

Visitors up at Constantine Garden Show

Howard Bolt

Although the number of adults entering this year was slightly down, the sun shone on show day and we had more people 'through the entrance' than last year. Outside the marquee, the Constantine Silver Band provided excellent musical entertainment, and games, ice cream, and plant sales were available.



Inside the marquee, plants, blooms, fruits, vegetables, arts, crafts and photographs were displayed together with afternoon teas and the W.I. cake stall. The Home Produce section required an enlarged display area because of a rush of late entries!

Children's entries were spectacular, with over 200 from the school/pre-school and another 180 from the Guides, Brownies, Rainbows and individual young people. There were 21 miniature gardens entered, which were of particularly high standard.

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Garden Show numbers up *(cont'd)*

On assessing the village gardens, the judge commented on the notable improvements which have been made since his visit last year. We must thank the Parish Council for donating prize money for the 12 winners in the garden and hanging basket division.

Councillor John Bastin was kind enough to present the trophies this year. The Liz Moore Trophy, donated by members of the W.I., was won for the first time by Liz Pearce for her hydrangeas. Betty Hodges kindly presented her own new trophy for the 11 to 16 Home Produce Division.



Finally, could the Society thank local businesses for their help in giving raffle prizes, and members and non-members for donating tombola prizes as well as helping set up, run, and clear away after the Show.

Next year's Show will be held on Saturday 20 July. We hope to see you all again!

Autumn Music at the Tolmen Centre: something for everyone

We've noticed that the usual audience for our music events at the Tolmen Centre tends towards the greyer end of the spectrum, and we'd love to see more younger people there.

This Autumn's programme features acts which we hope will appeal to a wide audience. On **Saturday September 29** we feature **Me And My Friends**, a 5-piece band that plays an eclectic mix influenced by reggae, highlife and Afrobeat and promises highly danceable music - so we'll be putting them on downstairs where there is plenty of room to dance.

On **Sunday October 28** the young Irish folk duo **Ye Vagabonds** will be here for an evening of close harmonies and multi-instrumental melodies stemming from their home country but with Appalachian overtones; their debut album has been met with glowing reviews.

Saturday November 17 sees the return of the ever-popular **Moscow Drug Club** - from Bristol! - with their infectious mix of Berlin cabaret, Hot Club of Paris, and everything from Leonard Cohen to Edith Piaf covers. Last time they were a sell-out, so don't forget to book.

Finally on **Friday December 14** we are excited to be promoting another Bristolian ensemble, the exuberant **Flamenco Loco**. Fronted by young Spaniard Jimi Cantera - who appeared with West African Love Affair at the Tolmen earlier this year - the trio includes two guitarists and a female dancer for an evening of fiery flamenco with a contemporary feel: an ideal warm-up for Christmas. See www.tolmencentre.co.uk for details. Hoping to see some new and younger faces at the Tolmen!

Dougal Jeffries & the Tolmen Team

RINGING REMEMBERS



Become a bell ringer and help us mark the centenary of the end of World War I in which 1,400 ringers lost their lives

Ringling Remembers is a national campaign to recruit the same number of new bell ringers as were lost in The Great War by 11 November this year, exactly 100 years since the guns fell silent. Over 1,000 across the country have already signed up to learn, but there's still time for you to help reach, or even exceed, the 1,400 target by joining our 'band' of bell ringers at St Constantine.

Hearing church bells ring before Sunday service (and on practice night!) is an essential part of village life, which would be all the poorer without them. But, as in many towns and villages up and down the country, the continuity of this almost exclusively British tradition depends on the dedication, loyalty and reasonable fitness of a tiny handful of ringers. Can you think what other unique 400 year-old team activity keeps you fit, exercises your mind and can introduce you to new friends?

Ringling is well within the capabilities of most people: young or old; male or female. After just a few initial half-hour one-to-one sessions with experienced teachers to learn the basics, and then attending several subsequent practices, learners can usually begin ringing with the rest of the band.

You don't have to be particularly strong, know anything about music, or even be or become a churchgoer. Instruction is carried out safely under close supervision and begins with a trip up the tower to see how the bells work, followed by some explanation and demonstration of technique, before having a go yourself on the end of the

rope. There's no obligation to continue if it isn't your 'thing', but once you've tried it you'll probably want to do more!



Why not come to our Bellringing Open Day on Saturday 13 October?

Our practice nights are on Tuesday evenings from 7.45 to 9.00pm and all are welcome, but we're also holding an Open Day on Saturday 13 October from 10.00am to 12.00 midday. Come along to the church, see where we ring the bells and have some fun pulling on the end of a rope yourself! Whether on your own, or with the family, all are welcome – especially youngsters.

