# The Constant Times

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## Coming Up at the Tolmen Centre Charlie Pugh

The coming months will see some exciting and varied events at Constantine's Arts and Community Centre - with something for everyone - young and old. First up, Saturday 3rd November sees the return of Constantine born (well, raised anyway) Edward Shaw and his newly formed classical string group The Aperol Quartet. The programme will include Mendelssohn and Beethoven - and maybe something slightly Cornish too!

On 9th and 10th November we welcome Transports - a completely new play by by Tolmen director and leader of the Tolmen Theatre Company Jon Welch. Jon and his wife Tod have a long track record as the main founders of drama at The Tolmen Centre and their series of big scale community productions are still fondly remembered by audiences and cast alike. For this show they have joined forces with Alan and Jude Munden - the genius design and making team behind Miracle Theatre productions - and their daughter Anna Munden, who is a member of the National Youth Theatre and has a promising acting career ahead of her. Transports is a two-hander inspired by the experiences of Alan's mother, Liesl, during World War II. Jon has taken her story, and expanded and adapted it freely to create a poignant story about overcoming hardship. In the late 1970s, a sociopathic sixteen year old finds herself shunted into her final foster home. Her widowed foster mother has a hint of a foreign accent and a box full of secrets. As youth plays cat and mouse with age, two parallel sets of revelations collide with devastating consequences. With Tod playing the older lady and Anna Munden the teenager, it promises all the hallmarks of Jon and Tod's earlier triumphs. Book early!

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## Tolmen Centre, continued

Saturday 17th November brings Harpers Bizarre and Friends in Harmony to the Tolmen Centre for an evening of English mixed-traditional, Celtic and jazz-influenced music. Sadly, Sarah Deene-Jones of Harpers Bizarre can't make the date, but the rest of her band - and local choir Friends in Harmony - will make a delightful and varied musical evening (in aid of the Heritage Centre).

In early December (6th and 7th) Miracle Theatre are premiering their new winter show, Frankenstein. Miracle always delight our audience with theatre for every age and taste - and this one sees the return of the 'Ffitch Repertory Players' - a spoof Victorian theatre group - bringing Frankenstein to life in their own hilarious way.

In early January (4th) we'll be welcoming the first performance of Cube Theatre's new show for young and old (of all ages!) - Freddy Dare and the Ginger Robber. It promises to be another hit for Cube - and for Jon Welch who wrote it. Yet more excellent theatre - home grown in Constantine and seen first at The Tolmen Centre!

In between, Tolmen Movies now screen a film every second Wednesday - so dates are 14th and 28th November and December 12th. Watch the telegraph poles for the titles or check the website. Café Tolmen is open for all the Movies, Transports and Frankenstein (booking essential), as well as on Thursdays all day for lunches and snacks. And don't forget all the other things which go on at The Tolmen Centre - Community Choir, Pilates, Zumba and Todlins are regular events, and there's a Christmas Bazaar on December 1st.

We hope to have news that the Village Museum/Heritage Centre will be reopening soon, following extensive repairs to the floor. We are also pleased to announce that we have successfully applied for two grants to fund the building of a rear foyer/lobby to give access to the back field, along with much needed new toilets. Building should start before Christmas and this exciting new facility should be part of the Tolmen Centre by early 2013.

All the details are on www.tolmencentre.co.uk and the Box Office number is 01326 341353.

### Parish Matters Robert Williams

This note covers the months of August to October. In August, the Council was in recess and the Clerk, Colin Chapman, and the Chairman, Paul Carter, dealt with matters under delegated powers. The major issue was the collapsing wall in Brillwater Road, which was rectified at a cost of £4000: a heavy burden for the Parish but inevitable. They dealt with nine Planning Applications, none of which happily caused concern.

In September, a resident expressed surprise that his Application in Port Navas was not supported in July and asked the Council to reconsider. County Councillor Hatton intervened to say that in the light of many objections, he had asked this Application to be considered by the County Planning Committee rather than decided by Officers using delegated powers. This will now be deferred and done in December. The same resident has further ruffled feathers by having the public telephone removed in Port Navas: a matter being challenged.

