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Be Part of the Solution to Plastic Pollution



Ways to help achieve a sustainable Saltash and reduce plastic pollution were on exhibition in Saltash Library in March, where they attracted considerable interest.

To support her campaign towards a Plastic Free Saltash, the Town Council's "Plastic Free Champion" Councillor Julia Peggs had collected a large number of items from shops in and around the town that could be used instead of their more familiar plastic alternatives. A sample of around thirty such items were on display in the library, including a bamboo toothbrush, bamboo cotton buds, a vegetable loofah, beeswax food wraps (an alternative to plastic cling film), washable make up remover and a variety of cosmetics in containers that could be re-used.

In its bid to achieve plastic free status the town has already succeeded in persuading many local businesses, as well as most schools, to become "plastic free champions." Now Councillor Peggs is seeking to attract more allies who are able to join these champions by finding ways to change at least three plastic usages to sustainable or recyclable materials.

The campaign, working alongside Surfers Against Sewage, is gaining momentum and individuals or businesses wishing to get on board are encouraged to contact Councillor Peggs via j.peggs@saltash.gov.uk

A Boost to Town Centre Vitality

Ambitious plans to attract footfall into the town centre have been boosted by the award of £84,000 in 'Town Vitality' funding from Cornwall Council.

The successful bid was pulled together by the Saltash Town Team, a group comprising councillors from both Saltash Town Council and Cornwall Council as well as representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and Community Enterprises CIC, and is designed to be used in formulating plans for the creation of a new 'green realm' in the retail heart of the town. The vision for the new town square is that it will act as an open-air arena for community events and markets, and enable 'pop up' sales of food and crafts while also giving businesses from the town's industrial estates a central venue to showcase their products and services.

Underpinning the idea of the new town square is the concept that it should also be an environmental attribute to the town enhancing the town centre's tree canopy while offering enhanced facilities for outdoor relaxation and reducing the number of car

trips to Plymouth. The next step for the Town Team is to appoint consultants to carry out assessment and evaluation of potential sites and lead public consultation events around conceptual designs.

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Tamar Bridge

From the Mayor of Saltash

After 21 months in the role of Mayor of Saltash and prior to that serving 15 months as Deputy Mayor, the time has now arrived when I shall be handing over the Chain of Office to the next Mayor at the Annual Town Council meeting on 5th May.

This will therefore be my last Mayor Column in the Saltash Observer, so perhaps a time to reflect over what has been an amazing time in my life and something that I could never have dreamed of in my earlier years.

I shall have fond memories of all those amazing people I have met during those three years, from high-ranking



dignitaries, Mayors and Lord Mayors of other towns and cities within Cornwall and Devon, High Court judges, plus all of those hard-working individuals who represent

various voluntary organisations and charities within our wider area and in our Town.

It has been an honour and a pleasure to attend so many functions during my term of office, so a big thank you to all those who have welcomed Mayoress Brenda and myself over the last 36 months.

I had thought that the engagements diary would tail off during the last few weeks of office, but that has proven not to be the case, with the recent Civic Service, a tree planting ceremony as part of the Platinum Jubilee Queens Green Canopy, the reopening of Saltash Heritage, the inaugural meeting of the Saltash branch of the Armed Forces Veterans Breakfast Club, Palm Sunday Mass at

Plymouth Cathedral, a concert by the Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir to show support and solidarity with Ukraine, the Bowls Club open day – to mention just a few.

I have also had the pleasure of presenting the Rotary Club of Saltash Citizen of the Year Award to a very worthy winner, Carol Emmett, with other awards going to Community Enterprises PL12 who received the Rotary Environmental Award, the Young Citizen Award going to Matthew Pascoe and the Entertainment Trophy going to the Saltash Town Band.

The Mayors Charity for 2021-22 was Dementia Voice PL12 who received £1200 from the charity account, plus an additional £500 donated

from Saltash Rotary Club.

I make no apologies for again mentioning the wonderful community spirit that exists within Saltash, the like of which I have encountered nowhere else. A huge thanks for all you have done on behalf of Saltash, either as an individual or as part of a voluntary organisation.

I would, of course, also want to thank my wife, the Mayoress Cllr Brenda Samuels for the tremendous support she has given me to carry out my role during the last 3 years.

The new Mayor who will take over on 5th May will have much to look forward to over the coming months, with May Fair occurring just a couple of days after the Town Council

meeting where they will officially assume the role. There is the long Platinum Jubilee weekend, for which Saltash has much planned (more details elsewhere on this page) plus the regular events such as Regatta in September. I wish the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor every success over the coming year.

As for me, will I be putting my feet up and taking a well-deserved break? Absolutely not, for in June I will be taking over the role as President of Saltash Rotary Club, so still taking a very active part in our wonderful local community.

Take care and stay safe.
Cllr Pete Samuels, Mayor of Saltash 2020-21 (from August 2020) and again 2021-22

Meet Your Councillor

*Councillor
Brian Stoyel
Trematon Ward*



Brian and his wife, Maxine, have been associated with Saltash since 1977 when their family moved from Berkshire to a derelict property at North Pill. Brian's grandparents originated from Cornwall, and both Brian and Maxine were born and raised in Plymouth, with family in Tavistock and Bere Alston. They moved away from the South West to teach after their marriage but returned to set up home and raise their family here in Saltash. Their three children attended Longstone Primary School.

