

The Constant Times

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Parish Council Honours Geoffrey Jorey Charlotte Evans

After more than 30 years' service to the village Geoffrey Jorey is soon to retire from his role as caretaker and groundsman. Mr. Jorey has been more to our community than the village groundsman; many of us also fondly remember him as the school caretaker, member of the male voice choir, for his involvement in the football team and so on. But for his hard work over many years servicing the Parish Council he was formally acknowledged on Thursday 16th July, including being presented with a scale miniature model of his favourite piece of kit, an MF TE20 tractor (pictured below).

Making the presentation Parish Council Chairman, Mr. Paul Carter said "The council would like to take this opportunity to thank you [Mr. Jorey] for your commitment over the years. We have a lot to be grateful for in having you to support us in the upkeep of the village and I'm sure we could not have achieved what we have done without you. There have been many instances where you have stepped in and taken the initiative to put problems right and help members of the community. My wife has often said 'Every Parish Council needs a Geoff!' We wish you a very happy and well-deserved retirement". Mr. Jorey will continue in the role with reduced hours and responsibilities until March 2016 whilst a replacement arrangement is put in place.



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October Parish Council Minutes Charlotte Evans

Abridged from the draft minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday October 15, 2015. All Parish Council (PC) Members were present. Apologies received from Cornwall Cllr. Bastin and PCSO Fuller (police).

In Public Question Time slow broadband speeds were noted and residents experiencing problems were directed to the Superfast Cornwall website for useful contacts. Representatives of the Christmas Lights Committee presented a summary of fundraising and explained that due to difficulties sourcing large trees a more artistic approach may be adopted for the village centrepiece. Many residents have already requested their trees. The Committee was congratulated. A representative from Constantine Community Land Trust (CCLT), asked the PC to help raise the profile of the group and its aims. If this topic interests you, keep an eye out for further information in parish publications and for an upcoming public meeting (date TBC).

Moving in to the meeting proper it was noted that the Friends of Constantine Surgery will be purchasing three defibrillators for Constantine, Port Navas and Gweek. The September Police report brought five crimes to the PC's attention. Police outreach work around safety on Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night was also highlighted. In other Parish Matters the PC considered options for a new bus shelter and made plans for replacement/repair of fencing around the Recreation Ground.

Cornwall Cllr Bastin's report noted that the Leader of Cornwall Council will answer questions in an event at Falmouth Town Council Offices at 6.30pm, October 20th. The housing number for Falmouth and Penryn Community Network Area has been increased by 100 houses – taking houses lost to second homes into account. Key areas devolved under the Deal for Cornwall are: health (dependant on business plan), transport and economy. Neighbourhood Plans are seen as key to preventing unwanted development and a team has been set up to help parishes.

Under other agenda items the Royal British Legion invited the Council to lay a wreath on Remembrance Sunday. £50.00 will be forwarded as payment. It was also agreed that £450.00 be set aside to help the Christmas Lights Committee. Members noted that, reportedly, the Spar Shop has withdrawn its offer to host the Post Office.

The next meeting will be on Thursday November 19, 2015 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine. Full minutes of the Constantine Parish Council, including details of planning applications discussed at the October meeting, can be found at: <http://constantinecornwall.com/council/>.

News from the Edinburgh Fringe Charlie Pugh

Barbara and I made our annual trip to the Edinburgh festival Fringe in August looking for shows for the Tolmen Centre. We saw nearly 30 shows in our week--some good, some appalling! While we were there we found that our own Pipeline Theatre with their show Spillikin (made, supported by, and premiered at the Tolmen in July) was causing quite a stir and getting really top reviews. The inclusion of a real robot helped attract attention, but it was generally praised as a top class piece of theatre, beautifully written and designed. It was even shortlisted for one of the top Fringe awards. Well done Pipeline Theatre. Also doing well were two other shows which played at the Tolmen this summer - Rhum and Clay's "64 Squares" and Pentabus's "Every Brilliant Thing". It's quite pleasing to see shows picked by us for our village theatre going great guns at the world's biggest Theatre Festival.



Helford River Winter Talks Paula Evans

After a highly successful year of outdoor events, Helford Marine Conservation Group moves into Gweek Village Hall for a series of winter talks, all of which are open to the public.