The JUMP Committee, having marvellously raised almost £4000 to start the process of replacing the children's play equipment in the Recreation Ground, is now considering the next step of raising the balance of some £45,000. The recently completed example at Mawgan shows the way. A drop-in centre for young people on the Recreation Ground is being arranged by the Vicar, following provisional approval by the Council, with a review after one year, in case of problems.

A big blow to the Council is the resignation of four Councillors due to the onerous requirement to disclose the family financial circumstances under the new Localism Act. The call has gone out for volunteers to replace them by way of co-option: a notice on the Village notice board tells how to apply.

The Police Reports over the three months detailed nine crimes of a relatively minor nature with none of anti-social behaviour. Thefts on or of boats on the Helford River are worrying but the detention of one gang, supposedly of eastern European background, is heartening. Dilapidated road signs could possibly be repaired by way of supply of paint and advice by the County, who are reluctant to do the job themselves. The call will go out for volunteers.

Financial requests are flowing in from village clubs and fast exhausting the funds available. £500 is earmarked for the Christmas lights and trees and other bequests are given to the Blind Association, the Port Navas Pope's garden, the new Literary Pod and the Playing Fields Association. And the Council will be represented and lay a wreath at the British Legion's November 11 Remembrance Service.

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## Play Park Planning Update Daro Montag

For the past ten months the JuMP team have been working tirelessly raising funds for a new children's play park for the village. To date approximately £4000 has successfully been raised through a series of events within the community. This is a terrific start to the project. We now need to build on this and seek significantly more funding if we are once again to see a children's playground that the parish can be proud of.



In order to be in a position to apply for external funding, and realise the next phase of the project, a formal committee has been established. The committee's role is to act in an advisory capacity to Constantine Parish Council which oversees the management of the project. The new officers are Daro Montag (chair), Clare Davison (vice-chair), Eric Nicholls (treasurer) and Anna Gardner (secretary).

We would like to thank those who have driven the project forward so far, especially those who have run stalls, baked cakes, done car-boot sales, produced visuals, walked miles and generally helped to raise awareness and funds during this crucial phase of the project. In particular we would like to extend thanks to Tamsyn Gendall, Matt James, Hannah Bailey and Russ Johnston, who have decided to step down from their roles on the original steering group.

The continued local fundraising and awareness raising is vital to the next phase of the project for two reasons. Firstly, if the project is to be a success it will need as many local people as possible to feel involved and make a contribution. We hope the playground is something that all generations will feel a commitment towards, not just those with school age children. We are therefore energetically continuing with local fundraising and are contributing to events at the Tolmen Centre, including the re-scheduled Endometriosis UK charity party, and a circus skills workshop for local families. We have also developed a benefactors' scheme that we shall be rolling out shortly.

The second reason that continued support is required is that substantial local commitment and contribution from the community will greatly increase our chances of securing funding from external sources. Applying for external funding marks the start of the second phase of the project. Whilst we do not underestimate the difficulty of raising large sums of money in the current economic climate, we are confident that there are the necessary skills and experience within the community to give us the best possible chance.

During this period of fundraising we plan to give children and young people within the community a chance to explore what type of playground they would like to see. There will be a number of workshops and open sessions where interested parties can contribute their ideas and energy. It is hoped that these will be announced in the near future.

Meetings will take place on the first Thursday of each month at 8.00pm in the Social Club, and we are keen to hear from anyone who would like to become involved, particularly if you have experience of fundraising, or ideas that will help the team in the next phase of the project. Anyone interested in becoming involved, even if it's only to offer a helping hand at the next event, should contact the secretary, Anna Gardner, at racj.gardner@yahoo.co.uk, or attend a future meeting.

## Granite Trail at Bosahan Quarry Natalia Eernstman

Dotted around the Cornish landscape are hundreds of granite quarries. Constantine is surrounded by several: big and small, disused and gradually overgrowing, they seem to have lost their value. But the CEC is hoping to reverse this process. We are envisioning and developing a centre that celebrates the past while also addressing the future of Constantine by bringing in revenue to the village and creating employment. Bosahan Quarry and the surrounding woods will be a site of heritage, education, wildlife and generation of energy through renewable resources, among other things. A feasibility plan has just been executed and we are in contact with other heritage sites in the South West.

