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## Green Shoots of Spring And an Invincible Summer

Seeing shoppers back in Saltash town centre in the spring sunshine makes it feel like we are coming out of a period of collective hibernation, like we are emerging from a dark Covid winter. We aren't past the pandemic yet. Dangerous variants are circulating, and lockdowns will have a negative impact on wellbeing and the economy for many months to come, but as increasing numbers of people receive their second vaccination, the April sunshine is almost symbolic – like it's new life and new beginnings.



In March last year, I thought the Saltash and District Observer would be taking an enforced break. That's what happened with many other monthly, community newspapers as Covid hit. But it soon became clear that not everyone in our community is digitally connected, and that without access to up to date information, there was a greater risk of isolation, so I

made it my mission to keep printing, to keep people connected in these disconnected times. I haven't missed a month.

The most recent unemployment rate was 5%. This is the highest figure for five years, but the government says the rate could reach 6.5% by the end of the year. Workers in retail have been badly hit, and it is now, as never before, that our local businesses need to be supported. There are very few that haven't struggled through lockdown, and some have had to close their doors for ever. A number of new businesses have opened up, though, and

everyone is looking forward to welcoming customers. And, of course, with every penny spent locally we are supporting the environment as well as the local economy.

Spring is a season of green shoots, and this particular spring is a time for new beginnings, a time to re-imagine what we want our post-pandemic lives to look like. Over the lockdowns, our community has come together to support each other. It has been a privilege to print some of the heart-warming stories of our brave key workers and volunteers, and I've been touched by the positive feedback I've received about

my newspaper. I am delighted to hear that the volunteers who organise our colourful community events are already planning events to bring us together again: Saltfest at the end of July and Regatta in the beginning of September.

In the depths of our Covid winter I've learned that within our community lies an invincible summer. With our August issue, the Observer will be celebrating 30 years supporting the community - I look forward to sharing sunnier days with you for many more years to come.

Mary Crawford  
Your Editor



Celebrate together at Saltfest on 31 July, when Fore Street will once more be lined with stalls, and Longstone Park will resonate with live music and laughter.

## Work Starts at Treledan... Undeterred by Town Council Refusal

Work started on the Zero A phase of the major new development at Treledan (Broadmoor) in the middle of April, undeterred by Saltash Town Council's recommendation to refuse approval for Phase 1 of the development.

Residents of Carkeel Barns attended April's Town Council meeting to raise objections to Phase 1, which details the developer's proposals around the construction of an initial 387 dwellings, pedestrian walkways and cycle links. Residents spoke about urgent issues they are already facing with access to their homes, and raised concerns about Phase 1 proposals around topics such as green spaces and access to the A388.

Councillors recognised the need to build houses, but felt the plans were not aspirational enough. Reasons for the Town

Council's recommendation to refuse included concerns around the density of the proposed housing, and an insufficient use of Cornish stone. The Town Council called for greater consideration to be given to biodiversity in all areas of construction, and stressed the need for more trees and charging points for electric vehicles. It was particularly keen for the developers to take steps to

ensure that residents of Carkeel Barns are not inconvenienced during construction. These issues are now being discussed at Cornwall Council as part of the 'live' application for Phase 1.

Permission for Phase Zero A was given in July last year, and April's construction work relates to the main east-west road, drainage and open space provision.



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## SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

**Citizen Awards** Each year Saltash Town Council, in conjunction with the Rotary Club, select a Saltash resident to receive the Saltash Citizen Award and a Saltash Environmental Citizen Award. These prestigious awards go to an individual who has served the community/environment in some special way. It could be an outstanding one-off contribution to the well-being of the Town or awarded to a person who has given a period of service to the Town, not just in the prior year. There is also a similar award for the Young Citizen, who is under the age of 21 at the start of an academic school year and living in Saltash.

This year's awards went to:

### Saltash Citizen of the Year Award - Len Maddock

Len has given over 35 years as a Scout Leader for Saltash 2<sup>nd</sup> Scouts as well as dedicating much of his life towards assisting young people including being a loyal member of the Youth Council. Len has served the community of Saltash and the church of St Stephens for over 40 years and still serves on the Parochial Church Council. Thank you Len for the many years you have served Saltash Community, the Church and Saltash's young people.

### Saltash Environmental Citizen of the Year Award

– St Stephens Primary School

St Stephens Primary School were the first to achieve a Plastic Free status in Saltash as well as receiving the silver eco school award. In the half term holidays the school children undertook a challenge "St Stephens Mini Beach Clean" which encompassed going to a local beach or river bank and clearing any single use plastic they could find. St Stephens also took part in the Window Wanderland and kept to its reuse and recycle message by using recycled materials for their fantastic window display situated at the Guildhall. Thank you St Stephens Primary School for considering our environment in all that you do.

### Young Citizen of the Year Award – Cameron Snook

Cameron has undertaken Dementia Awareness training prior to lockdown and has worked as a volunteer learning old songs to contribute to the Musical Memories Programme. Cameron also volunteers for Livewire's Junior sessions in which he teaches drums to younger members of the community. His willingness to help and support those who need it most throughout these difficult times has not gone unnoticed and Saltash Town Council are pleased to announce Cameron as this year's Saltash Young Citizen.

So many fantastic citizens were nominated and considered with the decision being a tough one to make. However, we hope you will join us in congratulating the winners and thanking all those who go above and beyond for the beautiful community of Saltash.

