

Devon Twinning Circle



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NEW EDITOR.

We have been very lucky that after appealing for a new editor for the DTC newsletter two days later Jean Aplin said she would take it on. Thank you very much Jean we do appreciate and hope you have plenty of news items.

Pat.



From your new editor

After the last meeting held at Braunton my arm was slightly twisted to take on the news editor's post. I must admit it had crossed my mind to offer as I am finding that my old bones will not allow me to run around the tennis court so much and gardening which I enjoy, brings on the backache – so having cut back on doing these things what do you do to fill in time? Television sends me to sleep and then I am up half the night as I am not tired, jig-saws are gap filler but only during daylight hours, I can't see the colours under artificial light, I enjoy reading but I needed something else – so here I am.

It is not without experience that I come to you, I have been in the past editor of Tiverton Town Twinning Newsletter (I am at present their Chairman) and of a local charity, my spelling is not good but thanks to 'spell check' and Pat offering, well I said I would take the job on but there was one condition - that she checked my work before it went to print!

Guess you are all saying 'What are we getting' some person well past their sell by date? Well yes – but I feel there are a few more miles in the old girl yet. I do hope you will send in reports and articles to me so I can include them in the newsletter and make it interesting reading for us all.

Jean Aplin

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Insurance news

This year (2011) our Travel insurance went down a little and the current rates are below you can get 4-5 days insurance when going to your twin town for £10.26 with no increase for age.

Rate chart below

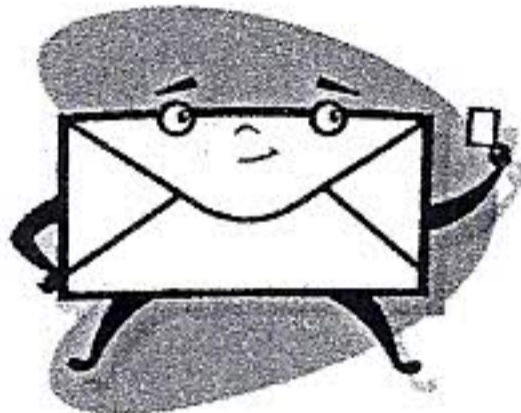
Rating per Person;

AREA 1	1-3 days	4-5 days	6-9 days	10-14 days	15-21 days	22-31 days
Adult	£6.60	£9.68	£10.78	£11.88	£13.86	£17.71
Child	£4.95	£6.93	£7.15	£7.48	£9.46	£12.71

Plus 6% Insurance tax

Contact Dennis Knowles (Insurance Officer)

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Annual General Meeting

Saturday 15th October 2011

The Parish Centre, Kingskerswell

Lunch 12.30 (£6.50) *Booking required* (Mrs M Jury 01803 873800)

Menu: Beef Casserole or Vegetarian Curry

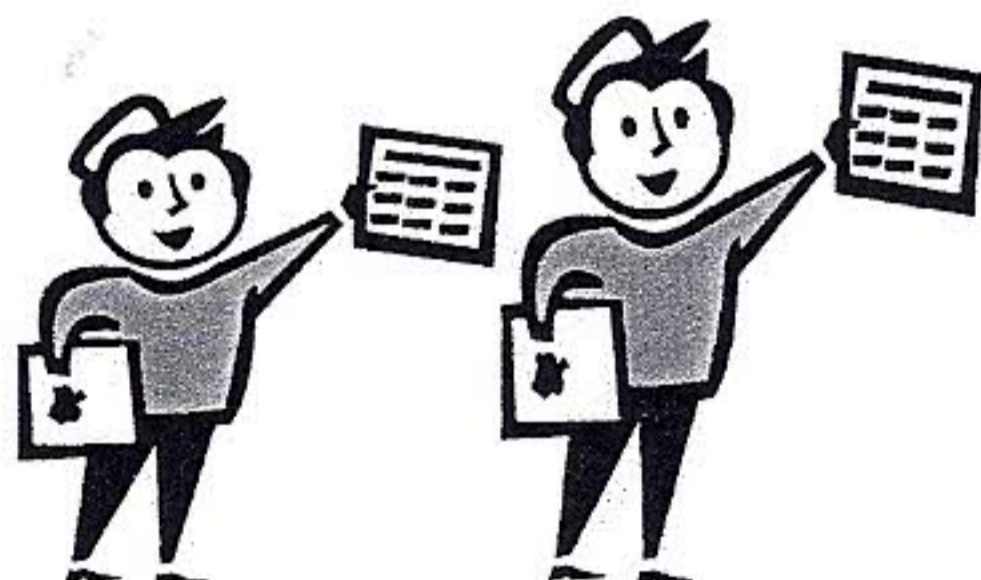
AGM Meeting 2 p.m.

