



Friendship Force of Cornwall

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From the President.....

It seems like ever since our friends from Greater Atlanta left us at the end of May the sun has hardly shone. Maybe this was due to the sunshine they brought with them and the sunshine they took away, but one thing is certain, they gave us lots of happiness with their friendliness and willingness to embrace all that was thrown at them! They were ideal ambassadors and we've had lots of very positive feedback from both their club and Friendship Force International. So we can all give ourselves a very big pat on the back for an Exchange well done.

Praise especially to Harry as ED and his super team of Carole and John. To all hosts, day hosts and helpers in whatever capacity, a huge thank you.

Now, as I write this the sun is back, summer is surely here and life seems good again. Lots to look forward to for the rest of the year and into 2013.

A very special welcome to new members Angela Barton, Sheila Anderson and Ian and Dawn Windsor. We are delighted you have joined our friendly and sociable club and look forward to seeing you at future events.

To continue being a successful club, we rely on the hard work of our committee as well as an active social calendar. Please let us know if you would like us to put on an activity that maybe we haven't done so far, or maybe one that you enjoyed in the past.

Gavin

FF Atlanta - a successful exchange

Having warned the ambassadors to bring warm clothes, what luck we had with the hot weather! What lovely people they were, seeing the best in things and being cheerful and easy to accommodate! They really appreciated all of our usual, well-tried activities, together with this year's innovation of a whole-day excursion around the River Fal.

Many thanks to all members who contributed to the success of this



Ambassadors singing with the U3A choir, at the Farewell Party.

exchange and for the warm welcome which is so much a part of FF Cornwall.



Exchange Ambassadors at Lands End

As a first-time ED, my personal thanks go to John and Carole for their generous help and guidance throughout.

Harry

5 Club Picnic

For those of you who attended the annual 5 Club Picnic in June which, this year, was held in Hatherleigh in Devon, I'm sure you would agree that all the hard work put in by FF Devon was well worthwhile. It was great to meet up with old friends and to meet new ones. We also received this lovely e-mail from Devon's president, Keith Ascough, in response to our gratitude.

"Many thanks for your kind letter.

We all thoroughly enjoyed having all our visitors with us and were pleased you enjoyed yourselves.

When Cornwall arrived the whole atmosphere became so warm and sunny AND the sun began to shine as well!!!

Thanks again for coming and bring your lovely gang!!"

Outgoing Exchange to Izmir, Turkey 2013

The committee have agreed the appointment of Shirley Anderson as ED for this exchange. She has been in contact with FF Urla of Greater Izmir and we are looking at the possibility of leaving Cornwall between 15th and 22nd April.

In addition, the exchange organising committee is looking at an extension to the exchange with a 4 night stay with excursions in Istanbul. A mouth-watering trip is in store and Shirley has written to all club members with information and early estimated costings, offering all those interested to attend a meeting during August. We will need to ascertain numbers and commitment at an early stage as there is the possibility of cheaper fares the earlier we can book flights.

Incoming Exchange from Ottawa, Canada 2013

This will take place between 4th and 11th September. Whilst we are at the early stages of communicating with the

Canadian club, we are expecting up to 24 ambassadors to arrive in Cornwall and they will be recruiting over the next 2 months. We will be needing an Exchange Director and a small organising committee to make this all happen. Full support from our experienced members will be given to anyone considering this role. Gavin would be happy to talk to anyone interested and without any obligation.

Further visits in 2013

The committee have agreed a request from FF Wessex to visit Cornwall on a short exchange from 14th to 17th June next year. Please try and keep these dates free, as we will be needing hosts. This will not be a full exchange, but will be an ideal opportunity for new members and those who haven't hosted recently to sample the experience of home hosting and making new friends in the UK.

Also, we have been in contact with a Friendship Force club in Brussels asking if they would be prepared to accept a short exchange (4 nights) from our club in October next year. This could be an ideal opportunity for anyone not wanting to go to Izmir, or anyone who has not experienced an outgoing exchange to see what it is like to be part of that special feeling so many of us have had by travelling with our friends from FF Cornwall!

As soon as we hear from Belgium we will let you know.

