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## Major Disruption Looms as Tunnel Set for Closure

The Saltash Tunnel is scheduled for a major refurbishment that will improve safety and efficiency in the long term but will have a significant impact on traffic in and around the town from October through to May next year. Julian Mitchell, Tunnel Manager for National Highways, outlined the plans for the generational refurbishment of the tunnel at a recent meeting of Saltash Town Council, stressing the urgency and scale of the project.

The tunnel, last refurbished in 2004, now requires a complete overhaul due to the obsolescence of its technological and electrical systems. "The systems have reached the end of their life," Mitchell explained, "and without this refurbishment, we risk operational failures with no means of repair." He stressed that the refurbishment is essential to traffic management on the Tamar Bridge as well as to maintaining the safety and functionality of the tunnel.

The project, developed over six years with secured funding, will replace all current electrical distribution and tunnel technology equipment with modern units. Upgrades will include new traffic control systems, improved signage on tunnel approaches, enhanced lighting, and updated air quality monitors. The meeting was told that some equipment will be relocated outside the tunnel to address energy efficiency and reduce the need for future maintenance closures.

The refurbishment will be executed in two phases. The first phase, from October for three months, will focus on civil engineering works, including the

installation of advanced warning signs. Traffic management measures in this phase, including narrower lanes, reduced speed limits, and lane reductions, are expected to cause peak-hour delays of 15-20 minutes.

During the second phase, from January 2025 for about five months, the control system will be switched off, reducing the tunnel and bridge to one lane in each direction. Delays of up to 45 minutes are anticipated until the new tidal flow control system is commissioned.

National Highways gave assurances that it is committed to providing regular updates and working closely with the community to minimise disruption, but concerns remain about the impact on daily commutes, businesses and emergency services.

## Proposed Toll Increase: Public Enquiry

TTAG are pleased to report that the Department for Transport has announced it will be holding a Public Inquiry in to the proposed increases to the Tamar tolls. This follows an overwhelming 410 objections - over three times the number submitted objecting to the 2022 increase. This surge in objections is likely due to increased public awareness of the process this time around and concern over the fact that this would be the third increase in four years. If approved, it will mean the tolls will have doubled since 2020. Whilst the current proposed increase is for a 15% uplift, the cumulative 100% increase over the last four years will have an increasingly detrimental impact on businesses and residents across the whole region.

The public inquiry will open at 10am on 15th October at the Cophorne Hotel in Plymouth, and at TTAG we are calling on our members to attend a peaceful protest at the venue. We plan to take our placards and banners by train as the irony of having to pay a toll to attend is not lost on us!

The Department for Transport has asked for any further evidence regarding toll objections to be submitted to them by 6th September, and a working group meeting was set up by TTAG on 14th August for businesses to collate their views. Hosted by the China Fleet Country Club, the meeting was well attended, with lively debate on the business impacts of the proposed increases, and a focus on how to quantify evidence for the inquiry. Impacts discussed included the direct costs of the tolls (mainly passed on to customers but affecting competitiveness); the indirect costs of congestion; the difficulties and additional costs in getting deliveries; and how

the cost and congestion are a barrier to customers and to staff recruitment. All these issues have a significant impact on SE Cornwall businesses, to the extent that some are even considering relocating out of Cornwall.

We call upon anyone affected by the toll increases or any related issues to contact TTAG to help compile evidence for the inquiry. Please email us at [contact@tamartollactiongroup.org](mailto:contact@tamartollactiongroup.org).

We hope to be joined by many protesters on 15th October. It is only by residents and businesses protesting against toll increases and tolls that we can hope to bring about change. The toll tax became an election issue, and now we call upon our newly elected MPs and Government to abolish these tolls, ending this unfair Tamar tax that increasingly burdens our lives and livelihoods.

Dr Mel Priston  
Chair, Tamar Toll Action Group

## Fire Station Open Day Brings Out the Crowds



Heidi Morrish, aged 4, at the Fire Station Open Day

Children had the chance to realise their dream of sitting behind the wheel of a fire engine at the Saltash Community Fire Station Open Day. Held on a sunny summer Sunday, the event was supported by over 1,000 people. While younger visitors enjoyed a variety of activities including trying on historic fire helmets (courtesy of Saltash Heritage), demonstrations from groups including Bodmin Community Fire Station helped older visitors learn valuable skills such as how to rescue an accident victim trapped in a vehicle. The Open Day, which featured strong representation from all emergency services, including Blood Bikes, the RNLI and Dartmoor Search and Rescue, was acclaimed as a resounding success by local firefighters and the people who attended.

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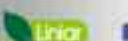
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## Meet Your Councillor

### Deputy Mayor Cllr Rachel Bullock Essa Ward

I am enjoying my role as Deputy Mayor and have been invited to many events and met lots of lovely people along the way who support the community. I am fortunate enough to work alongside the Mayor Councillor Julia Peggs and enjoy working with her. A bit about me: My family moved from Hemerdon, Devon to Saltash in 1977. I attended Longstone Infants, Saltash Junior School and Saltash Comprehensive. I have older twin sisters Nicola and Joanne and a younger sister Sarah, all of which still reside in Saltash with their families.