## Re-opening of the High Street

Saltash Town Council are pleased to announce the high street is re-open and hard work continues behind the scenes to ensure its residents and visitors can return to the high street safely. With hand sanitizer stations at various locations throughout Fore Street, banners and signs in prominent viewable locations and support available to local businesses in their reopening safely, it is our top priority to ensure yours and others safety when visiting Saltash. So why not pop down to the high street and shop local this summer

## Local Council Elections

Elections are to be held on Thursday 6th May 2021 for Cornwall

all Council, Town and Parish Councillors and Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner.

There are many different ways you can vote if you have not done so via postal vote. These include:

### At a Polling Station:

Prior to the 6th May a poll card will be sent to your registered home address, the date of the polling day and **which polling station you can vote at on polling day.**

Cornwall Council is putting arrangements in place to ensure polling stations are safe places to vote. Voters can expect many of the measures they've become used to over recent months, such as the use of hand sanitiser, floor markings and face coverings.

Details have been provided on the polling card that advise when visiting the polling station to wear a face covering, unless a valid exemption is in place, bring your own pen and follow the signs and guidance given at the station to ensure social distancing is adhered to.

Polling Stations in Saltash include the following:

### Trematon

Community Centre Hut, Forder, Saltash, PL12 4QR  
Burraton Methodist Church, Liskeard Road, Saltash, PL12 4RH

### Village Development Planned

Farmland adjacent to Landrake could be built over with fourteen new homes planned on Mera Park Farm. The farm, on the west side of the village, is to be sold and the new development would be entered via the current gateway to the farm buildings.

There is accommodation on the plans for ten vehicle parking spaces. The developer has stated that views from the main road would not be affected and all existing trees and hedges would be retained.

Burraton Community Centre, Station 2, Grenfell Avenue, Saltash, PL12 4JB

Latchbrook Scout Centre, Station 1, Gallacher Way, Saltash, PL12 4UT

### Tamar

Burraton Community Centre, Station 1, Grenfell Avenue, Saltash, PL12 4JB  
Burraton Methodist Church, Liskeard Road, Saltash, PL12 4RH

Burraton Community Centre, Station 2, Grenfell Avenue, Saltash, PL12 4JB  
The Guildhall, 12 Lower Fore Street, Saltash, PL12 6JX

### Essa

The Core, Station 1, Church Road, PL12 4AF

Saltash United Football Club, Kimberley Stadium, Callington Road, PL12 6DX

The Guildhall, 12 Lower Fore Street, Saltash, PL12 6JX

Latchbrook Scout Centre, Station 2, Gallacher Way, Saltash, PL12 4UT

The Core, Station 2, Church Road, PL12 4AF

Residents can also nominate another individual to vote for them.

**Vote by Proxy:**

You can appoint someone to vote on your behalf using a proxy vote. You must be registered to vote and proceed to register to vote by Proxy **by the 27th April 2021.** You can do this by visiting Cornwall Council's Website: [www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk)

More information on why your vote is important can be found on the Saltash Town Council website: [www.saltash.gov.uk/councillorvacancies.php](http://www.saltash.gov.uk/councillorvacancies.php)

As you may be aware Saltash ward boundaries are changing from four to three with a total council size comprising of 16 Councillors representing the three wards as follows:

Trematon – 4 Councillors  
Tamar – 6 Councillors  
Essa – 6 Councillors

Due to the Cornwall Council boundaries changing the Council size for Cornwall will be 87 Councillors from 2021.

This is a reduction of 36 from the current 123.

This means that Saltash Town Council will reduce its

representatives from 4 to 3. Representing each ward - Saltash Trematon and Landrake, Saltash Essa and Saltash Tamar.

For further information on the ward boundaries changes please visit: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/the-council-and-democracy/elections/>

**6th May  
2021**

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## Uncontested Elections

There will be no elections in two of the three Saltash town council wards, or in Landrake with St Erney, Botus Fleming or Landulph parish councils, as not enough candidates put themselves forward for election.

There are six town council seats in each of the Saltash Essa and Saltash Tamar wards, but at close of nomination there were just five candidates in each, so they have all been elected without the need for people to cast their votes. The town council election in the Saltash Trematon and Landrake ward is contested, with nine candidates contesting four seats. Elections for Cornwall Council are all contested, and will take place in all three divisions.

Polling day is Thursday 6 May, the same day that people will be able to vote for the Police and Crime Commissioner. Due to the pandemic, votes for Cornwall Council will be counted on 7 May, while votes for town and parish councils will be counted on 8 May. There will be provisions in place at polling stations to ensure social distancing, and hand sanitiser will be available. People are being asked to wear a face mask when they cast their vote, and to take their own pen or pencil.

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## Chamber keeping us Updated

### Car Parking in Saltash

Residents may have noticed that despite rumours on social media to the contrary the Cornwall Council car parks in Saltash are still free of charge. Cornwall has been offering free parking throughout lockdown, and has stated that it will continue to do so linked to the stepped approach included in the Government's roadmap out of lockdown. Cornwall Council will give residents ample notice before recommencing charging.

The legal notices that recently appeared in Cornwall Council car parks also seem to have caused a certain amount of confusion. These relate to new rates that should have been introduced in April 2020 but were delayed by Covid, and

instead came into effect from 1st April this year. Cornwall Council is required by law to inform the public of the revised rates, as these will be the rates that will be applied once charging restarts.

Saltash Chamber had anticipated organising a subsidised car parking scheme once shops reopened after Christmas, and we are already liaising with Cornwall Council to see what is feasible to help our shops and retailers in this next period of opening up for 'business as usual'.