If you are interested to hear more and you wish to leave your opinion and view of what Bosahan could or should be, then come and see the Granite Trail display at the Tolmen Centre on Sunday the 18th of November. There will also be an organized walk to the quarry featuring 'Stones and Water', an audio narrative bringing together many voices from Constantine telling about the past, present and possi-

ble future of the village. The walk will start at 2pm in front of the Tolmen Centre. We will return for a bowl of warm, hearty winter soup, drinks and talk. Reservation is essential. Please contact stonesandwater@gmail.com or call 07765420345. And follow us on Facebook: Bosahan Quarry



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## Farmers Market News Mandy Milano

The next Farmers Market is on Saturday 10th November. If you've not been before do come and have a look around. There is a wide variety of produce and prices, and no doubt stall-holders will be taking orders for Christmas, including Sylvia's turkeys. At the December market on Saturday 8th we should have some great Christmas ideas - special edition Christmas coffee, Christmas bunting, wreaths and decorations, cakes and hand-made Constantine Farmers Market aprons! Or just stop for a pot of coffee and a mince pie.

Please note, there are **no farmers markets in January or February**. We restart in March 2013.

## Farmers Market Profile: Cornish Tea & Coffee Company

Many of you will have stopped for a natter with Mike on The Cornish Tea and Coffee stall - always on hand to give advice about the best coffee or tea to suit your taste, or to grind a particular mix or fineness (is there such a word?). I know my parents love talking to him and being able to get the right kind of grind for their rather ancient Italian coffee maker, and nibble a couple of his free samples of chocolate-coated coffee beans. Glorious!

About his business, Mike says, "The Cornish Tea & Coffee Company - the name says it all! We are a company, in Cornwall, that sells great tea and coffee - online, from our shop in Truro, or at vari-



ous Farmers Markets, including of course Constantine. If you run out of coffee between markets you can always find us in Truro Pannier Market. Having opened there in 2005, we now stock over 90 types of loose leaf teas and herbal infusions and over 20 types of freshly roasted coffees, single origin coffees and Fairtrade and organic coffees. We also offer coffee and tea making equipment ranging from tea balls to cafetieres, espresso machines, coffee grinders, domestic roasters and much more. We now stock an extensive choice of dried herbs and spices. If you look on our website you can find more info."

As well as selling locally, their website is getting more successful all the time - with Mike selling all over the UK but also having regular customers in Germany, France, Spain - even Italy!



Mike is keen to highlight the fact that they stock Fairtrade coffees, Rainforest Alliance approved coffees, Cafe Femenino (which encourages employment for women in South America), and La Bastilla Nicaraguan (the roasters sponsor three children through school every year as part of the deal to get the coffee from the La Bastilla coffee plantation in Nicaragua). In addition, says Mike, "Our tea range is always growing more and more people are getting interested in quality loose leaf teas - including the health benefits of Green Tea, White Tea and Rooibos (Redbush)."

## From the Editor

Hello Constantine,

With this issue we complete the year (well almost) with five issues spanning 11 months of life in this great parish. We decided to make this issue a bumper three-month special to cover the busy winter season and into January, as the editorial team felt it less likely that people would be wanting to write and submit articles in the week before Christmas Day.

Please join me in a big thank you to: our folders, staplers and distributors - ably organised by Russ and the Transition Constantine team; to Lottie for her gathering of submissions and calendar entries; and of course to Caitlin for her copy-editing and layout.

And thanks to you all, for reading and for contributing, for your feedback and your support. We have the foundations here of a solid village forum and the newsletter will always really be what you want to make it. Let's keep the variety and encourage all members of our community to contribute even if this is only to tell us what people want to read and be informed about.

What a year! A plethora of local and national events to celebrate, some amazing fund-raising activity, nationally renowned shows in the Tolmen, and lots more to look forward to over the coming year. Keep reading!

## Benjamin

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## **Constantine Silver Band Carols**



Carols through the Village

Monday 3rd December

With the Band, Community Choir,
School Choir, Guides & Brownies

Plus anyone who would like to join in!

