

Exmouth Twinning Association

Keeping you in the picture – March 2018

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR, EILEEN BEECH

Dear Members,

I am writing this on probably one of the coldest days ever in Exmouth but Spring is fast approaching bringing warmer weather and another year of Twinning visits and social events.

Good news too, I would like to welcome three new members to Twinning, Carolyn and Keith Phillips and Judy Wright. We all look forward to meeting them very soon.

The planning for the trip to Dinan and the visit here by our friends from Langerwehe is progressing well and the three social events being planned are a good way members can keep in touch between visits.

I do hope you all have a memorable Twinning year and I look forward to meeting you at our forthcoming activities.

Eileen Beech

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 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

April Marjoram

Sandra Dunn

Dot Taylor

Linda Bolt (who is also our minute taker)

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to our latest members, Carolyn and Keith Phillips, who will take part in the Langerwehe visit which will give Carolyn a chance to use her German language skills, and Judy Wright who is interested in the Dinan link.

..... AND AN OLD MEMBER

Long term members of the association will remember Peter and Renee Harvey. Sadly, Peter died in January after a long illness and our condolences go to Renee.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Race Meeting At the time of writing there are still places for the Race Meeting at Eileen and Geoff's home on April 21st

The Exmouth Royal Gold Cup Race Meeting

on Saturday 21st April from 7pm at 125, Salterton Road Exmouth EX8 2NP

Due to the size of the enclosure numbers are limited to 20 so book early for this memorable event. As well as horse racing, the venue will provide bar skittles, bagatelle and shove ha'penny so bring plenty of pennies for your wagers.

Please dress appropriately for this Grand Event (Ascot not Newton Abbot)

A Two Course Supper will be served as well as Fizz, Wine and Soft Drinks.

Tickets £5.00 per person.

RSVP to Sue Moreton, 32 Belle Vue Road, Exmouth, EX8 3DN,
with your payment (cash or cheque), by Monday 9th April.
and make cheques payable to 'Exmouth Twinning Association'
Please inform Sue if you have any dietary requirements on 01395 278016.

Summer barbecue – Dot Taylor will host a BBQ at her home on the evening of Saturday, July 28th so please reserve this date too and watch for more information nearer the time.

The Annual Dinner will take place on Saturday, October 27th and will probably be at The Sailing Club – we are in the process of negotiating menus and costs so please reserve the date and further details will follow in due course.

DINAN

Those of you who are travelling to Dinan in June will have seen the email requesting final payment. If you are going with the group please make sure you send the full name and DoB details as requested by the ferry company too.

LANGERWEHE

Your Sub Committee is busy planning the visit to us by our German friends in July and further details will follow as soon as the day out and dinner have been booked.

WEBSITE

Tony Jackson continues to maintain our website and has recently undertaken a few changes so you may notice that the green floating panel has disappeared from the Home page. Instead you will find a new menu item 'News' which, when clicked on, produces a table similar to those on other menu items.

Have a look – www.exmouth-twinning.org.uk

DEVON TWINNING CIRCLE

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.

Your committee has agreed that our association will host the DTC committee meeting on April 13th 2019 (yes, they do like to plan well ahead!) and we are in the process of booking a local 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. Look out for requests for assistance nearer the time.

A message from DTC

This email arrived from Jean Aplin (jeanaplin@LIVE.CO.UK) Perhaps one of you would like to contribute to Home to Home. If so, contact her directly as above.

With the snow keeping us all indoors I am wondering if any of you feel like writing an article for the next issue of Home to Home (Devon Twin Circle Newsletter) due out mid to late March, at the present time I do not have one single article, so this is an appeal from me to ask you to put your thinking caps on and get down and write something, you could be the winner of the £50 Monica Sanders award which is given to the best article in each newsletter (judged by the committee)

Here's hoping I'll get some response. Thank you.

Jean (Editor)

DATA PROTECTION

You may be aware that new rules about data protection come into force in May so your committee has been investigating the implications for the Twinning Association. The General Data Protection Regulation (May 2018) focuses heavily on controlling how charities contact people about fund raising which, fortunately, does not apply to us but has prompted us to review how we manage the data you give to the Association.

The secretary keeps a file of membership applications and maintains a database of current members and their contact details. This information then features in our Members' Booklet, a copy of which goes to all members, and is used to contact members via blind copy emails or the post. The secretary does not share this information with any other agency (apart from our twin town associations as necessary for visits) and members are asked to refrain from sharing the data in the booklet with anyone other than a member of our association or one of our twin town association members.

Data should not be held when no longer current, so when a member leaves the association the application form will be shredded and the contact details removed from the database. If you have any queries about the use of your personal details please contact the secretary, Maggie Gingell.

FRENCH LESSONS

This email came via the DTC. We are a little way from the Teign Valley but if anyone is interested do contact Elsa

My name is Elsa. I am a native French speaker who lives in the Teign Valley, Devon. I am following a distant learning course for the French university diploma DUFLE, Diplome Universitaire Francais Langue Etrangere. (Teaching French as a foreign language) I intend to continue by integrating the second year of DUFLE in September 2018.

I advertise in the Dunsford local magazine to teach private French lessons. The sessions are conversations organised around activities such as gardening , crafts , arts and cooking. My main job is as a self employed gardener.

In order to improve my teaching skills I realised I would benefit by giving more informal French lessons.

I am looking to be put in touch with people who participate in a French Village Twinning group and would love to improve their knowledge.

I am hoping you could help me by sending this e-mail to the different groups member of your organisation.

Here are my details :

Elsa Decker 07938 785 122 deckerelsa@gmail.com

Many thanks, Merci beaucoup,