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Outstanding Dedication Recognised

The outstanding dedication of two Saltash volunteers was recognised at the prestigious 'Cornwall Celebrates Volunteering Awards Ceremony' held at the Eden Project recently, hosted by the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, Colonel Edward Bolitho. Co-ordinated by Volunteer Cornwall, which is a leading volunteering infrastructure organisation in Cornwall, the Awards Ceremony covers eleven categories from Environmental Volunteering to Good Neighbours. Tom Swailes was shortlisted as Young Volunteer of the Year, and Carol Emmet was shortlisted in the Health and Care category for her volunteer work supporting people living with dementia. Tom went on to be the overall winner in his category.



Photo Ian Robinson

Tom has been engaged with Carefree, a charity that supports young people in care and leaving care, since the age of 13. His citation noted that from the very beginning Tom had won over people's hearts with his kind, caring and considerate attitude. Tom completed his peer mentor training at the age of 15 and for the past 3 years has been travelling to various parts of Cornwall supporting training courses and campaigning to influence change for young people in care and leaving care. In nominating him, Carefree said: "We are so proud of how far Tom has developed, matured and motivated himself to achieve all that he has."

Carol has been part of Dementia Voice PL12 since its inception in 2015. Since then, she has worked tirelessly to raise funds, all at the same time as helping to run the weekly café, organising trips and setting up a veterans group. Her citation stated: "She is a shining example of what can be achieved with determination, courage and a passion for helping others."

Councillor Hilary Frank, who represents Saltash South on Cornwall Council, attended the Ceremony to present some awards in her role as Chairman of Cornwall Council. She commented: "Meeting so many people from all across Cornwall who are volunteering to make a positive difference in their community was both humbling and inspiring. And I was super proud that Saltash was represented in two categories. Huge congratulations to Tom and Carol. So richly deserved."

Cheap Parking Offer Proves Popular

The reduced 'two hours for the price of one' parking rate is proving popular with local businesses, and their customers, it has been noted.

The 'bargain offer' of fifty pence for up to two hours parking in town centre car parks has, as was hoped, encouraged shoppers not to rush back to their cars within the hour but to linger and enjoy the range of shops and services that Fore Street and its neighbourhood have to offer. A number of local businesses have reported back to the town's Chamber of Commerce, who planned and promoted the scheme, that they have seen increased footfall as well as favourable comments from customers. Many are encouraged to stay on for coffee or other refreshment after their shopping.

The reduced parking rate, which is subsidised by money from the Section 106 fund, will continue until at least the end of March.

New Bar for Fore Street Approved

The evening economy of Saltash should be boosted by a new micro-pub in the heart of Fore Street, members of the town's Chamber of Commerce and Industry agreed.

They had been asked to offer support for a new bar proposed for 73 Fore Street, which had most recently been the premises for a convenience store. The Chamber wrote a letter in support of the proposed change of use and licensing application.

The Town Council has now recommended approval for the new licensed premises, which it is understood, will specialise in specialist beers.

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From the Mayor of Saltash



Dear Resident

Just on my way home from shopping locally. I buy as many provisions as possible in Saltash, Fore Street - and judging by the many local folk I bump into in the street, suggests to me, that many of our locals are shopping in Fore Street too! Which is so good, as we can catch up with local news, and at the same time boost our businesses in support of the local economy.

Mainly, the weather has been quite kind to us all, and reasonably mild; so-much-so, that here we are in February and we still have not used the grit bins which the Town Council have provided

I can't believe how quickly the months have passed since I was made Mayor of Saltash; the election for our next Mayor will soon be with Councillors for discussion and selection. In the meantime, I am still having a most interesting and pleasing time. I have made so many new friends both on Saltash Town Council and within the local community and further afield.

Talking of friendships, I was delighted to attend the Saltash Heritage "thank you to their Volunteers" party recently. I applaud all the volunteers at Saltash Heritage, and their supporters and volunteers; how lucky we are to have such a thriving history organisation and centre in Saltash.

I attended my first Cornwall Standards Committee meeting at Truro since being appointed as the only Saltash Town Councillor on the Committee. I was given a warm welcome, and found the experience very informative, and at the same time an eye opener to the high standards in public life expected of elected representatives.

I attended Saltash Rugby Club's Veterans match which I was welcomed by the Bolingey Barbarians and presented with a club tie and pin. What an exhilarating experience that was!

I was also privileged to meet the President of Cornwall Rugby who offered to support Saltash, which was most encouraging to hear.

