

Launceston & Plestin Packet



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District Twinning Association

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It's going to be murder ...

... so why not join the fun and see whether you can work out 'who dunnit' at our Murder Mystery evening at Launceston Cricket Club, Lawhitton, on Friday, 7 November. Numbers are limited, so please let treasurer Jean Mansell know by this Wednesday, 29 October, if you'd like to come along.

Theme of the evening will be a reunion of members of a Launceston school's French set. During the evening you'll meet some extremely interesting characters – and get caught up in a stormy drama. The story will unfold during a 'Pot Luck Supper'. There will be a hot meal (main course and dessert) and guests should bring their own drinks and glasses.

The cost will be £12.50 for adults, £5.00 for children, and you should arrive at 7pm for the meal at 7.30pm.

To book your place(s) at the Murder Mystery, please let our treasurer Jean Mansell know how many will be attending (adults and children) by 29 October and send a cheque for the appropriate amount made payable to Launceston and District Twinning Association. Jean's address is: Nightoak, 2 Stourscombe Wood, Launceston PL15 9JP.

Formal visits to Plestin every other year with informal trips in between – let's have your views

The AGM on 19 November gives YOU an opportunity to help shape the future of the Association as we start planning for 2015. Your ideas for future activities and fund-raising events will be most welcome.

As usual, an informal buffet meal (hot or cold) with dessert and tea/coffee at £14.20 per person will follow the business meeting.

The AGM will start at 7pm with a review the past year and a snapshot of the Association's current situation regarding finances and membership. We will also choose our officers and committee for next year.

On the agenda this year will be discussion about the fact that the French want only one visit per year – Plestin to come to here one year and we to go there the next year.

Maurice le Coq has sent us an email saying: "We would be pleased to have slightly longer stays - one or two more days, and the same when you come to Plestin. We find that only a weekend for you to visit us is really short. With such a decision, you could choose the most convenient time of year which allows more people to come and stay longer."

“For the next year, 2015, we propose that you come to Plestin, at any time you like, but we would like to know as soon as possible so we can book An Dour Meur.”

So we must decide when we should go to France and for how long. Jenny Worth will contact Brittany Ferries and get several quotes: May bank holiday, Easter holidays in April, perhaps June or early July.

There is enthusiasm on both sides of The Channel for smaller, informal groups to make the exchange between the official visits. This will be explored further.

Reminder - subscriptions are payable at the AGM.

They remain as previous years at:

Individual membership £7.50

Family or corporate membership £15



FILM FOCUS

Last film night of the year

One more film night this year – a crazy girl-on-girl comedy to give us a laugh as December gets a grip! Film night is Tuesday 2 December and the deadline for booking your meal(s) is Wednesday 26 November.

French Twist is an uproarious comedy from 1995, directed by and starring Josiane Balasko.

Laurent (Alain Chabat) and Loli (Victoria Abril) are a couple in their twenties who live in the South of France with their young children. He's an estate agent, she is a housewife. Laurent is not faithful to his wife but she is blissfully unaware of this.

One day, a camper van breaks down just in front of their house. The owner of the van, Marijo (Josiane Balasko), a woman of around 40, rather tomboyish, comes to the house and asks if she may use the phone (we're pre-mobile, it's 1995!). Loli agrees but she is in the middle of struggling with a domestic problem – her kitchen sink is blocked. Luckily Marijo, though a DJ by profession, is also talented in DIY, so to say thank you for the use of the phone she gets to work on unblocking the sink.

Loli and Marijo are strongly attracted to each other ... Laurent isn't happy, but then his friend Antoine lets the cat out of the bag about his affairs, so Loli feels quite justified in her dalliance with Marijo. More than that: Marijo moves in! And that's only half the story But don't worry – it's a family film!!



To book your meal, please tell Carolyn Burch carolynburch@btconnect.com (01566 785171) which meal(s) you want and send a cheque (£15 per person) to Jean Mansell at Nighthoak, 2 Stourscombe Wood, Launceston PL15 9JP. Choose from the following hearty winter selection:

- Country beef casserole-slow cooked with carrots, swede, parsnips, leeks with herb dumplings
- Lamb tagine with apricots, cous cous and orange relish
- Gratin of lentils, spinach and ricotta in rich tomato sauce – tomatoes, red wine, green lentils topped with toasted breadcrumbs and parmesan

A taste of successful twinning

A COPY of the recipe book *Bon appétit! – Bon anniversaire!* compiled to celebrate our 30th anniversary will be on sale at the AGM for the modest price of £3.50 for members and £4.00 for others.



Twinners from both Cornwall and Brittany contributed recipes which were whittled down to the 30 contained in the book. Each is given in French and English and there are starters, main courses, puddings and cakes.

Chairman Jill said: "From the start, one of the highlights of twinning has been the meals shared in each other's homes, the formal dinners, and the lovely picnics.

"So what better way to celebrate our anniversary than with a collection of recipes from both sides of the Channel? Our thanks to all those who contributed their recipes and to Jenny Worth and Carolyn Burch for the translation and editing."

Plestin painting unveiled in town's 'French Quarter'



Exactly 30 years ago to the day that Launceston signed its twinning charter with Plestin-les-Greves – 6 October – a specially-commissioned painting of Plestin was formally unveiled by the Mayor, Coun Dave Gordon, at the Town Hall.

The painting has been placed in an area of the Town Hall that already houses other souvenirs of the special relationship between the two towns, which led the Mayor to dub the area: "The French Quarter".

Coun Gordon congratulated the twin towns on reaching their 'pearl anniversary' and alluded to the fact that there were founder members of the Launceston association at the unveiling ceremony.

Chairman of the twinning, Jill Whitechurch said 2014 had been an enjoyable and busy year and she gave a special thank you to the Mayor who had given the association such strong personal support for the anniversary celebrations.

"Everything we have asked for has been forthcoming. Nothing has been too much trouble," she said.

The painting of Plestin was specially commissioned by the French twinning group to mark the 30th anniversary and was handed over at the Town Hall in May when we hosted 60 Plestin twinningers for a long weekend in Cornwall as part of the celebrations.



Remembrance Sunday

Our twinning association will once again be taking part in the annual Remembrance Sunday Parade and Ceremony on November 9 when we will join with other community organisations in laying a wreath at the War Memorial in the town square. The service will start at 11am.

And finally...

We are invited to a wine tasting

Members of the Twinning Association are invited to join Launceston Wine Circle at their next meeting on 12 November for a wine tasting presented by North Coast Wines.

They will be offering up to 50 wines for tasting (glasses provided) for which the ticket price is £5 per head. Wines can be ordered on the night for collection from North Coast Wines Pennygillam depot at a later date.

To reserve tickets, email Chairman John Marshall at enquiries@stleonardshouse.co.uk and payment should be forwarded to Assistant Secretary Jane Marshall St. Leonards House, Launceston PL15 9QR. Places will be limited so be sure you get your tickets early.

Diary Dates

Nov 7	Murder Mystery evening, 7pm at Launceston Cricket Club, Lawhitton
Nov 9	Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service. Service 11am Town Square
Nov 12	Wine Circle wine tasting evening, Launceston Cricket Club, Lawhitton
Nov 19	Annual General Meeting, at the White Hart, Launceston
Dec 2	French film evening, 7pm at Jerichos's, Launceston.
