

# The Constant Times

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## Bumper harvest at Constantine School ! Helen Bancroft

We have had a very busy start to the Autumn Term. As always we try to ensure that our curriculum is as exciting and relevant as possible and so over the past year we have incorporated cooking and gardening into the weekly timetable. All cooking is related to the children's topics and so last week, for example, the Year 4s cooked the most amazing seafood paella to complement their Awesome Ocean topic.



The garden area has produced tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers and radishes to name but a few so the children have been busily harvesting and getting things tidied and ready for the winter crops. Everyone now has wellies in school so that we can dodge the showers and get out and about whenever possible. If our crops continue to flourish watch out for our own greengrocer's stall at the school gates!



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## Ron's return

*World daffodil expert back at Cottage Garden Society*

**Howard Bolt**



The first talk of our Winter Programme was held on October 12<sup>th</sup> when Ron Scamp, the World daffodil expert from Falmouth, visited the Society again. He explained that after some 44 years of breeding and cultivating new varieties of daffodils, he has passed on the control of the firm to his son Adrian. But he said that he would still be allowed to drive the tractor!

He showed us some wonderful pictures illustrating the different types of daffodils, and also new introductions. He explained that all his daffodils are named and each name has a story or reason behind it. E.g. Capability Brown commemorates his Tercentenary, Marguerite Patten was named for her family to commemorate 100 years, by the Guild of Food Writers. Many varieties are named after local places: 'Boscastle', 'Budock Water', 'Calamansack', 'Helford Dawn', 'Merthen' to name but a few.

Ron explained about the cultivation of new varieties. Pseudonarcissus are often used for breeding as are

narcissus cyclamineus. Some hybrids from the latter are sweetly scented. After the new seeds are produced following pollination, it takes some 10 years to produce a variety suitably robust to be sold to gardeners.

Before the massive bulb sale that followed Ron's talk, Fraser Green showed us some photographs of his visit to the Dutch bulb growers display at the Keukenhof gardens near Lisse in the Netherlands. There were some 7million tulips/hyacinths/daffodils all in bloom creating wonderful views.



(Checking in the catalogue, the bulbs Ron had on sale after the talk were indeed at 'knock down' prices!)

### ***Advance notice of the list of photographic topics in next year's Garden Show Schedule:***

*Pet Fish, People at Work, A Garden Container, A Tree without Leaves, What a Beautiful Sky, A Cornish Viaduct, Head and Shoulders Portrait, A Woodland Path, An Omnibus, Black and White—any subject.*



## Whats On at the Tolmen Centre this Autumn



Wednesday 8 November 7.30pm

### Tomorrow

*In 2012 the French actress and director Melanie Laurent and activist Cyril Dion became deeply concerned at the mounting evidence for climate change, prompting them to travel the world in search of solutions that can help save the next generations. The result is an inspiring documentary that presents practical solutions implemented throughout the world by hundred of communities. Their common ideas and examples make Tomorrow one of the most essential and unexpectedly inspirational viewing experiences of our time.* Tickets £4.

Friday 10 November 7.30pm

### Rough Island Band

*A contemporary folk quartet playing original music inspired by the landscapes, people and stories of the Isles of Scilly. Incorporating a wide range of instrumental and vocal textures, RIB craft a personal and contemporary sound, firmly rooted in the folk tradition.* Tickets £11, £10. Children £5.

Wednesday 22nd November 7.30 pm

Tolmen Movie

### The Other Side of Hope

*With his previous film Le Havre, and this very sympathetic and charming new work, The Other Side of Hope, Kaurismäki has made refugees his focus. "A deeply humane film, as well as a quietly hilarious one. "...Time Out.* Tickets £4

Friday 1st December 7.30 pm

### Publick Transport

### We are Brontë

*We Are Brontë is a piece of hilarious visual theatre inspired by the real and imaginary worlds of Yorkshire's literary siblings, presented in Publick Transport's irreverent style. Physical theatre collides with stand-up, clowning and improvisation as two*

*performers deconstruct Gothic themes of love, madness, repression and revenge. Part play, part enquiry into the act of putting on a play, this is no ordinary Brontë adaptation. In association with Carn to Cove.* Tickets £9, £7, Family £25.

