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There is no doubt the spread of the Coronavirus will have an increasing impact on our community. With that in mind many of our community organisations have come together to offer assistance to those who have no available relatives or friends and are self-isolating, unwell and housebound, worried or afraid.

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Despite the rapidly unfolding Coronavirus emergency, we have tried to maintain an air of normality in the contents of this issue. However, please forgive us if by the time you receive your copy, some items may no longer be relevant. Please also check with organisers if events are still going ahead nearer the date.

There is no Constantine Calendar section in this issue. Instead, information about known cancelled events is shown on Page 11.

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Update on re-ordering of St Constantine Church as part of the Matt

As many of you will know, the church here at Constantine has been looking at various ways in which we can better serve our community in very real and practical ways.

And so the Matthew 20:28 project was born. The aim of this initiative is to enable the church to be more pro-active and open to a much wider variety of uses. As part of this process a plan for re-ordering the inside of the church was drawn up. Many of you attended the village consultations that were held last July when this plan was unveiled. We received a lot of feedback, most of which was positive. However there were some concerns expressed and in response the planning group have met and come up with a revised plan which has now been approved by the PCC.



A similar re-ordering at Ilkley Parish Church

The next step in the process is to have detailed plans and specifications drawn up for each part of the project in close consultation with various organisations such as the Historic Churches Trust, English Heritage, The Victorian Society, the DAC (Diocesan Advisory Committee) and of course, our community here in Constantine, all of which is necessary before we can apply for a faculty. This is a very involved and complex process which will probably take at least 12 months. After this, and once a faculty has been granted, it will then be necessary to apply for grant funding

to enable the project to come to fruition. This also can take a long time as different funders will support different aspects of the project.

However the Matthew 20:28 project is about much more than re-ordering the inside of the church and much work has already been done. The Mens' Group meets on a Tuesday morning in the shed on the recreation ground and is very well attended. It would appear that people are a bit curious about this and it has raised a few questions the most common being "What do you get up to in there?" Well, we drink tea and coffee (I'm the tea boy being the youngest at 66), we eat biscuits, talk and laugh a lot and generally put the world to rights. When things get back to normal, if anyone is interested in joining us, just pop in on a Tuesday morning. We start at 10:30am and there's always room for more.

The Moses Basket, a mums and toddler group run by Demi had been meeting in the church also on a Tuesday morning and has been going from strength to strength.

We will be setting up a food bank which will run as a satellite of the Penryn Food Bank. Also, Cornwall Family Services have asked if we could host a young families health and wellbeing clinic. More details of these two initiatives will follow when normal life resumes.

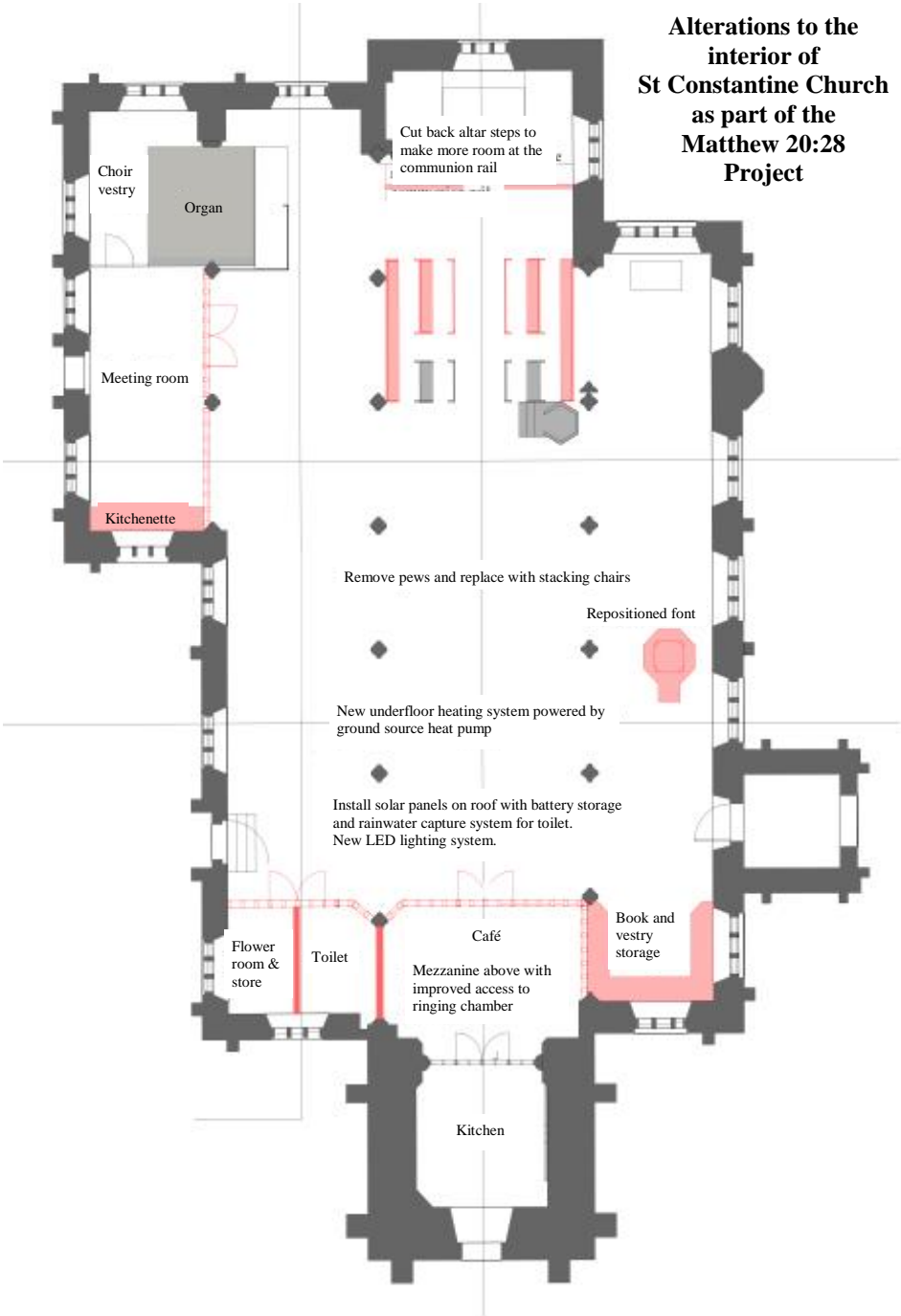
We have also established a link with Fal-mouth Age Concern with a view to extending a befriending service to the elderly and lonely members of our community.

