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Welcome to Monty's!

Community cafe with free hyper-fast wi-fi and hot drinks opens in Constantine Church

Monty's is the name we have given to the community cafe and meeting area which is now open at the back of the church. This facility is free for all to use and includes a free hyper-fast wi-fi connection and a drinks machine which dispenses a selection of different freshly ground coffees, hot chocolate and hot water for making tea. All our coffee, tea and sugar is fair-trade, the tea bags are un-bleached and do not contain plastic, and the disposable cups are fully compostable.

The free hyper fast wi-fi connection (up to 1Gb), accessible within the church, has been provided by Wildanet, the local Cornish broadband provider which has installed, free of charge, a broadband hub on the church tower roof. What this means is that we now have one of the fastest broadband connections of any parish church anywhere in the county and indeed the UK.

In the weeks ahead the church will be working with Wildanet to become a "Digital Community Hub" This is a hugely exciting project and will open up a whole raft of opportunities to our community which they have previously been unable to access. There will be more about this as the project develops.

Anyone who would like to become a part of this exciting development is



more than welcome. If you are interested, then please get in touch with me for more information.

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But, I hear you say, why did we call it Monty's? *Find out on page 2!*

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New internet café at Constantine Church *(Continued)*

So why *did* we call it Monty's? Well Monty, or actually Montague, is the name of our church mouse. Monty is a little knitted mouse (*on the front cover*) who was discovered by Liz Moore in "The Save The Children Shop" and was given to Alan Pearce, our then church warden, as a birthday present in 1989. Apart from a brief stay at Truro Cathedral, he has been there ever since, keeping a watchful eye on the place. So we thought it only fitting that we should name our cafe after him. Monty does move about a bit so it might be fun for the children to go on a hunt and see if they can find him.

Monty's provides a comfortable place to meet up with friends or a place to relax and access our hyper fast internet connection, all set in the surroundings of our beautiful 15th century church. Monty's will be open every day from 10am until 5pm (although there will inevitably be the odd interruption from time to time due to service requirements)



There is also a selection of hand made cards and crafts, and second hand books on sale.

The facilities are free to use. However, there is a "donation station" which includes a card reader and a cash box, so if you are able to give a donation to help towards our running costs it would be greatly appreciated.

So why not pop along for a coffee and a chat with friends or simply spend some quiet time in our lovely building.

God bless.

Stewart

Teas Under the Trees Raising Funds for Constantine Christmas Lights

On the grass opposite the Church
Wednesdays 2.00pm - 4.00pm
August 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.



Teas Under the Trees ladies 2018

Second History Book of Constantine Sally Coot & Tracey Clowes

A big thank you to everyone who donated goods for me to sell on my drive way in Trebarvah Road helping us with funding towards a second history book of Constantine. The stall enabled me to chat with those who kindly donated and those of you who bought items, about the project which is still very much in its early stages

The book will take us time to put together, hours of research before pen is even put to paper. In the meantime we will keep you informed as to our progress either via the Constant Times or through small scale organised events along the way when you will be invited to join us to share stories and hear updates. The total amount raised to date is £500 which we shall use as crucial match funding when it comes to trying for grants.

Church Hall Survey

The Church community has given up its lease of the Church Hall, with the aim that many of the activities that took place in the Hall will now take place in the Church, in addition to its continuing role as a place of worship. There are significant changes planned to the interior of the Church to allow this to happen. The Church Hall is owned by the Diocese of Truro, and it is likely that they will try to sell the building and its associated car park. There have been plans circulating recently that show the Church Hall potentially being redeveloped as residential accommodation, with a new enlarged car park being constructed in the field below the 'green'.

Early in 2020 the Parish Council successfully nominated the Church Hall as an 'Asset of Community Value'. The consequence of this is that should the Diocese put the Church Hall up for sale, there is a requirement for the sale to be delayed by six months if there is community interest in buying the Hall. There is no preferential treatment - the required delay is simply to allow a community group to raise funds. They would then compete in an open market with others interested in the property.

At the last Parish Council meeting it was proposed that there should be a survey of the local community to establish whether people felt the loss of the Church Hall mattered, given that other spaces are available, including the Social Club, the WI Hall, the Tolmen Centre, and of course the remodelled interior of the Church. The benefit of a survey was agreed, and the Transition Group undertook to carry it out. A key aim of the survey is to establish whether there are ideas for new community functions that the Hall might support, other than being a general multi-function 'space'.

Robin Curtis



Please take part

You should find a copy of the survey as an insert in this issue of Constant Times. Please complete it, and drop the completed form off in one of the collection boxes, to be found at the Spar and the Stores. Thank you.

The findings of the survey will be reported back to the Parish Council.

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The team at Wildanet are delighted to be working with St Constantine Parish Church to provide free hyperfast internet to support the new community café that opened in May. This new internet service provides one of the fastest broadband connections of any parish church anywhere in the county and will be instrumental in helping to provide a ‘digital community hub’ for everyone to access.