In the meantime, remember that cheap all-day parking at just £4.90 is available via the JustPark app when you buy in bulk - and you can also park by the hour and top-up additional hours without returning to your car.

### Bridge Works

It was with a large amount of dismay that the Chamber learned about the recommencing of works to re-tarmac the surface of the Tamar Bridge - scheduled to start just as shops are set to reopen after lockdown. The tension on social media was high especially among independent Fore Street retailers.

One impact of the Bridge undergoing roadworks is the closure of the pedestrian cantilever, which has been a significant draw for people exercising, either on foot or on wheels and guides visitors into Saltash via Lower Fore Street.

Having the pedestrian cantilever closed during the spring and summer months will

be a blow for our shops just as they reopen. Danielle Frith from Truly Scrumptious based in lower Fore Street told Chamber: "The loss of trade to my shop each time the cantilever is closed is significant. This on the back of a lockdown and a year plus of the pandemic is going to impact the reopening of my shop just as we are hoping to get back to normal. It's poor timing for the town."

The Chamber of Commerce has written to the General Manager of the Bridge with a list of suggestions to ease the impact the roadworks will have on retail, but as this goes to press are still awaiting a response. We will keep you posted.

## Town Community Stage Now Under Chamber Ownership

Ownership of the Saltash Town Council trailer, which many of you will recognise from town events, has been passed to the Saltash Chamber of Commerce. The trailer forms the stage at events like the Kalan Gwav Festival at Warfelton, and May Fair and Christmas Festival in Fore Street. The transfer of the trailer to the Chamber was agreed after a formal process, and it has been moved from Churchtown cemetery to a new home at China Fleet.

Saltash Town councillor Bill Philips said: "The trailer has become a regular part of town events and is useful to community groups like the Chamber who used to rent it from Saltash Town Council. The Town Council had stored it at Churchtown cemetery, but with the development of houses near the Churchtown site, it had become a bit of a blot on the landscape. For us, the best option was to offer it to a community group, and we're very pleased that the trailer has gone to a good home, and will still be an asset in the town."

Saltash Chamber intends for the trailer to remain a focal point of festivities, and will be offering it to groups organising local community events, ensuring an affordable stage is available to them.

Peter Ryland, Vice-Chair of Chamber added: "We would like to thank Dean Bennett, Managing Director at China Fleet for allowing the Chamber to store the trailer on their land, and Saltash Town Council for gifting it to us. Chamber will put it to good use as we start thinking about getting back to our role hosting those important events as we move through the easing of lockdown restrictions. Chamber is very hopeful that It's new SaltFest 2021 event this July will go ahead as planned, and that the town community trailer will once again form centre stage."

## The Death of HRH The Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh



It is with great sadness that Saltash Town Council announce the passing of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh who sadly passed away on Friday 9th April 2021 at Windsor Castle.

Following a successful naval career during which he saw active service in the second world war, the Duke of Edinburgh tirelessly focused his work in support of Her Majesty The Queen offering her support, stability and comfort as she led our country through times of enormous social change. His Royal Highness has been consort to Her Majesty The Queen Elizabeth II for over 60 years from Her Majesty's Accession in 1952 to 2021.

His Royal Highness also had many interests which he pursued separately to his work with Her Majesty The Queen, including conservation, engineering, and The Duke of Edinburgh's Award which he founded in 1956.

Over the course of his life, The Duke of Edinburgh was patron or president of some 992 organisations, with

special interests in scientific and technological research and development, industry, the welfare of young people, conservation and the environment and the encouragement of sport.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Funeral took place on Saturday 17th April 2021 at 3pm in St George's Chapel, Windsor. The Funeral Service began with a National Minute's Silence at 3pm. The service was preceded by a ceremonial procession inside the grounds of Windsor Castle.

The nation joined in remembrance at the loss of His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh who will be sadly missed.

Saltash Town Council convey their deepest sympathies and condolences to the Royal Family on their great loss.

## Princely Visit to Parish Church Remembered

The passing of Prince Philip will bring back many memories of this stalwart supporter of the monarchy throughout Britain and beyond, not least in a peaceful Cornish parish bordering on Saltash.

In July 1962 Prince Philip accompanied the Queen to the parish church of Landulph where they were interested to examine the memorial to Theodore Paleologus, descendent of the rulers of the Byzantine Empire, The Roman empire of the East, who ruled from Constantinople. The royal couple noted the imperial arms displayed upon this tomb. They had been met by the Reverend Geoffrey Lummis and were presented to Churchwarden Messrs Hosking and Blatchford as well as Mr. Clark, the Tower Captain and the ringers who pealed out a welcome.

They also visited Mr. Kellock at Landrake Farm and met with the other twenty-two tenants of Landrake Manor.

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# Liberal Democrats



## MAJOR BOUNDARY CHANGES

The local elections on 6th May will see major changes in electoral boundaries for Cornwall Council in the PL12 area.

Previously, each Cornwall Council division has covered an average of 3,000 people. This will increase to about 5,000 from 6th May, and the number of divisions across Cornwall will be reduced from 123 to 87.

Currently there are four divisions in central Saltash, but going forward there will be just two in central Saltash, one named 'Saltash Tamar', and the other named 'Saltash Essa'. A new division called 'Saltash, Trematon and Landrake' will cover Latchbrook, Burraton Coombe, Forder, Trematon and Hatt as well as the parishes of Landrake, Botus Fleming and Landulph.

With fewer councillors and larger divisions, it has never been more important to vote for experienced, hard-working candidates who are articulate advocates for residents at a strategic level but are also rooted in the community.