Brian soon joined the Saltash Chamber of Commerce and, in 1981, Saltash Rotary.

Despite moving into Plymouth (to be nearer aging relatives) Brian retained his ties with Saltash through lifelong friends and his membership of Saltash Rotary; and Saltash has always been a huge part of his social, fundraising and volunteering life – supporting May Fayre, Regatta, Real Ale Festival, St Barnabas, Waterside Clean Up to name a few.

Moving back to 'the right side of the water' in 2018, Brian continued to promote the natural beauty of the Tamar valley and Saltash as the gateway to Cornwall during national and international travel.

Today, Brian is a Trustee for both Abbeyfield 'Cresta' a

supported living facility here in Saltash) and Saltash Scrapstore. Both opportunities bring him into contact with individuals and organisations across Saltash and its surrounding communities.

As a Councillor for Trematon ward, Brian will strive to ensure that local residents have pride in their town, supporting its development and individuality. He believes that Town Councillors have a key role in ensuring that Saltash continues to thrive in an ever-changing and modernising world, and feels privileged to represent a ward in his own home town.

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Celebrate the Platinum Jubilee with a free family story-trail in Saltash

This Spring, families in Saltash will be able to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee and have a great day out with this augmented reality story-trail.

As part of local plans to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, from April 30th until June 12th, Saltash Town Council has teamed up with High Street Safari to run a free story-trail in and around Saltash. This innovative experience let's family choose what happens in the story and is completely contactless, with anyone with a smartphone being able to take part for free. Players will not only discover cute characters along the route, but they also get to see them burst to life in augmented reality and take selfies and record videos with them!

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon Trail is located at seven stops around the town to visit, positioned so that families can discover Saltash and its hidden gems. Families will be guided on their trip by Sir Barnaby Beacon as he visits seven memorable and magical friends, like Charlie Crown or Theadora Throne, who have come to life from Buckingham Palace and gone on a trip to see Saltash.

The trail takes about forty-five minutes to complete but can be completed in more than one visit. It's completely free for families and groups to take part in

The trail works without the need for families to download or sign up to anything. The trail runs from April 30th to June 12th. To find out more about the trail, visit the website: <https://www.saltash.gov.uk/platinumjubilee/index.php> www.jubileebeacontrail.com



Sir Ray Tindle A True Gentleman

Newspaper veteran and entrepreneur Sir Ray Tindle has died at the age of 95. He built his newspaper empire from nothing after the war, a man who never gave up and never sold up.

After leaving Torquay Boys' Grammar School, he enlisted in the 1st Battalion Devonshire Regiment. It was the paper he started on the troop ship taking him to East Asia, where he served between 1944 and 1947, that forged the foundations for his career in the newspaper industry. "The troops grew to love the ship's paper. It was about themselves and things that they were or had been involved in. It was 'local' to them," he was quoted as saying.

Sir Ray acquired his first newspaper title, the Tooting and Balham Gazette, with his £300 demob payment. Tindle Newspapers has grown exponentially since then, and the company now has a

Flagship Early Morning Train Service to Make Saltash Call

From May 16th, the early morning direct London train, the first train out of Cornwall will make a Saltash call for the first time in over 20 years. After many years of lobbying, Great Western Railway have agreed to add the call, recognising the growth in rail usage from Saltash. The service which leaves Penzance before 5am, and will call Saltash at 6.37am, will also provide a useful commuter service to Plymouth and Exeter.

Formally named the 'Golden Hind' the service will get you to London before 10.00am, over an hour earlier than at present.

swathe of local papers covering large parts of England and Ireland, including the Cornish Times. All stay true to the 'ultra-local' philosophy forged on the troop ship.

Paying tribute to Sir Ray, Mary Crawford, editor of the Saltash and District Observer said: "I had the absolute honour of working on two of Sir Ray's titles when I was starting out in my career. His genuine care for his staff and his 'ultra-local' philosophy have been inspirational to me in building up the Observer. He was a true gentleman."

It will also provide earlier connections into rail services heading north.

The good news is that GWR offer some great value 'Advance' fares too, as such an early service can carry a premium price, and these are available from £35 for a single to London.

Local fares to Plymouth are the same price throughout the day, although there are only limited railcards that can be used on this service. The Anytime Adult Day return between Saltash and Plymouth is £3.70, those 16 and under pay half the adult fare. One of the railcards that can be used is the '16 – 17 Saver' that allows 16 and 17 year olds to travel at half the adult fare on most services.

Chamber Chairman Sarah Martin Keeping us Updated...

So the year is scooting by at a space and we are already into the beginnings of Spring and the hotly anticipated first Saltash major festival of the year which is the May Fair. This always brings a great amount of footfall into the town centre, which is one of the reasons why it's such a great event to kick the festival season off with.

This year May Fair will run over the entire weekend of May 7-8th. At the Christmas Festival, Eclectic Interiors won the Chamber Cup for Best Dressed Window while Nicky's Glow Beads was crowned as the Children's Champion. Along with Piglets, their window decorations over Easter have been creative and delightful, and we are looking forward to seeing what everyone comes up with for May Fair, especially as the Platinum Jubilee celebrations follow hot on its heels. As ever I will be volunteering at the May Fair so do say Hello and stop to chat if you see me.