Sat 14 November – Crumbling Cornwall – Managing our Slopes, Coast Paths, Property and Highways. 7.30pm. Gweek Village Hall, TR12 6UG. £3, members and children free. A visual presentation by Richard Hocking, from Cormac Solutions Ltd. on how Cornwall Council manages the South West Coastal Path. Using illustrated case histories, including the famous account of the North Cliffs failure at Hell's Mouth caught on video in 2011 which went viral on YouTube.

Sat 16 January 2016 – Oceans and Climate Change – Learning through Plankton. 7.30pm. Gweek Village Hall, TR12 6UG. £3, members and children free. Phillip C. Reid from the Sir Alistair Hardy Foundation for Ocean Science in Plymouth, will explain the role of the oceans in climate change and the contribution that almost a century of recording plankton has made in understanding these changes locally and globally.

Contact 01326 340961 or 07772323502 for more event details. Forthcoming diary dates include February 6th, the Story of the Cuttlefish, and March 19th, the Group's annual general meeting and a talk by Matt Slater about Cornwall Wildlife Trust's Good Seafood Guide.

Gweek Players Perform *The 39 Steps* Linda Capone

Gweek Players will be performing the West End comedy hit “The 39 Steps” at Gweek Village Hall on Wed. 18th, Th. 19th, and Fri. 20th at 7.30 pm and a matinee on Sat. 21st November at 2.30 pm. Tickets are available via our website: gweek-players.co.uk, or our Box Office on 0845 094 8874. Tickets cost £9 on Wed. and Sat. and £10 on Th. & Fri. The ticket price includes a choice of delicious desserts in the interval. There will be a bar, and tea and coffee will also be available. The play by Patrick Barlow is loosely based on John Buchan’s novel and the Alfred Hitchcock film. Audiences are invited to attend in 1930s costume if they wish, and a prize will be awarded each night for the best outfit.

Christmas at St Constantine Rev. Stewart Turner

It only seems like 5 minutes since last Christmas. Time passes so quickly these days, they do say that's a sign of getting old. Christmas is a lovely season; it is the one time when people make an extra special effort to be with family and friends. There is nothing better than to spend Christmas with those whom you love.

But let us not forget that there are many among us for whom Christmas is a sad and lonely time. Those who have no one to share the joy of the season with, many are old and lonely. So spare a thought for them this year and if you know someone like that then why not just knock on the door and wish them a Happy Christmas, it would mean so much, as Mother Teresa once said “Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless”.

And of course Christmas is a very special time in the church; it is literally “The Mass of Christ” where we celebrate the birth of our Lord and saviour. There will be the usual activities as you will see from the list included with this article; and we would be very glad to welcome you to any of those services. And once again we will have our prayer tree in the church by the Lady Chapel. Beside this tree there will be a basket containing paper angels. The idea is that if there is someone who you love and has passed away, or someone who you care about and can't be with you this Christmas then you write their name and if you wish a short message on the angel and hang it on the tree as a prayer offered up to God on their behalf. And there it will remain throughout Christmas as a constant reminder of someone you love and for whatever reason cannot be with.

On behalf of St. Constantine Church I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy, blessed and peaceful Christmas, and may God bless you all.

Christmas Church Bazaar

Sat. Nov 28th 10—12 Church Hall.

Cakes, games, raffle, books, water into wine,
crafts, refreshments, lots of fun for everyone.

Crib Service

Thursday 24th December 4pm

Come along to build the Crib.

Great fun for children of all ages.

Epiphany Concert

Tuesday 5th January 7pm

Round off the Christmas festivities with a concert
followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

Christmas Lights

Switch On

With the School Choir & Constantine Band

Friday 4th December, Time to be announced.

Hot drinks will be served.

Village trees will be delivered the week before.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our fund raising events this year.

