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## Jubilee Celebrations on Fore Street

On Sunday 5th June Fore Street will turn into a party venue as Saltash residents are invited to share friendship, food and fun at the Big Jubilee Lunch.

The seed of the idea for Big Lunch street parties was germinated by the Eden Project back in 2009. It has grown in size over the years, and in 2021 over nine million people came together in their gardens, parks and streets to celebrate community connections. Her Majesty The Queen was one of the millions who took part when she attended a special Big Lunch at the Eden Project during the G7 summit. Joined by The Duchess of Cornwall and The Duchess of Cambridge, HM The Queen launched the Big Jubilee Lunch, which will form an official part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations this summer.

Guests at that Big Lunch at the Eden Project, where the Queen famously cut a cake using a sword, were Cornish residents who had been nominated for the support they gave to their communities over months of lockdowns. Two of the guests were Saltash residents Jo Baskott and Hilary Frank. "It was an incredible honour and such an inspirational occasion," said Jo. "Hilary and I are both members of the volunteer team that delivers the annual Saltash May Fair. It has gone through various revivals over the centuries, but the fourth revival of the May Fair actually came as a result of celebrations to mark the

Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977. So Hilary and I thought it would be fitting to work with our May Fair colleagues to give Saltash its very own Big Jubilee Lunch."

The May Fair Committee's plans include 150 tables and plenty of bunting as well as red, white and blue flowers grown locally. Although the majority of tables will be free, organisers will also be inviting businesses to sponsor a table, which can then be 'gifted' to loyal staff, customers or local heroes.

Other events in Saltash during the four-day Jubilee holiday include a beacon lighting ceremony being organised by Saltash Town



Council in the evening of Thursday 2nd June, and an event with bouncy castles and musical entertainment from Livewire on Warfelton Field on

Saturday 4th June being organised by Saltash Lions.

Details of all these events, as well as information on other Jubilee projects such as the

Queen's Green Canopy, will be uploaded to the dedicated page that Saltash Town Council has

set up on their website. Go to: [www.saltash.gov.uk/platinumjubilee](http://www.saltash.gov.uk/platinumjubilee)

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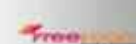
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## From the Mayor of Saltash

It's always good when a plan comes together – especially a plan that's been years in the making.

So it is with pleasure that I can inform that a Referendum on the adoption of the Saltash Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan will be held on Thursday 17th March 2022.

Voting is open to all those registered to vote in Saltash wards who are entitled to vote in an election of any Councillor of Cornwall Council.

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is: "Do you want Cornwall Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Saltash to help it decide



planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

The Saltash Neighbourhood Development Plan has been created by the people of Saltash, through a Steering Group made up of residents,

local organisations and Town and Cornwall Councillors, which reported to the Saltash Town Council.

Although it must be in conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework and the Cornwall Local Plan, the Saltash Neighbourhood Development Plan will provide our community with a real say on how development takes place, for example influencing the type, quality, location and amount of development that takes place from now to 2030.

Several community consultations have been held since 2015 with more than 1550 responses to the community, youth and

business surveys, all of which have influenced the content of the Plan.

In their comments, local people and businesses said that Saltash should be a safe, friendly, attractive riverside location, that is prosperous, tranquil, green and eco-friendly.

Taking this into account the Neighbourhood Development Plan vision is that by 2030 Saltash will be an envied riverside town, being greener, more inclusive and prosperous in all aspects, with a reinvigorated Town Centre and Waterfront, award-winning new housing, a diverse economy, with an excellent quality of life and

lifestyle for all ages.

Further documents are available for public viewing on the Cornwall Council website at <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-planning-in-cornwall/>



**New Councillor Co-opted**  
During the lifetime of any

Council, some elected Councillors might leave for a variety of reasons and a vacancy recently occurred in Trematon Ward. As no election was called for, the vacancy has been filled by a process known as co-option, where applicants appear at an Extra-Ordinary meeting of the Council, to be interviewed by existing Councillors. I am pleased to announce that Cllr Brian Stoyel is now one of sixteen Councillors that represent residents of Saltash.

*I'll be back again next month with another column, but in the meantime, take care and stay safe.  
Warmest Regards  
Cllr Pete Samuels  
Mayor of Saltash 2021-22*

## Saltash Citizen Award Saltash Environmental Citizen Award And Saltash Young Citizen Award 2022-2023

Each year Saltash Town Council, in conjunction with the Rotary Club, select a Saltash resident to receive the Saltash Citizen Award.

