

The Constant Times

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A Spooky Start to Solar Roof Campaign Chris Hussey

Children and parents at Constantine Preschool celebrated Halloween early this year. The children made paper plate pumpkin masks, decorated witches' cat biscuits and enjoyed silly dancing to some spooky music. The children then wound down by watching 'Room on the Broom' and reading 'Meg and Mog' at storytime.

The event was organised by the Preschool Committee to help raise funds for Constantine Preschool's involvement in the UK-wide Solar Schools Project. This is a government-funded initiative which encourages schools to take advantage of the great benefits of solar power. Run by the committee in conjunction with Transition Constantine, the target is to raise £8,000 by October 2015 to install solar panels on the Preschool roof. Mabe Primary School took part in the scheme last year and now has its solar panels fully operational.

Preschool manager Rosie Regini says, 'Constantine Preschool operates as a committee-run charity within the village. Solar panels would provide us with a guaranteed stream of income from the Feed-In Tariff, plus savings on electricity bills, which will help our finances considerably, ensuring we can remain open for many years to come. It will also help us to provide the very best resources and equipment for children in the village.'

Committee member Alice Kirby says, 'My three year old loves attending the preschool and I hope his little brother will be following in his footsteps next year. Everything gets very well used and, as a registered charity, we are always fundraising to buy new equipment and to maintain the building. Solar energy could make a real difference to the sustainability of the Preschool.'

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Note from the Editors

Hello Constantine and nearby neighbours,

It's time once again for a bumper winter issue so may I take the early opportunity to wish you an enjoyable Christmas season and luck and good wishes for the New Year. Hard to believe that *The Constant Times* has been pretty constant for three years now. I want to thank all of our contributors for such a varied and interesting selection of events, notices, features and articles. Please keep new and regular stuff coming in, as the newsletter is for you and created by you. Thanks also to our small team of committed editors, and to the folders and distributors.

And now I've sufficiently buttered you up, I'd like to ask for your help! We want to expand our team to help share the making. We are currently looking for volunteers for the following areas:

Calendar Editor (gathering and organizing events entries, compiling the calendar)
Production Editor (managing 750 issue print runs, organising fold/staple sessions)
Advertising Editor (corresponding with advertisers and maintaining accounts)

We'd also welcome volunteers to help with Layout and Distribution. It's a very simple and well organised process which takes very little time (usually several hours in short bursts every 2-3 months) and will take even less with more of us on board.

Please come and join us!

Email constant.times@gmail.com or ring Ben on 01326 341129

Constantine Parish Church Christmas Calendar Liz Moore

Church Christmas Market - Saturday 29th November. Church Hall, 10 til 12.
Lots of interesting stalls, children's games, and refreshments.

Village Carol Service - Friday 19th December.

Christingle - Sunday 21st December.

Children's Building the Crib Service - Wednesday 24th at 4pm.

Midnight Mass - Wednesday 24th, 11.30pm.

Christmas Day Communion - Thurs 25th, 10.30 am.



Christmas Lights Switch On! Tracey Clowes

Christmas Lights "Switch On" will be on Monday 8 December 2014 at 7pm, by the Christmas Tree at the bus stop opposite the Spar shop. The Constantine Silver Band and School Choir will be there so come and join us for a Christmas sing along as we light up our village. Warm drinks will be available. If you would like to help put up the tree please contact me at 01326 340 279 or havssula1@hotmail.com.



Showcasing local Crafters and Makers.

**Come and join us for some Christmas fun and buy locally handmade crafts on your doorstep.
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For further info please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1521740078064231/>

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Fundraising for Constantine Preschool

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Parish Council October Report E.A D'Alton

Summary of Parish Council Meeting, October 16th 2014

The Clerk, Mr Colin Chapman, reported that he had purchased a sign for the Public Conveniences, which had been fixed but possibly was not yet in the best place. He will look into it.

It was suggested that the new picnic tables should be kept under cover in the winter, therefore they will be stored in the Bier House.

The Police reported one case of burglary and one of theft, as well as ten 999 calls. PLEASE NOTE: Non-urgent calls to the police should be made to tel no:101.

