

Launceston & Plestin Packet



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A truly personal greeting from Plestin

WE have received a wonderful, warm and upbeat personal greeting from our twins in Plestin via Facebook. Jason has posted it on our Facebook Twinning Page, but for those who don't use Facebook, you can follow the link below (control and click) to see what it's all about.

https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2Fu6013NnZ_Q4%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR2TQAbmXdxZmaLF2S_mD6BCqBkyk3cRI241U4DxClzVATodHFUcQuHErQM&h=AT1qLNGnKi2h2-J_pLzcS_tj1Oq3vYOKFAqtBbVAbq8WsOSp0Mu4ew0UaxfZXYURS6gpT1nS5pAHxCpTy0sBTH1ojG7HMG_Aawdu84QFEtPSCyvCnwG3iceXhUHbyYy_WRoAaHI6UUkDtAfeOfs

And for those who receive the Packet in printed form, Jason has provided a photo from the message which shows Bruno and the committee (their social distancing rules don't seem to be quite as tough as ours) early in the video.

Not only did the Plestin committee turn out on a cold day to send us good wishes, but later in the video the Mayor, Christian Jeffroy, adds his good wishes. The video ends at the Post Office where the group is gathering together some Brittany goodies to send to us. And they hope to see us in October!



More information from Brittany...

WE are always delighted to hear from Twinners and following the last issue of The Packet we were pleased to receive this fascinating email, with photos, **from Maurice**.

Hello Patty and George,

I have read the quiz you sent to the members of your twinning association. It is very interesting but I would like to note two things: in the item number 7, the 'coiffe bigoudène' is worn in a very small area of Brittany, "the pays bigouden" only around Pont l'Abbé and Le Guilvinec, south of Quimper.

Each different part of Brittany had its particular kind of "coiffe". My grand-mother had the "coiffe du Trégor". I send you two photos taken in 1976, with my grand aunt (my grandfather's sister) wearing the "coiffe du Trégor".



In item nr 8, There were no pirates in St Malo, but corsairs. They were allowed by the king, during wars, to attack foreign boats at war with France (Spain, the UK, The Netherlands...). They received a "letter of marque" delivered by the king. Pirates were free privateers, they attacked any ship for their own benefits. They were gangsters of the sea, what corsairs were not...

I hope you are keeping well, in spite of the very nasty virus which is spreading everywhere... Here, in Brittany, at the moment, we are not badly afflicted...

With my best wishes. Keep yourselves well.

Maurice.

It's always good to hear of Twinners who have moved away

News from Scotland...

Caroline Burch writes from Aberdeenshire, in the North East of Scotland:

Hello there.

It's been minus 15 overnight here, although during the day when the sun's out it's been gloriously blue-and-white and we've had coffee outside. The house faces south so we get any warmth there is and the south-facing wall is quite a suntrap - it reminds us of sunny skiing times although the knees have no desire to revisit that! A couple of neighbours' private water supply pipes froze so they had to use heaters to thaw them out. The power was out for a few hours the same day so that didn't help. I think our south facing position helps to make sure our well doesn't get frozen and perhaps our pipes are deeper, I don't know but we've been lucky so far.

Yesterday we had really fierce easterly winds which drifted all the snow and this morning our neighbour came with his tractor and digger bucket and cleared our drive (c25 yds long) so we

will be able to get the car out - he called by and offered to do it, explaining that once the wind froze the 2-3ft drifts solid we would not be able to shift them. We were hugely grateful - we hadn't even realised the extent of the problem. Our little 4x4 Panda is great for wintery roads but is not capable of ploughing through a frozen drift.

We did go and stock up the other day and a thaw is on the way so we're fine, and our 92 year-old American neighbour Audrey seems to take it all in her stride; I think all her neighbours including us have offered to bring in stuff for her but she prefers to go out in the car herself if it is not totally Siberian! Of course, we have only got to know our neighbours in passing, so far, but they will certainly get a dinner invitation as soon as such things become possible again (and when we have a dining table - currently still in store!!). It will be a multi-purpose house-warming when it eventually happens! The drive clearing neighbours have 6 children so it would be quite a squeeze around our little breakfast table!

The little birds seem to be hardy Scots and continue to use the birdfeeders even when these are blown at 45 degrees angle! Yesterday we saw a falcon only about 5 yards from the house trying to catch one of them - we happily didn't see the final result!

Love, Caroline and Richard

And it's always good to hear from local Twinners

Dave Shrimpton writes:

Thank you for the packet. Attached pics of jollier times. The photos were taken at two fund raising suppers. Entertainment provided by Twinning Am Dram's production of Allo-Allo, directed by Jenny Worth.



Thank you, Maurice and Dave for getting in touch. It's always good to hear from Twinners, so if you've got some memories to share or contacts with former twinners, please let us know.

And finally...

... HERE are the answers to Marie-Claude's QUIZ: HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW BRITTANY :

1. Armorica; 2. fish stew; 3 .Merlin; 4. Carnac stones; 5. Josselin; 6. Gouren; 7. coiffe bigoudène; 8. Pirates; 9. Onions; 10. Guadeloupe; 11. white and black; 12. Harp; 13. Jacques Cartier; 14, Rochefort-en-terre; 15. True; 16. sea shanties; 17. Honey; 18. Douarnenez; 19; cheers!; 20. 800