If you can't come but would like to have an introductory one-to-one 'taster' session another time, please telephone Jane Mann, Tower Captain, on 01326 375502 or e-mail randjmann@yahoo.co.uk.

Christmas Lights - 'Behind the Scenes'

Tracey Clowes

With only four months to go until Christmas, the Lights Team have been working harder than ever in August!

Behind the scenes lots has been happening. I now have a purpose designed and built, by one of the team, 'Book Harbour' which houses all (well some) of the books which I sell on the drive each weekend when the weather is fine. Painted green it cannot be missed as you drive past my house in Bridge. This, of course, feeds into 'Books at the Bus Stop' where the donated books stored in my garage and the precious man shed, are added, together with a little bit of good quality 'bric a brac'. Huge thanks to everyone who rummages, sorts and then donates. So far this year you have helped raise £191 just from books (as I write we still have another Bus Stop event to go).

Tuesdays in August have become shopping and baking day for the 'Teas Under The Trees' ladies. Scones, sponges, muffins, tray bakes, tarts, and cheesecakes are all on the menu for a Wednesday afternoon tea. Wednesday morning is spent transporting benches, tables, extra chairs, wind breaks, crockery stoves, water, etc up to the site. This year we have flags in the trees and bunting on the fences. We

also have afternoon tea music! When its over it all happens in reverse with the dirty crocks going into my dishwasher! By Thursday lunchtime we are clean, tidy and sorted ready for the next Wednesday event. At the time of writing, we still have two Wednesday teas to go, but so far they have raised £557. Thank you to all the tea drinkers and cake eaters and to everyone who comes along and offers help with extra baking.

We would also like to thank Rita and Buz Nichols who have been selling their delicious home grown fruit and vegetables for the lights.

Taking part in the Village Carnival gave the Lights team a completely different focus – papier mache and willow structures!!! Our theme was the 'Mousehole Cat', and we had an absolute ball of a time creating fish heads and tails, and a Starey Gazey pie with the 'Junior' lights team. Sourcing bits and pieces for costumes and constructing a cottage front with minute details of a name plate and fresh cut flowers in a window box took an inordinate amount of time but the laughs and fun the team had together was worth every minute.

We now have a Facebook page where we advertise our events and post our photos. We also use blackboards at the Bus stop to advertise what we are up to so please keep looking. Two important dates for diaries:

Wednesday 31 October
Hotdogs on Halloween 5.00 – 7.00pm

Wednesday 5 December
Lantern parade 6.15pm followed by
'Big Tree' switch on 7.00pm





If you would like to help with any of the 'behind the scenes' activities (writing articles for magazines being one of them!!!) please contact Tracey Clowes 340279

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Wednesday 26th September
The Old Cattle Market, Helston 10am - 2pm

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**HeidiM@volunteercornwall.org.uk or call
 07595465429**

Together we can make a real difference to local lives



Busy July for Constantine Silver Band

Our busiest month of the year started on Saturday 14 July with a concert in the marquee on the Recreation Ground given by our Band and its youth section. It was well-attended and enjoyed by all.

Sunday 15 July saw our thirty-seventh year of 'Brass On Grass' – our annual celebration of some of the finest brass and silver band music in the County. After the customary march through the village to the concert marquee, our guest bands Camborne Town, Helston Town, St Keveme and Lanner & District Silver Band treated us to a memorable evening's programme of virtuoso performances which were greatly enjoyed by a marquee full to overflowing!

'Brass on Grass' has become more popular every year and is an evening of high class entertainment plus audience participation, Again, the setting and



tastefully decorated staging were all down to the hard work of the band members and friends whose efforts help make the event memorable and continue to be one of the best band events in the area.



Dougie Down

The pre-concert parade was led by the Band's presidents, Richard & Tracey Clowes, with Tracey also introducing the evening and welcoming Donna Birrell as compere. Many in the audience at the first 'Brass on Grass' in 1981 have attended every year without a break and look forward to the parade of the bands which makes an attractive prelude to the event.

This year the audience was entertained with a varied musical programme from each band with individual and duet performances both highly applauded. At the end, the massed bands under the batons of, Kevin Mackenzie (Pomp & Circumstance), Gareth Churcher

(Trelawny), Kevin Johns (The Floral Dance) and Aaron Harvey (The National Anthem) played us out with an ever popular and rousing performance in which the audience stood and waved flags to the playing of Trelawny and Land of Hope & Glory with the singing was led by Melanie Uren.

On Saturday 21 the Band played at the Garden Show once more, and were pleased to be part of the show.

The month's engagements concluded on Saturday 28 July when we entertained at the Port Navas Regatta once again which was greatly enjoyed by the band.