I find all of these initiatives very exciting because as a church we really are doing what we are called to do, serving others after the manner of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who came not to be served, but to serve.

If anyone would like to talk about, or be part of any aspect of this project, then please do get in touch with either myself or our Churchwarden Grahame Sole.

May God bless you all.

new 20:28 Project Rev Stewart Turner, Parish Priest for Constantine with Gweek



Alterations to the interior of St Constantine Church as part of the Matthew 20:28 Project

Neil Wiseman 21 January 1930 - 3 January 2020

Neil and Jean Wiseman arrived in Constantine in the summer of 1968 and in that September Neil assumed the post of the Headmaster of the School. One of his early pupils described him as firm but very fair: "every child respected him".

His impact on the life of the community over the course of the next fifty years was to be immense. He joined the Cottage Garden Society and in turn become both Chairman and President (and minder-in-chief of the Annual Show marquee and fetcher-and-carrier of all the equipment necessary for the Show).

In June 1973 he was elected to Constantine Parish Council and, with a short interval, served on the Council for forty-five years until he resigned to care for Jean in November 2018. During that time, he was instrumental both in the development of further rental housing at Penbothidno and in the purchase and development of the Lawn Cemetery.

And then there were the Christmas lights. One of his band of merry helpers recalls "He used to visit the farm where the trees were grown some months before Christmas to secure and label the best trees for Constantine. Then, just before the festive period, he would organise a troop of 'tree distribution experts' who always managed to get his carefully drawn-up plans wrong." and "He would spend many hours testing and repairing the tree lights for use by people on Fore Street. When I enquired about the lack of a test meter, he replied that he always used the two wet-fingers technique!"

Together with Jean, Neil initiated and, for a number of years, ran the Meals on Wheels service. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Hospital Cars service and, here again, for some considerable time, drove local residents to their appointments in Falmouth and Truro. However, if Neil had a favourite baby it was The Friends of the Surgery. He was one of the founding members and, from the very first,

Neil acted as the Treasurer, a responsibility he willingly undertook until the day he left Constantine. To date, the Friends have raised in excess of £200,000 a huge sum of money from such a small community and one which is an enormous tribute to his enthusiasm.

Neil had the village very much at heart and in addition to all the above did further voluntary work without fuss and more often than not without recognition. He died on January 3, 2020 and the village lost a true friend.



Bosahan Woods Management Team Quarterly Report Liz

After a very busy October re-instating the middle path, there has been a lull in work. The Bosahan Woods Management Team met on 7th November 2019.

