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Young Siblings Local Walker and Volunteer Woodsman in Line for Awards

The community minded citizens of Saltash, senior and children, who have been honoured to be selected as Citizens and Young Citizens of the Year were announced by Mayor Mrs Hillary Frank during her civic service.



We at the Saltash Observer were especially delighted at the choice of Young Citizens since we ourselves had nominated siblings Mia Rhodes, aged 10 and her brother Jack, aged 8, in particular for their work over the years for a charity which the Observer also adopted as one of its own.

The adult Citizen of the Year was announced to be Peter Clements while a new Environment and Community Award is to be given to Jon Foster.

Mia and Jack Rhodes became involved in raising funds for Derriford Hospital's Chestnut Appeal, in support of victims of prostate cancer, after losing a beloved grandfather to that disease in 2014. Soon afterwards they decided to bake and sell cakes outside the home of their other grandparents in support of the Chestnut Appeal and since then have been working ceaselessly at fundraising for this cause. Their efforts have included the making and

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Wartime Sailor's Family Join Servicemen at Dedication Service

A sailor who served in both world wars was honoured at a dedication service at St. Stephens Church attended by ratings from HMS Raleigh, the Royal Marines and the Mayor and Consort Hilary and Shojiro Frank. It was also attended by members of the family of Able Seamen George Stone, whose shattered gravestone had been discovered in the undergrowth by Peter Clements of Saltash Heritage as part of his research into the identities of all of Saltash's war dead of the two world wars, in commemoration of the centenary of World War I.

Mr. Clements had contacted the War Graves Commission who confirmed that, with the church authority's permission, they would erect a Commonwealth War Grave headstone to replace the broken cross.

Research confirmed that George Stone had joined the Royal Navy in 1915 as a 15 year old boy sailor, training on HMS Impregnable moored off Devonport. He later married and settled in Long Park Road, Saltash where his wife and five children were living at the outbreak of World War II. George was then still serving as Able Seaman on board HMS Aircraft Carrier HMS Furious. Sadly he died of illness aged just 39 in December 1939.

Having thoroughly researched his service and family history and organised a service of dedication for the newly erected gravestone Saltash Heritage were now anxious to contact the family of George Stone but here they proved unsuccessful. Despite great efforts over several months they had no results until just five days before the date of the dedication service.

They then finally received a response from a Mrs. Nancy Chown of Exeter, daughter of George Stone, who confirmed that she, her older sister Mrs. Margaret Tucker and other family members were overwhelmed by the amount of work that Saltash Heritage had put into finding the family and



organising the dedication service, and they could not believe that all of this was done for their father. The two daughters joined three generations of the family at the St. Stephens Church for midweek communion service and for the graveside dedication conducted by Revd. Catherine Sigrist that followed it.

The service attended by today's sailors from HMS Raleigh a boy representing Military Kids Club, included four buglers of the Devon and Somerset Fire brigade Ceremonial Unit with Drum Major Ian Washburn in attendance playing the last post, a parade of standards from local British Legion branches, and the reading of the Naval Prayer as the union flag was unveiled from the grave.

Mrs. Tucker, who was six at the time of her father's death, recalled his funeral as one of her earliest memories. It was just before Christmas 1939 and she believed she received just two presents that year, one from the Royal Navy and from her mother. The Royal Navy offered to place her and her four sisters in an orphanage but instead her mother struggled to keep them at home by means of working by day machining Royal Navy Uniforms and sewing their tapes at night with her children's' help. Mrs Tucker also had early memories of attending St Stephens school and seeing soldiers from the adjacent camp march up the road, before the family moved to Plymouth and subsequently to Exeter where she and her sister Nancy still lives. They had

made one previous return visit to Saltash when her children were young and they had with difficulty discovered 'grandpa's grave.

'It has been a great honour to attend today', Mrs Tucker told us. 'The morning has been really lovely'. Saltash Heritage were also asked, "why all this for my dad?" to which society secretary Liz Sharpe-Asprey replied, "As well as himself we feel that he represents all of those who served and died and who we are honouring today."



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Traders Seek Funding for Town Festivals

Three of Saltash's popular annual festivals and a new winter festival are to be taken over and run by a group of the town's leading traders, it is anticipated by some of these traders who are seeking town council funding towards this.

An application for £12,000 of 'Section 106' money was put forward 'to organise four annual events to increase footfall and the community spirit and offer more opportunity to local retailers.' They would begin with the Summer 'Love Saltash' Arts Festival this August, followed on with the Christmas celebratory day in early December, and they plan to take over responsibility for May Fair in 2018. In addition they hope to organise an event in early 2018 around Valentine's Day when the town is traditionally quiet and local shopkeepers desire increased footfall.

Mike Woolford of 'Treasure Island' told town councillors that if the monies requested for the first year were to be forthcoming he anticipated that events would make a profit, reserves would build, and so it would save the council money by no further subsidies being required in future years. He assured the council that he has a large number of volunteer supporters to make the scheme viable.

