

Launceston & Plestin Packet



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Jenny's back in e-contact

It's now safe to resume e-mail contact with our Secretary, Jenny Birkett, for bookings, etc., on jennybirkett@hotmail.co.uk following a recent hacking incident on her computer. Jenny's computer consultant has solved the problem and secured the address.

Beat the winter blues at wine and wisdom evening

You may feel like hibernating in this gloomy weather, but one way to beat the winter blues will be to get out and enjoy a sociable evening at the White Horse, Launceston, on 21 March. The event will be our Spring Wine and Wisdom hosted by Peter Birkett. It 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.



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.

Maureen's out to test your knowledge of Launceston

Following the success of her fiendish Christmas quiz, Maureen Amy has come up with an equally testing set of questions and anagrams linked to people, places and institutions in the Launceston area.

The 60-question quiz is just the thing to settle down while you drink your morning cuppa - and for the person with the most correct answers, there will be a prize of £10.

Dates for your diary

4 March	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 (more details in next Packet)
19-22 September	Plestin hosts the Launceston visit



The next French film night is coming soon! Tuesday 4 March

Of Gods and Men (2010) is based on a true story. It centres on the monastery of Tibhirine, in Algeria where nine Trappist monks live in harmony with the local, largely Muslim, population until 1996 when the Algerian Civil War brings disaster.



Dans les années 90, des moines cisterciens vivent dans un prieuré d'un village isolé au milieu des montagnes algériennes. Ils mènent une vie simple et austère, travaillent la terre, aident les plus pauvres et soignent les malades dans un dispensaire. L'existence y est douce, et l'entente avec les musulmans, franche et cordiale.

Mais la guerre civile algérienne apporte la violence au pays et des islamistes dans la région massacrent un groupe d'étrangers. L'armée propose de protéger les moines, offre qu'ils refusent. La situation est de plus en plus menaçante. La question de partir se pose chaque jour un peu plus.

Le soir de Noël, des fondamentalistes pénètrent dans le monastère...

Practise your French, left, if you want to find out a bit more! but to get the full story you will need to be there on Tuesday 4th March.

The screenplay focuses on the preceding chain of events in decay of government, expansion of terrorism, and the monks' confrontation with both the terrorists and the government authorities. Principal photography took place at an abandoned monastery in Morocco with careful attention to authenticity.

The film premiered at the Cannes Film Festival in 2010, where it won the Grand Prix, the festival's second most prestigious award. It then became a critical and commercial success in France. French film actors Lambert Wilson (anyone like Matrix films?) and Michael Lonsdale star. I have to admit I had not heard of either of them and at first assumed that they were Hollywood actors who got parts in a French film because they were playing Trappists!

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

- Spicy sausage and bean casserole – Bray Farm Shop sausages and bacon, with haricot and kidney beans in a mild spicy tomato sauce with mash
- Chicken cacciatore – chicken portion with bacon, peppers, mushrooms in a herby tomato sauce.
- Roasted vegetable moussaka – aubergines, fennel, peppers, onions, potatoes and tomatoes topped with cheese and herbs

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 Thursday 27 February.