The renovation of the path went well, despite rain every day for the 7 days we worked on the path. We had over 400 hours of volunteer time and were overwhelmed by the support given to the project. We all received emails, phone calls, were stopped in the street, at the Social Club, Church, WI Soup and Pud and doctor's surgery, by people saying thank you for opening up the woods again and for being able to walk alongside each other and look around appreciating the woods themselves. The total cost was £5,675.64. VAT is being claimed back for the fund. A big thank you to John Williams and Richard Mann for their expertise enabling this project to be completed, and to all the volunteers, cake and catering teams that kept us going. The constant bad weather this winter has really tested the path, which seems to be standing up very well.

Muriel's oak bench was made and fitted by Martin Day and has slotted into the environment very well and is frequently used. The Forest School is still enjoying the woods very much when the weather permits and is teaming up with the Fal class at the Primary School to use the woods in the future. All very positive!

Dens and swings are regularly monitored to make sure they are as safe as they can be in a woodland environment and were last reviewed in November. No significant issues were observed.

Transition Constantine asked us to consider the possibility of taking the Glebe Garden under our umbrella, including the land, within our insurance if it could be purchased or leased for the village. The aim

is for Transition Constantine to look after it. In principle, this would be something in which we might be interested but require more detail.

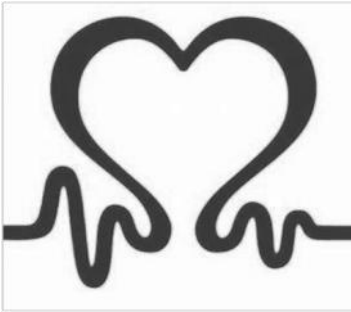
We discussed the need for a long term plan for the management of the wood and trees, and after consideration of companies available, we agreed to ask Tim Scott-Ellis BSc. Hons (For) Dip Arb (RFS) F Arbor A, MICFor, MRICS, a Consultant Arborist, who is well respected within his field, to look at our woods and trees, which he did. He reported his findings to both us and Cornwall Council, who had concerns about digger work cutting into the path banks and damaging tree roots. Tim was able to reassure the Council in his report (which includes photographs) that he did not believe any significant damage had been done to any existing trees, or would affect their continued health and condition in the future. He also mentioned a red squirrel project that might interest us. The full report was to be discussed in detail at the next Team meeting in February.



Forest School making the most of Bosahan Woods

Defibrillator Training

If you would like to attend a Defibrillator training session in Constantine, please contact Sara Thomas on 01326 340411 to have your name added to the list. The training usually lasts 1.5 – 2 hours and will probably be held one Friday evening. Date and venue to be confirmed.



A cardiac arrest can happen to anyone, anywhere, at any time. A person's chance of survival falls by about 10% for each minute that passes without defibrillation. Every second matters and this short course will give you the confidence to act quickly and effectively. We are very lucky to have two defibrillators in Constantine, one in Gweek, one in Port Navas and one in Se-worgan, so the more people trained means more chance of survival.

The Friends of Constantine Surgery have very kindly agreed to pay for this training.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sara Thomas

On behalf of

The Friends of Constantine Surgery

Constantine Book Group Plus

An evening with Raynor Winn at the Tolmen Centre Saturday 29 May (hopefully)

Raynor will be talking about her life and the books that have come out of times of desperate adversity. Raynor lives in Cornwall and her walk around the 630-mile South West Coastal Path led her to writing 'The Salt Path' which became a Sunday Times bestseller and was shortlisted for the Costa, the Wainwright and the Stanfords Travel Writing awards.

In 'The Salt Path', Raynor and her husband, Moth, set out to walk the wild Cornish coastline in an attempt to find a way through Moth's terminal illness diagnosis and their sudden homelessness. Her new book, 'The Wild Silence', is a magical and life-affirming story in which she documents Moth's continuing illness and their struggle to adjust to a new, housed, life – until everything changed after an incredible gesture made by someone who read their story and felt compelled to act...

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Phase 1 of Tolmen Restoration Project completed in 12 months

Exactly one year on from the launch of Constantine's Tolmen Centre 'Love Me Restore Me' campaign to raise funds for the restoration of the building's roof, twenty-two windows, and car park on 14 February 2019, phase one of the restoration project is complete. Thanks to a 'National Lottery Community Fund' grant of £10,000, and a grant from Cllr John Baston's Community Chest fund of £700 there is now a car park which is not only safe to use but also complements the original Victorian building.

Replacing the old tarmac surface was crucial. It was becoming unsafe to walk across and was unsightly with its huge holes often full of rainwater. The replacement work began on Monday 16th December but being reliant on good weather for the new imprinted concrete surface to dry, has meant it has taken eight weeks to complete. Patience has paid off and we are thrilled with the final results.