Constantine History Group - Lakes' Pottery Don Garman

On entering the WI Hall, members were met with a display of Gullies, Thirdeells, Pinchguts, Tivvys, Penny's and many other items of pottery with intriguing names. All of the items were products of the Lakes' Pottery once located in Chapel Hill, Truro; the site is now occupied by a Baptist Chapel. Mike Edwards, a lifelong and well known potter and one time employee of Lakes, provided an intriguing history of the business and pottery process entitled "Back to the Yard". The title originated from listening to male senior citizens known as the "Truro Parliament" who sat on the window ledges of what is now the HSBC Bank and talked about "up the yard" when referring to the pottery. The production of pots for domestic use in Truro can be traced back to the medieval priory that may have used a local seam of clay. Bradshaw, in his railway guide, mentions the Venn pottery in the 1860s, which was sited near to what is now Halfords. Potting was one of several small manufacturing industries in Truro which included the production of rennet and vinegar. The Venn pottery specialised in making spills (vases) for flower shows, particularly for flowers from Scilly, the clay being brought by train and then horse and cart from Devon and some from St Agnes. The pottery closed in 1920. C.H. Lake, a St Austell builder's merchant, bought the Chapel Hill site in 1872 and continued the existing pottery business. Prior to throwing the pot, the clay was milled using a horse whim. Mike served his apprenticeship with Lakes in the 1950s and progressed to being a wheelman (potter). Following throwing of the clay, pots were dried before being fired, heat being provided by the sun or by burning gorse prickles. The kiln of stone and brick was 40' high and was fired with furze (gorse) that was collected from as far afield as Goonhavern by some of the employees. Firing took place once a month on a Friday and Saturday. In 1944 a new kiln was constructed by bricklayers from Stoke on Trent. This kiln was fired using 5 tons of Welsh coal. Once it got going, flames would come out of the chimney and a crowd would gather to watch. A wide range of household products were produced including cream pans, grave ornaments, cloam ovens and chimney pots, as well as a range of jugs and pitchers. Glazing for domestic use was only on the inside. During the 1950s the demand for domestic products began to reduce as plastic became more common and more houses had mains water so Lakes began to produce items for the gift trade. Horizons were also expanded beyond the local market as the pottery began to be produced for export. Products by now were glazed externally. The pottery was sold to the Dartington Trust and later another owner oversaw the demise of the pottery and sold the site in 1984. Mike Edwards left Lakes in the 1960s and then worked for many years at the Bolingey Pottery, Perranporth. The Chairman, Geoff Roberts, thanked Mike for his interesting talk. The next meeting will be on Friday 16th October at 19.15 in the WI Hall when Chris Hosking will be talking about the Geevor Mine.

Transition Constantine News and Events Chris Hussey

This Changes Everything – The Movie

World leaders will be meeting in Paris at the end of November to try and reach agreement on how to control the carbon emissions that are having such a dramatic impact on the world's climate. As a warm-up to that event, Transition Constantine will host a screening of the film 'This Changes Everything', recently premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival. The film is associated with Naomi Klein's book of the same title. It examines the impact of global corporations on communities around the world "...with the proposition that we can seize the crisis of climate change to transform our failed economic system into something radically better." The film will be shown at the Tolmen Centre on Wednesday 11th November, starting at 7:30 pm. Tickets are £3 and the bar will be open.

Who's Where

You may remember that the issue of "Who's Where" that appeared in May this year was advertised as the "35th and Final Edition". After a long innings, Liz Moore declared that her time at the crease, so to speak, was up. It is such a useful directory that members of Constantine's Transition group have been considering ways in which it might be kept going. Given the range of activities involved in producing each edition, it does seem quite feasible that it could be divided up amongst a group of people so as to spread the load and make it more of a team effort. If you would like to help to keep this valuable village resource going, and would like to find out more about the kind of activities involved, please contact Chris Hussey on 340007.



Please contact Chris Hussey with details of items to offer (340007) or email constant.times@gmail.com directly (with 'freecycle' in the subject line).

OFFERED:

Granulated cork for insulation. 22 boxes @ 24"sq each containing 225 cubic litres of new cork. Contact Stuart Murdoch, info@stuartmurdoch.com or 340056.

Sovereign Series TP Emperor 12ft Trampoline. Complete with all the necessary equipment APART from the fence/enclosure (available to purchase online separately). Offered free but any donation to the preschool solar fund would be greatly appreciated. Contact Ellie James, 340051.

WANTED:

2-seater sofa and medium sized bookcase. Please contact Wendy 07742066545, or at 11 Wheal Vyvyan.

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CONSTANTINE CALENDAR

November 2015

Wed (every) – Todlins. 9.30am. Tolmen Centre.

Thurs (every) – Port Navas Art Group. 1-4pm. Port Navas Village Hall. Contact Ron Prior on 340566.

Fri (every) – Fitness Fusion. 11.30am. Tolmen Centre.

Mon 2 – W.I. Craft Club. Bring your own craft.

Wed 4 – Soup Kitchen. 12.30pm. Port Navas Village Hall. £3 for soup and crusty bread. Booking not required, all welcome.

