

Launceston & Plestin Packet



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District Twinning Association

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A fun start to the New Year



Would you like a raffle ticket? Jacob 'on duty' with Indy to his right, Finlay to his left and Millie in the background

Beetles, bingo, hot dogs and franglais!

*Story by Jenny Worth and
pictures by David Rogerson*

THIRTY-NINE twinnors met together at Launceston Cricket Club in January for a family fun games evening. The evening started with hot dogs and a chat then nine rounds of beetle - with the winners moving tables – a chance for everyone to meet.

There was a pause for desserts - cakes or ice creams – and concluded with two games of bingo - called in French by Marie-Claude Smith and then in franglais by David Rogerson. Prizes were Ferrero Rocher and a chocolate orange covered in knitted Christmas puddings - the great work of Jean Mansell.

Demelza Short and Jill Whitechurch concluded the evening with the raffle prize giving (below).





Death by Chocolate?

Are you ready for it?

WELL, perhaps not quite death by chocolate – maybe death plus chocolate...we shall see on March 17, the night of our next Murder Mystery.

For not only will the evening feature all the popular ingredients of our legendary Murder Mysteries, it will also introduce the twinnings' version of *The Great British Bake Off* – a sort of great Cornish bake off.

Fans of our Murder Mysteries will be delighted to hear that the indomitable Madame Dubonnet will return to spice up the evening with some indiscreet gossip about the characters and that the cast will be drawn from our own star-studded array of thespians who may have given a cursory glance to a script provided by Patty and Pam.

The Bake Off, however, will chart new territory with teams being invited to provide a starter, a main and a dessert for the evening. It is anticipated that teams will come from one family or three separate families. The meals will be judged by a panel of experts...then consumed by the audience!

There will be full details in the next issue of the Packet but, in the meantime:

Wanted – cooks and actors

Jenny Worth would like to hear from any families who fancy having a go at the bake off before 20th February. Jenny says: "It will be fun and we'll give full details in the next Packet, but I need to get an idea of those interested." Contact Jenny at jaw53@hotmail.com or telephone 07766592519

Patty Taylor needs to hear from any adults or young people who can take part in the Murder Mystery by February 9. She says: "It's a good laugh; not at all serious and you don't have to learn lots of lines. As the plot stands now, we need ten adults and six young people and a mixture of male and female. Contact Patty at Murraytaylor@waitrose.com or 01409 211182



French Film Night, Thursday 22 February

An evening of wit, delight and humanity



This film has been chosen as a tribute to both the French veteran actor, Jean Rochefort, who died last October, and France's biggest rock n' roll star, Johnny Hallyday, who died in December.

L'HOMME DU TRAIN is a comedy-drama of wit, delight and humanity ... " says the Financial Times, which focuses on the "funny, moving, poetic and unsentimental look at failure, with two terrific central performances." (Sunday Times Culture)

A mysterious stranger, Milan (Johnny Hallyday), steps off a train in a place he has never been to before. Looking for a pharmacy to buy some aspirin for a raging headache, he comes across a retired school teacher, Manesquier (Jean Rochefort).

The two men are complete opposites. Or at least they seem to be. But each man realises that what he really always wanted is the life of the other man. This “emotional relationship between two heterosexual men is such a difficult and unusual thing to dramatise – but Patrice Leconte (the director) brings it off with delicacy and persuasive charm,” writes The Guardian.

To book your meal and film deal, please contact Jean Mansell at jeanmansell2@gmail.com or with your meal choice by the evening of **Friday, 16 February**.

The meal choices for the evening will be:

- Beef goulash
- Lemon and thyme chicken
- Gratin of lentils, spinach and ricotta

Cheques (£16 per person) should be sent to Jean Mansell at Nightoak, 2 Stourcombe 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.



Visit from our Plestin twins

Plans are shaping up for the visit from our friends from Plestin and we are expecting a huge contingent. The traditional twinning weekend party will be held on the Sunday evening at Trethorne and our day out will be on Monday. The final destination(s) for this has yet to be finalised as the committee are still making enquiries.

In the meantime, we attach a list of hosts and guests to keep you up-to-date.

And finally...

... a very warm welcome to two new families: Adam, Katy, Tilly and Henry Paynter, and Sarah, Rueben and Lowen Cole. We look forward to meeting you all soon at forthcoming events.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| February 22 | L'homme du Train, Jericho's, Launceston, 7pm |
| March 17 | Murder Mystery and Bake-Off evening, Launceston Cricket Club. |
| March 27 | French Film Night, Jericho's, Launceston, 7pm |
| April 19 | French Film Night, Jericho's, Launceston, 7pm |
| April 28-May 1 | We host visit from Plestin (10pm arrive; 10am depart) |