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Boat Trip—Sunday 1st June

Luckily we were blessed with good weather and no rain this year! We met on the quay at Ilfracombe at around 3.45 and took off in our boat up the coast towards Lynmouth. We had a very pleasant trip outwards but when we turned for home the wind was in our faces and was quite cold. However, undaunted we carried on taking our photos and listening to the entertaining and enlightening commentary as we sailed along. It was interesting to see the cliffs and coastline from a different perspective and to sail into the various coves and bays along the way. I think most of us enjoyed the trip so much that we would very much like to go again next year, but to sail down the coast and see what that has to offer.

After the boat trip we all made our way back to our various cars and met up again at The Old Station, Blackmoor Gate where there was an alcove already set aside for us and we all enjoyed an excellent meal together.

Olde English Fayre—Thursday 12th June

Many thanks to everyone who donated cakes and plants for our stall. We were a little disappointed this year as although there seemed to be quite a lot of people at the coffee morning, very few were actually buying anything and I think most were proud parents who had come to listen to their children singing. Nevertheless, we did manage to make a profit of £50.

BBQ—Sunday 6th July

Another (surprisingly) beautiful day. Being cloudy in the morning we deliberated whether we should set up the tables outside or indoors, but the sun then came out and made our minds up for us! We thought we could at least start off outside and take everything in if need be, but fortunately the sunshine stayed with us all day and we were able to remain outside making the most of the lovely gardens at The Old Rectory.

It was very good to see so many at the BBQ—we found ourselves catering for around 50 people, which included some children too. We enjoyed steaks, burgers, sausages, salads, beetroot, onions, beans and new potatoes—so quite a selection. This was followed by strawberries and cream and then tea and coffee (as well as the wine, etc. which had been brought along).

Later in the afternoon we all tucked into a cream tea with scones kindly made by Hazel, who happened to be celebrating her birthday and therefore had to suffer our singing “Happy Birthday”, jam and cream and more tea and coffee. We ran a draw and must thank everyone who donated draw prizes.

A special thank you once again to Ann and David for their hospitality. We are so sorry to hear that they are moving away and we will certainly miss their company and our wet weather venue! We have been able to rely on their hospitality so much over the years and are very much indebted to them.

Fete de Fromage

Is being held in Livarot as I type this newsletter! Sadly no traders from South Molton were able to attend, mostly for reasons of cost ,as with perishable goods they would have had to hire refrigerated vans and these proved extremely expensive. However, Margaret and Steve White have gone to fly the South Molton flag for us. I have to say that our friends invited Brian and I to stay with them, but unfortunately we have so much on at the moment we had to decline. However, we have asked them over for South Molton carnival weekend and they are going to come

with Margaret and Sidi, so we are very much looking forward to seeing them then.

Twinning Walk—Sunday 31st August

David has emailed me the following:

This year's walk will start at Hunters Inn (Grid Ref SS 655 481) at 12:00. It is a hilly walk of about 5 miles. There is a "bail out" at half distance if the weather is poor or you don't fancy the last couple of miles – but you will miss some spectacular views. If we are all feeling fit we can actually extend the walk a bit to visit a Roman Hill Fortlet which gives further great views.

We will finish at The Hunters Inn for tea and cakes or whatever at about 4:30.

Sadly this will be the last walk I can arrange as we expect to be moving away soon, so Ann and I would like to say how much we have enjoyed being part of South Molton Twinning which Claude introduced us to nearly 25 years ago. We shall certainly miss you all and the wonderful community spirit of the town. And I am sure that there are no finer views anywhere to compare with the North Devon Coast and Exmoor.

Best wishes to everyone and we hope to see you on the walk.

David & Ann White

As this will be the last walk David is able to organise for us, please do try to come and give him some support. (And don't forget to bring a picnic lunch).

If you are not able to walk with us but would like to join us for tea, please do come along and we will look forward to seeing you at The Hunters Inn.

Car Treasure Hunt—Sunday 21st September—There will not be another newsletter before this date but I will try to email you with details nearer the time.

Trip to Livarot—Thursday 21st—Monday 25th May 2015

As you all know, we will be celebrating our 40th anniversary of Twinning with Livarot, so we are anticipating an exciting weekend. (Let's hope the weather is kind to us).

We will be leaving from South Molton Car Park very early (around 7.00 a.m.) on the Thursday as we have a daytime crossing, from Portsmouth to Le Havre, rather than overnight. We will then arrive in Livarot around 7.30 p.m. This means that we have the day on Friday for a coach trip, the cost of which is already included, but we will need to decide where we would like to visit.

We will then leave on the Monday with a daytime ferry crossing once again and arriving home around midnight.

We will be travelling with Blakes Coaches next year and the total cost of the trip will be approximately £100 per person (quite a saving on our last trip).

We do need a deposit of £40 per person to be paid as soon as possible please, but by 31st October 2014 at the latest, in order for us to be able to secure the ferry crossings. The balance will then be due by 12th March 2015. Please contact Lorraine (574255) or put a note with your payment through her door.

Margaret is able to arrange travel insurance through the Twinning Circle as in the past, and the cost for this is in the region of £11.43 per person, to cover 6 days. If you need this insurance please get in touch with Margaret and she will confirm the exact amount payable.

PLEASE NOTE : There is no meeting in August and our next meeting will therefore be on Thursday 11th September, 7.30 p.m. at The George Hotel. All welcome.