Wed 4 – Tolmen Movies. Interstellar. 7.30pm. £3. Café Tolmen open (booking essential). 341353.

Fri 6 – Bonfire Night Curry. 6.30pm. The Waymarker.

Sat 7 – It's a Crafty Winter Affair. Fundraising for Constantine Pre-school and PTA. 11am-3pm. The Tolmen Centre. To book a table contact Selina Ekins on 01326 340818/07947748862 or selina.ekins@gmail.com.

Mon 9 – W.I. Meeting. Pampered Chef Evening. 7.15pm. W.I. Hall.

Wed 11 – This Changes Everything – The Movie. 7.30pm. Tolmen Centre. £3.

Thurs 12 – Transition Constantine Meeting. 7pm. The Queens Arms. Chris Hussey 340007.

Thurs 12 – Constantine Cottage Garden Society. The Evolution of Trebah Gardens Past & Present, Darren Dickey, Head Gardener Trebah Gardens. 7.30pm. W.I. Hall. Entrance £1.

Fri 13 – Constantine Guides 50th Anniversary Fundraising Beetle Drive. Church Hall. 7-9pm. All ex-Guides and families welcome. Send guide-related photos to lucy999chapman@googlemail.co.uk.

Sat 14 – One and All Club. Xmas Fayre. 10-12. Social Club. Sally 340050.

Sat 14 – Helford Marine Conservation Group. Crumbling Cornwall. 7.30pm. Gweek Village Hall. £3. Details p. 3.

Mon 16 – W.I. Craft Club. Bring your own craft.

Wed 18 – Fri 20 – Gweek Players “39 Steps”. 7.30pm. Gweek Village Hall. Details p. 4.

Wed 18 – Tolmen Movies. Whiplash. 7.30pm. £3. Café Tolmen open (booking essential). 341353.

Thurs 19 – Britannia – An evening with Rob Woodard. 7pm. Port Navas Village Hall. £7 includes a pasty. To book a place ring David on 341018.

Thurs 19 – Parish Council Meeting. 7pm. Constantine Church Vestry.

Fri 20 – Constantine History Group. AGM and the Fox Family – Charles Fox. W.I. Hall. 7.00pm. Contact Geoff Roberts 340154.

Sat 21 – An autumn blitz on Pope's garden. Please come and help clear the year's growth. 10am. Bring your own tools.

Sat 21 – Gweek Players “39 Steps”. 2.30pm. Gweek Village Hall. Details p. 4.

Sat 21 – Save the Children Christmas Market. 10am-12noon. Mawnan Smith Memorial Hall. Contact Tessa Thomson 340686.

Mon 23 – One and All Club. Godrevy Singers. 2.15. Social Club. Sally 340050.

Tues 24 – Ladies' Circle. 2.15pm. W.I. Hall.

Wed 25 – Lynched (folk music). 7.30pm. Tolmen Centre. £11 (£10). Café Tolmen open (booking essential). 341353.

Fri 27 – The Candidate by Jon Welch. Tolmen Centre. Café Tolmen open (booking essential). 341353.

Sat 28 – Christmas Bazaar. 10am-12noon. Church Hall.

Mon 30 – W.I. Soup and Pud lunch. Christmas sales table. 12-1.15pm. W.I. Hall.

Mon 30 – Afternoon Tea and Live Jazz. 3-5pm The Waymarker.

December 2015

Tues 1 – Helford River Children's Sailing Trust Advent Service. 7pm. Constantine Church.

Wed 2 – Soup Kitchen. 12.30pm. Port Navas Village Hall. £3 for soup and crusty bread. Booking not required, all welcome.

Wed 2 – Tolmen Movies. LA Confidential. 7.30pm. £3. Café Tolmen open (booking essential). 341353.

Thurs 3 – Port Navas Art Group. 1-4pm. Port Navas Village Hall. Contact Ron Prior on 340566.

Fri 4 – Constantine Christmas Lights Switch On. Time TBC.

Sat 5 – Lighting the Port Navas Christmas Tree. Mulled wine, mince pies and carols led by Constantine Silver Band. 5.30pm onwards.

Mon 7 – One and All Club. Cameo Group. 2.15. Social Club. Sally 340050.

Tues 8 – Constantine School Christingle Service. 2.30pm. Constantine Church.