This is a prestigious award which goes to a person who has served their community in some special way. It could be an outstanding one-off contribution to the well-being of the Town, or consideration will also be given to a person who has given a period of service to the Town, not just in the prior year. Since 2017 a Saltash Environmental and Community Award has also been made to an individual or group that has made an appropriate contribution to the well-being of the Town.

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

Performance of the year.

Person(s) nominated must still be active and cannot be an employee or member of Saltash Town Council.

Nominations for the 2022-2023 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:

Acting Town Clerk, Saltash Town Council, The Guildhall, 12 Lower Fore Street, Saltash, PL12 6JX or by e-mail to [mayors-secretary@saltash.gov.uk](mailto:mayors-secretary@saltash.gov.uk) by Friday 18th March 2022.

## Wildflowers in Saltash

Saltash Town Council are working in partnership with Saltash Environmental Action (SEA) to ensure Saltash leads the way with the establishing of wildflower areas in Saltash.

Seven dedicated volunteers from SEA have taken on the big task of planting wildflower seeds at St Stephens Churchyard with the support of Saltash Town Council who are responsible for mowing the Churchyard.

Three areas of the Churchyard have been cut back and planted with the North side being left untouched as it already had many native wildflowers. The team have worked very hard to ensure the area was ready for planting including picking up a lot of litter in the area.

The planting of wildflowers is part of the Town Council's aim to have areas across the town left wild to encourage bees and other insects to the area. Other areas underway are

Pillmere and the area around the Celtic Cross which marks the Cornwall Devon boundary at the entrance to the Tamar Bridge.

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Saltash who donated the yellow rattle sowed to SEA through the Rotary's Billion Seed Challenge and to a member of the public who donated daffodil bulbs which have been planted alongside the benches.

Yellow rattle seed is an attractive grassland annual that suppresses the growth of grass giving other wild plants the chance to flourish. It will take two-three years for the plant to dominate and the wild meadow to really flourish. Saltash Town Council's Service Delivery Team maintains the wildflower meadows.

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## Results Now In...

At the Services Committee held on Wednesday 15th October 2021 Members discussed and considered the results of the online dog fouling survey and areas of concern relating to dog fouling offences.

Here is a summary of the results of the online survey:  
Total Responses Received:  
40 Top areas reported as 'hotspots'

for dog fouling offences:

- 1 Chapel Field
- 2 Cinder Paths by Primary Schools Burraton and St Stephens
- 3 Churchtown
- 4 Football and Rugby Pitches

The Town Council are now able to assist by publishing free educational material to the community through social media channels and noticeboards in areas that are cause for concern.

Saltash Town Council would encourage all dog owners to either report dog fouling offences to Cornwall Council via the following link:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment/animal-welfare-and-enforcement/dog-fouling/>

Or download the fantastic free mobile application 'Pooper Snooper' which

encourages dog owners and wider communities to take responsibility for tackling dog fouling in their local areas.

Don't forget you can dispose of bagged dog waste in any dog bin, litter bin or general domestic bin.

Keep our environment safe and clear for all to enjoy.

## 'Tree Saltash'



*'Tree Saltash' is the project of Saltash Tree Wardens to increase the number of trees in our public places. Most will have to be bought, but our first tree was donated by life-long Saltash resident Frances Taylor, who is shown here with one of the Wardens, Adrian White, at the Celtic Cross where the birch has been planted.*

## People Power Sought to Avert Tamar Toll Rise

All of those who use the Tamar Bridge, regularly or occasionally, are being urged to sign a petition seeking government contribution to its maintenance costs. At present, all costs are paid out of tolls collected, and unless central government steps in all tolls now seem almost certain to increase by 30% by Spring 2023.

Plymouth City Council, which owns the bridge jointly with Cornwall Council, called upon the government to make a contribution after councillors reluctantly voted to increase tolls from £2 to £2.60 for those paying cash and from £1 to £1.30 for tag owners.

The increase was prompted by a fall in income during the pandemic, with so many working from home and fewer leisure travellers. The volume of traffic over the

Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry is still only 90% of pre-pandemic levels.

Bridge users are angry that other longer and newer estuary crossings, such as the Severn Bridge, have been absorbed into the trunk road system and their tolls abolished. The Tamar Bridge Act, allowing Plymouth and Cornwall Councils to build the bridge, makes no allowance for it to be taken over by Highways England, who are responsible for the A38 on either side of it, and it would require a fresh Act of Parliament to vary this.

The petition for bridge users to receive financial help from the government towards bridge costs similar to those applied elsewhere was set up on <https://www.change.org/p/uk-parliament-government-to-pay-a-contribution-towards-the-maintenance-of-the-a38-over-tamar-bridge>.