CCTV

Saltash Town Council is looking to put in a funding application to access 106 funds from the retail development at

Carkeel roundabout. The Safer Saltash project initiated the process to provide CCTV which will be remotely monitored from the Fire Service HQ at Tolvaddon. Discussions I've had have seen stakeholders' opinions on the matter divided. It will be interesting to see how the panel decides.

The Bridge

A recent press release from Tamar Crossings committee confirmed that they had applied to the Government to be allowed to raise the cash tolls on the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry. This will take months to turn around and in the meantime it's local businesses and commuters who use tags who will be bearing the brunt of the increase in their toll charge as the discount the tag offers is decreased by a third. From a recent town council meeting, it seems a meeting with the Secretary of State for Transport Grant Shapps is imminent. We hope that Cllr Martin Worth, the councillor on Cornwall Council representing the Saltash, Trematon and Landrake Division but also Joint Chair of the Tamar Crossings committee and Deputy Transport Portfolio Holder at Cornwall



Council will speak openly and with passion on the need for levelling up for SE Cornwall - and especially for this route of access to the Duchy.

Last but not least, it was great to see the arrival of the new pop-up trailer cafe on Jubilee Green in time for the Easter weekend. This spot has been put out to tender before by Cornwall Council, and luckily this time there was interest and a local applicant was successful. It's such a great location just by the pontoon, perfect for a coffee and refreshments with picnic benches and a great view! We wish Asta Barista Baby the very best of luck!



Community Kitchen News

Tresorys Kernow ("Cornish Treasures") is something you'll hear a lot about over the next couple of months, with several local organisations hosting workshops, activities & talks as part of the Cornish celebrations. The Community Kitchen at 8 Fore St has recently opened as a vibrant, welcoming community space, & it has a series of creative, food-based activities taking place in the coming weeks as part of the Tresorys Kernow celebrations of all things Cornish. Try your hand at plate decorating, to make some colourful plates for the monthly Feast Nights; make yourself a snazzy new apron (sewing machine & materials provided); print a tea towel; or make yourself some gorgeous cosmetics using natural ingredients. All these activities (9and more) are available on a "pay as you feel/ can" basis, making them accessible to everyone. Tea/ coffee & homemade cakes are always included...

To coincide with the Community Fridge opening times, there will be Cornish afternoon teas available on Friday afternoons 3 - 5pm, with the first one on 29th April. A home-cooked hot meal and pud will be available, cooked to traditional recipes with some of the rescued food collected. There will also be Cornish food quizzes & talks on the history of the humble pasty during the afternoon.

The monthly Feast nights are proving to be popular, on the last Saturday of every month. The theme for May 28th is "Cornish Abroad", with delicacies from places that historically traded with Cornwall, or places the Cornish migrated to. Did you know...In Mexico, the humble pasty is known as "paste", & the traditional recipe has been tweaked to include peppers & hot chilli sauce; the pastes of Hildalgo are famous throughout Mexico. Booking for the Feast

Night is essential as there are only 24 places available, £10 a ticket for over 16's only, tea & coffee provided or BYO if you fancy something stronger.

If you're feeling lonely & looking for something a little more sedate, pop down to the Community Kitchen for one of the other groups; there is a Dementia Voice drop-in café on Tuesday mornings; Wellbeing Workshop on Wednesday mornings; Link Into Learning meets every Monday to provide support, help & advice for those wishing to return to work; Your Voice Cornwall is a ladies peer support group which meets once a week; and Man Down is a men's peer support group which meets once a fortnight.

Have a look at the website www.cepl12.co.uk for full details, or call the Community Hub on 01752 849334 to book your place at any of the above.

Local Healthcare Changes Are you being affected?

The NHS encourages patients and citizens to get engaged in its work, and here in the Saltash area small groups of patients have got together already to have a say. There have been changes locally already, with others likely to happen, so we need more people to join in to ensure we have a stronger voice about these.

Please share your experiences of:

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- Being helped to find you the right clinician or service
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The Port View Patient Group can be contacted by email at: portviewsurgery.PPG@nhs.net The Health Centre Patient Group at letters.saltashhc.net Or look on the Practice websites for more details. You can also phone us on 07813 890416 anytime.

We'd also like to meet you at May Fair. The two Groups have joined forces so we can meet other patients and carers and explain what we are doing. We'll be at the new Community Kitchen, at the bottom of Fore Street. After that, we'll be continuing to cooperate on improving local services.

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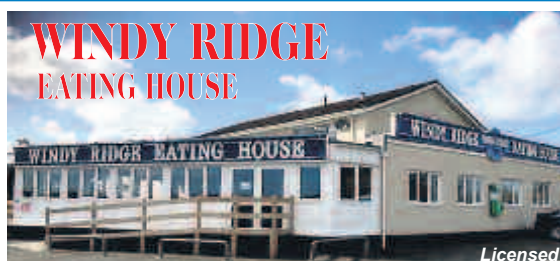
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Wellness at May Fair Weekend

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th MAY

The Parade of Youth heading off from Victoria Gardens at 10am on Saturday 7th May will herald the opening of Saltash May Fair, back after an absence of three years. Stalls will line Fore Street from 10am to 4pm, and a whole host of entertainment will be provided both on Fore Street and Longstone Park, where you will also find inflatables, Battlefield Live laser tag, a delicious array of food stalls and a bar. Taking a hint from the successful festival vibe at last year's SaltFest, this year's May Fair will see live music in Longstone Park carrying on in to the evening, with wildly popular headline band The Shrine taking to the stage at 6:45.

