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The mission of Friendship Force International is to create an environment where individual friendship can be established across the international barriers that separate people.

THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF CORNWALL

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2008

President's Introduction

You will be pleased to hear that your committee has been busy putting in place some innovations, which it is hoped will give FF Cornwall a more distinct identity.

Martin has completely revamped the website. Read his piece to see how you might use it. The club has had cotton shopping bags printed with our new logo. These will be given to visiting ambassadors and will contain all the information for their visit. They are also for members to purchase at cost - £1.75. The bags are robust and either short or long handled and will be available at subsequent meetings. We feel they are environmentally friendly and at the same time a great way of promoting FF Cornwall.

In a further attempt to recruit members and primarily foster interest in the next exchange to Mexico and USA an advertisement has been placed in the local newspapers. We await the rush!

We are pleased to welcome Christine Scott- Evans to our club. She has already been an enthusiastic participant at our events.

Visit of FF Cardiff

Many thanks to Jennie for organising this successful visit. Everyone ignored the weather and made the most of the few days in Cornwall.

Their President Maureen was pleased to get to know us and some of us were delighted to renew old friendships. Short exchanges such as this one are a good introduction to hosting. The pig racing evening was somewhat frantic. Thanks to Christine for organising, to Peter, David and Iain for acting as bookies. It seemed to be second nature to them! As well as being fun, the evening raised £120 for The Motor Neurone Association.

FF Cornwall Website

I hope that some of you will have already taken a look at the new Friendship Force of Cornwall website. If you haven't, go to <http://ffcornwall.org.uk> and take a look around.

If you have a story to tell, I would love to put it in the blog section which can be found by pressing the "Exchanges" button.

I have tried to make it as user-friendly and accessible as possible, but more than that, I would like it to be "our" website and one to which we can all contribute. Sites that are static can be boring, so you can send me any information to be posted and I will try to have it published within 24 hours. If you have any photographs which would be of interest, you can click on the Photo Album button and post them yourself. If that is a bit too much, email them to me (or post me a CD), and I'll do the rest.

Overseas clubs considering a visit to us will be sure to use our website, so if you have any good links for the "About Cornwall" section, do please let me know.

Finally, if there is something that you would like to see, or something that you would rather not see, please let me know! I would really welcome feedback.

Martin

Treasure Trail, 27th April

This will involve looking for clues on foot and by car. It will take approx. 4 hours, starting from Tregony at 2pm., finishing at around 6pm in St. Mawes, where it is planned to have a meal. **Please let Margie know by 20th April if you wish to participate and if possible share cars.**

Visit of Lake Hartwell USA 13th to 20th September

Although there are now enough hosts lined up, Carol would very much like to hear from you if you could volunteer as a reserve. She would also like to hear from anyone prepared to organise a Pot Luck supper or to day host.

Visit of FF Sunshine Coast of Australia, 7th to 14th May

Exchange Director Peter and his team of Michael and Maureen and Margie have put together the programme shown overleaf. Those members who are not acting as hosts this time are welcome at several of the events as detailed in the programme overleaf.

Helston Furry Dance: As this event coincides with the visit, it seems appropriate to show the ambassadors this renowned local custom. A 49 seat coach has been hired as it was thought that non hosting members might like to participate. Using the coach will enable easier access and parking and hopefully stress free travel. To cover the extra cost there will be a charge of £7.50 per person to include a sandwich lunch. The intention is to be in Helston in time for the 12 noon dance and then to go on by coach to Porthleven for a picnic lunch. If you wish to join this outing please let Peter know as soon as possible and by **30th April at the latest.**

Lanhydrock: There will also be a few seats available on the Saturday Coach Trip to Lanhydrock. Please let Peter know if you would like to participate.

If you are not hosting, your help would be very much appreciated in several ways. Please let Peter know if you are able to act as day host and/or preparing for the Welcome and Farewell Parties. Help is needed in setting up the hall and in providing cottage pies for the Farewell Party.

Outgoing Exchange to Mexico and Arizona, 2nd to 22nd November

We have advertised in the newspapers both for the exchange and to attract new members for the club. Only one of these advertisements has appeared so far but it already looks almost certain that we will have adequate numbers for the exchange. I will probably organise a get-together for potential new members on or around the 18th April but the exact date and place have yet to be decided. It will be good if we can get several of our present members to meet up with the new ones. I will be phoning around nearer the time.