## Chamber Chairman Sarah Martin Keeping us Updated...

After such a hectic Christmas season, I was hoping for a period of time to gather my thoughts before we steam ahead with 2022 but that just hasn't been the case. It seems that the country opening up more means that for the first time in two years we're all getting back to the kind of normality that we took for granted before 2020. It's good to see Fore Street looking so busy most Saturdays now when I'm out and about - it feels like we are all using and enjoying our local shops and businesses more than we did pre-Covid. I'm always encouraged, too, by the great suggestions for local businesses when people are searching for a service on social media. Don't forget

that we have a great portal provided to us by Carbon Pixel where local businesses can register free of charge, and local people can search for the services they require: <https://www.shop-saltash.co.uk>.

### Proposed Bridge Toll Increase is a Travesty

Valentine's Day was the deadline for sending thoughts on the proposed changes to the Tamar Bridge tolls. The Chamber position, representing businesses and business owners in the town but also as residents of Saltash, is simple: we feel that, if there has to be a toll increase then it should be across the board including tag users and cash tolls on the bridge and ferry equally and



at the same time. To lower the discount for tag users ahead of cash payments not only places the burden of funding at the feet of the local user but also unfairly penalises all those businesses in the Saltash area who use the bridge daily - and in some cases on numerous occasions per day.

Local hauliers, taxi companies, white van services to name but a few rely on the bridge. Choosing to lower the discount on the tag ahead of increasing the toll for drivers paying by cash and thereby increasing the burden on tag users is unjust, and penalises locals who have already endured a painful (to say the very least!) six months last year as the bridge was resurfaced. Our letter addressed to Cllr Martin Worth, joint Chair of the Tamar Crossings committee also asks him to lobby for the wholesale revision of the Act of Parliament, which burdens SE Cornwall as a region with shouldering the costs of maintaining a bridge that

connects the strategic network between Devon and Cornwall. This has always been unsatisfactory and unfair but in these times of inflation and rising energy and food costs it's a complete travesty.

### But on a happier note... The Fiver Fest is back!

March 12th - 26th brings the return of the great national shop local event, the Totally Locally Fiver Fest. Independent retailers nationwide put on special £5 offers to show the diversity and value of what they sell and encourage people to shop locally. It comes from the Totally Locally £5 message that if every adult in Saltash spent just £5 per week in their local independent shops and businesses it would mean £3.2 million per year going directly into our local economy. Saltash took part in two Fiver Fest campaigns last year, and they proved to be such a success that retailers will be offering £5 deals again this March.

Participating shops will display Fiver Fest posters in their windows, the Totally Locally Saltash team will be uploading the offers on the Totally Locally Saltash Facebook page and there will be a dedicated page on the aforementioned Carbon Pixel Shop Saltash website. So keep an eye out and remember that when you shop locally you make our town an even better place.

## Soft Opening for Community Kitchen

*This has been another busy month for us all at Community Enterprises PL12.*

### Community Kitchen

We've recently taken over 8 Fore St (what was The Kitchen), to turn it into a permanent base for our Community Fridge and Mobile Larder. It will also be the base for our Digital Inclusion project, the Dementia Voice café, and a host of volunteer-led community groups like a wellbeing café, memory café, and creative workshops. The Community Kitchen will enable us to provide opportunities for increasing skills and training of our volunteers and our Enterprises users, provide future employment opportunities, and make us a more sustainable organisation in the long-term. We want the Community Kitchen to attract additional users to Fore St, benefitting existing independent businesses and providing further training and employment opportunities. The Community Kitchen will have a soft opening in March, & will be fully operational in April.

### Community Kitchen Manager

We're looking for a special person to take on this paid role, working with our dedicated team of volunteers. That person needs to be community-minded, with good organisational skills and catering management experience. This is a great opportunity to help get this exciting community-led project off the ground. Contact us for details & an application form.

### Jubilee Wildflower Seedshare

Grow your own patriotic wildflowers! As part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, our Gardening Group has prepared hundreds of packets of red, white & blue wildflower seeds to give away; these will be available FREE from our Community Hub at 4 Fore St during March. Sow them mid-March, for a wonderful display of red, white & blue flowers in time for the Jubilee celebrations in June.

### Return of the Mobile Larder

By popular demand, our Mobile Larder has resumed, following alternate routes around Saltash every Monday. We hope this service will help people who find it difficult to access our regular Community Fridge based at 4 Fore Street. It works on the same basis as the Community Fridge; surplus food is available to anyone who will use it, to stop it being wasted. A small "pay as you feel" voluntary donation would be appreciated to help towards our operating costs, like insurance, volunteer training & vehicle running costs.