Town councillors appeared keen in principal to support the traders in their efforts but were concerned in particular about existing events, which already have established organising committees. The current May Fair committee in particular had written to the town council objecting to the traders' proposals and

accusing them of an attempted 'coup'.

After lengthy discussion the town council voted 9 to 2, with two abstentions, to support the applicants in running the August event 'Love Saltash' for which there is no current organising group. They recommended that £3,000 of Section 106 money be allocated to this.

They also invited Mr. Woolford to return at the next council meeting to put forward more concrete proposals in respect of the Christmas event, which they would then consider. Mr. Woolford has already been appointed joint chairman, with Councillor Matt Coot, of the Christmas event's organising committee (FROST)

"The Saltash Events Team (SET) are happy with the outcome and are looking forward to serving the community of Saltash with the forthcoming events starting in August this year" Mr Woolford told the Observer, "Retailers will now be at the forefront of all events"

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Speeding and Parking Still Local Safety Concerns

Speedwatch surveys round Saltash continue to be conducted through the Saltash Road Safety Committee, its Chairman Councillor Derek Holley reported to the annual town meeting. Speeding drivers are sent warning letters and if a driver is caught speeding three times in the local area a speeding penalty is applied through the Police.

Over the last year speedwatches have taken place at Hatt, Tideford and Polbathic as well as within the town. They are all conducted by volunteers and more volunteers are always welcome with full training being given. Interested person may apply through the Guildhall (01752 844846)

Other issues referred to each meeting of the Road Safety Committee relate to inconsiderate and often dangerous parental parking around local schools with frequent letters being sent to Head Teachers. Other concerns have included signage on the A38, the

ongoing road works at Carkeel, traffic intensity and pollution at Tideford, the A388 around Hatt roundabout and at Painters Cross, heavy lorries around Landrake and the A38 junction at Landrake village and child safely at the nearby Landrake playing field.

Within Saltash issues of concern have included child pedestrian matters at Longstone Park where Cornwall Council now promises repair to the gate onto Callington Road and the road humps in Fore Street. Safety en route to schools is always of concern as is the crossing of Liskeard Road at Burraton Chapel, new cycling route proposals, road lighting and the turn out of exits on to Broadwalk.

Reader comment: What about the parking problems at the entrance to Hillside Road, when is this problem going to be addressed and put into practice.

Saltash Heritage Museum Lower Fore Street Saltash

Saltash Town Council awarded the external and internal repairs and decoration contract to Devon and Cornwall Maintenance Solutions as recommended by the Council's Property and Building Surveyor for the lowest tender to the value of £22,121.00.

Work started in February and we anticipate the completion of works approximately end of March subject to delays.

Fifty Years of Marriage Began on a Bicycle Made for Two

Gerald and Jean Lawrence met in the swinging sixties, when Jean rode the pillion of Gerald's Triumph Bonneville motor bike along the roads of southern England. Four years after they met they married at St. James Church, Portsmouth on 18th March 1967 and fifty years after that they were to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary at their home in Coombe Road Saltash, the house which has been their home since 1982.

The Mayor and Consort, Hilary and Shojiro Frank called by to congratulate them with a spring posy of flowers and various family members also came to share their anniversary.

They have three children, John, Simon and Victoria, and two grandchildren Charlotte and Kate. And Gerald still has a motor bike, now a Honda. Gerald enjoyed a career in engineering with the Ministry of Defence, Jean in the catering industry, most memorably in Portsmouth's long gone Lyons Corner House.

Other than entertaining family and friends Gerald and Jean were intending to enjoy a quiet anniversary 'with lots of memories and still wondering where all those wonderful years have gone'.



Essa Files

You will have to forgive the amount of self-indulgent introspection in this month's column, because I am feeling rather introspective. This is my last column as a councillor and having done ten years (as I have been known to comment 'you get less than that for armed robbery') it feels a little strange to be about to stop.

I have had the fortune of working with some very good people on both Caradon District Council (which they abolished two years after I was elected, something I am assured was a coincidence) and Saltash Town Council – councillors, town clerks and other council officers, chaplains, members of the press, members of the community and Saltash's large number of great community organisations. All of those have my sincere admiration, respect and thanks, as well as my best wishes for the future.

There's a lot that I'm going to miss about being a councillor: not least the sense of working as part of a team to do something for the whole town, although naturally there are some things I will miss less. Midnight casework calls, a few unpleasant emails, and being told - in apparent seriousness - that 'you're only on the town council for the money' are all amongst the less enjoyable aspects of the role.

There are also things I've been involved with which I take pride in. Some - like working to prevent Saltash having to share an MP with Plymouth, or the free parking scheme, or the recruitment of our current Town Clerk – were things I led with invaluable support from others. Others – like countless Christmas Events, the Cemetery extension and the Celtic Cross – were very much matters led by others which I was happy to play a small supporting role in.