Another new addition for May Fair 2022 is the introduction of a 'Wellness Day' on Sunday 8th in Longstone Park, with organisers planning a diverse range of activities to inspire people to get moving. Collaboration with Tamar Trotters sees the Saltash Half Marathon, 5K and Fun Run return to May Fair, with brand new routes all starting and finishing in Longstone Park. A giant mobile climbing wall will be set up, and 30-minute taster sessions will be on offer for various activities including yoga, pilates and dance fitness. For £2, participants will be able to hire headsets so that they can tune out the world around them and tune in to their instructor's voice.

Hartbeeps® will be offering their award-winning sensory music classes for little ones up to the age of 4. At the other end of the age scale are the Silver Swan sessions. Ballet classes designed by the Royal Academy of Dance specifically for people over the age of 50, they can also be enjoyed by any lady, or gentleman, over 18. Full of beautiful classical music,

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Organisers say that one of the aims of the activity sessions is to shine a spotlight on the fitness instructors working in Saltash, like Caradon Physio and Wellness Centre who offer Pilates sessions in Ashtor Rock, Kernow Yoga who offer yoga at Burraton Community Centre and Fiero Fitness, a Saltash-based dance fitness company offering classes at Saltash Leisure Centre and Saltash Social Club. And at 2:15, after the presentation of trophies in the running races, there will be a mass Silent Disco, when the three channels on the headsets will each be streaming different styles of music.

After Covid lockdowns, when many of us got out of the habit of exercising, the Wellness Day should be a great incentive to get active again. The inflatables and food stalls from Saturday will still be set up on Longstone Park, setting the stage for Saltash residents to spend time connecting with friends, family and neighbours while



Saltash Green Dragon Festival

The months of May and June will see fire breathed into our cultural heritage as the first ever Saltash Green Dragon Festival unfolds.

Taking its name from the plaque of a green dragon high above the entrance doors of the Saltash Co-op, the festival has been made possible through funding from Tresors Kernow (meaning 'Cornish Treasures'), a project funded through the UK Community Renewal Fund and being delivered by Cornwall Museums Partnership and Creative Kernow.

The project aims to show that town centres can be reinvigorated through an imaginative and locally relevant programme of cultural events. More than 15 Saltash groups stepped forward to submit their ideas, and the programme that has been pulled together will see a wide range of musical events from lute playing in Mary Newman's Cottage to rap and grime workshops with students at Saltash Community School, as well as art exhibitions and workshops, including craft workshops run by Saltash Scrapstore to encourage people to be creative with scraps of material.

Recognising that people connect to culture and community through food, the Community Kitchen will be inviting chefs to prepare food from diverse cultures, including Cornish delicacies, and children in primary schools are coming together to create mosaics celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Festival aims to boost footfall into our town centre venues, with comedy nights at the newly refurbished station building at one end of town to author meet and greet sessions in Saltash Library at the other. Details of individual events will be published on the Saltash Green Dragon Festival Facebook page and town notice boards as soon as they have been finalised.

indulging in a little exercise.

All activity sessions and the Silent Disco are £2. It will be possible to book on the day, but spaces are filling up fast so organisers are advising people to book in advance through Eventbrite, or by sending an email to mayfairsaltash@gmail.com.

Visit the Tamar Trotters website for information on how to enter the Saltash Half Marathon, 5K race or 1.8 mile Fun Run: <https://www.tamartrotters.co.uk/saltash-half-marathon/>



Community Kitchen

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Big Jubilee Lunch on Fore Street

Sunday 5th June

Since it first launched in 2009, the annual Big Lunch, an idea of the Eden Project, has encouraged communities to come together and share friendship, food and fun with neighbours at street parties. This year, as part of the celebrations marking the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, people are being invited to join the nation in celebration at a Big Jubilee Lunch on 5th June.

Over 1,400 places throughout the country have registered to host a Big Jubilee Lunch. One place is Fore Street, where the May Fair Committee is setting the stage for one of the biggest street parties Saltash has ever seen.

Lead organiser Hilary Frank said: "We are hiring over 100 tables. Thanks to generous funding from Saltash Town Council we are able to offer community groups one table at no charge, as our way of thanking them for all they do to keep our community strong. But there is still a funding gap, so we are also inviting businesses to sponsor a table at £30.

They will then be able to invite whoever they would like to their table. It could be loyal customers or staff, or perhaps they would prefer to invite local heroes. We also have tables set aside for groups of neighbours or families. Each of these tables will be £10."

Organisers stress that all tables need to be booked in advance either through Eventbrite or in person at The Bookshelf. "Advance bookings means we get an idea of numbers, which will help us manage the event safely. But it also means we can look into getting more tables if the ones we've hired all get booked," said Hilary.

Partygoers will need to bring their own chairs, crockery and food, but as well as the tables they will find tablecloths and jars decorated by young people at The Core and filled with red, white and blue flowers grown locally.

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The Lions Celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee

Saltash Lions are delighted to announce that they will be honouring Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee in great style as part of the Commonwealth's celebration. The event, on Saturday June 4th promises to be packed with the thrills and spills for the Saltash community to mark the Queen's remarkable 70th year, and will be held at Warfelton Field, Saltash, starting 10am until 4pm.