Councillor Hatton reported that:

1. Cornwall Council and the Constantine Community Land Trust have distributed a Housing Need Survey. This is essential to assess local Affordable Housing needs.
2. The CLT Open Day at the Tolmen Centre had been well attended.
3. Without local employment, Constantine could become a dormitory.
4. The Traveller's pitch and associated works planning application will have been determined at a meeting on 21/10/14.

PARISH MATTERS

It was again proposed that a light be fixed to the wall by the steps on Clinton Road. Councillor Wiseman undertook to purchase a suitable solar-powered lamp. The lights opposite the Old School at Ponjeravah and outside 88 Penbothidno have deteriorated so they will be replaced. The Clerk will try to negotiate a more favourable price.


Trees which obscure lights near the Village Hall and further on towards Bridge will be trimmed back once they have shed their leaves.

Port Navas asked for financial help towards repairing a window and erecting a storage box. The Parish Council agreed to fund the window repair, but could not help with the construction of a box.

Rev Stewart Turner asked for help with the costs of installing electricity to the new Youth Club. It was agreed that Constantine Parish Council would underwrite these costs.

Housing Need Survey to Inform Land Trust Plans Russ Johnston

The Constantine Community Land Trust hosted two public open houses in September and October, which were well-supported by the Parish Council, the CEC, our local County Councillor and our MP, George Eustice. But we are certain we have not yet reached the whole range of people who would actually benefit from this scheme. We need to hear from families who are stuck indefinitely in rented accommodation, unable to get on the property ladder, and twenty-somethings who are still living with their parents. We need input from people with children, or grandchildren, who will need somewhere to live in the years to come. The best way to register your interest or express an opinion is to fill in the Housing Need Survey (until 7/11) using the card that slipped through your letterbox back in early October. It looks like this:



Constantine Housing Need Survey

The Affordable Housing Team at Cornwall Council is working with Constantine Community Land Trust to conduct a local Housing Need Survey.

The information will be used to help identify the level of local need for affordable housing and other facilities in Constantine including size, location and type of development.

The CLT has been established to develop assets that will be owned and run by the community for long-term local benefit.

We would be grateful if you would take a few minutes to complete this survey which is available for you to complete online by visiting

www.surveymonkey.com/s/FKVGFFV

Your unique reference number is XXXX
You will need to enter this number when filling in the survey.

The closing date for completion of the survey is Friday 7th November 2014

A report will be produced to show the results and a copy provided to the Parish Council and Constantine CLT.

If you would like us to send you a paper copy of the survey or have any questions please contact the Affordable Housing Team on **01872 326353** or by email affordablehousing@cornwall.gov.uk

For further information on Constantine CLT please visit

www.constantineclt.com



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If you have misplaced the card you can call the Council to find out your unique reference number or email your house address to constantineclt@gmail.com and we will get it for you. The information gathered in the survey will be used to ensure that any CLT scheme truly meets local needs and is sensitive to local concerns. We have excellent technical and legal advice from specialists at the National Network's regional body, Cornwall CLT, but if we want to join the nine other successful Land Trusts currently running in Cornwall we need to show that Constantine is ready!

Tolmen Centre News Charlie Pugh

The programme for the start of 2015 at The Tolmen Centre is being prepared over the next few weeks. A couple of exciting dates are already in place for January. On Saturday 10th we will host the third - and probably the best ever - 'Feast of Fun' with a lovely mix of lighthearted locally produced comedy followed by a party with live music, food and fun for all. The following week, January 17th, we have a treat for lovers of folk music: a concert from Steve Knightley, one half of folk legends Show of Hands. There'll be plenty more to savour in the early 2015 programme. The details will appear on the website www.tolmencentre.co.uk and in the leaflet which will be distributed in the New Year.

Meanwhile, November brings the new play from Pipeline - 'Streaming' - which plays for three nights in early November. There's more folk music later in the month (see right), and in December, 'Medical Maelstrom,' followed by the welcome return of Miracle Theatre with 'Dr Livingstone I Presume' to provide pre-Christmas entertainment for all the family.

Finally, we have restarted the legendary Tolmen Family Drama Group sessions on Thursday nights. There's already a full complement of youngsters, but more grown-ups are needed to balance the group. Learn about making theatre by joining in with this vibrant group - all you need is enthusiasm and commitment, and being able to turn up on Thursday evenings. Phone Tod Welch on 01326 341045 to find out how to get involved.

