

### The Controversial "Mayoress's Chain" to Remain Unworn

The thorny issue of who, if anyone, should wear the Mayoress's chain continues to cause controversy within Saltash Town Council. The decision was taken, with just the Mayor and one other councillor dissenting, to keep the historic chain in storage and not allow it to be worn.

The chain which used to attract much attention when worn was presented by Councillor Pooley J.P. who served as Mayor in 1919-1921 and includes a fob in the shape of a Maltese cross with a copy of the seal of the water court in the centre. When presented it was anticipated that it would always be worn at civic events since there would always be a male Mayor of Saltash with a female Mayoress.

While serving as Mayor in 2016 Councillor Hilary Frank commented that it seemed a shame that while, as sometimes happens several female Mayors served consecutively the chain was never seen as male consorts

Charity Events Welcome MEMBERS ONLY CLUB New members always welcome Celebrating 100 Year's! Fri 19th - Sat 20th & Sun 21st April 2019 Saltash Social Club

Prepare to Celebrate the Centennial Year

To mark this event the committee are busy working behind the scenes planning events for a Spectacular weekend...

> Fun & Entertainment... Already in place are:

Fri 19th April: **Real Ale Festival** Sat 20th April

WhiskyFalls (Indie Rock 3 piece) Vince Lee & The Big Combo (Blues) Voodoo (Pop Rock Duo) (in the Bar) Paul "bomber" Harris Jazz musician

### A Variety of Great Acts from Livewire

(displaying their talents & entertaining us throughout the day) Sun 21st April

#### **Natural Harmony Duo**

(70s – present day music) Followed by Karaoke as usual

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The following year during town council public question time Mr. John Hooper, who had served as consort four times to his wife Mrs. Sue Hooper, asked that this decision be reversed and that "historic integrity of the chain" be honoured. A working party was set up

to consider the issue. Meanwhile major television and radio publicity caused the issue to go viral with widespread social media comment. The working party came up

with the recommendation that nobody should wear the historic and attractive chain, it should be stored and future Mayoresses and male consorts should wear instead the consort's medallion. Although it was suggested that it be put on public display, the chain has not been seen in public since then. When amendments to

protocol were being discussed at the January Town Council meeting Mayor John Brady took the opportunity to propose that the chain be reinstated for use by the Mayoress of the day at all civic ceremonial events and to be worn at all Mayoral engagements when

accompanied by the Mayor. He stated that at each one of the many events which he and his wife had attended the Mayoress was asked why she was not wearing the Mayoress's chain "The Lord Mayor of Plymouth and the many Mayors and Mayoresses we have met have expressed ridicule and disbelief at the

council's decision", he declared. Councillor David Yates agreed that the chain should be reinstated for use by male or female consorts. However other councillors disagreed, some comparing this to the issue of the Brexit referendum where those who disagreed the outcome of the vote kept demanding that it be re-run.

The motion to reinstate the chain was defeated by 12 votes to 2 and the chain remains in storage.



## **Going Under the Hammer A Very Rare Piece of Saltash 'Real Estate'**

chance to own a very rare piece of Saltash 'real estate' is shortly to present itself at a Worcester auction. It's made of vitreous enamelled steel and almost 3 feet long; the whereabouts of only one other is known, believed in private hands in Devon. You'll find this jewel listed under 'Railwayana'. To aficianados it's known as a 'Totem', in this case, SALTASH.

Historically, the lozengeshaped British Railways Totem was first displayed to the press in 1948 and went on to adorn cap badges, posters, even vehicles; by 1950, as destinations they were on stations nationwide, and now much sought after. Being what it is, this particular sign commands considerable cachet among collectors, aka steam buffs.

With their Ian Allan locobooks, most served young adolescent time as trainspotters in the 50s and

#### Bank Closure is "Fake News"

There has been widespread concern in Saltash following reports that its last surviving bank was due to close this spring.

"No we are not closing" Lloyds Bank have confirmed. Indeed they have advised that, by way of commitment to remaining in the town, they have plans to change the entrance to the building, one of the few pre-war structures in Fore Street, to make it more disabled friendly.

It was mentioned to the Town Council that there is a list of projected local bank closures by Lloyds and Saltash does not feature. Many customers will be relieved, especially those who recently moved to Lloyds following the closure of other bank branches in the town.

The Mayor has agreed to seek a meeting with Lloyd's local manager in order to assure the bank of the town's concern for its continuing presence in Saltash. 60s. armed with Kodak Brownie 127s. On the sloping end of Saltash's platform 2, they snapped westbound puffing Castles or packed Kings, hauling carriages of excited families to Cornish holiday beaches. Not surprisingly, in every photo, beyond the coppercapped chimneys, rose the iconic spans of Brunel's Royal Albert Bridge, still fuelling bygone memories years on... and raising memorabilia prices, it seems. Simon Turner of GW

Auctions Railwayana (www.gwra.co.uk or 01386 760109) currently has over 30 Totems (among them NEWTON ABBOT and TRURO) in his next auction on March 16th, as well as lamps and locomotive nameplates. "Saltash is the star of the show," he smiled. "Because of its bridge provenance it should make £4000, or more." Away from the auctionroom, one wonders, with local attention currently focused on restoring the station building, if there somehow might be a home for said prodigal Totem there? Food for thought!

An identical WADEBRIDGE Totem made £4500 recently, whereas most fetch considerably less.... and nearby Tavistock, not to be outdone, proudly displays the much grander brass town nameplate of the West Country Class locomotive, Tavistock, in their Guildhall! Still small beer perhaps,

considering that GW Railwayana's recent November auction set a world record by selling one of two Flying Scotsman nameplates (she now carries replicas) to help a bankruptcy settlement, her second - supporting a mainline steam locomotive doesn't come cheap. Flying Scotsman is now owned by York's National Railway Museum. And the final price for that original 1923 nameplate?... With bids soaring at £1000 each...

£64,500!