A spokesperson for the Club said: "Saltash Lions jubiliations will be a family event and supported by numerous local organisations and volunteers to ensure that this special event will be unforgettable and memorable. "Taking part will be the Big and Bounce, supported by one of the country's leading musical youth projects of Livewire performing the musical programme. "In addition the Saltash Fire Cadets will be in attendance sharing their knowledge of safety techniques.

Saltash Lions are also

Saltash Platinum Pudding Competition

You may have missed the closing date for the nationwide Platinum Pudding Competition, but you still have time to have your concoction crowned as the Saltash Platinum Pudding.

Your pudding can be steamed or baked, layered or rolled, a pie or a crumble, a cake or a tart, but it must be sweet. If in doubt, just imagine it being served for afternoon tea or after a main course.

The competition is open to all individuals, families, school classes and community groups in the Saltash area, but one lead entrant must be nominated and submit the entry on their behalf.

Write down your recipe, along with a short description of what makes it a Platinum

Pudding. Perhaps it is inspired by Queen Elizabeth's life, has been handed down through generations, or recalls an event significant to Saltash life in the last 70 years. Add a photo, if you'd like, but make sure you include your name and contact details. Then bring or send your recipe to the Community Kitchen at 8 Fore Street by 2pm on Saturday 7th May.

Five entrants will be invited to create their pudding for the Big Jubilee Lunch street party on Fore Street on Sunday 5th June, where the overall winner will be crowned.

The May Fair Committee is intending to create a booklet of recipes, so please be aware that by submitting your recipe, you are agreeing to have it published.

looking for volunteers to help in their Lions Den charity shop in Fore Street.

For more information on the above, please contact Secretary Lion Neil Challen on nchallen@hotmail.co.uk or Treasurer Lion Mark Fox on 07975656831.

Further details as they develop will be on Saltash Lions Club Facebook page.

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THE PLATINUM JUBILEE IN SALTASH

Saltash Town Council is starting the Platinum Jubilee weekend with an historic beacon lighting event.

On Thursday 2nd June 2022 the Mayor of Saltash will light the beacon at 9.45pm in unison with the rest of the UK and Commonwealth.

This historic day will start at 2pm with the Town Crier reading the proclamation on Fore Street celebrating our Queen's 70 year reign.

Come and watch the civic parade march down Fore Street from Victoria Gardens at approx. 8.45pm and follow the parade down to the main events. Or start the evening at Jubilee Green and watch the parade arrive. The evening will end with a bang with a firework display at 9.50pm.

Be a part of this historic occasion!

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Wizards and Wickedness In Library Hub

The changing environment in and around Saltash will be the theme for an exhibition in Saltash Library Hub throughout May. Continuing the library's focus on environmental matters, collaboration with Saltash Heritage will see the installation of a display highlighting changes in the local countryside over the years.

Farms were worked by horsepower over the centuries before new estates sprang up, while the Waterside was a busy working community with fishing and commercial fleets powered by sail until around a century ago. Children walked to school and enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities without a screen in sight, and it is hoped to give a glance at some of these not-so-distant pre-technology days.

Children will also be made especially welcome during Children's Book Week from 2nd to 8th May. Activities include a 'pop chart' of best-loved books for all ages, and last year's highly successful Harry Potter competition will be brought back by popular request with a wizard prize to be won.

Children will have the opportunity to meet author Naomi Jones on 21st May at 11am. Primary school age children will be able to listen to Naomi read from her own book before illustrator James Jones encourages them to share in craft activities. No need to

Delaying Seeking Help

Why are so many people delaying seeking help with their debt?

The cost of living in the UK continues to rise. The increases from National Insurance, energy, fuel and food will leave most of us recalculating our finances. With more outgoings, debt lurks around the corner for many unsuspecting households.

Debt doesn't go away on its own. Very quickly, people in debt can find themselves drowning in letters, statements and notices from creditors. Christians Against Poverty (CAP) sees the impact this has on people's lives, as well as how far emotional, holistic and practical help can go to helping people become debt free. So, why do so many people delay seeking help?

The debt problem

Often, the delay in seeking help is related to the reason for the debt. From budgeting issues to bereavement, relationship breakdowns to addiction, anyone can find themselves in

book, just turn up.

Pre-booking is encouraged for an adult 'meet the author' session with Plymouth-based Richard Handy on Thursday 19th May at 2pm. Richard will be reading from his latest book 'Loyalty and Lunacy' set immediately prior to the Great War and described as a tale of love, loyalty, wickedness and revenge.



Tim Squires Debt Centre Manager Christians Against Poverty Saltash Book an appointment with him by calling 0800 328 0006 or email timesquires@capuk.org

financial difficulty. It's no coincidence that stigmatised issues like low income and mental ill-health were the top two reasons given by new CAP client households for their debt.*

There are many myths around debt. Whether it's the idea that people simply shouldn't 'live beyond their means' or that they should 'just get a job', these don't reflect the reality of debt – and only make tackling it more difficult. Maybe that's why 58% of CAP clients said that embarrassment was their primary reason for not seeking help sooner.*

Nowhere to turn

Nearly two thirds of CAP clients delayed seeking help because they'd thought they could resolve the issues themselves.*

Unfortunately, it's not always that easy. Small issues can quickly escalate into huge burdens without the right assistance. No one should have to face this alone – and no one has to.