Recently, I spent a most interesting and humbling "awareness" evening with a group of supporters, both within and outside the Church environment. The purpose was to look at a way forward to replace the aged windows in the Community Hall next door to St Nicholas and St Faith Church.

As Mayor, I attended a joyful visit to Saltash Train station welcoming Lord and Lady Boyd. Our guests were most

impressed with the renovations thus far, and we all look forward to the grand opening of the newly refurbished building in the near future. A special gratitude mention to Councillor Richard Bickford I must sincerely give for his station restoration leadership throughout.

In January funding was agreed for the Saltash VE 75 Committee to financially support all their outstanding efforts to commemorate Victory in Europe 75 years ago. The commemorations and celebrations will primarily take place in Fore Street, Saltash on May 8th this tribute to peace in Europe is part of a nationwide recognition, and I am heartened that through this worthy, and very experienced Independent committee Saltash will play its role in remembering, celebrating and commemorating this all important day, as part of their three day plans.

I attended both days for "My Saltash" event at Plougastel Drive recently. This full and fun packed event involved, The SHADO Centre, St Anne's Care Home, Saltash Library, Saltash Health Centre, Saltash Family Hub, and Saltash Leisure Centre. My goodness, what an amazing awareness of all the remarkable voluntary organisations in Saltash we have, and I met some incredible people. Deputy Mayor and

Mayoress, Councillors Pete and Brenda Samuels also attended, and were equally impressed by what Saltash does for our community network.

Other enlightening and outstanding events I was able to attend were —Sailing Club for the cadet's presentations, Saltash Speech and Drama festival, the new Jolly soft drink business in Saltash, RNLI Soup day at Saltash Sailing club,

Saltash Rotary race night to help and support local registered charities in Saltash (I took along

enough family to form a team!) All these events were so humbling to attend, and I thank them all.

At long last, the stunning display cabinet in the Guildhall Chamber is almost complete. Pleasingly, many of our own staff at Saltash Town Council has assisted with the most attractive décor. The display cabinet will play a huge role in Saltash as a viewing platform for locals, and visitors to Saltash and the Guildhall.

This attractive cabinet will have Saltash Civic Heritage items on display from the

Mayor's Robe and other Civic regalia.

At the base of the staircase there is another glass cabinet displaying gifts that have been presented to Saltash so when you are next passing the Guildhall please do call in and view the wonderful gifts.

By the time my letter is printed I would have attended a two-day course in Assist Training which will give me the experience to provide Suicide Prevention First Aid support.

At Saltash Town Council we have lost a valued member of our staff that sadly passed away,

and who will be sadly missed. Our thoughts are with his family.

Finally, may I take this opportunity of asking support for the following two forthcoming events.....

March 15th Civic Service at St Nicholas and St Faith Church – 2.00 (all welcome)

March 21st Mayor's Charity Social, tickets available from Saltash Guildhall – music, light refreshments, good company and for a very worthy Saltash Fire Cadets' funds

*Yours sincerely,
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Mayor of Saltash*

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Meet Your Councillor

Councillor Richard Bickford
East Ward Saltash

Richard represents Saltash East on Saltash Town Council and has done for almost 10 years. He lives in the ward with wife Sarah and daughter Sophie. Richard is the longest current serving Councillor.

Richard has spent 25 years working for the University of Plymouth in a number of IT management roles, with responsibility for a number of corporate systems.

Whilst a Town Councillor Richard has been involved with projects and initiatives to support the town centre and Waterside areas and is the Town Council representative on SWRA. Probably the most significant project Richard has, and is still leading on, is to bring the derelict Railway Station building back into a good condition and enable community use. The refurbishment is now almost complete, and soon the building will be something to be proud of. Richard was determined that Saltash residents did not have to fund the whole cost and has worked tirelessly to attract external funding (over £0.5M).

He has previously been a Governor at St Stephens CP School and is currently a volunteer director at Community Enterprises PL12, who run the Hub on Fore Street, 18 Belle View Road, the home of Citizens Advice and Saltash Foodbank amongst other initiatives, Richard says CEPL12 can often achieve alternatives to the Town Council and feels the roles complement each other well.

Richard has also helped run the towns annual regatta for many years and has chaired the committee in the past. Richard said, 'The regatta is a celebration of Saltash's association with the river, held in an amazing setting spanning much of the Waterside. This year's event is on the 13th and 14th June.'