Hilary Frank, Sam Tamlin and Sarah Martin are the Liberal Democrat candidates in these divisions. They each bring valuable experience and insight, but the sum of their combined teamwork and network is even greater. They have a track record of working within the community as well as on a strategic level, listening to the voices of the people, and building a fair society that balances the fundamental values of liberty, equality and community.

## SARAH MARTIN FOR SALTASH TAMAR

### ABOUT ME

I am a Mum of two children who attend St Stephens Community Primary School. I've lived in Saltash since 2005, and it has come to be my forever home after spending ten years living on the European continent. My background is in Marketing and Communications within the NHS, working for the community health services and at Derriford Hospital. More recently, I've worked for a community organisation in Saltash, and love the cross-organisational working here that really gets things done.

Soon after having my son, I started volunteering with the local breastfeeding peer support group at the Children's Centre and I haven't looked back. I was elected to the Saltash South ward as a town councillor in 2018. Keen to support local business, I joined the Saltash Chamber of Commerce and got elected as Chair in 2019.

### WHY I'M STANDING

After three years in local government my goal now is to drive forward with positive change for Saltash.

I want our roads to be the safest they can be, so I'm actively involved with an A38 safety campaign group, and I'm a member of the Saltash Area Road Safety group. I want to be the voice for residents of Saltash Tamar to ensure traffic concerns around Gilston Road and the Carkeel roundabout are heard as we move to up to 1,000 new homes at Treledan.

I lived on Pillmere when I first came to Saltash, and I don't want to witness a repeat of the failings there. The Treledan development needs to benefit Saltash with sustainable living for generations to come.

I want to be a driving force for green change, too. I led the working group which brought the Climate Emergency motion to Saltash Town Council, but that is just the beginning of what is needed to ensure we all take our part in tackling the climate and ecological emergency.

Most of all, I want to channel my knowledge and experience to help residents in their everyday lives, and have a direct and positive impact on our town.

## Young Saltash

Our children and young people have been less likely to catch Covid, but they are among the worst affected by the lockdowns: there has been uncertainty about exams; more children are living in food insecurity and surveys have shown that the impact on mental health has been severe.

Sam, Sarah and Hilary each have young children, so they know how difficult it has been to juggle the pressures of Covid at the same time as supporting children studying at home. Hilary and Sam both volunteer as governors at local primary schools, and Hilary and Sarah are volunteer trustees at The Core, a Saltash youth project. All three have made

extra efforts to help Saltash families over the last year, supporting schools and helping get food to families in crisis.

At a county-wide level, the last few years have seen major changes in the way children and family services are being delivered. Thanks to a proactive approach and dedicated work by all involved, the children's services rated in 2009 as 'inadequate' received a rating of 'Outstanding' at an Ofsted inspection ten years later. This is a fantastic achievement - Cornwall is one of only 10% of councils in the country and the only one in the South West to receive this top rating.

Key to the transformation has been the creation of a new directorate called Together for Families, which

has a strong focus on preventive measures and on building resilience in young people. The directorate combines health and children's services, bringing NHS professionals like School Nurses and Health Visitors into the Council, avoiding unnecessary duplication and making it simpler for families to access support.

Sam, Sarah and Hilary recognise the need to build on these strong foundations, and are determined to use their experience and understanding to continue their support for children and young people, working to ensure that local youth clubs and youth groups survive the economic impact of the pandemic, and helping to build mental wellbeing in young people.

## OUR PLEDGES FOR SALTASH

1. Protect the vulnerable
2. Tackle the climate emergency
3. Deliver prosperity for all

Hilary said:

“ Since 2013, I've played an active role helping to scrutinise the work of Cornwall Council's children's services, and I am so proud of the excellent teamwork that led to a rating of 'Outstanding' in 2019. There is still more work to do, of course, especially as we move forward out of Covid, so I'm very keen to carry on as a councillor and make sure all the good work is embedded.”



## HILARY FRANK FOR SALTASH ESSA

### ABOUT ME

I've lived in London for 10 years and Japan for another 10, but Cornwall is where I grew up - it's where my heart rests. I moved back to care for my elderly parents, but my husband and I stayed because we knew Saltash was the best place to raise our family. I'm Cornish by birth, my husband is Cornish by choice.

In 2011, I got elected to Saltash Town Council, and have fond memories of the people I met over my 6 years as town councillor. It was an honour to serve as Mayor of Saltash from 2016 to 2017, a time that gave me insight into the amazing community spirit we have here. I've thrown myself into organising events that bring the community together, like the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations at the Waterside. I earned a Cornwall Tourism Award for events I organised to mark the Olympic Torch Relay in Saltash. I'm proud of that Award, but it's the annual Lantern Parade that brings me the greatest joy. I started it in 2011 and have delivered it every year since.

As a Mum of children at primary school, I wanted to help shape strategic decisions for young people, and was thrilled to get elected to Cornwall Council in 2013, then re-elected in 2017. I've thrown myself in to my work, and I'm proud to have been a strong voice for residents.

In 2019, my fellow councillors elected me as Chairman of Cornwall Council. It's been an incredible honour to serve as the ceremonial head of the Council, forging strong links with Mayors across Cornwall.



## SAM TAMLIN FOR SALTASH TREMATON AND LANDRAKE

### ABOUT ME

I grew up in Looe and attended schools in Looe and Liskeard. I moved away for a few years attending university in Wales before realising that Cornwall was my home, and would always be my home. I moved back to help my parents run the family business, but after the early death of my dad, I started working for Appleby Westward and have continued to live and work in Saltash ever since. My wife and I decided to stay here because we knew Saltash would be a great place to raise our family. We live in Latchbrook with our two young children, who both attend Burraton Primary School.