Thurs 10 – Transition Constantine Meeting. 7pm. The Queens Arms. Chris Hussey 340007.

Thurs 10 – Constantine Cottage Garden Society. Christmas Party. 7.30pm. W.I. Hall. Members please bring a plate of food and a raffle prize. Entrance £3.

Sat 12 – Constantine Primary School Christmas Ceilidh. 7.30-11pm. Tolmen Centre. Tickets (advance purchase only) available from Constantine School or contact cpsxmas@gmail.com.

Mon 14 – Lunch and Evening Christmas Menu. The Waymarker. Arrivals 12-2pm; 6pm-8pm.

Mon 14 – WI meeting. 7.15pm. W.I. Hall.

Fri 18 – Village Carol Service. Nine Lessons and Carols. 7pm. Constantine Church.

Sun 20 – Family Communion with Christingle and Nativity. 10.30am. Constantine Church.

Thurs 24 – Crib Service. 4pm. Constantine Church.

Thurs 24 – Midnight Mass. 11.30pm. Constantine Church.

Fri 25 – Christmas Day Lunch. The Waymarker. Arrivals 12:30-1.

Fri 25 – Christmas Day Service. 9.30pm. Port Navas.

Fri 25 – Christmas Day Service. 10.30am. Constantine Church.

Thurs 31 – New Year's Eve Dinner. The Waymarker. Arrivals 7.30-9pm.

Thurs 31 – New Year's Eve party with Small Wonder. £10. Social Club. 07786107710.

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January 2016

Fri 1 – New Year's Day Roast Lunch. The Waymkarker. Arrivals noon-3pm.

Tues 5 – Epiphany Concert. 7pm. Constantine Church.

Wed 6 – Twelfth Night, turning off the Christmas tree lights and enjoying a drink with friends. Please bring a plate of food to share. 6pm. Port Navas.

Mon 11 – W.I. Meeting. 7.15pm. W.I. Hall.

Thurs 14 – Constantine Cottage Garden Society. 7.30pm. W.I. Hall.

Thurs 14 – Transition Constantine Meeting. 7pm. Queens Arms. Chris Hussey 340007.

Fri 15 – Constantine History Group. Pharmacy of Yesteryear. Kingsley Rickard. W.I. Hall. 7.15pm. Contact Geoff Roberts 340154 or geoffdroberts@btinternet.com.

Sat 16 – Helford Marine Conservation Group. Oceans and Climate Change. Gweek Village Hall. £3. Details p. 3.

Fri 22 – Deadline for Constant Times submissions and calendar dates.

Thurs 28 – Talk by Don Garman, "In the Footsteps of Shackleton – Well, Almost". 7pm. Port Navas Village Hall. £7 includes a pasty. To book contact Pauline 250604.

CLUBS, GROUPS AND GOINGS ON

W.I. Report Barabara Willoughby

October is annual Harvest Auction time for our W.I. which means a great deal of laughter when our members bid against each other for sought after items such as Tin Sardines, Home Grown Leeks and the favourite Home Made Heavy Cake - There is never enough Heavy Cake! It was good to see our new members joining in the fun and helping to raise over £90, which will go towards transport for our Christmas Dinner in December.

The first meeting of the new Craft Club last week went very well and it was agreed to have two meetings on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month. This Club is open to all and you are welcome to bring your own craft (knitting, sewing, patchwork etc.). We are also working on producing Christmas items for fundraising but whatever your choice there will always be a friendly welcome and a cup of tea! November's Craft Club will be on 2nd and 16th of the month.

Our very popular Winter Season Soup and Pud Lunches start on 26th October, with the usual delicious Home Made Soups and Naughty but Nice Puddings. All are welcome. The date for November will be Monday 30th, when there will be a Christmas Sales Table where there will be gifts and goodies available to buy - without the

queues and crowds in the shops! Our November meeting will be on the 9th with the "Pampered Chef" with recipes and helpful items & tips - the Competition is a "Written Recipe using Honey". Guests and visitors always welcome.

Constantine Cottage Garden Society Howard Bolt

For those of you who were unable to attend the talk on 8th October by Andrew Mills explaining how to win gold at Chelsea Flower Show, you missed a treat. He started by explaining that he did not need electronic or photographic equipment because he did any illustrations himself, which proved to be the case. Preparing for Chelsea takes a whole year, including planning, designing, nurturing the chosen plants, transporting to Chelsea, building the display, dealing with the R.H.S., as well as celebrities and public, and finally clearing up. Andrew explained, in a most amusing manner, how things could go wrong but then how their contingency plans sprang into action.