There are also naturally

things I look back on and regret we didn't manage to resolve during my time on the council – the station building is the most obvious of these, but they also include agreeing a full and fair devolution deal with Cornwall Council and securing the future of the now threatened St Barnabas. Hopefully some of those failures will be sorted out by future councillors – ones with fresh ideas and approaches, and more enthusiasm than I can muster after ten years! I

wish the next council the best of luck, regardless of who is elected to it, and look forward to seeing what they can achieve for Saltash.

I would also like to thank anyone who ever voted for me, or who bothered to turn out and exercise their right to vote for anyone else. Please do vote again this polling day – it's easy to remember as it's also international Star Wars day, so to all of those standing good luck and May the 4th be with you. Adam Killeya



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selling of loom bands helping organise a raffle, selling decorated jars and salt dough decorations. They have been actively promoting their homemade wares at May Fair and the Christmas Festival.

Both children have also been involved in the

environmentally friendly local litter pick campaign. They are pupils at Brunel School, which has already congratulated them, and we at the Observer are also thrilled to see them selected.

The children were at the Civic Service with their

mother, though with no idea as to the reason for their presence. Also present, and equally unknowing was Peter Clements who heard Mrs. Brenda Samuels of that in her capacity as President of Saltash Rotary she had eight excellent candidates from which to

choose the Citizen of the Year. After consideration she had decided upon one who has over many years worked not within an organisation but on his own, tirelessly campaigning for issues in the public interest with largely positive results.

As a keen walker Peter Clements has had a special interest in seeing our local footpaths maintained and he was especially active in pursuing the re-opening of a disputed right of way at Antony Passage, successfully taking the fight to a public enquiry. He also fought had with eventual success for the footbridge to allow safe pedestrian access across the A38 by-pass at Carkeel and especially during his time as Town Councillor was ever eager to support the interests of pedestrians.

More recently he has embarked upon lengthy and painstaking research into the history of the town's war dead and seeking to resolve the anomalies relating to the two local war memorials. He was responsible for discovering the broken memorial to sailor

George Stone and for its replacement with a commemoration service to mark this. A retired member of the Royal Navy himself he is also active in the annual poppy day appeal.

The third award is to a lesser known 'Local Hero' Jon Foster. Those who walked recently through the Coombe Valley woodlands should have noticed the results of his hard labours, which began with clearing the bramble, and other undergrowth, which had smothered the woodland for decades. Since then he has utilised his woodworking skills to create three benches and twenty bird boxes for the woodland as well as planted out hundreds of saplings and flower bulbs. 'Thanks to Jon Coombe Woods has become a beautiful and safe environment all done in his own time and at no cost to anybody', said the Mayor.

The Mayor had broken with the tradition of announcing the award winners prior to the May Fair, but it is at the fair that they will formally receive their awards.



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We started the year celebrating 'Inner Wheel Day' by providing items of food and homemade soup for the 'Soup Run' in Plymouth, run by Plymouth Mayflower Club and the Salvation Army. This is a vital service for homeless people on the streets, especially at this time of the year.

At our February meeting we heard a very interesting talk given by Jean Mintoff about Macular Disease, which sadly affects many of us in later life. Also in February one of our members held an Afternoon Tea at her home which was a great success and very sociable, raising £140 for Gambian Projects an overseas charity we support to help provide a school with books equipment etc. Debbie from the charity visits our club each year to update us on how the school is getting on, which is lovely to hear.

Sad news was heard of the death of Juliet Shipp. She will be remembered fondly as an active member of Saltash Inner Wheel Club for many years, and a member of the District Committee, spending a year as the District Chairman.

We are now busy preparing for our celebration of St Georges Day at Ashtorre on April 22nd with an evening of wine food fun and laughter and a mini 'evening at the proms!'

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Saltash Town Band Qualify for National Finals and proudly celebrate a triple whammy!!

This year has seen Saltash Town Band putting in extra rehearsals in preparation for attendance to the most important contest in the Brass Band calendar. Performing St Andrews Variations by Alan Fernie and under the baton of Robert Julian, March 11th saw the Band travel to Torquay to compete in the Fourth Section of the West of England Brass Band Association Regional

Championships. Out of twenty competing bands Saltash came second, with comments such as 'a very well controlled performance, lots to be admired', 'Lovely warm sounds' 'Nice warm sound to open' and 'A really good finish to an excellent performance' from the two adjudicators. One brass band forum called the hymn section of our performance 'chapeltastic'.

This means that the Band has qualified to compete in

the National Finals held in Cheltenham on September 16th. This is only the second time in our history that we have achieved this.

For us to be able to make the most of this rare opportunity we shall be planning plenty of Fundraising events in the coming months. One of these will be our concert held at St Stephens Church on May 13th, where not only this prize winning band will be performing, but also our talented Junior band and the debut of our beginners group, some of whom have only playing for a few weeks.

To compliment the Band's success, they were delighted to receive two major funding awards towards purchasing new musical instruments.

The Sue Hooper Charitable Foundation awarded the Band £300 and

the Saltash Youth Council awarded the Band £250.