### WHY I'M STANDING

I stood to be a Cornwall Councillor four years ago because I wanted to make a difference to the local area. Since getting elected in 2017, I've worked hard to make that positive difference, and feel I have been able to achieve this, but I want to continue doing everything I can to help Saltash and Cornwall through the difficult times ahead. There are several key local issues that affect all of us within the PL12 area. They need to be resolved.

One is the construction of 1,000 homes near Carkeel. This is vital for the whole area, but needs to be done correctly, and councillors will play a key role in making this happen. The principle of building these homes has already been accepted. It's now important that the development is as successful as possible whilst at the same time being as environmentally friendly as possible.

I also want to stop the traffic chaos created by the Recycling Centre on Avery Way. We've all been stuck in these queues - it affects residents and local business in the area. I've lobbied Cornwall Council, which has recognised that the site is not fit for purpose, and I am now working to identify funding. I intend to continue the fight to get this Recycling Centre retrofitted or relocated.

# Liberal Democrats

## Rooted in the Community

The three Liberal Democrat candidates have strategic vision, but are all rooted in the community. Over the years, they have organised and volunteered at many events that have brought the community together, like Saltash May Fair, Regatta and the Christmas Festival. They were thrilled with the response to last December's Window Wanderland, which Hilary and Sarah organised alongside colleagues from the Chamber of Commerce as a lockdown alternative to the Christmas Festival. They recognise the increase in loneliness brought on by Covid, and are planning the Saltfest event on Longstone Park and Fore Street to give people a backdrop to meet up after Covid restrictions have been lifted.

## Covid: Response, Recovery and Rebuilding

Over the last year, Hilary, Sam and Sarah have been working hard with Cornwall Council, Saltash Town Council and organisations like the Chamber of Commerce and networks like Safer Saltash to help residents get through the pandemic.

Cornwall Council has delivered faster business support payouts than any other council in the UK, supported Cornwall's care homes with PPE when the government scheme failed, worked with hotels to provide discharge beds to free up NHS beds, given extra support to more than 6,000 children deemed as vulnerable, and set up a local Test and Trace system that was regarded as the model for other local authorities to follow.

Locally, Sarah, Hilary and Sam have worked closely with Saltash schools, the Saltash Food Alliance, the police and agencies who support carers and homeless people.

The three of them agree that it has been a challenging time, but they are also keen to highlight the incredible community spirit here, which has provided a strong foundation for recovery and is helping with rebuilding.

## Green Saltash

All three Liberal Democrat candidates are adamant that tackling climate change must be at the centre of positive change as the world begins a process of renewal from the pandemic. Hilary, Sarah and Sam, along with their families, have been environmental activists in the community over many years, working with Saltash Environmental Action (SEA) and other community groups to lead and support initiatives to reduce litter, eliminate food waste and enhance the natural environment of Saltash.

In collaboration with SEA, Hilary and her husband, Sho, have run monthly litter picks in Saltash for several years, moving to the Litter Ranger scheme and encouraging residents to adopt individual streets when Covid meant outside gatherings were not allowed. Hilary is a volunteer trustee of the Cornwall Rural Community Charity, which delivers the Clean Cornwall project, working to reduce the presence of litter across Cornwall.

Sarah led Saltash Town Council's Climate Change Working Group motivating the Town Council to acknowledge a Climate and Ecological Emergency in February this year. As a member of SEA, protecting the biodiversity of green spaces in Saltash is very important to Sarah. As active members of the Chamber of Commerce, Sarah and Hilary are also working to support and promote local businesses, seeing this as important for the local economy but also vital in the fight against climate change.

Sam and Hilary were proponents of Cornwall Council's Climate Change motion that was passed in January 2019, making Cornwall one of the first councils in the country to declare a Climate Change Emergency. Sam and Hilary are also pleased that the new waste contract that will be fully implemented this year will increase recycling by 10% and introduce food waste collection.

Sam is particularly proud of the ambitious target set by Cornwall Council of becoming carbon neutral by 2030, twenty years ahead of the UK Government's target of 2050. The first trees of the Forest for Cornwall, a tree-planting project that will play a key role in meeting the 2030 target, were planted in December 2019 at a launch event in Tincombe in Saltash. When completed, the Forest for Cornwall will cover about 8,000 hectares, increasing all forms of canopy throughout Cornwall and strengthening the protection of our existing backbone of trees, woodlands and hedges.

At strategic and local levels, Sam, Hilary and Sarah are committed to delivering a Green Recovery that supports local businesses and helps tackle climate change.



### Sarah, Hilary and Sam say:

"As councillors, we make pledges to lead on the big stuff like climate change and job creation, but being a local councillor is also about engaging with the community, solving local issues and giving people a voice. Listening to the views, hopes and fears of people on the doorstep over the last few weeks, it is clear that people here are concerned about global issues like the environment and public health, but they also worried about things that have an impact on their daily lives, like dog mess or potholes.

We always put people before party politics, but we have a network of fellow Lib Dem councillors across Cornwall to give strength to our voice. Together, we have the ability, the experience and the drive to be a strong voice for the people of the PL12 area.

We pledge to use our experiences to be a powerful voice for you at a strategic level, and at the same time continue to be accessible councillors, helping solve your everyday issues. We are keen to support you, so please give us your support on 6th May."