After twenty years of ownership of the building the Constantine Enterprise Company have acknowledged that if this wonderful facility is to remain a prominent feature in 21st Century Constantine, some serious restoration must take place. It is a building used by so many groups in our village from Community choirs to Yoga groups, Wedding breakfasts and Wakes. It has been a part of village life since 1880 and we have a duty to make sure it remains so. With a full programme of high quality theatre and musical events, the Tolmen Centre's reputation has now spread well beyond the County. Regular art exhibitions, a wonderful Museum and pre show café have all helped make it an oasis of culture in an isolated village area. Totally run by volunteers it provides so many opportunities, it would be such a loss if the building were not fit for purpose.

The fundraising team are now focused on phase two of the project (perhaps the most major) – the roof replacement, and with £32000 raised so far, hope in the near future to be successful in reaching the £55000 target with some further grant applications pending and generous donations from supporters. If and when, we ever get dry weather it is hoped phase three, the replacement /restoration of some of the windows with the £8000 generously donated by the Tanner Trust will commence.

Should you wish to volunteer at the centre, or donate towards the ongoing restoration please contact Tracey Clowes 01326 340279.

Adventure Childcare: Now running from 23 March!

We're lengthening our childcare services. Our childcare will now run from Monday 23rd March - we really hope that this eases the pressure on working local families during this uncertain time.



We'll be running smaller groups, making the most use of our wide open outdoor spaces, rigorously reinforcing personal hygiene, regularly disinfecting all key areas and temperature screening all staff and participants upon arrival. If we need to cancel any bookings due to Covid-19 (either because of Government direction or a participant being unable to attend) we will transfer the booking to a later date or refund you.

As a precaution, we have altered practices, improved facilities and modified programmes to minimise the possibility of infection. When booking your child in, we ask that you please strictly follow the additional terms and conditions outlined on our booking page: <https://bfadventure.cinolla.com/bfadventure/courses/had-am>



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Challenging clean up during winter storms - 10 beaches in 10 days

Cornish local environmental group Clean Ocean Sailing has cleared a total of 863kg of marine pollution in just 10 days. This was accomplished under sail on 'The Annette', their historic Schooner, using her as a base for dedicated volunteers to clean remote beaches and coastline.



Many locals enjoy participating in beach cleans and are thoughtful as to their consumption of single use plastics. However, during their 10 Beaches in 10 Days expedition Clean Ocean Sailing targeted beaches that were only accessible by boat and, day after day, found them inundated with all sorts of marine debris.



This expedition did not come without its challenges. The crew faced an incredibly tough first day. They came across a juvenile fin whale, stranded above the high tide line. Just a few hours prior she was swimming along side The Annette, the crew watched on as she raised her tail out of the water to dive deeper. Sadly, despite the fast response and best efforts of the crew, BDMLR and other volunteers she passed away later that afternoon.

Furthermore, in an effort to avoid

nesting and pupping seasons and therefore reduce environmental disturbance this expedition was planned for February - coincidentally a very stormy month. Battling through Storms Ciara, Dennis and Ellen, in swift succession, the crew experienced 50 mph wind, rain, thunder, hail and snow - sometimes all in the same day! Captain Steve Green recalls one of the journeys across the bay: "We sailed out of Gillan and across Falmouth Bay in big waves and 50mph winds. The old boat felt safe and as the wind increased we got up to 6 knots with all the sails away! Bare poles only!". Despite the wobbly anchorages, sea sickness and soaked-through clothes that came with the weather the crew still powered on.

In the face of all these obstacles the crew still managed to pull off a series of impactful cleans, sure to benefit the local marine environment. When asked to sum up the trip in one word the crew came up with 'rocky', 'windy', 'memorable', 'fulfilling' and 'thrilling' - with many keen to get back out again to clean even more distant shores.

In the end, 15 incredibly hard working volunteers removed 863kg of waste from 8 miles of coast. The waste was sailed back up the Helford River to their headquarters in Gweek, where it will be sorted, recorded and recycled appropriately. Much of the waste collected during this trip will be sent to the Ocean Recovery Project. From there the waste will be injected back into a circular economy system, for example Odyssey Innovation manufactures sea kayaks from this ocean plastic.

Constantine Arts Society - come and join when we're back to normal

Everyone can draw and paint. If you ask young children to paint a picture, none of them will say they can't paint. If you ask a person who has left school, probably only those who were "good at art" or have gone on to study art in some form will say they can.

Constantine Arts Society was founded in 1974 and has had 45 summer exhibitions in the Church Hall. We normally meet every Tuesday from 11-4 in the hall during term time, but for the time being, unfortunately these are suspended during the Coronavirus emergency.