Rumour has it the sister plate was seized by Barclays Bank...! Ian Robinson



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Council's information service at

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bags hold around three black

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secure Velcro fastening, a tie at

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**News from Saltash Town Council** Konsel an dre Essa



Planning

Approved

At a recent Saltash Town

planning application from

Lloyds Bank was heard

for a new branch entrance

door with level access on

Fore Street in the town

and was approved.

Council meeting

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### Watch Your Rubbish

There continues to be problems resulting from residents putting out bin bags for collection too early. All are reminded that it should not be put outside the property until one hour before the earliest collection time of 7 a.m.

Attacks on bags by seagulls the back and a weighted base to stop them blowing away after often results on rubbish strewn collection. Otherwise bags may along pavements and residents are advised that until collection be covered with sheeting or placed in a dustbin. Pleas take empty bins back into your seagulls and other birds and property after rubbish is animals that might cause collected. A reminder, also, is

appropriate that as rubbish bags are collected by hand no sharp objects should be placed in them. Broken glass should be securely wrapped, labelled as "glass" or if possible, put them in a solid labelled box and left adjacent to the bag.

#### Saltash Town Council Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a Saltash Town Councillor for North Ward, following the resignation of Garry Taylor

If, within 14 days after the date of the Notice of Vacancy (14.02.19), a request for an election to fill the said vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer of Cornwall Council at the Council Offices. St Austell Information Service, 39 Penwinnick Road, St Austell PL25 5DR (phone 01209 614373) by TEN or more electors for the said Ward an election will be held to fill the vacancy.

If the Returning Officer receives fewer than ten written requests for an election by 14th February 2019 the Town Council will fill the vacancy by co-option.

### Parks Enhanced

for Public Enjoyment

As part of the Environmental Growth Strategy, Cornwall Council is investing in urban green spaces across seven Cornish towns, Saltash being one of the seven Cornish towns to benefit.

Public consultation took place last spring where the designs were available to view. Work is now underway at the following sites including new paths, planting, bulbs and trees

across Saltash. All works are due to be completed by March 2019: **Grenfell Estate** 

#### Longstone Park Saltmill Park

Walfelton Field A number of aspects have

started across these sites with new paths and seating at Saltmill and Longstone, Warfelton. Those who enjoy visiting or passing by will have noticed young trees being planted and beds of shrubs, laid down along the edges of these popular recreation sites. addition, bee friendly wild flowers should be blooming by the summer for greater enjoyment of the enhanced park areas.

Dog Owners - Please Clean Up Nown Councillors have been concerned at the growing problem of dog mess on our pavements, verges and public green spaces. As reported elsewhere Saltash has the

unenviable ranking of second most town in Cornwall for this nuisance which is not only unsightly and unpleasant but a hazard to health.

The town is anxious to clean up on this unhappy issue. One solution would be to employ a local town dog warden, to supplement Cornwall's enforcement officer, but this would be an additional expense to local council tax pavers.

Meanwhile all dog owners are one again urged to clean up after their pets, to take appropriate bags when exercising them, and to deposit them in the bins around the town marked for this purpose. It is hoped that education might avoid the need for further costly enforcement. The town's Services Committee is due to consider this issue together with litter and fixed penalties generally.

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#### **Zero Tolerance** on Anti-Social **Behaviour**

A policy of zero tolerance is being called for in respect of mounting complaints regarding anti-social Such behaviour behaviour. covers a wide band of conduct which detracts from public enjoyment of the town and ranges through abuse and foul language to dropping of litter, graffiti and vandalism.

Elsewhere it has been noted that where such behaviour is permitted to continue it escalates into a more severe problem, while zero tolerance makes for a safer and more pleasant environment within the town.

All authorities including police, town council, schools and youth organisations are sought to work together to encourage one and all to consider ones neighbours and the general public in all matters.

#### Hanging Baskets

Saltash Town Council will again be renewing the hanging baskets in Fore Street this year and will be ready in time for summer.



### Saltash Citizen Award Saltash Environmental **Citizen Award** & Saltash Young Citizen **Award 2019**

ach year Saltash Town Council, in conjunction with the Rotary Club, select a Saltash resident to receive the Saltash Citizen Award and, in 2017 for the first time, a Saltash Environmental Citizen Award. These are prestigious awards, which go to a man, or woman who has served his or her community/environment in some special way. It could be an outstanding one-off contribution to the well-being of the Town or consideration will be given also to a person who has given a period of service to the Town, not just in the prior year, however the person must still be active and cannot be an employee or member of Saltash Town Council.

There is also a similar award for the Young Citizen, who should be under the age of 21 and living in Saltash

Nominations for the 2019 awards are now being requested. Each recommendation should be accompanied by a note specifying the reasons for the suggestion and contact details. Nominations should be sent to:

Town Clerk, Saltash Town Council, The Guildhall, 12 Lower Fore Street, Saltash, PL12 6JX or by e-mail to mayorssecretary@saltash.gov.uk by Friday 15th March, 2019

#### Council Told to Look on Bright Side

An otherwise serious debate in Saltash Town Council was interrupted by a musical suggestion to "Always look on the bright side of life."

The interventions from the Monty Python team informed members of what Councillor Mike Parker uses as his mobile

PUBLIC TO	LET OPENING TIME	S
Longstone Park		
Seasonal opening:	Closed October to March	
	Open April to September	
Opening times:	0800hrs - 1900hrs	
Belle Vue		
Open all year		
Opening times:	0800hrs -1700hrs	
<u>Waterside</u>		
Winter opening times	s: 0800hrs - 1700hrs	
Summer opening tim	nes: 0800hrs - 1900hrs	
<u>Alexandra Square</u>		
Open all year:	0700 - 1900 hrs.	

### Mayoral **Points of**

### View...

Dear Resident, Here we are in 2019 and moving

exorably on to March 29th and Brexit, in whatever form? How will this affect Saltash

and our day to day lives?

No one knows the answer to this, so your Council are moving on with plans already in the pipeline.

