

Launceston & Plestin Packet



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District Twinning Association

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The editors want to hear from YOU

IT appears that some twidders have not been receiving The Packet. (In some cases, their computers decided to send The Packet straight to junk mail without the recipients being aware of what was happening – no nasty comments, please – and in other cases Twidders had changed their email addresses but not told Secretary Jenny Birkett.)

The only way we can make sure that Twidders are receiving their regular news updates through The Packet is if all those who receive THIS issue let us know. So, please, just for this time, confirm receipt of this newsletter so that we can check our lists. Contact details are: murraytaylor@waitrose.com



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

Cheer up the New Year with a romantic comedy!

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 ticked 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 (01566 785171) which meal(s) you want:

- * Scumpy 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!**



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 November'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 Thursday, 14 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

Two families still needed to host new Plestin twinningers

ACCOMMODATION has been found for seven of the nine new families hoping to visit Launceston with the Plestin exchange in April.

That means we need only two more families willing to host French visitors for three nights at the end of the Easter holiday.

Still looking for homes are:

- A couple (aged 45) with one daughter (aged 12). Their interests are: walking, nature and garden; their daughter enjoys video games, reading and writing.
- A couple (aged 45-50) whose hobbies are hiking, the sea, nature, garden, music and meeting people. (They speak good English).

"People needn't be worried that they will left to entertain their French guests all on their own," said Jenny Worth, who is collating the list of hosts and visitors.

"We will have activities planned that they can join in and the Twinning Association pays entrance fees, etc., for our French guests. On the Sunday evening we round off the twinning weekend with a meal and dancing in the Town Hall. That gives everyone a chance to meet up with friends and there's always a tremendous buzz at this event."

Anyone who would like more information or who would like to host a French family should contact Jenny at jaw53@hotmail.com

Diary Dates

January 12 French Film Night *Mademoiselle Populaire*, Jericho's, Launceston, 7pm

January 23 Bowling at Trethorne Leisure Centre, 7pm

April 8-11 Visit by Plestin twinningers to Launceston