Wednesday 6th December 7.30pm

### La La Land

*The story of Mia, an aspiring actress, and Sebastian, a dedicated jazz musician, who are struggling to make ends meet in a city known for crushing hopes and breaking hearts. La La Land is a happy, sweet-natured movie – something to give you a vitamin-D boost of sunshine.* Tickets £4 Tolmen Movies

Thursday 7th December 2017 7.30

### Barb Jungr sings Bob Dylan.

*Acclaimed jazz singer Barb is known worldwide for her sensitive interpretations of Dylan songs. With keyboard and bass accompaniment this will be a cabaret style event in our downstairs space. All tickets £12.50*

Saturday 13th January 2018

### Monster

*We start our spring theatre season with the return of Worklight Theatre with Monster. A solo tour-de-force by Joe Sellman-Leava (who amazed us with Labels last year) on the subject of male aggression but explored in his familiar delightful way.* £10/£8.

New things also starting at the Tolmen include a children's music and drama session on Thursday afternoons, and Chinese Yoga on Mondays. Details on [www.tolmencentre.co.uk](http://www.tolmencentre.co.uk)

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# Night Sky

Robert Beeman

The winter constellations are now starting to get back on the scene and spending time outside demands sensible clothing if you are to appreciate the glittering stars in the eastern sky offered by the constellations of Auriga, Taurus, Gemini and Orion.

A binocular tour of Auriga will reveal the tight galactic clusters M36, M37 and M38, all about 4000 light years(ly) distant.

Compare the ruddy hues of Aldebaran at the head of Taurus with Betelgeuse on the shoulder of Orion and the steely blue-white of Rigel at his foot. This gives a measure of their relative ages, younger stars burn much hotter so appear blue or white compared with the reddish colour of older stars.

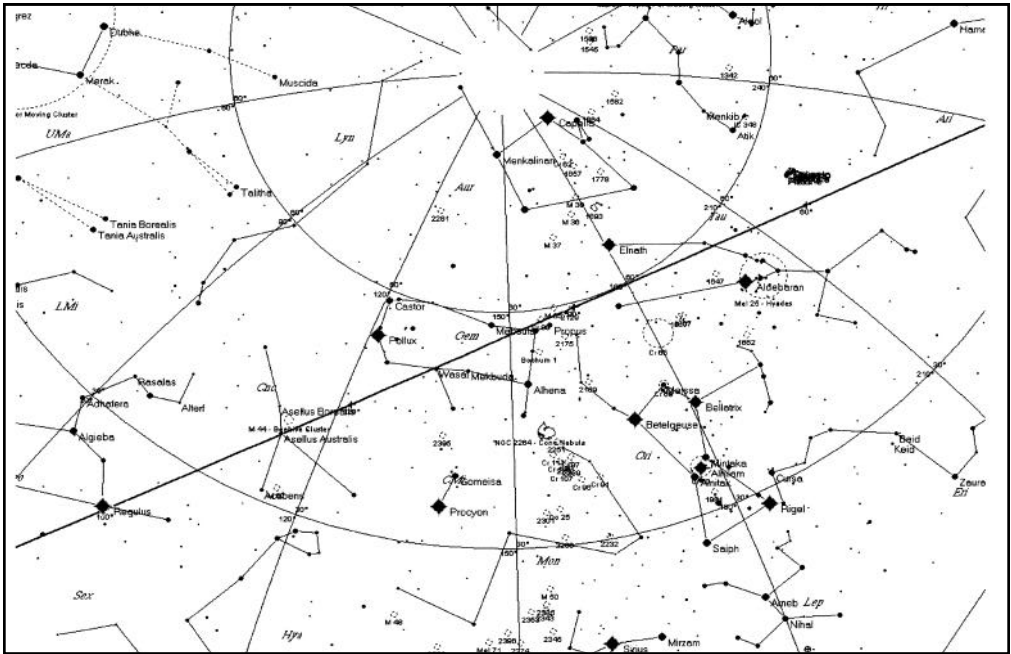
Gemini has two very obvious stars, Castor and Pollux, the heavenly twins. Castor, about 50ly away is not a single star like the Sun, but is a family of six, all gravitationally bound in a complex orbital mechanism.

Pollux, the other twin is slightly brighter and a little closer at 34ly.

Orion has plenty to offer and the area below the belt stars of Alnitak 820ly, Alnilam 1300ly, and Mintaka 2000ly is well worth viewing. This area is the home of several nebula, M42 and M43 the Orion nebula, and NGC 2024 the Flame nebula which are fairly easy to see with binoculars.