Come and share your experiences, hear what others are doing

Dates of Future Meetings

2012: January 21st at Newton Abbot
 April 21st at Exmouth
 July 21st at Chittlehampton
 October 20th at Clovelly

2013 January 19th at Tiverton
 April at Burnham-on-Sea



NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

An Appeal for fresh faces

At the moment we have a vacancy on the committee due to the retirement of Peter Dennis. There are also 3 committee members due to retire after serving their 2 years at the AGM. These members can be re-elected if they so wish. Maybe you would like to join the committee? Fresh faces are always welcome, don't be shy please give it a try.

Contact Pat at Sherwoodpur@yahoo.co.uk

I started out life with nothing – I still have most of it!

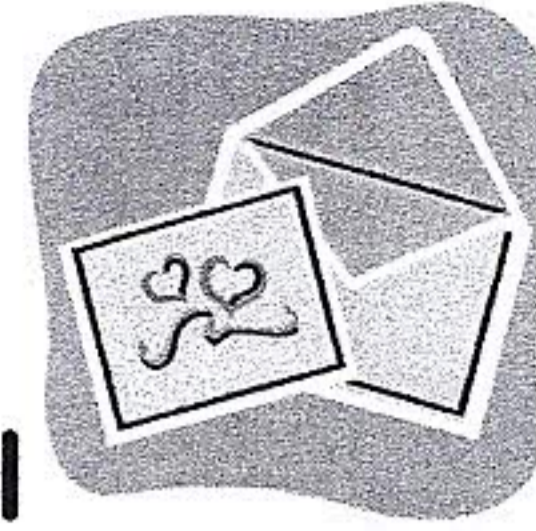
She who eat a lot of sweets – soon develop larger seats

Spend your life building bridges – not walls and you will never be lonely.

Bill is not so dumb – he bought Mary such a fine set of china – she doesn't trust him to help with the dishes.



Thank you Hazel



Hazel (Evely) has been a part of the Devon Twinning Circle for many years. I have been checking the records and she has attended meetings since 1994, became a committee member 1998, and then in 2000 became the Secretary. From there it was Vice Chairman in 2006, Chairman 2008, and then Past chairman 2010 of which she had only served 1 year. Unfortunately as she now has to work on Saturdays she has had to retire from the committee. We are very sorry she has had to say Good-Bye to us and we wish her well for the future. When I was asked to join the committee in April 2003 it was Hazel who volunteered to act as my chauffeur for which I have been very grateful.

Pat.



Call all Twinning Associations that are members of Devon Twin Circle

Tiverton:

Tiverton is twinned with Hofheim in Germany and Chinon in France, we visit each other on alternate years. 2011 we went to Chinon in May and received Hofheim in August; our visits are usually for five days. We have close to one hundred members, our subscription is £8 per person and there is a joining fee of £5. Like most Associations we have very few young members which we would like to address but how? We have tried.

