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Devon Twin Circle General Meeting
Saturday 21st January 2012 - Held at Newton Abbot

Before the meeting lunch was available for those that had pre-booked. Vegetable soup, with plenty of pepper and served with crotons, followed by chicken, ham and leek pie, vegetables and potatoes, a choice of puddings to follow. A lovely meal and such good value for money (£6.50) wine or fruit juice was available for a small charge. Why not book yourself next time.

The meeting started with a talk on Devon War Memorials - Speaker Dr Todd Gray. Yes if like me you thought ‘what a boring subject’ you would be totally wrong. It was really interesting. Most of us think of War Memorials as stone
crosses erected in towns and villages with the names of those that had lost their lives in war engraved on them, how incorrect we are. Crediton have playing fields, Tiverton a library, Washfield a bus shelter, Halberton a Parish Hall and so the list goes on. For the last three meetings speakers have been arranged and it is hoped that this practice will continue, it adds something to the day and makes it worth attending.

Come and see what you think yourself – All are welcome.

The general business followed. A presentation was made to Hazel Evely.

Hazel became a member of Devon Twin Circle in 1994 and joined the committee in 1998. First she became secretary, going on to vice-chairman, chairman and then past chairman. Unfortunately due to work commitment, having to work Saturday’s she has had to retire. During her time in office she was able to go on Radio Devon twice and also do a

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Hazel Evely

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**Devon Twin Circle Meeting**

**Saturday 21st April at Littleham Leisure Centre 2 pm**

A Special General Meeting will be held on Saturday 21st April at Littleham Leisure Centre Exmouth EX8 2QZ at 2 pm. This is to discuss changes to the Constitution, followed by the usual quarterly meeting.

Lunch will be served at 12.30 you are invited to join us.
Menu is Steak casserole, vegetables and jacket potato. Selection of homemade desserts.
Tea or Coffee. **The cost is £7.00 per person**

To book: Please send payment to Mr T Dumper, 22 Woodville Road, Exmouth, EX8 1 SF by 1st April 2012.
Anita Glenn, chair of Cullompton & District Twinning Association, is seen being presented on her retirement at the Annual General Meeting on Friday 13 January, with a gold and glass fruit bowl, by Treasurer David Weetman. Also in the picture are Secretary Beverley Weetman (left) and the new Chair Diana Speaight (right).

Anita was first involved in the Twinning Association when she visited Cullompton’s twin town, Ploudalmezeau, in Finisterre, northern Brittany, with Cullompton’s Tennis Club, on a pre twinning visit in 1976. From these early days she quickly became involved with the Association, which was formally twinned with Ploudalmezeau in 1977, and was soon elected onto the committee and became treasurer in 1987.

In 2003 Anita took on the role of chairman and as well as going on many visits with her husband to the twin town, she chaired the Association through its 30th anniversary in 2007 when Cullompton hosted our French guests. She has forged many life long friendships with members of the Association both in France and in Cullompton and has on three occasions attended weddings in Brittany with the French Twinners.

The Cullompton Association now holds regular social events including very popular quizzes, games evenings, raclette evenings, and in the summer boules & BBQ evenings and in the autumn a fireworks evening, to raise funds for hosting the French Twinners every two years, and also return visits by Cullompton Twinners every other year.

These visits are usually for a weekend in the spring or early summer and give twinners in both countries the opportunities to share experiences of their cultures, wonderful countryside and cuisine. In recent years there have been visits to the Eden project, Clovelly and Morwellham Quay in Cornwall, and a trip down the River Dart, and to Babbacombe Model Village in Devon. Cullompton Town Council kindly provides a reception and buffet for every visit and there is usually a dinner/dance during the visit. Host families also have time to show their guests around other parts of the county.

The Twinners from Cullompton & District will be going on a visit to Ploudalmezeau for a weekend in May this year, from Friday 25th May to Monday 28th May, to celebrate 35 years of twinning with...
each other, and anyone who is interested in joining the association and in going should contact Diana Speight on 01884 33580 email: dianaspeaight@hotmail.com.