The Band is most grateful for such funding and continued support of the Band's ongoing endeavours

To keep up to date with our news and engagements please check our website saltashtownband.co.uk and 'like' our Facebook Page Saltash Town Band.

The Junior Band and learner Section meet every Friday through term time at 6.15pm - 7.15pm. Saltash Town Band meet every Friday at 7.30pm - 9.30pm. All groups are held at The Core, Saltash College Site, Church Road.

If you would like to join or book either the Town band or our Junior band then you can email us at secretary@saltashtownband.co.uk or telephone Sue Hooper on 01752 843073

Saltash.net Welcomes Jekyll and Hyde for Thrilling Performance



Year 10 and 11 students at saltash.net community school were lucky enough to enjoy a real live performance on 22 March as Jekyll and Hyde visited the school.

Ginificent, a touring theatre company, put on a performance in front of 300 students who have been studying the text as part of their studies for GCSE English Literature.

Ms Childs arranged the performance to enable students to, "better understand the content of the text that they have been studying."

"The changes in English GCSEs have resulted in students having to study more challenging literature, which means that we are working hard to support them in being able to access and increase their confidence in exploring the complex nature of these texts," she added.

The hour performance was delivered in the main hall and students were wowed by the skill of the three actors, who took on over eight roles between them.

The performance was followed by a question and answer sessions which gave students an opportunity to

explore the context of the novel and to discuss the themes of duality, psychoanalysis and the impact of the Industrial Revolution.

Ms Childs reported: "We are planning to continue to offer more of these invaluable enrichment opportunities to our students in the future. Events such as these really allow literature to come to life."

Support for St. Barnabas Shown at Spring Fair

Saltash showed its support for it's much loved community hospital as residents flocked to the Guildhall for the St. Barnabas Hospital Spring Fair.

This had been relocated to the Guildhall, as the usual venue, at the hospital itself, was no longer available following the supposedly 'temporary' closure of the wards and the minor injuries unit.

As well as enjoying home baked produce with morning coffee and patronising the busy stalls, visitors could read on the display board the story of the closures as headlined in your 'Saltash Observer' and other local press. They could also discuss concerns over the hospital's future with the Mayor Councillor Hilary Frank and local G.P. Dr. Birte Morris who were there throughout the morning.

The event raised almost £500 for the St. Barnabas Hospital's League of Friends. This is intended to be put towards the purchase of an exercise bicycle for physiotherapy patients and a portable electrocardiogram machine, which nurses based at St. Barnabas, can take to patients' homes.

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A Fishy Tale from Page2Stage

The myth of the mermaid who falls in love with a landsman is a tale as old as time. From Andersen's tales to Zennor in Cornwall the legend has been retold but surely seldom as colourfully and with such enthusiastic passion as by Saltash's young Page 2 Stage performers in 'The Little Mermaid'.



Photos by Mary Crawford

The stage at saltash.net school erupted with music, dancing and drama as the cast of around forty players from infant school to teenage took to their roles of various undersea creatures and the wondering sailors whom chance upon them.

The choreography cleverly portrayed the restless underwater waving world from which mer princess Ariel delightfully played by Ruth McCulloch sought to escape as hauntingly described in her song 'Part of Your World'. Torn between her stern but

loving father Triton (Charlie Angel-Craven) and her mortal lover Prince Eric (Robert Walsh), her fellow mer folk seek to persuade her to remain below in the lively calypso chorus 'Under the Sea'. 'The human world is a mess', explains her friend and mentor the crab Sebastian and few would argue with that. Yet despite the best efforts of Sebastian, an especially lively portrayal by Jemima Budd, Ariel allows herself to be led astray by the Sea Witch Ursula, to whom Alisha Percy brought her own wickedly seductive magic.

An interlude of comic relief was provided by Prince Eric's French Chefs, Andrew Walsh and Matt Calder, who had designs upon adding Ariel's fishy friends to their special brand of bouillabaisse.

All ends well, as it tends to in such stories, and as the lovers were reunited with King Triton's blessing the final reprise of 'Part of Your World' was received with rapturous and well deserved applause.

Over the years we have enjoyed watching the young people take to their parts in each performance, building on their talents as well as their self confidence. New cast members with a desire to develop their potential in the performing arts are always welcomed and we look forward to seeing familiar faces on stage and spotting new talent emerging for many years to come as Page 2 Stage is established as part of the local youth drama scene.



Photos by Mary Crawford

New Council - New Mayor this May

The current Saltash Town Council will cease to exist on Monday 8th May following local elections on Thursday 4th May.

The newly elected Council then have just three days to submit nominations for the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor which must be received by the Town Clerk by 11th May.

The first meeting of the new Town Council will be held on Tuesday 16th May and the Mayor and Deputy

Mayor will be elected on that day and take office with immediate effect.

The current Town Council did however agree that in accordance with tradition there should still be a formal Mayor Installation Ceremony to be held on a date to be arranged, probably in mid June.

Saturday Food Market

The popular monthly market at 4 Fore Street held on the first Friday of each month will now additionally be held on a Saturday two weeks later. It is hoped that this will give local residents who are unable to visit on a weekday the opportunity to sample the

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SHERYLL MURRAY MP WRITES...



