



# Launceston & Plestin Packet

Occasional newsletter of Launceston and  
District Twinning Association

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## Wanted – panellists for our mad March game show

ARE you good at keeping a straight face? Can you tell a good story – whether it is the truth or a lie - and answer questions about it?'

If so, you're just who we need to be a panellist on our twinning version of *Would I Lie to You?*

We need six volunteers to be panellists at the fun family evening on March 7 at Launceston Cricket Club, Lawhitton.

This will be our last social event before we welcome our Plestin twins in April and will give everyone a chance to catch up on all the news.

Marie-Claude and Paul are organising the evening, which will feature two teams of three panellists – our volunteers – and a chairman... along with plenty of opportunity for audience participation!

To help the evening along, we'll be serving hot dogs – veggie and vegan if required – and desserts. The price will be £5.00 adults and £3.00 for under-18s. Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

Please let Jean, our treasurer, know if you'll be coming along to join the fun on March 7 and whether you'd like veggie or vegan sausages. Names and numbers attending should be sent to: [jeanmansell2@gmail.com](mailto:jeanmansell2@gmail.com) by **23 February**, please. You can send the information with your cheque to Jean at Nighthoak, 2 Stourscombe Wood, Launceston PL15 9JP and, if so, state numbers of adults and children as well as veggie, if required.

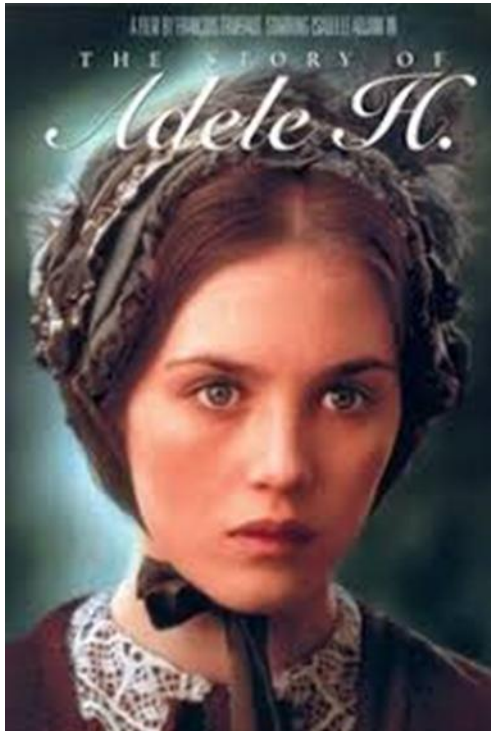
### *Job description for panellists*

- 1. No previous experience necessary*
- 2. No auditions required*
- 3. Just think of an unusual, amusing or exciting incident that happened to you.*
- 4. Note it down briefly – so that you can recount it.*
- 5. Note down two other stories that would be your lies and be prepared to embellish them. The funnier or the more unlikely the better!*
- 6. Now volunteer! Marie-Claude and Paul are waiting to hear from you. Contact: [marie-claude.smith@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marie-claude.smith@hotmail.co.uk)*
- 7. Closing date for volunteering is **Sunday, 23 February***



**French film night: Tuesday, 25 February, 2020**

## **February ... St Valentine's Day ... We had to choose a love story for this month!**



'L'histoire d'Adèle H.' is a haunting film by François Truffaut about desire, devotion and madness, based on the real-life diaries of Adèle Hugo.

Oscar-nominated Isabelle Adjani stars in this lush portrait of a woman whose obsessive passion sets the stage for "one of the most romantic films of recent years".

Adèle, younger daughter of the French author and patriot Victor Hugo, is beautiful, composed and filled with the same brilliant writing talent as her famous father. However, Adèle is driven not by literary aspirations but by love. Impelled by a need that will not be denied, she has run away from home to follow her handsome, womanizing lover first across an ocean to wintry Halifax, Nova Scotia and then to hot and sunny Barbados. Wild with desire, she will risk everything to renew their brief affair to the point of losing her grasp on reality entirely.

*Shown with English subtitles.*

To book your meal and film deal, please contact Jean Mansell [jeanmansell2@gmail.com](mailto:jeanmansell2@gmail.com) with your meal choice by **Wednesday, 19 February**. Cheques (£14 per person) should be sent to Jean at Nightoak, 2 Stourscombe Wood, Launceston PL15 9JP. Please note on the back of the cheque that payment is for the French film night and the number of people.

The meal choices are (and garlic bread can be substituted for chips, if preferred):

- Cajun chicken breast, served with curly fries, salad, coleslaw and sweet chilli dip
- Roasted half chicken, chips and salad
- Homemade beef and ale pie, chips and peas
- Steak and onion baguette, chips and salad
- Home-cooked ham, free-range eggs and chips
- Breaded scampi, chips and peas
- Homemade beef or vegetable lasagne, served with salad, coleslaw and chips or garlic bread
- Wensleydale and roasted vegetable bake, served with salad, coleslaw and chips/garlic bread



### **Maureen's quiz update**

**THOSE twinnors who took part in Maureen's brain-testing quiz over the Christmas holidays will be impressed to learn that she raised £60 to go towards the children's costs.**

# Visit from our Plestin twins

FOR those who would welcome an opportunity to discuss the plans for our exchange weekend with their Plestin twins, the committee has agreed outline plans for the two full days that our guests will be with us.