What’s more, this new broadband service is capable of offering superfast speeds to over 500 homes in Constantine and the surrounding area; so if you’re looking for a better broadband service with a locally-based customer support team, why not get in touch with the friendly team at Wildanet.



Wildanet is a Cornish internet service provider, bringing high-speed internet to homes and businesses throughout the County. Unlike other parts of the UK, Cornwall still has countless communities suffering with poor quality internet connection, making life harder for many families and businesses in these areas and putting them at a distinct disadvantage to the rest of the UK. Wildanet is working to change this and we’re delighted to be helping to support your community.



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Constantine Silver Band

Dougie Down

With the continuing Covid restrictions we are still unable to get together for band practice. However, like most other bands we plan to re-start practices in mid June.



Sadly, because we can’t be 100% certain that all restrictions will be lifted after 21 June as planned, and for the safety of players and audience, Brass on Grass will not go ahead for the second year running. Hopefully, 2022 will see the bands return for this highlight of the Constantine village calendar.

Looking cautiously further ahead, we are planning to perform at the Port Navas Regatta, for the Remembrance Service in November, and at a full list of engagements over the Christmas period.

Music at the Tolmen Centre Dougal Jeffries

If all goes well, by the time you read this we will have re-opened our doors and held our first musical event for well over a year. Two more are scheduled before our summer break. On Saturday

July 3rd we welcome locally-based singer and songwriter Martha Tilston and her band.

We were very disappointed at having to cancel Martha's planned concert in the New Year at the last minute, but we're confident that this one will be a great success.

Saturday July 17th will see the multi-instrumentalist duo The Blackheart Orchestra take to the stage for an evening of what has been described variously as '*electronic prog-folk*', '*a mesmerising powerhouse*' and '*an avant-garde musical utopia*'. Sounds intriguing - why not come along?



We are moving towards online booking and will only be taking phone reservations in exceptional circumstances. You can book through our website at

www.tolmencentre.co.uk

We have an exciting and varied programme booked for the autumn season, culminating in a blockbuster evening just before Christmas. Watch this space!

Plant Stall on High Cross Footpath



For a number of years, I have sold plants from a little stall on the footpath between High Cross Garage and High Cross, averaging £1000 per annum. All the money raised by this stall goes back into Constantine Charities and last year the stall raised £1197.00.

The stall is open again, with a range of plants and shrubs, including perennials @£2.50 each, plus annuals ranging from 50p - £1. Why not come and take a look? There is parking. Drive up the lane and there is a parking area just above our garden on the left.

If anyone has plants they no longer want, or have been dividing plants and have surplus they don't want, please let me know. I am happy to collect and pot them on for resale. Liz Pearce, Lizal, High Cross, Constantine. Tel 01326 340012

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The Preschool Team are thrilled to be back up and running, welcoming a new member of staff and, amongst other wonderful things, enjoying being able to prepare for a long-awaited beach trip at the end of May!

Weekly stories have continued online to support early reading; instilling the love of reading that all staff share, from an early age is valued highly and at the centre of their inspiring topics. The children have enjoyed submersing themselves in the underwater world of this Term's theme, and are sharing stories with strong environmental links – raising the next generation of eco-warriors!



Alongside caring for creatures in the ocean, the children have begun an inspiring, sponsored "Readathon" this month. With the support of their wonderful parents and carers at home, sharing books will not only be enjoyable for the children, it will also be raising money for the wonderful charity "Read for Good," providing books for children in paediatric care.

The wonderful world on our doorstep...

The children and adults at Preschool have thoroughly enjoyed being able to

Constantine Pre-School

be back in the woods, relishing the (sporadically!) milder weather and grounding themselves in



amongst the beautiful surroundings on offer down the road. As always, the team have planned in opportunities for exciting, inspiring and truly memorable experiences. To name but a few, the children have had the chance to create beautiful, floral May Day crowns, celebrating the coming summer solstice in the sunshine and sampling gorse flower porridge.



They have also planned, tested and evaluated their ideas, creating pulley systems across the ambling streams in the woods, helping "Mr. Grinling" get his lunch successfully, avoiding pesky seagulls! How lucky the staff and children alike are, to have such a beautiful resource right on their doorstep; in these strange times, never has a connection with nature been more important or appreciated.



Help!

We hugely appreciate all of the donations we have had so far to raise money for our new Forest School gear, however we are still at £390 of our £400 target, we are so very nearly there and would love to make this total!

As a final request, if you are an Amazon customer and use this regularly, you have option to join "Amazon Smile." With this, you are able to choose a charitable organisation to support; a small but significant percentage of your purchase value will be added to the Preschool pot.

