

Launceston & Plestin Packet



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WEDNESDAY - A CRITICAL DATE!

Wednesday – 3 September

DEADLINE FOR BOOKING FRENCH FILM NIGHT MEAL - the deadline for booking meals for the French film night **has been brought forward a day** and is now Wednesday, 3 September. The film, on Tuesday, September 9, will be the funny and charming *Le fabuleux destin d'Amélie Poulain* starring Audrey Tautou. (Full details of film and how to book on Page 2.)

FIRST REHEARSAL FOR TWINNING SINGERS - who have volunteered to entertain our hosts after the evening dinner at Plestin will take place on Wednesday from 7.30pm, at the home of Margaret Parfitt. "So far, we have about ten volunteers and we'd welcome a few more," says Margaret. "It's going to be informal and fun, so we're just looking for people who can sing in tune – not professional singers!" Rehearsals will be on 3, 10 and 17 September. Margaret can be contacted on 01409 211227 or margtaylor@waitrose.com

Plestin – here we come...

THE final arrangements have been settled for our visit to Plestin. Those going with the main group – more than 50 adults and children – will take the overnight ferry on Friday, 19 September.

Martins Cash and Carry at Pennygillam has once again kindly allowed us to take the coach from its car park, where we can leave our cars over the weekend. *You are asked to arrive at the car park by 8.10pm, so we can load the bus and be in good time for the ferry.*

Current passports and European Health Insurance (the old E111) AND valid travel insurance are required.

Weekend plans

Saturday will be spent with families in Plestin and there will be a reception hosted by the Mayor of Plestin, followed by dinner, dancing and entertainment in the evening. On Sunday, our French interesting local 'feature'.

Recipes to share

As a memento of our 30th anniversary, we have produced a book of recipes that have been supplied by twinningers on both sides of The Channel. Launceston twinningers 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.

We return on the morning ferry (arriving in Plymouth at 3pm on Monday, 22 September. Details of timings and locations will be given over the weekend.

Making their descent...



...back down to Boscastle are some of the intrepid twinnings who shrugged off a light summer shower during our walk over the cliffs to the east of the harbour in August.

The 90-minute walk afforded some outstanding coastal and countryside views, as well as a 'gull's-eye' view of Boscastle. The walk was organised by our chairman, Jill, and husband John, who made the barbecue area at their home available to the walkers – and those who joined later – so they could enjoy their picnics under cover.

And, talking of the picnic, whose was the posh picnic being prepared in our picture (inset, above)? To find out – and to see other photos from the walk and picnic – just visit

<http://launcestonwinningassociation.weebly.com/2014-august-walk-and-picnic.html>



French film nights are back!

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*) on Tuesday, 9 September.



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 (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 Wednesday, September 3.**

A warm welcome

We extend a warm welcome to new members: Jon and Coralie Short, and children Charlie, Niamh and Demelza from Trelash, and Allison Knowles of Launceston.



And finally...

WANTED – one murderer, one victim and an assortment of suspects.

In other words, our autumn murder mystery evening is fast approaching and we're looking for volunteers to take these roles in the gripping drama that will unfold as Madame Dubonnet presides over another reunion of the French Set from Launceston High School.

No previous acting experience necessary – you just need to be available on the evening of 7 November and be prepared to take on a 'character' part. Despite the macabre theme of the evening, if last year's is anything to go by, it promises to be an uproarious event.

Volunteers should contact Jenny Worth on 01566 772615 or e-mail jaw53@hotmail.com

DIARY DATES

Sept 9	French Film Night, 7pm at Jericho's
Sept 19-22	Visit to Plestin
Oct 7	French Film Night, 7pm at Jericho's
Nov 7	Murder Mystery evening, 7pm at Launceston Cricket Club, Lawhitton
Nov (tbc)	Annual General Meeting