Recently, members of the Station Sub Committee, met with the designated Project Manager for the Station Building refurbishment to go over time lines and last-minute details This was a good constructive meeting and I am really excited all the hard work put in by so many people will soon be rewarded with a Building to be proud of.

Councillors are also finalising details of the new committee structure, which if ratified will bring the Council decision making and processes to a more efficient level.

On the ground, the Town Wardens are busy maintaining Council assets, keeping grit bins full and clearing paths. Public toilets have new opening hours, which are in the Messenger page, please make vourselves aware of these times.

Finally, can I ask any resident who has a question/query with regard to your Council operation, please in the first instance ring or contact the Guildhall, contact numbers are in the Messenger.

Yours Sincerely John Brady Mayor of Saltash



How very sad it was to read in your January issue that the Livewire Youth Project had declined to be the Mayor's charity for 2018-2019. The Trustees of Livewire state this is due to" various and Personal Political controversies and disputes within the town and Town Council"

I really cannot understand why the Trustees feel that they should in any way be associated with local controversies in accepting such a kind offer?

Christmas

We hope, however, to work

with the Town Council to have

some, at least, of the lights in

Fore Street lit before that date

The Chamber members

welcomed the news that the

County Council will not be

increasing the car parking

charges in April for shoppers.

More good news for shoppers

is that Community Enterprises

will be relaunching the Saltash

Card in the Spring. I will be,

hopefully, visiting every trader

in the town with a view to

getting discounts, special offers

etc. for cardholders and

members of Community

Enterprises PL12. As the

community of Saltash you now

have the choice to either have

the Saltash Card, for which

to give the Christmas feeling.

Surely it is their duty under the Charity Commission remit to raise their profile and money to maximise their Charity objectives. T understand that Livewire accepted £15000 from the Council in December, and in the last 4 years have accepted a total of £65,000 of Ratepayers money, despite a number of controversies surrounding Saltash Town Council and previous Mayors in the last few years.

In this respect, I do practise what I preach.

For most of 2018, I was proud to serve and be associated with the Town War Centenary Great Committee, despite the fact disputes and controversies occurring. Our Committee dedicated itself to carry out its work for the more important purpose of remembering and honouring our dead.

In the wider aspect, I believe this decision by Livewire reflects badly on our Town and Town Council. This is a clear example of a Council which has fallen into disrepute, through their bickering and personal agenda. This behaviour has caused a worthwhile Charity understand to he disadvantaged, not only in not getting more funding, but also the negative publicity it has caused. It certainly appears Town some Councillors and local organisations appear to have lost sight of their purpose?

Surely, people put themselves forward to be Councillors, so as to represent the community they serve and not to indulge in internecine warfare. The continuing ongoing controversies and disputes evident in Saltash Town Council surely take up so much time and emotional energy, this must reduce the effectiveness of their local government work?

image of this The behaviour, cited by Livewire, and heard about read publicly, indicates to many a dereliction of duty. I do hope this image is not to widespread creating yet further negative comments, and that another local Charity will take up the Mayor's offer.

Saltash, my home Town, deserves better from this Council and its constant bickering.

Yours Sincerely

Barry Brooking

### Chamber Chaiman Peter Ryland – Keeping us Updated

had been hoping to write a report this month about the prospect of making an application for some government funding under the Future High Street Fund which has been set up to assist town centres. However, to make an application it has to be supported by, in our case, Cornwall Council, who have decided only to support one application and such must be from a community with a population in excess of 20,000 (Saltash is only 16,500). So only Falmouth, Camborne, Penzance and Newquay qualify. Not surprisingly all in the West of the County, the East of Cornwall is forgotten again.

what way CEPL12 should At our meeting in January move forward. Don't forget to the Chamber members were pop into No. 4 Fore Street and informed that the Santas on Bikes event in 2019 will be on sign up. the 7th December and as this is

As a trader in Saltash you a major element of the have the chance to be included in one of the strongest Festival the members decided to hold the marketing tools for the Saltash event on that day, subject to community which, hopefully, will boost trade within the finding the funding. So put December 7th in your diary. town

#### Watch For **Scottish Notes**

Forged Scottish bank notes have been circulating in the Saltash area, Police have warned. While Scottish notes are

legal tender in England, (and Cornwall) most people locally are unfamiliar with them and so have difficulty in assessing whether they are genuine. Denominations of £50 notes have been seen and

businesses in particular are warned to instruct staff as to policy in respect of accepting notes of such high value. The fake notes should be distinguished by holding them to the light. They also

there is a charge of  $\pounds 5$  or you can become a member which is lack the hologram of genuine free and gives you the currency. additional benefit as to a sav in



lans to prioritise cycle and pedestrian movements in Saltash town centre over those of vehicles have been drawn up but have caused concern to town councillors and residents on roads affected.

The plans prepared by difficult parking situation for Solutions are in residents in this early 20th accordance with government residential century policy to promote "green" worsened by replacement of transport and details of local single yellow lines, not effective plans have been displayed on between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m., by lampposts in affected areas. double vellow lines. These include North Road, He also queried whether there Station Road, Fore Street, was sufficient space for a cycle Lower Fore Street, Culver Road, lane in a six metre wide road, Victoria Road and Wesley Road. where parked vehicles leave only around four metres clear The objectives put forward are to provide advantages over car for passing vehicles up to 2-4

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improvement.

be a one way street.

recommendations.

One

where, by the Guildhall, cyclists

could go round a blind corner on

what they mistakenly believe to

expressed belief that the

planners had never been to the

town and drew up plans based

on a map, though others advised

that planners had paid repeated

visits and walked the roads on

which they were making

A Victoria Road resident, Mr

Andrew Barratt wrote to the

council and addressed the

monthly council meeting to

express his concerns over a

proposed cycle lane in Victoria

Road and Wesley Road. He

could foresee the already

town

councillor

usage for short local trips and metres wide. Furthermore the encourage more use of cycling proposed contra flow cycle lane, for commuting and leisure as with cyclists riding against the well as enhancing the one way system, could confuse environment for pedestrians. both cyclists and vehicle drivers, While generally welcoming possibly encouraging cyclists on the principal town councillors to the pavement. expressed concern that this Some town councillors

shared Mr. Barrett's doubts as to would create considerable whether cyclist would choose to disruption for a minimal ride around Wesley and Victoria They were especially concerned at the Road rather than just continue mixing of cycles and heavy on down Fore Street. vehicles and gave an example of

"We have the money to spend and must do it in the best possible way" was the view of a councillor.

