

Launceston & Plestin Packet



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District Twinning Association

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Only 14 days until Plestin visit!

A TOTAL of 69 adults and children are set to make the visit to Plestin on 1 May – 61 will travel by coach and the others will make their own way by car.

We'll take the overnight ferry on Friday, 1 May, and return on the afternoon ferry (arriving in Plymouth at 20.10) on Monday, 4 May.

Martin's Cash and Carry at Pennygillam has once again kindly allowed us to take the coach from its car park, where we can leave our cars over the weekend.

You are asked to arrive at the car park by 8.15pm, so we can load the bus and leave at 8.30pm and be in good time for the ferry. If any coach travellers have queries or problems, they are asked to contact Jenny Worth on 07766592519.

Introducing... Plestin's new president

BRUNO Phillippe has taken over from Madou Menou as president of the Plestin twinning group.

Bruno and Carine have been the hosts of Sharon and Jason Thorns and their family.

Current passports and European Health Insurance (the old E111) AND valid travel insurance are required. And when you get your documents out, make sure the European Health Insurance card is in date – they have a limited shelf life!

Weekend plans

Saturday will be spent with families in Plestin with the reception, dinner, dancing and entertainment in the evening. On Sunday, our French hosts are arranging a visit to the Château de Trévarez.

On Monday, the coach will leave Plestin at 9am morning for our return journey – with a morning trip en route to the ferry to be arranged. And for those who find time passes slowly on the return trip, Peter Birkett will be devising a fun quiz.

The twinning singers

Margaret Parfitt would welcome a few more singers prepared to entertain our hosts after the evening dinner at Plestin. Informal rehearsals will be on Thursday 23rd and Wednesday 29th April, all at 7.30pm and Margaret can be contacted on 01409 211227 or margtaylor@waitrose.com



FILM FOCUS

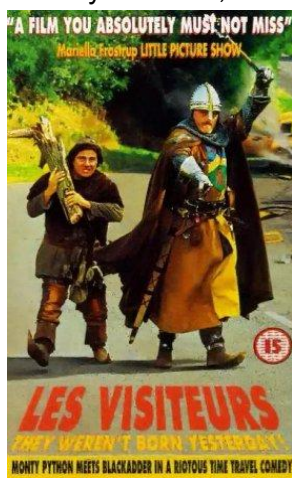
A top-five film for May

Here are the all-time top five box-office hits in France:

- 1 *Titanic*
- 2 *Bienvenue chez les Ch'tis*
- 3 *Intouchables*
- 4 *Astérix et Obélix : Mission Cléopâtre*
- 5 *Les Visiteurs* - **still holding its own even though it's now more than 20 years old!**

Travel in time with this hugely popular comedy – starring Jean Reno and Christian Clavier - at **French Film night on Tuesday 26th MAY; the deadline for booking your meal is Wed 13th May.**

In the year 1123, Godefroy, Count of Appremont and Papincourt, saves the life of King Louis VI 'Le Gros' from the sword of a "horribilis" Englishman. For this action of bravery, the King makes him Count of Montmirail and promises him the woman he loves, the beautiful Frénégonde de Pouille.



On his way to the castle to marry Frénégonde, Godefroy's drinking flask is drugged by the witch he had earlier taken prisoner. Hallucinating, he believes the Duc de Pouille, father of his future wife, is a ferocious bear, and kills him with a crossbow bolt. Frénégonde refuses to marry Godefroy because of the tragedy.

In an attempt to repair his mistake, Godefroy asks the wizard Eusebius to send him back in time to a moment before he shot the Duke. The old wizard muddles his magical spell, accidentally sending Godefroy and his servant Jacquouille [shades of Baldrick!] to the year 1993. Now the real story begins, as the hapless Count and his sidekick struggle to cope

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 Nighthoak, 2 Stourscombe Wood, Launceston PL15 9JP.

- Chicken cacciatore- chicken portion with bacon, peppers, mushrooms in a herby tomato sauce
- Chicken sauté - chicken casserole with carrots & leeks in a white wine mustard cream sauce.
- Roasted butternut squash and spinach lasagne with green salad and garlic bread.



Making use of our website

DURING the first three months of this year, the website has averaged more than 200 hits a month. Interestingly, spikes occur just before events or just after activities, which shows that members are using it to find information about what's happening or to see whether news and photos have been loaded,

Do remember that a list of activities, current information and copies of The Packet (current and for last year) can be found in the News section and photographs from events are located in the Gallery section. When you first open photos in the Gallery, they will only show a section of the photograph – so click on the photo and it will open fully and you can just click on the arrows to see the others full-size.

If you have any photographs for the website – or for The Packet – do send them to the editor at the email address above. The website address is: launcestonwinningassociation.weebly.com



Bluffers All!

A selection of words ranging from dromond to kern and from guiver to repique kept panellists – and audience – guessing on the night that twinners took their first foray into that brain-teasing panel game Call My Bluff.

For those who missed it, the light-hearted look at some of the more obscure words to be found in dictionaries somewhere, provided a lot of laughs and surprising insights into the past of some of the panellists.

The team of Peter Birkett, Pam Davey and Jill Whitechurch called upon their classical and farming backgrounds to put forward

some interesting explanations and make some difficult deductions.

But that didn't stop David Rogerson and his team of Lucy de Glanville and Patty Taylor – who kept very quiet about their backgrounds – to win the game by one point.

Alice Brown, who provided the questions, was the perfect quizmaster, keeping the teams – and the audience – in order.

And high-scoring Pat and Mervyn Dawe took the prize for the members of the audience scoring the most correct answers – with 14 out of 20.



What shall we do this summer?

YOUR committee is looking for ideas for activities that we can enjoy this summer and autumn. With less emphasis on fund-raising and more on socialising and keeping the friendly momentum going, they would like suggestions for some new things we can try.

Suggestions so far have included a visit to a vineyard near Okehampton and another summer walk and a picnic. The committee will meet again on 12 May to plan for the coming months.

And finally...



Merci Madou

A BLOOMING good reminder of our last visit to Plestin – and the delightful table decorations prepared by Madou for the evening celebrations – is appearing in Launceston gardens now that spring is here.

Pictured left is the table arrangement brought home by Patty Taylor, who has been watering conscientiously while waiting with interest to identify the tiny plants in her pot. It would be interesting to hear how many other twinners have kept their pots going and if any have photographs, we'd be pleased to see them...

Diary Dates

May 1-4	Launceston visit to Plestin
May 26	French Film night, Jedricho's, Launceston, 7pm
Nov 18 tbc	Annual General Meeting