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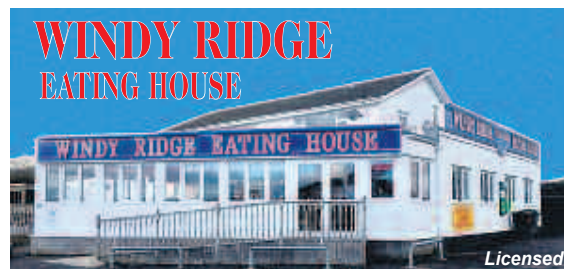
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## Essa Voices

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In Cornwall, fuel poverty affects over 11.5% of all households (29,123 homes). But this is data from 2019, before the recent rise in energy and living costs. A household's fuel poverty status depends on the interaction of three key drivers: energy efficiency, incomes and energy prices. A combination of old Cornish homes that are hard to insulate, reliance on expensive forms of heating, and high heating needs due to illness or age coupled with rising energy and living costs means that increasing numbers of households in Cornwall are being forced to make tough decisions. For some of the most vulnerable members of our communities this can lead to the lights going out and the heating switching off when they run out of emergency credit on their gas or electricity meters. With increasing numbers of families falling into fuel poverty, in this column of Essa Voices I want to introduce you to some of the schemes and organisations that may be able to help keep homes warm.

### Community Energy Plus

First off is Community Energy Plus, an award-winning charity that has been fighting fuel poverty and the misery of cold homes in Cornwall for over 20 years. Community Energy Plus provides energy advice and practical help to achieve warmer, healthier homes. This includes advice on tariff switching, as well as advice on access to grants for heating repairs, insulation and other energy-efficient measures. You may, for example, be eligible for the Warm Home Discount



Councillor Hilary Frank  
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scheme, which would provide you with a discount of up to £140 on your electricity bill. Or you could be eligible for home improvements funded through the Energy Company Obligation scheme. Community Energy Plus will be able to tell you, so give them a ring on Freephone 0800 954 1956.

### Cold Weather Payments

These payments are available to people who receive certain benefits, or have a child who is disabled or under the age of five. Payments of £25 are made when temperatures drop below 0°C for seven consecutive days. Contact Job Centre Plus or visit [www.gov.uk/cold-weather-payment](http://www.gov.uk/cold-weather-payment) for more information.

### Priority Service Registers

Western Power Distribution and Wales and West operate Priority Service Registers to identify and support vulnerable customers. It's free to join and ensures that pensioners, people who are disabled or chronically sick get extra help with their energy accounts and support during power cuts.

### Community Energy Club

If your heating system runs on oil, you could save money by joining an oil buying club, like Community Energy Club,

## Cornish Treasures in Saltash

Got a lightbulb idea for an imaginative, creative project that will celebrate arts and heritage, and boost footfall into Saltash town centre? Then apply for a portion of the £20,000 that has been allocated to Saltash as part of the Tresorys Kernow (Cornish Treasures) project.

The project is being rolled out by FEAST and the Cornwall Museums Partnership in five towns in Cornwall, and has been designed to test new ways to commission and deliver sustainable cultural activity, aiming to enliven town centres through an imaginative programme of cultural events that is locally relevant.

A wide range of residents, local business owners, artists and community groups came to the drop-in session that was held in Studio 79 on Fore Street at the end of January. "I've never been to Saltash before," said Bethany, one of the project leads, "but the buzz here is so fantastic that I've fallen in love with the town!"

The Tresorys Kernow

which has over 2,000 members. Its collective buying power has been helping householders in Cornwall save an annual average of £75. Ring 0800 954 1956.

### The Great Homes Upgrade

Together with my Liberal Democrat colleagues, I am lobbying Cornwall Council to issue fuel vouchers for the most vulnerable, especially those on pre-payment meters. But there are things we can do as individuals, too. You might consider adding your voice to the Great Homes Upgrade campaign, for example. It was launched in autumn last year, and calls on the government to undertake a large-scale retrofitting programme to upgrade 19 million homes by 2030. About 14% of the UK's greenhouse gas emissions actually come from our housing stock, so not only would this upgrade improve the lives of millions of families, who would have warmer homes and lower bills, but it would also play a significant role in cutting the UK's greenhouse gas emissions. Warmer houses for a cooler planet!

## Snack Service by Visitor Centre

Visitors who walk across the Tamar Bridge, or who stop on the Devon side to admire the view across to Saltash, should be able to enjoy hot or cold drinks and snacks this Summer.

A concession for a snack bar service in the car park next to the Visitor Centre is proposed for opening between April and September. It would be put out to tender and subject to conditions concerning quality of food and drink and local sourcing on cakes and confectionery. There would also be a requirement for recyclable containers. There would be no provision for sale of alcoholic beverages.

