

Launceston & Plestin Packet



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The year gets off to a flying start

THANKS to the enthusiastic support of twinnings, we couldn't have made a better start to 2017 – either socially or financially.

Our Safari Supper was a huge success, enjoyed by almost 60 people and raising £600. Congratulations to the chefs, hosts and hostesses, and all those supported it for such a great evening. Photos at

<http://launcestontwinningassociation.weebly.com/2017-safari-supper.html>

And congratulations also to Maureen Amy, whose solo effort through her fiendish Christmas Quiz raised more than £60. See back page for more details and link to answers.

The monies raised will help to build up our depleted balances and meet the increasing costs associated with increasing numbers of twinnings – both young and old and on both sides of the Channel.

Deadline Monday for Call My Bluff

Raffle by request

By popular request, we have re-introduced raffle prizes – another means of raising revenue and having fun.

When they can, winners are asked to bring a suitable raffle prize to an event, two have already been donated to the committee.

PLACES for next week's *Call My Bluff* are being snapped up, so don't forget that you should book by Monday, 6 February, if you intend to join in the fun.

Quiz master Alice Brown will preside over this ever-popular panel game and two teams, each of three twinnings, will take it in turns 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!

The event 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 6 February, if you will be attending (so there are enough desserts!). Jean can be contacted at jeanmansell2@gmail.com

A re-arranged murder!

NOT all things go according to plan with dramatic events such as murder and we now find that a murder will be committed on Friday, 24 March, and not Saturday, 25 March as previously thought. (In other words, there was a mix-up with the Cricket Club booking.)

But then, there is always an air of unpredictability and confusion about our murder mysteries.

One fact, however, is certain: a generous and charming French gentleman will meet an untimely end at the hands of an unknown assassin that night. You are invited to find out more by joining us at the Launceston Cricket Club, Lawhitton, on the evening of Friday, 24 March.

Although the action will be 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.

The cast will include some stars of previous performances, along with newcomers, including children. The script, upon which the cast will improvise madly, has been provided by Pam Davey and Patty Taylor.

To help the audience digest the awful goings-on, dinner will consist of a main course and dessert and the cost for an unpatrolled evening out will be £15 for adults and £5 for children. Bring your own drinks. Cheques and numbers attending should be sent to Jenny Worth before 9 March. Jenny's address is: Trevell, Dunheved Road, Launceston, PL15 9JF.



French Film Night, Tuesday 28 February

La famille Béliet

THIS film, a huge hit in France, 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 Béliet 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 has decided to run for mayor - spurred on by her mother - Paula's thoughts are increasingly elsewhere. She's witnessed the handsome new boy at school sign up for the choir, and impulsively joined too. It's not long before



her music teacher discovers her considerable talent, but can she develop it while still providing the support her family needs?

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 Stourcombe Wood, Launceston PL15 9JP.



Calling all those who are going to Plestin:

It's going to be a busy weekend

OUR French twinnings have just sent over the programme for our visit and we have planned the first day-long excursion for those twinnings who will be joining their hosts at the end of the afternoon. So this is the weekend schedule:

Friday 31st March:

- Ferry arrives Roscoff at 8am.
One coach takes Launceston twinnings to Plestin to rendezvous with their hosts.
The other coach visits to the historic town of Guingamp with its market and riverside walk.
- Welcome by families at 5.30 pm (market place)
- Reception (aperitif) with the mayor at 18:15

Saturday 1 April

- Family Day
- Festive evening (meals + entertainment) at 7 pm

Sunday 2 April

Day with the families in Brest and a visit to the museum of the Navy, Océanopolis), departure towards 10h.

Océanopolis (right) is a stunning marine life centre on the seafront in Brest. It has three themed areas devoted to polar, tropical and temperate marine life.

There are a whopping 55 aquariums and 1,000 species to see. Highlights include the shark tank, a giant wall of coral and the topical greenhouse.



There are lots of opportunities for hands-on experience of sea creatures and close encounters, and outdoors, visitors can discover the otter path.

Monday 3 April

Return of families in the morning (schedule to be defined)

Reminder: For those who haven't done so, please check with your hosts and then let Jenny Worth know whether you want to go straight to Plestin or join the coach visit to Guingamp. Jenny can be contacted at jaw53@hotmail.com

Jason wants YOUR photo

NOW is the time to test your prowess at taking selfies.

Committee member Jason Thorns would like a recent photograph of every twinner. He says: "With so many new members in twinning, lots of people on both sides of the Channel have difficulty in putting names to faces.

"So we thought it would be a good idea to have photos as well. Please let me have a fairly recent photograph of yourself, preferably by email. We can copy actual photos, if necessary, and return them to you."

Jason's email is: jason@maunderandsons.co.uk



And finally...

... THERE were only eight all-correct entries in Maureen's brain-teasing Christmas quiz and the winners – names pulled from a bag – were Mike and Cherry Warne. In total 72 quizzes were sold and Maureen received comments ranging from 'diabolical' to 'really enjoyed it' and even "When is the next one coming out?"

To put you out of your misery, the answers to the quiz can be found by following this link:
http://launcestonwinningassociation.weebly.com/uploads/2/1/7/9/21790034/launceston_twinning_association_christmas_quiz_2016_on.pdf

For your diary

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February 10	Call My Bluff, Launceston Cricket Club, Lawhitton, 7.30pm
February 28	French film <i>La Famille Bélier</i>, Jericho's, Launceston, 7pm
March 24	Murder Mystery, Launceston Cricket Club, Lawhitton, 7pm
Mar 30 – 3 April	Visit to Plestin-les-Grèves
April 11	Coffee morning at Central Methodist Hall 9.30am-noon
May tbc	Barbecue and Clay Pigeon Shoot