

# Launceston & Plestin Packet



Occasional newsletter of Launceston and  
District Twinning Association

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## Christmas greetings!



**FILM FOCUS – ‘Populaire’ ... we hope it will be!**

## Looking forward to 2016 and a romantic comedy to cheer up the New Year!

**French Film Night - Tuesday 12 January 2016**

THIS film is as lightweight and easy on the eye as its heroine Rose – pretty in pink, and with the fastest finger-work you have seen since Liberace tickled the ivories.

This immaculately styled French period romantic comedy, set in 1959, opens with shy small-town shop-girl Rose, who manages to secure herself a position as a secretary in a minor insurance firm run by dapper boss Louis.

It swiftly becomes apparent that Rose is utterly hopeless at her job, but her one saving grace, an uncanny if unrefined ability to type very quickly, prompts Louis to take her under his wing and enter her in a series of regional, national and finally international speed typing competitions. During the course of Rose's rapid rise to fame - which takes her all the way to New York City to type against the reigning world champ - the protégé and the mentor, predictably enough, fall for one another. And, inevitably, the course of their love does not run smoothly...!



To book your meal and film deal, please tell **Carolyn Burch** [carolynburch@btconnect.com](mailto:carolynburch@btconnect.com) (01566 785171) which meal(s) you want:

- \* Scrumpy beef casserole with parsley and horseradish dumplings
- \* Chicken casserole - chicken portion with bacon, carrots, celery & potatoes
- \* Roasted butternut squash and spinach lasagne with green salad and garlic bread

and send a cheque (£15 per person) to Jean Mansell at Nighthoak, 2 Stourscombe Wood, Launceston PL15 9JP. **The deadline for booking your meal(s) is the evening of Wednesday 6 January, so you can do it when you've finished dismantling the decorations!**



# Wanted – good homes... for new Plestin twinningers

IF YOU enjoy twinning and the fun we have in our exchanges with our good friends in Brittany, how about encouraging a few more people to take part?

Nine new families hope to visit Launceston with the Plestin exchange in April and although some hosts have been found, we still need to find more 'homes'.

There are probably quite a few people out there who might like to get involved in twinning if only they knew what a great experience it is – so try putting the idea to some of your friends who enjoy good company, eating and drinking, and exploring new cultures.

That's what Margaret Parfitt did a few years ago when she asked Patty and George Taylor if they would put up a new couple from Plestin. "We didn't know what to expect, our French was from schooldays and we were worried about what they would like to eat and to do," said Patty.

"But we decided that it was only for a weekend and if we didn't like them or the twinning experience, we had nothing to lose.

"Seven years later and Françoise and Jean Yves are our very good friends. As well as the regular exchange visits, we have explored lots of Brittany with them and been guests at their son's wedding near Paris. This year we will be seeing them twice in the UK – in April for the twinning exchange and then in August when we'll be spending ten days together touring Scotland."

Anyone interested should contact Jenny Worth at [jaw53@hotmail.com](mailto:jaw53@hotmail.com)

## **Families seeking accommodation**

- **Couple (40) + 2 children (8 & 12)**, hobbies: football and running practice, the kitchen, crafts, card games, evenings with friends
- **Couple (45) + 1 girl (12)**, hobbies: walking, nature and garden; daughter: video games, reading and writing
- **Couple (50)** interests: renovating farmhouse, have sheep, make cider, pommeau and eau de vie, like walking by the sea, reading, playing cards, have a collie and a cat, and own little motor boat
- **Couple (60)** no indication of interests
- **Couple (45-50)**, hobbies: hiking, the sea, nature, garden, music and meeting people (Speak good English)
- **Single lady (40)** would like host of similar age. Enjoys good living, partying, music, sport, walking (Speaks English perfectly)

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## **New for 2016!**

# **Bowling at Trethorne**

AS PART of our drive towards introducing some interesting new activities into the twinning calendar, we will hold our first ten-pin bowling event on Saturday, 23 January.

Bowling nights are always good for a lot of laughs – and often some interesting rivalry – so why not get together with some friends and make a night of it... especially as Trethorne Leisure Centre did us proud for last month's AGM, providing a delicious meal and helpful staff.

Secretary Jenny Birkett will be booking the bowling lanes for 7pm, allowing time for people to have an early meal, or supper afterwards. The cost is £5.00 per person for those who have a meal at Trethorne, or £5.50 for those who prefer to just go for the bowling. There are also other games/amusements at Trethorne as well as a bar.

Jenny would like to know by Tuesday, 12 January, how many people will be going so she can book with Trethorne. She can be contacted on 01566 777978, or email at [jennybirkett2@gmail.com](mailto:jennybirkett2@gmail.com)

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