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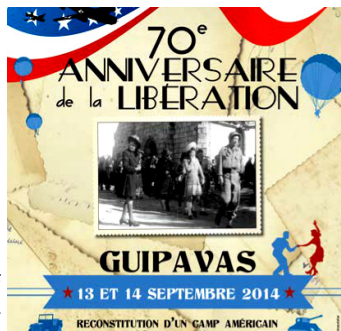
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CALLINGTON & DISTRICT TWINNING
ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

*Twinned with Guipavas, Brittany (F) since 1982
and Barsbüttel, Schleswig-Holstein (D) since 2004*

Liberation of Guipavas

Sue and Rick were delighted and honoured to accept an invitation to represent the Twinning Association and Callington Town Council respectively at the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Guipavas. The weekend was action-packed and, in all, both very moving and emotional.



Two American families represented GIs who were involved in the liberation and excerpts from the day journal of one of them were read out by his son and highlighted the dramatic events as they had unfurled

The liberation was marked in a number of ways: wreaths were laid at the war memorial in the town centre, peace poems in French, English and German were read out by French schoolchildren and messages of peace from students in Guipavas, Callington



and Barsbüttel were attached to a Freedom Tree as a sign of the huge progress that has been made in terms of European understanding since the end of World War II.

Strange to see were the French re-enactors who appeared in a variety of roles: a host of troops who had been under the leadership of General Patton - plain GIs, sergeants, five-star generals (complete with cigar and dark glasses!), motorcycle outriders, members of the French resistance and girls dressed in fashions from the era.



In the procession were Willys jeeps, a Sherman tank, half-tracks and French cars of the time, notably the *Citroën Traction Avant*. These all congregated at *Le Vergez* on the outskirts of Guipavas at a site where a reconstruction of the original American camp in 1944 had been built. With an exhibition of memorabilia, demonstrations of Morse code, a field hospital, a re-enactment of an attack on a foxhole and even demonstrations of the dances of the 40s this meant the site was buzzing for the duration of the two-day event. A most memorable experience!



in 1944 and the way in which he had been cared for by a Guipavas family, having parachuted from a damaged airplane, until his repatriation. In commemoration of that event there is now a *Rue Robert Chapman* in Guipavas, named in his memory. It was certainly a deeply felt gesture by both French and American participants.

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Upcoming events

Pop these in your diaries now!

November	01	<i>Annual Dinner</i>
January	24	<i>Burns Supper</i>
February	06	<i>AGM</i>
	28	<i>St Piran's Supper</i>

Annual Dinner



It's time to dust off your glad rags and book seats for the Annual Dinner. This will take place on Saturday 1st November in Callington Town Hall. Doors open at 7.00pm and we shall be offering *kir* or non-alcoholic option as a complementary welcome drink.

The three-course meal will reflect our three-cornered twinning links: starting with a choice of smoked salmon or vegetable soup (from the UK); the main course will feature that French favourite, *poulet à la Normande*, followed by a delicious German speciality, a home-baked *Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte*, created by our new resident chef, Angie Haines. The meal will finish with tea or coffee. To enjoy this excellent meal in convivial company with some surprise entertainment to round off the evening send your reply slips to Dorothy with £15 per person **by Tuesday 21st October at the latest.**

21st Century Payment Method!

Members of Callington and District Twinning Association can now pay for events using online banking. If you wish to make use of this facility please send an email to our Treasurer, Dorothy, at dorothy_a@hotmail.co.uk giving details of how many will be attending and any special requirements.

Dorothy will email bank information and description reference to be used.



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Eleven twidders set off from Horsebridge on a circular route on Sunday as part of the annual "Plod and a Pint" event (yes, that's the cryptic title to this article - suitably aimed at the over 50s!). With the route already checked for boggy and impassable places - and a definite lack of steep inclines, the intrepid band enjoyed some beautiful scenery around the Lockett area. They were joined by a young European who will be spending the coming year in Callington: Laura Paillat who is from Toulouse and is the French *assistante* at the Community College. Everyone enjoyed a very welcome pint of their chosen liquid sitting outside on the terrace at the Royal Inn in Horsebridge, followed by an excellent Sunday lunch in very comfortable surroundings.

Annual Dinner Booking Form

Names:

Email:

Tel:

Please note the following dietary requirements:

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Payment Options:

Cheque to the value of £ (made payable to CADTA) to cover the cost of tickets for the Annual Dinner.

OR

Pay using Online Banking – for further information send email to Dorothy Anderson at dorothy_a@hotmail.co.uk incorporating your name, number of tickets required and any dietary requirements.

*Please return by
Tuesday 21st October
at the latest!*