There is hope

Surprisingly, nearly half of all CAP clients didn't know where

Outstanding Citizens Awarded at Civic Service

Outstanding citizens, chosen from the many who have given so much for the local community, were recognised with awards during the Mayor's Civic Service held at Saltash Baptist Church in early April.

The Citizen of the Year cup was donated by the Saltash Rotary's Richard Red in the 1970s, and its recipient will be put forward to the national Rotary Champions Award, said current Rotary President and Mayoress, Councillor Brenda Samuels. Members of Rotary and Saltash Town Council had a number of worthy nominees to consider, but decided the most outstanding was Carol Emmett in recognition of her dedicated involvement in providing care for people living with dementia, and her committed support for service families.

Since 2017 there has been a separate Rotary Environmental Award, given to an individual or group. After considering a

number of those who had risen to the challenges of meeting the needs of local people and provided support to the Saltash community in recent challenging times, the Award was presented to the volunteers from Community Enterprise PL12.

The outstanding Young Citizen of the Year, Saltash Town Council had decided, was 15-year-old Matthew Pascoe, an enthusiastic member of Livewire Youth Project and a hard worker in its music recording studios, who is "always the first to volunteer for anything."

This year the Peter Stephens Cup for the best entertainment group in the town, chosen by the Mayor, went to Saltash Town Band. Fully back in action after the pandemic, the band has a full list of bookings in Saltash including celebrations to mark the Queen's Jubilee and Regatta, as well as being in demand from outside the town.

The civic service was conducted by Mayor's Chaplain, Rev. Tim Parkman. Councillor Pete Samuels spoke with pleasure of his 21 months service as Mayor, in what he described as an idyllic and largely tranquil community. In an emotional speech he reminded those present of the horrendous situation faced by people in Ukraine, who had been enjoying a tranquil life before their lives were shattered by the invasion of Russia. The congregation stood in silence in solidarity and remembrance, and the retiring collection for medical supplies for Ukraine raised £230.

All present were then invited to the Guildhall, where a sumptuous buffet had been prepared by Julie Turner Cakes and Catering of Tideford.

Sustainable Saltash

A regular column on changes Saltash residents are making to confront climate and ecological breakdown.

192 nations, covering 98% of greenhouse emissions, signed the Paris agreement in 2015. They pledged to try and limit global heating to no more than 1.5 degrees. Since the agreement was signed, we have pushed beyond 1.2 degrees, and the world's top banks have committed a staggering £2.7 trillion to extracting more fossil fuel to burn into the atmosphere.

That extra carbon is mostly still in the ground. Fossil fuel investments are loans to fund future extraction. We as individuals sponsor them every hour of every day. Pensions, bank accounts, mortgages, savings. All that money is loaned to corporations and businesses for profit, and can work for our future or against it.

As an example, Kwasi Kwarteng, our Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, ruled out a tax on oil firm profits last week, despite BP's chief executive

having described the company as a 'cash machine' when it declared record annual profits of £9.5billion in February. When pushed, Mr Kwarteng claimed that a windfall tax would penalise those with pensions invested in oil.

Most of you reading this will have a bank account. Many will be paying into a pension or savings account and some will have a mortgage. A vast weight of evidence shows that moving your money is the fastest and most impactful way to halt reliance on fossil fuels in our world, because it influences policy and it pushes industries to change or lose finance.

Another example. Estimates vary, but switching to a greener pension could save 19 tonnes of CO2 a year, nearly 3 times the average UK citizen's carbon footprint. Add in a greener bank, building society or ISA account and the results are staggering. No other measure an individual can take has this kind of impact, and you only need to do the work once.

A simple internet search for 'green banking', 'green pensions' or 'green savings' is all it takes to get started. There is a wealth of information out there and a growing number of alternatives. We have switched to a bank which only finances sustainable enterprise and have moved all of our savings. It wasn't hard work. The Current Account Switch Service means that changing banks takes no more effort than changing utility companies, with all our regular payments and transfers moved over automatically. Most UK banks are signatories to this service and it costs nothing.

Historically, we have all been very detached from how banks behave on our behalf. As their customers, we can take control. Money really does talk but we can easily answer back. The most powerful statements we can make are simple. If you only make one change for a safe planet, let it be this one.

Marc Bramham

This column is a conversation starter for our whole community. If you have comments on the subject, ideas of your own or suggestions for future content, please do get in touch at sustainable.saltash@protonmail.com

Conundrum Corner

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

- 1 Which Jelly is used in the preparation and garnishing of savoury cold dishes? (4)
- 2 In what type of building is a Chancel found? (6)
- 3 The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba is a famous piece of Music by which Composer? (6)
- 4 How many Labours did Hercules perform in order to atone for killing his own family? (6)
- 5 Which Bird is also known as the Sea Parrot? (6)
- 6 What name is given to the River Thames at Oxford? (4)
- 7 Which European Country has an area called Flanders? (7)
- 8 Norfolk has borders with three Counties – Cambridgeshire, Suffolk and which other? (12)
- 9 What type of Clothing is an Ulster? (8)

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Tamar Reflections

Captain Henry Jackson R.N.