Constantine Carnival 'best in recent years'

Editor



By all accounts, this year's Carnival was a great success, and the weather didn't let us down!

Our collective thanks must go to the organisers at The Social Club for putting on such a great show.



Constantine History Society

Peter Tatham

Visit to Harvey's at Hayle - 22 June

On a lovely summer's evening 19 members of Constantine History Group were given a fascinating and informative tour by Kingsley Rickard of the Harvey & Company businesses at Hayle. John Harvey a blacksmith and engineer was born in 1730 & established Harvey & Co at Hayle in 1779. By 1780 he was already employing 50 people!

The tour started by the railway viaduct, built in 1852, which is situated above an earlier railway station of the old Hayle Railway Company of 1837. This earlier railway was initially for transporting minerals but later carried passengers and after running through lower Hayle and along the wharf serviced Harvey's various businesses.

Three Rivers flow into Hayle Harbour and sluices were used to retain water. Harvey's later built Carnsew Pool, a tidal reservoir, and both these sources were important for flushing silt out from the harbour.

We learnt that the Port was established in 1720 and the South Quay in 1819. The latter was where Harvey built ocean-going ships, including the USS Cornubia of 4,000 tons in 1858, which when fully fitted out was too big to ever return to Hayle!

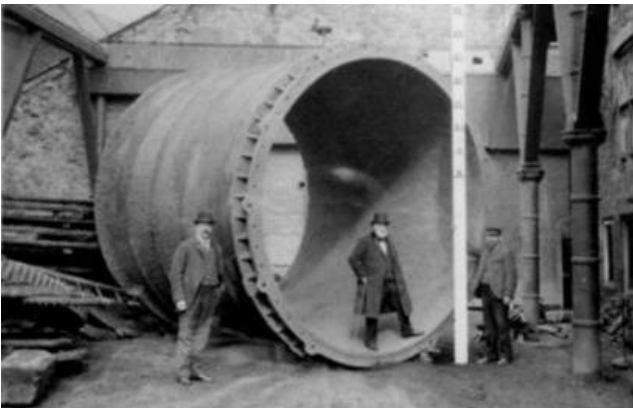
Nearby was another Quay where Harvey's imported timber for use in making engineering patterns and beside the road still exists the old and original ventilated building used to store drying timber.

On South Quay in 1819 Harveys had its very own gas works! The Harbour was also a major importer of coal and exporter of Ore to South Wales.

Moving away from the Harbour we walked into where the main works were situated. Some of these buildings have now been tastefully renovated to serve local businesses. We saw the remains of the early 1800's Boring Mill building, the Foundry, a store where the wooden patterns were kept behind which tunnels lead into the hill-side. Nearby was the old horse stables which serviced the hundreds of horses a day that would visit Harveys businesses at their peak! To think this is where the three biggest steam beam engines in the world were built in 1843 for pumping out water to drain the Haarlemmermeer in the Netherlands. Their cylinders were a massive 144 ins

(12 ft) in diameter! Sadly the foundry was closed in 1903, although the company continued to trade as a general and builders merchant, eventually merging with UBM to become Harvey-UBM in 1969.

We moved on across the main road by the Mill Pond and looked across to the old Mill Building which in its hey-day had been five stories high but was reduced to its current size in the war.



John Harvey and a massive Haarlemmermeer pump cylinder

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Constantine **COMMUNITY** Day



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Saturday 13 October
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Art Exhibition

'Valuing the Abstract' Paintings by Peta White (1938 - 2018)

Church Group

Constantine Museum OPEN

Experience life in Constantine in 1918 !!!

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Know your village!

fact-finding day for everyone to enjoy

et-together

re 12.00 - 1.00pm

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*From 12.30pm to entertain
as you eat*

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Pre-school Stall

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Brownies' Stall

Face Painting

School Stall

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OUTSIDE

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one for yourself*

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**EAT FOOD GROWN WITHIN
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DISCUSS THE WEATHER

SEE WHAT'S ON YOUR DOORSTEP

DISCOVER YOUR COMMUNITY

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FIND OUT WHO CAN DO IT IN
THE PLACE THAT YOU LIVE

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find your favourite

place and tell

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Constantine History Society (Cont'd)

Peter Tatham

Then along Millpond Avenue where the sea captains lived in terraced cottages and then past the opulent houses that belonged to the Harvey's directors, before seeing the site of the old smelting works closed in 1919.

Returning towards the Harbour we walked past the remains of the rope making business, which closed in the 1900's and the brass foundry.

There are stories of conflict over 30 years between the two local Hayle foundries. Eventually the Cornish Copper Co Foundry business was bought out by Harvey's in 1875. which finally resolved the issue.