I live near the Town Centre and share my home with my husband Matthew, sons Sam and Jake and our three cats. I worked for Plymouth City Council Revenues and Finance for 17 years. Most of this was in customer facing roles in the Council Tax and Housing Benefits Department, which helped me appreciate the diverse range of people living around us. I am a friendly, empathetic, down to earth person who is always happy to help anyone. I left Plymouth City Council after taking voluntary redundancy and now spend my time carrying out voluntary work in the town. I am a volunteer at Community Enterprises and enjoy baking cakes in the Community Kitchen for their cafe. It is a challenge which I love as I have to try and create cakes from donated food. The courgette cake and rhubarb and ginger loaf were a success with the customers. I love history, especially the history of this fantastic town; I am a member of the Saltash Heritage committee. I enjoy my time stewarding in the museum, teaching visitors about all our local history we should be proud of.

During my time on the Town Council, I have become a member of many of the sub committees and working

## From the Mayor of Saltash

So, at long last the summer holidays have started, and the weather's not been too bad, it's been lovely to see families and children in the parks having picnics and fun and games. I said in my last month's column that I will try to explain how Saltash Town Council sets its Precept (the portion of your Council Tax that goes to Saltash Town Council for the incoming year).

Saltash Town Council starts

its annual process of setting budgets for various committees and sub committees to pay for the services the Town Council delivers for you all. The process commences in August and ends December, in line with Cornwall Council's submission deadline date. Budget setting is a careful balance of affordability and what resources are available to deliver various services to a high standard.

Each committee and sub committee will review past budgets, identify and forecast revenue for the coming period, and assign amounts of spend on various projects.

The budget setting process will refer to the agreed six strategic priorities listed in the Town Council Business Plan together with the deliverables of the Plan to date, to be sure it meets the agreed aims and objectives in the year 2025-26.

In addition to the Precept, the Town Council generates income from other sources and is proactive in seeking relevant funding opportunities.

We encourage everyone to attend the Town Council budget setting committee and sub committee meetings and given enough time you can ask a question at most Town Council

meetings. All Town Council meeting agendas, reports and minutes are available on the Town Council website for public scrutiny. If you have an interest, please have a look. You can also contact your Ward Councillor, you'll find contact details on our website, or feel free to give the Guildhall staff a call on 01752 844846 and they will be able to put you in touch with your elected representative. I hope this has given you a small insight into how the Precept process comes together.

Meet your councillor

sessions are held on the second Saturday of every month, outside Superdrug, we encourage everyone to come and speak to us, raise your concerns or ask a question. We are here to help where we can.

Good luck to all the young people in Saltash who will be getting their exam results in August, and those who will be getting ready to go to secondary education.

Enjoy your summer!  
Warmest Regards  
Cllr Julia Peggs  
Mayor of Saltash 2024-25



groups. I am currently the Chairman of the Station Property Sub Committee and part of the working groups which aim to improve the town centre and Waterside connectivity, some exciting projects to be working on.

In my spare time I enjoy walks in the country and days on the beach with the family, I also love running and enjoyed back marking the Saltash Half Marathon this year, the best half marathon in the country - in my opinion!

I am very passionate about our town, its history, its present and, most importantly, its future.

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## New Play Areas for Saltash Children

From this autumn, young people in Saltash will have two new play areas to enjoy enabling them to have fun, socialise and stay fit. Work will shortly begin to regenerate both Honeysuckle Way and Grassmere Way play

areas on Pillmere housing estate through installation of a wide range of brand new equipment and safety surfacing that will offer great play value all year round.

The project, which is costing £95,000 has benefitted from £75,000 of grant funding from Cornwall Council's Community Infrastructure Levy fund with the remainder of funds being provided by Saltash Town Council.

Creative Play, an experienced and skilled contractor have been selected to carry out the works following a tender process. They have confirmed that work will begin on site on or around 9th September. The Honeysuckle Way play area, aimed for use by children aged 7 and under will be first in line for works followed by the larger Grassmere Site which will provide facilities for children up to 12. Both projects have been designed following extensive community consultation with residents of Pillmere last September whose priorities have been incorporated into the final designs. Over 100 surveys were completed demonstrating both a need and enthusiasm for new facilities.

The Chairman of Pillmere Community Association Iain Gdanitz who worked in

partnership with Saltash Town Council on this project and who along with colleagues and councillors, delivered over 600 leaflets to houses across Pillmere said, "It's really exciting that this project has come to fruition and that young children and their carers will have the opportunity to use smart and innovative new equipment providing hours of free fun and exercise." Grassmere Play area will also benefit from an adventure trail and traverse wall along with wet pour surfacing allowing the site to be used all year around whilst Honeysuckle Close will provide spring riders and play boards. Both play areas will be kitted out with the equipment that the community prioritised including swings, climbing apparatus, slides, seating areas and equipment for children with special needs.