SARAH MARTIN

X HILARY FRANK

X SAM TAMLIN



Sarah, Hilary and Sam say:

“ Helping residents get through the last year has been an intense time, but it has also been a privilege. We are committed to using our experiences to rebuild after Covid, learning lessons and rethinking systems to make the PL12 area more resilient.”



"Covid has tested us all. Sam and Hilary in their volunteer work and with their colleagues at Cornwall Council have risen to the challenges with great dedication, and have tirelessly led the way in supporting Saltash through these worst of times. Sarah in her roles as a town councillor and as Chair of the Chamber of Commerce has also been utterly dedicated in her support of the community, and the three of them have worked extremely well as a team.

Covid will continue to test us. We need stability in Cornwall Council, especially as there will be fewer councillors. Hilary as Chairman of Cornwall Council has demonstrated she has the skills to bring councillors of all parties together in a fair manner, winning cross-party respect. Her skills will be needed in the new Council.

All three have the experience, understanding and commitment to help Saltash recover and renew. Please vote for Hilary, Sam and Sarah on 6th May."

Colin Breed, former Liberal Democrat MP for SE Cornwall

“ Covid has led to a deeper understanding of the ties that bind us on a global scale. Moving out of Covid, we need more local action to tackle global climate change. We pledge to move forward with a focus on a Green Recovery, and to continue working with local environmental groups for a world where we all share responsibility for the future wellbeing of our planet.”

“ In our recovery journey out of Covid, we need to focus on healthy lifestyles, making sure Saltash residents get nourishing food and are able to enjoy sporting activities. We also need to sustain and improve social care services for vulnerable and older adults, helping people to live independently in their own homes for longer. Co-location of Cornwall

And of course, there is St Barnabas. The site at our beloved community hospital has already been repurposed to a certain extent with the co-location of NHS and Cornwall Council health and social care teams, giving a strong foundation for a more integrated community team approach. Hilary and Sarah, with her experience working in the NHS, have been active participants in the workshops reviewing the future of St Barnabas Community Hospital, and all three Lib Dem candidates are committed to making sure that health provision across Saltash will be integrated and meet local need.

Council and NHS teams at St Barnabas has given a strong foundation for a more integrated approach, but we must build on this wisely, ensuring that we also

bring in GP surgeries and pharmacies as well as considering integration with health provision at the housing development at Treledan.”

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## Retirement Complex in Saltash Countryside Rejected

A substantial development proposed for the countryside beyond Saltash has been recommended for rejection by Cornwall planners, who consider it inappropriate for the area.

Originally a holiday village was proposed to adjoin the St. Mellion International Resort with its renowned golfing facilities. This received disapproval and instead Crown Golf put forward plans for a retirement village to include 98 homes together with a nursing home accommodating up to 64 elderly residents. There would also be a surgery and

pharmacy, to benefit the over 65's to whom the houses would be sold. This is in addition to a holiday home reception with ten holiday lodges, a 'glamping' field and farm shop with microbrewery.

Facilities would open to local residents and Crown Golf claim that the scheme would offer employment opportunities and increased leisure facilities for local residents.

Planning officers however condemned the proposed substantial development as too remote from centres of population and totally car dependent.

They were also concerned as to harm caused to the village environment including the historic village church and Horsepool Farm.

Cornwall Council's housing department also expressed concern that the plans included a lack of provision for affordable housing alongside the luxury accommodation proposed.

Cornwall Council followed the recommendations in rejecting the application citing in particular the fact that no approach had been made to local health services concerning the proposed surgery.

## Conservation Course Aids Local Employment

A scheme to teach local people conservation skills and encourage them to help protect local heritage while enhancing their job prospects has been offered to unemployed people in Saltash.

A programme which includes the complexities of archaeological surveying as well as enhanced skills in IT and improving English and Maths is available through Monuments Matter to People, a scheme funded by a number of national and also European Social Fund agencies. While acquiring employment skills participants can help in practical work on up to forty scheduled monuments in Cornwall currently classed as vulnerable or at risk. Anyone aged over 18 and classed as economically inactive or unemployed, living in Saltash, Torpoint or Liskeard are entitled to apply.

## Saltash Walking and Cycling Map Correction

Corrections to the Saltash walking and cycling map - which was included in the March issue of the Saltash Observer:

Please note that the foreshore route marked along the River Tamar between the Sailing Club and Coombe Valley is not currently a public right of way, it is awaiting a decision by the secretary of state. This route has been removed from the electronic map on Cornwall Council's website [www.cornwall.gov.uk/activetravel](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/activetravel)

The Roman Catholic Church in Bishops Close was missed, in error, and has been added to the online map.

## Conundrum Corner

Taking the initial letter to the one-word answers to the following ten questions can you re-arrange them to make the name of a well-known celebrity?

- 1 What was the furthest point South that Bonnie Prince Charlie's troops reached during the Jacobite Rebellion of 1745-46? (5)
- 2 In which Country did the Samba music originate? (6)
- 3 What was the Christian name of Mr. Hargreaves the creator of the Mr. Men Books? (5)
- 4 Which Bird lays the largest Eggs? (7)
- 5 In which English County is the Fylde Coast? (10)
- 6 What name is given to the piece of material on the shoulder of a Service uniform? (9)
- 7 In which past-time/recreation might you use a Widger? (9)
- 8 What name is given to a joint of Beef cut from the Breast next to the Ribs? (7)
- 9 Which character in the Magic Roundabout had the same name as an Italian City? (8)
- 10 Which is South Africa's longest River? (6)

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## Ancient Pound Could be Historic Monument

The restored animal pound at Trematon, owned by Saltash Town Council, is not yet one of the 114 animal pounds and 376 village ponds listed as of local and historic interest.

