

# Launceston & Plestin Packet



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District Twinning Association

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## **Dates announced for visit from Plestin**

OUR Plestin twins will arrive by ferry on the evening of Saturday, 28 April, and depart on Tuesday, 1 May, 2018. Full plans for entertaining them will be discussed at our AGM in November.

**Eleven new families from Plestin want to be part of the twinning exchange next spring**

## **Search on now for more hosts as twinning grows and grows!**

THE exciting news from Plestin is that 11 new families have signed up for the visit to Launceston at the end of April. So the challenge this side of the Channel is to find local families who would like to host them...

There's a full list of the new Plestin twinnings on the last page of this newsletter and, as you can see, there's a wide range of ages and interests among one individual, some couples and some families with two or three children.

"We will make a public appeal after our AGM but some twinnings might have friends who have heard about twinning and would be interested in hosting French visitors for a few days," said Jason Thorns, who is liaising with Bruno Philippe, president of the Plestin les Greves twinning association.

"There will be activities planned over the twinning weekend, so new hosts won't have the strain of hosting strangers over the whole period – although, if past experience is anything to go by, the visitors from Plestin will feel more like family before the weekend is over."

Anyone interested in hosting a French family should contact Jason at [jayshaz@sky.com](mailto:jayshaz@sky.com)

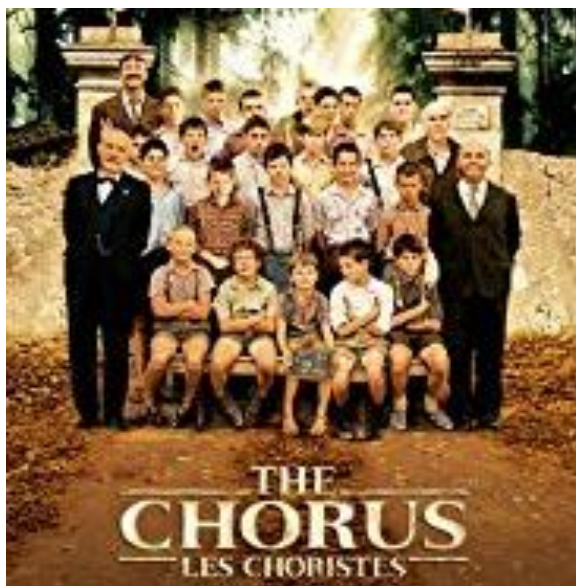


**French Film Night, Thursday 12 October**

## A heart-warming film starts our autumn season

OCTOBER's French film gives a second opportunity to view the delightful film *Les Choristes* (first shown at Jericho's in December 2011).

The action is centred in Fond de l'Etang, a boarding school for troubled boys which is located in the French countryside.



In the mid-twentieth century, it is run by the principal M. Rachin, an egotistical disciplinarian whose mantra for the school is "action - reaction", meaning that there will be severe consequences for any boy out of line.

This approach does not seem to be working because the boys, as a collective, are an unruly bunch. In turn, the teachers don't teach, but are always watching out for the next subversive act from the boys.

January 15, 1949 marks the arrival to the school of the new supervisor, M. Clément Mathieu, a middle-aged man who is grasping at finding his place in life after a series of

failed endeavours.

Although he does find the boys an unruly lot, Mathieu does not believe in the "action - reaction" policy, and as such, butts heads with Rachin while secretly undermining the policy...

To book your meal and film deal, please contact Jenny Worth at [jaw53@hotmail.com](mailto:jaw53@hotmail.com) or telephone 07766592519 with your meal choice by the evening of **Wednesday, 4 October**.

The meal choices are:

- \* Coq au vin
- \* Beef with port and apricots
- \* Roasted vegetable moussaka

Cheques (£16 per person) should be sent to Jean Mansell at Nightoak, 2 Stourscombe Wood, Launceston PL15 9JP, and please note on the back of the cheque that the payment is for the French film night and for the number of people.