In his spare time Richard enjoys sailing competitively, which he has done at top international level and walking in the local area.



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A successful weekend for MySaltash ...

Chamber Chairman Peter Ryland - Keeping us Updated...

At our monthly meeting on the 3rd February we had a presentation given by Celia Davies re. Time Credits. "What is Time Credits?" I hear you say. It is national but locally has been commissioned by Cornwall Council to enable young people to volunteer and build up time credits which can be used to gain free access/use of various attractions etc. Business involvement was welcomed to help either by providing facilities for building up time credits or providing the service/attraction for the time credit holder to make use of. The members thought this was a great scheme and if you are interested therein then visit the Time Credits Cornwall website.

The Chamber is also looking at ways to help small businesses/crafters in Saltash and with modern technology being at the forefront we had a presentation of a proposal by Carbon Pixel on website creation to empower small business.

The idea would be to organise groups of up to 6 people at a time to sessions that would help small businesses to create websites relevant to their needs and which they could operate themselves. We are now looking as to how the sessions could be funded but, in the meantime, if you have a micro business and are looking to set up a website then don't hesitate to let the Chamber know through enquiries on our website. We are here to help small businesses.

Chamber members were pleased to hear that the representatives of May Fair and the V.E. Day celebrations have met and agreed week long activities leading from the May Fair on the 2nd May to 75th Anniversary of V.E. Day on the 8th May to be centred on a 1940's theme.

One of the other matters discussed by members was a proposed increase in car parking charges from the 1st April. The Chamber is therefore keen to show that the reduced parking rate of 50p for 2 hours is benefitting shoppers and I would once again ask for as many people as possible to use the car parks at this reduced rate up to the end of March which will enable the Chamber to make a substantive case for reductions in car parking charges not

increases. If numbers do not increase then we will not be able to make a good case as Cornwall Council are looking to increase car park income throughout the county. Please support the initiative that we have put in place by way of financial support from S.106 monies.

Other initiatives that the Chamber is supporting include, 'Ban the Batt' and we have representatives on the Climate Change Working Party. We are also hosting the forum on Town Centre Regeneration where ideas will be coming forward shortly.

Another active month.

Community Enterprises Promise of a Fine Future

With a new thirty-year lease on their Belle Vue Road premises, three new directors and a new chair now in office the future of Community Enterprises PL12 now seems well assured.

The organisation, the public face of which can be visited at '4 Fore Street' is responsible for organising the town Hopper Buses and for much of the community activity and enhancement of the town's facilities. It established the highly successful 'Scrap Store' in Fore Street, now progressing as a go it alone facility for the town.

In his last report as Chairman Peter Thistlethwaite told the Town Council that after prolonged negotiations Cornwall Council intended, subject to a period of 'due diligence', to offer the organisation a thirty year lease of 18 Belle Vue Road, the property they took on around five years ago and which they

Ex Mayoress Celebrates Her Century

Family, friends and civic dignitaries came together to help Mrs. Winifred Brooking, former Mayoress of Saltash, celebrate her hundredth birthday.

A Kentish maid, Winifred was born into a very different world of cobbled gas lit streets, busy with horse drawn transport.

During the war she was employed in the hazardous munition making industry and she met her husband Alfred when he was serving on the similarly hazardous merchant navy ammunition ships and based in Chatham. Alfred was to qualify as Master Mariner and youngest admiralty river pilot before being invalided out of the service and becoming re-employed as a civil servant. Settled in Saltash, and with Winifred's keen support he determined to serve the local community through standing for election, after which he was a Council



member for a total of over thirty years.

Winifred was proud to be a smart and popular Mayoress of Saltash during his year of office in 1975 and later for two years his consort when he was Chairman of Caradon Council. Together they represented the community at countless events locally and further afield including at Buckingham Palace and met various members of the royal family.

Winifred's interests have included badminton, yoga, flower arranging, gardening, reading and knitting. Aged a

hundred she continues to knit baby clothes and soft toys for charity.

She has also been a regular member of the St. Stephens church congregation.

The hundredth birthday party was attended by her only child Barry and various family members descended from her many siblings some of whom travelled from Kent for the occasion.

Chair of Cornwall Council Mrs. Hilary Frank was among various current and past civic dignitaries who were pleased to be present.

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Speed Checks on Danger Highway

The A38 west of Saltash is recognised as one of Britain's most dangerous main roads with an accident rate high above the average.

