

Launceston & Plestin Packet



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District Twinning Association

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...THAT'S the only way to describe our long weekend in Plestin



Top: All together – French and English gather before the Mayor's reception

Above: Spellbound – watching the magician during dinner

THEY conjured up just the right formula to entertain a record group of all ages with overwhelming hospitality, fascinating visits, fabulous food, a delightful reception and – yes – magic!

Both our hosts and organisers on this side of the Chanel put in a huge amount of work to ensure that there was something of interest every day, ranging from visits to Guingamp or a biscuit factory and museum on the first day, to a visit to Brest where we could either explore the chateau and fort or Oceanapolis on our last full day.

It was a memorable visit with record numbers from both organisations and our chairman, Jill Whitechurch, assured everyone: "The relationship between Plestin and Launceston Twinners seems to go from strength to strength, so although we politically have triggered Brexit – there will be no Brexit as far as our Twinning is concerned!!"

A big thank you...

... to Jenny Worth for all her work in organising the visit and coping with 80 travellers, 33 cabins, two coaches, and diverse trips

... to Jean Mansell for sorting out the financial side of this record visit

... to all those who assisted in getting us sorted with tickets, etc., over the four days

... to chauffeurs Roger and Kevin for getting us everywhere and joining the fun

...and to our French hosts for all their work in providing a memorable weekend.

This was on the day that Plestin twinnings got their own Facebook page and both the new Plestin page and the Launceston Twinning Association pages were busy with messages and photos during and after the weekend. Many photos from the weekend can also be found on our website at <http://launcestontrinningassociation.weebly.com/plestin-visit-2017.html>

We all got together for a welcome reception by the Mayor on our first day and we were all together again on the second day when nearly 200 children, teenagers and adults sat down for a superb three-course meal and entertainment from a magician whose performance captivated the audience – French and English alike – before and during the meal.

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**Plestin-les-Grèves
Plestin-Launceston. Les Cornouaillais
accueillis comme il se doit**



Pas moins de 180 acteurs du jumelage Plestin-Launceston étaient présents, vendredi soir, sur le parvis de la Maison pour Tous, à l'occasion de l'arrivée des Cornouaillais. Entre marche en commun, vins d'honneur, échanges de cadeaux, agapes, temps passé dans les familles d'accueil et sortie culturelle à la pointe de Bretagne, les deux journées prévues sur le sol breton ont défilé comme l'éclair. L'ombre du Brest ne semble pas avoir pesé sur le climat toujours aussi chaleureux, régnant en maître sur le ciel des deux communes.

In between the organised visits, there was plenty of time this year to enjoy with our hosts. Sight-seeing, shopping, eating meals en famille and with French friends, and even sand-yachting were all part of the fun.

On the last morning, the two English coaches made a stop at the Géant supermarket at Morlaix and then there was time to enjoy a leisurely visit to the charming old town of Roscoff before a tranquil crossing back to Plymouth.

In fact, the only hitch over the whole weekend came when we were nearly home. The A388 into Callington was closed, and the two coaches had to turn around and make a detour via Liskeard before we could complete our journey.

Left, making the news in France – a cutting from the regional paper Le Télégramme



Getting to know you – some of the young people at the dinner

Cakes and savouries wanted for our coffee morning

WANTED - small cakes, buns, pasties and individual savouries to sell at our fund-raising coffee morning in Launceston Central Methodist Hall next Tuesday, April 11. Over the years, experience has shown that customers prefer to buy a few smaller cakes or savouries rather than whole cakes.

The committee will also be delighted to hear from any members who can spare a few hours on the morning to help with serving, clearing up and washing up. Cakes can be dropped off at the Hall from 9.00am and the coffee morning will be over by midday.