Many tourists stop off in the car park on the Devon side, during their journeys into Cornwall and some walk across the bridge and patronise the various businesses in Saltash's Fore Street.

## Parking on Fore Street Reverts to 30 Minutes

Covid emergency legislation made it possible to introduce

procedures to extend the parking limit in Fore Street bays to 1 hour. This legislation has now come to an end, and from 15th February the maximum parking time in Fore Street bays reverted back to 30 minutes.

Drivers who want to spend longer shopping in the town are urged to take part in the parking refund scheme being run by the Saltash Chamber of Commerce. Two hours of parking in any of the Saltash car parks currently costs £1.60. Under the Chamber of Commerce scheme, parking charges of up to £1.60 will be refunded on any purchase of £5 or over in a participating shop.

Simply place the parking section of the ticket in your car as usual, then take the counterpart of the ticket to any participating shop and redeem the amount of your parking charge up to £1.60 when you spend £5 or more. Look out for the window sticker to see which shops are taking part.

At a time when retailers in our town are working hard to recover from the economic impact of Covid, why not take advantage of the parking refund offer to shop local and support our local shops.



## Youth Village at May Fair

Saltash Town Youth Council is planning to turn Victoria Gardens into a Youth Village on the first day of May Fair weekend, showcasing the opportunities the town can offer to young people.

"Coming out of Covid lockdowns, we've seen a huge increase in the number of young people wanting to come along to our youth clubs and socialise," said Charlotte Carpenter, youth worker at The Core and Vice Chair of Saltash Town Youth Council, "so it's great to be working with the May Fair team to set up a Youth Village in Victoria Gardens and let young people know about all the opportunities that are out there. There will be challenges and prizes, too, as well as plenty of cake and refreshments."

Saltash Town Youth Council is a network for local youth groups and organisations that meets quarterly at The Core Youth and Community Centre.

Membership is free, and allows youth groups access to grants, training and support.

May Fair will be held on the first weekend of May, with Fore Street lined with market stalls on Saturday 7th, and races including the Half Marathon and Fun Run setting off from Longstone Park on Sunday 8th. Tamar Trotters say there has been a healthy interest in the Half Marathon with over 50 entries so far, including runners from as far afield as Helston, Taunton and Sutton.

Go to Facebook for contact details for Saltash Town Youth Council. To enter a race visit the Tamar Trotters website. To book a stall at May Fair visit the Diverse Events website.

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## Zero Gravity has Zero Heating

Warm up' sessions at Zero Gravity, the Saltash-based gymnastics academy, have taken on a new meaning after £800 worth of oil was stolen from their oil tank and replaced with water. The sabotage means the whole heating system has been damaged almost beyond repair.

This comes as a particularly hard blow after the success of Zero Gravity's trampolinists in the National Schools Zonal Trampoline Competition held in Taunton at the end of January. 13 of the young athletes from Zero Gravity had qualified through from the South West Regional round held last November. After a tough day of competition with nearly 500 qualifiers from the

South, South West and London Regions, ten trampolinists from Zero Gravity qualified for a place in the National Final, which will be held in March.

"To be hit by this sabotage at a crucial time in the trampolinists' training schedule makes it all the more crushing," said Mo Gregory, head coach and proprietor. "Our Tumbling athletes, too, gained seven

medals at Regional level in October and need to be training to get ready for the English Silver in a few months' time."

The academy, which is a British Gymnastics Club and a registered charity, has launched a Crowdfunder appeal that has already raised over half of the £4000 needed for immediate costs, including a pledge from a lady in Spain who says she has

spent many happy hours with her grandchildren at Zero Gravity. The appeal will close on 31st March.

The oil was syphoned out of the tank some time between 26th and 31st January, and anyone with any information is asked to contact 101@dcpolice.uk quoting crime reference CR/010914/22.



Zero complaints from these smiling faces

## Reassurances for Much Loved Building

Reassurances were given at a recent meeting of Saltash Town Council after reference to St. Barnabas Hospital in a Cornwall Council report led to a flurry of enquiries from residents concerned about the future of this much-loved building.

Cornwall Councillor Hilary Frank informed town councillors that she had been given assurances that the reference to Cornwall Council 'releasing the leasehold' at St Barnabas only meant that at some stage in the future Cornwall Council staff who are currently working out of St.

Barnabas would be moved into office space elsewhere that is more suited to their needs.