While long term plans to make it safer are considered, Highways England is seeking to cut speeding by means of permanent speed cameras mounted at accident blackspots and places prone to illegal speeding between Carkeel and the Bodmin bypass. Locations are currently being selected.

As well as the installation of permanent cameras it is intended to increase the use of mobile camera vans especially in the single carriageway section between the roundabouts at Carkeel and Trerulefoot. There is already a lay by at Landrake specifically for use of such vans and others are to be added.



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It's that time of year again where councils look to set the budget for the next financial year, it seems that I keep drawing the short straw as having to explain the budget falls to me again but first I want to talk about something even more exciting, public transport.

The new One Public Transport System for Cornwall will start to be really noticeable in Saltash by the start of the summer. There have already been improvements to some of the bus stops and shelters in Saltash, including new shelters on Yellow Tor Road. Now Cornwall Council has agreed a contract with Go Cornwall for a subsidised bus route going directly between Saltash and Derriford, the new eight year contract starts in April. In May the final rail timetable adjustment will add more stops at Saltash train station on the half-hourly service between Truro & Plymouth. There will also be reduced bus fares when travelling within Saltash which will cap the cost of making multiple bus trips. There has been a lot of work from a lot of people to make these changes possible, I'm really interested to know what people think.

Cornwall Council continues to focus its budget on the priorities for Cornwall agreed after the last local elections. The budget proposal for 20/21 includes an increase of 3.99% which is made up 2% specifically for Adult Social Care and 1.99% for all other services. The proposed



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budget provides an additional £20m for support services for adults compared to last year as well as additional £5.6m for support services for children. There is also £10m over two years for road repairs and investments in recycling/waste and bus services. The increase also allows Cornwall Council to continue to pay the Living Wage Foundation rate to its staff and contractors. This extra funding is being put into the services that people have said matter most. Whilst this does mean that rates rise to fund needed services, Cornwall's Council Tax is still one of the lowest in the South West.

Cornwall's recycling rate is currently 38%, this is below the UK average of 45% and well below some local councils who achieve over 60%. A new contract with Bifa, who currently collect our recycling and rubbish is aiming to change this. Starting in the summer of 2021 there will be changes to collections which will add a new weekly food collection and create fortnightly recycling and rubbish collections using new wheelie bins for black bags. This will create a similar scheme to other local councils which achieve much higher

recycling rates than we do in Cornwall.

It's been a year since Cornwall Council declared a climate emergency with the aim of making Cornwall carbon neutral by 2030. In that year the council has produced an action plan with more than 120 aims and planted the first trees of the 8,000 hectare Forest for Cornwall (this was in Saltash). With help from the Woodland Trust at least 50,000 trees have been planted this year (not all in Saltash!). Plans are also in place to make existing council owned housing more energy efficient and change planning policy to make it easier for residents to install renewable energy, cutting their carbon emissions in the process. We have to move quickly on these plans if we are to reach our target in 2030 and in another years time I hope a lot more progress will have been made.

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Letter to the Editor...

Dear Mary

Thank you for reporting about the proposal that St Barnabas Chapel Tower could house the Saltash Chronicles Embroidery Project.

Although NHS Property Services and NHS Kernow understand that there would be no conflict with medical services in St Barnabas since the Chapel Tower would be sealed off, negotiating a lease in perpetuity is a complex process. They have agreed to consider the matter following the conclusion of the comprehensive building survey and consultation on future services at St Barnabas.

The Town Council has agreed to consider the matter at that time. I would like the Town

Council to WANT to do this if they get the chance, even to FIGHT to acquire this heritage asset for the town. Perhaps my fellow embroiderers of the Chronicles could write to the Council to affirm that they are willing to volunteer at the Chapel, as they did at the Baptist Church. Although I did not do much at the Baptist Church, I hope my efforts to find it a home will make up for that. If I live long enough, I certainly plan to man the Tower!

The Council has recently got control of the embroidery project. Now let's find it a home.

Denise Watkins,
Saltash

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MySaltash

A Fantastic Couple of Days

Over 40 groups and organisations pitched up at venues across Plougastel Drive for MySaltash on Friday 24th – Saturday 25th January. This free event for all ages was an opportunity for people who live in the Saltash area to find out about groups and organisations that can help them stay health, well and living life to the full.

Laura Chapman works at Volunteer Cornwall and helped co-ordinate the event along with colleagues from Saltash Library (Saltash Town Council), Saltash Family Hub (Cornwall Council), Saltash Health Centre, Saltash Leisure Centre (Better Leisure), The SHADO Centre, St Anne's (Anchor), Pluss and NHS Kernow.