TIVERTON Town Twinning Association presented a cheque for £590 to Shelterbox at its AGM. The money will be enough to provide one whole box and we will be able to find out from the internet where it will eventually go. Pictured Tiverton's Mayor Neal Davey with members of the Twinning Association. The money was raised by holding a draw when visitors from Hofheim were visiting and by a Quiz Night.

**Ottery St.Mary now have a Website**

**www.otterytwinners.org.uk and a new logo.**

Axminster and District Twinning Association recently held its Annual General Meeting and dinner at the Tuckers Arms, Dalwood. It was very well attended, including four new members who were welcomed by Chairman Caroline Hillyard.

Caroline, who was re-elected Chairman for the coming year, informed the meeting that planning for the next visit to Douvres in May was progressing well and the simultaneous visit of their German twinning partner from Oerlenbach was also in advanced stages of planning. This trip will be the first to combine all three nations and the Douvraise are planning special events to mark the occasion.

Other events, including outings, visits and the annual film night, will take place during the coming year.

**Exeter/Yaroslavl Twinning Association**  
*Extracts from their newsletter:*

A very successful Christmas Fayre & Coffee Morning was held in the Guildhall in December. A Russian Christmas Dinner was held at the Queens Court Hotel, Exeter during January and attended by the Lord Mayor of Exeter. There are two forthcoming fund raising events: Russian Social Evening on April 12th at the Jubilee Club, Pinhoe and a Skittles Evening on April 21st at the Atmospheric Railway Inn, Starcross. The Exeter Children’s Orchestra are expecting a Russian group of 48, consisting of 15 dancers aged 8 to 24 and 16 accordion players aged 13 to 21, together with various accompanying teachers, parents and siblings. The dancers will be performing mainly ballet and modern dance and the accordion players will be performing more traditional folk music. The group will be arriving Exeter on Friday 30th March and leaving on Saturday 7th April. Performances details from: Rachael Shearmur by telephone, 01626- 890617, or email, rr@oldtollhouse.eclipse.co.uk.
The written presentation of the Winners of Monica Sanders Trophy 2011

A Night in 1940

We always aim for variety in the things we do to raise funds and although our regular ones like our Bingos and Annual Quiz go down well we do try other things that appeal to all ages. In the past Dog Shows, Bring & Share picnics, Hoedown and our other great hit ‘café’ Rene.

A Night in 1940 was a Merryfield Production and with the wonderful help of its ‘owners’ Elizabeth and John Cook and Jo and John Dike and their friend Alan, it was an evening we shall never forget.

The costumes, props and artifacts all belong to them. Two weeks before the production we were all able to choose our costumes and we were so pleased that there was a good response from village people to take part, not just members.

The day of the production arrived. Our village hall was transformed during the evening, from farmyard with Land army girls milking a cow, to a WAAF plotter and RAF Officers tracking enemy aircraft, to the Home guard being drilled, a villager singing war time songs and relating his experiences during the war and Air Raid Wardens – who warned us that enemy aircraft were heading our way. So civilians, and there were plenty of these in authentic costumes, were ordered to the shelter, where they sang songs with the sounds of bombs falling outside. Meanwhile the Home Guard and Wardens dealt with an unexploded bomb which had landed on the village hall causing a big crater. The evening finished with an enemy aircraft crash landing and with the captured crew, none other than ‘Marlene Dietrich’ so there followed a lot more singing.

Our script and actions were all ‘ad lib’ and as a result we had some very hilarious moments.

The food we had or should I say provided was very ‘war time’ Jelly, Apple Cake, Spam sandwiches and a little cream, well we were living in an area that produced milk after all.

Our grateful thanks to the ‘crew’ of Merryfield Productions and we wish them well in their retirement. A night in 1940 will remain in our memories as one of the best things we have done to date. Our motto is Friendship, Fellowship and Fun and we certainly had all three that evening.

Please send your reports, information, pictures for the next Newsletter (June 2012) to
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