Details as always on www.tolmencentre.co.uk

Calendar Features Paintings of Local Scenes Hilary Hendra

We have created an original calendar for next year featuring a selection of my recent paintings which were exhibited in the Tolmen Centre this summer. I embarked on this theme in 2010 when I painted the old charity shop in Port Navas and have since recorded different aspects of our parish. The Constantine Feast inspired me to compose a quartet of pictures with horses, hounds and spectators outside the Queen's Arms. Local faces may be recognisable at 'The Farmer's Market' or 'At the Church' with the school choir. Views and scenes should also be familiar including the road 'To Bowling Green', 'Vicarage Terrace', and a 'Snowscape' witnessed from the church steps. Calendars can be purchased at Spar or Constantine Stores from now until the New Year.



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History Group Talk on Gweek and the River Helford Don Garman

At the Constantine History Group October meeting a large audience assembled to learn about “Work and Wealth of Gweek and the River Helford 1700 to 1850,” from David Freeman, who was born within a stone’s throw of the river.

Following the formation of Loe Bar across the Cober during the 14th century, Gweek became the port for the Stannary town of Helston. During the 18th and 19th centuries the busy port was operated by the Gweek Company. Tin, copper, granite, fish, shellfish and agricultural products could be exported by ships using the river and its several harbours and quays, whilst charcoal for smelting, coal for the mine beam engines, baulks of timber from Norway, limestone for improving the land and salt were imported. In later years grain was imported by the Collins family for milling in Gweek. The river trade was such that the Gweek Customs House was moved from Helston to Teeth, near Helford Village, in 1822, and the Merthen estate extracted river dues from vessels entering the upper reaches of the river. To improve transport connections with Gweek a canal was proposed in 1796 from Hayle via Helston, and later the Junction Railway was planned but neither were built.

Not surprisingly, several trading craft were registered at Gweek. The “Rob Roy” berthed at Merthen and carried oysters to market and at time coal, whilst the Caroline (238 tons) carried passengers, many emigrating to America. Cargoes carried by Helford ships were not always legal. “The San Euphemia” owned by John Nicholls, described as a merchant of Merthen, was captured by the revenue cutter “Fox” and found to be carrying brandy. In 1840 the Customs House at Teeth was besieged by smugglers who recovered 126 kegs of brandy.

The need to reduce the acidity of the soil meant that imported limestone was burned in nine kilns located along the riverside. The existence of four fish cellars reflects the significance of the catch whilst the eight water mills indicate the importance of arable crops and possibly an excess for export although in later years grain was imported to Gweek. The land alongside the river was under the ownership of several large estates e.g. Trelowarren, Merthen and Bosahan. The owners often had interests in economic activity associated with the river including ownership of vessels. The harbours of Helford, Teeth and Port Navas and the quays of Merthen and Scotts were the result of entrepreneurial activity by land owners.

Chairman Geoff Roberts thanked David for sharing his research with members. The next meeting will be the AGM on Friday 21st November in the W.I. Hall (not the Tolmen Centre) at 19.00. The AGM will be followed by a talk entitled “In Shackleton’s Footsteps” to be given by Don Garman.

Awards Put The Waymarker on the Map Rhiannon Mann

Just as we were about to celebrate our quinquennial anniversary a number of potential award shortlists revealed The Waymarker as contenders.

We are so pleased to announce that we won THE TRULY CORNISH CLOTTED CREAM TEA category of the CHOOSE CORNISH Awards. This food and drink awards scheme was established as a unique opportunity for businesses to be recognised specifically for making choices that strengthen the local economy. We beat two other great venues in the final shortlist at the award ceremony held at Nancarrow Farm on Monday 22nd September. The judges considered us the “resounding champions” for being a place that wowed them by making this quintessentially Cornish treat extra special – and truly Cornish. On the 1st & 15th of December we shall be giving our award-winning afternoon teas a festive flavour with an accompaniment of live Jazz to boot between 3-5pm. Reservations are highly advisable to avoid disappointment.



Secondly, we have been shortlisted for the second consecutive year as the "Best Cornwall Sunday Roast" in the reader-nominated awards of Cornwall Life magazine. The awards are designed to champion the great and the good of our region's food and drink industry and people who care about the countryside and the future of our local environment. The result will be announced at a ceremony at The Atlantic Hotel in Newquay on November 25th.