Meet at the Social Club for 7pm start

— finishing at the Club for last Carol

(if wet, held in the Club)

## **Christmas Lights Ceremony**

Village Square Saturday 8th December, 6.30pm

Led by Rev. Stewart Turner Hot drinks available

25 Christmas trees available for gardens in Fore Street — First come first served

Fun poetry competition — two verses on the subject of the trees being lit — winning entry read at the ceremony

Contact Ellen Worth 341132



# Constantine Parish Church Christmas Market On Saturday 24th

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From 10am until 12 in
the Church Hall.

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Tombola,

Water into Wine, Games, Gifts, Raffle, Refreshments.

plus a few NEW ONES THIS YEAR

# The Constant Times CONSTANTINE CALENDAR

## November 2012

**Sat 3** - Autumn Blitz on Pope's Garden and planting of the Jubilee Tree. 10am. Port Navas Village Hall.

**Sat 3** - Aperol Quartet, with Edward Shaw. 7.30pm. Tolmen Centre. £7.50. 341353.

**Mon 5** - (and all Mondays until Christmas) Port Navas Crafters. 2-4pm. Port Navas Village Hall.

**Mon 5** - Community Choir Rehearsal. 6.45 for 7pm. Tolmen Centre.

Mon 5 - Bonfire Night Curry Night. Waymarker. £17.95 including 2 courses, fireworks & mulled wine. 341323.



**Thurs 8** - Café Tolmen. 10am-2pm

**Thurs 8** - Transition Constantine Meeting. 7pm. Queen's Arms. Chris 340007.

**Thurs 8** - Constantine Cottage Garden Society. Forest Gardening information and Cabaret with Simon Miles. 7.30pm. W.I. Hall. £1.

Fri 9 - Sat 10 - Transports, by Pipeline Theatre. 7.30pm. Tolmen Centre. Adults £9/£8. Children £4. Café Tolmen open from 6pm. Booking essential. 341353.

Mon 12 - Godrevy Singers. One and All Club. 2.15pm. Constantine Social Club.

Mon 12 - W.I. Meeting. 5.15pm. W.I. Hall.

**Wed 14 - Soup Kitchen. 12.30pm. Port** Navas Village Hall. £3.

**Wed 14** - Tolmen Movies. The Kids Are Alright. 7.30pm. £3. Café Tolmen open from 6pm. Booking requested. 341353.

Thurs 15 - Café Tolmen. 10am-2pm.

**Thurs 15** - Parish Council Meeting. 7pm (public comment 6:45pm). Vestry.

**Fri 16** - Constantine History Group. Where History Meets Natural History, with David Chapman. 7.15pm. W.I. Hall. Geoff Roberts. 340154.

**Sat 17** - Christmas Fayre. Constantine Social Club. 10am-12pm.

Sat 17 - Harpers Bizarre Harp Ensemble. 7.30pm. Tolmen Centre. £7/£10, including ploughman's supper at 6pm. Booking essential. 341353.

**Sun 18** - Granite Trail Display and 'Stone and Water' Walk and Talk. 2pm. Tolmen Centre. Walk reservations essential, see details p. 5.

**Mon 19** - Community Choir Rehearsal. 6.45 for 7pm. Tolmen Centre.

**Thurs 22** - The Inside Story of the Thames Pageant with Dilys Gardiner. 7pm. Port Navas Village Hall. £7 including pasty. 340453.

Thurs 22 - Café Tolmen. 10am-2pm.

**Sat 24** - Recording Nature: The Work of the Environmental Records Centre,

with Sue Scott. 7.30pm. Gweek Village Hall. Adults £2, HVMCA members and children free. Abby 07917 765581 or David 340686.

**Sat 24 -** Christmas Market. 10am-12noon. Constantine Church Hall.

**Tues 27** - Ladies Circle. Films with Alan Cox. 2.30pm, W.I. Hall.

**Wed 28** - Tolmen Movies. Le Havre. 7.30pm. £3. Café Tolmen open from 6pm. Booking requested. 341353.

Thurs 29 - Café Tolmen. 10am-2pm.

## December 2012

**Sat 1 -** Christmas Bazaar. 4pm. Port Navas Village Hall.

**Sat 1 - PTA** Christmas Bazaar. Tolmen Centre.

Mon 3 - Constantine Silver Band Christmas Carols. Meet at Social Club at 7pm.