About twice a term we have visiting artists who take workshops, which are optional. The rest of the time it is a drop in group where people bring their own drawing, painting or craft work and spend some or all of the time doing their own work and chatting to other people in a friendly atmosphere. Tea, coffee and biscuits are plentiful, as is help from other artists.

You don't need to be an accomplished artist to join us, we have beginners, artists who paint or draw for fun, and those who sell their work in galleries and exhibitions. If anyone needs help there are always willing artists to suggest what to do, what materials to buy or where to seek inspiration.

If you would like to join us when things get back to normal, why not come along one Tuesday to see what we do? It only costs £10 a term to be a member and £15 for a workshop day with an artist. Compare these prices with painting holidays and courses at other places!

If you are a member you can exhibit your paintings, drawings or craftwork in our summer exhibition. You can choose whether to offer your work for sale. We



Mollie Silver working in a different medium from her usual one in a watercolour and pastel workshop taken by Janet Judge recently

have a well attended opening night as well as social events at Easter and Christmas. We also like to support a charity each year at the exhibition and raise funds for Constantine School.

Please join us, you would be very welcome.

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WHAT'S NOT ON IN CONSTANTINE

- No Church Services until further notice
- No Farmer's Market until further notice
- No performances at The Tolmen Centre on 21 & 25 March. Check website for updates on future events
- Port Navas Village Hall - Police & Crime Commissioner election postponed; Kernow French Speaking Group meetings suspended; Art Group meetings suspended and Art Exhibition postponed
- Garden & Homes Coffee Morning 2 May cancelled
- HMCG Heron Count & Dawn Chorus 14 April cancelled
- WI meetings and Soup & Pud lunches suspended until further notice.
- Gweek Players 'Blithe Spirit' postponed until November

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Packed and varied Spring Term programme of activities is a credit

Fire Station Visit for Y2

Lerryn class visited Falmouth Fire Station as part of their learning in PSHE on fire safety. It was amazing and here are some children's comment following the visit:

"I want to drive fire engines when I'm older,"..... "This is the best day ever," "I know that these are not hoses, they are pipes filled with oil,"... "H stands for hydrant,"

The fire fighters at Falmouth made us feel so welcome and taught us all so much!



Swimming Success

Having won the first round, our team of sixteen swam their very best in the second round of the area gala. Between them they brought home 7 golds and many second and third positions. We then found out that the Year 5 girls team qualified as the winners and they will now go through to the Cornwall School Games representing not only our school, but the Penryn Partnerships schools and Peninsula Schools.

Basketball League 2020

Eight Basketball players entered the league games this Spring Term. What a cracking result they came away with each week too. Our amazing team won both matches against Perranwell-ar-worthal (A) 22-2 and then played Perranwell-ar-worthal (B) 22-12. They Played

Flushing and won 16-8 and Mawnan, winning 16-4. As winners of their pool they went into the semi-finals against Stithians and won and then played Mylor in the finals. Despite their best efforts this was the first game all season they lost but they are very proud of coming second in the league out of nine teams.

Gymnastics Peninsula Finals

Our four competitors were delighted with our third overall as a team and also a third individual placing for a member of our team. The children all performed a vault, body management and floor routine against all the other qualifiers in the Peninsular Partnerships Schools.

Cross Country

This year we entered 42 children into the first round of the Cross Country event and they all did a great job, managing to complete the long courses set for them. Despite this event being for year 4, 5 & 6 pupils we had some Year 3s who also wanted to give it a go too. We so proud of them all and especially those who don't normally run or come along to our cross country club and those who managed to earn themselves a place in the second round at Pool Academy (11 out of the 42). We also must mention Zephrein and Matty who medalled, both coming second in their races. Excellent results.



to staff and children at Constantine School Cags Gilbert, Head of School

Music

Tamar Class were very fortunate to start a series of clarinet lessons and Penryn College are delivering clarinet lessons to year 5. The first lesson was an introduction to the instrument and a lesson about rhythm. Mrs Micklem, who has organised the lessons, was delighted with how engaged the children have been so far.



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What an interesting afternoon at Gwennap Pit. It is a special place indeed. Testament to the fact was the resounding 'WOW' as children saw it for the first time.

It is a place that invites you at once to walk and climb its terraces, which the children did with great enthusiasm. If one was to tread each concentric path at Gwennap Pit, you would cover half a mile!

We tried to estimate how many people the amphitheatre might hold. Initial guesses were 200 people. Nevertheless, we soon discovered that 200 people would only occupy the first few middle rings. Astonishingly, the pit has a capacity of approximately 1500

The children listened to each other recite some Wesley orations and also listened to their classmates recite their youth speaks speeches. I think John Wesley would have been very proud of our girls as they spoke about charity, hope and respect in their speeches.

