

Launceston & Plestin Packet



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...this was the tempting display of starters laid out to entice twinnors as they commenced the safari supper on January 14. For more details and photos, see final page and the website at <http://launcestontwinningassociation.weebly.com/2017-safari-supper.html>

We'll be calling your bluff...

... with our very own version of that popular and long-running panel game *Call My Bluff* on Friday, 10 February.

Quiz master Alice Brown will preside and two teams, each of three twinnors, will take it in turn to provide definitions of an obscure word, only one of which is correct. The other team then has to guess which is the correct definition, the other two being "bluffs".

We can expect some pretty bizarre and highly imaginative flights of fancy so it promises to be a fascinating evening. To add to the fun, there will be audience participation – and prizes!

It will take place at Launceston Cricket Club, starting at 7.30, on 10 February when there will be a tempting selection of desserts on offer. You are requested to take your own drinks, glasses and nibbles, please.

It will cost £5 per person, payable on the night. Please let secretary Jean Mansell know by Monday, 6 February, if you will be attending (so there are enough desserts!). Jean can be contacted at jeanmansell2@gmail.com



French Film Night, Tuesday 28 February

La famille Bélier

THIS film, a huge hit in France, comes strongly recommended by Dany and Jacqueline (Carolyn and Richard's twinners), and is Eric Lartigau's heart-warming comedy about a young girl whose close bond to her hearing-impaired family is challenged by the discovery of her extraordinary talent for music.



In the Bélier family, everyone is deaf, except dutiful sixteen-year-old Paula (Louane Emera). She acts as an indispensable interpreter for her parents and younger brother, especially in the running of the family dairy farm.

Although her salt-of-the-earth father (François Damiens) has decided to run for mayor - spurred on by her vivacious mother (Karin Viard) - Paula's thoughts are increasingly much elsewhere. She's witnessed the handsome new boy at school sign up for the choir, and has impulsively joined too. It's not long before her music teacher (Éric Elmosnino) discovers her considerable talent, but can she develop it while still providing the support her family needs?

Emera, making her screen debut in this film, was discovered on the French edition of 'The Voice', and she lends both sincerity and joy to the film.

To book your meal and film deal, please contact **Carolyn Burch** ecarolynburch@gmail.com (01566 785171) with your meal choice by **the evening of Wednesday 22 February.**

- Chicken cacciatore- chicken portion with bacon, peppers, mushrooms in a herby tomato sauce
- Carbonnade of beef – pieces of beef cooked slowly with onions in real ale served with new potatoes and carrots
- Roasted vegetable moussaka – aubergines, fennel, peppers, onions, potatoes and tomatoes topped with cheese and herbs

Cheques (£16 per person) should be sent to Jean Mansell at Nightoak, 2 Stourscombe Wood, Launceston PL15 9JP.



You have been warned – March is murder mystery month

ONCE again we have forewarning that a dastardly crime is about to be committed. We also have it on good authority that the intended victim is a generous and charming French gentleman – a man of such benign character that it is hard to believe that he has an enemy in the world.

However, all is not as it appears on the surface and you are invited to find out more by joining us on the evening of Saturday, 25 March. Although the action is set in a French manor house, those who were hoping to be part of another reunion of Madame Dubonnet's school French set, fear not.

The irrepressible Madame D will be at the centre of things as usual, only this time taking a group from Launceston to her homeland where they will stay with her incredibly rich second cousin in Brittany.

Casting is currently underway, so note the date and come along to see whether you can work out 'who dunnit' at our Murder Mystery evening at Launceston Cricket Club, Lawhitton, on Saturday, 25 March.

Calling all those who are going to Plestin:

We have a choice for our first day in Brittany

OUR ferry will arrive in Roscoff at 8am on Friday, 31 March – a normal working and school day in Brittany. That means many of our host families will be busy during the day and would find it difficult to entertain visitors. However, others may not be working or have planned to take the day off...

So, as we have two coaches, it's possible for us to use a coach to take one group of us for a day out in Brittany and the other coach to take a group straight to Plestin. Please would you check with your hosts and then let Jenny Worth know whether you want to go straight to Plestin or join a coach visit to somewhere in Brittany. Jenny can be contacted at jaw53@hotmail.com

Reminder - The deadline for paying the balance for the Plestin visit is next
Tuesday, 31 January.

For your diary

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February 10

Call My Bluff, Launceston Cricket Club, Lawhitton

February 28

French film *La Famille Bélier*, Jericho's, Launceston, 7pm

March 25

Murder Mystery, Launceston Cricket Club, Lawhitton

March 30 – 3 April

Visit to Plestin-les-Grèves

May tbc

Barbecue and Clay Pigeon Shoot



Setting out the starters at Maunders



Indy preparing a dessert



Chatting and serving chez Birkett

**Fantastic food and great company
- that sums up our safari supper**

Sincere thanks to our hosts: Jason at Maunders, Jenny and Richard Worth, Tamsin and Kevin Worth, and Jenny and Peter Birkett.

Compliments to the chefs: Jean, Marie-Claude, JennyW, Jill, JennyB, Lizzie, and Tamsin and Indy who produced a mouth-watering set of menus.



Relaxing over coffee and biscuits towards the end of the evening