Recently we saw a terrible attack on our democracy. I would like to pay tribute to all our door staff and the police, which keep us safe. Keith Palmer was a brave policeman who lost his life when he confronted the attacker. A life prematurely snatched for just doing his job. We also lost others who were simply walking along the pavement. A mother collecting her children from school, a tourist celebrating a wedding anniversary and someone attending a doctor's appointment. Many more were injured. The floral tributes along the route mark our respect for them all. I would like to thank all those who contacted us with their concerns during the event.

We also saw the triggering of Article 50. This means we will have left the European Union in two years time. This was a decision taken by South East Cornwall and the country as a whole. A decision I backed.

It is clear that there will be difficult negotiations ahead. I will do all I can do to get a relationship with the EU that works for all concerned.

Many people believe that Broadband roll out in Cornwall is the responsibility of the Government. The provision of Broadband services in Cornwall has been devolved

to Superfast Cornwall which is a partnership between the provider (BT), Cornwall Council and the EU. Many people who struggle with their broadband connection are concerned that they are still unable to access a connection that allows them to use the internet in a reliable way. Many businesses have been advised to invest in an expensive line that they are unable to afford. I have taken many individual cases forward to a successful conclusion over the past few years but there are still many people who do not have an acceptable connection. My office have raised this matter with BT at their Parliamentary Surgery in and they have promised me that they will be investigating the matter. I will be working with local Councillors to ensure that Superfast Cornwall does not ignore the needs of South East Cornwall residents.

I attended a meeting at Cornwall Council "Cornwall Devolution Deal Monitoring board". At this meeting it was good to hear about the progress that has been made and I will continue to work to ensure that Cornwall Council and Partners work hard to progress devolution which will benefit all of the people of Cornwall in a way that the government intended.

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Runners Cadets and Rotary Receive Community Funding

Two ceremonial flags for Saltash Maritime Cadets can now be acquired with the aid of funding from the town's community chest. The Council's policy and resources committee agreed to recommend £1000 be granted to purchase one junior and one senior flag with all accessories.

They also agreed to contribute towards the refurbishment of Santa's Sleigh which, Saltash Rotarians use extensively around the town in December and a £750 grant towards ensuring it will be in good repair this coming Christmas was agreed.

A further community chest contribution was made to Tamar Trotters Juniors of £555 towards training for adults to coach the young runners.

The town's festival fund received an application towards the Cornwall International Male Choral Festival 2017. This is a biennial festival of around two thousand singers from over sixty choirs who perform at around fifty events all over Cornwall including a regional concert in Saltash and have an outreach programme to local schools. In view of their contribution to Saltash was agreed to grant £250 from the town's festival fund.

A Lively Debate for Flood Forum

The Saltash Community Flood Forum (SCFF) met with principal Officers of South West Water recently to question them on various water drainage issues in parts of Saltash including Forder and Broadmoor Farm.

Forum members attended the meeting, residents of Forder and other interested people within the locality, and chaired by Sue Hooper MBE.

The debate was very lively and interesting, and the SWW officers were challenged for vital information, which was done in a respectful way.

As a result, SWW pledged to visit Forder in the near future to survey areas of concern in the Village.

Another of the important issues raised by the Forum was the growing concern of human waste transfer and treatment from the proposed new development at Broadmoor Farm together with the inappropriate use of disposables (such as wet wipes and other matter).

SWW officers advised the meeting of its great concerns and overwhelming costs dealing with such issues, and provided the Forum with vital information in the way of a Poster and suggested that the Forum support the SWW efforts to promote proper use of disposing matter down their loos.

Saltash Community Flood Forum is an active platform for the Saltash Community with over 30 in its membership.

It concentrates on potential flooding issues, and raising awareness of such. The Forum has experienced membership within Scientific and Environmental fields.

Dr Rebecca Pearce a valuable and active member of the SCFF stressed that there were other additional key

messages for local communities to consider, namely ...

Mulch your garden now, to get that sponge-like texture we need to hold onto heavy rainfall when it comes.

Tidy up and put away anything that can blow into the gutter in a storm and thereby cause a blockage.

Don't drop litter

Don't put anything down the toilet other than pee, poo, and paper

Don't pour fat or chemicals down the drain

Grow as many trees, shrubs and perennial plants as you can as they will slow the flow of rainfall and help maintain the river ecology in a healthy state. This will also improve air quality, green the town, and benefit wildlife.

Dr Pearce suggestions were fully endorsed by the membership.

Conundrum Corner

Taking the initial letter to the one-word answers to the following eight questions can you re-arrange them to make a Cornish place name?

