

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



We're delighted to welcome new member Susan Warrillow-Warne who lives in Truro and has been introduced by Christine.

We are delighted to hear that Sue Fraser and Yvonne and Mike Williams are recovering well from their recent bouts of illness.

A new membership list is being compiled for 2015, so please let Caroline know of any changes in contact details a.s.a.p. either by phone or by e-mail.

2015 Exchanges

Incoming Ambassadors:

Incoming Exchange from Urla FF



I have now received confirmation from Urla Friendship Force (Turkey) that they will be with us from 12th-19th May 2015 and I am sure those of us who travelled to Turkey will look forward to renewing old friendships and remember what a wonderful time we spent with them in 2013. There are 22 ambassadors coming but no details have yet been received. As usual, I shall be looking for hosts, day hosts, pot luck supper hosts etc. If anyone has any suggestions for evening activities, I should love to hear from them!

Shirley Anderson, Exchange Director

Outgoing Exchanges:

1. FF Braunschweig-Peine, Germany with FF Devon in July.

One month ago, it seemed that we had almost thirty people wanting to go on this exchange to a club with a stated capacity of only 18. After we told the President of the German club, he worked very hard and recently reported that he had managed to find hosts for 26 or maybe even 28 people.

However, to date, we have had confirmation from only 15 so there is now definitely an embarrassing amount of space. Therefore any other members, who refrained from applying previously, on the basis that they would leave space for others, are urged to get in contact as soon as they can. The target is to have all applications by the end of November to allow booking as soon as possible in December. This is to enable the booking before increases in flight prices and hotel costs for those who want to take a two night extension in Berlin. It may still be possible to include those who apply later but this is likely to be at higher costs.

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In outline, the plan is to share cars to Bristol airport on 30th June and fly at 13:05 to Berlin with Easyjet. We then take a charter bus to Braunschweig for the one week exchange. After that we return to Berlin airport to drop off the few, who are not taking the extension, before continuing to a hotel near the sights in Berlin. The next day we aim to have a guided tour with transport where necessary. On the 9th we have most of the morning free before leaving for the airport to take off at 16:40 with arrival in Bristol at 17:50. This schedule avoids UK hotel nights and night driving.

Leaving aside personal expenses and insurance, the exchange only option should total ca. £350 to £400 and the Berlin extension will probably add ca. £250 to this. These costs are per person and based on shared accommodation.



Please do contact us as soon as you can if there are any of you who would like to go but have not yet applied or even told us. In order to make the bookings we would like to receive the completed application forms and deposits by the beginning of next week.

Robin and Josie. Exchange Directors

2. Short Exchange to Friendship Force of the Isle of Wight



FF Cornwall has been invited to enjoy a 4 night exchange hosted by the Isle of Wight Club. The dates are 19th to 23rd October 2015. IOW club has the largest membership in the U K and is very pro active. This exchange is a great opportunity to visit a well loved part of Britain.

The programme will include a visit to Osborne House and there are castles, Roman Villas, lighthouses, and life boats and much more as well as beautiful scenery. As this is an internal short exchange we will not need to pay a fee to FFI, so the costs will be travel from Cornwall to Southampton, ferry fares and a fee to the host club for the programme they put on. If you would like to participate, please let Margie know as soon as possible so that arrangements can be firmed up.

Newsbyte from Shirley

Those of you who went to Mexico and Phoenix will remember the two sisters Shirley stayed with - Jean and Marilyn. They also came here and stayed with Shirley and renewed friendships. Wonderful news, Jean is getting married in March to a Ken Richards and sounds very happy with great plans to visit many places. They are planning a cruise to Alaska and then plan to hire a car and make their way back!

Jean's sister, Marilyn, has moved back to her family in Arkansas.

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****CHRISTMAS DINNER** Friday 12th December at the Lily rooms Shortlanesend - 7 for 7.30pm.

We are delighted that so many members will be getting together on this festive occasion.

Please send payment, £18.50 per person to Ian Windsor.

Please also enclose any outstanding subscriptions (£15 per member). Cheques made out to The Friendship Force of Cornwall.



Dates for your Diary

We have our very own "BAFTA" events! (Bring A Friend or Two Along). Look out

Date/Time	BAFTA	Event information
Fri 12 th Dec 7 for 7.30pm		Christmas Meal at The Lillyponds Tea Room, Shortlanesend. Please bring a wrapped parcel each for the Secret Santa.
Sun Jan 25 th 12 noon start, Lunch 13.15		Bowling & lunch, one course £10; 2 course £12; 3 course £14 at Porth Lodge. Choose on the day
Fri Feb 27 th	BAFTA	Quiz and pasties at Carnon Downs Village Hall. Bring your own drinks
March 14 th		Incoming Exchange from Brussels
Thurs March 19 th 12 noon		Trevenson Restaurant, Cornwall College. 3 course lunch. £11.50.
Sun April 19 th or 26 th		Guided walk around Penzance
12-19 th May		Incoming exchange from FF Urla, Turkey
1 st - 6 th June		Hall for Cornwall to see The King's Speech. Exact date to be confirmed.
Sun 14 th June	BAFTA	Walk led by Caroline followed by a cream tea
30 th June to 7 th or 9 th July		Outgoing Exchange to FF Braunschweig-Peine, Germany with short optional add-on in Berlin
July	BAFTA	Coffee morning or afternoon for those not travelling (to be arranged)
Aug		Bar-b-que. Date and venue to be arranged
Sept	BAFTA	Visit to Camel Valley Vineyard
Oct		AGM
3 rd Wk Oct		Short 4 night outward exchange to Isle of Wight
Nov		TBA
Dec		Christmas Meal

Trips to Hall for Cornwall, Kneehigh and the new amphitheatre at Trebah can be arranged when details of events are available. Please respond promptly when requested if you wish to attend an event.

Happy Christmas one and all!

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