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“Pathways to the Past” to entice visitors to Cornwall again in 2017

Now in its eleventh year, the **Cornish Ancient Sites Protection Network (CASPN)**’s **Pathways to the Past** programme has just been released and promises to once again delight all those interested in Cornish heritage, folklore and archaeology.

Held on the second May Bank Holiday weekend every year (this year 27-28 May), **Pathways to the Past** is a programme of walks and talks in West Cornwall. On the morning of Saturday 27 May, local experts John and Jill Moss will host a guided walk around Zennor, featuring a visit to the Church with its legendary Mermaid Chair. In the afternoon, archaeologist David Giddings will take a tour of the sites of Bosigran, including the cliff castle, tin treatment works and the Courtyard House settlements. On Saturday evening at the Old Town Hall in St Just, archaeologist Paul Bonnington will give a talk on “The Power of Place: Reconstructing Cornwall’s Prehistoric Environment”.

Then on the morning of Sunday 28 May, renowned Cornish photographer, James Kitto, will give an illustrated talk on his “Photographic Journey Around Prehistoric Penwith”, also at the Old Town Hall in St Just. Participants can then once again stretch their legs in the afternoon with a guided walk to Tregaseal stone circle, barrows and holed stones. This will be taken by archaeologist and poet Adrian Rodda whose engaging telling of stories and folklore is not to be missed. Finally, on the Sunday night, local sculptor and antiquarian Rory Te’Tigo will talk about his finds and discoveries in West Penwith at the North Inn in Pendeen.

Each of the walks regularly attracts over 40 people from all over the UK and as the programme is **CASPN**’s main source of funding for the rest of the year, the attendance of members of the public is warmly welcomed and gratefully received. **CASPN** Chair Cheryl Straffon said “Pathways to the Past is always a very popular and enjoyable weekend and a great way to learn more about the historic landscape and meet up with other like-minded people”.

Each individual event £5 but free to members of FOCAS (Friends of Cornwall’s Ancient Sites) CASPN’s membership organisation. You can join FOCAS at the beginning of the individual event, by telephoning 07927 671612, or by e-mailing: focas@cornishancientsites.com.

CASPN was established and formed as a Registered Charitable Trust in 2000 and has been protecting, preserving and promoting the cause of the numerous ancient sites in Cornwall ever since. **CASPN**’s board includes representatives from organisations such as the National Trust, Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment Service, Cornwall Archaeological Society and English Heritage as well as user groups such as the Madron Community Forum and the local Pagan Moot.

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