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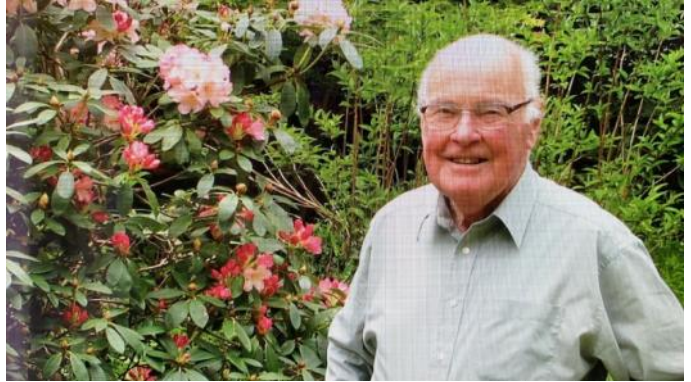
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Obituary - Oliver Tresillian Power Carne 1929 - 2021

Oliver was born on 16 May 1929 to Valentine and William Carne. He attended local schools before going to Dartmouth College as a cadet making the natural progression to the Royal Navy. In 1952 he found himself involved in the Korean War where his ship came under heavy fire and missed being hit by inches.



In 1954 he married Sally Ennor, of Western Terrace, Falmouth. The wedding took place in King Charles the Martyr church to a huge congregation with crowds even standing out on the pavement.

They started their married life in Portsmouth. Oliver's many postings included Sydney, Australia, where he was seconded to the Royal Australian Navy and where, in 1956, his first child, a daughter, Deborah was born. Oliver and Sally went on to have two more children, both boys, Mark in 1959 when they were stationed in Glasgow and Andrew in 1961 in Portsmouth where Oliver had been posted back to. In 1963 he was sent to Culdrose for a year, then to Londonderry until 1968 when he left the Royal Navy with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He loved the navy where he made lifelong friends and had many amusing anecdotes to tell of the various antics they got up to, one being when they accidentally torpedoed the Isle of Arran which fortunately didn't sink!

On leaving the navy Oliver went to work for an Industrial Training Board where he reached the post of Director but due to a certain Maggie Thatcher, all training boards were closed and it became one of the many casualties of her drastic cuts.

As a result Oliver's job disappeared so he decided to go into early retirement at the age of 53. At this point he bought Tresa-hor Vean from his mother Valentine, where he and Sally set about creating a beautiful family home and a valley garden of over six acres. They planted numerous trees and shrubs including Cornus, Viburnum Magnolias, Rhododendrons, Azaleas and Camellias of every variety. In springtime the slopes would be covered with bluebells on a carpet of primroses. Oliver was a very regular exhibitor at the Falmouth Flower Show with impressive success, winning many cups.

Tragically Sally died in 2000 leaving Oliver and his family totally devastated. Supporting each other they managed to cope with their pain and loss. Oliver threw himself into the beautiful garden they had created together. I once asked him how long he spent in his garden and he said "About three and a half hours a day"

In the evenings he loved to sip his favourite red wine whilst listening to music. He had more CD's than anyone I know, it was a real passion. He also loved a party and would host at least four a year for which he would don one of his very colourful and flamboyant brocade

Kate Graves

waistcoats and entertain his friends in style.

I was fortunate to go on a couple of family holidays with him. One of the decisions we made was to allocate everyone a specific duty in order to make everything run smoothly in the villa. Oliver was appointed "Sommelier" which put him in charge of all drinks. One hilarious memory of him was on one particular occasion after his afternoon doze, during which time everyone else was lolling around the pool, he called out to us from the villa "I don't care what time it is, I'm opening the bar, I need a gin!" Whenever we went out for the day we would all agree a rendezvous. I have absolutely no idea how he did it but he did it every time, as we turned to go our separate ways, Oliver had completely disappeared, into another dimension it seemed, he'd totally vanished, leaving us not knowing if he'd heard all the arrangements. One day, on a trip to Florence, he was very late back to the meeting point, just as we were beginning to worry, he arrived with bags full of yet more CD's, a big grin on his face, wondering what all the fuss was about, declaring that he'd been waiting outside an expensive jewellery shop just in case a beautiful contessa came along and fell in love with him! He was such fun, he had an almost childlike joy about him, when he laughed his face completely changed, his eyes would close and the tears would run down his cheeks, you couldn't help but join in.

Whenever you met Oliver and in greeting, asked him how he was, his answer was always the same "Flourishing thank you." Every summer, his children, seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren loved to visit. They would gather together and have a week of fun. There would be pirate battles on the river, croquet tournaments on the

lawn and various other games and competitions to be won, with a cup for all the winners, very competitive it was too!

Oliver was also a faithful member of Constantine Church which he supported at every opportunity. He would be there at each fete, bazaar or table sale, with his enormous collection of home grown plants and shrubs, sometimes there were so many stacked around his house you could barely get into the garden without tripping. He also supported Save the Children, Friends of the Surgery, White Cross Mission and several more. His generosity knew no bounds.

