

Launceston & Plestin Packet



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District Twinning Association

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Who can you identify among the group who tackled Rough Tor?



See page 2 for details of the epic trek in February

TWINNING WEEKEND

Going to Greenway or the zoo? Then deadline for payment is 22 March

THERE has been a great take-up for our twinning weekend outings to either Greenway or Paignton Zoo so there will be a separate coach for each destination leaving Launceston College car park on the Saturday morning.

Both trips must be paid for by 22 March because the Twinning Association has arranged discounted rates and these have to be paid in advance.

Everyone who has said that they would like to visit either the zoo or Greenway is now asked to fill in the attached form as soon as possible because the original lists were only provisional in order to gain an indication of interest. Seats on the buses will be on a first-come first-served basis.

Coming and going:

Friday, 8 April - The French bus is due to arrive at 11-11.30pm in Launceston College car park after arriving in Plymouth at 9.45pm.

Monday, 11 April – The French bus will depart from Martin's Cash and Carry at 9am (not the College because it's a school day).

Full details of costs and timings are covered in the booking forms that accompany this issue of The Packet. Remember that we also need numbers of French guests as well as numbers of twinningers on the booking forms.

Greenway

Tilley's bus will leave Launceston College car park at 9.45am to arrive at Dartmouth in time to take the 12 midday boat to Greenway. The river journey takes about 30 minutes and the return boat will leave Greenway at 4.00pm to meet the bus at Dartmouth (at approximately 4.30).

For those going to Greenway by boat, it is worth noting that there is transport available to take visitors to the house for those who would find the walk up through the woods too taxing.

Because the Twinning Association will be paying for our French visitors, anyone making their own way to Greenway is asked to meet the group at the entrance by the house at 12.45pm. (National Trust members will only pay for the bus and the boat.)

Paignton Zoo

The French bus will leave Launceston College car park at 10.15am with a planned departure time from Paignton Zoo of 4.30pm (weather permitting)

A list of our Plestin guests and their Launceston hosts also accompanies this issue of the Packet.

Twinning dinner dance is sold out!

OUR traditional twinning weekend evening party is already fully booked! Because numbers at the Town Hall are limited to a total of 180 diners, priority has been given to our French visitors and their hosts. Places have been found for those twinningers not hosting this year who heeded the advice in the last issue of The Packet to get their requests in early.

The Sunday evening celebrations will start in the Town Hall at 6.30pm with the meal being served at 7pm. Music for dancing will, by popular request, be provided once again by Choughed to Bits. The evening will finish at 11pm.

Wine and Wisdom

APRIL gives us an opportunity to put on our thinking caps and search for those answers 'just on the tip of my tongue' with the return of our popular Wine and Wisdom Quiz Night.



Following the same format as the highly successful event last year, our Spring wine and wisdom will take place on Friday, 22 April, at the White Hart, starting at 7:30pm.

It promises to be a fun evening as usual and our genial quiz master Peter Birkett has prepared a wide-ranging selection of questions to get us all thinking! The price is also still the same at £18 per table (payable on the night) which includes a bottle of wine and French cheeses, grapes and other nibbles.

So organise your team – perhaps recruiting teams of people who aren't twinningers – and reserve a table by contacting Secretary Jenny Birkett on 01566 777978, or email her at jennybirkett2@gmail.com as soon as possible.

A warm welcome to new members...

...Rachael Dewis, Marie-Claude and Paul Smith, the Jose family, the Williams family, the Brewer family and Claire and Rob Fry who will be joining in the activities over the twinning weekend in April.

Twinnings conquer Rough Tor

MANY less hardy folk would have decided to stay in the comfort and warmth of their homes on the Saturday of the planned walk to Rough Tor, rather than tackle Bodmin Moor.

But not so the ten hardy twinnings who, with four canine friends, successfully completed the walk on a dismal February afternoon – and enjoyed a welcome soup back at the car park courtesy of walk organiser Jenny Worth.



Conditions were less than appealing – wind and fog with poor visibility – when the walkers set out and they didn't improve during the trek. In fact, Rough Tor was shrouded in low cloud until the walkers were very close and were at last able to make out the shape of their destination.

But did the poor weather put the walkers off the Rough Tor route? Not a bit of it – they have decided to return in August and do it all over again.

And the walkers pictured on the front page are (left to right): Rich Worth, Ian Nash, Marie-Claude Smith, Paul Smith, Andy Dunning, Lucy de Glanville, Dy and Martin Vivian and Jenny Worth

Diary Dates

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| April 8-11 | Visit by Plestin twinnings to Launceston |
| April 12 | Launceston Twinning Association's annual coffee morning at the Central Methodist Hall, 11am |
| April 22 | Wine and Wisdom evening at the White Hart, Launceston |