The survey responses indicated that two thirds of children would use the new play areas either daily or several times a week.

The Mayor of Saltash Councillor Julia Peggs said, "We identified a gap in play provision on Pillmere, an area of Saltash that is home to many families, some of whom have been travelling substantial distances to use alternative play areas. We are delighted therefore that we have secured funding following our grant application to Cornwall

Council to allow children to access play facilities close to where they live." Linda Taylor, Cornwall Council leader, said: "The Community Infrastructure Levy allows us to raise funds from new developments and pass this on to community projects making a real difference. "Giving young people free and easy access to opportunities for exercise and fun, this project fits perfectly with our aspirations for creating healthier and safer lives as well as vibrant and supportive communities"

Visuals of the play areas can be seen by visiting & clicking on the following link - <https://www.saltash.gov.uk/consultations.php>

## Mrs Landers Retires after 37 Years



Mayor of Saltash Cllr Julia Peggs presented the Headteacher of St Stephens Community Primary School with a certificate in recognition of her years working in education and supporting the children of Saltash. Mrs Landers is retiring this year after 37 years of working in education!



Saltash resident Mark Adkins, after giving his 100th blood donation. "My father encouraged me to donate when I turned 18," he said. Blood stocks, especially of B negative, are low. Ring 0300 123 23 23 or visit [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk) to find out how you can help.



# Anna Gelderd MP for South East Cornwall



As the first Labour MP for South East Cornwall, I'm honoured to represent our special corner of Cornwall and I will work tirelessly for our communities.

It is under the mandate of change that I was elected, and I want to thank everyone who was involved in this historic victory and in bringing change to South East Cornwall. Together, we achieved a staggering 21% swing to Labour - the highest in the South West and one of the highest nationwide. I recognise that this shift resulted from many factors, including people lending me their vote and newer parties entering the race. My commitment is to serve all constituents, irrespective of voting preferences, to improve South East Cornwall. I will work cross-party to ensure that our region benefits from the change this Labour government will bring.

I got to work immediately after the election, to show voters their faith in me was well placed. I took my Parliamentary oath in Cornish, along with all six Cornwall MPs for the first time and have met with them often to discuss how we can use our collective Cornish voice to deliver for our communities. I have also raised important constituency issues, such as the Tamar Tolls, with relevant government departments and wrote to

South West Water about the unacceptable number of sewage spills in our waters.

The RNLI is a cornerstone organisation in South East Cornwall and having previously worked for the charity, I know how important their work is for communities especially those on the coast. That is why I signed an Early Day Motion to celebrate their 200th anniversary of saving lives at sea.

In the constituency, I met with families of children with SEND, and I will soon be launching a local advisory group including families and professionals to share their experiences and to inform my work fighting for families in Westminster.

I have been working hard to improve transport issues, meeting with organisations such as National Highways

about planned essential works along the A38 and Network Rail about Lostwithiel Railway Station footbridge. The work on the much-needed temporary footbridge is almost complete and will help reduce delays, while we work towards a permanent solution.

Recently, I held the first of my regular roaming surgeries to meet with local residents face-to-face and discuss their concerns.

If you have any issue or concerns that you would like my help with, or to book a surgery appointment, please send me an email with your full name and postal address to [anna.gelderd.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:anna.gelderd.mp@parliament.uk). While I am still in the process of hiring a full team, response times may be longer than usual, but you will receive a response as soon as possible.

# Concerns Mount Over Newquay Airport

Saltash residents and business leaders are adding their voices of concern to the ongoing debate about the potential sale of Newquay Airport and the 650 acres of land surrounding it. The airport, owned by Cornwall Council, is seen as a vital asset for the region's economy and transport infrastructure. However, the Cabinet's recent decision to enter in to negotiations for a sale has drawn strong objections from around Cornwall, including from Thelma Sorensen, a prominent Saltash resident and Chairman of the Cornwall Business Partnership, who has called for a comprehensive consultation with businesses and residents.

The decision by Cornwall Council's Conservative Cabinet to seek a partner to manage the airport, which is subsidised by the taxpayer by around £4.8m each year, has proved controversial. The issue was a key topic at a recent meeting of the Saltash Chamber of Commerce, where local businesses echoed Sorensen's concerns.

All six of Cornwall's MPs have jointly condemned the proposals, arguing that the process has been rushed and lacks adequate consultation. They are calling for full transparency and a detailed evaluation process.

This controversy comes as Cornwall Council faces mounting scrutiny over other

land and asset sales, as well as over proposed toll increases on the Tamar Crossings. Many residents, still frustrated by what they see as a closed and limited consultation on the toll increases earlier this year, now view the airport issue as a critical test of Cornwall Council's commitment to public consultation and transparent governance.

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# Summer in Saltash

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Photo Mary Crawford



Abba Tribute Band



Mayfair Music Festival 2024

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Saltash Songs & Shanties - Festival 2024

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## Saltash Charity 'Storybook Dads' Triumphs at National Charity Awards

Saltash-based charity Storybook Dads has been honoured with the prestigious Children and Youth category award at the 24th annual Charity Awards.