Thirdly, we are thrilled to confirm that we've made it as one of the finalists in the Café & Tearoom of the Year category in the Cornwall Tourism Awards. We will be awarded either a Gold, Silver or Bronze award at this year's grand awards ceremony that will take place at The Headland Hotel, Newquay on 6th November. The quality of competition shortlisted in our category has us quaking in our boots, so it is an honour to be among them at next month's ceremony. The awards are presented by Visit Cornwall, the tourism service of Cornwall Development Company who undertake and commission a range of research activity including Tourism in Cornwall (visitor numbers and spend) and the annual Cornwall Visitor Survey.

We thank all our customers for their support throughout our first five years of trading and hope to see much more of you as we develop and provide innovative opportunities to enjoy yourselves at The Waymarker.

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CONSTANTINE CALENDAR

November 2014

Mon 3 - Constantine Community Choir. 6.45pm. Tolmen Centre.

Wed 5 - Todlins. 9.30am. Tolmen Centre (EVERY WEDNESDAY EXCEPT CHRISTMAS EVE).

Thurs 6 - Pipeline Theatre. Streaming. 7.30pm. Tolmen Centre. £8/£6. 341353.

Fri 7 - Fitness Fusion. 11.30am. Tolmen Centre (EVERY FRIDAY EXCEPT DECEMBER 26).

Fri 7 - Thai Curry Bonfire Night. Arrivals from 7pm. The Waymarker.

Sat 8 - Farmers Market. 9.30am-12noon. Constantine Village Hall

Mon 10 - W.I Meeting. 7.15pm. W.I Hall

Mon 10 - Constantine One and All Club. Godrevy Singers. 2.15pm. Sally 340050.

Wed 12 - Pop-up Baby and Toddler Café. 10:30am. Potager Gardens. £3.

Wed 12 - Parish Council Meeting, 6.45pm. Parish Vestry

Wed 12 - Tolmen Movies. Calvary. 7.30pm. £3.

Thurs 13 - Constantine Cottage Garden Society 'Pruning', with George Kestell. 7.30pm. W.I. Hall. £1.

Sat 15 - Constantine One and All Club. Christmas Fayre. 10am-12noon. Social Club. Sally 340050.

Sat 15 - HVMCA. 'A Bats Eye View of the Helford.' 7.30pm. Gweek Village Hall. £3/Free.

Mon 17 - Constantine Community Choir. 6.45pm. Tolmen Centre.

Wed 19 – Sat 22 - Gweek Players. 'The Winslow Boy,' by Terence Rattigan. Wed-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 2.30pm.

Fri 21 - Jim Causley and Lucas Drinkwater. Folk Music. 7.30pm. Tolmen Centre. £11/£10. 341353.

Fri 21 - Constantine History Group AGM and 'In the Footsteps of Shackleton' with Don Garman. 7.15pm. W.I.Hall.

Sat 22 - Save The Children Christmas Market. 10am-12noon. Mawnan Smith Memorial Hall.

Sat 22 - Transition Constantine Playground Tree Planting. 10am.

Wed 26 - Pop-up Baby and Toddler Café. 10:30am. Potager Gardens. £3.

Sat 29 - Church Christmas Market. 10am-12noon.

Sat 29 - Tolmen Unplugged. Tolmen Centre (see p. 7).

Sun 30 - Save The Children Sunday Brunch. 11am-1.30pm, £10. Booking essential. Aline Turner 251233.

December

2014

Mon 1 - Constantine Community Choir, 6.45pm. Tolmen Centre.

Mon 1 - Live Jazz Festive Afternoon



Tea.3-5pm. Waymarker.

Wed 3 - Kernow King. Social Club. £10.

Fri 5 - Medical Maelstrom. 7.30pm. Tolmen Centre. £10. 341353. Café Tolmen open. Booking essential.

Sat 6 - A Crafty Affair at Christmas. 10am-2pm. Tolmen Centre.

Mon 8 - W.I Meeting. 7.15pm. W.I Hall.

Mon 8 - Constantine One and All Club. St Austell Uke Band. 2.15pm. Sally 340050.

Mon 8 - Christmas Lights Switch On. 7pm.

Wed 10 - Pop-up Baby and Toddler Café. 10:30am. Potager Gardens. £3.