One of Oliver's greatest gifts was his ability to listen. His whole attention would be focused on the person speaking, his eyes fixed, intently listening to every word without interruption, his mind taking in every detail, his concentration absolute. It made you feel so special and important. He was a wonderful friend, kind, generous, fun to be with and an honourable gentleman with impeccable manners.

There will be a Service of Celebration for Oliver in Constantine Church on Monday 12th July at 2.30 at which everyone is welcome.

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Trengilly Singers Chris Martin

The Trengilly Singers are still in business and hope to be starting proper face-to-face rehearsals again soon once we have the green light from the Government to begin. However, during this period there have been virtual practices ensuring all members can keep singing and could at least see their colleagues on screen!

Gwennap Music Festival

A date for your diaries - the Choir is booked in and will hopefully be singing at Gwennap Church on 30 June at 7.00pm. Do come and listen to some lovely singing from this County Championship Choir.

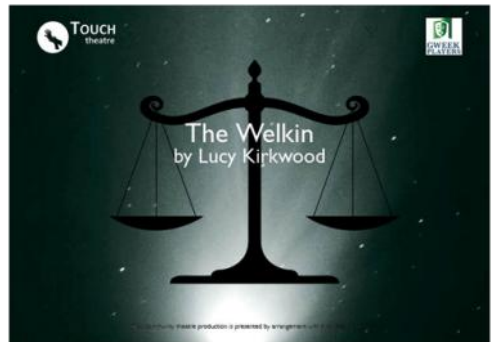
As soon as we can, we will be meeting again on a Monday evening at the Tolmen Centre in Constantine, with practices starting at 7.00pm. We would love to welcome any aspiring singers and absolute beginners to join us for a sing, or just simply pop along and have a listen. We have a very wide repertoire that will suit all tastes.

To find out more and have a chat, do call Melanie on 07968772874. The rehearsals will be strictly covid-secure, with social distancing of the seating, no sharing of paper music. Also the hall will be well-ventilated and there is a PPE station as you enter the hall.

In the meantime, do check us out on www.constantinecornwall.com or on our Facebook page.

Gweek Players collaboration

TOUCH theatre is collaborating with Gweek Players to present



**2-4 September, 2021
at Gweek Village Hall**

This outstanding piece of drama was running on the main stage of the National Theatre starring Maxine Peake until lockdown intervened.

Both funny, bawdy and at times bleak, the play, set in the 18th century, but with a very modern tone, tells the story of Sally Poppy, who has been convicted of murder but who seeks to avoid hanging by declaring that she is pregnant. To assess her claim, the judge calls a jury of twelve women, and their deliberations are at the core of the drama. It is a serious play about women's rights and roles, but there is a bawdy, raunchy humour (usually directed at men!) which punctuates the more serious themes. Tickets are available from www.crbo.co.uk from 1 June.



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to Falmouth and Helston!**

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transportforcornwall.co.uk**

Ukulele Orchestra of Constantine - Strumming Again! Tracey Clowes

The Ukulele Orchestra have been together for over four years. They are a small group of friends who play all over Cornwall raising hundreds of pounds over the years to help many worthy causes or charities. Like so many groups, lockdown has been a challenge, however, as things have begun to ease, get-togethers in each other's gardens have enabled the group begin to once more to make music. They can be booked for weddings or any other events, see the Ukulele Orchestra Facebook page for more details.



On Saturday 24 July at 7.00pm they will be performing at the Tolmen Centre helping raise funds for the Tolmen building restoration project 'Love Me Restore Me'. Keep an eye out for posters and Facebook giving more details.

'The group brings a sense of fun and joy and an enthusiasm for music to every gig they attend – an evening of easy listening leaves you relaxed with a smile on your face'

(local friend and fan)



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The return of Who's Where

In 2015 Liz Moore (with the help of Steve) published the 35th issue of Constantine's "Who's Where" directory of local businesses, organisations and services. It was declared as the "final" issue, since, after 35 years of devoting a large part of January and February each year to updating the directory, Liz had quite reasonably decided enough was enough. There is no doubt though that it was an extremely useful source of information, and many will still be referring to their treasured copy of issue 35



A number of people in the Transition Constantine group recognised the importance of "Who's Where" as a building block of the local community, but also that it was too big a task to be shouldered largely by one person. There was a move to start updating the listing of businesses as a group activity. The aim was to make it more of a 'digital' process, trying to get email addresses for all those listed so that future administration and updates could be

managed by that route rather than by checking updates for every item by telephone. As a project, it lost focus for a long time, but the last collection of business listings has recently been updated, and it's time to move on to the next stage - refreshing all the contact details for clubs, societies, sports groups and all other local organisations.