The national awards programme recognises and rewards outstanding organisations making a significant difference in communities across the UK.

Storybook Dads, which creates audio and video recordings of parents in prison reading bedtime stories to their children, has made a profound impact on the lives of thousands of families.

Founded in 2003 by Saltash resident Sharon Berry, Storybook Dads has grown from a small initiative to a nationwide service operating in over 100 prisons across England and Wales. The charity has helped more than 80,000 children maintain a bond with their incarcerated parents, a vital connection that can significantly reduce the emotional toll of parental separation and contribute to breaking the cycle of inter-generational offending. The Charity Awards judges



praised Storybook Dads for its innovation, sustainability, and scalability. The project, which began with just a few volunteers and a handful of stories, now benefits over 13,000 parents and children annually. The service has also

provided valuable skills training to over 800 prisoners, offering them a chance to contribute positively to their children's lives while also gaining vocational experience.

"We are absolutely thrilled

to receive this recognition," said Sharon. "This award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our team, the resilience of the families we support, and the generosity of our community and funders."

## Railway Inn Scores Big for Local Charity During Euros

During the recent Euros football competition, Brett and Lorraine, landlord and landlady of the Railway Inn, organised a variety of games including a raffle and a 'guess the first goal' contest where customers bought tickets and minute squares. The proceeds were split between winners and Saltash Food Bank, raising an impressive £775 for this local charity. The initiative was warmly received, with everyone pleased to contribute to such a worthwhile cause.



## Saltash Songs & Shanties – Festival 2024

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and made it such a joyful and successful event.

It Included 2,617 audience members and workshop participants, 147 musicians, 8 volunteers, Plus the venue staff, funders and local organisations who made the Festival possible.

### Become a Patron & support the Festival

This year the income from ticket sales covered 24% of the total cost of the Festival. The rest of the budget was covered by grants and donations. **If you have enjoyed this year's events, we hope that you might be able to consider becoming a Festival Patron:**

### More music in Saltash this Autumn

Festival producer **Salt Arts CIC** is bringing more music to Saltash throughout the year. Coming up this Autumn we are looking forward to: **Jaclarabag, Chapel Street & Ensemble and IMS Prussia Cove**

## Saltash Results Shine Amidst National Trends

Saltash Community School is celebrating an exceptional set of GCSE results. The Year 11 students have demonstrated remarkable progress, with the number of top grades more than doubling from previous years. Among the standout students are sisters Rose and Lily Couch, who achieved twelve grade 9s, six grade 8s and two grade 7s between them. Additionally, sixty students surpassed their predicted outcomes by achieving grades higher than anticipated.

These successes follow a set of highly successful A-level results, where students like Finn Shearman, who secured 4 A\*s, Rian Austin with A, A, A, and Holly Davis with Distinction, A, B all excelled. Many are now heading to their first-choice universities or apprenticeships.

Nationally, GCSE results reflect ongoing efforts to address the educational disparities exacerbated by the Covid pandemic. Education Secretary Bridget Phillipson has pledged to narrow the disadvantage gap, but it is clear that disparities still remain between different regions and socio-economic groups. Despite these challenges, the impressive results at Saltash Community School highlight a positive trend of recovery and improvement. They stand as a testament to the dedication and hard work of students, their teachers and families, showcasing how commitment and perseverance can drive significant academic achievements even amidst broader national challenges.



## Essa Voices Balancing Identity and Devolution in a Changing Landscape

Cornwall stands on the brink of a significant opportunity as the new Labour government accelerates the devolution agenda. The government's ambitions, articulated in the recent King's Speech, signal a shift in how power and resources will be distributed across the country. For Cornwall, this could mean greater autonomy and resources.

Cornwall has a proud history of securing deals that reflect its distinct identity. Recognised as a Celtic nation within the Council of Europe in 2014, Cornwall secured its first devolution deal in 2015. However, the Labour government's preference is for combined authorities with directly elected leaders — a model Cornwall has historically resisted. Even before the general election, Devon and Torbay had been moving forward with a proposal for devolution to a new combined authority. Plymouth withdrew from that initiative, but recent reports suggest that it may be enticed back in to a devolution situation. If Devon and Torbay succeeds, with or without Plymouth, then Cornwall is at risk of being sidelined.

So Cornwall must navigate carefully. Aligning with other authorities could bring greater resources, but it could also dilute Cornwall's autonomy and its status as a Celtic nation. But then again, standing alone might limit the extent of devolution. And with a population of just over 570,000, Cornwall faces the challenge of justifying a devo-

lution settlement comparable to metropolitan areas, which typically serve populations in the millions. There is also a need to move quickly if we don't want to be 'at the back of the queue'. Somerset and Dorset, for example, are in negotiation with several other councils to submit a joint proposal to government before the end of September. The urgency is heightened by the fact that the Shared Prosperity Fund, a crucial source of funding, ends in March 2025.

