

Launceston & Plestin Packet



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PHOTO CALL!

Wanted – your photos from earlier years of twinning for an exhibition to tie in with our 30th anniversary celebrations.

George and Patty Taylor are keen to hear from anyone who has photos from previous activities and events so they can judge whether we can gather enough to stage a display.

“It would be great if members could dig out some photos from the early years,” said Patty. “I’m sure it would bring back happy memories, so please look through your albums or old files.

“We would like to hear from anyone who has photos – hard copies or electronic – that they would be prepared to lend or supply. We’ll take care of originals. If you’ve got some photos or negatives and are not sure whether they’ll be useful, do please get in touch with us.” George and Patty can be contacted at the number or email above.

Latest on our 2014 exchange visits

Launceston 2-5 May

A programme featuring a good mix of activities and free time has been devised for the long weekend of May 2-5 when we start celebrations to mark 30 years of twinning by entertaining our friends from Plestin.

They will arrive on the evening of Friday, 2 May, and the official events will start on Saturday morning with a sherry reception at Lawrence House Museum hosted by Launceston Mayor, Councillor Dave Gordon. The remainder of the day will be free - with an optional picnic in the castle park for families with children.

A visit to the Green Man Festival at Mount Edgcumbe is planned for Sunday. This will include falconry displays, archery, willow weaving, wood turning, fun around the village stocks and a craft fair and food market. And, if country fairs don’t take your fancy, there is the magnificent house and country park to visit... On Sunday evening we will have a celebration party in the Town Hall with the band *Choughed to Bits* returning by popular request.

The visit will end with a Cornish Cream Tea on Monday afternoon at the home of Gill Grigg and Chris Skipp in Tavistock Road, Launceston. Then our French friends will leave to catch the overnight ferry.

A list of French families and their hosts is attached and Twinners who are not hosting this year are very welcome to join in all activities. Details of timings, meeting points, travel/parking arrangements, costs, and any booking forms will be published in The Packet closer to the time of the visit.

Plestin 19-22 September

Arrangements have been finalised with Brittany Ferries for our visit to Plestin in September and the good news is that Jenny Worth has managed to keep the costs for the coach, ferry (with overnight berth on the outward journey) at last year's level or slightly less!

We will take the overnight ferry on Friday, 19 September, and return on the morning ferry (arriving in Plymouth at 1500) on Monday, 22 September.

To ensure we keep these favourable rates, it will be helpful if members return the attached booking form as soon as possible, please.



French film night is 4 March



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...

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

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.

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) made out to Launceston Twinning, to Jean Mansell at Nightoak, 2 Stourscombe Wood, Launceston PL15 9JP.

The deadline for booking your meal(s) is Thursday 27 February.

Less than a month to our wine and wisdom – so book your table now

A sure way to beat the winter blues will be to get out and enjoy a sociable evening at the White Hart, 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

And finally...

... an update on the progress of our recipe booklet. Carolyn Birch and Jenny Worth have translated all the recipes (English to French and French to English) and Jenny is typing them and coordinating them.

The committee is considering how to get some photographs of the dishes to illustrate the book – so watch The Packet for more information.

It is planned to get 100 booklets printed locally so that we can distribute to French and English twinnings in September.

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)
15 April	Coffee morning and cake stall Central Hall, Launceston
19-22 September	Plestin hosts the Launceston visit