# Mix business with pleasure at November AGM

WE will return again to Trethorne Leisure Club for this year's AGM in November. The event – a mixture of business and social activities – will take place at Trethorne Leisure Centre on Friday, 10 November, starting at 7pm.

At the AGM business meeting, as well as discussing future events – including entertaining our friends from Plestin next Spring – we shall review this year's activities and elect our officers and committee.

Afterwards we'll move on to enjoy the social part of the evening with a two-course buffet (a main meal, including vegetarian options, and dessert) and coffee which will cost £16.30 per person or children £8.50. There will be an opportunity to take advantage of the visit to Trethorne to go bowling. More information in the next issue of the Packet.

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## Want to brush up on your French?

THEN the informal French group that has started at Jenny Worth's Launceston home is just the thing for you.

"It's a small group of twinnings of mixed abilities who all want to improve their French so they can chat and correspond with their families in Plestin," said Jenny. If it's anything like the morning French groups, it will be very relaxed with a lot of laughs along with the learning."

The group will meet at 7pm and is for those who have some knowledge of French – even if only from schooldays – and will be a mix of conversation and text book learning.

"We'll meet on Monday or Tuesday evenings so that all those wanting to get together can meet some of the time," said Jenny. So, in September the group will meet on Tuesdays, i.e. Tuesday 19th and 26th

"As from October, the first and third weeks of the month the group will meet on Mondays whereas the second and fourth weeks they will meet on Tuesdays."

The meetings will take place at 40 Dunheved Road and anyone interested in finding out more can contact Jenny at [jaw53@hotmail.com](mailto:jaw53@hotmail.com) or telephone 07766592519.

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## Au revoir

A MESSAGE from twinnings Carolyn Burch and Richard Raggett:

"We have now moved to Scotland and wanted to pass on our new address details with a big 'thank you' to all our friends in Twinning, for the fun times and 'convivialité' we enjoyed with you.

"We are renting a flat in the village of Crail, near St Andrews, until May, to give us time to house-hunt. Our address is 4 Kirkmay House, Marketgait, Crail KY10 3TH. Our email addresses have not changed, so you can still reach us on [ecarolynburch@gmail.com](mailto:ecarolynburch@gmail.com)

"Long may Launceston/Plestin twinning continue to thrive! Au revoir et .... à bientôt if you are heading north over the border at any time!"

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## And finally...

... A VERY warm welcome to new members Janine Harrison and Travina and Christopher White.

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**List of new French families who would like to be part of the Spring exchange. Do you know anyone who might like to accommodate them?**

Family composition	Hobbies, passions	Speak English
Couple 42 years + 2 childrens (girl 13 years and boy 10 years)	nautical activities, piano, guitar, moto	Occasionally
Couple 40 years + 2 boys (2 and 8 years)	horse racing, walks, ...	A little
Couple 42 years + 2 boys ( 3 and 9 years)	Tennis, walking, horse riding	A little
Couple 56 and 63 years	reading, travel, hiking, gardening	A little
Single man 57 years	guitar, gardening, hiking, travel	Perfectly
Couple 45 and 48 years + 2 girls ( 12 and 15 years)	horses, travel, tennis, beach, piano	Perfectly
Couple 68 and 72 years	hiking, fishing	A little
Couple 40 years + 2 girls (7 and 12 years) + 1 boy (15 years)	fan of the Beatles, hand ball, gymnastics, dance, walking	Occasionally
Couple 44 years + 2 girls ( 13 and 14 years) + 1 boy ( 12 years)	dance, walks, animals, football, wine	Occasionally
Single woman + 3 girls ( 7, 10 and 12 years)	fitness, walks, nautical activities, animals	Occasionally
Couple 63 years	music, computer, football, card games	Occasionally

**Dates for your diary**

**Oct 12**

**French film and meal evening, Jericho's, 7pm**

**Nov 10**

**Annual General Meeting, Trethorne, 7pm**

**2018**

**April 28 – May 1 We host visit from Plestin (10:00pm arrive; 10am depart)**