Thurs 6 - Fri 7 - Frankenstein, by Miracle Theatre. 7.30pm. Tolmen Centre. Adults £10/£8, Children £4. Café Tolmen open from 6pm. Booking essential. 341353.

Thurs 6 - Café Tolmen. 10am-2pm.

Sat 8 - Cornish Estuarine Sediments: Human Impact vs. Natural Processes with Duncan Pirrie. 7.30pm. Gweek Village Hall. Adults £2, HVMCA members and children free. Paul 341030 or David 340686.

**Sat 8 -** Christmas Lights Ceremony. 6.30pm. Village Square.

Sat 8 - Christmas Party Night. Constan-

tine Cottage Garden Society. 7.30pm. W.I. Hall. £2.50.

Mon 10 - Cameo Group. One and All Club. 2.15pm. Constantine Social Club.

Mon 10 - W.I. Meeting. 5.15pm. W.I. Hall.

**Wed 12** - Bus trip to Truro. 9.30am. Depart from Port Navas. £8. Booking Required. Patricia Cross 340123

**Wed 12** - Tolmen Movies. The Shop Around The Corner. 7.30pm. £3. Café Tolmen open from 6pm. Booking requested. 341353.

Thurs 13 - Café Tolmen. 10am-2pm.

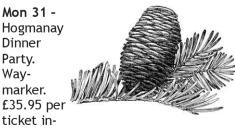
**Thurs 13** - Transition Constantine Meeting. 7pm. Queen's Arms. Chris 340007.

**Mon 17** - Christmas Party Lunch Menu. Waymarker. 341323.

**Mon 17 -** Community Choir Carol Singing at Trengilly Wartha.

**Thurs 20** - Parish Council Meeting. 7pm (public comment 6:45pm). Vestry. (Date TBC)

**Fri 21 -** Christmas Party Dinner Menu. Waymarker. 341 323.



cluding 3 course dinner, fireworks & live music. 341323.

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## January 2013

**Fri 4** - Freddy Dare and the Ginger Robber, by cube theatre. 7.30pm. Tolmen Centre. Adult £6, Children £3. Café Tolmen open from 6pm. Booking essential. 341353.

**Sat 5** - Twelfth Night Celebrations. 6pm. Port Navas Village Hall.

Thurs 10 - Café Tolmen. 10am-2pm.

**Thurs 10** - Gardens for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century with Richard Sneesby. Constantine Cottage Garden Society 7.30pm. W.I. Hall. £1.

**Mon 14** - W.I. Meeting. 5.15pm. W.I. Hall.

**Mon 14** - Community Choir Rehearsal. 6.45 for 7pm. Tolmen Centre.

**Thurs 17** - Fighter Pilot, with Richard Clowes. 7pm. Port Navas Village Hall. £7 including pasty. Jim 340864.

Thurs 17 - Café Tolmen. 10am-2pm.

**Thurs 17** - Parish Council Meeting. 7pm (public comment 6:45pm). Vestry.

**Fri 18** - Constantine History Group. Rev Robert Hawker, Vicar of Morwenstow, with Richard Clowes. 7.15pm. W.I. Hall. Geoff Roberts 340154

Sat 19 - The Cultural Heritage of the Helford Estuary and Beyond, with James Gossip. 7.30pm. Gweek Village Hall. Adults £2, HVMCA and children free. Martin 07854 123877.

Thurs 24 - Café Tolmen. 10am-2pm.

Mon 28 - Community Choir Rehearsal.

Thurs 31 - Café Tolmen. 10am-2pm.

Please send calendar items to constant.times@gmail.com. Remember to include: date/event title/time/place/price (if any)/contact details. Thank you!

## Past Times Gerald Trethowan



The cast of 'A Victorian Christmas Party', performed by the children of Constantine school in December 1998. The pupils had been studying Victorians during the term, and the play told the story of a Christmas party of that era. Do you see any familiar faces?

## CLUBS, GROUPS AND GOINGS ON

Calendar entries and reports on group happenings (400 words maximum) are welcome. We'll try to make space to print everything that comes in, though we may occasionally need to hold items over if we run out of space.