John and his son Henry Harvey, were certainly very successful and enterprising entrepreneurs running many different businesses in Hayle. John had four sons and four daughters. Sadly two infant sons died and one was killed in the Harvey works, which left Henry Harvey, who took over and further expanded the business after his Fathers death in 1803. At its peak the Harvey & Co employed was around 1,200!

Returning to the Square by the White Hart Hotel we heard how Jane, one of John Harvey's daughters, had married the great engineer Richard Trevithick. But due to his poor handling of financial matters he was unable to provide properly for his wife and six children, so Henry Harvey had a boarding house built for her which is now the Masonic Lodge. This business proved so successful that the White Hart Hotel was then built in 1838.

Henry had ten children by his common-law-wife Grace Tonkin but he still lived to 75, dying in 1850, after which the businesses were split up amongst the family!

The group all expressed their appreciation to Kingsley for his knowledgeable and enjoyable tour.

Visit to St Ives Harbour - July

Parking in St Ives proved a challenge to members in July, but gradually the group gathered to hear about the development of the harbour from Museum Curator Brian Stevens.

The original harbour was sited at Porthgwiddden, where fishing boats could use the tidal current to enter. Efforts to protect the harbour for ships of the line in the 18th century were unsuccessful. John Smeaton eventually built a substantial and successful harbour pier between 1767 and 1770 but then sand became a problem despite his leat to wash it way and alternative solutions were necessary. Another breakwater was constructed in 1864 but proved to be a further engineering failure. The west pier was built in 1874.



Following the guided walk the extensive collection of the Museum was viewed. The Museum was begun by the St Ives Old Cornwall Society in 1924. Accommodated in different locations it eventually arrived on its present site in 1968. The site was once a quarry that provided Blue Elvan for some of the harbour projects, later a pilchard pressing cellar was constructed it was then used as a laundry and cinema and later by the British Sailors Society, the Troika Pottery and a dairy.

The Constant Times CONSTANTINE CALENDAR

September 2018

Mon (every) - Constantine Craft Club W.I. Hall. 2.00 - 4.00pm.

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

Tues (every) - Zumba Class 6.30pm Church Hall, info@ruthiesfitnessclasses.co.uk

Weds (every) - Todlins. 9.30am. Tolmen Centre.

Weds (every) - Ladies' Craft Group, Gweek Mission Church 10.00 - 12.00.

Thurs (every) - Body Blitz Fitness 6.45pm Church Hall, info@ruthiesfitnessclasses.co.uk

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

Thurs (every) - Weekly Whist Drive. 7.30 - 10.00pm Constantine Social Club. New whist players welcome. Call 07557414231 for further details or just turn up to play.

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

Sun 1 - Big BBQ & Fun Day. Recreation Field. 12.00 noon.

Sun 1 - Bats of Helford, Marine Conservation Group. Mawnan Church 7.30pm.

Mon 10 - WI Meeting . Claire Greenwood, Cornwall Hearing Loss. 7.15pm.

Sun 16 - Harvest Festival Service. Gweek Mission Church 3.00pm.

Mon 24 - Summer Sundowners Concert. Church Hall 7.30-9.00pm.

Weds 26 - Health & Wellbeing Day. The Old Cattle Market, Helston 10am - 2pm

Sat 29 - Constantine Ringers' Outing to Sourton, Bridestowe, Lydford & Brentor. Contact Jane on 01326 375502

Sun 30 - Snorkel Safari & Beach Barbecue. Durgan Beach. 10.00am - 2.00pm.

October 2018

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Mon 8 - WI Meeting. 'Marine Life under the Sea on the Lizard.' 7.15pm.

Thurs 11 - Constantine Cottage Garden Society meeting. 'The Eden Centre' The past, present and the future. An illustrated talk by Ian Martin. WI Hall. 7.30pm.

Sat 13 - Constantine Community Day (see centre pages)

Sat 13 - Ringing Remembers Bell Ringing Open Day (see p3) St Constantine Church, 10.00am to 12.00pm

Sat 13 - All at Seal, Sue Sayer. Gweek Village Hall. 7.30pm.

Weds 30 - Hotdogs on Halloween. 5.00 - 7.00pm Church car park.

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Sun 16 September 8.00 am BCP Holy Communion 10.30 am CW Holy Communion

Sun 23 September 8.00 am BCP Holy Communion 10.30 am **Harvest Service followed by Parish lunch in the Church Hall (All welcome)**

Sun 30 September 8.00 am BCP Holy Communion 10.30 am CW Holy Communion

Sun 7 October 8.00 am BCP Holy Communion 10.30 am CW Holy Communion

Sun 14 October 8.00 am BCP Holy Communion 10.30 am CW Holy Communion

Sun 21 October 8.00 am BCP Holy Communion 10.30 am CW Holy Communion

Sun 28 October 8.00 am BCP Holy Communion 10.30 am CW Holy Communion

(*BCP – the Book of Common Prayer, CW – Common Worship)

Everyone is very welcome and refreshments are served after the 10.30am Sunday service.

