

# Llantwit Major Town Twinning Association



## NEWSLETTER February 2025

**W**elcome to our first newsletter of 2025! This is the fifth in an occasional series of newsletters giving an update on the activities of the Llantwit Major Town Twinning Association.

**W**e 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!

### AGM Report

**O**ur AGM was held on 4<sup>th</sup> November in Llantwit Bowls Club, followed by an open evening where we gave a short presentation on our trip to Pouliguen and answered members' questions about the twinning.

**W**e also elected Andy Montgomery as our new Chair. We extend our thanks to outgoing Chair John Lewis for his service to the association in that role over the past two years - John continues to serve on the twinning committee (full list of committee members below).

St. Nicholas Day



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## Recent Events

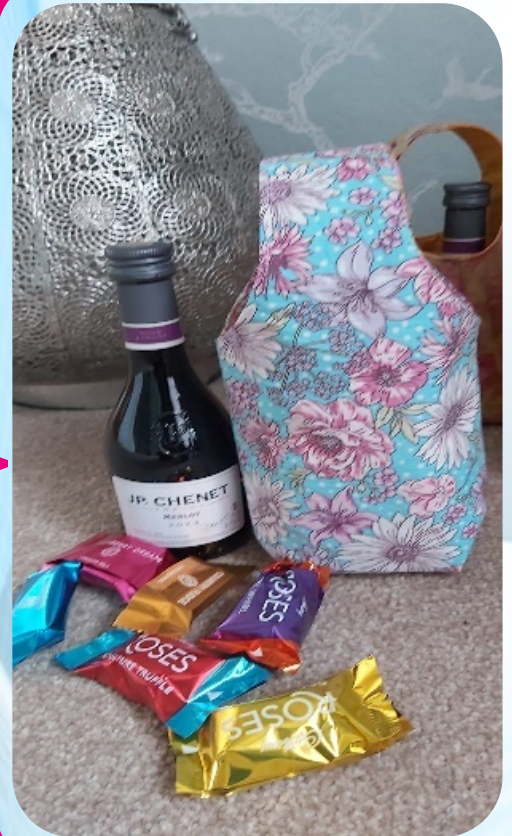
**W**e held a very successful fashion show hosted by Sam B on 17<sup>th</sup> October. This was very well attended and allowed us to add significantly to the association's funds.

**O**ur annual coach-trip to the Bath Christmas market took place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December and was also a great success – thanks to David Foster for organising!

**W**e followed this up with a celebration of St Nicholas Day on 7<sup>th</sup> December. This event was scheduled for the morning, but Storm Darragh intervened (!) and so we deferred it to the afternoon. We sang French-themed carols and drank mulled wine, finishing off with a lucky dip with home-made presents – a delightful and convivial afternoon!

**O**ur most recent event was the ever-popular quiz with cheese and wine, held in Llantorian Hall on 15<sup>th</sup> February. This event was a sell-out (80+ attending!) and the lucky winners were recipients of hand-crafted goody bags with wine and chocolate (big thanks to Coleen for preparing these!).

Quiz prize



## Regular Events

**O**ur monthly bi-lingual coffee afternoons have proved to be very popular. We started these in October, meeting at different members' houses. We celebrated the arrival of the Magi in our meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> January by eating the traditional "galettes des rois".

**W**e cater for all levels of French ability and meet on Wednesday afternoons.

**I**f you are interested in joining this group, please contact Shelley Tandy at [shelley\\_tandy@hotmail.com](mailto:shelley_tandy@hotmail.com).

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

**Visit from Le Pouliguen – we need your help!**

**O**ur friends from Le Pouliguen are planning to visit us between 4<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September. If you are able to host, or wish to be involved with this visit in any other way, please get in touch with our secretary, Coleen - [secretary@llantwit-major-twinning.wales](mailto:secretary@llantwit-major-twinning.wales).

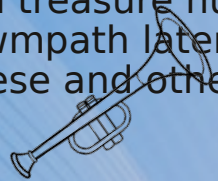


## Future events

**M**urder mystery evening on 28<sup>th</sup> March. Venue: Llantonian Hall. Details to follow on our website.



**O**ther events planned – walking tour of Llantwit with treasure hunt in May, followed by a Twmpath later in the summer - watch our website for details of these and other forthcoming events!



## Other initiatives

**W**e 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.

**W**e 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.

**W**ith the aim of increasing interaction between members, a members' email Mailbox will be set up. This will allow any member to post a message to all other members. The sender's email address will not be revealed to the recipients.

## Organisation

President  
Cllr Peter Dickson

Chairman  
Andy Montgomery

Secretary  
Coleen Tombs

Treasurer  
David Foster

Committee Members  
Gaynor Ace, Elizabeth Davies, Cllr John Deakin, Cllr David Ellis, Cllr John Lewis, Liz Lewis, Phil Tandy, Shelley Tandy, Clive Tombs

Committee members can be contacted by e-mail via the website.