

# Launceston & Plestin Packet



Occasional newsletter of Launceston and  
District Twinning Association

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## **Booking deadline for agm**

**Secretary Jenny Birkett has sent everyone an agenda for the agm, but please note the meeting and buffet will be held at the White Hart and not the Eagle House this year.**

It will take place on Wednesday, 19 November, starting at 7pm and will be followed by a buffet – main course (hot or cold), dessert and tea/coffee – at £14.20 per person. Send your cheques, payable to Launceston Twinning Association to Jean Mansell at Nightoak, 2 Stourscombe Wood, Launceston PL15 9JP

For catering purposes, if you are able to stay for the buffet, please advise secretary Jenny Birkett by 12 November on 01566 777978 or email her at [jennybirkett@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jennybirkett@hotmail.co.uk)

The AGM 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.

**Reminder - subscriptions are payable at the AGM (cheques, preferred option if possible, please). They remain as previous years at:**

**Individual membership £7.50**

**Family or corporate membership £15**

## **Twinnings cheer as man collapses**

**There were cheers and laughter as a dying man staggered into Launceston Cricket Club and collapsed in front of a room full of diners on Friday evening.**

It was the climax of this year's Murder Mystery Night and, in the best traditions of Launceston twinner's murder thespians, the gripping tale of intrigue and double dealing managed at the same time to take on a distinct feel of pantomime. That atmosphere was heightened by an enthusiastic and appreciative audience.

The performance was loosely based on a script by Patty Taylor which centred on a reunion dinner for former students of French at a Launceston school. The dinner takes place on a stormy night at an hotel in a Cornish bay. The numbers are swelled by the passengers and crew from a stricken yacht that has sought shelter in the bay.

Jill Whitechurch played the cool and charming owner of the hotel, with Andy Dunning as her son, whose irritation with the weather, staff and guests was vented on everyone.

Star of the evening was Jenny Worth as the inimitable and indiscreet Madame Dubonnet, who lost no time in finding out all about the motley group from the yacht, and sharing her distinctly non-pc conclusions with her former pupils.



There was the shady European owner of the yacht played by that master of ad-libbing, Peter Birkett. The two women in his life – Janet Rogerson and Gilly Grigg – both gave him a hard time and delivered some fiery scenes.

David Rogerson, as skipper of the yacht, was all that a former SAS man turned drug-smuggler should be, while his two crew members, Lucy de Glanville and Tamsin Worth, were clearly wrought up by the events of the night.

John Whitechurch and Angela Pethick were the other passengers on the yacht. Both played undercover police officers and John was foully

murdered when his identity was revealed. In best movie traditions, he staggered into the room, through the diners, after the sound of a gunshot outside and fell to the ground, dead.

It was up to Angela to take charge of the murder scene, and then the corpse – with the rest of cast – joined everyone else for the pudding course. Storm and gunshot sound effects were created by David Rogerson.

And for an hotel that was experiencing problems with power supplies, the puddings and the main meal were excellent, thanks to the hard work of the cooks: Jenny Worth, Carolyn Burch, Dy Vivian, Jenny Birkett, Jean Mansell, Nicky Gilbert, Jill Whitechurch, Pat Dawe, and Janet Rogerson. (*More photos on website <http://launcestonwinningassociation.weebly.com/2014---murder-mystery.html> Note: only a portion of each photo shows in gallery, to see full picture click on individual photos.*)



## 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](mailto:carolynburch@btconnect.com) (01566 785171) which meal(s) you want and send a cheque (£15 per person) to Jean Mansell at Nighotoak, 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

## Sad news

We are sorry to learn from Plestin of the death Monique Gadonna who was due to join in last May (staying with Jenny and Richard Worth). She had to cancel her participation because of health problems: the recurrence of cancer. Her funeral took place in Lannion on 3rd November.

Monique was the mother of Maïwenn Hemeury, who stayed with Ian and Tracy Carmichael.

## Remembrance Sunday

Our twinning association will once again be taking part in the annual Remembrance Sunday Parade and Ceremony tomorrow (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 @ [enquiries@stleonardshouse.co.uk](mailto: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 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 Night, 7pm at Jericho's, Launceston