### Launceston & Plestin Packet



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#### **READ ALL ABOUT IT - IN FRENCH...**

Have you ever wondered what coverage our twinning activities receive in Brittany? We attach three articles and group photographs (separate PDF) covering our thoroughly enjoyable May bank holiday twinning visit to Plestin. Sincere thanks to the indomitable Maurice le Coq for arranging the photos and articles and for sending the finished articles.

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#### FILM FOCUS

## An all-time favourite comedy for May's film

TRAVEL in time with this hugely popular comedy – starring Jean Reno and Christian Clavier - at our French Film night on Tuesday, 26 May, and note the extended deadline for booking your meal(s) has been extended until Wednesday, 20 May.

Featuring an intriguing mix of wizards, a brief, but chaotic visit, to 12<sup>th</sup> century France, and the hilarious



struggles of a French nobleman transported to the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the film has become one of France's top five box office hits\*.

In the year 1123, Godefroy, Count of Appremont and Papincourt, saves the life of King Louis VI 'Le Gros' from the sword of an "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 a 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 <u>carolynburch@btconnect.com</u> (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.

- 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.

#### \*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!

# Diary DatesMay 26French Film night, Jericho's, Launceston, 7pmJune 27Twinners serve coffee and croissants at the Victorian MarketNov 18 tbcAnnual General Meeting