Thursdays 10.00am BCP Holy Communion followed by Ladies Fellowship

Harvest Lunch

Come and join us in this free community event

23rd September 12 noon

Constantine Church Hall

Good Food and company

Bring a plate of food to add to the table, but only if you wish, it's not essential

Bring Friends

Bring yourself

Bring the children

Bring the dog

Let's celebrate the Harvest of life together we have much to be thankful for.

It would be helpful with numbers if you could let us know how many are joining us, there is a list at the back of the church, don't worry if you forget, we always have extra tables laid up for the unexpected.

Remembrance Day

11th November 2018

100 years anniversary

We would like to decorate the church for this historic occasion. If you have any memorabilia or display material and would like to help in any way please let us know.

We are also thinking about knitting or crocheting red poppies to decorate the church, could you help with this? Not quite on the scale of the Tower of London but.....

All offers of help to our wardens

Alan or Maureen or Liz Pearce

01326 340012 or Jane Mann

01326 375502. We look forward to hearing from you.

Constantine W.I. reports

Barbara Willoughby

July

Our meeting began with a 'photo shoot' picturing many of the contributors to our Hall Roof Fund, helping us to reach our target. This means all using our Hall will feel the benefit before Winter returns. The members of Constantine Women's Institute extend very grateful thanks to ALL contributors to our roof fundraising throughout the last six months,

without whom we could not have achieved this successful outcome. Scaffolding is up ready and waiting for the rain to stop (as I write)!

Our speaker for the evening, Mr L. Abrahams, talked about working with leather. From cavemen to present day, animal skin has been considered to be 'a gift to humanity'. The preservation process of leather was discovered by accident when skins were left next to a pool containing oak bark clippings. Some skins were soaked and preservation 'tanning' was discovered. Another tanning 'liquid' discovered was urine, and at the time locals were asked to empty their 'gazzunders' into a barrel in the street which was then shipped to tanneries!! Imagine the aroma!! This led to much more use for animal skins/leather in all walks of life: Egyptians & Greeks for helmets, breast plates etc; fire hoses, buckets, medical equipment, microscopes & surgical shoes, upholstery and, of course, luggage and footwear. Most factories also had machines driven by leather belts.



From the 18th century until the year 2000 there was a very well known tannery, Croggins, in Grampound Road, but at one stage Venice had the largest number of tanneries in the world.

The word for the evening was 'Cordwainer', a shoemaker/leather worker, whilst the Cobbler repairs shoes.

Members had many questions and Mr Abrahams was warmly thanked by Angela Stokes.

Autumn meetings

*Our formal meetings begin again on **Monday 10 September** at the usual time of 7.15pm, with our speaker, Claire Greenwood from Hearing Loss Cornwall. This will be our first meeting in our newly-roofed W.I Hall which hopefully will keep us warm and dry for another 60 years!! **October's Meeting on Monday 8th**, will be with David Roberts talking on Marine Life under the Sea on the Lizard.*

August

Constantine W.I enjoyed a Summer Luncheon in the colourful and 'floriferous' garden of the farmhouse home of Sylvia Dunstan, our President, at Nancenoy on Monday 6 August. Another hot and sunny day, but there was plenty of welcome shade to keep us all cool. All members, many wearing their best summer frocks, arrived each bearing a plate of delicious food, savouries and deserts to share.

Refreshing cold Summer Sunshine Punch was served while members helped themselves to lunch. Delicious! Birthday buttonholes of red and white roses were given to five members who have birthdays in August, and Sylvia was warmly thanked, given a decorative jug and a beautiful flower arrangement. A lovely social occasion celebrating Summer 2018 with a traditional gathering of friends.

Christmas Nativity Scenes

Last Christmas we had 17 small nativity scenes decorating our lovely church, thanks to the kindness of all the people who loaned us their nativities. Some were knitted, some ceramic, some felt, some wood, some cloth, some glass, whatever the material, they were beautiful and added so much to this season.

We would very much like to do this again. I am therefore asking that if you have a nativity that you do not mind being displayed in the church over the Christmas period, please let me know.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Liz Pearce 01326 340012 Email: lizpearce1@hotmail.co.uk

Summer Sundowners Concert

Join the Trengilly Singers for an evening showcasing the many and varied individual choir members' talents

Monday 24 September

7.30 – 9.00pm

Constantine Church Hall

Refreshments Retiring Collection

Gweek Players first amateur company to stage RSC comedy

Gweek Players are thrilled to be the first amateur company to be given permission to present **Vice Versa** by Phil Porter.