The series of public workshops that the NHS had been delivering to debate the future of the building, which is owned by NHS Property Services, had to be put on hold

when Covid hit. Cllr. Frank went on to report that she had contacted the NHS to ask when the town could expect the workshops to start up again, but had been advised that all NHS resources are still committed to coping with the ongoing pandemic.

## A Comfy Bench to Sit and Stare



James Jenkins runs a small but energetic community group in Saltash called the Friends of Tincombe, which works alongside Cornwall Council, CORMAC and the Cornwall Wildlife Trust to help maintain Tincombe as a haven for wildlife and a retreat for visitors, encouraging people to make time to stand and stare at nature's beauty.

One day earlier this year, James' wife, Kim, saw an advert in the Saltash Observer saying that Saltash Scrapstore would grant funding to the right project. The Friends of Tincombe submitted an application, and now there is a comfy bench in Oaklands Field where visitors can sit and contemplate the spectacular views. "It's nice to know the bench was considered to be a 'right' project, and that our aims are in line with Scrapstore's aims," said James.

The bench is made

completely of recycled material. The local community rallied round and donated concrete, wood, plants, skills and time to get the bench installed, and it was officially opened on a Sunday morning in February at an event attended by Trustees of Saltash Scrapstore along with a couple of dozen members of the Friends. In keeping with Scrapstore's aim of preventing material going to landfill, Peter Ryland, Chair of the Scrapstore Trustees, untied the bow instead of cutting it, so it can be used again on a different occasion.

Over the last 12 months the Friends of Tincombe have been busy setting up bird boxes, hedgehog homes and sleeper benches, as well as planting daffodils, wildflowers and trees, creating spaces for wildlife and people.

The Friends have already started planning for this year's edition of the Tincombe Tea Party, which will be held on Saturday 6th August, and they are hoping the event will help raise enough funds to install a circular educational seating area for use by schools and groups from around Saltash. Anyone interested in wildlife or in helping the Friends is encouraged to check out their Facebook page.

The panoramic view from the recycled bench is breathtaking. From this spot, you can view Trematon Fort and St. Stephens Church beneath the boughs, while in the background lies Tregantle. Make time to sit and stare as long as sheep or cows, as the poet W.H. Davies says.

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# New Year, New Job?

Whether you're unemployed and looking for work, or you want to take the next step in your career, finding the right job can sometimes feel like a job in itself. Christians Against Poverty (CAP) runs job clubs through local churches across the UK and we've used our experience to put together some top tips to help you on your search.

**Be brave**  
Think outside the box, maybe hand out CVs to businesses even if they're not advertising and keep putting yourself out there. If you get a rejection, don't take it personally – you can succeed!

**Make the most of social media**  
If you're on Facebook or Twitter, follow some regional accounts like your local Jobcentre Plus or local businesses. That way, you'll be the first to see when new vacancies open up.

**Sign up to email alerts (from a job-based website)**  
Choose to receive alerts about specific roles from a job-hunting site like Indeed or LinkedIn. You can also upload your CV and qualifications directly so potential employers know who you are and why you're a great candidate for the job.

**Identify your skills**  
Take some time to write down your top skills. Think about the experience you already have and what skills you used in past jobs. If you're unsure, you can always ask friends and family.

**Make your personal statement personal**  
Write down some specific times you've demonstrated your top skills. Think of some examples that are as unique to you as possible, then build these into your personal statement and CV.

**Repeat yourself**  
Don't worry about using the same personal statement for



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cover letters, application forms and even during interviews. If you're applying for a range of jobs, just select the skills relevant for each role and include these.

**Say it out loud**  
Don't let the first time you say your strengths out loud be in an interview. Recite them to yourself, tell a close friend, build confidence in what you've written.

**Don't do it alone**  
I don't run a CAP job club, but I can point you in the direction of people who can help you, so feel free to get in touch. You can do this!

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**Woodland Work of Art Silent Auction**  
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# Birds, Flowers and Fairy Houses in Saltash's Springtime Woodland Walk

About ten minutes walk away from busy Fore Street lies another world of woodland, rushing stream and a plethora of flowers and birdsong. And it is a world of enchantment for its youngest visitors, who can discover their own fairyland amid the ancient trees.

Coombe Woods, once overgrown scrubland, has been landscaped largely by Jon Foster, upon whose unique work of wooden sculpture we reported in your January Observer. As the Cornwall Council appointed woodland

warden, he has removed undergrowth, giving space for trees to grow and planted out 3,500 new saplings, as well as assisted local children in planting around 650, 000 bulbs. New pathways opening up the woodlands for exploration are named for family and friends, including Lottie's Lane and Willow's Wonder, as well as those evocative of the landscape, such as Nettle Close and the ominous Swamp Pass. Some, such as Lennie's Lane and Eva's Bridge, are in memory to deceased infants, while Dee's Spring is dedicated to Jon's wife, without whom these woods would not be possible.