Cornwall Council is preparing a White Paper to spark devolution negotiations with central government. The document emphasises the need for greater control over economic growth, fiscal sustainability and climate action, all underpinned by Cornwall's distinct identity.

During last year's devolution negotiations, Cornwall Council's Cabinet kept things under wraps and made surprise announcements, but thankfully this time Cabinet has been more transparent and open to input. Although Cabinet initially planned to submit the White Paper at the end of July, backbench councillors, including me, successfully lobbied for time to allow for thorough debate, and now the White Paper won't be submitted until mid-September at the earliest. Last year, Cabinet pushed hard for a directly-elected



Councillor Hilary Frank  
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Mayor, and it felt like we were sacrificing too much for too little gain, but this White Paper takes a more strategic approach, proposing a 'Total Place' strategy that could see Cornwall control an additional £1.8bn annually. So I feel the time is right to advocate for greater powers for Cornwall, particularly as we have made the transition to a unitary authority. And the pandemic taught us that agile, local collaboration and accountability are more effective than unwieldy national systems.

But what are your thoughts? I'm particularly keen to hear your views as a resident near the 'border' with Plymouth and Devon. I'll happily share a copy of the draft White Paper with you, so please get in touch and help make sure our distinct voice is clearly heard and Cornwall can play its full part in shaping the future.

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### One in five of us lives in poverty

According to the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, an organisation that researches issues like poverty, 14.4 million people in the UK live in poverty.\* That's one in every five of us. This is an issue that's much bigger, and much closer, than you might realise.

### It impacts our health

The negative effect of severe financial difficulty on a person's physical and mental health directly impacts other public services, such as the NHS and mental health support. Three quarters of those who sought debt help from CAP told us their financial situation affected their health in some way.

### Millions are going without essentials

Every person should have access to the basic essentials they need to survive, such as food and a warm home, but millions in the UK are skipping meals or going without heating and electricity because of costs. Amongst these are adults, children and pensioners.

### People are borrowing to afford essentials

Besides the ethical issue, the reality that so many people are going without basic essentials has a wide-scale impact. At CAP, we've seen an increase in people who have fallen into debt

after borrowing money to cover vital household bills. The more households that are in unmanageable debt, the greater the impact on the economy, making problems like recessions more likely and more severe.

### Our future is at risk

Of the millions living in poverty in the UK, more than four million are children. We know that financial difficulty affects all aspects of childhood, including schoolwork and friendships. With so many children at risk of falling behind in life, there will be an inevitable impact on the future of our society.

If you're amongst the millions struggling with debt and poverty, be reassured that help is available. Visit [capuk.org/help](http://capuk.org/help) to find free support in your local area, or visit [moneyhelper.org.uk](http://moneyhelper.org.uk) for online information.

\* Joseph Rowntree Foundation, *UK poverty 2024: The essential guide to understanding poverty in the UK.*

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## Oaklands Community Centre: A Year of Connection and Growth

Oaklands Community Centre, established just a year ago, has become a cornerstone for bringing the local community together. Run by a dedicated team of volunteers in collaboration with Cornwall Housing, the Centre aims to bring people together through a variety of activities and events. At the recent first Annual General Meeting, James Jenkins was re-elected as Chair, a testament to his commitment and leadership. James shared his thoughts on the Centre's success, saying, "Oaklands has become more than just a place to meet—it's a hub where everyone feels welcome."

The Centre's monthly Mobile Larder, set up with Community Enterprise PL12, is a perfect example of this spirit. Held on the second Wednesday of each month, the Larder helps redistribute food that would otherwise go to waste. The next Larder is on 11th September from 10:30am, offering residents the chance to take home good quality food in exchange for a small donation.

Oaklands also hosts popular bingo nights with Billy, which draw in a lively crowd who enjoy the fun and fellowship. Recently, the Centre's garden buzzed with activity during the 'Mini Fete', where families enjoyed the cream teas, crafts, and outdoor games.

Looking ahead, Oaklands will host a "Step into Wellness" course in September and October, run in collaboration with Age UK. This engaging course aims to



James Jenkins with Councillor Hilary Frank and Chris Cook of Community Enterprise PL12 at the first Oaklands Mobile Larder

improve mental, physical, and emotional wellness, helping people of all ages live better lives. Ring 01872 266383 if you're interested in taking part. With the sensory garden, planted with help from Kernock Plants, and the newly installed fencing, courtesy of Tamar Landscapes and

Cornwall Councillors, Oaklands Community Centre is now more welcoming than ever, a place where everyone is encouraged to connect, share and grow.

Find the Centre at PL12 4DG, what3words: [thudding.multiply.cloud](https://www.what3words.com/thudding.multiply.cloud)

## Pete's Point of View...

Members of our community who are of a certain age are constantly being reminded that there are those out there who are looking to relieve them of money through various and ever more sophisticated methods. I must confess that I have recently lost a sum of money and I am not alone with millions of others now £250 worse off.