Saltash Town Council is being asked to remedy this by applying to Historic England for listed status. A similar pound in Botus Fleming is already listed.

The structure is believed to be centuries old, possibly medieval but this is uncertain. It was used to impound stray animals within the Manor of Trematon and later St. Stephens parish. The owners would have to pay for the animals to be released.

Saltash Old Cornwall Society took on a project to have the derelict and overgrown site restored, working with the Town Council, and it was officially re-opened in 2001 by the then Mayor Joe Ellison. He commented that it was probably the oldest structure in Saltash council's ownership and he noted the restoration as being carried out using mortar and animal dung in the traditional style.

Former Town Councillor and keen local walker Peter Clements has asked the Town Council to seek listed status for the pound and it is anticipated that this will be considered by the new council after the May elections.

## Six Month Summer Resurfacing of Bridge Begins

Saltash commuters to Plymouth are likely to face yet further delays in their journey, following the announcement that the Tamar Bridge is to be resurfaced this Summer. This will be the first complete resurfacing since the original concrete deck was replaced with lighter steel and the two 'clip on' lanes were added during 2000 - 2001.

The work has to be carried out every two decades to safeguard the steel deck. The cost estimated at £6 million will be paid by the Tamar Bridge and Ferry Authority from money raised by tolls.

The work, delayed from last year by the pandemic, is due to start this month, April, and last until September. The

surface in the toll booth area will be replaced at the same time.

The pedestrian / cycle lane will be pressed into service as a vehicle lane to help minimise delays, with a free bus service for pedestrians and cyclists as last Summer.

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**Saltash Observer Waterside Clean-up Day Sat. May 22nd**  
 As Lockdown becomes a memory and the swallows arrive, it'll soon be 8 months since we amassed a junk mountain from our last Saltash foreshore clean-up. Nationally, beach-clean efforts are currently being encouraged and our own Livewire students had a clearing session this month. Let's repeat last year's exercise by gathering in Old Ferry Road car park, 10am Saturday May 22nd for a socially-distanced, rubbish-clearing get-together; bags, and probably gloves, will be provided... and refreshments. Hope to see you then.  
*Ian Robinson.*

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## Tamar Reflections The Old Skeletal Hulks

On our regular walks around Forder, Antony Passage and Shillingham on the fringe of where we live, my husband John and I have always been inquisitive of the history of the old skeletal hulks that lay forlornly in the mud in and around Forder Lake.

We have passed one hulk almost every day and felt compelled to know more of this sad, forgotten, and decaying barge of times past and wondered what kind of life it had in its working life. We tried to imagine its former glory, and indeed, about the people that worked aboard her.

We know that sailing barges evolved from earlier open boats that reached their quintessential forms towards the end of the 19th century. From the ribs of the hulk, we could see that it must have featured a long boom and high peaked mainsail.

Typically, Tamar sailing barges were worked endlessly, bringing cargoes of limestone, dock-dung, and coal to Forder; Forder also being a thriving quarry area in the early 20th century. The barges would take away stone from the quarries, and transport grain and other produce from farms, market gardens and orchards.

Following the demise of the horticulture and

agriculture cargoes in the mid-1930s, the Lynher River roadstone trade employed locals until the early 1950s. The barges were practical and economical to use, however, by the 1940s, barges ceased to call into Forder.

The Crossley family of Forder and Antony Passage were well known barge owners. There were three barges owned by Tor Quarry; "Pearl," "Maud Mary," and the "Lily," of which were manned by local men. Other local men closely associated with the barges and quarries were Jeffords (Tor Quarry), Allen (bargeman) and 'Captain' Alf Taylor (Barge Skipper). These local men played very significant roles at Forder during these most industrious times, and descendants still live in Forder and Saltash today.

From our recent research, we believe that the remains of this sailing barge (pictured) on the west side of Forder lake, just North of the railway viaduct and Shillingham Quay, is the



"George Murray."

There has been unconfirmed speculation that the hulk remains could be that of the "Lord John Roberts" or the "Elizabeth Jane," however the "George Murray" seems to be the most reliable to date!

There are other hulk relics in close vicinity to Forder Lake: "Boy Eric," "Excelsior," "Harry Herbert," "WW2 Landing Craft," "Mill Pond 1," "Paris Pinnacle," "Picket Boat," "Sand Acre Bay 1" and "Target Floats." All having their own tales of abandonment to tell, and how once they were loved and cared for during their life in service long ago.

But more about their stories another time!

Sue Hooper MBE

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## Local Churches Equipped to Do More for Saltash People in Need

Two Saltash churches are excited to announce their ability to help people who are facing financial difficulties in Saltash in a practical way. They will be able to raise money for individuals to purchase a specific item that might help them, such as replacing a broken cooker for a family struggling financially or equipping someone with interview clothes to help get a job.

This potential support is made possible through a new partnership with Acts 435, a national Christian charity that puts local donors in touch with people in need in their village, town or city. Acts 435 enables participating churches and charities to post requests for donations to fund specific items that will help people in difficult circumstances to move away from the brink of crisis and cope again. The option to donate or to request help is open to anyone and everyone, not just those linked with the church.

The charity was specifically set up to enable people keen to support others in their local area by giving what they can afford, when they can afford it. Any donations, whether small or large, are used to fund specific items for local people who are homeless, sick, sanctioned from benefits, or perhaps have lost their job or got into debt.