As one wanders the woodland ways, amid the birdsong (there are bird identification boards to hand) the youngest visitors can delight at discovering a fairy world at their feet. Not only

fairy houses but a complete village is there to be explored, including a school, a church with a wedding underway, an elf centre for the sick and a shop (Elf Service, naturally.) Watch out for the carved ladybirds and other bugs, dragonflies and ghostly tree faces.

The fairies disappear each Autumn but we are assured they will be returning in early Spring just as the array of primroses, daffodils and other wild flowers burst into bloom. Easily accessed from Coombe Road, Trelawny Road or Chichester Crescent,

the woods offer an idyllic walk for all the family in Springtime or at anytime of the year. Some paths may be muddy and slippery after rain, so don appropriate footwear and let the fun and adventure begin.



## Conundrum Corner

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 What name is given to the Chord that connects Mother and Baby? (9)
  - 2 What specific name is given to each of the corridors in the House of Commons where M.Ps. go to vote? (5)
  - 3 In geographical terms what is a Cataract? (9)
  - 4 What relation was William the Conqueror to King Stephen? (11)
  - 5 What noun is used to describe an animal which eats both Plants and Flesh? (8)
  - 6 What Italian term is applied to the text of an Opera or Operetta? (8)
  - 7 What name is given to the three Chalk Pillars which form the Western extremity of the Isle of Wight? (7)
  - 8 Who is most likely to be described as a Thespian? (5)
  - 9 Moving anti-clockwise on a Dartboard what number is next to four? (8)
- Answers on Page 7

## Sustainable Saltash

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

Air source heat pumps. We've all heard stories of cold homes, noise and high bills. Is it all true, or just so much hot air? We live in a Victorian terrace with new loft insulation, but with timeworn double glazing and a huge, thin-walled '70s extension. When our boiler packed up, we didn't want another decade on gas, but were worried about the suitability of our old house. We contacted a renewable heating company, were assessed and eventually went ahead.

We got government reimbursement but up-front cost was high. We needed a hot water cylinder and a few radiators needed to be upsized. So why do it? The answer for us is that how we use money has a huge impact on our emissions. The best thing to limit environmental harm is to never buy anything, but that's not realistic! We wanted to spend positively, cutting emissions long term, supporting companies decarbonising home heating, and increasing demand to drive down cost.

A heat pump is a refrigerator in reverse. The heating is gradual. It's a false economy to turn it on when you come home and find the place freezing. You can, but you pay dearly. Set the temperature you want and let it trickle continually. It can be cooler overnight, but incrementally - not on and off. That approach has saved us 20-30% on winter heating

compared to gas, despite energy prices skyrocketing. Walk into our house any time of day and it is comfortable. Our water reaches 50-55 degrees, with a fortnightly 65 degree cycle. That worried us, we are clean freaks and have a young family. In reality we haven't noticed. Turn on taps and you get steaming water. 55 degrees is cooler, but hold your hand under it and you will be scalded.

For most of the year, the heat pump is inaudible in our town environment. It purrs quietly and from a few feet back I have to see the fan to know it is running. It is louder when the temperature falls to freezing. On frosty mornings I would compare the sound to a microwave.

The unit sits between our back extension and the neighbour's. We asked - they can't hear it. We rarely do. Furthermore, indoors is quieter

without a boiler going on and off.

So how to summarise? Our experience has been excellent. Air source heat pumps are not right for all homes, and frustratingly, not yet within the means of all that could benefit from them. If you are fortunate enough to be able to make this choice, find a reputable installer and see if you can visit someone that has one. There are a fair few of us in Saltash now. You might be pleasantly surprised.

Marc Bramham

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

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## Tamar Reflections

### Four Adventurers from Saltash

Tamar reflections mirrors a very different story this month, but one I have been meaning to share with readers for quite some time. Saltash has so many wonderful people and notable events to celebrate over the centuries; indeed, many have already been well documented.

Proudly, hanging in the Saltash Guildhall stairwell is a plaque honouring four adventurers from Saltash who played major roles in the planning and development of Australia and Tasmania in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries.

They were brothers Nicholas and Evan Nepean, whose father was Saltash Mayor in 1791, James Hobbs and Sir James Penn Boucaut twice Premier of South Australia.

Their names live on in Australian place names, but were not recognised locally until 1993 when His Excellency Richard Smith, High Commissioner of Australia unveiled a plaque at the Saltash Guildhall in their honour, on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 1993.

