

# Launceston & Plestin Packet



Occasional newsletter of Launceston and  
District Twinning Association

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## It's time to book for Plestin visit

**EVERYONE** who wants to take part in our four-day trip to Plestin-les-Greves from 30 March to 3 April 2017 must make **a firm booking by 31 December**

**A booking form - on final page of this issue - and a deposit of £20 is required by the end of this month with the balance due by 31 January.**

We'll take the overnight ferry on Thursday, 30 March (leaving Launceston by coach at 6.15pm and arriving at Roscoff at 8am), and return on the afternoon ferry (leaving Roscoff at 3pm and arriving in Plymouth at 10.10pm) on Monday, 3 April.

In response to our request for twinnings to register their interest in taking part in next year's visit, more than 70 said "Yes, please" which means that for the first time in our 30-year history we will need two coaches to take us out and about.

We'll spend our first day in Brittany together as a group – in much the same way that our Plestin twins spend their final day in Cornwall – and a variety of options for the day are being considered by the committee.

However, our daytime activities will make sure that we arrive in Plestin in good time, because, although our hosts are still drawing up their plans for the weekend's events, we do know that the reception, meal and dancing will be held that first evening.

The cost of the coach and ferry fare will be £98.00 per adult and £50.00 per child and there will also be cabin costs of £62.00 for a four-berth cabin or £42.00 for a two-berth cabin. The cost of this year's visit reflects the fact that we need to take two coaches and drivers for the weekend and we will be spending longer in Brittany.

As usual, some twinnings will take their own cars to France and it would be helpful if they would let us know so we can provide our French hosts with a comprehensive overview of total numbers involved.

Booking the coach/ferry (or letting us know if you will be taking your own vehicle) should be done through our treasurer Jean Mansell. Please write on the back of your cheque what the payment covers, e.g. Plestin visit coach/ferry. Booking forms and cheques should be sent to Jean at Jean Mansell at Nighoak, 2 Stourscombe Wood, Launceston PL15 9JP. Jean can be contacted on 01566 776944 if you have any queries. [The deadline for booking your ferry/coach place is 31 December.](#)

## Ending the year...

*French Film Night, Tuesday 13 December*

# Hors de prix

OUR last film of the year boasts a wonderful script and some prettily wrapped eye-candy for both genders. Audrey Tautou (Amélie) and Gad Elmaleh (La Doublure) are perfectly matched in this 'priceless' comedy.

Jean, a waiter/barman at a luxury hotel, is mistaken for a millionaire by Irène, a gold digger, who convinces wealthy men fund her lavish lifestyle



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A touch of 'Breakfast at Tiffany's' but also providing lots of laughs, the film takes its characters to some of the best hotels and most exclusive restaurants in France, and to watch it is to marvel at how some people live. But it also asks some interesting questions about the characters' amoral 'high jinks': should Jean have avoided Irène from Day 1, or are we on their side??

To book your meal and film deal, please contact **Jean Mansell** [jeanmansell2@gmail.com](mailto:jeanmansell2@gmail.com) (01566 776944) with your meal choice:

- Lemon & thyme chicken with winter roasted vegetables
- Spicy sausage and bean casserole – bray farm shop sausages, bacon, kidney and haricot beans in a mild spicy tomato sauce with mash or roast potatoes
- Butternut squash curry with chick peas – creamy Thai curry with mango chutney naan breads and rice.

Cheques (£16 per person) should be sent to Jean Mansell at Nightoak, 2 Stourscombe Wood, Launceston PL15 9JP. **The deadline for booking your meal(s) is the end of Wednesday 7 December.**

## ...Starting the New Year

### *A Saturday Safari supper, 14 January*

**JOIN us for a safari supper in and around the Launceston area – a four-course meal and a glass of wine for £15 with congenial company will be a sure way to lift the gloom of the January days!**

Starters will be served at the Maunders Store in their upstairs room from 7 pm, then it will be on to Jenny Worth's house for the main course. The group will split up for deserts and then return to Trevail to all meet up for cheese and biscuits and coffee.

Following the suggestion at the AGM that many twinnors would be happy to help at social events, would anyone willing to help towards the evening – preparing food or helping with setting up and clearing up – contact Jenny Worth at [jaw53@hotmail.com](mailto:jaw53@hotmail.com)

It was also agreed at the AGM that we should run a raffle at all our social events this year, so donations of good raffle prizes will be greatly appreciated.

