

Launceston & Plestin Packet



Occasional newsletter of Launceston and
District Twinning Association

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A welcome – and intriguing – message from Plestin

Dear friends of Launceston

The members of the Plestin committee send you good wishes. May 2021 be a year full of joy, a year full of hope, with the joy of living it on a daily basis and being able to share it with you, our friends from Launceston.

We very much hope to see you again for 2021. The current health situation is forcing us to cancel the stay we were hoping to make with you next spring (from April 30 to May 3). On the other hand, we remain hopeful and postpone it to October (from 22 to 25) if this is possible for you.

Finally, we have a little surprise in store for you for the next few weeks.

Kind regards.

Bruno for the Plestin committee

This is a great start to the twinning new year - a positive message, full of good wishes and hope received from Plestin at the weekend.

The proposed dates start on the Friday that most of our schools break up for the autumn half-term. So, keeping the positivity going, let's pencil that weekend in our diaries and calendars and see how things progress.

It's worth noting that from 1 October all French visitors (and those from other European countries) will need a passport to visit the UK as their ID cards will no longer be acceptable.

By the way, no one on our committee knows the secret of the 'little surprise' – or if they do, they're not saying. Hopefully, we'll be able to reveal more in the next Packet.

Can we help?

DOES anyone need help during this difficult time?

If you know of a twinner who needs someone to drive him or her to get the covid vaccination, the generous Jenny Worth has offered to help.

If you know of someone who might like the occasional phone call or someone whose helper(s) during lockdown have had to give up and who could now do with some extra support.

Although we can't socialise in our usual ways, it's good to keep in touch. We would really like to hear from members about what's happening in our 'twinning family' – so do share your news, be it happy, sad, crazy or just mildly interesting...

For instance:

Nous parlons français.



French for fun

One small group of twinner have got together to form an informal French group. Most Tuesday mornings – Zoom permitting – Dy, Marie-Claude, Marion, Maureen, Pat and Patty link up for a chat (usually in English!) and then some serious French work.



Belated birthday wishes to Pam

THAT indefatigable twinner Pam Davey celebrated her 80th birthday earlier this month. Pam, a great supporter of our events, has contributed greatly to the success of twinning over the years and is a former chair of our association.

Any items of twinning news will be really appreciated and if there are any activities that you think we could arrange – socially distanced, of course – please do let us know.

You can contact Patty and George on murraytaylor@waitrose.com or 01409 211182.

Sad news

'Many Launceston Twinner will fondly remember Fabienne Henry who passed away in December,' writes Rachael Dewis. 'As a young trumpeter, she visited Launceston to perform in a concert with the town band. More recently, she both hosted and visited through the Association.'

Who could forget her excellent English speaking and translation skills which came in handy many a time on the days out and at events? Fabienne's proficient English had been developed through the years she spent as a nanny in the Midlands and London.

On returning to Plestin, she continued caring for children



in a boarding school and then went on to work in tourism – firstly in the Plestin Office de Tourisme and then on the reception of an upmarket hotel on the coast of Ploumanac’h. How suited she was to meeting and greeting people.

Fabienne had a big smile and big earrings, not to mention a big heart. When an English twinning child injured himself whilst playing at the Twinning dinner, Fabienne immediately helped and took the child to be treated at the local medical centre.

Fabienne was particularly close to her parents who lived nearby in Plestin. A popular lady with many friends – Fabienne will be missed.’

And finally...

... WE have the perfect antidote to a dull January day during another lockdown – a quiz on Brittany from Marie-Claude. We sent it in the email with this Packet and answers will be in the next issue. Good luck.