First performed at the RSC in Stratford in 2017, this hilarious, madcap comedy, based on the Roman comedies of Plautus, was a huge hit with audience and critics. This "racy, Roman rip-off is a laugh riot" (The Guardian).

The play will be performed at Gweek Village Hall on 14–17 November. Tickets available from 1 August at www.gweekplayers.co.uk or call 01726 879 500.

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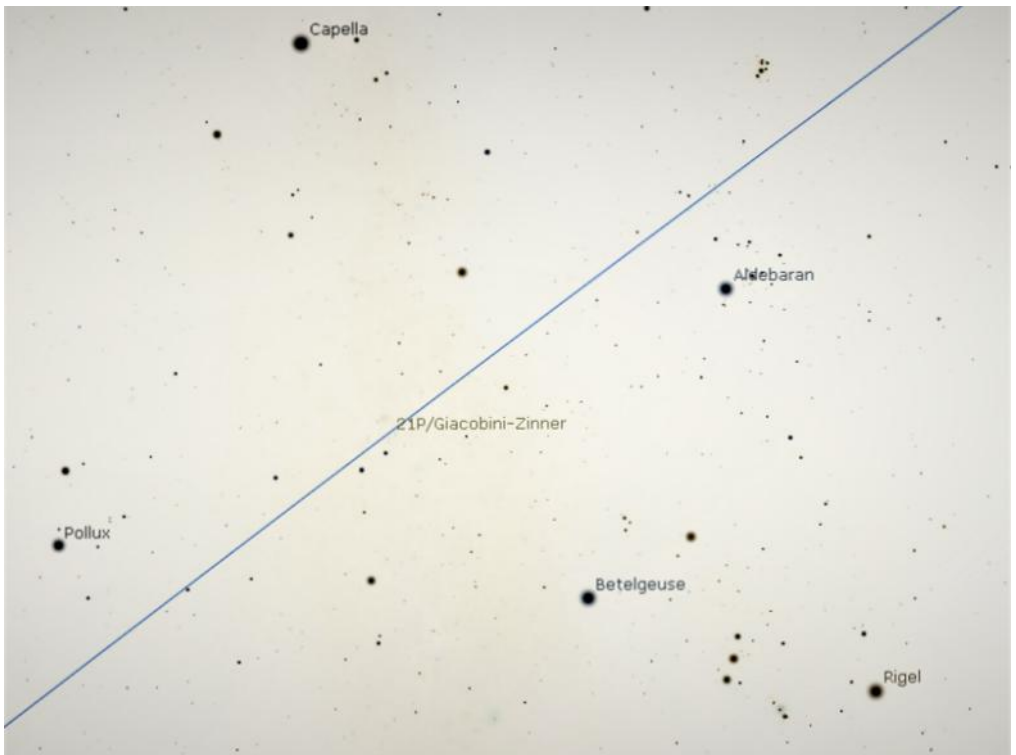
Night Sky

The late evenings will show the Milky Way stretching across the night sky from east to west. The Plough is now well down on the northern horizon, whilst high overhead is the M31 Andromeda Galaxy, a collection of some 400 billion stars. With binoculars this appears as an oval smudge, but then it is 2.3 million light years away and generally held to be the furthest object that can be seen with the naked eye. It is approaching our Milky Way Galaxy, but worry not, as the collision will not take place for another 4 billion years, the resulting galaxy has already been given the tongue-in-cheek name of Milkomeda!!.

The Summer triangle of Vega, Deneb and Altair is falling westwards as the evening progresses, with the square of Pegasus high in the south. Later in this period, Orion the hunter will start to appear above the eastern horizon. Look out for the Pleiades rising in the east which brings the onset of autumn, this is a triangular collection of bright blue white stars which are relatively young.

To the north east Castor and Pollux start to make an appearance, with the bright star Capella above. Just to the east of Capella is a triangular collection of stars known as Haedi or Kids.

During the early part of September see if you can find Comet 21P/Giacobini-Zinner which is a periodic comet. At this time it is predicted to be magnitude 7 which makes it



Robert Beeman

almost a naked eye object. Binoculars or a telescope should give some good views. You will however have to be a bit of a night owl as it will be best viewed from 3am onwards. Since it is moving through the night sky the position is depends on the date you try to view it. An on line search will throw up a site that will give you positional information. As a guide in mid-September it will be close to the ecliptic on a line between Capella and Betelgeuse.