In the March 'Tamar Reflections' within the Saltash Observer, I lightly reflected upon HMS Defiance based at Wearde Quay in the 19th and 20th Centuries. Further, Defiance Halt which was the GWR Railway Station just up the hill from Wearde Quay, which officially opened 1st March 1905. Defiance Halt was a stopping place to serve the personnel stationed at HMS Defiance, a naval establishment made up of a number of hulks and moored off Wearde Quay on the River Lynher.

For the April column, I pledged to write more about Captain Henry Jackson (later Admiral Henry Jackson) the ship-to-ship communications pioneer, of which my husband John's dedicated research for his book (Captain Jackson of HMS Defiance) revealed that his great work and determination was only the beginning of a science

with endless possibilities. I reflect upon much of the contents of John's excellent book as promised.

Henry Bradwardine Jackson was born in Yorkshire in 1855. He joined the Royal Navy as a young cadet just before his 14th birthday and was trained on HMS Britannia, Dartmouth. By 1878 he had reached the rank of Lieutenant, and in 1891 was posted to HMS Vernon, the torpedo-school ship at Portsmouth. Henry was fascinated with all things



technical, and on the Vernon he became extremely interested in the electric of torpedoes. In 1890, in the same year as his marriage to Alice Burbury, Henry was promoted to the rank of Commander and posted to the battleship HMS Edinburgh to be second in command.

During the next few years Henry began to consider a possible use for 'Hertzian Waves' (as radio waves were then called) to overcome the ship identification problem, and also he got some advice from his father-in-law Samuel Burbury who was a prominent mathematician.

During 1894 Henry was serving on HMS Vernon based at Portsmouth, eventually to be posted to HMS Defiance in 1895 to take command of the establishment.

It was at HMS Defiance that Henry turned his attention to radio waves again. He constructed a transmitter and a receiver, and began experimenting on board the ship. He had some success, particularly in designing aerials.

During the period of his posting to HMS Defiance, January 1895- October 1897, Henry and Alice Jackson lived at Boisdale House, North Road, Saltash (there is a blue plaque erected on the outer wall by Saltash Heritage in his honour.) Henry was promoted to the rank of Captain in June 1896.

It was at the War Office conference held on 31st August 1896 that Henry met the young Italian Guglielmo Marconi for the first time. It was on that occasion and subsequent meetings that they exchanged details of their equipment and the results that they had achieved.

August 1896 communication was made by Jackson, from one end of the ship to the other. By autumn 1896 300 yards, from a tender back to Defiance. By winter 1896-7 1,200 yards, with the transmitter aboard the gunboat HMS Scourge, one of Defiance's tenders. By spring of 1897 signals could be received from Scourge wherever she went in the estuaries, whether it was 2 miles up the Lynher (she was too big to go further) or 3 miles down the Hamoaze at Cremyll.

Thus the first ship-to-ship radio communication took place in the Lynher estuary. All Marconi's wireless communication pioneering work had been done on land - he did not install radio a radio set in a ship until July 1897.

In October 1897, Henry set up a radio link for everyday use between HMS Defiance and the Port Admiral's House at Mount Wise, Devonport. That was the last piece of practical radio work for some time, because on 1st November of the same year, he was posted to Paris to become Naval Attaché to the British Embassy there.

Henry Jackson took part in the Royal Navy's Summer Maneuvers of 1899. For the first time, radio was to be used during that event, and three ships were equipped. One of them was HMS Juno, a light cruiser. She was under the command of Capt. Jackson, and Marconi was on board as an observer. The successful results of the radio operation on that occasion led to the installment of wireless telegraphy (as radio was then called) in many of Royal Navy ships. By the end of 1900, the Navy had 51 radio sets - 32 designed by Marconi and 19 designed by Henry Jackson. In 1901 a further 52 sets were manufactured at HMS Vernon after Henry had vetted an improved version of his design.

Subsequently, Jackson received regular promotions: Rear Admiral in 1906, Vice Admiral in 1911, and full Admiral in 1914. In addition, he was honoured by being elected to a Fellowship of the Royal Society in 1901. Moreover he received a knighthood in 1906, and another Knighthood in 1910 - the first being the Royal Victorian Order, the second was the Order of Bath.

In 1915 Henry Jackson was made First Sea Lord. There were many more outstanding

The Mayor and Mayoress were delighted to join Saltash Rock Choir at a recent rehearsal to witness the presentation of their huge donation of food and toiletries to the Saltash Foodbank. The foodbank sent along their Chair of Trustees, Richard Margetts to accept the donation from the Choir leader, Marcus Alleyn and his 70 strong choir.

The choir and the foodbank have been liaising closely over the last few weeks in an effort to make their donation as relevant as possible. The foodbank were able to advise and update details of items they were in urgent need of and, just as importantly, the items they had sufficient supplies of. The need for some items, particularly basic toiletries, increased significantly when the horrors of the invasion of Ukraine became apparent and the foodbank were able to use some of their current stock to send to aid refugees. The



choir managed to not only cover every item on the list given to them by the foodbank but considerably add to it. The donated items included over 1000 nappies, 100 toothbrushes, 200 hygiene products, 200 tins, 50 bottles of washing up liquid, 100 Easter Eggs and even 4 brand

new duvets.

Saltash Rock Choir have been supporters of the Foodbank for some years and will continue with their support while there is still a need. Last year, with reduced membership, everything on Zoom, no venue and unable to meet in person to sing they still made a sizable donation even if they did have to borrow the grounds of Saltash

Football Club for a couple of hours to act as a drop off point!

