

# Launceston & Plestin Packet



Occasional newsletter of Launceston and  
District Twinning Association

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*Christmas lights twinkle as shoppers head home through Launceston Square at nightfall*

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## Quiz to start New Year events

**ORGANISE** your teams because we're kicking off 2015 with a Wine and Wisdom quiz night to get the 'little grey cells' active again after Christmas.



It will follow the same successful format as last year and take place on Friday, 16 January, at the White Hart, starting at 7:30pm.

It promises to be a fun evening as usual and our genial quiz master Peter Birkett has prepared a wide-ranging selection of questions to get us all thinking!

The price is also still the same as last year at £18 per table (payable on the night) which includes a bottle of wine and French cheeses, grapes and other nibbles.

So organise your team – perhaps recruiting friends who aren't twinnings – and reserve a table by contacting Secretary Jenny Birkett on 01566 777978, or email at [jennybirkett2@gmail.com](mailto:jennybirkett2@gmail.com) If you can, please display attached poster to attract teams.

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# And talking of quizzes...

GET your thinking caps on because that fiendish deviser of paper quizzes, Maureen Amy, has come up with a real cracker for the Christmas period. All the answers to this year's puzzle are the names of UK towns or cities, discovered by solving cryptic clues – some in French – or anagrams.

Copies of the quiz are available from Maureen at [amy@maupete.f2s.com](mailto:amy@maupete.f2s.com) and entries will cost £1 each, with the closing date on 12 January.

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## FILM FOCUS

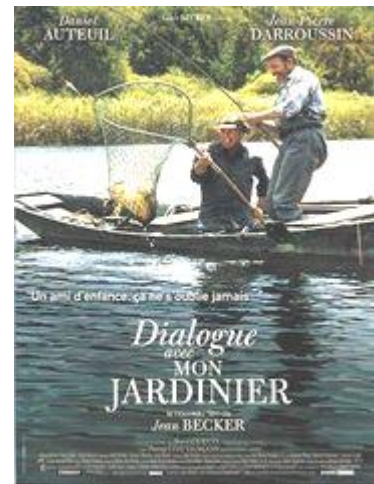
# First film night of the year

A Film night to brighten up January! – a lovely bittersweet tale about friendship, starring two of France's best-loved actors. Film night is **Tuesday 27 January** and the deadline for booking your meal(s) is the end of **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan.**

Two men find themselves sharing a lifetime of experiences and observations over the course of a summer in this low-key comedy-drama from France.

After the death of his mother, an artist (Daniel Auteuil) well known for his nature studies, inherits his family's vacation house in the country. The artist notices that the house's once-impressive vegetable garden has fallen into neglect, and he hires a local gardener to put it back into shape.

To his great surprise, the gardener (Jean-Pierre Darroussin) turns out to be an old friend from his school days, and as the gardener gets to work, he and the artist talk about where their lives have gone since they last saw one another.



Over the next several months, their friendship rekindles as the gardener's life takes a difficult turn and the painter wrestles with his relationships with his wife and daughter. *Dialogue Avec Mon Jardinier* (aka *Conversations With My Gardener*) was adapted from the memoirs of artist Henri Cueco. Adapted from © Rottentomatoes.com

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 Nightoak, 2 Stourscombe Wood, Launceston PL15 9JP. Choose from the following New Year hearties (no turkey in sight):

- Carbonnade of beef – pieces of beef cooked slowly with onions in real ale served with new potatoes and carrots
- Chicken cacciatore- chicken portion with bacon, peppers, mushrooms in a herby tomato sauce
- Butternut squash curry with chick peas – creamy Thai curry with mango chutney naan breads and rice

**And for your diaries, please note another film night is booked in with Jericho's for Tuesday 24 February.**

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## Website is proving useful

WAY back in April our new website attracted 315 views in its first 30 days. The good news is that this has settled to about 200 visits each month, with peaks just before and just after major activities and also after The Packet is published.

This suggests that the site is meeting its primary goal of providing a useful source of information and reference for members.

The site can be found at [launcestonwinningassociation.weebly.com](http://launcestonwinningassociation.weebly.com) The Gallery Page contains a large selection of photographs from major events this year. It's worth noting that the pictures in the gallery only show the central detail from each photograph; to see the full picture you should just click on the photo... and from there use the right/left arrows to see all the others in that section full size.

On the News Page you can find information about forthcoming activities along with back copies of The Packet and a link to the minutes of last month's annual general meeting.

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## ***Plans for May Plestin visit***

WATCH out for the January issue of The Packet for details of our visit to Plestin – during the first bank holiday in May next year, making the crossing on the night of Friday, 1 May, and returning on the afternoon of Monday, 4 May. There will be information about the coach/ferry crossings along with timings and costs.

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## ***And finally...***

WHAT sort of social events and activities do you think would be fun for our Twinning Association to organise or be involved in?

Currently we hold wine and wisdom nights, French film evenings, a murder mystery and a summer picnic/walk. But what else would you like to see happening? What appeals to you and your family?

Now that we'll be hosting official visits for our French 'twins' on alternate years, the emphasis will be more on the fun and social side and a little less on fund-raising.



So, if you've ever thought: "wouldn't it be a good idea if we did that with twinning?" please let us know. Your committee will be meeting in January to start planning next year's activities and we'd be delighted to hear your ideas. Please send them to [murraytaylor@waitrose.com](mailto:murraytaylor@waitrose.com) before January 12

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### **Diary Dates**

January 16	Wine and Wisdom, White Hart, Launceston. 7.30pm
January 27	French Film Night, Jericho's, Launceston. 7pm.
February 24	French Film Night, Jericho's, Launceston. 7pm.
May1-4	Launceston visit to Plestin