

Launceston & Plestin Packet



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Will you be going to Plestin in September?

BY COACH

THE ferry has been booked for our visit to Plestin over the weekend of 19-22 September and Jenny Worth reports that so far 40 people have reserved their places.

We'll take the overnight ferry on Friday, 19 September, and return on the morning ferry (arriving in Plymouth at 15:00) on Monday, 22 September.

To ensure there are no last-minute hitches, it would be helpful if those who haven't booked yet would return the attached booking form as soon as possible, please. A deposit of £20 (£10 per child) is required now, with the balance due at the beginning of August.

BY CAR

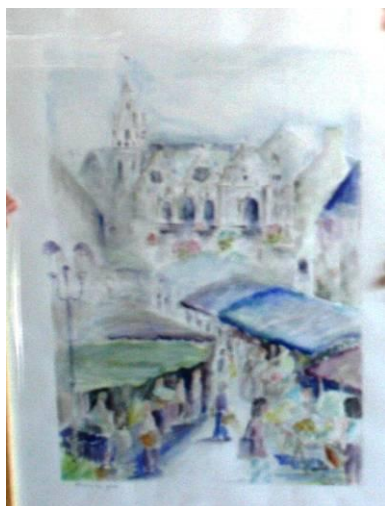
It would be useful if people taking their own cars would let Jenny know so that organisers have a comprehensive overview of total numbers involved. She can be contacted at jaw53@hotmail.com

Seeking singers

Twiner Margaret Parfitt is offering to get together a group of singers so we can entertain our Plestin friends with some traditional Cornish, and other, songs in September.

"It's always a pleasure when our Breton friends entertain us so I thought it would be a good idea if some of us prepared a few songs beforehand," said Margaret.

"I would be happy to get together a small group to rehearse at my house for three weeks before our visit. Suggested rehearsal dates are 3, 10, and 17 September, but other dates could be arranged." Those interested should contact her on margtaylor@waitrose.com



Painting of Plestin will hang in town hall

THE delightful watercolour of aspects of Plestin, presented to the Association to commemorate our 30th anniversary, is to hang in the Town Hall.

Launceston Mayor, Cllr Dave Gordon, is kindly arranging for a plaque to be made recording that the painting is a gift from our twin town and it will be hung in the bar area of the town hall where it can be seen by all visitors.

We plan to arrange the official unveiling of the painting to take place in October – the month in which Launceston signed the original twinning charter with Plestin-les-Grèves 30 years ago.

In the summer...

1. Let's celebrate Bastille Day

INSTEAD of one central celebration, the suggestion is that groups of members get together and 'do their own thing' to mark this important day in the French calendar– and send their photos to The Packet so everyone can share the fun.

It could be a barbecue, a party, a wine-tasting, crêpes or cocktails... anything that brings people together (and they don't all have to be twinnings) to eat, drink and be merry should fit the bill

Bastille Day, formally called **La Fête Nationale**, is celebrated on July 14 and is a public holiday in France. Apparently our Breton 'twins' celebrate with a firework display in Loquirec on July 13 and then a big party in Plestin on July 14.

This year, Bastille Day itself is on a Monday, which means we could hold our celebrations over the weekend of 12-13 July. And if you've got some bunting and some flags, or souvenirs of Brittany, that will add to the atmosphere. It's also common for people in France to wear clothes in the colours of the national flag (red, white and blue) or to paint their faces in those colours.

So, come on everyone, thinking caps on and see what we can do to add to the fun on this side of The Channel.

2. An August walk and picnic

ANOTHER idea being considered by our committee is for us to enjoy a walk and a picnic during August. An outline plan at the moment is for a walk at an attractive location – say Boscastle – and then for us all to meet up for picnics at a specified location. Those who were unable to join the walk would be able to join the picnic.

Prolonging the agony – murder mystery postponed

Our murder mystery evening planned for June 6 is being postponed until the autumn.

The delay has been caused for a variety of reasons – most of them due to the fact that some of the likely cast as well as some of our most vociferous supporters have other activities or holidays at that time.

Twinnings support coffee morning

THE tempting array of cakes and savouries produced by twinnings made a major contribution to the excellent financial result from the coffee morning we hosted in the Central Hall, Launceston, on 15 April – so a big thank-you to all the bakers!

Thanks also to the twinnings who gave their time to man the cake stall, take the entrance money, serve coffees and teas, and to do the clearing and washing up. A busy morning that raised £276.

Welcome

A WARM welcome is extended to three new members: Jacqui Bond and Dave Harvey, from Egloskerry, and Janni Phipps, who lives in Launceston.

Anyone for Boules?

WE'VE heard this week that it's the time of year again when the Twinning Committee for Cornwall hosts its annual boules competition and seeks teams from Launceston and elsewhere. The friendly competition will take place at Seaton on Sunday, June 15. If anyone is interested in getting together a team, details and directions are on our website.

Quiz winners

WELL done to Ruth and Duncan Maunder, who won Maureen's Launceston Quiz with an excellent score of 52/60. (List of answers available on the website at launcestontwinningassociation.weebly.com)

And finally....

It's rumoured that FIFA is investigating the matter of incorrect scores reported after the France v England kids international match in the grounds of Launceston Castle on 3 May. Somehow the scores that landed on The Packet sports desk wrongly gave the lead to the English kids – whereas the honours went to the Plestin side.

Dates for your diary

15 June	Cornwall Twinning Boules Tournament, Seaton
12-14 July	Bastille Day celebrations
19-22 September	Plestin hosts the Launceston visit