

# Launceston & Plestin Packet



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District Twinning Association

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## French Lessons

**Anyone interested in going along on Tuesday evenings for French lessons/conversation please meet at Jenny Worth's new house - 40 Dunheved Road - opposite back entrance to Launceston College - next Tuesday, 12th September, at 7.30pm to discuss requirements.**

**Also, morning sessions re-start on the same day from 11am for coffee/tea followed by two groups, finishing at 12.30. Jenny can be contacted on [jaw53@hotmail.com](mailto:jaw53@hotmail.com) or 07766592519**

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### *Another walk, another water crossing*



FOLLOWING the success of our July walk, an intrepid group of nine twinnings and three dogs tackled the high moor near Okehampton Camp on a blustery August evening. Despite the ominous clouds, the rain held off, and the group enjoyed some spectacular views across Devon. More photos on our website at: <http://launcestontwinningassociation.weebly.com/okehampton-camp-walk.html>

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Those twinnors who visited the atmospheric Valley of the Saints during our 2015 visit to Plestin may be interested in this story:

## **100<sup>th</sup> statue for Brittany's Valley of the Saints will sail from Cornwall next May**

THE 100th statue to take its place in the Valley of Saints in Brittany will be that of Cornwall's very own St Piran.

The statue is currently being made in Mabe, Cornwall, from Carnsew stone and will sail in May 2018 ready to take part in a three-day celebration of all things "Amorique" in Brittany.



Saint Piran will be represented with a millstone wheel around his neck. The Cornish legend tells how, Piran, already aged, was captured by the local pagan Irish. Jealous of his miraculous powers of healing, they tied a millstone around his neck and threw him from a cliff into a raging sea. When Piran hit the water, the storm calmed down and the millstone jumped to the surface as if it were made of cork!

On this millstone will be engraved in Cornish language a proverb of the Breton sailor: *'Oh God, my boat is so small and the ocean so big!'* Then he floated over to Cornwall, landing at Perranporth.

The two sculptors, Cornishman David Paton and Breton Stéphane Rouget, are working a block of granite of 3.20m extracted from the Carnsew quarry which produces a beautiful stone with grey silver veined with brown.

At the end of May 2018, the five-ton statue will leave the workshop in Mabe, where it will be placed aboard 'The Nebula', a former tuna boat converted into a cruising sailboat, and transported to Brittany.

After leaving Falmouth, the Nebula will sail to Pontriex. Then St Piran will be hauled by steam train to the station at Carhaix and complete his journey to Carnoët pulled by horses,

From July 26 to July 29, 2018, the Valley of the Saints will celebrate its tenth anniversary. There will be three days of celebration in which Saint Piran, the 100th statue of the site, will be installed on its base, which originates from a Breton quarry and is being carved on the spot.

You can follow progress on Facebook, on The Giants' Crossing page, where you will find dates of when you can go along and see it all for yourselves in Cornwall.



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

...TWINNER Pauline English is currently busy working on paintings for Launceston Area Art Group's exhibition, in the Blanchminster Room, at Bude Castle, from 23 September to 12 October. Pauline, who joined the art group ten years ago, uses all sorts of different media including oils, acrylics and watercolours. "This year I am trying out some semi abstract works based on the Cornish landscape."