Planets are scarce during this period but you might just catch a glimpse of Jupiter and Saturn as they set low in the south west after sunset. Venus is too close to the Sun at sunset to safely observe. Mars will be low in the south during the early evening and Uranus due south at 2am.

The peak of the Orionid meteor shower takes place on the 21st of October. These are caused by the Earth's orbit intersecting the debris trail from Halley's comet which has a 75/76 year period. Unfortunately the peak is only a few days before full moon. The moon will be just be almost due south after midnight which is also the best time to view. If you can get yourself into the shadow of a wall or tree and look up at about 60° with Orion to your left you should stand a good chance of seeing some meteors, the prediction is for 18/20 per hour.

HELFDOR VOLUNTARY MARINE CONSERVATION AREA

Saturday 1 September – Bats of Helford

At 7.30pm at Mawnan Church, Old Church Road, TR11 5HY. Free for under 18s and HMCG members. £4 for others.

Dr. Carol Williams, from the Bat Conservation Trust, will give a brief talk in the church to introduce the bats that make this part of Cornwall their home. The talk will include an introduction to using bat ultrasound followed by a walk to look for and listen to bats. Tea, coffee and cakes available. Booking essential via events page www.helfordmarineconservation.co.uk and Eventbrite, or contact Sue Scott 01326 340961.

Sunday 30 September – Snorkel Safari & Beach Barbecue

Join Helford Marine Conservation group on Durgan Beach, Helford, from 11.00am to 2.00pm. Just come along for a really scrumptious barbeque (cost £5) and/or

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book now for limited snorkelling places with marine experts from the Cornwall Wildlife Trust on a guided tour of the Helford eel-grass beds. There is so much to see. You will need your own equipment, including wetsuit, snorkel, mask and fins.

Book via events page www.helfordmarineconservation.co.uk and Eventbrite, or contact Sue Scott 01326 340961.

Saturday 13 October – All at Seal

The first meeting at Gweek Village Hall this autumn features All At Seal – seals, cetaceans, and seabirds, with an illustrated talk by Sue Sayer from the Cornwall Seal Group Research Trust. The Trust has completed a huge number of boat based seal surveys and this talk with photos and videos will show some of their amazing encounters in our local waters. 7.30pm. Free for under 18s and Helford Marine Conservation Group members, £4 for others.

Constantine Parish Council Meeting Reports

Cllr John Andrew

Tuesday May 25 2018

Public Question Time

Mrs West, representing a new internet company Wildanet, stated that they were working with communities throughout Cornwall to create a better internet service, particularly for those homes and businesses that have weak signal. This is a wireless system and they are looking for tall buildings such as Churches to site community hubs.

Election of Chairman

Cllr Paul Carter was again duly elected as Chairperson and Cllr Howard Bolt as Vice Chairperson for the year 2018-2019.

Standing Orders were re-adopted as last revised in October 2014. In light of the changes in law relating to data protection they should be reviewed during the course of the year. It was also agreed to re-adopt the Financial Regulations as last reviewed in October 2014. The Risk Assessment document was also re-adopted as last revised in March 2015.

Co-option of a Parish Councillor.

Mr Chris Painter was successfully co-opted to the Council.

Planning Applications

There were two planning applications.
There was one approval.

Thursday 24 June 2018

Public Question Time

Mr Bryant expressed his interest in the history of Constantine and noted that there were cottages where the bus shelter and the Jubilee Stone now stand. He offered his expertise as an Architect should there be interest in developing the area further.

Matters Arising

Cllr Wickens showed members samples of possible materials for a new notice board at Port Navas, which members found not

unattractive. He stated that he would go back to the Port Navas Village Hall Committee with the view to getting quotations, which he will then bring back to the Council for a grant towards the cost.

Cornwall Councillors Report

Cllr Bastin reported that the Boundary Commission has proposed that with effect from 2021 a single Unitary Councillor will represent the Electoral District of Constantine, Mabe and Mawnan. He is personally disappointed by the change from the existing arrangement and would like for Budock to remain part of the Ward.

Parish Matters

The Clerk reported that the Chairman hopes the welcoming stones to be in place by the end of the School term, but warns that they may have to wait until the school summer holidays.

Planning Matters

Applications - Five. Decisions approved - four

Tuesday July 17 2018

Public Question Time

No members of the public were present.

Cornwall Councillor's Report

Cornwall Council's Boundary Review proposals now include the Parish of Gweek with those of Constantine Mabe and Mawnan.

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Members noted that a licence to fell any tree which has a trunk greater than four inches in diameter must first be obtained from the Environment Agency.

Delegated Powers

The Chairman and Clerk have been awarded Delegated Powers to deal with day to day matters over the August break.

