

## Incoming Exchange from Friendship Force Urla, May 2015



We were all looking forward to welcoming fifteen members from Urla to Cornwall and renewing friendships made when we visited them in 2012.

The group arrived at Truro Station after spending a few exhausting days in London and were taken home by their hosts to spend the evening together.



Our Patron, Lady Mary Holborow attended our welcome party and enjoyed the sunshine and Maureen and Michael's lovely garden along with our guests and members.

The following day was the welcome party, held at Maureen and Michael's where their garden was looking an absolute delight.



Everyone posed for Martin to take photos of them with their Ambassadors



We all enjoyed the scones and cream and we found out from Zerrin later in the week that clotted cream was first made in Turkey. She liked it on her toast, along with English marmalade.



For this exchange, we used a coach to tour the North Cornish coast and Lanhydrock – Firstly, coffee and cakes at Bedruthan Steps (to be recommended!); a short time in Padstow. followed by a picnic at Lanhydrock Memorial Hall, which Pam and Carole organised and Cliff and Eckla prepared the hall. The group then visited Lanhydrock House and Gardens, which was most enjoyable. The day concluded with a fish and chip supper at Port and Starboard.

Day hosts took our ambassadors to St. Michael's Mount and most of them climbed to the castle finding the interior interesting and the views spectacular. Lunch was enjoyed by all at the Godolphin Arms before the group then motored to St. Erth Station and caught the train for the scenic journey to St. Ives for a couple of hours "wandering".

We all enjoyed the Fal River trip. - On arrival at Falmouth, a coffee stop was included at an art gallery and then, Ambassadors had free time in Falmouth to explore. The evening was spent at various venues for potluck suppers.

We had one free day, which culminated at Yvonne's for a pasty evening – always a very popular event making pasties under the guidance of Yvonne and Eckla!

A visit to the Mayor of Truro took place where Uli, Urla's exchange director, dressed in the Mayor's robes and had photographs taken with her members! The ambassadors then had free time in Truro to shop and visit the Cathedral.



Uli the new Mayor of Truro

We had a well-supported, farewell party at the new Carnon Downs Village Hall, which went well with delicious food by Ann Curtis and music by Ray Gagardo who was excellent.

