

Llantwit Major Town Twinning Association



NEWSLETTER June 2025

Welcome to our second newsletter of 2025! This is the sixth in an occasional series of newsletters giving an update on the activities of the Llantwit Major Town Twinning Association.

The association was originally established in 1982 as a Community Twinning Association with support from Llantwit Major Town Council. Llantwit Major is twinned with Le Pouliguen in Pays de la Loire-Atlantique, which is a seaside town on a stunning stretch of the Atlantic coast on the Guérande peninsula.

Membership

We welcome applications for membership of the association from any residents of Llantwit Major and the surrounding area. You do not have to agree to host visitors from France or learn French in order to be a member – although we will be delighted if you do! As we explain below, there are also opportunities locally for you to use and improve your French!

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Right: members of both twinings in front of telephone box gifted to Pouliguen by Llantwit Major in 1994 (visit to Pouliguen in Sept 2024)!



Recent Events

We held our ever popular quiz night in Llantonian Hall on 15 February, accompanied by refreshments of cheese and biscuits and wine or soft drinks. This event was a sell-out (80+ attending!) and the lucky winners were recipients of hand-crafted goody bags with wine and chocolate (picture below - big thanks to Coleen for preparing these!). We raised over £750 for Association funds, which will be used towards hosting our friends from Le Pouliguen when they visit us in September.

We followed this with an exciting murder mystery evening on 28 March, again held in Llantonian Hall.

Curated by our local solicitor Michael Morgan, this mystery (Casino Fatale!) left everybody wondering till the last minute! Again this was an entertaining evening and a great social event which raised significant funds for the twinning association, and we are grateful to Michael for organising it and for giving his time so freely.



MURDER MYSTERY

Prizes

Regular Events

Our monthly bi-lingual coffee afternoons have proved to be very popular. We started these in October, meeting at different members' houses.

We cater for all levels of French ability and meet on Wednesday afternoons. Our next meeting is on 30 July - details on our website.

If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Shelley Tandy at shelley_tandy@hotmail.com.

Don't forget French conversation in Llantwit library, every Monday 12-1pm. (All levels, donations to library welcome to cover refreshments).

Visit from Le Pouliguen
- Your attention please!

Our friends from Le Pouliguen will be visiting us here in Llantwit between 4th and 8th September. We have an exciting and varied programme arranged for our visitors and would love to share the details of this with all our members and friends face to face!

We have therefore arranged a special coffee morning in Llantonian Hall - from 10am on 2nd August, at which we will give further details and invite your involvement! (As a further incentive, there will be cake!). Please RSVP our secretary, Coleen Tombs, at secretary@llantwit-major-twinning.wales or on 07702 253666 if you wish to attend this event.

Other initiatives

We continue to build contacts locally with schools and cultural and sporting associations, in order to develop further links at all levels between our twinned towns. The most exciting recent development to report is that one of our local choirs (the Fountain Singers) is actively discussing an exchange with a Pouliguen choir in 2026, and the committee is now considering how it can help to facilitate this.

We would love to help other organisations or families who would like to visit this beautiful part of France. Please get in touch via the Twinning website with any of the committee members, who will be pleased to help.

Mailing list. As mentioned briefly in the previous newsletter, this is now active. The aim is to increase communication amongst the group, to share ideas and views. To post to the list simply send an email to membership@llantwit-major-twinning.wales. Your words will be read by all the membership. We hope this will be useful in the runup to the visit by our friends from Le Pouliguen.

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