

Launceston & Plestin Packet



Occasional newsletter of Launceston and
District Twinning Association

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A note from the editors

WELCOME to this March issue of The Packet – which should have been the February issue but we have been without broadband for three weeks.

We're sorry to say that meant that we were unable to let readers know about the coffee morning, hosted by Twinning, at the Central Methodist Hall, on March 1 It raised £40. Jenny Worth reports that the regular Tuesday coffee mornings resumed in February and the regulars are pleased to be back.

Twinnings might be interested in going along to this Tuesday's coffee morning at the Central which will be in aid of the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) Ukraine appeal.



French film night: Tuesday, 22nd March

Trethorne, from 6.30pm onwards and 7pm start of the food

An emotional period drama

THIS is Claude Miller's final film, made in 2012 and based on the 1927 mysterious novel of dark provincial passion by François Mauriac.

The film stars Audrey Tautou as the eponymous Thérèse, a cultured and intelligent woman who enters into an arranged marriage in rural 1920s France.

Bound and restrained by a traditional society, Thérèse's avant-garde ideas clash with local conventions and, in order to break free from the fate imposed upon her, she will resort to tragically extreme measures ...



Anchored by a performance of subtlety and depth from Tautou, ably matched by Gilles Lellouche as her husband, 'Thérèse Desqueyroux' is a breathtaking, emotional and suspenseful period drama.

Shown with English subtitles.

To book your meal and film deal please contact Paul Smith at paulsmithtruscott49@gmail.com with your meal choice by Wednesday 16th March. Cheques (£15.00 per person) payable to Launceston Twinning Association should be sent to Paul Smith at Springfield, Truscott, Launceston, Cornwall PL15 8LA. 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):

Turkey & Ham Pie of the day with chips, peas & gravy
Beef & Blue Cheese Pie of the Day with chips, peas & gravy
Ham, eggs and chips.
Beef Lasagne with salad, coleslaw, chips or garlic bread
Vegetable Lasagne with salad, coleslaw, chips or garlic bread.
Wholetail scampi with chips, peas, tartare sauce and lemon wedge.
Cajun Chicken with curly fries, salad and coleslaw.
Vegan sweet potato, chickpea & spinach Korma with long grain rice, mango chutney and a poppadom.
Vegan Red Lentil Chili with long grain rice & guacamole.

NB: chips available as a gluten free alternative to curly fries.



And finally...

...IN January we said au revoir to two stalwart members of Twinning when Maureen Amy and Peter Brown left Launceston to set home in Germany to be closer to Peter's son, Michael, and his family.

They have been enthusiastic supporters of all aspects of twinning for more than 20 years and Maureen was an active committee member for several years. Their friendly faces will be very much missed at future events. Maureen and Peter were twinned with Anna and Pierre Disez.

We send our very best wishes to them in their new home and new country.

Before she left, Maureen penned this note to say goodbye:

To: Launceston Twinning Association

Peter and I wish to thank the Association for the wonderful 21 years we spent with you. There are so many exciting memories that it is hard to pick out just a few. Our first trip to Plestin was in 2000 and the Twinning group from Bavaria joined us in celebrating the joys of Twinning. Peter was part of the town band that went to Plestin in 1984 and vividly recalls 'La nuit de sausage' and the BBQs glowing in the market square.

Our memories include the wellie boot throwing at the first celebration and our parade through the town waving St Piran flags. Then on one trip we sang some Cornish music – including Trelawny – in the church; though I recall it was difficult for the audience to follow our words.

The visit to the island bird sanctuaries was memorable for me as I clung to the railing praying that we would be on land very, very soon. The north shore of Brittany is so similar to Cornwall – yes, I know the lands were once part of the same geological mass – but the coves and seashore are just beautiful.



Most of all we remember all the wonderful friends we made during those 21 years and especially Anna and Pierre Disez. Pierre's fractured German and my appalling French got us, we hope, through many trips to their lovely home. Anna and Pierre's first venerable home was in Pont Menou where we tasted Pierre's homemade wines – very potent and just brilliant. Their second home in Plestin, by contrast, is very modern. We were so lucky to know Pierre even for a limited time and Anna will always be our friend, not forgetting Gypsy, Anna's wonderful furry friend.

The Launceston friends we have made will always be with us and thanks to Patty we shall be able to keep up with your film nights, and soon another wine and wisdom evening? I see that Plestin Twining committee has decided they will not visit until the autumn – a shame but one day soon you will be setting off at the crack of dawn with presents for all – do not forget your up-to-date passports and (perhaps) Covid passports!!.

Our heartfelt regards and we wish you all a safe and virus free 2022.

Maureen and Peter

Note: Above, pictured in 2000 at the head of the table: Anna (left) and Peter with Maureen and Pierre opposite them. Maureen says the photo was taken in Plestin at 'the place where the wellie boot throwing contest was held.'