When asked how it went Laura smiled and said:

"It's been a fantastic couple of days. It's so wonderful to see people coming along, chatting to the different groups and trying something new. That's what MySaltash is all about really. By connecting with people and taking action to look after ourselves and each other, we can all feel healthier and happier! We've had people getting involved with things like adult colouring and lego at the library, playing a brass instrument with Saltash Town Band at the SHADO Centre, joining the litter pick with Saltash Environmental Action or having a quick health check at the Leisure Centre."

"Visitors with little ones were especially pleased to see 'Dave the Music Man' for Rhymetime at the Library on Friday, what a treat! And the Leisure Centre very kindly provided free places at their Yoga and Water Aerobics, especially for MySaltash. One of my favourite moments was seeing residents, staff and visitors at St Anne's care home singing old favourites with Theresa Stevens who runs the new 'Do you mind if I sing' sessions with Dementia Voice. You could tell that people who live at St Anne's were really enjoying recounting songs they hadn't heard for a long time and laughing along with the staff."

"Some of the things that

took place at MySaltash may sound like they are insignificant, but it's amazing what a difference these sorts of connections and new experiences can make to someone's life and their health and wellbeing. It's also been a fantastic way for organisations to network and find out how they can work together more in future."

"I'd like to say a big thank you to all those who were part of MySaltash; the venues, stallholders, activity providers, visitors and organisations who supported it, without you it wouldn't have been possible. Also, can we say a huge thank you to the Community Ambassadors from Saltash Community School! The students who came along to help us with this event were absolutely wonderful. They were a pleasure to have here with us and made people feel so welcome. They should be really proud of themselves and I'm sure their families and the school are proud of them too."

Letter to the Editor...

As an invited participant in the "MySALTASH" events at Plougastel Drive site on January 24th and 25th this year, which was brilliantly organised by the Cornwall Volunteer Services.

I would like to offer sincere thanks indeed to the organisers for making the events so pleasingly, successful and resourceful.

The groups that we were representing were in the SHADO Centre and we were offering information on the services that we are associated with.

We had a pleasant visit from the Mayor – Councillor Gloria Challen, and Deputy Mayor and Mayoress Councillors Peter and Brenda Samuels.

The Centre was buzzing with activities and people visiting, meeting and engaging interest in what was on offer with regard to the fantastic groups and organisations.

Such engagement was to encourage us all to feel healthier, happier and encouraging us all to live life to the full.

I feel sure; the events did make a difference with the engagements that I personally witnessed.

I would like to thank all concerned within the Cornwall Volunteer Services for such a magical and positive two days.

In addition, I would like to pay a special tribute to Saltash Community School team of School Ambassadors.

These young people were a credit to the School, they did everything they could to help organisations.

They were messengers, communicators and in the mix pleasant, engaging and a pleasure to spend time with.

My compliments and applause once again is to the young School Ambassadors and their leading teachers like Mr Matthew Oakes and his teacher team, a credit to Saltash.

Thank you one and all once again

Sue Hooper MBE
Saltash

Letter to the Editor...

Dear Editor:

I refer to the article on page 2 of the Observer January 2020 issue. "Ancient Cobbles Cause Concern".

As Cornwall Council/Cormac declined to remove the weeds and plants growing through the cobbles behind The (derelict)Wheatsheaf, claiming budgetary constraints prevented the work being carried out, a group of rather elderly local residents took matters into their own hands and did the work themselves. Cormac did however subsequently remove the resulting waste and did also make a fairly minor repair, so some credit is due to them on that.

The cobbles behind The Guildhall do however remain substantially covered in mud, weeds, grass and small shrubs. It is disappointing that Cornwall Council decline to maintain these cobbles for what they again claim are budgetary reasons. These cobbles are several centuries old possibly dating from the 15th or 16th century and should be maintained as part of our town's heritage for future generations.

I understand that Cornwall Council's new budget comes into effect in April this year and I have suggested to Cornwall Council/Cormac that provision is made very early in this new financial year for The Guildhall cobbles to be returned to their original condition. Hopefully that will be done as we residents of Saltash pay our council tax to Cornwall Council and expect the maintenance of our town to be carried out properly. Cornwall Council are now aware of the public's support for the clearance of The Guildhall cobbles, so there should be no more excuses or delay to this work. We in Saltash shouldn't have to do the work ourselves when we have already paid Cornwall Council, through our council tax, to do the job!