Wed 10-Thurs 11 - Miracle Theatre. 'Dr Livingstone I Presume'. 7.30pm. Tolmen Centre. £12/£10/£8. 341353. Café Tolmen open. Booking essential.

Thurs 11 - Parish Council Meeting. 6.45pm. Parish Vestry.

Sat 13 - Farmers Market. 9.30am-12noon. Constantine Village Hall

Sat 13 - Constantine Cottage Garden Society Christmas Party Night. 7.30pm. W.I.Hall. £2.50.

Mon 15 - Constantine Community Choir. 6.45pm. Tolmen Centre.

Mon 15 - Live Jazz Festive Afternoon Tea. 3-5pm. Waymarker.

Thur 18 - Christmas Party Luncheon Menu (small groups). 12-2pm arrivals. Waymarker.

Fri 19 - Village Carol Service. Constantine Church.

Sun 21 - Christingle. Constantine Church.

Mon 22 - Christmas Party Luncheon Menu (small groups). 6-8pm arrivals. Waymarker.

Wed 24 - Children's Building the Crib. 4pm. Constantine Church.

Wed 24 - Midnight Mass. 11.30pm. Constantine Church.

Thurs 25 - Christmas Day Communion. 10.30am. Constantine Church.

Thurs 25 - Christmas Day Luncheon Menu. 12:30 arrivals. Waymarker.

Wed 31 - New Year's Eve Decadent Evening Menu. 7:30-9pm arrivals. Waymarker.

January 2015

Thurs 1 - New Year's Day Roast. Noon-3:30pm. Waymarker.

Thurs 8 - Constantine Cottage Garden Society 'A Beginners' Guide to Cacti and Succulents' with Ian Facey. 7.30pm. W.I. Hall. £1.

Sat 10 - Farmers Market. 9.30am-12noon. Constantine Village Hall.

Sat 10 - Feast of Fun. Tolmen Centre.

Mon 12 - W.I Meeting. 7.15pm. W.I Hall

Tues 13 - Save The Children AGM, 9.30am. W.I. Hall.

Thurs 15 - Parish Council Meeting. 6.45pm. Parish Vestry

See www.tolmencentre.co.uk for details of shows and films.

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

CLUBS, GROUPS AND GOINGS ON

Constantine Art Society Christine Fletcher

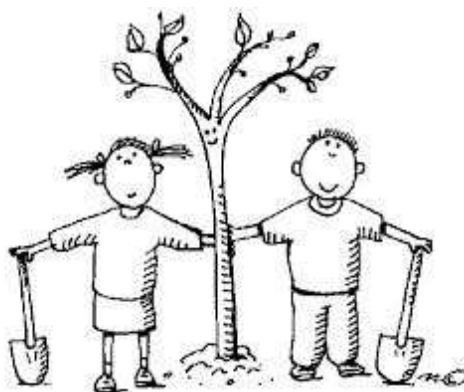
The winner of the Favourite Painting Competition at our Annual Exhibition was "Out of Darkness " by Mel Chambers. The painting by Helen James raffled in aid of the Church Hall was won by Mrs. Mabs Loughlin of Rame. A total of £384 was raised to start off the Constantine Church Hall Roof Fund. As we have used the Hall since the society was formed we feel it important to keep a roof over our heads! The members would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the Arts Society which reaches its 40th birthday in December.

Transition Constantine Upcoming Events Chris Hussey

Tree Planting - Saturday 22nd November

The Transition group will be holding a tree-planting event in the playground area with an open invitation to everyone with willing hands to come along and help.

The plan is to plant some willows that can be trained into a tunnel for children to crawl through. There will be fruit trees to plant as well. Hot soup and other refreshments will be provided, as will most of the tools required, but if you have a spade, please bring it along. Saturday 22nd November is the day - and the big dig will begin at 10:00 a.m.



Blankets and throws needed!

We are planning a sew-in to help people make detachable warm linings for their curtains this winter. If you have any blankets or throws you no longer need, please contact Sandra or Anne to let them know what you can donate. Likewise, please contact Sandra or Anne if you would be interested in having detachable linings for your curtains.

