

# Launceston & Plestin Packet



Occasional newsletter of Launceston and  
District Twinning Association

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## Only six weeks until Plestin visit

A total of 59 adults and children are set to make the visit to Plestin in September – 51 will travel by coach and the others will make their own way by car.

### Outstanding payments

**The balance for those travelling by coach is due TODAY so if you'd forgotten the deadline, please send your remittance NOW to treasurer Jean Mansell at Nightoak, 2 Stourscombe Wood, Launceston, PL15 9JP**

Current passports and European Health Insurance (the old E11) AND valid travel insurance are required.

### Weekend plans

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.

Saturday will be spent with host families, with the reception, dinner, dancing and entertainment in the evening. On Sunday, our French hosts are arranging a visit to a local 'feature'.

### The twinnings' singers

Margaret Parfitt would welcome a few more singers prepared to entertain our hosts after the evening dinner at Plestin. Informal rehearsals will be on 3, 10 and 17 September and Margaret can be contacted on 01409 211227 or [margtaylor@waitrose.com](mailto:margtaylor@waitrose.com)

### **Recipes to share**

As a memento of our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we have produced a book of recipes that have been supplied by twinnings on both sides of The Channel. Launceston twinnings can buy two copies for £5 – and the first copies will be available to those travelling on the coach to Plestin so they can give one to their French hosts (and have one for themselves).

Details on the wider distribution will be available in the next issue of The Packet.

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## Picnic at Trelash will follow our August walk

Saturday, August 16, has been picked as the date for our summer walk and picnic, and Boscastle has been selected as the location for the walk. It will be followed by a picnic at Tregida, the home of our chairman, Jill, and husband John, at Trelash.

Walkers are invited to take their cars to Tregida (postcode PL15 8RL) for 10am so we can share cars to Boscastle.

Those not taking part in the walk can meet up at Tregida to join the picnic – probably some time after 1pm. Bring your own picnics and portable chairs or rugs.

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## French film nights are back!

***Cheer up the arrival of autumn and get your French flowing ready for our trip to Plestin, with the super-mellow Le fabuleux destin d'Amélie Poulain (known in English simply as Amélie). Tuesday, 9 September is the date for your diary.***

Audrey Tautou had her first big international success in 2001 – can it really be that long ago?! – in this charming, funny film.



A waitress in a Parisian café, Amélie (Audrey Tautou) sees it as her mission in life to right wrongs and improve the lives of her customers.

But she proves rather less successful at bettering her own lot, despite falling for a handsome loner (Mathieu Kassovitz) with his own bizarre quest.

The plot is as whimsical as its heroine, but the real delight is the army of oddballs that rotate around her.

Hypochondriac tobacconists, tyrannical grocers, kindly strippers, failed writers, and a garden gnome who suffers chronic wanderlust: all human (and some garden) life is to be found in this romantic comic fantasy from director Jean-Pierre Jeunet.

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

- **Wiltshire pork casserole – slow cooked with honey+ mushrooms with mash potatoes and carrots**
- **Boeuf en daube – French style beef stew with bacon, carrots, baby onions red wine and parsley**

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, 4 September.**

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## And finally...

***Exactly 30 years to the day that we signed our twinning charter with Plestin-les-Grèves, the painting of views of the town presented to us by our French twinningers in July will be officially unveiled in Launceston Town Hall by town Mayor, Coun Dave Gordon. The date is October 6.***

### DIARY DATES

Aug 16	Summer Walk at Boscastle and picnic at Trelash
Sept 9	French Film Night, 7pm at Jericho's
Sept 19-22	Visit to Plestin
Oct 6	30 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of twinning charter signing with unveiling of Plestin painting
Oct 7	French Film Night, 7pm at Jericho's
Nov (tbc)	Murder Mystery evening
Nov 19	Annual General Meeting