Local town councils were invited to comment on the proposals and Saltash agreed to advise Cornwall Council that they had serious reservations and wished to be kept informed on progress of the plans.



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romoting a greener, more prosperous Cornwall has been one of Cornwall Council's priorities for a number of years already. In 2009, for example, we began an "Invest to Save" project to replace and upgrade our 51,000 street lights. At the end of the three-year project, Cornwall had the largest dynamicallycontrolled street lighting infrastructure in the world. Not only has this led to savings of £10 million in energy and maintenance costs, but it has also delivered a reduction in light pollution and in carbon footprint - from 10,040 tCO2 to 6,794 tCO2.

In other work, the Council's close partnership with bus and train companies will deliver improvements to the public transport system: contactless payment on buses has already been introduced, and later this we'll the year see introduction of a twicehourly rail service through Cornwall, with integrated smart ticketing for bus, rail



public transport.

And last

spearheaded a campaign

called Litterless Cornwall,

encouraging residents to

keep Cornwall beautiful. As

well as polluting the

taxpayers' money to clear

up: last year, Cornwall

Council spent more than £5

million on cleaning streets

and beaches, money that

could have been spent

elsewhere if people had left

only their footprints, not

litter. The green message has resonated with the

general public, and more

than 1,200 people have now

signed up with Cornwall

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and our PL12 community For Observer readers From Councillor Hilary Frank Saltash South

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and ferry. This should Council to become hopefully encourage a volunteer 'Green modal shift to greater use of Champions There are also issues

related to climate change that need to be tackled. As a exposed particularly peninsula, increased rainfall, stormier winters and a rise in sea levels pose great risks to Cornwall. The Council has been investing in measures to improve resilience to flooding and coastal erosion, delivering, for example, the £3.7million coastal resilience scheme along the frontage of Mount's Bay. Recently, however, these projects have not been

managed as part of coherent and monitored programme of work, and environmentalists, including dedicated volunteers from Saltash Environmental



reducing carbon emissions. We all have a part to play on an individual level, too: perhaps we need to be less wasteful of food, or have one meat-free day a week, drive less or mend things rather than simply throwing them away. Opportunities locally include the wonderful 'Saltash Scrapstore' on Fore Street, which is a treasure trove of scraps and runs plenty of workshops as well as a Sewing Club. Or you could take part in one of the litter picks by SEA and monthly organised supported by Cornwall Council (the Council provides insurance and collects the bags of litter). Valiant beavers from Saltash scouts braved the cold weather at the January litter pick and managed to collect over 50 bags of rubbish.

On the very same day we were debating climate change at Cornwall Council, David Attenborough was making a speech in Davos: The Garden of Eden is no more" he said, reminding everyone that: "What we do now and in the next few years will profoundly affect the next few thousand years." Cornwall Council has resolved to do what it can to implement practical solutions

### Making Mother's Day

#### d could not be everv-where

and therefore he made mothers," so says a Jewish proverb. And once a year sons and daughters of all ages are given the opportunity to try to repay their mothers by making them feel, for a day, the special people that they are.

Dating from an old English custom when medieval parishioners would, on a Sunday in mid Lent, return to their mother church of their parish to make offerings, the custom grew of those who had travelled a distance bringing with them a posy of flowers plucked for their mothers. In some parts it became customary to take a small gift which might be frumenty or a simnel cake, for a family feast.

Flowers and food still form traditional mother's day offerings, though a bouquet from a florists is more usual. Meanwhile the food may range from a young child's attempt to prepare breakfast in bed for a grateful mother, to a special Mother's Day lunch or dinner in one of the many and inns restaurants welcoming the family. A posy of flowers, a bar of chocolate, a simnel cake or a dining experience, from medieval England to today's busy world, it's the thought that counts for mothers who are made to feel appreciated.

### Civic and Ceremonial **Changes to** Protocol

wo recent changes to the Saltash civic protocol relate to civic funerals and the deputy Mayor's pendant.

Any serving councillor who dies during their term of office will be entitled to a civic funeral if the family so wishes. This is in addition to a similar entitlement by any former Mayor, again if the family so wishes. Civic funerals formally are attended by councillors with Mayor in full regalia wearing the chain of office.

The Deputy Mayor's pendent should not be worn in the presence of the Mayor excepting, it has now been agreed, at Mayor choosing and all official civic and ceremonial events when in the presence of the Mayor and / or any occasion that the council approves of.

"Saltash Town Council has a proud history of civic admired dress for generations and should be proudly featured when and where appropriate," Deputy Mayor Gloria Challen had recommended.



The recent announcement that Councillor Garry Taylor was to resign from Saltash Town Council has led to speculation concerning the number of such resignations over the past year, Mayor Councillor John Brady told the town council. He is the fourth councillor to resign from the sixteen member council.

In each case there has been employment and Garry Taylor's reasons are declared a different and perfectly valid as not being down to the reason, said the Mayor, Chris council. Cook left in order to take up a There will now be a job as clerk to a neighbouring further by-election if sought parish and Steve Thorn resigned due to a situation in

by sufficient voters in the Saltash North Ward Otherwise there will be a further co-option.