Look for the W-shaped constellation of Cassiopeia high overhead and if you have a really clear sky you should be able to follow the Milky Way downwards to the east and western horizons.

Visible planets during this period are really confined to Mars and Jupiter as early morning objects, leaving Uranus and Neptune as evening objects. Saturn will, by mid-December have disappeared from view in the evening sky to reappear in January as an early morning object. Towards the end of



January, Saturn, Mars and Jupiter should be nicely on display in the early morning sky.

We do also have a number of meteor showers to look out for during this period.

The Leonids peak on 17<sup>th</sup> of November, a day before new Moon so conditions should be good, but do not expect more than 20 meteors per hour. The radiant at midnight on 17/18<sup>th</sup> will be low in the North East in the constellation of Leo which looks like an inverted question mark, with a bright star, Regulus at the base.

The Geminids peak in the small hours of December 14<sup>th</sup>, again the Moon is favourable. The radiant will be in Gemini, the home to Castor and Pollux.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of January brings the Quadrantid meteor shower. The radiant is low in the North East but the Moon will probably interfere for all but the brightest meteors.

Wishing you clear skies for 2018.

## Port Navas Village Hall

**Kernow French speaking group** Mons until 18 December, 11am and/or Weds until 20 Dec, 3.00pm. £10 per session. First FREE ! fernwharrison@yahoo.com 07931974816

### Soup Kitchen

Weds 1 November from 12.30pm. Soup and Crusty bread. £3. No booking.

### The Cutty Sark

Thursday 16Nov at 7pm. Richard Doughty Director of the National Maritime Museum Cornwall will talk about this world famous tea clipper.

£7 including pasty. Call Pauline 250604.

### Lighting the Christmas Tree

Sat 2 December, 5.30pm onwards.

Mulled wine and mince pies, followed by the lighting of the Christmas tree and carol singing with Constantine Silver Band. Come and marvel at David's twinkly lights, in full colour.

**More on p12**

Wed - Sat  
15th - 18th  
November  
2017

# HAY FEVER

by Noël Coward



Gweek Village Hall, TR12 6UG

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## Constantine History Group

### September - Cornish House Fires

The Cornish country houses of Tehidy, Lanhydrock, Godolphin, Trelawne, Arwenack and Mount Edgcumbe and many more, have an event in common, a major fire. Jo Mattingly shared her research on country house fires with members of Constantine History Group at the September meeting.

Most of the fires mentioned happened during the nineteenth century, but some were earlier e.g. Arwenack in 1646 and others more recent such as Carclew in 1934. Records often do not mention the cause, but many seem to have been chimney fires whilst others were caused by careless use of candles, installation of modern heating and electrical systems in old houses and some, possibly, by arson. Most fires happened at night or early morning when few members of the household were moving about the house. A daytime fire at Trevethan in 1815 was not noticed because, apart from one occupant, all were in the fields for the harvest.

A common feature in attempts to fight the fire was a lack of water, Treliassick was able to limit damage in 1880 because of the plentiful supply from its

Reports by Don Garman



*Tehidy in 1919 after the fire*

water tower. Several large houses had their own firefighting equipment such as Tehidy. Often the equipment was also used to fight fires in the local area.

Country house fires created architectural loss to the county and often collections of valuable art work, books and archives were also destroyed.

Following fires, houses were sometimes reconstructed such as Lanhydrock, but frequently owners took the opportunity to redesign their homes. The remains of buildings are sometimes incorporated into the replacement. Occasionally, as at Carclew, the house remained a ruin. During the nineteenth century and earlier, houses were often not insured and owners had insufficient funds to rebuild.

Fortunately, there are few deaths recorded although sometimes owners such as Lady Robartes died of shock a few days after the Lanhydrock fire in 1881.

Owners often seem to have found time and a safe area to get dressed before they appeared on the scene of the fire!



*Lanhydrock fire in the 19th century*

## October- Dolly Pentreath, fact or fiction?

Jan Pentreath delved into the myths and realities of Dolly Pentreath's life and her significance in the history of the Cornish language at the Group's October meeting.

Jan's talk was based on extensive and very thorough research. As the only child with the Pentreath surname in Mousehole he had been intrigued by the monument funded by Louis Bonaparte to another Pentreath, Dolly, in the wall of the churchyard at Paul and wondered whether she was a relation.