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Saltash Citizen Award Saltash Environmental Citizen Award And Saltash Young Citizen Award 2020

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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 2020

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 email to mayors - secretary@saltash.gov.uk by Friday 22nd February, 2020.

Tantalisingly billed as 'Do you mind if I sing?' (think about it), Dementia Voice PL12 were offering 'an inaugural fun morning of singing!' at the normally sedate Wesley Methodist Church one wet Thursday in January.

Hosting the packed session, soon to be regular fortnightly, was guest convenor from across the Tamar, vivaciously dynamic Theresa Stevens, ex-nurse and psychotherapist. Poured revealingly into a tight orange frock above red, green and yellow shoes that were never still, blue hair swirling around an infectious lipstick smile, she opened with everyone's favourite, 'Pop goes the weasel', quickly followed by 'Somewhere over the Rainbow.' The morning tone was set! Like a carousing ringmaster, Theresa quickly captivated her surrounding audience of over 30, re-enlivening a group that hasn't always got a grip on the world around - "firing up their brains", as she later described it.

Other popular songs filled a jolly session, as raised arms accompanied a lively 'Heads, shoulders, knees and toes', really getting the blood circulating... Theresa had them eating out of her hand (metaphorically!) When mention of imminent Australia Day preceded 'Waltzing Matilda', everyone would have followed her to Alice Springs if she'd asked them! (Trust me... I've been there!) By the time Burns Night favourite 'Auld Lang Syne' had us standing holding hands, and a concluding 'Shalom!' restored us almost to reality, thoughts were looking forward to a next-time repeat in 2 weeks.

As we all left, past a picture of the late Tony Coley RN, provided by his widow, Peggy, we remembered that much of today's activity had evolved from Tony's original suggested ideas. With research revealing more and more types of dementia coming to light, long may this and other therapies become a part of daily Saltash life.

Ian Robinson

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 2 Which fish catches flies by spitting at them and knocking them into the water? (10)
 3 What name is given to West Indian music usually with topical lyrics? (7)
 4 Of what did Robert the Bruce die in 1329? (7)
 5 The Rivers running through York and Newhaven share which name? (4)
 6 Aquarius and Good Morning Sunshine are songs from which musical? (4)
 7 Registered in 1872 which was the World's First National Park? (11)
 8 What type of bird was a Halcyon in Mythology? (10)
 9 What name is given to a thick slice of Bacon or Ham? (6)
 10 What name is given to the central pillar of a winding staircase? (5)
Answers on page 7

Ex-Marine Continues Seeking Memorial to Missing Names

Emphasising that he will continue his campaign to honour the 44 World War I and 40 World War II victims with local connections, omitted from the war memorials, Ex-Marine Barry Brooking used the Town Council's question time to allege that his request for council support had not been handled in accordance with proper practice.

In reply he was reminded that Councillor Dent expressed support for the project of recording the fallen but told the council that she understood the research into the names of missing war dead was incomplete. Members while expressing support felt that it was essential research into all names must be completed prior to community public money to the memorial requested.

But Mr. Brooking has complained that he was not seeking public funding but that the council lead a project that he had stated could cost nothing. He also referred to the policy for receiving questions as stating that they should not start a debate at the meeting and suggested that he should have been given the opportunity to respond.

In a written response to Mr. Brooking's complaint he was

reminded that Councillors expressed support for the project and would be pleased to consider the request again. He was referred to the Cornwall Council Governance Officer if he wished to take the issue further.

Giving Time Earns Credit Treats

Young people and families are the focus for a Cornwall wide network of 'time credits' in which a number of Saltash Community organisations are participating.

One time credit earns the volunteer an hour's activity in a variety of local sports and arts centres including Saltash Leisure Centre, Saltash Boxing Club, Carn to Cove performing arts group, and Plymouth Argyle and Cornish Pirates Football and Rugby Clubs.

Local organisations offering opportunities to volunteer and ear time credits are The Core and Livewire Youth Centres, Saltash Community College, Saltash Regatta and the Scrap Store. More information is on celiadavis@wearetempo.org

SHERYLL MURRAY MP WRITES...



Last month the European Withdrawal Bill passed all its remaining stages and has been given Royal Assent meaning it is now law. This meant that our Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, was able to sign the Withdrawal Agreement meaning we left the European Union at the end of the month. This should have already happened but the dither and delay by some politicians meant that we could not leave until now. I hope that we can now move forward and start taking advantage of the opportunities that this brings.