Minack Theatre "Under Milk Wood" 18th July

I have reserved seats for this matinee performance starting at 2pm. Tickets cost £7.65 so please contact me with payment as soon as possible if you wish to go. Groups are requested to enter together so we will aim to meet up at 1:30 pm at the pedestrian exit from the car park, near the top of the slope.

Up the Creek Boat Trip 6th June

Maureen Cole is organising this for us and for an Old Cornwall Society group. It will leave the Prince of Wales Pier at Falmouth at 6pm promptly for a four hour trip up many creeks. The price is £8 per person to include a pasty. Hot drinks will be available but you may bring your own alcoholic drinks. There should be plenty of space so you are welcome to bring friends but make sure that you have warm clothing. Please send cheques to Maureen to arrive before 15th April and made out to St Ladoca OCS.

For those not going on the Roseland Trail. Maureen has asked me to let you know that their garden will have an Open Day on 27th April between 2 and 5pm.

National Fireworks Championships, Plymouth 12th & 13th August 2008

Several of us have been to this before, and we may again share cars for a spectacular evening.

Visit from Rainer & Heike (Vogtland) September 6th to 13th.

Our hosts from Vogtland will be staying with us for that week and we will aim to have a BBQ sometime whilst they are here and probably depending on the weather. All members will be very welcome



Committee:

Margie Lundie (President)
Christine Cartlidge

Robin Mather (Vice President)
Jennie Dyson

Shirley Anderson (Secretary)
Martin Buck

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 24 th April, 2008 7pm	Committee Meeting at Margie's
Sunday 27 th April, 2008 (meet at Tregony at 2 pm)	Murder Mystery Treasure Trail on the Roseland
Wednesday 7 th to Wednesday 14 th May, 2008	Incoming Exchange from Sunshine Coast, Australia.
Friday 6 th June, 2008 6 pm prompt	Up the Creek Boat Trip. Prince of Wales pier.
Friday 18 th July, 2008. 1:30 pm	Under Milk Wood. Matinee at the Minack
Tuesday 12 th and Wednesday 13 th August, 9:30 pm	Plymouth Fireworks
September 6 th to 13 th (exact date to be advised)	Probable Barbecue with Rainer and Heike at Robin & ...
Saturday 13 th to Saturday 20 th September, 2008	Incoming exchange from Lake Hartwell, USA.
Sunday 2 nd November to Saturday 22 nd November, 2008	Outgoing exchange to Comitán, Mexico and Phoenix, Arizona

Schedule of Events for Australian Exchange 7th – 14th May, 2008

Wednesday 7 th May	Thursday 8 th May	Friday 9 th May	Saturday 10 th May	Sunday 11 th May	Monday 12 th May	Tuesday 13 th May	Wednesday 14 th May
	Depart by 49 Seat Coach (with members paying £7.50) from Truro Football Park 10.00 am for mid day Helston Flora Dance	Day with Hosts	Depart by bus from Truro Football Park 10.00 am for National Trust Lanhydrock House Tour House & Gardens	Day with Hosts. Journey to the West?	Private car tour to North Cornwall. Assemble at NT car park Bedruthan Steps 12.00 am	Private Car Tour to Truro. Guided city tour. 11.00-12.00 am	Various Departure plans to be arranged individually with hosts
Meet Ambassadors at Newquay Airport Flight WOW105 at 2.30 pm	Sandwich Platter included and to be eaten at Porthleven		Picnic lunch brought by members eaten at coach Restormel Castle with guide. Walk		Lunch at tea rooms at own cost Proceed to Padstow.	Lunch at Norway Inn paid for individually 12.30 – 1.30 pm	
Proceed to Nansawsan House, Ladock for tea hosted by Maureen & Michael Cole. 3.30-5.00 pm	Return to Truro at 5.00 pm.		Charlestown for ice cream Return Truro 5.00 pm			2.30 Ennis Woods to view bluebells	
Evening with Hosts	Evening with Hosts	Pot Luck Supper	Evening with Hosts or Ambassadors treat Hosts	Pasty Making at Yvonne & Mikes house 7.00– 10.00 pm	Evening with Hosts or Ambassadors treat Hosts	Farewell Evening Probus Hall Food: Shepherds pie Fruit plate	