During the year we fund raise to entertain our guests, we do the usual things like Quiz Nights, Racette evenings, an idea that we copied from Cullompton but has proved very popular with our members, we have a Harvest Lunch and members bring produce which we auction off, we also have at least two Sunday lunches as we find they are well attended, the meals are cooked by ourselves, we have a group of four to five members that have got it down to a T. the present cost is £8.00 children £4.00 and we get 50 to 60 people coming, friends are welcome. A recent Sunday Lunch in a Farmyard appealed too many and as much of the food was given we made a profit in excess of £400.

Because we are twinned with two towns we have a Chinon secretary, a Hofheim secretary as well as an Association secretary. The Chinon and Hofheim secretary have a small committee which plan and arrange every thing for visits but the main committee 'rubber stamps' the plans. Like you all we are finding costs are rising all the time, so for 2011 and at the request of Hofheim to cut back, we decided as our theme 'Charity'. A visit to Burnham on Sea to visit the Lifeboat Station was most enjoyable and we were made so welcome, a very interesting talk/film show was given. Afterwards Weston Super Mare was visited, where we went on the pier and also had an excellent lunch at the Royal hotel - Hot pot and apple pie with custard £9 a head, over 100 of us sat down.

Another day our visit was to the Donkey Sanctuary at Sidmouth, a bit of a disaster here. We arrive about 10 am – far too early as the animals were only just being brought out BUT it was the morning mist which hadn't lifted and honestly you couldn't see three yards in front of you. The shop and restaurant did an excellent trade. We moved on to Lyme Regis for lunch and thank goodness by then the sun was out.

To both of these charities we gave donations – which meant we entertained our visitors and the charities benefited as well.

On the Saturday evening we had entertainment provided by our local Operatic and Dramatic Associations, during the interval pasties were served and the draw took place. Each of our members that came on the night had been asked to donate a draw prize and the money raised would go to the charity Shelterbox, we had hope to raise enough to buy a box outright but didn't reach the target. We now plan to make up the balance from our next event- Quiz Night to do so. Once you have raised the £500 they inform you of the box number and you can follow its progress. Our visitors felt it was a lovely idea.

I accept that you will not always want to hear about my Association (Tiverton) what I would like is to hear from each Association so we can have a good cross section of what we all do and share ideas. Chittlehampton have started the ball rolling with the following report. Please give this idea your support. It will make the newsletter something to look forward to receiving.

Chittlehampton Celebrates 25 years of Twinning

Our French friends from Baron Sur Odon (Normandy) were due to arrive on Wednesday the 24th of August to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of our Twinning Partnership formed in 1986. However they did not realise there was no ferry on Wednesday mornings and so arrived late, (2 a.m. on Thursday the 25th) never the less it was great to receive them what ever time of day and they were promptly whisked away to the homes of their host families.

59 persons came including the Mayor of Baron and his wife who arrived in time for the Special week-end Celebrations.

This number also included 2 new families, 11 children and 5 young adults which is encouraging for our Associations.

The following programme was arranged for the visit;

Thursday 25th August, A quiet day with host families, but several members took their guests on a horse drawn boat trip on the Tiverton Canal, some went to Hartland Abbey and a family with children visited the Big Sheep.

Friday 26th August Day trip to St Ives, A very pleasant day, some folks visited the Tate Gallery, or the Barbara Hepworth Sculpture Garden, or both, and some just wanted to enjoy the beautiful scenery and visit the little shops. The traditional Cornish Pasty shops did a roaring trade as many who did not want to eat them there, bought some to enjoy at home. The bonus for us was that it rained all day in Chittlehampton but was a lovely sunny day at St Ives.

Saturday 27th of August Day with hosts until the "Special Evening Celebration" at the High Bullen Country House Hotel where 117 persons gathered in their Pavilion. It was a lovely evening enabling aperitifs to be taken onto the terrace overlooking stunning countryside views over the Taw Valley and parts of Exmoor.

Everyone enjoyed a 3 course meal after which our excellent Chairman (who is a well known local Artist) gave a slide presentation on the history of our Twinning and various events over the past 25 years. It included cartoon pictures drawn by himself, it was very humorous and well received as was