The purpose of this article is to provide a 'call for information' - to all those organisations that wish to be listed - to email whoswhereconstantine@gmail.com with these details:

- the organisation name (e.g. "Constantine Christmas Lights");
- a brief description of what the organisation does;

and for each contact to be published:

- the person's role (e.g. Chair, Secretary, Treasurer);
- the person's name;
- their contact details (telephone and/or mobile phone number and/or email address).

There has to be at least one contact provided, but more can be published as required. In the same way, any business not listed in the last Who's Where that would like to be included, please contact the same email address giving these details:

- a contact name and/or the business name;
- optionally, the business address;
- a brief description of the product or service offered;
- contact details to be published (telephone and/or mobile phone number and/or email address).

For both organisation and business entries, the email address used to contact Who's Where will only be published if

Chris Hussey

given as a public contact in the details above; it will, though, be used by the Who's Where team for future contacts, e.g. checks for updates. Finally - the inevitable Data Protection plea - to anyone who sends information as called for above, please say when you email that you give permission to the Who's Where team to hold this data. We will only use it to publish Who's Where, and to administer updates. We will not pass any of it to any other organisation. If you don't give permission, we can't hold the data or publish it!

The intention is to work towards a new Who's Where booklet in stages. The updated business listing is already visible on the village website (see <https://constantinecornwall.com/business-listings/>), and it is also there as a downloadable print-it-yourself document in pdf format.

Once all the local organisation details have been gathered, these will be added to the website and to the downloadable document. At that point we will see whether there is still a general desire to have an advertising-funded booklet freely available to all local residents.



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Constantine School News

We are so happy to all be back in school again. Whilst we still have restrictions in place regarding start and finish times, we are very much looking forward to the rules relaxing more later this term so we can continue with our CPS Summer Term traditions. Despite the unusual circumstances, we have a very full and buzzing school with children who are keen to learn which we are very grateful for.

Kids Council Walking to school Initiative

Kenwyn Class were thrilled to be the first winners of walking the most steps to school. Our Kids Council do a wonderful job of constantly reminding children to log their steps and the fact they are walking rather than being driven. Our Governors have purchased two trophies. The KS2 trophy counts steps and the KS1 trophy is for how many children walk each day.



for the previous week. Every class also has a celebration assembly where certificates for success are presented. This is all uploaded onto Class Dojo weekly for parents to see also.

Kernow!

Our whole school Summer Term topic is Cornwall. We love this topic in school and as the term progresses we become more and more immersed in everything Cornish. Through studying our local area, children will learn about the mining heritage of our county. Through geographical



Assembly and Collective Worship

As we still have restrictions to follow, assemblies are held in each class daily. Every class joins Mrs G on Microsoft Teams on a Monday and during this time our team captains present the certificates and announce the winning colour team



enquiry, children will discover the diverse features of Cornwall and be able to locate famous Cornish landmarks. Art will also be a large focus this term as we explore Cornwall's most influential artists.

We are enriching our curriculum through the expertise of outside support even though we haven't been allowed to go on school visits. The children in Tamar (Y5) and Tresillian (Y6) classes really learned a lot from a guest speaker from Kresen Kernow as they learned all about the important documents that are stored there.

On a Teams presentation they heard all about mining in Cornwall and the Levant Mine disaster. The children listened so well and followed up their learning by examining some historical documents from the Cornwall archives.



Fal Class Visitor

Our Reception Class enjoyed a visit from OTS, our local and professional coach company. It was a real treat as many of us had never been on a bus before. Huge thanks to Steve and Craig of OTS.

Keeping Clean

Fal Class have also been learning about keeping their bodies clean and healthy.

Cags Gilbert, Head of School



Teeth are tricky objects to clean well, but it's so important that we do a good job. The children practised on a giant model and there was much excitement when every child was given a new toothbrush and toothpaste so they could practise at home on their own teeth.

Germination

These children have been waiting very patiently for their seeds to germinate. Finally after a few weeks we saw that our rocket was growing shoots- Hooray! We have also planted sweet peas, sunflowers in the sunshine. We are looking forward to seeing how many potatoes we can grow. We have been using vegetables that have already grown to make vegetable super heroes.



Constantine School News (Continued)

Shakespeare

Year 5 have been writing romantically, inspired by modelled writing based on the text: A Midsummer Night's Dream. Wonderful love letters were written by Lysander to Hermia by Florence, Matty and Toby.

What a beautiful county we live in

We have loved exploring our local area in recent months. We have been to the woods and Delilah in Lerryn class walked all of the way from Lands End to Nanjizal and back again! What an amazing adventure Delilah. What beautiful views you had too and check out the huge oyster shell Morva found - it's as big as her head!!!

To infinity and beyond...

Helford class had a wonderful opportunity to interview an engineer from Cornwall's Spaceport. It was fascinating to learn about the Spaceport's futures projects. We wish our aspiring engineers good luck with their competition designs: Andrew, Arlo, Maeve, Sally, Elsie, Eliza and Emma.

