

Launceston & Plestin Packet



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District Twinning Association

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All set for a record-breaking twinning weekend!

On the next page is a list of all timings and pick-up locations.

EVERYTHING is now in place for entertaining our Plestin twins at the end of this month – and it promises to be a busy and fun weekend.

To accommodate our ever-increasing numbers, the venue for our big evening celebration on Sunday, 29 April, has been switched this year from the Town Hall (capacity 180) to Trethorne Leisure Centre where we will entertain a record 203 guests!

Another change this year: there will be a seating plan so each guest has an allocated seat – no more rushing in early to leave coats/handbags to reserve a spot!. So remember to check the plans, which will be on display as you enter the dining area, before you try to locate your place among 200 others...

Music will be provided by The Countrymen (as featured on BBC Spotlight this week) and all amusement facilities at Trethorne – bowling, dodgems and arcade – will be available during the evening.

Two coaches have been arranged for our Monday outings and this year the coaches will depart from the Rugby Club car park at Polson where we can leave our cars. (Parking is now extremely limited at Martins.) Twinners are asked to arrive before the scheduled departure times so everyone can be settled and we can set off on time and enjoy the maximum time at our destinations.

There are picnic facilities at both Powderham and Buckland (if the weather is kind) and both also have cafes.

A reminder to National Trust members going to Buckland Abbey: take your membership cards! And families with family membership can take up to ten children on their family-cards, so they can include French children.

For twinners making their own way to both Powderham and Buckland, you are asked to meet the coach party at reception (because we have group discounts). Depending on traffic, it will probably take the Buckland coach about 50 minutes and the Powderham coach just over an hour.

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Comings and goings:

Saturday, 28 April – 9.45-10.15pm at Launceston College car park

The ferry docks at Plymouth at 8.10pm so the French coach and mini bus are likely to arrive at the college car park some time after 9.45.

Sunday, 29 April – 6pm for 6.30 at Trethorne Leisure Centre

The meal will start at 6.30pm, and guests are asked to arrive in good time so we can all find our seats before dinner is served.

Monday, 30 April – Powderham: 9.45 for 10am departure from the Rugby Club, Polson Buckland: 10.15 for 10.30am departure from the Rugby Club, Polson

Departures for our day out have been staggered to allow ease of access and embarkation. The Tilley's coach will depart first for Powderham because that is the longer journey. Return times will be confirmed on the coaches but will both be about 4pm. *Twinnings using their own transport are advised to meet the main group at reception at Powderham at 11am and Buckland at 11.15am.*

Tuesday 1 May – Rugby Club, Polson, at 9.30am

The French coach and minibus will depart from the Rugby Club car park (not the College because it's a school day).

Reminder! French Film Night, Thursday 19th April

Next week's film is *The Student and M Henri*, a moving and cheerful 2015 French comedy-drama with English sub-titles. **Places have to be booked today.** The meal choices are :

- Carbonade of beef (pieces of beef cooked slowly with onions in real ale and served with new potatoes and carrots)
- Seville minted chicken
- Roasted butternut squash and spinach lasagne with green salad and garlic bread

To book, please contact Jean Mansell jeanmansell2@gmail.com with your meal choice by tomorrow, Thursday, 12 April. Cheques (£16 per person) should be sent to Jean at Nighoak, 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.

Fund-raising update

OUR coffee morning (photo right) at the Central Methodist hall on Tuesday raised £208 thanks to the splendid efforts of all the twinnings who baked tasty treats and those who turned up on the day to serve and clear up.

Last month's murder mystery and Cornish bake-off evening raised £790.

