

## **Saltash Plougastel Twinning Association**

### **Annual General Meeting**

**19<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Maxine and I attended the meeting under the Chairmanship of Steph Yates

#### **A little history:**

*Saltash has been twinned with Plougastel-Daoulas in Finistere, Brittany since 1984. With a population similar to Saltash, Plougastel is located over the bridge from the city of Brest, which like Plymouth, has a Naval dockyard and University. There is a lively cultured life, with locale costumed dancers and Breton bands some having visited Saltash in the past. The Plougastel peninsula is very attractive with small harbours and unspoilt countryside and renowned for producing strawberries and strawberry liqueur.*

Twinning membership has shown an increase to over 60 of late with valued support from younger family members.

#### **Future events to include:**

St Piran's quiz night 6<sup>th</sup> March.

Pétanque tournament 28 March or 18 April being held at the Plymouth Pétanque Club.

Twinning visit of Plougastel to Saltash 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

Inter-twinning (Looe, St.Germans, Callington) social event.

French chat morning sessions.

Hope of more liaison with Saltash schools to promote the value of the twinning.

Residents of Saltash are warmly invited to be a part of hosting visiting French families, joining in with activities, receiving the email newsletters and help the organising committee.

Committee look forward to working more closely with Saltash Town Council over the ensuing years.

The evening rounded off with an excellent cheese and wine buffet.

Grateful thanks to everyone

Brian Stoyel Saltash Deputy Mayor