And with a huge contingent of more than 90 French visitors, an early indication of numbers for each activity will help organisers plan transport and advise venues\*. Our Plestin twins will arrive late on the evening of Friday (17 April) and be dropped off at Launceston College.

Saturday (18 April) will be our organised day out (more details below) with locations at venues within a comfortable drive from Launceston. Sunday will be a day with host families and our big welcome party in the evening at Trethorne Leisure Centre. Our visitors will return to France on Monday.

This year, we're really spoilt for choice of destinations with three suggested venues for our day out. Two are historic houses with extensive gardens and grounds and the third is an attraction that appeals to young people of all ages.

Coaches will be available for two venues and seats will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Twinners will be charged for their seats, but not our Plestin twins. Whichever destination is chosen, our twinning association will pay the entrance fees for all our French guests. All venues have restaurants/cafes or outside areas for picnics.

## **Hidden Valley Discovery Park**, Tredidon, St Thomas, Launceston, Cornwall, PL15 8SJ

*(Twinners going to Hidden Valley to use their own transport.*

Hidden Valley is full of puzzles, mystery, missions and secrets all waiting to be discovered. Discovery and exploration is the game, whether visitors choose the intriguing outside trails; the fast pace fun of Moriarty's Missions or simply to explore the park and discover an unfolding kaleidoscope of uniquely landscaped grounds.

The mysterious Forbidden Mansion hides weird and wonderful rooms, secret passageways and the challenging Moriarty's Missions. Visitors can take a train ride around the park on the Porterswick Junction Light Railway, with its bridges, cuttings and a snaking tunnel and, new this year, visit Tibbohton, an enchanting secret place, with little houses, paths, colourful gardens and some quirky goings on!

## **Trelissick**, Feock, near Truro, TR3 6QL, Cornwall

*(Twinning coach available for this trip)*

This welcoming National Trust country house and garden is set in an estate with stunning maritime views and lovely woodland walks. Visitors can explore the meandering paths through the garden, woodland walks and open parkland with views down the estuary to the town of Falmouth.

The house has a friendly and inviting atmosphere with a rolling programme of exhibitions that reveal stories from its diverse history. It has its own renowned art gallery with a wide range of work from local Cornish artists. Crofters café offers a delicious range of light refreshments, hot lunches, afternoon cream teas and packed lunches for children, all using seasonal and local produce.

Prices (for non-National Trust members): Adult - £12.80; Child - £6.40; Family - £32.00;

## **Killerton**, Broadclyst, Exeter, EX5 3LE, Devon

*(Twinning coach available for this trip)*

Killerton Estate in the heart of Devon boast a friendly Georgian house set in 2,600 hectares (6,400 acres) of working farmland, woods, parkland, cottages and orchards. There's plenty of

calm space in the glorious garden, beautiful year-round with rhododendrons, magnolias, champion trees and formal lawns. Visitors can explore winding paths, climb an extinct volcano, discover an Iron Age hill fort and take in distant views towards Dartmoor.

Off the beaten track, it's possible to discover three of Killerton's hidden gems. Nestled by the River Clyst sits Clyston Mill, a working watermill. In the heart of Broadclyst there's the Marker's, a medieval house steeped in history, and just a stone's throw away from Killerton House is a 1950's post office with charming cottage garden.

***\*Would twinnings please let Jean know by 23 February which venue they would like to visit on the Saturday day out and how many will be in their group – even those using their own transport to Hidden Valley? This is so we can make arrangements in advance with the venues.***

***More details of the weekend arrival and departure times, the Sunday party and Saturday's outings will appear in the next issue of The Packet along with details of how to book.***

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## **Win Gilson**

IT IS with regret that we record the death of Win Gilson – a keen and lively member of the Tuesday morning French groups.



Several twinnings were among the packed congregation at Glynn Valley Crematorium to celebrate Win's life on 24 January.

They heard the story – told by her family – of a remarkable, ground-breaking woman who, in the sixties, had been the only female in her class for aeronautical engineering at Farnborough and who later went on to teach maths to black children in America.

Back in this country, she taught maths to young offenders and also in prison where, according to husband David, she had no problem keeping discipline!

Animals, and their welfare, played a big part in Win's life – from horses and sheep to pets and wild birds.

We send our condolences to her husband and their children and grandchildren.

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***And finally... we extend a warm welcome to new twinnings Alissandra Burtonwood, Peter Stephenson, The Hawke family of Harry, Sarah, Elsa and Ida, and the Tucker family of Tim, Michelle, Walter, Megan and Grace. We look forward to meeting you all at future events.***

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### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- 19 Feb** Let Jean know if you will be going to the French film night;
- 23 Feb** Let Jean know if you will be going to *Would I Lie to You?* and which venue you would like to visit during the exchange weekend
- 25 Feb** French film *L'histoire d'Adèle H.*
- 17-20 April** We entertain our twins from Plestin