Parish Matters

The Chairman reported that he has had a meeting with Mr R Bowden with the view to clearing

the two sites which need clearing (one at the end of Brillwater Road and the lower end of the Village. With good weather hopefully this will be done in early August.

Public Convenience

Observations were made regarding the state of the decoration to the toilets. It was agreed that Mr Viv Beckerleg be asked to do the job as a matter of urgency.

Planning Matters

Applications - Three. Decisions - Three approved

Port Navas Village Hall Events

Port Navas Art Group

Thursdays 1pm-4pm, 20 Sept to 6 Dec. An informal group meeting each Thursday through the winter for art enjoyment. Contact Francesca Stuart on 01326 341119 or franstuart@icloud.com

Pope's Garden Squad

We need more people to join the group and help to keep our community garden tidy
Monday 24 September 10.00am - 12.00noon
Gardening and chat followed by well deserved coffee and biscuits!. Bring your own gloves, trowels etc..

Soup kitchen

Wednesday 3 October from 12.30pm
Now a village tradition. We're sticking with the name and great quality of soups. This is the first of our monthly gatherings throughout the winter. The soup, a choice of two, is made by local friends. Soup and Crusty bread. £3. No booking.

The Lady of Avenel and her Port Navas connections with John Shepperd

Wednesday 17 October at 7pm
This famous vessel survived 81 years, and the earliest known Port Navas photograph shows her loading granite at the Upper Quay.

£7 to include a pasty; Contact Dilya on 340453 to book a place.

Kernow French Speaking Group

Join our friendly & relaxed group on Wednesdays at 3pm Autumn term starts on October 17th to 19th December 2018

First session is a FREE TASTER

For more information do contact me
fernwharrison@yahoo.com

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Alchemy Tiles Workshop

Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 October

A great opportunity to make your own Alchemy Tiles (or Encaustic tiles as they are officially known). Using ancient techniques dating back to 13th century you'll be guided through the skills of carving, applying coloured slip and developing your own tile designs as well as understanding the history and background of this lost craft. This is a great way to hand make your own bespoke gifts or tiles for your own home, as well as relaxing and enjoying the stunning views of Port Navas and delicious vegetarian organic lunch and home made cake on both days. You'll be making up to 5 of your own tiles; each tile is approx. 14x14cm with a RRP value of £30 each. The price of £150 includes full tuition, all materials, glazing, firings and lunch on both days
To book contact Mel on 07768 193848 or info@melchambers.com



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Whats On at the Tolmen Centre - September & October



7:30pm Wednesday 26 September **Three Billboards outside Ebbing Missouri**

After seven months have passed without a culprit in her daughter's murder case, Mildred Hayes makes a bold move, painting three signs leading into her town with a controversial message directed at Bill Willoughby, the town's revered chief of police.

Tickets £4

7:30pm Saturday 29 September **Me And My Friends**

Me And My Friends play soulful, poignant and gloriously danceable music, subtly referencing many styles, including vintage Ghanaian highlife, Jamaican roots and Afro-Brazilian folk. The UK-based quintet create a timeless sound with a global outlook, performed with an infectious energy, and the result is instantly recognisable, highly original and truly genre-defying.

We will be holding this event in our downstairs space to encourage you to dance!

£11/£10/£5 (16 and under)

7:30pm Wednesday 10 October **Lean on Pete**

Charley, a teen living with his single father, finds work caring for an aging racehorse named Lean on Pete. When he learns Pete is bound for slaughter, the two embark on an odyssey across the new American frontier.

Tickets £4

7:30pm Friday 19 October **Give Me Your Love**

Ridiculusmus

Welcome to the world of war veteran Zach. As the last man standing, Zach has retreated into a tiny dugout under a barrage of hostile fire. His enemies are cunning, using every trick in the book to mess with his mind. Even the landscape is weird: it's a cardboard box, in Zach's kitchen, in Port Talbot. Hilarious, poignant, haunting, strange and unforgettable. "Ridiculusmus at their best"....The Stage

Tickets £10, £8

7:30pm Saturday 27 October **Juliet and Romeo**

Lost Dog

Following his tour de force, Paradise Lost, Ben Duke's new show reveals the real story of Romeo and Juliet. They didn't die in a tragic misunderstanding, they grew up and lived happily ever after.

Well they lived at least. Now 40ish, at least one of them in the grips of a mid-life crisis, they feel constantly mocked by their teenage selves and haunted by the pressures of being the poster couple for romantic love.

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In association with Carn to Cove Tickets £10, £8

7:30pm Sunday 28 October **Ye Vagabonds**

Young Irish folk duo, brothers Brian and Diarmuid MacGloinn, play original songs and material from England, Ireland, Scotland and America.

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