

Launceston & Plestin Packet



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What's the link...
...between 'wounded'
Andy (left) and 'dunking'
Cherry (right)? They were
both visitors to our stall
at the Victorian Market
(see next page for
details).



Coach and ferry places for Plestin visit Last call for bookings

THERE are still spaces on the coach and ferry for our visit to Plestin over the weekend of 19-22 September so if you haven't booked your seats yet, this month is your last chance. At the beginning of August we will confirm final numbers to Brittany Ferries.

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. A booking form is attached and a deposit of £20 is required now with the balance due at the beginning of August.

This year sees quite a few of the Launceston twinnings taking their own vehicles across for the twinning so they can enjoy more time in France. It would be useful if people taking their own cars would let organisers know so they can provide our French hosts with a comprehensive overview of total numbers. Booking coach seats or letting us know if you will be taking your own vehicle should be done through Jean Mansell who can be contacted on 01566 776944.

Summer activities

August walk and picnic

Plans for members to enjoy a walk and a picnic during August will be firmed up later this month. At the moment, ideas being considered are for a walk at an attractive location – say Boscastle – and then for us all to meet up for picnics at a specified location. Those unable to join the walk would be able to join the picnic. Details in the next issue of The Packet.

One of our twinnings has written to express concern that Bastille Day is a time of year which brings back difficult memories for some in relation to the Launceston College trip to France in 1996. We understand therefore if Twinnings feel that publishing photos and information about Bastille Day parties (as suggested in the last issue of The Packet) is not appropriate, we will not publish any. Our apologies if anyone's feelings were hurt by these suggestions.

Just serving in the rain...



Brollies aloft to keep the food and drink dry: (left to right) George, Peter, Jenny, Gilly and Jill

A STEADY stream of customers kept our team busy serving up pain au chocolat, croissants and drinks at the Victorian Market on June 28. Visitors and customers included our Launceston Mayor and Mayoress, the Town Crier, and several twinnings. Among them were Cherry Warne, who demonstrated the proper way to eat your pain au chocolat – by dunking it in your coffee – and Andy Dunning, who was actually 'on duty' at the adjacent stall where the Lions Club staged a Boer War first aid post.

After a hectic start in the sunshine with all hands to the kettles and cups, it was suddenly all hands to the umbrellas as a heavy rain shower swept through the square. Just as suddenly, the rain stopped and people emerged from cover and resumed their shopping and eating.

A prolonged downpour a little later in the morning soaked our team, who nonetheless delighted people sheltering in the covered stalls opposite by performing an impromptu brolly sequence while the town band – also under cover – played Singing in the Rain.

With everyone waterlogged, our intrepid team decided to call it a day and packed up a bit earlier than intended. Despite the rain breaks and early finish, the stall still made a modest profit of £18 – although our presence is more designed to raise awareness of the Association and support community events.