Despite the research, the family link is still not clear. Jan's efforts to find out more about Dolly resulted in several puzzles that needed to be solved. Did Dolly really exist? There was no registered birth and no death but there was a Dolly Jeffry recorded in 1777. Evidence suggests that a son born out of wedlock may have given the surname Jeffry on her death. A Doartye Pentreath, whose father was a Nicholas Pentreath, was baptised around the time of her likely birth. Was this Dolly? Interestingly, the need of her eight-pall bearers to halt on Paul Hill to refresh themselves with half a bottle of gin is recorded!

The monument records her age as 102, but this does not relate to her birth and death in 1877. An ode may have created this myth to achieve a good rhyming structure. Also there were calendar changes and the years were calculated according to the reign of the monarch. So, plenty of room for error.

William Borlase, claimed that the Cornish language had died out by the 1750s. However, his friend Danes Barrington, a lawyer, sought to find out if this was true and was put in touch with Dolly. Was she the last Cornish speaker?



Evidence suggests she was not as a fisherman wrote to Danes Barrington in Cornish, a language he purported to have learned from the "old men". His family, the Bodinars were responsible for the location of Dolly's monument, however a relation of the undertaker declared it was in the wrong place. It was later moved to where it was thought Dolly was buried. Were the Bodinars jealous of Dolly's fame?

Jan suggested that Mousehole smugglers retained their Cornish language to enable communication with their Breton counterparts. Therefore Dolly, probably born into a smuggling family, would have spoken Cornish and later learned English. To claim that she was the last native speaker is probably justified.

The next meeting is on November 17<sup>th</sup>. The AGM will begin at 19.00 in the WI Hall, Constantine and be followed by "Exploits of a local vet in the Boer War" given by John Head. Visitors welcome – contact 01326 250604

## The Constant Times CONSTANTINE CALENDAR

### *November 2017*

**Tues (every)** – Yoga. 6.30pm. Tolmen Centre. Contact jess@yogagrace.co.uk

**Tues (every)** – Body Blitz Fitness 6.30pm Church Hall

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

**Thurs (every)** - Zumba Class 6.45pm Church Hall

**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.

**Thur 9** – Constantine Cottage Garden Society (tbc). 7.30pm. W.I. Hall.

**Thur 9** – Transition Constantine Meeting. 7pm. The Queens Arms. Chris Hussey 340007.

**Fri 10** - Rough Island Band 7.30pm Tomen Centre (See page 3)

**Sat 11** – Farmers market.

**Sat 11** - Nearly New Sale of clothes etc WI Hall 10-12. Proceeds to WI and Christmas Lights

**Mon 13** – WI meeting. 7.15pm. Sylvia Dunn & Mary Vyvyan talking 'Christmas Cookery Before and After'. Competition will be 'Your least used kitchen gadget'. Expect an entertaining evening!

**Wed 15 to Sat 18** - 'Hay Fever' Gweek Players (See page 5)

**Thur 16** – Parish Council meeting. 7pm. The Vestry, Constantine.

**Fri 17** - Constantine History Group 7.00pm W.I. Hall (See page 7)

**Sat 18** - 'Save the Children Christmas Fair' - 10am - 12noon Mawnan Smith Memorial Hall. Cakes & Preserves, Raffle, Christmas Cards, Prize Hamper, Games & Prizes and much more...

**Mon 20** – Constantine One and All Club. St Austell Uke band. 2pm. Sally Coot 340050.

**Mon 20 & Mon (every)** - Craft Club W.I. Hall. 2-4pm. Christmas Wreaths with Jenny Ragg,

**Wed 22** - 'The Other Side of Hope' 7.30pm Tolmen Movies (See page 4)

**Sat 25** - Church Christmas Fayre 10 am – 12 noon Constantine Church Hall. With Santa and his little helper and wide variety of excellent Christmas Craft Stalls and games. Homemade cakes, jams and chutneys. An ideal time to get in the Christmas mood and buy those stocking fillers. Homemade refreshments.