1 Which Literary character is associated with the phrase "bah humbug"? (7)

2 Which English town was built by Cadburys for its workers? (11)

3 A Boston Crab is a term used in which Sport? (9)

4 Of which disease did Robert the Bruce die in 1329? (7)

5 What name is given to an Animal that feeds both plants and Flesh? (10)

6 The Lutine Bell has been a part of which Organisation since 1858? (6)

7 Which Fruit is the principal ingredient of a traditional Tarte Tatin? (5)

8 Zealand, Fyn and Lolland are islands belonging to which Country? (7)

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Who Was Les?

The clearance of the undergrowth alongside the roadworks at Carkeel roundabout have left us with a mystery to solve.

Next to the footbridge, at the Waitrose end, there is now exposed a small concrete plinth with a brass plate bearing the words 'Les Urbans 1957 - 2015'.

At first we thought this might be a memorial to the townsfolk written for some reason in French.

The more likely explanation is that it in memory of Leslie surnamed Urbans, perhaps a victim of a road traffic accident hereabouts. None of those to whom we have spoken however can recall an accident in 2015 with a victim of that name.

If anyone can give us information as to how this plaque came into being we would be pleased to know.

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Anti-Social Behaviour Tops Crime Figures

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The second most common category of offence locally is violent and sexual offences with just over two hundred reports received.

Criminal damage and arson just tops the hundred offences, general theft just under a hundred and shop lifting and burglary each just over fifty.

There were a relatively low number around twenty or less reported cases each of vehicle crime, bicycle theft, drug offences and public order offences. There were no reported local incidents of robbery, theft from the person or possession of weapons.

Conundrum Answers:

Answers: 1 Sorrow 2 Bourneville 3 Wrestling 4 Leprosy 5 Omnicurious 6 Lloyds 7 Apple 8 Denmark. Re-arranged the letters spell Dobwalls

Find the Footpath

Local footpaths are now maintained by Saltash Town Council which is to set aside a budget and put them out to tender as a separate contract from that of grounds and maintenance. This follows a member of the public advising the council's services committee that the Town Council website needed updating as it stated that 'Saltash Town Council maintains all footpaths'. Of the 49 footpaths and bridleways in the town the majority are not maintained to a satisfactory standard, it was claimed.

The Chairman, Councillor David Yates, replies that they are maintained to the level stipulated by the local management partnership, Saltash Town Council is contracted to by Cornwall Council.

It was agreed that the Town Council's website be amended to accurately detail the path numbers and level of maintenance conducted under the local management partnership.

Signs to show the footpaths are also in need of revision and Cornwall Council is to be asked to establish a list of existing signs so that those requiring refurbishment may be identified.

Home Win Brings Ashes One Step from Twickenham



Players and supporters of Saltash Rugby Football Club had cause to celebrate as the team reached the pinnacle of its playing during the club's 48 year history. The Ashes are now just one step away from a final game at Twickenham, the heart of English Rugby, having already won the RFU South Western Counties Senior Vase. A thrilling quarter final match against Swindon College Old Boys at the Ashes' home ground in Moorlands Lane saw a large band of local supporters cheer the team on to a resounding victory.

The game did not start well for the home side, with the visitors constant play towards the Ashes end resulting in them soon scoring a 5-0 lead. This appeared to galvanise the Ashes whose first score from an unconverted penalty brought them to 5-3 and just before the half time whistle an

excellent try put them in the lead.

The second half saw the Ashes with almost all the action, as well as the benefit of the slope and a following wind, and the crowd roared as the score slowly increased to 22-5 for the Ashes.

For the final quarter of an

hour the action returned to the Saltash end as the visitors determined to reverse their fortunes with a late aggressive attack. The Ashes defenders proved equal to this and the game ended with a decisive 22-5 home win.

Both teams lined up for Mr. Denis Preece, Chairman of the Cornwall RFU to congratulate them all on a good game 'in the true spirit of rugby' before going on to present Ashes

captain Ryan Rayner with the South West Counties Senior Vase (in fact a shield) and a similar trophy, the RFU Southern Counties Senior Vase to the Swindon visitors.

Saltash RFU now go through to the semi-final away to Farnham on the 15th April and, if they win that game, to the Senior Vase Final at Twickenham on 6th May. *Observer's Special Rugby Reporter Martin Lister!*

Saltash Old Cornwall Society

A Cornish community in a former gold mining town in Australia and the rise, decline, fall and resurgence of St. Germans Priory were among the subjects of talks given by members of Saltash Old Cornwall Society at their annual 'Members Evening'.

The talks followed the annual general meeting at which society president Ernie Reynolds had outlined the proud history of the society and the Federation of Old Cornwall Societies of which it is part. He also described the symbolism behind the society's banner on display. Society Secretary Martin Lister talked of another successful year for the society the highlight of which had been hosting around 150 visitors from all over Cornwall at the Federation Winter Festival. Both officers, with Rev. Prebendary Brian Anderson as treasurer were re-elected together with other officers.

There followed the members' talks, this being the evening when instead of a guest speaker society members are invited to give short addresses.