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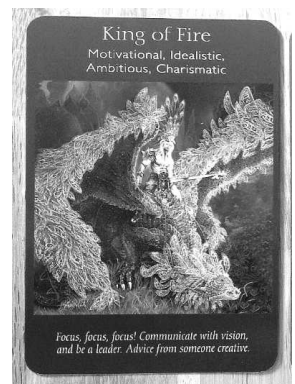
Constantine Photos on Facebook Hazel Perham

Over the past year I have set up Facebook pages of photos and memorabilia of various parishes and one of the sites is Constantine. The ones for Treverva/ Lamanva and Mabe have brought in a lot of interest from Cornish descendents in different parts of the world as well as people still living here. The description to find the site on Facebook is "CONSTANTINE PARISH, Cornwall UK". If anyone is interested please visit the page to join the group and contribute comments or additional items.

Village Tarot Reading Cassie Rafferty

November: *King of fire*

Focus, focus, focus! You are being pushed to take charge this month. You are on that centre stage; you are being called to be that leader. It is the time for you to stand up for yourself, or stand up for what you believe in. If your affairs need to be put in order physically, then they will this month. There will be a drive to be more ambitious, motivated and idealistic. Focus time and energy to the task at hand. You are in a position of leadership and you inspire others with your enthusiasm.



December: *Two of water*

You will really be drawing close to your friends and family this month. It has been a big year of change and Indigo children taking charge in the world. There is now an abundance of love in the air. Relationships continue to grow closer, mutual love, respect, and understanding have developed between parties. Two people are sharing a close relationship right now. Difficulties between people or groups come to a positive resolution, conflict ends and forgiveness extends.

January: *Seven of water*

January will be a time for some soul-searching and reviewing all of your options and your decisions. You will be looking to start new projects, wanting to move forward with your life. There will be a great need to make choices to prevent your lives from stalling. Sometimes the answer to finding the right action to take, lies in doing more research; other times we're merely procrastinating. This card is asking you to do whatever it is necessary to move forward. The time of Christmas and resting has passed; now is the time for action, visions and planning your future.

What is a Funeral Celebrant? Dougal Jeffries

Since putting an entry in the local 'Who's Where?' directory under the heading 'funeral celebrant', several people have asked me what exactly it is that I do. The answer, briefly put, is that I help families to plan the details of the funeral they want, and then conduct the ceremony itself - much as a vicar or other religious officiant would do but without any formal religious content. Although I would describe myself as a humanist (with a small 'h'), I am happy to include any spiritual elements that people may want, including the use of ritual acts such as lighting and extinguishing candles. It is not unusual for families, while not wanting an overtly religious ceremony, to request a hymn or prayer, and this too is fine with me.

I underwent an intensive training course to qualify me to provide this service, with Green Fuse in Totnes. This included residential days and a lot of written coursework, in which we learned the art of active listening, how to write eulogies and design ceremonies, and were finally assessed as we created and conducted a full ceremony. I always visit families at their homes, speak to as many relatives as wish to be involved, and then prepare a draft of the ceremony. Some families (and sometimes the person who has died) have very clear ideas of what they want; others may need guidance regarding suitable words and music. Likewise, some families will write and deliver their own tributes to the person who has died; others will ask me to create a tribute or eulogy from the information they have given me. Once I have prepared a draft, I deliver it to the family for checking and revision, and only when everyone is happy do I confirm the details with the funeral director.

Most of my work so far has come through local funeral directors, but I am always happy to be approached directly by bereaved families or individuals. Better still I would welcome approaches from those living with terminal illness who may wish to prepare their own funeral in advance. As a retired GP the intense personal relationship that has to be established quickly with the bereaved feels like an extension of the family doctor's role, and I have found this part-time occupation extremely rewarding. A good funeral should be a ceremony that celebrates life as well as mourning death, and is true to the essence of the person who has died. I know from personal experience just how important this can be to those who are bereaved, and my aim is to make this possible for those with whom I work.

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Births and Deaths

Des Dyer passed away on the 14th October at Polventon House, St Keverne. Formally of Gweal Mellin, Des passed away after a long illness, borne with courage and stoicism. His daughter Debbie and son in-law Michael wish to thank everyone who over the last few difficult years had been so kind and helpful to him.

Announcements

Constantine Cottage Garden Society Summer Show Photographic Titles. Show to be held on Saturday July 18th 2015. Print size should be 15cm x 10cm.

