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From The New Editor

Hi everyone, sorry to take so long in getting this, my first newsletter out to you all albeit not in time for the last quarterly meeting in Newton Abbot but things have been very busy. Although I have not received much news or reports from Associations I have put together this newsletter. I look forward to being snowed under with material and news for future editions.

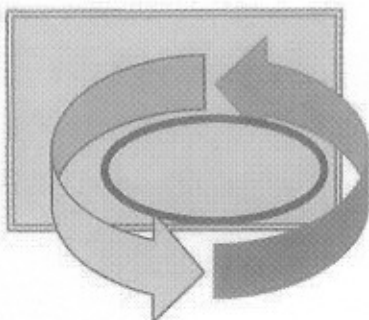
Please could you note my details and send your news and updates to me. My address is "Fuchsia House" 18 West View Road, Bere Alton, Yelverton, W Devon PL20 7DD. Tel/fax 01822 840862.

If you can send items to me electronically all the better, my email is peter@pdennis8.wanadoo.co.uk as this will help in putting the newsletter together.

I would also like to thank Don Leach for all the work and effort he has put into the past editions of your newsletter and hope I can keep up the high standards that he has set.

From the Committee

At the last Annual General Meeting Hazel Evely was elected as our new Chair and we wish her all the best in her new role. Congratulations Hazel.



Around The Circle

Lympstone.

Lympstone recently hosted a reduced number (27, usually 40+) of twinningers from France and reputedly provided "the best twinning ever". Our theme for our Dinner & Dance night was Moulin Rouge, Toulouse

Lautrec & Paris of the 1890's. The memory of the 4 "ladies" of the Committee dancing the can-can in full costume, make-up & wigs lingers vividly! Lympstone has been twinning with Biéville-Beuville near Caen, France for 30 years now, and a civic invitation has been received from their Mayor to Lympstone Parish Council, LTA and the head teacher of the primary school to attend a tripartite meeting with them & their German twinning representatives (who have been twinning for 15 years) in mid-November. We intend to be there.

Axminster.

Axminster Twinning Association has been very busy for the last couple of months. We had a very successful fund raising concert in May thanks to a member knowing an international guitarist willing to play for a reduced fee, the evening made about £400. We had our official visit at the end of May when 30 went for an action packed weekend in Douvres la Delivrande. Last year the Douvrais brought us a walnut tree which we planted on the edge of our sports field so we took an oak which was planted in the garden of the Radar Museum on the edge of Douvres.

At the end of June 8 Douvrais came to the Axe Vale Festival, Axminster's biggest annual event, where they had a stall to sell Calvados and Pommeau. They bring a box of "Normandy goodies" which we raffle and usually cover the cost of having a stall plus some extra funds. This year they stayed an extra day so we were able to entertain them in Lyme Regis. In return 12 Axminsterites went to Douvres to take part in their Marche de Nuit, an evening street market, where we sold Real English Beer, Marmalade and Chutney. Our three folk musicians had the locals dancing and a very good time was had by all. It was an opportunity to meet members of Douvres' other twin town in Germany, a friendship the Douvrais is very keen to encourage. There are two more visits to Douvres in October one by our local classical orchestra who will play 2 concerts and have a workshop with local children. The other is a visit to Equidays, a festival of the horse, which culminates in a spectacle 'Le cheval d'or' in Caen.

Silverton Twinning

A party of 21 members of Silverton Twinning travelled to St. Thegonnec in Brittany where a Charter was

signed. We all had a great weekend and are looking forward to welcoming them to Silverton next year when we will sign the 2nd part of the Charter.

Club Wesseling

Last June Club Wesseling enjoyed their 25th year celebrations of the friendship between West Devon and Wesseling in Germany. A week of entertainment and trips around Devon and Cornwall were enjoyed by all with a Civic Reception held in Tavistock hosted by the Mayor of West Devon, Terry Pearce.

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