G7 poetry competition

We had some pupils who entered. Here are Adi and Edith's poems:

'Climate change' by Adi

*Welcome to our county,
and although its rather small,
Here we stand together, and welcome
one and all.
But look under the ocean and plastic
you may see,
We want you to change the world's
climate policy.
The world will need more oxygen and
should be plastic free,
Mother Earth's not happy as you cut down
lots of trees.
Australia was burning, there's famine war
and pain,*

*Ice caps are melting quickly to cause
torrential rain.*

*Nature is not happy for its feeling
rough and worn,
But it's reacting quickly whether wave or
drought or storm.
You have come to our county to discuss
climate change,
You're the leaders of the globe: what can
you arrange?
Please do something quick or soon
you shall see,
Be nice to our planet, 'cos there's
no planet B!*

Edith's poem

*Nature comes in sizes big and tiny,
tall and small.
As you rush past our Cornish hedgerows,
only leaving a speck of red, as red as a
robin's breast, slow down, as
slow as a snail.
Listen to the birds singing loudly,
as loud as a lion's roar.
Listen to the patter of rain drops,
falling on the path and the drops
beating like drums.
Acorns fall in Autumn as blossoms bloom in
Spring. If the birds don't sing and the rain
did not fall, listen to the wind and the gale.
Gaze at glossy daffodil fields, and bold
foxglove patches. Pink, purple and white.
Let howling wind blow, like a growling wolf.
Let the weather and nature guide you
to lands and deserts and soft silky beaches,
and wet blue seas.
Think of nature and how we, us humans
can help it.
Just wonder, what if it all wasn't here?*

We now know that Edith's poem has been shortlisted and now it's up to Boris to pick the winner. We know Edith and Adi are winners already and we all have our fingers and toes tightly crossed and are extremely proud of both of them!

Constantine Cottage Garden Society

Peter Wilson

Having had an average night time temperature in April lower than January and frost as late as the 6th May, this strange weather truly has caught some of us out this year. The extra care that was required during the long dry spell, really was needed to ensure healthy and strong growth of our plants. With the longer nights now approaching and the warmth of the summer sunshine breaking through, many of our gardens in June and July will start to be at their best. As our gardens improve so do our opportunities to socialise and so I am delighted to say that our winter programme is being formulated with the first meeting pencilled in for October 2021. As dates of meetings arranged and speakers confirmed, a list will be circulated as soon as possible, giving you all the information regarding our winter programme.

As mentioned in the previous edition, the judging for the front garden and hanging basket display will take place on Tuesday 20th July, weather permitting. If raining, the Wednesday or Thursday will be replacement days. This will take in Fore Street, walking down towards Penbothidno and streets either side.

As gardeners we are acutely aware of the need to encourage pollinators into our gardening environment. We all know the threats that exist to these beneficial insects and one that is a particular threat are Asian Hornets.

This was brought to my attention recently and I was asked to include it and distribute the information to our members. Please be mindful when gardening of these pests and report any such sightings to the contact information on the poster.

On Sunday 2nd May, I had a most enjoyable few hours at Navas Hill House, which was participating in the National Garden Scheme open day. A beautiful walk around the garden, followed by some lovely refreshments, made for an excellent afternoon. The NGS is a charitable organisation and the largest fundraiser of Hospice UK's work. There are several upcoming open days in our locality, if you wish to visit any please visit ngs.org.uk for dates and times.

Having written this article, while dodging the showers and still with a greenhouse full of seedlings, I'm glad that the ground is now becoming hydrated so as to be able to get some serious planting completed. Enjoy the summer months and I look forward to circulating our winter programme to you as soon as possible.

CAN YOU HELP US?

Asian Hornet



What is it?

Asian Hornets are an invasive non-native species and pose a threat to our native pollinators.

Please report any possible sightings of these insects together with a photo to:-

<http://www.nonnativespecies.org/alerts/asianhornet>

or use the

Asian Hornet Watch App available from [Google](#) or [Apple](#)

Further advice is available from
West Cornwall Beekeepers Association

e mail: ahat@wcbka.org.uk web site: www.wcbka.org.uk

The Falconer of Fore Street - Episode 2

In 1916 George Morrison Reid Henry was extremely disappointed to be refused 'Home Leave' from Ceylon to go and join up and fight. However, it turned out to be a piece of luck as it was then that he met his future wife Olive and they were married in 1917. Sadly, Olive's brother was killed in action but GM and Olive survived the war and 'Spanish flu'. They next moved to the outskirts of Kandy where their son Bruce was born. When GM was fetching the doctor, they had to abandon the car, as the track was too rough. While the doctor delivered the baby at the house, the driver tried to turn round in the narrow lane and ended up with the car hanging over the edge of a deep ravine. Neighbours with ropes and



Leaves' of up to 11 months – on one of them he took his pet hobby, a falcon, with him on the steamer! He organised expeditions into the jungle and hills of Ceylon and India, exploring, shooting and collecting specimens, mounting, labelling and all the time building up and cataloguing a very great collection in the Columbo Museum. Many of these expeditions were financed by the Natural History Museum and the British Museum. In 1935 he came to England with 1032 specimens for them and worked at the museum cataloguing, drawing and researching. He applied for a permanent post at the Natural History Museum in London but again his lack of formal qualifications was a hindrance to him.