The Winter Fuel Payment has been made over a large number of years and had become regarded as part of the entitlement for senior citizens alongside the state pension, enabling them to not have to worry about turning up the heating during the cold winter months. Whatever way this is looked at, we now have a cut to the hard-earned benefits given to all those achieving retirement age.

It has been stated that the winter fuel allowance will still be given to those who pass a

means test, but I would argue that many of our older folk would feel uncomfortable about putting themselves forward for this, whilst many would simply not know how to go about it.

And what about the obvious cost of administering the means test?

The worst fears of those old enough to remember the bad old days of British Railways, have now been realised, with nationalisation of the railways being phased in and rail infrastructure projects being scrapped. I doubt very much that nationalisation will make the railways cheaper or more reliable - quite the reverse. There will, of course, be no shareholders to pay, but just who are those shareholders anyway? If you have been persuaded to imagine those shareholders as fat-cats whiling away the days aboard their multi-million-pound yachts in the Mediterranean, then think again: those shareholders are more likely to be pension funds. Sorry, senior citizens: hit again!

The announced cuts have made the fate of many local rail and road infrastructure projects uncertain, and it seems likely that any meaningful A38 Saltash - Trerulefoot improvements will be kicked further into the long grass. As for trains from Tavistock or abolition of tolls across the bridge, we will have to see, but I am not at all optimistic.

**Pete Samuels**

*Any views expressed are personal views and not that of any organisation with which Pete is associated*

## Saltash Skateboarder Ranks 15th at Paris Olympics

Saltash's very own Lola Tambling, a 16-year-old skateboarder with a rapidly rising profile, recently made her mark on the global stage by finishing 15th in the preliminary round of the women's park skateboarding event at the Paris Olympics.

Competing against the best in the world, Lola showcased her skills and determination,

capturing the attention of many with her impressive performance.

"Being part of the Olympics is something I've dreamed of for as long as I can remember," shared Lola. "Competing on such a huge stage was surreal, and it's an experience I'll treasure forever."

Her success has brought a

sense of pride to Saltash, where she is already being hailed as a local hero.

"We're all so proud of Lola," said her uncle Mark, who organised a watch party on the day of the event. "To see someone from Saltash compete in the Olympics is incredible. She's a true inspiration to young people here."



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# Tamar Reflections

## St Barnabas Hospital

Once again, and looking back to the Saltash & District Journal of 1983. There were some most interesting articles featured; a few I will share with you this time. On the front page was a report about St. Barnabas Fete. The League of Friends of St. Barnabas Hospital had changed the venue for that year's annual fete from the hospital grounds to the grounds of Saltash Cross Park School.

The event was opened by Mr. V. S. Secombe (later to become Sir Vernon Secombe), chairman of the South West Regional Health Authority, who said that a considerable improvement in the delivery of health care right across the board had been noted. Nationally, he said, 5 1/2 % of the gross domestic product was spent and employ 5 1/2 % of the working population. One in 20 worked in the National Health Service he continued.

Talking of St. Barnabas Hospital, Mr. Secombe said that during 1972 they had accepted 331 in-patients, and held four operating sessions each month. The day hospital took on 33 new patients and handled 3,355 attendances. 114 out-patients' clinics were held with some 590 new patients and with a total of

1,058 attendances at clinics. The treatment room dealt with 2,104 new patients and a total of 4,262 individual attendances.

Mr. Secombe was welcomed by Mr. L. G. Davey, chairman of the League of Friends, and who was also welcomed by the Mayor and Mayoress of Saltash Mr. Eric Lewis and Mrs. Marjorie Schikowski.

Mr. L. Cox was the compere for the afternoon's events which included a display by the Saltash Redcoats and the Wyvern Majorettes. The Saltash Town Band was unable to attend as they did not have a musical director at that time.



The weather was overcast, but the rain held off.

Also attending was the new Administrator, Mr. Lacey. Over £1,250 was raised, and after the deduction of expenses, proceeds would be for the hospital funds.

*From me - Oh my goodness! How things have changed over the past 50 years. Now dear old St. Barnabas does not have any in-patients beds, or any operations or day hospital facilities. Liskeard Community Hospital now provides much of the care that St. Barnabas once did. I understand that there are*

*some limited services still provided at the Saltash site, and there is a voluntary working group still committed and dedicated to the welfare of Saltash patients, which is so warmly appreciated.*

On the same page, there was a lovely report on behalf of the Cross Park Townswomen Guild (another wonderful group no longer in being). At that time the monthly meeting was held at Cross Park School (June 9th). The article advised that owing to the chairman being on holiday, the chair was taken by Mrs. Carol Launder, who was the vice-chairman. After the usual business, members were informed of the

Federation coffee morning in Plymouth.

It was agreed that the Guild should run a stall at St. Anne's in September, also to make a note of their special birthday later that month.

Six members had attended the public speaking session at the Swarthmore Centre (Plymouth) on June 15th.

The Yoga classes were going well - with room for still more members; dress-making classes had commenced at the Masonic Hall - and a get together was arranged with a view to starting Handicraft classes.

Moreover, Longleat was the favourite place chosen by the members for their trip in August, there was also an evening trip planned for June 30th.