- Class 198 Any pet or pets
- Class 199 Reflections
- Class 200 Through the garden gate
- Class 201 Flowers or plants
- Class 202 A black and white photo-any subject
- Class 203 Skyscape
- Class 204 Cornish Coastal theme
- Class 205 A Head and Shoulders Portrait
- Class 206 Spring in the Woods
- Class 207 Transport

In the children's section:

- Class 329 My best Selfie
- Class 332 Any pet or pets



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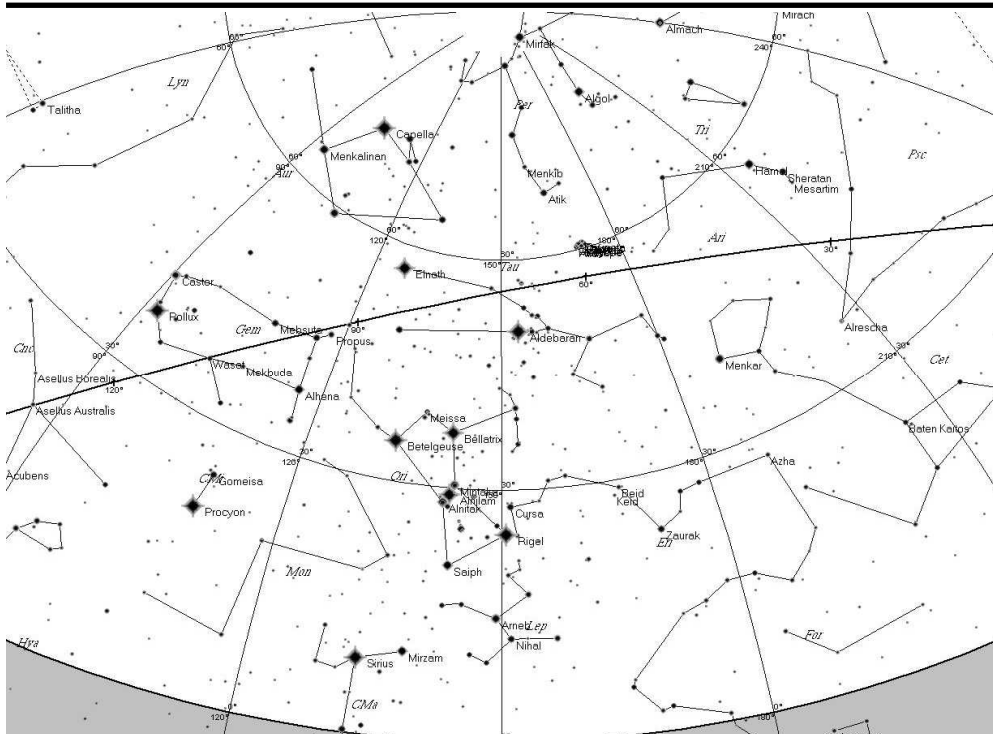
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This article covers a period of three months and great changes to the night sky take place over this length of time. The chart has been set for 2200hrs for mid December looking south. It will be valid for mid November at 1900 and 0100 for mid-January, although in each case some constellations visible will not be shown on the chart.

Orion is a good place to start as it really is the standout constellation of late autumn and early winter. Contrast the almost reddish colour of Betelgeuse with the white of Rigel. This is simply a reflection of the age difference in the two stars; Betelgeuse is an old star whereas Rigel is much younger and in a early phase of its life. From Rigel go south and east to Sirius and then east and north to Procyon. These two stars together with Betelgeuse form the Winter Triangle. Above Procyon find Pollux and almost above it Castor, the heavenly twins. Moving higher towards Polaris will bring you to the bright star Capella. Using the chart, find the central arm of Perseus and follow this upwards until it splits, then take the righthand fork to Mirfak and come down to Algol, "the evil eye".

Jupiter for most of this period will be low in the eastern sky but if you are an early bird then at 0600 it will be high in the southern sky. Uranus and Neptune will be low in the western sky and to spot either of these two probably it would be best to wait an hour or two after sunset. Look out for the Leonid meteor shower 15th to 20th November. The best time to observe will be after midnight on the 18th. The radiant is in Leo, a sickle shaped constellation which will be low in the east with a bright star Regulus at the end of the handle Slightly further west you should see Jupiter so with luck you will get two for the price of one! Wishing you clear skies for 2015.

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