Delving into the archives Philip Hunt opened by describing the early days of Saltash Old Cornwall Society from its inaugural meeting in March 1946 when it had been said 'it is felt that there is a strong Cornish tradition in the district'. Many names of those early members were still familiar, especially as some had been teachers at Saltash Grammar School. The first annual general meeting in 1947 looked back on a 'successful beginning' in which 120 members had enjoyed a boat trip on the Tamar and a lesser number a visit by train to Liskeard.

The poetry of 'bush poet' Banjo Paterson was read by Dr.

David Pitcher to set the scene for Mrs. Dorothy Tucker who spoke of her recent visit to Australia. There she had been welcomed by the Australian Society of Ballarat and presented with a book outlining the family history of many members.

Most had ancestors who had left Cornwall in the mid nineteenth century to work the gold fields in the district. Many had been disappointed and turned to farming or other trades but one Cornish lad aged 16 had chanced upon a 22 pound nugget of solid gold just as he was 'knocking off'.

'A Thousand Years of St. Germans in Ten Minutes' was the subject of Joanna Rimron's talk. She spoke of the probable Celtic religion settlement founded by St. Germans in 430 AD and which flourished as the Cornish see until it was removed to Crediton in 1042. After that the priory fell into disrepair, the Elliot family acquired most of the land until parishioners decided to seek to have the church declared redundant, Ms. Rimron is among those who put forward a unique new solution to preserve the historic building and serves on the secular trust body which, while facilitating its continuing use as a church has also acquired funding for its restoration and conversion to a meeting, exhibition and conference facility. She spoke of the exciting plans ahead including it being the starting point for a Cornish Celtic Saints Way, a pilgrimage trail down to St. Michaels Mount.

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A Great Success Story for Saltash Social Club... Functioning as a 'Social Hub for the Community'

Since the Saltash Social Club inherited the spacious and attractive town centre premises of the former Working Men's Club its hard working committee, together with the family team of workers, has been ceaselessly striving to enhance the facilities to become a family friendly centre of the community. This has flourished and the club now has a growing reputation for welcoming one and all.



This was reflected particularly this March when on Mothering Sunday one hundred and twenty delicious roast dinners were served to families out to honour that special person. Indeed Sunday roasts have become an increasing attraction each week as Anna, who before coming to the club had her reputation as a cook confirmed only to her family, has gained widespread repute for her cuisine expertise.

Families also enjoy

especially bank holiday weekends. The Late Summer bank holiday is always an especial attraction to those from toddlers to age 7 or 8 with a wide variety of entertainment with spider men, stuffed bears, bouncy castle and face painting and a popular soft play area.

Christmas at Saltash Social Club has magic of its own as up to a hundred children share in the fun party activities which Sue Hogan delights in organising – and ensuring that

each child goes home with an age-related individual present.

For those somewhat older the Saltash Social Club has recently stepped into the breach for sporting teenagers who found that once they reached 18 they had no football club for which to play. The former St Stephens Borough, now the Saltash Social Club FC is sponsored by the club for those aged 18 plus and is pleased to host club members and offer them full support. Meanwhile at the opposite end of the age range two veterans' teams in the local Sunday league now look on the club as their post match venue and come to dine and socialise.

Club secretary Dave Roberts came to the Saltash Social Club four years ago,

and with the committee at that time they had a plan to build it up as a family orientated facility for the town, seeing it as 'a social club with all of its profits plunged back in to enhance the facilities and encourage more members of all ages to enjoy them.'

He has worked since alongside Chairman Cyril Fedrick and Treasurer Ang Taylor all of whom are now enjoying the success of their labours in seeing the increasing numbers making use of all that the club has to offer.

They have worked as a team, with the fifteen paid staff and team of volunteers to bring the club to where it is today. Bar Manager Anna told the Observer 'The staff family team is phenomenal and without them we could

A Wide Range of Draft Beers and Ciders all Stored and Poured to Perfection!

Anna's famous Sunday roasts, which attracted record numbers on Mothering Sunday but are a firm favourite each week of the year, are one of the many reasons to enjoy relaxing in the spacious yet welcoming bar areas of the Saltash Social Club.

Its predecessor, the Working Men's Club was established in 1947 in a historic Saltash house 'The Mansion' and indeed a stone archway dated 1602 is built into the present club building. However the present premises were newly built following the demolition of the Mansion to create the Saltash by-pass. Now the extensive function room and the bar take advantage of the widespread views up the Tamar estuary to the countryside and moors beyond and members can relax over a drink by the wide picture windows or venture onto the balcony in fine weather.

In addition to Sunday roasts Anna's kitchen is kept busy on

Saturday evenings offering an array of tasty basket meals as well as bacon baps and rolls. The club is open from 11a.m to 11p.m. with full premises license and many members enjoy calling in early for a coffee and perhaps a game of snooker.

When not required for league games the excellent tables in the snooker room, recently refurbished and with superb LED lighting are available for all members to enjoy.