# intrigue fashions Spring Stock Now Arriving! Winter Wear Sale Ongoing!

which this was asked for

Casey Warrington left the

area

due to her new

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## Just Be Coffee Wine Lounge **Mothering Sunday Menu** Sunday 31st March 2019

#### —Menu —

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Spotlight on Cornwall Councillors in SE Cornwall

### **New Cherry Tree for** Longstone

ornwall Councillors and members of Saltash Environmental Action were on hand to help and Andrew from James CORMAC's Landscaping Team plant one of the new cherry trees in Longstone Park today. The initiative is part of a collaborative project with the University of Exeter worth  $\pounds$ 3.5 million that is being led by Cornwall Council to deliver a major investment in the urban green spaces of 7 Cornish towns, making them better places for wildlife and more accessible for all.

Cornwall Council managed to secure just under £3 million of EU funding to deliver this 'Green Infrastructure for Growth project. Improvements in Saltash include the planting of trees on Grenfell Estate, creating a green corridor and sense of space; the planting of thousands of bulbs, and the installation of a new path,

picnic table and benches at the trees have reached maturity Warfelton; the planting of and the wildflower meadows wetland have become established, but areas, springflowering bulbs and willow at already plants like the ragged Saltmill Park; and the planting robin seem to be feeling at of trees and pollinator-friendly home at Saltmill, and residents

flowers in newly-created beds at Longstone Park. Work is still ongoing at the 4 Saltash sites, and the full

table at Longstone to rest and effects won't be realised until enjoy the stunning views across the River Tamar and Charity beyond to Dartmoor

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#### **Heritage Party** in Line for Award

Museum stewards, committee members and trustees of Heritage Saltash who assembled for the annual "thank you" party for stewards were delighted to hear that the party itself was shortlisted for a Cornwall Heritage award for museum initiatives. The party is held each Winter to mark the committee's appreciation of all that the volunteer stewards do to welcome visitors in the museum.

Stewards and others were welcomed by Chairman Bob Monro before a pasty lunch. There followed as tribute to secretary Lizzy Sharpe-Asprey by curator David Kent who presented her with a collection of the letters of appreciation that he had collected from throughout the region while successfully nominating her for the British Empire Medal.

It was then time for the stewards to receive their various awards in categories including "squatters" (most sessions served) "stoics" and newbie"

All then came together to socialise over a fast and frantic Beetle Drive to conclude the afternoon

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#### Boscastle

#### June. 26th Wednesday (POA)

Come and join Age Concern Social Club on their yearly coach trip. We are stopping at Trelawney Garden Centre for cup of tea. Boscastle is a tiny port with a natural harbour, set in a narrow ravine, and boasts some very attractive thatches and white washed cottages and gift shops. It is also famed for its Witchcraft Museum with a ghoulish mixture of exhibit.

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### Saltash & District Observer - February 2019 - Page 5 **Church Seeks Support to Help** the Homeless

The problem of homelessness is felt in Saltash, as in other smaller towns, as we have reported several times recently, and Saltash Baptist Church is seeking the Town Council's support in its efforts to aid those affected.

seeking an action plan to

make sure that they are not

wasting time playing with

these peoples life and

demeaning them. He sought

to ensure that Saltash is a supportive place for those

who find themselves in this

Town Councillors noted

Plymouth's

that Cornwall Council does

have a new "rough sleeping"

situation.

initiative.

Over the last six months minister Tim Parkman has had a number of people turn up at the church seeking help. The church has helped them find temporary overnight accommodation and spoken to them the next day offering support to see them on their way

One challenge, the church has discovered, is that these people frequently seek help on a Saturday evening and most of the services which could offer help are closed on Sundays. On one occasion somebody had to be driven over to Plymouth as Cornwall had only one person in the office and all that could be offered was overnight accommodation in Truro. The person wanted to head the other way and Plymouth was able to help with onward transport.

The Reverend Tim Parkman sought the town's backing in particular to find a process which ensured that on any day of the week practical support could be available without the person being sent down to Truro. Currently a lot of the time church members are ringing around seeking any help they can find to get these people on the way to their destination.

"We are more than happy to do this and more than

happy to be the place where people are directed if they are in this situation," confirmed Reverend Parkman in a letter to the town council, while



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Shekinah Mission helps the homeless and covers the Saltash area but is closed at weekends.

The Mayor, Councillor John Brady who has previously discussed the issue of homelessness with Mr. Parkman, confirmed that he would report to him that the town council is aware of the problem and is seeking to action it.





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### **Air Polluted Village Seeks** Safe Crossing

ast flowing traffic passing through the centre of Tideford village is not only a health hazard, with the nitrogen dioxide levels being twice the legal limit, but endangers all of those wishing to cross the village street at the existing inadequate crossing point.

This is the claim put forward by concerned local residents seeking primarily a safer pedestrian crossing and ultimately a dual carriageway by-pass. Currently there is no

marked crossing on the A38, simply a traffic island. To reach it residents must face traffic approaching at a legal speed of 40 m.p.h., and often in considerable excess of this. The visibility is poor and often further hindered by weather conditions and by parked cars. Children on the way to school and adults have to wait for long periods by the roadside or on the traffic island inhaling noxious air,

where pollution is at its worst,

often before risking a rush in front of fast approaching traffic. Nearby Landrake has a footbridge but this would not be possible in Tideford without demolition of at least one property. Villagers have prepared written а presentation seeking a proper light controlled crossing, speed limits reduced to 30 m.p.h. with enforcement camera, better road signage to warn motorists of a crossing, an enlarged and improved traffic island and the manning of the crossing by a lollipop person at school times.

It took a fatality for Landrake to receive its footbridge. Tideford residents do not want to wait for a similar tragedy before action is taken. In addition a petition is seeking that the 2020-25 Road investment strategy

### Conundrum Corner

includes the duelling of the

Taking the initial letter to the one-word answers to the following nine questions can you re-arrange them to make a Cornish place name? 1 In which Jane Austin novel did Henry Knightley marry Miss Woodhouse?

