

Launceston & Plestin Packet



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French Film Night, Thursday 12 October

Book now for the first French film of autumn

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.

A new supervisor, M. Clément Mathieu, a middle-aged man, does not believe in the "action - reaction" policy, and secretly undermines the policy...

To book your meal and film deal, please contact Jenny Worth at 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 and pleasure at our AGM

WE will return again to Trethorne Leisure Club for this year's AGM next month. The event – a mixture of business and social activities – will take place at Trethorne 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.

Bowling lanes have been booked at Trethorne so twinnings can take advantage of the visit to Trethorne to have some fun bowling on the evening. If you are interested, please contact secretary Jenny Birkett (details, below).

For catering purposes our secretary, Jenny Birkett, needs to know the number of twinnings who would like to stay for the meal by **31 October**. So would diners please contact Jenny at jennybirkett2@gmail.com or on 01566 777978 and also let her know if any would prefer a vegetarian option.

*Annual subscriptions are due on or before the AGM and the good news is that they have been pegged at the same rate for yet another year!
Individual membership is £7.50; family or corporate membership £15*

Our treasurer, Jean Mansell, would prefer cheques, please, made payable to Launceston Twinning Association. If you are not coming to the AGM, please send your cheques to Jean Mansell at Nighoak, 2 Stourscombe Wood, Launceston PL15 9JP, noting what the cheque covers.

From our roving reporter

Bude 23 September



LAUNCESTON Area Art Group has made a foray into foreign territory with an exhibition in the Blanchminster Room, at Bude Castle. Twinning Pauline English is among the exhibitors and our roving reporter was there on the opening day to view the wide range of paintings. Styles range from landscapes to abstracts and media from water colours to acrylics. Pauline has three paintings on show and George is photographed admiring her Misty Moor (top) and Hell's Mouth, both oil on canvas. The exhibition runs until 12 October (and you can get a very nice cream tea at the Limelight Cafe.)

Search for more hosts continues

TWO couples have already expressed interest in hosting French families although nothing has been finalised, so we're still on the hunt for more hosts.

"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 Grèves 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

List of new French families who would like to be part of the spring exchange.

Family composition	Hobbies, passions	Speak English
Couple 42 years + 2 children (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

And finally...

... The Twinning Association will be represented at the Annual Parade and Service of Remembrance, Launceston War Memorial, on November 12, and our officers would welcome any twidders who would like to join the parade. If you'd like to take part, or would like more information, please contact secretary Jenny at jennybirkett2@gmail.com or on 01566 777978.