For those who prefer just to sit back and relax over their drinks the recently refurbished cellar now makes available a wide range of draft beers and ciders, all stored and poured to perfection. Real ale fans can be sure that each barrel is kept at



optimum conditions and while there is a frequently changing array of guest beers local favourite such as Jail Ale and Doom Bar together, recently with Cousin Jack, are usually on tap together with two ciders. There is also a wide range of spirits while lady members in particular especially enjoy the choice of wines in either single serve or full bottles. The well kept cellars are efficiently run by head cellarman Kev Potter and as a private members club, Saltash Social Club is able to offer all beers, ciders, wines and spirits at amongst the most competitive prices in Saltash.

A Newly Curtained Stage

An Extensive Function Room

No Charge for any Charitable Function as part of the Saltash Club's service to the community.

With its newly recarpetted floor, including dance space, and it's newly curtained stage, the extensive function room at the Saltash Social Club is an even more attractive venue than ever to host any form of social or business gathering.

Over the years the committee of the club has been pleased to welcome such family gatherings as weddings, Christenings, anniversaries and wakes.

There have also been an increasing number of trade fairs including wedding fairs and the recent highly successful 'Baby and Bump Fair'.

The function room, with its extensive river and countryside views, can host up to 250 guests, though it can also be laid out suitably for much smaller gatherings.

The bar area at the rear of the room serves a wide variety of drinks at the same popular prices as in the members' bar and Anna will be pleased to discuss individual requirements for a delicious buffet spread to suit any social gathering. The club will be delighted to organise suitable entertainment if required while other visitors may prefer to provide their own.

The function room can be booked by anybody at a modest fee or is available at no charge for any charitable function as part of the Saltash Social Club's service to the community.

Below the function room is a quieter meeting room also available for hire by any local group for a nominal fee. Among current users are the Saltash Buffalos, a Sewing Club and a Well Being Group. The club will be pleased to welcome

any others, day time or evening within club opening hours. Currently a local band uses the room to practice prior to performing in the bar above, another way to which Saltash Social Club seeks to support members of the local community of which it aims to be at the hub.

not function as successfully as we do today'.

The club now has a vision for the future including another small function room among other expansion plans and adds 'I would like to see the club functioning as a social hub for the community'.

Membership, at a modest annual fee, is open to all, opening up a wide range of activities, facilities and entertainment and forms are available at the reception desk.



Live Entertainment Showcasing the Best of Local Bands

Bands & Soloists bring a wide variety of musical styles to Saltash

As a centre for live and other entertainment in the heart of down town Saltash, with easy parking outside, the Saltash Social Club is attracting increasing numbers of local residents who enjoy an excellent evening out in pleasant and relaxing surroundings.

Live entertainment each Sunday night specialises in showcasing the best of local bands and soloists bringing a wide variety of musical styles to Saltash. Among recent popular attractions have seen the bands, Joker, Whiskey Falls, Motown Pirates, Black Friday and Opium, while members have also enjoyed such soloists as Toby Graham and Mrs Jones.

An advance date for the diary is 29th July when the club will be hosting 'Planet 70's', a special tribute to all the great music of that decade.

Sunday night is Karaoke

(unless there is a function on and the day is changed) The club is especially grateful to George Davenport for the time and effort given to organise this.

Entertainment is not restricted to the club premises, Ladies Days Out sees groups of members forgather at the club for bacon butties before departing to such venues as, most recently, Padstow or Clark's Shopping Village at Street.

More sporting type members enjoy the annual golf open Championship, and especially the fact that club membership



night from 7 p.m. and many regulars and occasional visitors like to end their weekend with an evening of fun listening or perhaps participating. The club plays especial tribute to Andy Hatch for all his work in lining up a programme of first class entertainment.

The first Tuesday of each month is Charity Quiz Night when mind boggling questions are set in a fun atmosphere, with a variety of good causes reaping the benefit.

Eyes down for Bingo always draws the aficionados' from around 7.30 p.m. on Fridays and Sundays in the function suite

gains them exclusive access to up to a dozen top local golf courses.

Those who enjoy indoor games can participate in one of the club's ten teams playing league snooker, utilising the three top class snooker tables under LED lighting in separate snooker rooms.

There are also five darts teams as well as a euchre, billiards and a pool team all active in local leagues, with membership open to Saltash Social Club members, and with an adjacent bar at which to slake one's thirst at reasonable prices between and after games.

Charity Events Welcome

Entertainment Every Weekend
Now! Every Sunday Night Karaoke
April 17
Easter Weekend
Sat 15th **Viciuos Kitten** (Bar)
Sunday 16th **Easter Sunday**
Toby Graham 5pm – 8pm
Then Karaoke (Bar)
Sat 22nd **Silverback** (Bar)
Bank Holiday & May Fair Weekend
Sat 29th **Double Sax** (Bar)
Sun 30th **Low Profile** 5pm – 8pm
Then Karaoke (Bar)
May 17
Sat 6th **Rock Aholics** (Bar)
Sat 13th **Chris Banderas** (Bar)
Sat 20th **Flying Hat Band** (Bar)
Spring Bank Holiday
Sat 27th **Double Soul**
Sun 28th **Low Profile** (Bar)
All Information correct at the time of going to Press Subject to change

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