Whilst there, the children were reminded of the importance of thankfulness and gratefulness – a virtue very close to John Wesley's heart.

Science

In Year 3 they have been exploring different forces, using balloons to help with their learning. What great fun!

New Clubs at Constantine School **Knitting Club**

The children are lucky enough to have some expert volunteers giving up their time to support knitting club. There are some budding knitters in the group, keep it up!

Short Mat Bowling

Following the success of our last bowling team Mr Wild has been keen to set up his own bowling club. This has happened following donations of bowling mats and loan of equipment from local clubs. We were hoping to enter a team into the Cornwall School Summer Games later in the year but they may not go ahead.

Junior and Senior Dance

Mrs Sach our secretary is an amazing dance teacher and she has been running our after school dance classes for two age groups. They are very popular and soon the children will be performing at open days when we resume.

Tamar Class Blog

There are some very enthusiastic writers at Constantine School, especially in Year 5. You can follow their Class Blog at the following address:

<https://constantine.cornwall.sch.uk/tamarblog/>

Constantine Cottage Garden Society

Howard Bolt

February meeting - Illustrated talk by Danny Konik, Cornwall Council Community Partnership Officer

Danny said that he has worked as head gardener at Gyllyngdune Gardens and Heartlands. He is now employed by Cormac Horticultural Section and is responsible for working with volunteers in the whole of the West Cornwall area.

The Horticultural Section helps maintain a variety of public sites in Cornwall such as:

municipal parks/gardens, roundabouts/verges, cemeteries, public rights of way (all 4442km), trails, woodlands, sports grounds.

He said that there are some challenges to the work the Section does, explaining that a minority of the public have proved to be uncooperative concerning such things as vandalism, plant theft, dog fouling, damage to sports facilities. However, involving pupils in the planting of some public areas has reduced vandalism dramatically in these areas over a period of years. Danny has been involved with the Friends of Victoria Park and the Bowls Club, creating a 'green oasis' in the heart of Redruth. Similar volunteer groups have helped Victoria Gardens Truro and Fox Rosehill Gardens in Falmouth.

He gave particular mention about a volunteer group composed of less academically able young adults. Due to financial cutbacks, there has been a tendency to leave these young adults without help when they have completed formal education. However, this group has proved to be a useful asset and has given them some sense of purpose as well as opportunities to learn new skills. Indeed, one member of this group is now employed by the Horticultural Section.



It is with sincere regret that I have to announce that the Constantine Garden Society Summer Show for 2020 is cancelled. Owing to the Covid-19 virus and the restrictions imposed by the Government, we would be foolhardy to progress with any plans for this year.

At present all the summer gardening programme is also cancelled. A update regarding the winter schedule will be announced, when further information regarding restrictions is known.

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Constantine History Group

Don Garman

January meeting

Constantine History Group's scheduled speaker had to postpone and was replaced by Don Garman, the Constantine Museum Collection Coordinator who provided a "Museum Miscellany" for the meeting.

Members handled a mason's bush hammer used to achieve a matt finish on granite and learned about the life of a well-known stone mason. This was followed by extracts from the press in 1869 about the demise of the Tolmen Stone and a poem written in 1923 about the lost landmark.

The memories of school days in the 1940s by a local policeman's son produced lots of laughter. The 1849 parish constable's staff was examined and the role of the constable, an annually elected post, was read. The parish constable had many more duties than the Police Constable who replaced the role in 1857. Not an enviable task with only the staff as a remuneration. Unfortunately, the name of the incumbent has not yet been discovered as the Vestry Minutes for 1849 have not been found.

Sale particulars of a large property in Port Navas dating from 1926 provided information about the house, its occupants and the associated estate which included quays, cottages, a washhouse and reading room and farm and woodland.

Don ended the evening by talking about his great grandfather and Ralph Vaughan-Williams. Henry Garman sang the Plough-

man's Dream to the composer in 1903 who noted down the tune and used it for the British version of Little Town of Bethlehem. A recently discovered piece of family history!



February meeting

"All Washed up in St Agnes" was the theme of February's talk to Constantine History Group by Roger Radcliffe from St Agnes Museum. The talk was informative and very well presented. Roger explored the history of Trevaunance Cove in terms of activity on the beach and the surrounding cliffs.

Mining contributed sand rich in cassiterite and thus streaming was worthwhile, whilst the cliffs contain numerous adits. Ships were built on the beach including Roger's great-grandfather's three-masted schooner, whilst the the Tonkin family built the harbour in 1793.



Unfortunately, the mine companies ceased to fund it when mining collapsed in 1919. Within three years it was destroyed by the sea, thus today it is a pile of blocks on the beach.