Last month I met with the Chief Executive of Cornwall College. I was so disappointed to hear that the college in Saltash was closing down. This is particularly disappointing after the college received a £30 million bailout from the Government last year and this was after receiving £4.5 million emergency funding in 2016-17 and £3.5 million in 2017-18. I have written to the Education Secretary raising this important local issue and asking for an investigation to take place both into how the bailout was used and to see if anything can be

done to keep this facility available for further education provision.

I am pleased to report that I have been appointed the Secretary of the 'Great South West' cross party of MPs. The 'Great South West' is a partnership between LEPs, authorities, universities and businesses from across the South West. We are calling on the government to give their vision for growth the same high-profile backing as other initiatives like the Northern Powerhouse and the Midlands Engine.

I have also been re elected to the Executive of the 1922 Committee. Having sat on Executive of this important Committee which represents Back Bench Conservative MPs on two occasions in the past, I am pleased that my colleagues have endorsed me as one of their representatives for the next year.

I met representatives from Swim England and the Caradon Swimming Club in my constituency office. It is so important that people who live in our beautiful coastal Constituency are able to swim. I learned to swim at a very early age as did my children but it is never too late to learn. Swimming provides a fantastic way to exercise and I would like to pay tribute to those who give instructions through clubs in SE Cornwall.

Last month we marked the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp on Holocaust Remembrance Day. We must never forget the brutal and inhuman treatment of our fellow human beings in these camps. We must continue to remember and pledge that it must never happen again.

If anyone would like to discuss issues in this column or on any other matter relating to my role as an MP please email me directly on Sheryll@sheryllmurray.com, write to me at my office in The Parade, Liskeard PL14 6AF or ring my office on 01579 344428.

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Town Working Party on Climate Change

A group of seven town councillors is to work with other concerned individuals on how the town can counter climate change.

This follows a previous decision by the town council, on a majority vote last year, not to declare a climate emergency. Saltash Environmental Action Group subsequently gave a presentation to the town council, as reported in your January 'Observer', urging that the council reconsiders what it can do to give a lead in working to reduce the causes of climate change. A town council working party, it was agreed, would arrange a date for meeting and anyone interested in involvement is invited to make contact through the town council office in the Guildhall.

Museum Stewards Thanked in Celebratory Style

Last year's exhibition on yesteryear's memorabilia "Out of Granny's Attic and into Granddad's shed" attracted over eighteen hundred visitors to the Saltash museum, the museum stewards were told at their annual 'thank you' party. This was in addition to the countless e-mail enquiries and facebook followers who made contact with Saltash Heritage over the year.

Among the fifty or so guests at the party held in Burraton Community Centre were Lady Boyd, Patron of Heritage, and Town Mayor Councillor Gloria Challen. The Mayor thanked, on behalf of Saltash Town Council, all stewards and others involved in the running of the museum and local history centre and reminded the volunteers, "you are all precious to our town, don't ever forget that".

Heritage Chair, Bob Monro, paid tribute to the late President Colin Squires who died last Autumn, but added "though we have lost Colin his imprint is on everything that we do."

Following a pasty lunch, guests were entertained by Tony and Roger with music from all eras concluding with a poignant Winter Wassail song.

Room in Gardens to be for Community Use

The Maurice Huggins Room in the Victoria Gardens at the top of Fore Street has been on the market to be rented out commercially. There has been some interest over several months but no conclusive commercial take up. Meanwhile the room was made available as the base for a warm clothing store, providing for those in need during the Winter, as described in your January Observer. Averil Pinckney, the town councillor who has been responsible for this, described the support received as fantastic, with a number of local families and individuals helped out.

Sunday Tea for All at SHADO

Anyone feeling in need of company and a hot drink on a Sunday afternoon will be welcome to call in at the SHADO centre, Plougastel Drive, opposite St, Annes.

On the last Sunday each month, that is 23rd February and onward, the SHADO centre will be open between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. for tea and cake. It is intended largely for the elderly or anyone who feels alone and would welcome a social chat over hot refreshment. Sunday was chosen as a day when most cafes are closed and when people are particularly likely to feel isolated, Town Councillor Averil Pinckney, who decided to set up the scheme, hopes that many people from various walks of life will come together in friendship.