Back in Ceylon he worked towards protection legislation for Ceylon wildlife and improved the conditions and feeding of birds in the zoo. During the war he worked partly for the Department of Agriculture and travelled, looking at insect pests of the tea plant and fumigating imported foodstuffs. Although a very busy man he was also building on his great skill as a bird painter working in oils and gouache. He built up connections with



pulleys had to rescue it! Expecting their next child, the Chief Taxidermist rented them a bungalow closer to town, but somehow things never seemed to go to plan and the bungalow having been built with sea sand was horribly damp! Maybe a good preparation for Constantine!

GM and Olive lived and worked in typically colonial style, going into the hill country in the hottest months and socialising with government officials, military personnel, missionaries, artists and scholars. There were various 'Home

Lynda Gregory

bird artists and publishers, completing many assignments with great skill, but money was 'always in short supply!'

Throughout the rest of his career he made huge contributions to his science and art. He wrote over 25 scientific papers including 'Cannibalism in *Pulchruphyllosum crurifolium*' (gosh!), New and rare Hexacentridae from Ceylon' (well I never!) He also wrote 'The Butterfly Fauna of Ceylon' and illustrated several ornithological works, including the 'Guide to the Birds of Ceylon'. It is on this that his reputation as an ornithologist rests. His art work is still much respected and sought after, indeed Christies recently had some of his works at auction.



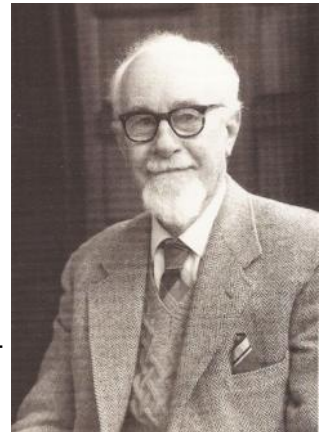
When the war ended it became apparent that it would be a difficult time for the museum in Columbo and so GM applied for early retirement. He did not wish to settle down to a 'useless and selfish existence' and so in 1946 he took a Pastorate on the edge of the Cotswolds and then finally in 1954 moved to Constantine. Here he continued birdwatching, painting, sketching and beekeeping. GM's sons Bruce and David both became skilled bird artists in their own right and in 1964 GM became a founder member of the Society of Wildlife Artists. His son Bruce

tells us in 'From Pearls to Painting' that 'Behind the house there was a large two-story shed, (I recognise that!) where father did most of his DIY activities. He was very good at woodcarving and had a longstanding interest in sailing ships. Over the course of one or two winters he made a remarkable scale model of a three-masted barque with detailed rigging and equipment all individually hand crafted. It was an astonishing achievement.' I wonder if anyone in the village ever saw it?

In 1969 his wife Olive died and in June 1973 GM left Constantine and moved to Worthing to be near his son Bruce and so ended his occupation of our house.

Thankfully his memoirs were printed and so we know about his talents and achievements.

George Morrison Reid Henry may not have bequeathed 'Blue Plaque' status to number 61 but he certainly had an intriguing life.



Number 61 was then sold to Mr & Mrs McKenzie, who some of you knew, and in 2009 to us. If anyone has any more information about the house or any of its occupants, particularly Reynolds', do let me know - lyndgreg@hotmail.co.uk. You never know what we may find out. If only some of the other occupants had written their memoirs!

