

Launceston & Plestin Packet



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District Twinning Association

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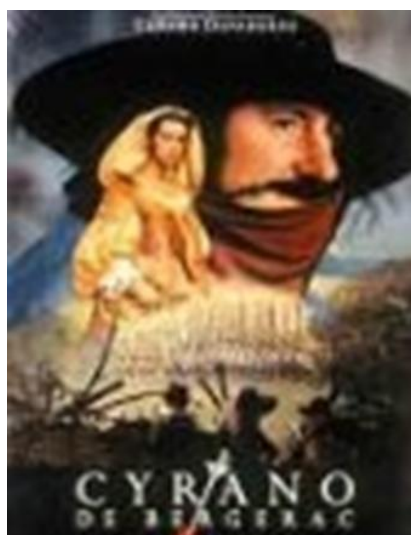
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FILM FOCUS



The most romantic story ever?

OUR first film after the holidays is *Cyrano de Bergerac*, and showcases Gerard Depardieu in a towering performance as the title character in this lavish adaptation of Edmond Rostand's stage drama. Film night is **Tuesday 22 September**; the deadline for booking your meal is **Wednesday 16 September**.

Based on the classic of French literature, *Cyrano* is the tale of a brave and noble soldier who needed a nose-job before they were available, but he has the soul of a poet and uses his poetic gift to help a more visually appealing competitor gain the affections of his true love.

There are a few parts that certain actors were born to play, and this was Gerard Depardieu's. He is simply wonderful as the eloquent and dashing hero: passionate, larger than life, romantic and tragic in equal measure.

From the opening scene in which he takes on a theatre full of pretentious actors to the grand tear-jerking finale, *Cyrano* is always the centre of attention, and Depardieu, full of wit, bravado and passion, rises to the challenge.

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.

- Carbonnade of beef – pieces of beef cooked slowly with onions in real ale served with new potatoes and carrots
- Lamb tagine- with apricots, cous cous and orange relish
- Gratin of lentils, spinach and ricotta in rich tomato sauce- tomatoes, red wine, green lentils topped with toasted breadcrumbs and parmesan



Seven twinnners - and their dogs - tackle

Fingle Gorge



PICTURED on a rocky outcrop during the ascent towards Castle Drogo, our intrepid walkers pause for a breather. Behind the rock is a sheer drop down to the River Teign!

Walking conditions were perfect and everyone enjoyed the contrasting scenery – woodland paths, stunning views across the gorge to Dartmoor and the final leg of the journey beside the beautiful river. Walkers tackled the round-trip of 4-5 miles after enjoying either a picnic beside the river or a pub lunch.

Twinnners represented at the moving thanksgiving service for Sharon

CENTRAL Methodist Church in Launceston was packed for the service to give thanks for the life of Sharon Thorns on Tuesday 10th of August. Many twinnners were among the congregation who heard how Sharon had impacted so positively on many organisations – both at home and abroad. A photo presentation clearly illustrated Sharon’s love for her family and friends and her enthusiasm for life, her support for those around her and her musical talents were highlighted during the service.

Sad news from Plestin

WE were sorry to learn from Maurice le Coq on 8 August that Jean-Marc Breban, the Plestin coach driver on two or three occasions, had died at the age of 55.

Many Launceston twinnners will remember Jean-Marc for the way he enthusiastically joined in our activities.

Maurice wrote: “Jean-Marc was involved in the twinning, in spite that he was living about 30 miles from Plestin. He housed twice Andy Dunning. He stayed with the Dunnings with his girlfriend, Catherine.

Our thoughts go to his family, and especially Alan who joined in and went to Launceston in July 2012.”



Diary Dates

Sept 22
Nov 18

French film evening, Jericho’s, Launceston 7pm
Annual General Meeting, Trethorne Leisure Centre

2016
April 8-11

Visit by Plestin twinnners to Launceston