Truro Carnival

A small committee has met to organise the club's presence at the carnival on Saturday 8th September. It has been decided not to use a float, but we will need members to help in advertising our club and Friendship Force. We will be contacting you shortly to ask for your support. Please try and support this novel way of promoting the club and the aims of Friendship Force.

Court Visit

On the Tuesday 25th September, I will be conducting a tour of the Courts of Justice in Truro. We will meet at the entrance at 6.30 pm. I have provisionally booked tables at "Ask", (Italian Restaurant at the bottom of Lemon Street), for those of us who would like to have a meal following the tour.

I am advised by the Management of "Ask" that the vouchers normally available on line cannot be used for bookings of over 6 people, but they suggest selecting from the set menu, which will be available on line early September. I understand is very good value at £10.95 for 2 courses with, if we are happy with the service etc., attracts a 10% service charge.

Please let me know by the 12th September if you wish to go on the tour and indicate if you wish to have a meal and your choice of meal from the set menu so that I can notify the Restaurant.

Pam

Nostalgia Quiz Evening at Trerice, National Trust

A fun, interactive quiz with comedy and songs from days gone by. 'Fings aint wot they used t'be'; focusing on life in the 50's, 60's and 70's. **£12.50** per person, including refreshments of baked potato with a choice of fillings. There is also a bar.

- Please let Christine know if you would like to go.

New walk in November

Following an extremely enjoyable walk around Dodman Point and meal at the Llawnroc Hotel on 18th July, it has been decided to hold another walk in the Falmouth area followed by a meal on Sunday 18th November. Christine will be letting you have details nearer the time.

AGM

This year's AGM will again be held at the Probus Comrades Club. The date will be **Sunday 4th November** and will include a pasty lunch.

Please add this to your diary. Pam will be sending out the official notice in the next few months.

Xmas meal - Thursday 13th December

We hope you will be able to come along to our annual festive event, which this year will be in the Barn at Trelissick Gardens, Feock, near Truro. A superb menu has been promised by the National Trust and it is hoped to cost around £20 per head. More details will be sent with the next newsletter and at the AGM in November.

Early Spring 2013 weekend break in Bournemouth

Everyone should have received notification of this increasingly popular event which is being organised by Gladys Vickers of FF Devon. Next year it will be over 3 nights at the Cliffside Hotel in Bournemouth: www.cliffsidebournemouth.co.uk.

Please contact Gavin if you need to contact Gladys.

This is always well supported so there is no guarantee of places being available.

Trip to Plymouth

We are planning for a possible away day to Plymouth in January. This could include shopping, a meal and having fun at the pantomime, Dick Whittington.

Suggestions as to what the format of the day should be are very welcome! Please contact any committee member.

Olympic Fun

Just for fun there will be a small prize for the person who can guess the exact number of medals Team GB will win at the London 2012 Olympics.

To help, GB won 47 medals (19 gold; 13 silver; 15 bronze) at the 2008 Games in Beijing and 30 medals (9 gold; 9 silver; 12 bronze) at the 2004 Games in Athens.

Please let Gavin know of your number before Wednesday 1st August. Good luck!

E-mails

Please remember to check your e-mails regularly so as not to miss advance notifications of important and interesting events etc.

And finally.....

"There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship." (Thomas Aquinas)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 27th July to Sunday 12th August

Olympic Games

Thursday 6th September

7pm - Committee Meeting at Martin & Sandra's house

Saturday 8th September

Truro Carnival

Tuesday 25th September

6.30pm - Visit to Courts of Justice in Truro followed by a meal at Ask restaurant.

Friday 19th October

7.30pm onwards - "Nostalgia Quiz evening" at National Trust, Trerice.

A fun, interactive quiz with comedy and songs from days gone by.

Sunday 4th November

12 noon - AGM at Probus Comrades Club

Sunday 18th November

Walk (weather permitting) and meal in Falmouth

Thursday 13th December

6.30 for 7pm - Annual Xmas meal at the Barn Trelissick Gardens, Feock

January 2012

Away day to Plymouth (to be confirmed)

To avoid having to phone around, it would be extremely helpful if members could let the relevant person know by the due date whether or not they will be attending any of these gatherings.

Thank you