(4)2 Chinese Gooseberry is another name for which fruit? (4) 3 Mount Logan, at 19,524

feet, is the highest peak in which Country? (6) 4 Which group of crime fighters was led by Eliot Ness? (12) 5 What is Entomophobia

the morbid fear of? (76 What was Helen Shapiro Walking Back To in 1961? (9) 7 Which is the second

largest of the Scilly Islands? (6)8 William Penn was the 17th century religious leader of

which Christian Movement? (7) 9 In which Musical does Ado Annie sing "I'm just a girl who can't say no"? (8) Answers on Page 7

A38 from Carkeel to Trerulefoot. The current road, it is claimed, restrains economic growth, severs communities such as Tideford, and has an accident

record between two and three times the national average.

Saltash Has Gone to the Dogs

The many who complain about the he state of the town's pavements and open spaces will not be surprised that Saltash is second only to Penzance as the most dog befouled town in Cornwall.

This unenviable record was proved by Cornwall Council records showing there to have been 429 complaints of dog mess in the last nine months of 2018. Of those seventeen are from Saltash, exceeded only by twenty from Penzance.

Local councillors who hold monthly open air 'surgeries' in Fore Street on Saturday mornings often find dog mess to be the major local concern.

Dog owners are warned that dog wardens are active in the area and a failure to pick up the mess merits a fixed penalty of £100 or fine of up to £1,000 if the matter goes to court.

### Tamar to **Form Part** of National Park

he River Tamar off Saltash is set to be a part of Britains's first national marine park. European funding totalling £75,000 has been allocated for Plymouth, together with neighbouring local authorities, to help set up what will be the equivalent of a national park such as and Exmoor. Dartmoor Stretching from Looe to Salcombe it includes the Tamar estuary up beyond Saltash to Ernesettle Creek.

These waters have been identified as of international importance and the creation of a marine park offers opportunities to engage with the environmentally sensitive waters with their wide array of plant and animal life. Plymouth is now invited to consult with its neighbouring authorities as to what they want from its anticipated national marine park status.

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#### Crime **Continues to Fall After Drug** Arrests

Proactive police work to counter drug trafficking in the Saltash area has seen the arrest of three key offenders, Inspector Julian Morris has reported to the Cornwall Community Gateway Network Panel. Local Police have been working with colleagues elsewhere to break down the "county lines" whereby often young teenagers are carrying drugs from the cities to be sold in small towns such as Saltash.

With the report of these arrests Inspector Morris was also able to confirm that crime figures were down compared with the same period the previous year across the network area save for St. Germans which has seen a slight increase.

Police were also continuing to work with Safer Saltash and the Tamar Bridge authority to tackle community safety issues, in particular preventing jumping from the bridge.

Staffing levels of policing remain constant and though there has been some redeployment no changes are anticipated in police numbers within the area.

#### Support for New Mothers

Bringing a child into the world is for most new mothers the most thrilling and satisfying of life's experiences, but like most experiences it can be confusing and challenging.

Saltash is pioneering an initiative for new mothers to receive mutual help and support while enjoying an exercise routine aimed to get the body back into physical shape.

Doctors can now prescribe sessions of exercise for those suffering post natal depression or simply needing to socialise and compare experiences with those in a similar position . Babies are also welcomed and offered the chance to socialise, along with mothers and the service is free on local doctor's prescription.

### **SHERYLL MURRAY** MP

WRITES..

t has been a busy time in Parliament. We have again discussed our. withdrawal from the European Union. There were a number of amendments put forward. Many tried to kick the can down the road by extending the article 50 vehicle by which we are leaving the EU What we need is decisions to be made. Extending the amount of time we are going to talk about Brexit would, in my view, do very little. The EU has a long history of making decisions at the 11th hour. If we do not push this then we will not get a good deal. I voted against these amendments. I am disappointed that the amendment put forward by Caroline Spellman to rule out leaving without a deal was passed because it will weaken our negotiation position. That said I understand it is not a binding vote on the Government.

I did however vote for the amendment put forward by my friend Graham Brady. The amendment empowered the Prime Minister to go back to Brussels and say that there would be no deal with the backstop in its current form. It is unacceptable to treat parts of the UK differently and be pushed into a deal which we cannot get out of. I am pleased that this amendment passed and wish the Prime Minister well in her negotiations. It is not just Brexit that we are working on in

Parliament. Labour voted against the Immigration Bill last month, making clear that they have no interest in getting control of our borders as we leave the EU. Labour cannot be trusted to end free movement, despite promising to in their



election manifesto. Instead, Jeremy Corbyn and Diane Abbott have talked down to those with concerns at every single opportunity, while repeatedly opening the door to continuing with freedom of movement post-Brexit Only the Conservatives will end free movement and build a fair and skills-based immigration system. That means getting control of our borders, whilst continuing to attract the brightest and the best.

I was pleased to join the Freemasons recently for Burns their Night celebration. The Meridian Lodge held the event to raise money for charity and to maintain the lodge room for the use of local organisations. I learnt a bit more about the Scottish Bard and would like to thank the caterers for the excellent traditional haggis. I am please that quite a bit of money was raised for the charity.

I am also pleased that we have seen money for local causes. I welcome the announcement that the Government has awarded £50,000 towards creating a community-owned centre at the site of The Old Ship Inn at Cawsand which burned The down in 2013. application was made to the Coastal Revival Fund by the Peninsula Trust and it is planned to create new jobs and provide low-cost housing for local people. The project was one of 23 in England that will receive grants.

I would also like to thank Aviva for awards to some projects in my constituency. They are providing new Floodlighting for the Training Pitch at Saltash RFC, new ICT equipment at Carbeile Junior School and a Musical sensory board for Thanckes Park.

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### New Wards Named

The redrawing of Cornwall Council ward boundaries, with the anticipated reduction of their numbers will leave Saltash with three instead of the current four wards. One of these three will include several of the rural parishes around, including Landrake, Botus Fleming and Landulph.

New ward names to replace the present four points of the compass, have been up for discussion and open to suggestion. The final recommendation from the Boundary Commission are Saltash Essa, Saltash Tamar, and Saltash Trematon and Landrake.

It is planned to reduce the number of Cornwall Councillors, and hence the wards, from 123 to 87.