**Mon 27** - Festive Soup & Pud Lunch 12 noon, W.I. Hall. Christmas Sales Table.

### *December 2017*

**Tues (every)** – Body Blitz Fitness 6.30pm Church Hall

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

**Thurs (every)** - Zumba Class 6.45pm Church Hall

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**Fri 1** - We Are Bronte - 7.30pm Tolmen Centre (See page 4)

**Mon 4** – Constantine One and All Club. St Aubyn singers. Sally Coot 340050.

**Wed 6** - 'La La Land' 7.30pm Tolmen Movies (See page 4)

**Thurs 7**- Barb Jungr sings Bob Dylan. 7.30pm Tolmen Centre (See page 4)

**Sat 9** – Farmers market.

**Mon 11** – WI meeting @7.15pm.

**Thur 14** – Constantine Cottage Garden Society (tbc). 7.30pm. W.I. Hall.

**Thur 14** – Transition Constantine Meeting. 7pm. The Queens Arms. Chris Hussey 340007.

**Thur 14** – Parish Council meeting. 7pm. The Vestry, Constantine.

### **January 2018**

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

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**Sat 13** - Worklight Theatre's 'Monster' 7.30pm Tolmen Centre (See page 4)

**Thur 18** – Parish Council meeting. 7pm. The Vestry, Constantine.

**Fri 19** - Constantine History Group 'The Growth of Early Falmouth'

## **St Constantine Church Services**

**Sun 5 November** 8.00 am BCP Holy Communion. 10.30am Holy Communion

**Sun 12 November** 8.00 am BCP Holy Communion. 10.30am Remembrance Service

**Sun 19 November** 8.00 am BCP Holy Communion. 10.30am Holy Communion

**Sun 26 November** 8.00 am BCP Holy Communion. 10.30am Holy Communion

**Sun 3 December** 8.00 am BCP Holy Communion. 10.30am Holy Communion

**Tues 5 December** 7.00 pm Helford River Sailing Trust Carol Service

**Sun 10 December** 8.00 am BCP Holy Communion. 10.30am Holy Communion

**Wed 13 December** 9.30am Constantine School Christingle Service

**Sun 17 December** 8.00 am BCP Holy Communion. 10.30am Church Christingle Service

**Wed 20 December** 7.00pm Village Carol Service

**Sun 24 December** 8.00 am BCP Holy Communion. 10.30am Holy Communion. 4.00pm Crib Service. 11.30pm Midnight Service

**Mon 25 December Christmas Day**  
10.30am Family Communion

**Sun 31 December** 8.00 am BCP Holy Communion. 10.30am Holy Communion

**Sun 7 January** 8.00 am BCP Holy Communion. 10.30am Holy Communion

**Sun 14 January** 8.00 am BCP Holy Communion. 10.30am Holy Communion

**Sun 21 January** 8.00 am BCP Holy Communion. 10.30am Holy Communion

**Sun 28 January** 8.00 am BCP Holy Communion. 10.30am Holy Communion

*Everyone is very welcome and refreshments are served after the 10.30am service. Thursdays 10.00am BCP Holy Communion followed by Ladies Fellowship*

## From Autumn Leaves to Christmas Trees

Tracey Clowes,  
Christmas Lights Team

Having just spent two weeks in Findhorn, Scotland, I have been fortunate to witness the coming of two Autumns this year. Gold, rust, magenta coloured leaves of the deciduous trees, dewy mornings, crispy fallen leaves, and wonderful musky smells.

Home to Cornwall and it is all beginning again here. Contrast with the wonderful evergreens we use at Christmas time with their fresh pine scent, spiky needles and multiple shades of green, from spring fresh to almost blue green.

In mid-September, Richard and I took our annual trip to the Christmas Tree Farm near Truro where we chose and labelled (so no-one else can buy them!) 45 medium and 7 large trees for our village, ready for cutting at the beginning of December. It is a privilege to be able to do this, but actually also a challenge as every tree is different. They are so very beautiful in their own natural right, it almost feels mean to reject one because its shape is not quite how we think a 'Christmas Tree' should look!



This year we are hoping to place a tree in Bridge, and one near the cricket club in Brill as well as all the usual places – the corner near Constantine School, the Village Bus Stop, St Constantine Church, Port Navas, Seworgan, the Tolmen Centre, Social Club and WI Hall. The remaining trees are on offer to residents of Fore Street and Clinton Road and, by the time you read this, letters reminding everyone to put in their request will have been delivered.

New for this year, we are organising a village lantern parade. As part of the big switch-on event, we are spending Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November with years 4 and 5 at Constantine School making willow lanterns. We will parade from the School to the Bus Stop with these lanterns on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 6.45pm prior to the main switch-on at 7pm.



We do hope that as many people as possible will join the parade with your own lanterns or torches. Seasonal refreshments will be available, all accompanied by Constantine Silver Band who will be playing some jolly Christmas music. The lights will be switched on this year by Constantine School pupil Rona Swain. Please put the date in your diaries and come and join us!

