

## Frequently asked questions:

### Do I have to speak or understand French?

*Absolutely not: many twinneders cannot, and many French speak little English. However, speaking a few words of French helps and is much appreciated.*

### How much does a long weekend in France cost?

*For the ferry and coach to La Roche, the subsidised cost for the 2009 visit is £65 per adult and £10 per child in full time education. French hosts provide accommodation and most food and drinks although it is customary to take a small gift for them.*

### How do I join?

*Via our membership secretary Carolyn Ansell on 01626 776393*

*It's only £5 per adult per annum. (There is no charge for children.) Members receive regular newsletters.*

### How to contact us?

Stuart Goodchild is the Chairman.

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## BISHOPSTEIGNTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Welcome



## **Just what is the Twinning Association?**

It all started in about 1990 because a group of French people wanted to know the English better. They were interested in finding out what is the same and what is different in our two countries. Thanks to an enthusiastic group, we have now been twinned for many years and have made numerous good friends.

We welcome new members of all ages. Young families are especially welcome, as it is their links with families in France that will ensure the long-term future of twinning.

## **And who are we twinned with?**

La Roche Maurice in Brittany. It is about 6 hours by ferry and then 20km from Roscoff.

[http://www.pays-landerneau-daoulas.fr/la\\_roche\\_maurice.htm](http://www.pays-landerneau-daoulas.fr/la_roche_maurice.htm)

La Roche Maurice is a delightful village in a wonderful rural setting with picturesque villages and coastline never far away, such as Camaret shown opposite.

## **And what do we do?**

Every other year in May, about 50 people from the Bishopsteignton area travel to France, normally by coach. For a few days we are the guests of French families who show us a great time.

On a typical weekend we:

Have a party on the Saturday

Go on an organised day trip to a local town, cathedral, river or picnic spot. Our hosts organise something different for us each time we visit.

Experience the local culture

Drink and eat (too much) French produce

On alternate years, families from Bishopsteignton are hosts to our French friends.



The twinning group here has an active social life. Recent events have included quizzes, safari suppers, boules matches, a 60s dance and a Burns Supper. We welcome non-twinners to our events. So not only do you have an opportunity to meet French people but you also get to meet your neighbours!