Accordingly, Deputy Mayor Peter Samuels suggested that the room be taken off the market for commercial renting and instead it be made available for local organisations free of charge for set periods of time. It will continue to be used as a base for delivery and supply of clothing through the rest of the colder weather, after which other local charities or organisations will be able to seek it for community use.

The building is now once again being used as it was originally intended, as a community asset, said Councillor Julie Rance, Averil Pinckney added that she has had people call in who remember Maurice Huggins, a one time Mayor who initiated the idea of a room where the community could meet up over refreshment. They agreed that the room's present use was one for which Maurice Huggins would have approved.

South East Cornwall Should Share in Increased Policing

Local policing should reap the benefit of the additional twenty thousand police officers recently promised nationwide by 2023 Inspector Rupert Engley told the Cornwall Gateway Community Network Panel. The Devon and Cornwall Police should achieve the figures that they bid for and have also requested additional money for equipment and police staff to help support the uplift.

In response to questioning he advised that there were no plans to increase the number of PCSO's, but confirmed that at least half of the PCSO time is spent working across the rural parishes. There has recently been an increase of five Special Constables in Saltash.

The so called 'county lines' in which young people are sent by drug gangs in major cities to sell in smaller towns such as Saltash and Callington remains a top priority and constant challenge. However good progress has been made and communities are urged to continue reporting anything suspicious to the police.

As far as problems in using the '101' police line is concerned the frustrations are acknowledged but Inspector Engley claimed that it is slowly improving.

Burraton Players Bid Farewell



After nearly 30 years of delighting Saltash audiences young and old, Burraton Community Players have announced they will be treading the boards no more! The group first took to the stage at the Burraton Community Centre in 1991 with a production of "Sleeping Beauty" and since that time have produced some 26 pantomimes, 7 farces, and 9 murder mystery evenings: they have also regularly entertained audiences at Saltash Regatta and the annual christmas celebrations in Fore Street and have hosted numerous fun raising quizzes at the centre.

Throughout this time a significant element of their activities has been their donations to local charities including Ronald Macdonald House, Childrens Hospice South West, Saltash Childrens Appeal, Jeremiahs Journey, Garner Ward (Bodmin Hospital), Mendip Ward (Derriford Hospital), Plymouth Cats & Dogs Home and Macmillan Nurses.

To celebrate their achievement and to thank audiences for their continued support over the years the Players are hosting a grand finale.

On Saturday February 29th 2020 there will be a special evening at the Burraton Community Centre. The event

will offer a chance to see displays of archive material from over the years, take part in a fabulous fun quiz, relive some of the memories of the years, and see the presentation to the most recent charity.

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Essa Files

As we're approaching Valentine's day I thought I might dedicate this month's column to love, in its many forms. As I often note when teaching relationships education to my students 'love' is one rather short word with a rather varied set of meanings: indeed I sometimes invite them to consider the sentences 'I love my partner', 'I love my partner's dog' 'I love my Mum' 'I love my friends' and 'I love chocolate' (each of which, incidentally, are entirely true but also undoubtedly different in their meanings). I also love my nephew, travelling to new countries, and the feel of slipping into a freshly made bed, each of which again can't quite be compared to the other meanings. Even the Greeks, who famously had seven different words for love, didn't manage to find a word to cover the specific joys of freshly plumped pillows, silky duvets and clean cotton, an omission for which frankly they should feel a little disappointed in themselves.

I'm sure most of you reading this column share with me some love for Saltash but we probably couldn't all agree on what exactly we love, whether it's the natural beauty of its setting, its people, its community spirit, or something else entirely, or exactly how that loves manifests itself. It's also sad but true to note that even in

this day and age some people still want to police what kind of consensual romantic love is ok: who's allowed to love who and how. Indeed when I was at school teachers weren't even allowed to mention certain combinations of love lest they breach a law against 'promoting' those as normal. We've moved on somewhat from then, but still not as far as we should have.

Personally I'm in favour of being freer with both the word, in its many and varied meanings, and the emotions that go with it: I'm not going to be so facile or cliched as to suggest that 'all you need is love', but the world does feel like it's lacking love a bit at the moment. It's not that I want us all start hugging or anything, firstly because of consent and secondly because we're not Americans. I'm also not saying 'love everybody' firstly because of consent and secondly because telling people to love those who hate them is not really focusing on the most pressing issue. A little more warm feelings, respect and compassion towards our fellow humans (and animals) though, that I would like to see. That and a Greek word for my love of freshly changed beds.

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