## Constantine Museum News

### Helford Oysters

The end of the Duchy Oyster Farm Ltd's tenancy of the Helford oysterage in April prompted the development of a short-term display charting the history of farming oysters on the river. Earliest written records, so far located, date from the 16<sup>th</sup> century, but recovery of oysters certainly goes back much further. The oyster industry is well recorded from the 19<sup>th</sup> century onwards and includes several cases of stealing oysters, which resulted in hard labour for those caught. Come along and learn about a key aspect of our river. The Museum is indebted to Mark Mercer and the Duchy Oyster Farm Ltd for donating several objects to the Museum's collection.

### Volunteering in the Museum

Three stewards have recently retired and we would be delighted to recruit new members to the team. Opportunities abound from stewarding to helping catalogue objects and conserve and label them to helping with the archives, working with the photograph collection to identify locations, people and dates or and helping research and set up short term displays. Whatever help you can give would be much appreciated – we can provide training. Please call in at the Museum or contact Jacqui Hessing on 341484 or email [dj.garman@btinternet.com](mailto:dj.garman@btinternet.com).

### Museum Hosts Cornwall museum curators and volunteers

Cornwall Museums Group were hosted by Constantine Museum volunteers on October 10<sup>th</sup> for the group's autumn meeting. More than 20 curators, officers

Don Garman



*Sorting oysters in Abrahams Bosom in the 1950s on board a dredger*

and volunteers from as far afield as Launceston and Geevor met in the Tolmen Centre to learn about new funding initiatives, Writers Block (an initiative to develop children's writing), the promotion of the Cornish Language and to discuss future development of the group.

The Constantine Museum Collection Coordinator provided a context for the museum and explained how the collection had been developed initially by the members of the Constantine History Group, led by Ronnie Rashleigh, and later as part of the Constantine Enterprises Company family by volunteer curator Tracey Clowse and more recently by the Museum Management Team.

Several participants stayed for a pasty lunch before visiting Port Navas to explore a late Georgian harbour initiative, the brainchild of Jonathan Mayn in 1830.

## W.I. Meeting - September

### Rescued from the Sea

An inspiring evening with Andrew Besely talking about the amazing work done by the R.N.L.I.

38 years ago he was a fisherman with his own boat. When out fishing for winter mackerel, his boat broke up in bad weather and sunk in 5 minutes. Luckily they were picked up by a passing boat, but unluckily he lost his box of tools!!

Following that experience he became a journalist/photographer and attended and observed many Lifeboat and Search & Rescue Helicopter rescues out in all weathers, "some" of which could have been prevented. If only people in and on the sea listened to the warnings of Lifeguards on the beaches and Harbour staff when going swimming or taking out boats. Mr Besely himself had to go through Training in Safety at Portsmouth before he could travel with Search & Rescue, and he was told he had to do exactly what he was told "without



question". If only the general public understood this.

He had many photographs of dramatic rescues at sea including pictures of a Lifeboat pointing upright at sea, fighting to get over 60ft waves. He asked the Coxswain how he managed to get the boat through - "I prayed she got over every wave". That Coxswain has been awarded the George Cross twice!!

Mr Besely was warmly thanked for his talk by Helen Rogers.

## Port Navas Village Hall *Cont'd*

### Christmas Soup Kitchen

Wednesday 6 December from 12.30pm  
Soup and Crusty bread. Christmas Raffle  
£3. No booking.

### A Cornish Christmas

Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 December 10am - 6pm. The Creative Cornish duo is back! Demelza Whitley and Mel Chambers come together for a weekend of Christmas Delights. Bespoke gifts, crafts, ceramics, Raku fired sculpture, Knitwear, cards and stocking fillers all hand made and carved locally with love. If you're looking for that unique gift that can never be replicated, this is where you'll find it.

### Twelfth Night

Friday 5 January at 6pm.

Join us to celebrate Epiphany, turn off the Christmas tree lights, and enjoy a drink with friends. Bring a plate of food to share.

### Soup Kitchen

Wednesday 10 January from 12.30pm  
Soup and Crusty bread. £3. No booking.

