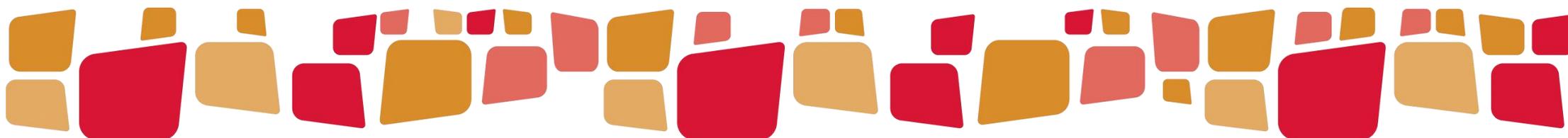




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(T.G.I.F.C.)  
ANNUAL REPORT  
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## TREFOIL GUILD IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

### T.G.I.F.C

TGIFC might have the fewest members in Trefoil Guild, but we certainly cover the largest area, as we have guilds all over the world, from Saint Helena in the south Atlantic to Cyprus in the Mediterranean and Benelux and France in northern Europe as well as independent members as far away as Australia and as near as Portugal and Austria.

Members of TGIFC join for a variety of reasons. They may be serving members of the armed forces, moving around and unable to join one guild. They may be leaders in the UK who have been sent to another country for work, where there are no British guides and they join TGIFC until they get back home. They are often retired leaders of BGIFC units. Sometimes they are active leaders working with rainbow, brownie, guide and senior section units.

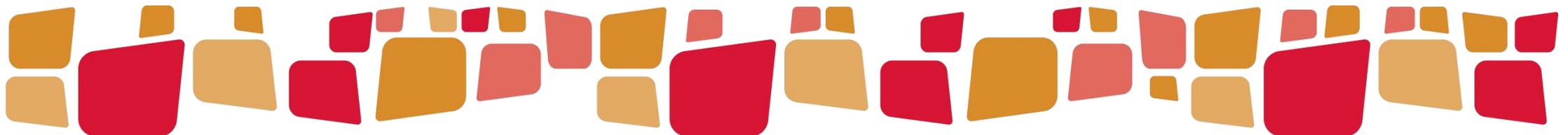
All have joined in order to maintain contact with British guiding.

In TGIFC contact is maintained by letter or email, members receive copies of all Trefoil magazines and many join in activities with UK guilds when they are visiting the UK.

**Guilds in** Benelux and France Bermuda Cyprus Germany Gibraltar Malta Spain ST Helena

**Individual members in** Australia, Austria, Portugal, UAE and USA

We have 145 members around the world.



## Benelux and France Guild



Members of B&F Guild enjoying their annual meeting in Luxembourg.



Enjoying the fun with the leaders from Benelux and France



## Gibraltar Trefoil Guild AGM Report 2016

The Trefoil Guild ladies stand at just under 30 members who meet on a quarterly basis to maintain their links and support Girlguiding Gibraltar.

We organise a fund raising event once a year to support the association or the local community. We support different units by helping them out on a non committed basis when help is needed and we sponsor the catering for the leaders weekend training once a year...as well as supporting the Eve Appeal fund.....our ladies like to share their skills with the young and old and one lady went along to the senior section to introduce yoga into their programme.

Our main fund raising event this year was a bingo with a difference - because we had some 60 bingo tickets left over from a previous bingo we decide to hold one where we would not give cash prizes.....but make baskets of goodies donated by the local businesses and also bring along our unwanted gifts. We were able to fund raise over £600. We were able to donate £100 to an ex guider who went to Tanzania to work in an orphanage and needed funds for the school.

We supported the senior section at the fair last year as they are fund raising to go to Mexico.....we paid for all their baking expenses at the very successful cup cake stall.....they worked very hard - we wish them good luck on their venture.

We would like to welcome our new treasurer Moira Murphy. Moira has become the treasurer since we lost our good personal and guiding friend Maribel Lopez to cancer, in March. Gone but not forgotten.

My 5 years as Chairperson of the local Trefoil Guild is up this year, I need to appoint a successor - if anybody of the trefoil guild ladies are willing to take over please let me know. Moira Dalmedo





Pinoso Guild

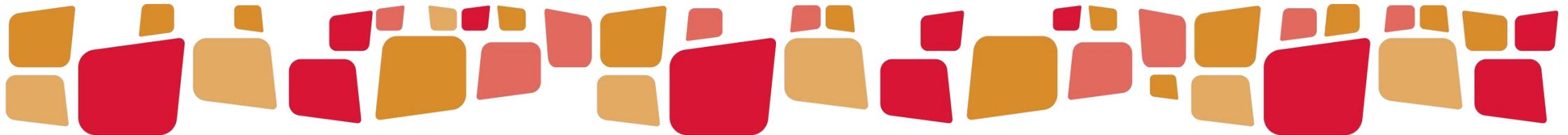


Some members of Pinoso Guild in Harrogate meeting TGIFC co-ordinators, past and present

Members of the Pinoso Guild in Spain have embroidered this magnificent flag



And here they are parading it to the church.



## Malta Guild and Venture Abroad

Venture Abroad met the Island of Malta Guild  
29/9/16

Written by a visitor to Malta

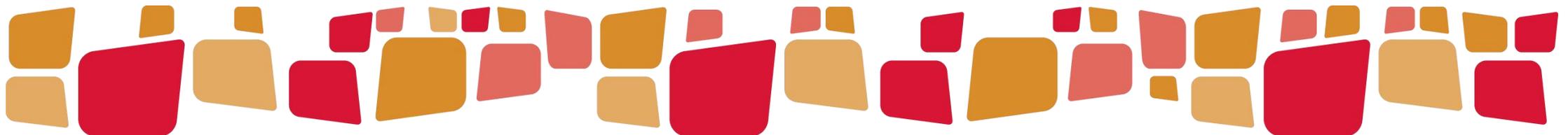
We returned back to the hotel and had a little rest, since we needed all of our energy for later. We were awaiting the arrival of the Malta Trefoil Guild, a branch of Trefoil Guilds in Foreign Countries. Together, we had a brilliant evening of Guiding, friendship and conversation – Margaret B took over the role of ‘hostess’ and made sure that everyone circulated between each other! Many of the British group had a lot of questions about life here in Malta, and so we learnt a lot from each other. Their oldest member, Laura, is 92 years old and was running the Malta Guide depot until recently. A true inspiration for us all – thank you for your company!



**Dusseldorf  
Doodlers A  
small guild but  
members love  
to get together**



**Our guild in  
St Helena  
Far away in the  
South Atlantic!**



## **Bridges of Friendship**

Benelux and France have created a Bridges of Friendship challenge badge. The photos can be shared with other members around the globe!

For more details, please email  
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