The choir has had a busy few weeks recently with their charitable efforts with all 5 Rock Choirs in Cornwall having a combined book sale among their membership and raising over £400 for Children's Hospice South West which is their adopted charity this year.

Celebrating the Environment at Saltash Library

Climate change is an issue that affects one and all. On the theme 'Think Globally, Act Locally' Saltash residents in general and schoolchildren in particular are being encouraged to take action through events and activities being organised by the town's library hub and its Spring Environmental Show.

Springtime, when our countryside blossoms into new life, was selected for an urban gardens initiative with children encouraged to accept and pass on free garden seeds. They were also encouraged to get out and see Springtime arriving for themselves, with the campaign 'If you go down to Coombe Woods Today!' celebrating the indigenous woodland in the heart of Saltash. Children were encouraged to explore the abundant variety of trees, leaves, flowers and wildlife of Coombe Woods, and to place samples around the cardboard tree being created in the children's area of the library. Children will be given the opportunity to continue decorating the tree with leaves as the year progresses.

Recent talks given to young people in the library

included one by Dr James Buckley of Plymouth University, who spoke on how climate change is affecting our environment during our lifetime. Children were fascinated to learn how species adapt to a change of between one and two degrees of temperature by changing their geographical environment. One notable example of this has been the widespread adoption of our local rivers by the little egret, once classed as a Mediterranean bird. Children are being encouraged to study the Lynher and Tamar estuaries, and to investigate which species, above and below the water, are becoming more frequent visitors to our tidal waters or are receding in number. Other projects include observing the arable farming at Churchtown Farm, in conjunction with Cornwall Wildlife Trust.

Working with Saltash Environmental Action's 'Plant a Tree' and Cornwall Council's 'Forest for Cornwall' campaigns, children are growing increasingly positive as to the action they can take to help safeguard the environment which they are to inherit. Future events in the library, some being held as part of the Green Dragon Festival, aim to build upon this enthusiastic interest.

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Essa Voices

Cross About the Crossings

Before Covid, the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry carried around 18 million vehicles a year - 16 million on the bridge and two million on the ferries. The toll income raised from this traffic has always played a vital role in financing the operation and maintenance of the two crossings. But traffic volumes are remaining stubbornly low after lockdowns. While this is great news from an environmental perspective, it is making it extremely difficult to balance budgets.



Councillor Hilary Frank
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Over the years, there have been many calls for the Highways Agency or the Department for Transport to step in and finance the operation and maintenance of the two crossings. Not an unreasonable ask, really, especially as the Highways Agency runs the A38 across the bridge and it is a main artery in and out of Cornwall.

Not Listening

Successive administrations at Cornwall Council and Plymouth City Council have made appeals to government but they have all fallen on deaf ears. The new Conservative administration elected to Cornwall Council last May is telling us they are using their government connections to push the case for financial assistance, but it seems that MPs and the Government are still not listening, and tolls for Tamar Tag holders will increase to £1.30 from May to cover the post-lockdown drop in traffic volume.

This is an added burden for people in South East Cornwall who have no choice but to use the bridge to access emergency, maternity and medical services in Derriford Hospital or to travel across the Tamar for work. But to add insult to injury the toll increase for drivers paying by cash won't be introduced until next year because of the lengthy process involved in getting permission from the Secretary of State. So, in effect, local drivers are subsidising the annual influx of tourists.

When the proposal to increase the tolls was debated at Cornwall Council in February, my colleagues and I tabled an amendment that if the tolls had to rise, the increase for drivers paying by tag should at least come into effect at the same time as the increase for drivers paying by cash. But the administration refused to accept the amendment. To add insult to injury, when I asked the councillor in the Cabinet with responsibility for transport if he would explain his reasons for refusing the amendment, he replied with a short one-word answer of "No."

Spiralling Cost

The increase in tolls comes at a time when fuel bills are increasing and the cost of living is spiralling. It also comes at a time when we

need to see increased use of public transport to mitigate our impact on the environment, so at least one silver lining might be that the toll increase could encourage more people to travel by bus. But, ironically, the increase also comes at a time when bus services are being withdrawn. The loss of the 5/5A service in Saltash, for example, is a particular blow to families with children in educational settings in Devonport. And while there are trains that stop in Devonport, travelling by train is not really a viable option for children who live far from Saltash train station.

Autumn

At a meeting of Cornwall Council in April, we were given assurances by that same councillor in the Cabinet who has responsibility for transport that he would investigate what he called 'anomalies' in the new bus timetable. We have pressed him for a date to meet and discuss his findings, but to add further insult to transport injuries his suggested date is 'Autumn.'

The news of the introduction of a pilot scheme for reduced bus fares in Cornwall that will see reductions of an average of one third is certainly very welcome as it will deliver significant financial savings for people living in Mid and West Cornwall, and should hopefully encourage increased use of public transport. But the discounts apply only to journeys wholly in Cornwall, and not for trips from places like Saltash, Torpoint, Bude or Launceston that cross over into Devon, adding salt into those transport injuries felt by residents of East and South East Cornwall.

It is hard to know how to approach this going forward when the administration at Cornwall Council seems to be so indifferent to the impacts their policies are having in this neck of the woods. Please send me an email if you feel as cross about the crossings as me and have got any lightbulb ideas.

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