A huge variety of marine life arrive on the beach from Fin whales to turtles and bottles containing messages to lobster pot tags from the Eastern seaboard of the USA. Then there is the present-day activity of cove fishing and surfing, activities that sometimes require the services of the RNLI, the first boat being funded by Blue Peter.

Constantine Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of 20 February 20 2020

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Hussey stated that he was present as the representative of the Constantine Enterprises Company to bring Council-lors' attention to the letter requesting the Parish Council to nominate the Church Hall and the Queen's Arms public house as Assets of Community Value. He pointed out that, if they were nominated and they were to come up for sale, it would give the community as a whole six months to raise money and put in a bid, although he added that the owners of nominated buildings are under no obligation to sell to the community.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Nicholls (business) sent his apologies for absence. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded and it was agreed to accept those apologies.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As the husband of the volunteer running the Penryn Food Bank, Cllr Nicholls declared a non-registrable interest in Agenda item 6 (The Lower Vestry) and in particular the request to use The Lower Vestry as a satellite food bank.

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Bastin reported that

- Cornwall Highways have taken delivery of four new machines that will mend potholes in a fraction of the time presently taken. Moreover, they use hot asphalt rather than cold with commensurately better long-term results
- the new 'eyes-in-the-dark' dog-fouling notices appear to be having a remarkable effect
- the budget for the coming year will be set at a meeting of the full Council next week. It looks as if Council Tax will again rise by 3.99% (of which 2% will be directed solely towards the provision of Adult Social Care in the county).
- The Community Network Climate Change group will next meet at the Daphne du Maurier building on the Penryn Campus on February 27 at 5.30pm in respect of the Forest for Cornwall. The Authority will ask Parish Councils to forward notification of all trees planted (both by the Council and by private landowners) within the community. Funding for community orchards is available and, come September, the Woodland Trust will again gift trees to those individuals who wish to plant them on privately-owned land
- Falmouth Town Council has agreed to host a meeting for Parishes to engage with Tour of Britain organisers on Wednesday 4th March, in The Old Post Office Building on the Moor in Falmouth at 3.15pm.
- Cllr Bastin noted considerable problems with the Nancenoy road as it passes over the badger tunnel and suggested that it might be a project for the Community Network Highways Scheme. He also noted damage done to Trewince Lane following the uprooting of a tree in recent gales.
- Cllr A.Carter asked CCllr Bastin about the reported £45m penalty clause for exiting an RBS Lender Option Borrower Option (with an inverse floating rate note) agreement early. Cllr Bastin said that he knew very little about this, but could report that it had been initiated by Cornwall County Council (before the Unitary Authority).

Cllr John Andrew

- The effect of the proposed new Langarth estate on people living at some distance from Truro was questioned. The suggestion mooted by the developer that people presently living miles away from but working in Truro would move to the new estate and therefore reduce traffic flow was also questioned.

PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Lower Vestry

Members considered a request from Rev'd Stewart Turner to use the Lower Vestry for community purposes and in particular to host a weekly satellite food bank and a monthly young families health and well-being clinic. The Church proposes to re-carpet the main area, install new low surface temperature heaters, install a new water-heater in the toilet and re-decorate throughout. It will also ensure that all necessary insurance cover is in place. Cllr Wickins proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded, Cllr Painter abstained and it was agreed that the Church may host both a weekly satellite food bank and a monthly young families health and well-being clinic in the Lower Vestry.

The Community Right to Buy

Members considered the request from the Constantine Enterprises Company to nominate both the Church Hall and the Queen's Arms as Assets of Community Value and, following discussion Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded and it was agreed to nominate the Church Hall, the Queen's Arms public house and each of the two car-parks as Assets of Community Value under the Localism Act 2011.