The safari supper evening will cost £15 per adult and £8.00 for children under 18 – to include one drink. Cheques along with numbers attending (adults and children) should be sent to Jean Mansell at Nighthoak, 2 Stourscombe Wood, Launceston PL15 9JP. [The deadline for bookings and cheques is 31 December.](#)

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## Remembrance Sunday

OUR twinning association once again took part in the annual Remembrance Sunday Parade and Ceremony, joining with other community organisations in laying a wreath at the War Memorial in the town square.

Issie Thorns laid the wreath again this year and she joined chairman Jill Whitechurch and secretary Jenny Birkett in formally representing the Association at the ceremony. Jill said at the AGM: “She was good company for Jenny Birkett and I and we thank her for participating again.”

*Photo: John Whitechurch*

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## AGM ideas spark a lively committee discussion

**IDEAS** from the floor during last month’s AGM proved the starting point for discussing a whole range of interesting future events when our committee held its first meeting of the 2016-17 year.

As a result, the next six months will feature a whole range of activities – some back by popular demand and others completely new. January’s Safari Supper will be followed by a Call My Bluff evening in February and a Murder Mystery night in March.

Then comes our visit to Plestin and as we move into summer, May sees something a little different on offer – barbecue with a clay pigeon shoot for those who would like to try their hand at this sport.

It is hoped to resume the French film evenings again in February.

Full details of the upcoming events will be publicised in The Packet.



**The committee for 2016-17: front row (l to r) secretary Jenny Birkett, chairman Jill Whitechurch, treasurer Jean Mansell, (inset) Dy Vivian; back row: Lucy de Glanville, Jason Thorns, Tracey Carmichael, Jenny Worth, George Taylor.**

## And finally...



...back by popular demand, the tantalising annual Christmas Quiz by the indefatigable Maureen Amy.

This year the subject is Cornish towns, villages and places but with all their letters jumbled up. So, if you'd like to have a go at unscrambling the anagrams – but possibly scrambling your brain in the process – please email Maureen Amy at [mzuk39@gmail.com](mailto:mzuk39@gmail.com) or phone 01566 79038.

It is suggested that you make a donation of £1 and all profits will help subsidise children going to France. Closing date for the quiz will be 31 January and there will be £10 prize for the winner.

### For your diary

December 13      Comedy 'Hors de Prix', Jericho's, Launceston, 7pm

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January 14      Safari Supper, Launceston area  
February 10      Call My Bluff, Launceston Cricket Club, Lawhitton  
Mar tbc          Murder Mystery, Launceston Cricket Club, Lawhitton  
Mar 30 – 3 April      Visit to Plestin-les-Grèves  
May tbc          Barbecue and Clay Pigeon Shoot

## See next page for Plestin booking form...

**LAUNCESTON & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION  
BOOKING FORM**

**Visit to Plestin - 30<sup>th</sup> March to 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017**

Bus leaves Launceston 18.15 (6.15 p.m.)

Ferry departs Plymouth 20.45 Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March arrives Roscoff 08.00 (Pont Aven)

Ferry departs Roscoff 15.00 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April arrives Plymouth 20.10 (Armorique)

Names of Travellers

Date of Birth

**Cost of bus and ferry**

Adults @ £98.00

No of adults .....

Cost .....

Children @ £50.00

No of children .....

Cost .....

**Plus either**

**4 berth cabin @ £62.00**

per cabin

No of 4 berth cabins .....

Cost .....

**Or plus**

**2 berth cabin @ £42.00**

per cabin

No of 2 berth cabins .....

Cost .....

**Total Cost**

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**If you are a single person, or a group of 3 or 5 and wish to share a cabin, please indicate name if you have arranged it or indicate if required**

Sharing with ..... Required Yes/No

I enclose a non-returnable deposit of £20.00 per adult and £10.00 per child travelling i.e. £..... made payable to Launceston and District Twinning Association **by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.**

Full payment for the trip to Plestin must be made by **31<sup>st</sup> January 2017**

**Travel Insurance** – Please remember that all those travelling in the party **MUST** have a valid European Health Insurance Card AND valid travel insurance.

**Disclaimer** : Launceston and District Twinning Association is not responsible for any eventualities normally covered by Travel Insurance.

**Please sign to confirm : I /We have our own travel insurance** .....

Please return completed form and cheque to Treasurer, Jean Mansell, Nighthoak, 2 Stourscombe Wood, Launceston PL15 9JP Tel : 01566 776944