## Constantine W.I. Report Barbara Willoughby

Our September W.I. meeting began with a minute's silence for two members of Constantine W.I., Mrs Enid Freeman and Mrs Margaret Delbridge, who had passed away during the Summer and were fondly remembered.

Members of Constantine W.I. went back to School on Monday 10th September. School was actually the Old Girl's School, in the Church Hall and the date was 10th September 1891! Our Teacher was Mrs Crawford (Tracey Clowes, who was the Curator of Constantine Heritage Centre). Mrs Crawford was there in Victorian costume, right down to a very fetching hairstyle and cane (only used to point out items on the blackboard). The day began when the 'pupils' also dressed in Victorian costume were asked to stand up and give their names for the register, then hands were inspected for cleanliness. Following this we had to practice writing on school slates with slate pencils (which included the obligatory teeth clenching scraping!), then repeating the twelve times table, answering questions on History (Henry VIII's wives), and pounds, shillings & pence, e.g. how many farthings make one Penny! Mrs Crawford was very strict and several pupils were admonished for wearing jewellery, laughing, not paying attention and general disorder. Homework was to learn the whole 12 times table and pupils would be tested the following day.

Several of our members had been taught at the Old Girl's School in the Church Hall before the new Primary School was built at the top of the Village, and shared some of their memories. The youngest pupils sat at the front of the Hall and were mixed boys and girls. The middle year girls were behind and all the older girls sat at the back of the Hall. All the pupils were taught at the same time and the mixed abilities had to learn whatever they were able. Some older pupils were also brought to the front of the Hall to help the Teacher and were taught in that way to become teachers themselves. The competition was obviously Victorian Items and the winning entry was brought by Mrs Beaujolois Cavendish with framed sepia photographs which included her Grandfather and her Mother's wedding day. Our members agreed schooling would have been tough during that time, but everybody had a very enjoyable evening. (continued p. 14, over)

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## W.I. Report, continued.

Our October meeting began with a short talk from Robin Curtis of Transition Constantine. He was very enthusiastic about encouraging everybody to think about ways they could use less energy, saving our carbon footprint and therefore helping our planet survive. He helped our members realise there were some very simple ways that could make a huge difference not only to the planet but also to our pockets financially.

Then followed our yearly Harvest Auction with Sheila Symons our resident auctioneer encouraging high bids for the many Harvest items covering the table, all contributed by our members. Even our speaker was encouraged to bid and went home with several items, including a substantial jam and cream sponge cake! Our final total was over £90, half of which would go to a Bowel Cancer charity in support of a member at present in hospital.

On 12th November our talk will be on Bread Making and December will be our Christmas Dinner, so our next meeting will be on 14th January. We look forward to greeting new members and visitors. Please phone Barbara 01326 340083 or Angela 01326 341456.

## Bellringing for the Olympics and the Carnival Hannah Sole

On Friday July 27th we rang for the start of the Olympics and we all arrived at 8:00am to ring the bells up ready to ring at 8:13am. It was agreed that everyone rang nationally at the same time whether you were part of a group of bell ringers in a church or if you rang a hand bell. Neil Hatton joined us with a hand bell to ring simultaneously. It felt great to be part of such a historic day especially with the Olympics being held in London this year. On Saturday 28th July we were asked to ring for the start of the Constantine Carnival weekend - we rang at 10:00am for about 20 minutes.



As a bell ringer I felt very proud to be part of one national event and one local event, along with ringing for The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. We received very positive feedback from people in Constantine who enjoyed listening to the bells on both occasions and a big thank you to Jane Mann our tower captain without whom all of this could not be possible.

## Transition Constantine News in Brief Chris Hussey and Robin Curtis

Sustainability is breaking out all over. Or at least a number of groups have recently emerged with the general theme of moving Cornwall towards a more sustainable future. Transition Constantine is represented on the first two of these groups.



Cornwall Community Energy Forum: Chaired by Councillor Julian German, this group met for the first time in Truro at the end of September. It aims to bring together all the people working on community energy projects so that they can share knowledge and experience. There is now a Green Cornwall team within the Council, led by Steve Ford. He trailered the imminent launch of a revolving loan fund to help community groups with the initial financing of renewable energy projects.