A Mr. Thomson gave an interesting and enlightening talk on 'Health Foods' and 'Sensible Eating'. Members were advised to read carefully the contents of certain packets of health foods as although they contained things necessary for our well-being, some of the other ingredients were detrimental to our health Mr. Thomson said.

The article concluded that it was a pleasant and warm evening, and after a very welcome cup of tea the meeting closed.

I was very honoured to have been President of the Cross Park Townswomen Guild for some years, and I was very saddened when the Guild reluctantly dissolved many years later.

Interestingly, the Saltash and District Age Concern held a meeting at the Saltash Guildhall in June according to the same publication; it was chaired by the new Town Mayor, Mr. Eric Lewis - a committee was formed and the chairman was to be Mr. M. Derges. The article continued that the Town had four wards and each of them would be supervised by its own chairman.

Mr. Derges said that they hoped to have wardens responsible for each street in the Town to keep an eye on the elderly residents with shopping, plus to help with their gardens, decorating and any other services that they could offer. More volunteers were needed to help the scheme operate successfully. It was further reported that there was a good attendance at the meeting.

A cheque for £72 was presented to Mr. Derges for Age Concern by Mr. K. Carter who was sponsored when he took part in the Saltash Half-Marathon. Most of his sponsors had been from H.M.S. Sceptre.

Moreover, Mr. J. Fennell, County Organiser for Age Concern, presented a cheque for £500 to Mrs. Owen, the chairman of the Leanway project which was to provide a community centre for the elderly in the Leanway area.

At the same meeting, there was an election of officers: Chairman, Mr. M. Derges, vice chairman, Mr. K. Avery, Secretary, Mrs. E.B. Derges, Treasurer, Mr. R. Way. Chairmen of the various wards or zones were: Pill, Mr. S. Whitehouse, Burraton, Mr. K. Wellbeloved, Essa, Mrs. Spring and St Stephens, Mrs. A. Ellis.

The meeting closed with a plea for help in any way from interested residents.

*From me: Age Concern continues to give a wonderful facility to our Saltash elderly, thanks to the likes of sisters, Diane Shann, Mary Grant and Toni Gorton with Mike Derges and his brilliant team of drivers of the Age Concern buses*

Finally for these reflections and looking through all the business adverts in issue 239 of the old Saltash Journal, it appeared to me that the only business still operating that was advertising then and still does, but now in the Saltash & District Observer is Cotton's Taxis.

Cotton's Taxis have been such outstanding and supporting stalwarts in Saltash for decades and long may they continue to serve our community in the way that they have done for all these years in so many ways! I think of the late and indefatigable Hazel Cotton often, Hazel was priceless!

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## Fund Launched for Saltash War Memorial

Saltash Town Council discovered that some names might be missing from Saltash Borough War Memorials.

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Mr. Peter Clements, a member of the public, a comprehensive list of these missing names has been compiled and verified by the Town Council Borough War Memorial Working Group. Historically, War Memorials have been funded by public donations. In this spirit, Saltash Town Council are launching a 'Crowdfunder' campaign to invite the people of Saltash and beyond to contribute to the creation of a new War Memorial in the town.

The funding will be used to create two new memorial benches which will be installed besides the existing Borough War Memorial by St Nicholas and St Faith Church, opposite



the Memorial Peace Garden and will display the previously omitted names.

The Town Council's aim is to ensure that the phrase "We Will Remember them" includes every individual known at present, from our town who deserves to be honoured.

Visit the Town Council's Crowdfunder page to find out more and to donate. Please spread the word so everyone gets the opportunity to donate if they wish.  
[www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/saltashborough-war-memorial](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/saltashborough-war-memorial)

## Frustration Builds Over Delays at Saltash Tip

At a recent meeting of Saltash Town Council, Councillor Ellis of Botus Fleming Parish Council expressed concerns about long wait times at the Saltash Household and Waste Recycling Centre. He highlighted the frustration of drivers who often have to queue for 10 minutes only to have the gates close on them. It was pointed out that the situation has worsened since Cornwall Council stopped accepting DIY rubble and tyres at nearby sites like Connon Bridge. Councillor Ellis urged extending the centre's hours or reopening closed sites. Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth confirmed that a review is in progress and undertook to give a report to a future Saltash Town Council meeting.

## Saltash Musician Heads Down Under



An exciting opportunity has arisen for a former beneficiary of the Sue Hooper Charitable Trust, Richard Waters, who has held positions in some of the country's most prestigious orchestras (London Philharmonic, Philharmonia, Royal Philharmonic and the Orchestra of Opera North) he has recently been offered a contract as Acting Principal Viola of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, resident at the world renowned Sydney Opera House.

Having grown up in Saltash, Richard's earliest musical performances were at the Saltash Music Festival. Performing to a home audience is such a special experience and eventually lead to three editions of his own chamber music festival with his Arnold Camerata.

Richard is indebted to his wonderful teachers Patricia Noall (Wells Cathedral School), Mark Knight (Guildhall School and Music and Drama) and Paul Silverthorne (Royal Academy of Music) who guided and shaped him far beyond his musicianship.

