

Launceston & Plestin Packet



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FILM FOCUS

Romantic theme for February's film

OUR next movie is a thoroughly romantic 'musical' comedy to keep those Valentine's Day sentiments warm! Film night is Tuesday 24 February and the deadline for booking your meal(s) is Wednesday

18th Feb. *On Connait la Chanson* (Same Old Song) from 1997 is a romantic farce full of tender twists!



And what makes this film special is not just its cast of stars (Jean-Pierre Bacri, Agnès Jaoui, Pierre Arditi, and – keep calm guys - Jane Birkin) but its ingenious use of well-known French songs. At certain moments, characters break into songs as sung by the original artists, which fit the story. (The film's debt to Dennis Potter is acknowledged in the credits.)

Odile, a business executive, is married to soft-hearted Claude. In the past she was close to successful businessman Nicolas, now married with kids and returning to Paris after an eight-year absence. Odile is looking for a new, bigger apartment with the help of womanising estate agent Marc. Nicolas is also looking for an apartment, as he hopes to have his family join him in Paris.

Odile's younger sister Camille, the brainbox of the family, is completing her doctoral thesis in history and works as a Paris tour guide. Sadly she falls for the dastardly Marc (remember him – keep up!), and they begin an affair. Simon is a regular on Camille's tours because he's in love with her, although he is too shy to approach her and claims to be researching his historical radio dramas, while in reality he earns his living by showing people round apartments for our lovely estate agent.

Film night is **Tuesday 24 February** and the deadline for booking your meal(s) is **Wednesday 18 Feb.** 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 Nigtoak, 2 Stourscombe Wood, Launceston PL15 9JP. Choose from the following:

- Beef goulash – slowly cooked beef with paprika, peppers, new potatoes & mushrooms served with natural yogurt and parsley
- Coq au vin – classic French dish with red wine, mushrooms, bacon lardons and caramelised onions
- Roasted butternut squash and spinach lasagne with green salad and garlic bread

If you enjoyed our last film *Dialogue avec mon Jardinier*, you're bound to like the March film, provisionally booked for 24 March at Jericho's. So be sure to pencil the date in your diary and read full details in the next issue of The Packet.

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.

We can expect some pretty bizarre and highly imaginative flights of fancy so it promises to be a fascinating evening. Especially as refreshments will consist of cheese and some very special puddings with mouth-watering recipes taken from our 30th anniversary cook book *Bon appétit! - Bon anniversaire!*

As in the TV panel game, a quiz master will preside and our own two 'celebrity' teams will 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".

To add to the fun, there will be audience participation – and prizes – and it will all happen on March 13 at Launceston Cricket Club and cost £5 per person (payable on the night). Bring your own drinks. To book your places, please contact Jean Mansell at jeanmansell2@gmail.com or on 01566 776944.

Only two places left on the coach for Plestin

THAT'S right, only two places left on the coach for our visit to Plestin during the first bank holiday in May, so make haste if you haven't booked your seats yet - otherwise you'll have to go on the waiting list!

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.

Twinners taking their own cars for the visit are asked to give numbers of who will be taking part in the twinning to Jenny Worth jaw53@hotmail.com or Jean Mansell jeanmansell2@gmail.com so we can aid our French hosts with their planning.

Diary Dates

February 24	French Film Night, Jericho's, Launceston. 7pm.
March 13	Call My Bluff, Launceston Cricket Club
March 24 (tbc)	French Film Night, Jericho's, Launceston
April 14	Twinning Association Coffee Morning at the Central Methodist Hall
May 1-4	Launceston visit to Plestin