

Launceston & Plestin Packet



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Friday – Wine and Wisdom



THERE is just time to enter a team for the Wine and Wisdom quiz evening this Friday (16 January) at the White Hart, starting at 7.30pm.

The price is £18 per table (payable on the night) which includes a bottle of wine and French cheeses, grapes and other nibbles. So organise your team of up to six players and reserve a table by contacting Secretary Jenny Birkett on 01566 777978, or email at jennybirkett2@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Book early for the visit to Plestin!

IF YOU'RE planning to take part in our visit to Plestin – during the first bank holiday in May – you're urged to book as soon as possible because accommodation on board is already filling fast!

That's because the ferry crossing takes place on the night of Friday, 1 May, which is the very start of the holiday weekend. And as it's a night crossing, we have to have overnight accommodation; either cabins (two or four berth) or recliners.

We are taking advantage of the early May bank holiday so we'll be able to spend longer in Plestin this year. Our return will take place on the afternoon/evening of the Monday bank holiday, May 4, which will give us two-and-half days in Plestin.

Our hosts tell us that they are looking forward to our visit and are planning some interesting activities and entertainment as well as allowing more time to be spent with our families.

The cost of the trip has been pegged at the same level as last year

Full details of costs, accommodation and how to book your place(s) are on the booking form with this issue of The Packet. Costs include a discount for children, which is being subsidised by the Association. Please note that to secure the ferry booking, we will require a deposit.



FILM FOCUS

First film night of the year

A FILM night to brighten up January! – Dialogue avec Mon Jardinier is a lovely bittersweet tale about friendship, starring two of France's best-loved actors. Film night is **Tuesday 27 January** and the deadline for booking your meal(s) is next **Wednesday 21st Jan.**

Two men find themselves sharing a lifetime of experiences and observations over the course of a summer in this low-key comedy-drama from France. After the death of his mother, an artist (Daniel Auteuil) well known for his nature studies inherits his family's vacation house in the country. The artist notices that the house's once-impressive vegetable garden has fallen into neglect, and he hires a local gardener to put it back into shape.

To his great surprise, the gardener (Jean-Pierre Darroussin) turns out to be an old friend from his school days, and as the gardener gets to work, he and the artist talk about where their lives have gone since they last saw one another. Over the next several months, their friendship rekindles as the gardener's life takes a difficult turn and the painter wrestles with his relationships with his wife and daughter.

To book your meal, please tell Carolyn Burch carolynburch@btconnect.com (01566 785171) which meal(s) you want and send a cheque (£15 per person) to Jean Mansell at Nightoak, 2 Stourscombe Wood, Launceston PL15 9JP. Choose from:

- Carbonnade of beef – pieces of beef cooked slowly with onions in real ale served with new potatoes and carrots
- Chicken cacciatore- chicken portion with bacon, peppers, mushrooms in a herby tomato sauce
- Butternut squash curry with chick peas – creamy Thai curry with mango chutney naan breads and rice

In February, our French film night will provide a 'romantic farce full of tender twists!' to keep those Valentine's Day sentiments warm! Film night will be **Tuesday 24 February and the deadline for booking your meal(s) will be **Wednesday 18th Feb.**
The film: *On Connait la Chanson (Same Old Song)***



We'll be calling your bluff...

...WHEN we stage our very own version of that popular and long-running panel game *Call My Bluff* in March.

A quiz master will preside as two teams take it in turn to provide three definitions of an obscure word, only one of which is correct. The other team then has to guess which is the correct definition, the other two being "bluffs"

You can expect some pretty bizarre and highly imaginative flights of fancy and, with audience participation encouraged; it promises to be a fun evening. It will take place on March 13 at Launceston Cricket Club and cost £5 per person with cheese and pudding provided. Bring your own drinks, Full details in the next issue of The Packet,

The committee would like to thank all those who contributed ideas for future activities and events. There is now an interesting selection to explore as we go through the year and other suggestions will always be welcome. Please send them to murraytaylor@waitrose.com

And finally...

CONGRATULATIONS to Angela Pethick who won the Christmas Twinning Quiz set by Maureen Amy. The complete set of answers is available on the news page of our website at <http://www.weebly.com/weebly/main.php>

Diary Dates

January 16	Wine and Wisdom, White Hart, Launceston. 7.30pm
January 27	French Film Night, Jericho's, Launceston. 7pm.
February 24	French Film Night, Jericho's, Launceston. 7pm.
March 13	Call My Bluff, Launceston Cricket Club
April 14	Twinning hosts coffee morning at Central Methodist Hall
May1-4	Launceston visit to Plestin