Optional morning visit to Merode Castle, followed by picnic lunch.

Tuesday August 22nd

Return from Langerwehe. Times TBA.

Tim Dumper, Chair, Langerwehe Sub Committee

DEVON TWINNING CIRCLE

'The Twinning Circle meets regularly to compare notes, offer ideas on the development of twinning activities, foster contacts in other countries and, through that association, provide a group insurance benefit.

Membership of the Devon Twinning Circle costs just £10 per association per year which can be quickly recouped through the beneficial insurance rates negotiated by the Circle. It produces its own newsletter which promotes twinning activities and foster contacts. Currently, around 80 twinning associations are members of the Twinning Circle.'

This description of the DTC is taken from its website and explains exactly what this umbrella organisation does. We are invited to send representatives to the quarterly DTC committee meetings which are hosted by the various associations in turn. Tim Dumper is our nominated DTC representative but other members may attend the meetings as well.

On April 21st 2018 it will be our turn to host the DTC meeting and your committee is in the process of booking a local church hall and kitchen for the event. We will be providing a lunch as well as a meeting space so help on the day will be needed for the hosting and catering. Requests for help will be made nearer the time but, if you think you would like to assist, note the date in your diary and let one of the committee members know.

100 CLUB DRAW

June – 13 Keith & Pat Graham, 16 Barry McHugh

July – 2 Geoff & Eileen Beech, 24 Mary Morris & Norman Drew