

Launceston & Plestin Packet



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Join us for coffee and croissants...

... at the Victorian Market in Launceston Town Square on Saturday, 28 June. We'll be adding a French flavour to proceedings by serving up croissants and pain au chocolat with coffee and juice to wash them down.

It's one of our fund-raising activities, so you fancy browsing through the market on the Saturday morning, do come along, support us and join the fun. And if any twinnings can lend a hand on the stall in the morning, Jenny Birkett would be delighted to hear from you. Jenny can be contacted at: jennybirkett2@gmail.com

In the summer...

TWO ideas 'floated' in the last issue of The Packet are attracting interest with one or two people already thinking of organising their own event over the weekend of July 12-13 to celebrate Bastille Day (July 14) and some expressing interest in an August walk and picnic.

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, crepes 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.



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.

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. The date and further details will be given the July issue of The Packet.

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 so far 42 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, return the attached booking form as soon as possible, please. A deposit of £20 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 us know so organisers have a comprehensive overview of total numbers involved. Booking coach seats or letting us know if you will be taking your own vehicle should be done through Jean Mansell. She can be contacted on 01566 776944

Our recipe book takes shape

The painstaking work of collating and translating the recipes for our dual-language recipe book is almost complete, thanks to the sterling efforts of Carolyn Burch and Jenny Worth. Now designs are being worked up and printing options researched. It is anticipated that the recipe book will be at the printers early- to mid-August.

And finally...

Come on all you singers

THE first volunteers to join an informal group to entertain our Plestin friends with some traditional Cornish songs have contacted Margaret Parfitt, but she needs some more names if the group is to have a decent sound.

The aim is to perform some Cornish and other songs. "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 before our visit in September," 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

Dates for your diary

15 June	Cornwall Twinning Boules Tournament, Seaton
28 June	Rotary Victorian Market, Launceston Town Square
12-14 July	Bastille Day celebrations
19-22 September	Plestin hosts the Launceston visit