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### **Parking** Costs Unchanged, Cornwall Confirms

here will be no immediate increase in parking charges in Saltash, Cornwall Council has confirmed. Charges will increase only in line with inflation and after rounding down these increases costs will remain the same. While welcoming this news

on behalf of local traders Saltash Chamber of Commerce also discussed the possibility of seeking that the first hour, or two hours, be made free in order to encourage shopping in Saltash.

Long term plans for local car parks will include the installation of new barriers and meters for payment, The chamber agreed to invite Craig Taylor, Cornwall's parking officer, to attend a forthcoming meeting to discuss local parking issue.

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Saltash Old Cornwall Society

hile the renowned parson poet Robert Hawker, author of "Trelawny" is the best known of his family, he is but one of an illustrious line as his namesake Mark Trelawny made clear in an illustrated talk to Saltash Old Cornwall Society.

where he wrote his verses.

sometimes dressed as a

excommunicated a cat for

mousing on the Sabbath. More

seriously he discouraged the

local practice of wrecking and

ensured a Christian burial for

all drowned seamen found on

the coast, as well as founding

His Grandfather also Robert

Hawker was also a clergyman,

more in the evangelical

traditions. Charles Church.

Plymouth was enlarged to

accommodate the thousands

who came to hear "the Star of

the West", as he was known,

preach. He also founded the

first purpose built Sunday

Members of the Hawker

family also have a proud

maritime and military tradition

and Mr. Hawker outlined the

interesting career of Captain

James Hawker R.N., who

served in the American and

French wars of the 18th

century. He concluded with a

tribute to Lanoe Hawker, pilot

of World War I who won the

School.

the harvest festival service,

fool his

and

mermaid to

parishioners.

Mr. Hawker opened with a VC before being shot down in verbal portrait of the Vicar of a dogfight by the famous Red Morwnestow would walk his Baron pet pig to his cliff top hut

Society members joined in singing "Trelawny" in tribute to the best known Hawker. before secretary Martin Lister gave the vote of thanks.

#### **Trematon WI**

Trematon WI celebrated New Year with a delicious meal at the China Fleet Club followed by a lively disco.

The first meeting of 2019, President Gill Higgins welcomed everyone and introduced the speaker Dr Jonathan Clarke DC, who gave a talk entitled 'Connecting your Inner Healer' Jonathan explained to us all the wonderful workings of the human body and how with a few lifestyle changes we could be the best version of ourselves without drugs.

The talk was fascinating and enlightening and gave us all food for thought.

Competition: Old Fashion Health Remedies won by Diane Shann, Sheila Keene & Heather Sammels.

The winner of the Pressed Flower Collage was Sheila Keene.

#### **Hollywood Heart Throb in Climate Change Role**

Leonardo Di Caprio starred in the first film of the Winter season to be shown by Saltash Environmental Action Group to a packed session in the Guildhall. Far from his role as the heartthrob of 'Titanic'. Di Caprio was in a role as emissary for the United Nations and was reporting upon the two years spent travelling the world to report on climate change. 'All I have seen and learned has terrified me', he reported back to the U.N.

'Before the Flood', filmed him speaking to all from Inuit fishermen in the Arctic to American President and from the Pope to Pacific islanders whose homelands were threatened with inundation. He visited Mordor like fossil fuel fields and described his experience as 'like some mad science fiction film except its real and its happening right now.' There were some messages of

hope, scientists who confirmed that the world can avert catastrophe still by transition to energy sustainable and recommending a universal carbon tax.

The film provoked lively discussion as to how a community such as Saltash could think globally and act locally. After having watched the ecologically rich Indonesian rain forest burnt to provide palm oil plantations it was agreed at least to limit palm oil consumption and campaign against its sale.

first

occasionally to my irritation,

that in mixed buffets the

omnivores often make a beeline

for the veggie food, meaning

that I have to move quickly to get fed. It makes a lot more

sense to me to shift the balance

so that more food does cater to

these diets, especially since

omnivores can eat it all too.

Indeed both my Mum

(omnivore) and I went out for

breakfast at a certain Saltash Waterside eatery this morning,

and we both went for the rather

splendid veggie breakfast. Although I have strong views about some practices in parts of

the meat industry, I certainly

don't want to force anyone to

give up meat: I'd just like

everyone to have a decent range

of choice whatever their dietary

requirements or preferences

Adam Killeva

are.

hand.

### **Essa** Files

mentioned last month that veganism than I have of the I'm not a fan of new year's reverse. As a veggie who is resolutions - if it's worth never likely to be a vegan doing, why wait until January, (because I love cheese too and if it's not then why bother? much) I've never had vegans - but I was interested to see telling me that 'cheese is quite how many people this murder', but I have had meat year were having a try at eaters getting snarky because I 'Veganuary': going vegan for a eat veggie sausages, as though month. One upside of this is there's something inherently that it emphasises the point that carnivorous about a tube of many people miss: that a veggie protein product. Similarly I or vegan diet doesn't have to be found it bizarre this month how 'all or nothing'. Clearly if you some people, including some have an unshakeable moral famous ones, got actively belief that using any animal offended by the concept of the products is wrong then Gregg's vegan sausage roll, veganism will be a permanent when no one was either decision, but it's perfectly stopping them from eating meat coherent to want to cut down ones or trying to force the vegan versions down their your meat or animal product intake without eliminating it: if throats. for example your reasons are I am very much in favour of ecological (a veggie or vegan there being more vegan options diet involves emitting less even before I was a vegetarian CO2), but you still enjoy meat I felt it was unfair that so few or animal products then a menu options catered for temporary period of abstention, veggies and vegans. I've also witnessed or indeed going 'low meat'

The one side of Veganuary I struggle with though is the fundamentalist purists, but you might be surprised to learn that I'm mostly not referring to vegans: although there are exceptions out there all the vegans I personally know see it as an individual choice rather than as something 'everyone' has to do. I've actually had much more experience of people being offended by other people's vegetarianism or

without eliminating it entirely,

makes sense.