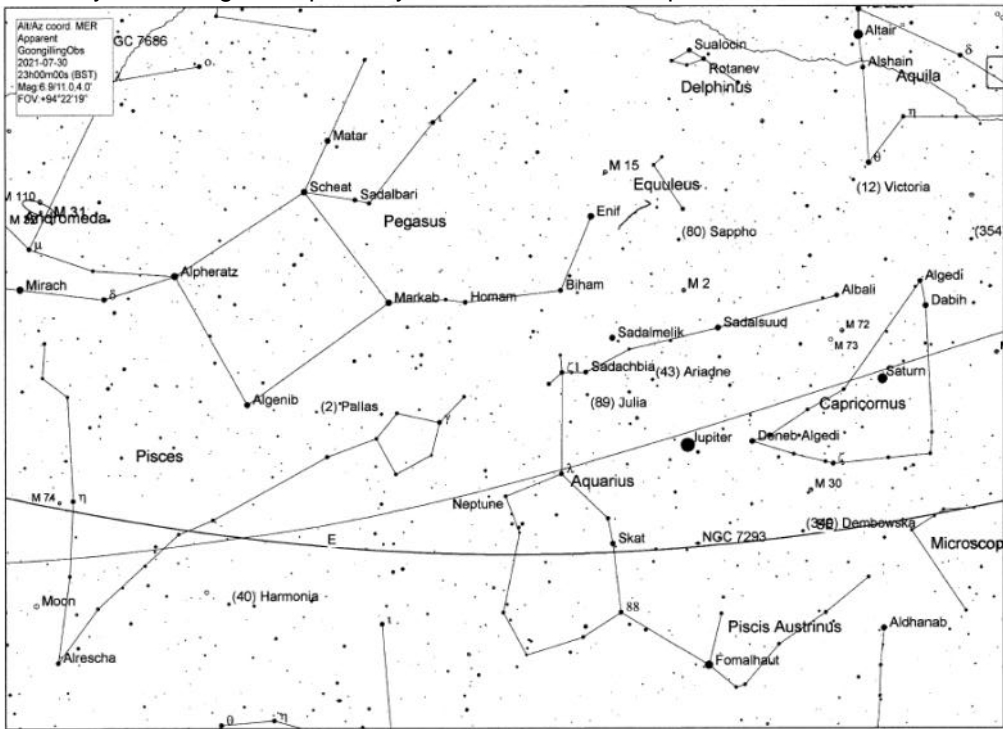
Night Sky

At the time of the summer solstice even at our latitude some sort of twilight is apparent throughout the night. This makes it much more difficult to see the fainter constellations and objects but there are some compensations. Firstly, it will be fine and warm, and secondly, you might be able to see some noctilucent clouds. These are distinctive blueish tinged clouds in the northern sky. These are the highest clouds in the atmosphere, 80 to 85km altitude(about the height that meteors start to burn up),well above other clouds. They are only visible during the summer nights, about 4 to 6 weeks either side of the solstice when the observer is in darkness. The clouds are illuminated by sunlight reaching them from the Sun which is below the northern horizon.

Altair the 'Eagle Star' is now due south in the late evening. At 17ly away it is the twelfth brightest star in the whole sky. To the ancient Chinese, Altair was the 'Cowherd', to the Pacific Islanders it was the 'Breadfruit', whilst the Maoris called it, more grandly, the 'Pillar of heaven'.

Capella, a yellowish star, about the same temperature as the Sun but much younger, makes an appearance late on in the night in the north east. Capella is the brightest star in the constellation of Auriga and is the sixth brightest star in the night sky and is the third brightest in the northern celestial hemisphere.

In this period there are some meteor showers. July brings the alpha Capricornids and southern delta Aquarids. These showers are active from early July to mid August and mid July to late August respectively. The radiant for the Capricornids is in the south



Robert Beeman

midway between the horizon and Altair whilst that for the Aquarids is in the south east just below the ecliptic. The Moon, a 55% illuminated waning gibbous, will interfere after midnight at their peak activity which for both is July 30th.

The major meteor event is in August which brings the Pereids. This begins on the 16th July and continues to the 23rd of August. The peak is the 12/13th August. As luck would have it this is just after the New Moon so conditions are favourable. The radiant lies high in the north east above Capella. The best time to view will be after midnight. If the weather does not co-operate at the peak or is forecast not to, try a few days before or after.

There are a few planets about in this period. June 22nd Mars and Venus will be visible low down in the western sky, June 27th Jupiter and Saturn will be early morning objects in the eastern sky. The evenings of 12/13th July will see Mars and Venus very close together in the evening sky and this is followed on the evening of 24/25th of July when Jupiter and Saturn will low in the southern sky. In August you might get a fleeting glimpse of Venus in the evening twilight. On the 20/21st August Jupiter and Saturn will have moved slightly eastwards compared with their July positions.

Wishing you clear skies and warm evenings.

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We The Tolmen Operating Company Ltd give notice that we have applied to Cornwall Council as Licensing Authority for **the grant of a Premises Licence** in respect of The Tolmen Centre, Fore Street, Constantine, Falmouth, Cornwall, TR11 5AA

The application is to:

Films, Plays and Sale of Alcohol

A responsible authority or other person wishing to make representations to this application may do so by writing to *Licensing Team, Cornwall Council, Dolcoath Avenue, Camborne, TR14 8SX* or email licensing@cornwall.gov.uk not later than 15th June, 2021.

A record of the application can be viewed at the Licensing Authority's address Monday to Friday (except Bank Holidays) during normal office hours. **NB during the Covid-19 pandemic, please email licensing@cornwall.gov.uk to make alternative arrangements to view the application.** Details are also at www.cornwall.gov.uk by searching 'List of current premises licence applications'.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with this application, the maximum fine on summary conviction being £5,000

Signed... *Charles L. Pugh* *Company Secretary*
Applicant

18th May, 2021

Dated.....

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NCS programme for 16 & 17 year olds

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