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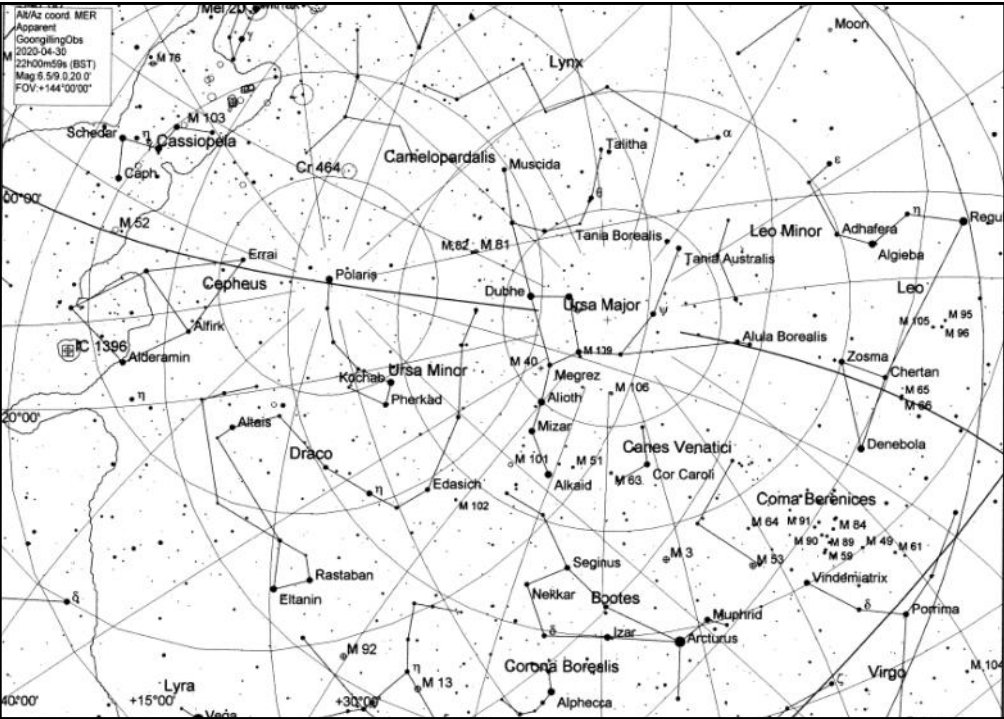
Night Sky

Cygnus and the brighter regions of the Milky way are now becoming visible so locate Vega in Lyra and then come down and south to Hercules and the bright globular cluster M13. This is a naked eye object on a good clear night but the view through binoculars or a small telescope is very rewarding.

At this time of year Ursa Major, the Great bear is almost directly above us on the zenith, use the handle of the Plough as a pointer to Arcturus at the foot of the kitelike constellation of Bootes. Extend a line down from the easterly side of the Plough, through the zenith to a bright star, Regulus at the foot of what looks like a question mark. The constellation of Leo looks vaguely like the creature after which it is named with Regulus as a front paw.

Halfway along and slightly above an imaginary line between Arcturus and Regulus lies the constellation of Coma Berenices which is home to the open cluster Melotte 111 and the Coma cluster of galaxies Abell 1656 in which there are about 1000 galaxies. The cluster is located near the North Galactic pole where we are looking out into deep space. One should be able to pick up the very brightest galaxies with an amateur telescope, obviously aperture dependent.

Below Coma Berenices is the constellation of Virgo which contains a large number of galaxies and is the centre of the Local Supercluster, of which the Milky Way galaxy forms a part. The Virgo Cluster contains about 2000 galaxies, the brightest of which are visible in amateur telescopes. There are two meteor showers to look out for. The first are the Lyrids, radiant is just below Lyra, peak on April 21-22, the hourly rate is not that high at 18, but the meteors are fast and leave a persistent trail. The maximum occurs just before New Moon so conditions are



Robert Beeman

favourable. The parent object is comet C/1861 G1 Thatcher. The second are the Eta Aquariids which peak May 5-6. Two factors will make it difficult, the radiant is below the horizon in the eastern sky and the days of the peak are close to Full Moon. It does not mean all is lost, the maximum hourly rate is 55 per hour and about 25% of them leave persistent trains so you may get lucky.

Midway through the period Mars, Saturn and Jupiter will be early morning objects in the predawn sky low in the south to south east. Venus will almost have set in the western sky as darkness falls. Wishing you clear skies

Constantine W.I. report

Considering the very rough weather our Annual Meeting on 10 February was very well attended. Thanks were given to all and our Secretary's report reminded all members of the very varied meetings throughout the year, with outings, luncheons, walks etc - something to suit all tastes. Gifts and thanks were given to several retiring Committee members and helpers and three new Committee members were welcomed. Our President Liz Pearce was unanimously voted on for her second year.

Our new programme for this year was to be very varied, from making Willow Hearts to Chocolate Making with Cornish Gigs in between, but is now suspended. Business was concluded and was followed by a fun hour with a "Beetle Drive". All members very

Barbara Willoughby

competitively throwing the dice to try to be the first to make a "whole beetle", the winners on each table moving on to start the next "beetle". A fun and hectic time enjoyed by all.

In the March meeting Lynn Kentish from Lynn's Willows gave a brief talk and demonstration on willow crafts. It was a fun evening with members enjoying the opportunity to make their own willow hearts. The hearts make lovely gifts or can be used as decorations in the home and garden.

Lynn was thanked for her time and coaching by Dominique.

Sadly because of concerns regarding Covid 19 virus (Coronavirus) it has become necessary to cancel all W.I. meetings and Soup and Pud events until further notice.



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