Dee White is the Acts 435 representative from Redeemer Church, Saltash. She says: "Acts 435 is a unique charity. It operates on an extremely cost-effective model, with 100% of donor funds going to

people in need and the charity has helped thousands of people nationwide since it launched over ten years ago."

Saltash Baptist Church has only just recently set up a debt centre for anyone in the community needing help with their finances and their representative, Becky Crump, says "Working with Acts 435 will be a great addition to our Debt Centre and enable us to be such a blessing to the people in our local community; we are really excited about this opportunity."

Both churches are delighted to be working alongside other local organisations supporting local residents including the Foodbank and PL12 Community Enterprises who

run the Community Hub.

Rika Chanter, who heads up the Foodbank adds: "We are delighted to have representatives from local churches take up the role of being Acts 435 advocates for people in Saltash, including us at the Foodbank. This will enable us to provide further types of assistance to the people we support."

**For more information about Acts 435, go to**

www.acts435.org.uk. Or email the local churches directly Acts435@saltashbaptist.co.uk or acts435saltash@redeemerchurch.uk For debt help, go to www.capdebthelp.org, email timsquires@capuk.org or call 0800 328 0006

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## Salmon Spawning Loss in Local Rivers Revealed

The salmon which traditionally return to the River Tamar to spawn each Autumn are decreasing at an alarming rate, conservationists are advising.

Salmon fishing was over the centuries and within memory an annual practice and form of income for Saltash fishermen. Now the Rivers Trust, a national organisation of various groups based in Callington, believes that human activity has caused the decline in fish returning to our local rivers and is anxious to reverse this before the fish are lost altogether. Over the past half century large salmon numbers have reduced by almost 90%, while the smaller salmon known as grilse are down by around two thirds.

Various concerned conservation groups are seeking evidence of the decline and reason for it in order to seek to regulate human activity that causes the decline before salmon are totally lost to the Tamar and other local rivers.

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## Boys Run the Bridge as Lent Charity Challenge



£2000 Raised for the Shekinah Charity

The prolonged school lockdown in the Lent term gave two Bishop Cornish School boys an idea for an exciting and original challenge to raise money for a local charity.

Barney Parkman aged 8 had the idea of running across the Tamar Bridge and back each day of Lent, save Sundays, and his friend Zach Watts, aged 9, was eager to join him.

So, each day in sun, wind, rain and once in hail the two boys set off across the bridge and back, accompanied by their dogs Buddy and Wilber.

Barney had watched a television newscast showing how the Shekinah Charity takes soup to the homeless, of Cornwall and Devon and this was the boys' chosen charity. At the end of Lent, they had raised a fantastic £1700 but then Hooe Baptist Church, hearing of their efforts, made this up to £2000. The funding page is still

open via Shekinah or via Barney and Zach's Lent Bridge Run on Facebook.

The delighted CEO of Shekinah met the boys on the bridge and told them of the other work done by the charity, helping the homeless to find homes and settle them in. He recorded a message and presented each boy with a souvenir hoodie.

Now back at school they are considering further fundraising events when not in training for Saltash United under 9 Jaguars.

## Alliance Calls for Stronger Action

On 26th March, volunteers from South East Cornwall joined activists nationwide in a day of action to throw a spotlight on the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill (the CEE Bill), unfurling a bright pink banner at Saltash Waterside.

The CEE Bill calls for urgent action from the UK Government to tackle the climate and ecological emergency, and sets out a roadmap for the UK to play a full role in restoring nature and limiting emissions. It was tabled in Parliament last September as a Private Member's Bill - a law proposed by MPs who are not in government. The Bill was due to be debated again on 26th March, but this second reading was postponed by the Government, who cited backlog caused by the pandemic.

The CEE Bill was drafted by an alliance of scientists, lawyers and activists, and is rapidly gathering support from a broad range of campaign groups, businesses, charities and individuals. It is supported by over 100 MPs from eight political parties, including Labour, Liberal Democrats and Greens, but Cornwall's Conservative MPs have not yet publicly supported it.

Natalie Newton, one of the founding members of the SE Cornwall CEE Bill Alliance said: "We are seeing endless

reports coming out, many from the Government's own committees, highlighting that Boris Johnson isn't going far enough to tackle the climate and ecological emergency. We are taking action across South East Cornwall today to protest against the government's inaction."

The Bill is currently waiting for a new date to be set for the second reading, but it has a very low chance of progressing in this Parliament due to the volume of private members' bills lined up. Rebecca Coombes of South East Cornwall CEE Bill Alliance explained that with seven months to go before Glasgow hosts the UN climate conference COP26, the CEE Bill represents the government's last best opportunity of having a serious and comprehensive plan to tackle the climate emergency. Rebecca said, "In South East Cornwall, as in the rest of the U.K. we are experiencing habitat loss and destruction from a number of sources, which puts the future of our world under threat. Our attempts to engage with Sheryll Murray MP have so far been disappointing, and most of us have received just a standard reply to our letters and emails. We hope that with growing numbers joining with us in the Alliance we will be able to convince Mrs Murray to take our deep

concern more seriously."

Photos and videos of the banners were tweeted on the national day of action, leading to #CEE Bill trending at no.1. Natalie said, "We are pleased that our message has resonated with so many people. Anyone who wants to support the South East Cornwall CEE Bill Alliance can find us on Facebook at SECCCEBA. We hope that we will also get support from Mrs. Murray, and that her government will prioritise this enormously important Bill."



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