### Pope's Garden Squad

Join the group and help to keep our community garden tidy. Monday 22 January 10.00 am - 12.00noon

**"We are made of starstuff"** Robert Bee-man, local astronomer. Thursday 18 January 7pm. £7 to include a pasty. To book a place ring Cate on 340581

## Parish Council Update

John Andrew

*Please note that full minutes can be found at [www.constantinecornwall.com/council](http://www.constantinecornwall.com/council)*

### Ordinary Meeting - 21 September 2017

During Public Question Time, Councillors' attention was brought to the frequent flooding of the road outside Bosvathick and the need for a proper drain, Cllr Bastin will report it to Cornwall Highways. Also the need for re-labelling of the recycling bins in the car park was noted.

In the Cornwall Councillor's report, Cllr Bastin advised as follows: the first full meeting of the Unitary Authority is scheduled for November; Members were opposed to the Council's proposal to collect household waste fortnightly; the previously cancelled link bus from Constantine and Mawnan to Truro College has been reinstated; Neighbourhood Plans are being developed for Mawnan and Budock but it was felt the Planning Authority wielded too much influence over outcomes; and the decision to cut the £20,000 grant to Cornwall Young Farmers was deplored by Members.

In Parish Matters, members are still waiting for a response from the Social Club regarding the updating of their lease, with or without the inclusion of the pavilion. The Welcoming Stones are now with Wearne's for engraving and the site at Brillwater Road is to be cleared.

11 Planning Applications had been received in August and September and returned with comments. 13 other decisions were listed.

Cllr Mrs Thompson and Cllr Andrew confirmed that they had attended the Community Network meeting but had nothing to add.

### Ordinary Meeting - 19 October 2017

In Public Question Time, Mr Harris of the Potager Garden spoke to seek the Council's support for his planning application regarding use of workshops there, one of which is intended as a classroom space for local groups. Mr Penhaligon was representing George Eustice MP and was asked to refer Treliske hospital car parking problems and Members' concerns about the planning process to Mr Eustice.

Members considered issues raised in the recent Recreation Ground Risk Assessment including trip hazards, safety surface tiles under the cradle swings and the repair of the meeting hut, the bench and the wooden boards on the multi-games wall. It was agreed that Bob Sanders should be asked to undertake the necessary work this winter.

Members considered a proposal to create a Parish Council Christmas Lights Advisory Committee under the chairmanship of Mr Richard Clowes to oversee all matters pertaining to the Christmas lights. This was agreed and that its remit was to deal with Christmas trees and lights for the coming festive season, reporting to and liaising with the Parish Council on a regular basis.

In Parish Matters the Chairman reported that the Welcoming Stones are still with Wearnes and the Clerk undertook to see how the work is progressing.

Members noted receipt of the Annual Maintenance and Lamp Replacement Report on the Parish's lights in the village and agreed to consider the maintenance recommendations in November.

## Winter events with Helford Marine Group

With the onset of winter, the Helford Marine Conservation Group moves indoors to Gweek Village Hall for their monthly events which begin with fascinating lectures by three marine experts and photographers. The events are open to everyone.

**Saturday 4 November 2017**

**Awesome marine antics - talk by Paul Naylor**

Well-known marine biologist, author and photographer Paul Naylor will be exploring the amazing lives and fascinating behaviour of our marine creatures; from Blennies guarding territories for several years to wrasse building intricate nests and running cleaning services. Paul Naylor, is author of the book Great British Marine Animals recognised by British divers as an outstanding reference book. Gweek Village Hall, at 7.30pm. Cost £4, members and children free.

**Saturday 2 December 2017 – Exploring Cornwall's hidden world, talk by Keith Hiscock**

Keith Hiscock will be looking at how studies of seabed marine life in Cornwall have helped to shape our understanding of Britain's underwater world, history and hidden beauty. Keith, a renowned marine biologist, photographer and diver, has considerable experience in mapping Cornwall's marine habitats. He is also an Associate Fellow of the Marine Biological Association at Plymouth. Gweek Village Hall, TR12 6UG at 7.30pm. Cost £4 members and children free.

**For more information about the Helford Marine Conservation Group** please visit their webpage at [www.helfordmarineconservation.co.uk](http://www.helfordmarineconservation.co.uk)

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**Saturday 20 January 2018 – Nudibranchs and other sea critters, talk by Mark Webster**

Mark Webster has been photographing marine life in Cornish waters and around the world for the last 30 years. His presentation will include his latest passion for nudibranchs or seaslugs, which are often tiny, just a few mm long, but very beautiful, along with other marine life.

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