

Launceston & Plestin Packet

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A French farce will get 2014 underway



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The comedy *Le Placard* (The Closet), starring three major French cinema stars – Depardieu, Auteuil and Thierry l'Hermitte – is our first film of the New Year. It will be screened at Jericho's on Wednesday, 5 February.

François Pignon, humble accountant in a condom factory, hardly noticed by his colleagues and struggling in his relationship with his son, finds out that he is going to be made redundant.

On the point of throwing himself off his balcony, he is saved at the crucial moment by his new neighbour, who persuades him that if he pretends to be gay, his employers will not dare to axe his job.

The strategy pays off, so well that François not only keeps his job but finds that his colleagues start to take notice of him. However, some of their reactions are quite surprising and confusion and catastrophe ensue. Can it all end happily?

To book your meal-and-film deal, please tell Carolyn Burch carolynburch@btconnect.com (01566 785171) which meal(s) you want from the three below:

Carbonade of beef – pieces of beef cooked slowly with onions in real ale served with new potatoes and carrots.or

Gratin of lentils, spinach and ricotta in rich tomato sauce - tomatoes, red wine, green lentils topped with toasted breadcrumbs and parmesan, or

Lemon & thyme chicken with winter roasted vegetables

...and send a cheque (£15 per person) to Jean Mansell at Nightoak, 2 Stourscombe Wood, Launceston PL15 9JP. **The deadline for booking your meal(s) is Friday, 31 January.**



Brain teasers...1

Peter's planning some quality questions



Our jovial quizmaster, Peter Birkett will be putting our brains to the test with a wide spread of intriguing questions at our Spring Wine and Wisdom evening in March. The event promises to be another enjoyable social event with challenges aplenty for those who relish competition, and opportunities to catch up with friends for those who come for the fun of it.

As usual, the quiz night will take place at the White Hart in Launceston and will be held on Friday, 21 March.

So organise your team and book a table for up to six players for £18 – payable on the night – with wine and nibbles. If you will be entering a team, please advise secretary Jenny Birkett on 01566 777978, or email at jennybirkett@hotmail.co.uk

If you can, please display attached poster to attract teams.

Brain teasers...2

How did you do with Maureen's Christmas quiz?

A fiendish set of questions and anagrams linked to the festive period and twinning was Maureen Amy's 'Christmas present' to twidders (circulated on 25 November). Well done to all those who entered the fiendishly difficult quiz, and congratulations to Pam Davey who submitted the most correct entries.

To put out of their misery all those who struggled with the quiz, we attach the answers with this issue. And our thanks to Maureen for taking the time to devise the 2013 festive quiz.

And finally

A reminder for those who have forgotten to pay their subscriptions:

Family and corporate membership is £15

Individual membership: £7.50

If you haven't already paid, please send your cheque, made payable to Launceston Twinning Association, to treasurer Jean Mansell at Nightoak, 2 Stourscombe Wood, Launceston, PL15 9JP.

Dates for your 2014 diary

5 February

Film and meal at Jericho's, Launceston (meal 7pm; film 8pm)

21 March

Wine and Wisdom, White Hart, Launceston

2-5 May

Launceston hosts the Plestin visit

19-22 September

Plestin hosts the Launceston visit