#### **Conundrum Answers:**

Опетриоск arranged the letters spell Quakers 9 Oklahoma Re-Happiness 7 Tresco Untouchables 5 Insects l Emma 2 Kiwi 3 Canada 4 Saltash & District Observer - February 2019 - Page 7

#### **New Houses** Hospital's **"Out of Future Open** for Discussion Character"

lanned new dwellings

Castlemead Drive were

A proposed four bedroom

detached house on land in

Coombe Road adjoining

overbearing and out of

character from neighbouring

properties, it was agreed.

There were also concerns as

to existing trees and wildlife.

detached dwelling at 28

considered to be an over

development, out of character

and not in keeping with the

Plans for two new

dwellings at Churchtown

Drive were agreed and

recommended for approval

subject to each having

permeable hard standing

ground and the existing

being

Castlemead Drive

street scene.

drains

appropriate

Similarly a plan for a

21 would be

was

made

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recommended for refusal by

Saltash Town Council.

Number

for Coombe Road and

onsultation regarding the future of St. Barnabas Hospital and other local health services was due to commence early this year, a meeting of the patient groups of the two surgeries and the League of Friends of St. Barnabas was told.

Final conclusions are not anticipated until the autumn. with action any recommended to follow thereafter. Meanwhile the town lacks a minor injuries unit and the inpatient wards at St. Barnabas remain empty.

"I doubt that there will ever be beds for patients at St. Barnabas again" believes Peter Thistlethwaite, Chair of Community Enterprises PL12, "My belief is that the wards are not up to modern standards", he added, "It is still a sad loss to the town and the public and local councillors should be concerned.'

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s the new year in Saltash comes around, while we look forward to another year of reporting to you on the special events, regular favourite happenings, and news worthy occurrences that each year brings, we do enjoy looking back on the past year within our lively and friendly community.

This year our January paper was so filled with matters of interest that we were anxious to bring to you that we decided, in our looking back, just to restrict ourselves to the truly outstanding events that Saltash organised to mark the memorable centenary of the end of World War I. So we now have pleasure in looking back on some of the other happenings, of local interest that marked 2018 in Saltash

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### Winter

"See, Winter comes to rule the varied year sullen and sad'

James Thompson (1700 – 1748) Scottish Poet

s the sounds of the church bells and fireworks heralding in 2018 died away the first stories to hit the headlines vere ones that would continue to run throughout the year and into 2019 - "Carkeel plans rejected", we reported of early proposal for our new retail park. "What's happening at the station?" we queried, the answer proving to be - quite a lot. We also queried the future of St. Barnabas Hospital and noted that regarding Tamar Bridge tolls all options were then open.

In a year that was filled with more than usually vexatious national politics we reported on the rebirth of the local Labour party, And the year was also to see a high degree of rancour in local politics and we reported not for the only time in 2018, upon a vote of no confidence in the town's Mavor, one which Councillor Jean Dent survived. Local council tax was due to rise - nothing new there. Two issues which we would be interested to follow up, included the promise of Saltash joining the anti-plastic revolution, referred to again in January 2019, and a suggestion of imported beavers helping control the leat through Broadmoor we await any more news on this.



#### Spring

"In green underwood and cover blossom by blossom the spring appears" A.G. Swinburne 1837-1919



upermarket site gets go ahead, we noted in April, and those who pass through Carkeel will have seen that it now looks well set to open up on target this Spring. Carkeel motorists last April were also complaining about the traffic lights causing delay and danger.

We were saddened to report the death of our friend, former Councillor and Chamber of Commerce Chair Bruce Reid. We also reported on the loss, due to lack of usage, of the Hospital Hopper Bus.

Proposals for more space for nature in Saltash parks were made public, and the work on this has begun over the last few weeks. Similarly the Safer Saltash Initiative then proposed, has become a reality as we have been pleased to report.

In June we reported on the formal choosing of our new and current Mayor John Brady and Deputy Mayor, Gloria Challen. The Mayor pronounced himself as seeking to see Saltash take back control of the town and throughout the year your Observer has continued to report on the devolution to the town of the library, the Waterside, parks and open spaces and the Maurice Huggins Room, as well as progress on the station.

The late Spring brought sporting success to Saltash, the ladies pilot gig rowers were champions, Saltash rugby club honourable runners up at the national finals at Twickenham, both teams earning a civic reception in the Guildhall. Our guides too were triumphant in winning a badge for their work towards tomorrow's technology.

### Summer

"Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy



days of Summer" Nat King Cole n Summer time Saltash takes to the Waterside and once again we were blessed with gorgeous sunshine as a

procession of excited children dressed to the theme "Beside the Sea", wound down the town to Waterside. The sun remained throughout regatta weekend as the crowds enjoyed the events ashore and afloat.

One who was especially welcomed to the Waterside was renowned Victorian oarswoman Anne Glanville whose statue now sits overlooking the waterside close to Brunel.

We sometimes wonder at what conversations they may have when alone late at night. Visitors had the opportunity to view the plans for the Waterside which included a

boardwalk. new pier, apartments, cafe, even a cinema. Will we hear more of this in 2019 and beyond?

Up in the town another warm weekend saw crowds attend the formal unveiling in the Peace Garden of the Silent Soldier, the first of many events organised by our World War I commemoration committee. Also remembered were those

children lost before birth and commemorated by a rose bush, plaque and water feature blessed at a poignant short service at

St. Stephens.

Work at Carkeel retail park commenced, we noted in September, as we also warned of a bank closure planned for the town, Barclays, leaving Lloyds as the sole survivor. The station building works were put out to tender, while work on the Tamar Bridge led to the unwelcome discovery of asbestos, adding to costs. And an unwelcome visitor to Waterside was a massive eight foot piece of polystyrene. This was removed by our Waterside Wardens who, together with our town wardens, have had an increasing role to play through the year.

Photo: Winter Scene January 2019...The snow fell as we looked back over memorable events from 2018

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