Cornwall Sustainability Forum: In mid-October, the Eden project hosted a meeting that was the first step of a process that will provide a view of what 'sustainability' means for Cornwall. Set up with the help of the New Economics Foundation, it was chaired by Sir John Banham, County President for the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE). Speakers from industry, agriculture, and environmental groups set the scene for discussion on the day. Future workshops will work towards a view of what 'prosperity' will look like in a sustainable world.

**Truro Renewable Energy Enterprise** (TREE): A public meeting to set up this group also took place in mid-October. Lindsay Southcombe, Truro's first Green Party mayor, is leading the group which aims to tackle the challenges of rising energy costs, future shortages of fossil fuels and damaging carbon emissions in the city.

# Constantine Cottage Garden Society 2013 Photographic Competition Subject Titles

(competition to be held at the annual Summer Garden Show, Recreation Field, Constantine, 20 July 2013)

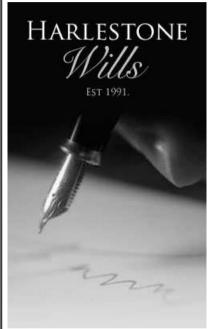
Any Pet or Pets • Architecture • Garden Visitors • Flowers or Plants •Black and White photograph (any subject) • A Lovely Sky • Farmyard Scene • Head and Shoulders Portrait • Autumn Colour • A Cornish Lane

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#### The Club with a big heart

The warmest welcome awaits you at your local Slimming World group. For more information just phone Dawn or come along and see for yourself with no obligation to join.

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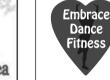
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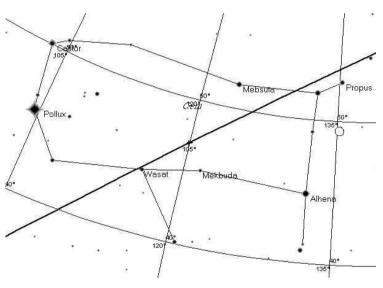


## \* Night Sky November/December Robert Beeman

In mid November at around midnight Jupiter will be above and to the west of Orion, The Hunter. Observe the colour contrast between Jupiter and Betelgeuse, the top easternmost star of Orion.

The annual Leonid meteor shower takes place between the 15th and 20th of November. This shower has a 33 year cycle of peaks and we are currently between peaks but some should be seen appearing to come from the North/Northeastern horizon.

Look out in the evening sky for the "Heavenly twins" Castor and Pollux in Gemini, two bright stars almost vertical to the horizon. The upper star Castor is of interest as to the naked eye it appears & as a single whitish star. In a small telescope and good conditions it will split into two blue/white stars. Larger tele-



scopes will reveal a third fainter red star in orbit with the other two. Further study has shown that these three stars also have twin stars - quite a complex system. The "feet" of the twins rest in a fairly dense part of our Milky Way so there are many stars around this constellation and a considerable number have been found to be double stars.

The Geminid meteor shower occurs 13th/14th December, which are the remains of the asteroid Phaethon. These are more than the usual cometary dust and therefore give quite bright meteors. The radiant is close to Castor and Pollux so if the weather and time permit Gemini has a great deal to offer.

For more detailed information visit www.stellarium.org

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# Letters, comment and opinion (contributions welcome)

spot' resignations at the July meeting.



It was with great interest that I read the 'Parish Matters' page in the most recent [September/ October 2012] edition of *The Constant Times*. The paragraph that caught my eye made references to 'the new code of conduct' for Parish Councillors which had seemingly led to 'on the

However it was several weeks earlier that 'the new code' had been published, giving everyone concerned plenty of time to consider their options. A variety of meetings and discussions took place and I attended a three hour seminar, at the end of which questions were invited but answers were not that helpful.

Opinions on this subject are many and varied, but the fact that across our region around two hundred councillors have resigned should give all who care about their villages and communities food for thought.

-Malcolm Reynolds

## Who's Where 2013

The 2013 edition of *Who's Where* will be prepared in January and the editor would like updated information from our many village groups. Businesses wanting to go into the listing (only £2.00) or to have a box advert please contact Liz Moore, 340703, or email salots@hotmail.co.uk.