There are still exciting performances before he leaves including as Guest Principal with the BBC Symphony Orchestra for this year's Last Night of the Proms.

A keen surfer in his youth, he looks forward to rekindling this lifelong passion except for the sharks, crocodiles and jellyfish!

This promises to be a wonderful new chapter for Richard, his wife Bex (a cellist and performance psychology researcher) and their two sons!



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# Charity Shop Closes After Three Decades of Service



After nearly 34 years of dedicated service, the Saltash branch of Young Lives vs Cancer has closed its doors, marking the end of an era for the charity shop that raised around two million pounds to support sick children and their families.

To commemorate the occasion, volunteers were

honoured with a farewell party at the Saltash Social Club. Guests included Penny Chapman and Maureen Kemp, who had both volunteered at the shop since its opening year, as well as Frances Chapman, who joined the volunteer team from the very start and served for an impressive 33 years and 8 months.

Also present was Val

Blackstock whose son Ryan Mitchell, then just eight years old, opened the shop. Ryan was suffering from throat cancer at the time and underwent five operations in Bristol. "The charity was called CLIC back then," Val told the Observer. "Without their support, we would never have survived. They paid for our transport to Bristol, put us up in the CLIC house and

even paid for taxis between the house and the hospital." Thankfully, Ryan survived and remains happy and healthy.

The shop, which generated £63,000 net profit in the year before Covid, is closing due to high overheads, explained manager Becky Costello. The charity has made the difficult decision to shutter all of its physical shops nationwide

## Just Thinking Aloud

You'd think that at my age (I was born in 1940) I would be well beyond happenings that bring excitement with them. After five children and seven grandchildren, surely that would be that?

Well, hopefully not. All being well, by the time you read this milady and I could be the proud great-grandparents of a healthy baby girl, whose French parents live in a little place called Saint-Chaptes, situated and will seek alternative funding sources.

A letter was read out from the charity's chief executive officer praising the Saltash staff and volunteers, stating "their commitment to creating a welcoming environment and representing our charity so well has been outstanding."

In thanking the volunteers Mayor Julia Peggs recognised that as well as giving their hours to supporting sick children the volunteers had created a happy and friendly community of their own, noting that for many their hours in the shop had become "a lifeline."

"There are many other opportunities for volunteers within the town," she reminded them, "and I look forward to seeing you volunteering elsewhere."

between Provence and the Camargue. We can't wait! Nor can the expectant mum, who has been suffering daily temperatures of over 40C for several weeks....!

Back in little old not so hot by comparison Saltash, changes or possible changes are afoot on Fore St, and my beloved and I have tried out a new café. I'm sorry to see Clic Sargent disappearing, and I understand that other charity places seem to be playing musical chairs. There are some empty spaces (hopefully to be filled by establishments which will be responding to a really genuine need). I don't do social media, but am reliably informed by several users that at least one shop recently was mooting the possibility of closing down if footfall does not increase.

Some town councillors have been keen to encourage me to try out the Trackside Café, down at our railway station. From where we live it is walkable, with only one brief uphill bit, so we gave it a go. Verdict? We shall return. It was clean. It was smart. It was good value. The service from a young lady was pleasant and impeccable. And on top of all that, if you wanted to support Saltash Rail Users Group you could donate a sum of your choice to select from an attractive selection of good secondhand fiction. Do try it!

Once a general election is over, the last thing I want to do is to conduct a post-mortem, delving about in the entrails and coming up with all sorts of explanations as to

why what happened has happened and what the next five years will hold for us, given the "fact" that our personal assumptions are the only reliable ones. How long have this lot been in power? It is a bit much, I would suggest, to make forecasts based on the experience of just a month or two. Clearly His Majesty's Government has had an unexpectedly busy start. All things considered, I reckon it to be a brave beginning before the challenges ahead. I am not a supporter of our method of election, which is called First Past the Post. I base my non-support on facts. If you are at all interested, delve into the fascinating website of the Electoral Reform Society. In our constituency, the "winner" attracted 31.8% of the vote. Thus 68.2% of those who actually voted did not vote for Anna Gelderd. Nationally, the party which "won" attracted 33.8% of the vote. Thus 66.2% of those who actually voted did not vote Labour. And this is democracy?

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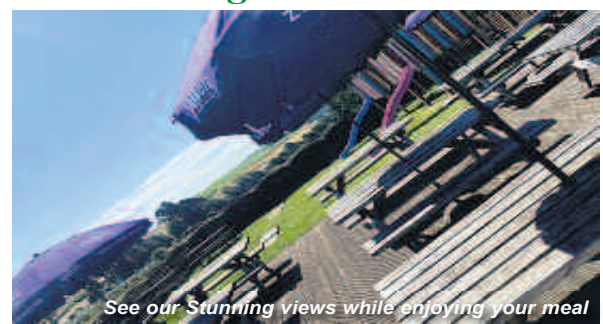
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