Just a reminder, our meetings are held in the W.I. Hall on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. Photographic classes at next year's show will be: Any pet or pets, Reflections, A Public Garden, Flowers or Plants, Sunrise, A Landmark in Constantine Parish, Head and Shoulders Portrait, Spring in the Woods, Boating, and a black and white topic of your own choice.



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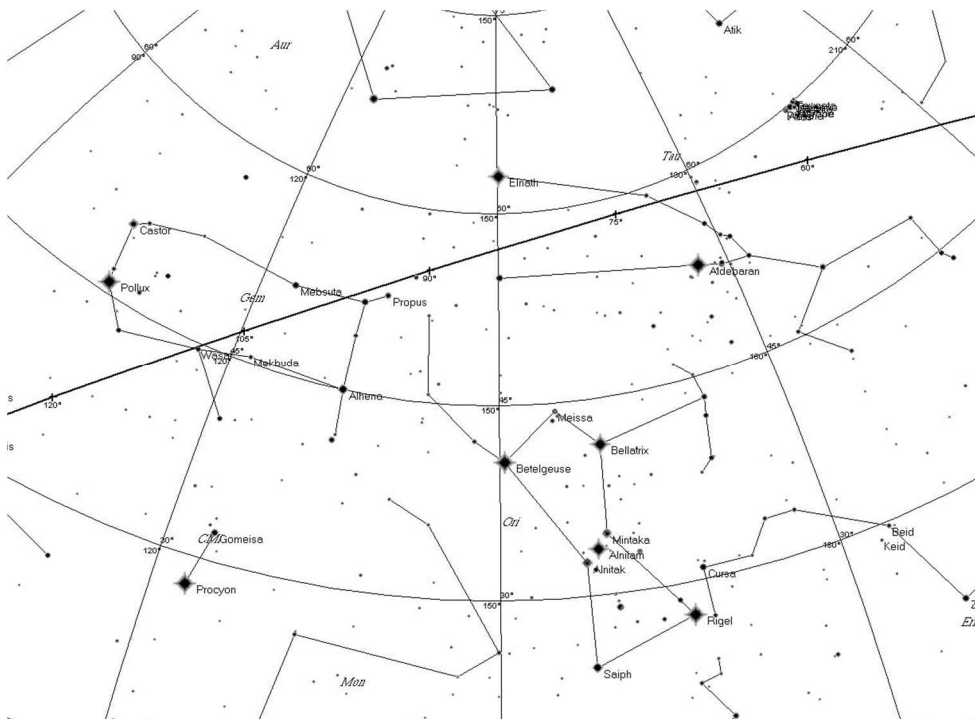


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* * * **Night Sky November-January** Robert Beeman
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The annual Leonid meteor shower takes place 16th/18th of November and these should appear to come up from the North to Northeastern horizon. Castor and Pollux in Gemini will be well up in the East by mid December and will be a handy guide for the radiant of the Geminid meteor shower on the nights 13th/14th. These are of asteroidal origin rather than cometary dust, so can be quite bright and sparkly. The early hours after midnight will be best for both showers.

By late November/early December Venus Mars and Jupiter will be nicely arranged in the pre dawn sky to the southeast, with Arcturus at the foot of Bootes above Venus. By late evening Uranus will be to the South or Southwest with Orion taking centre stage. Taurus is very much second fiddle to Orion, dominated by Aldebaran, the baleful blood-red eye of the bull. The head of the bull is formed by the Hyades star cluster, but perhaps better known are the Pleiades whose stars, although further away from those of the Hyades are brighter. The farmers of the Andes use the first sight of the Pleiades as a guide to planting their potatoes.

The appearance of Taurus and Orion signal the cold nights of winter and gives a good opportunity to compare the reddish colours of Aldebaran in Taurus and Betelgeuse in Orion, both red giants, with the whitish blue of Rigel, the belt stars of Orion and the Pleiades. This is simply an indicator of age, young stars burn hotter and therefore appear whitish blue, older stars such as red giants are already getting middle aged and beyond! Sirius, below Orion, and Procyon to the East together with Rigel form the winter triangle and as the nights draw in take advantage of being able to do a bit of stargazing without having to stay up late. Wishing you clear skies.

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