After researching their history for over a year, I was honoured to instigate and lead on this project on behalf of the Saltash Town Council during 1992/3.

**Nepean Evan** was born in Saltash and Baptised at St Stephens Church in 1752. Evan eventually went to London and played a significant role in the planning of the Infant Colony of New South Wales. He set up a Beauchamp Commission advising Lord Sydney, and became Under Secretary of State to Lord Sydney, eventually becoming Under Secretary of Botany Bay.

His name is perpetuated by the Nepean River at the foot of the hills of the Blue Mountain, which divided the infant colony

of New South Wales from the rest of Australia. In addition, Point Nepean in Victoria and Nepean Highway in Melbourne; interestingly, he never set foot on Australian soil.

Evan Nepean became a Baronet in 1802, and is remembered as a very important figure in the Foundation of Colonial Australia.



**Nicholas Nepean** too, was born in Saltash and Baptised at St Stephens Church in 1757. Nicholas went to Australia in the late 1700's probably on the advice of his brother Evan.

Nicholas eventually became Lieutenant General and the Deputy Governor of the Norfolk Island.

Nicholas came back to Saltash in 1793 due to bad health, and put his energy into local affairs, and eventually became Deputy Mayor of Saltash in 1804.

There is a Tomb Stone in memory of the Nepean family at St Stephens Church Yard.

**Sir James Penn Boucaut K.C.M.G.** came to Saltash to live at the age of ten and attended Saltash School and lived in Fore Street.

He emigrated to Australia with his parents in 1846 and practised as a Lawyer before becoming Premier of South Australia in 1866 when he initiated the Boucaut Policy of Public Works.

In his second Premiership 1875-1877, he was responsible for introducing free secular and compulsory education to South Australia. Later he was appointed a Judge of Supreme Court of South Australia. He took the lead in the Foundation and Development of South Australia and was delighted in its evolution.

Sir James Penn Boucaut retired from Public life in 1905 at the age of 74 years, and died in 1916 at the age of 85 years. His name and his greatness will ever cling in the memory of the people of South Australia.

**Lieutenant James Hobbs** was born in Saltash in 1792, he was the younger son of William and Ann Hobbs of 'The (Ivy) Cottage' in Lower Burraton (Ivy Cottage is still a dwelling in Fairmead Road). More recent descendants of James Hobbs – the late Aubrey and Reg Hobbs were great friends of mine until they passed away some years ago. Aubrey was still living in 'Ivy Cottage' right up to his passing about 30 years ago. Reg lived the opposite side of Fairmead Road.

James embarked for New South Wales at the age of 10 years (1802) with his mother and four sisters.

James father was killed in Australia in 1799 and his brother was killed in 1801.

Lord Hobart suggested that Ann Hobbs and her five children would have a better life if they moved to Hobart. They settled in Van Diemen's Land. When he grew up, James became a Powder Monkey to load the guns with gun powder during confrontation on board ships.

James was at one time on the same ship as Captain Bligh on the 'Porpoise' in 1808. He was just sixteen years old at the time!

One of James Hobbs most notable achievements was when he circumnavigated the Island of Tasmania. James was the only person at that time to complete such a thorough circumnavigation of the Island.

One of the main reasons for the circumnavigation of the Island was to report on the proposed breakwater at the Macquarie Harbour.

James was in charge of two well equipped open boats manned by twelve well-chosen convicts.

Unfortunately, they met exceptionally bad weather, and suffered serious boat damage, and food shortages; however, the circumnavigation was completed in less than six months.

This outstanding accomplishment was well rewarded, as James was granted land for his amazing achievement.

James Hobbs died in 1880 at the age of 88 years at St Kilda. He was a well-respected and acknowledged pioneer and there is a Hobbs Island off the coast of Tasmania, a Hobbs Creek, Hobbs Lagoon and Hobbs Parish all named in his honour. Further, there is a Hobbs Crescent in Saltash, just a few metres away from his Ancestral 'Ivy Cottage'.

The descendent Hobbs in Saltash are also well respected – Richard Hobbs was Mayor of Saltash in 1946 (father of Aubrey and Reg Hobbs). Saltash was absolutely right to honour these four outstanding adventurers! And I have been privileged to boomerang their history once again!

*G'day*  
Sue Hooper MBE

On a frosty January morning, myself and about a dozen others, arrived at the misty and magical Shillingham Manor Farm, nestled on the edge of the Tamar River. We had all responded to a small advert on the local Saltash Community Facebook page, requesting people to come and help prune at their vineyard after Christmas. With some free time on my hands, it sounded the perfect thing for me to fill my winter break. However, I was not expecting the astonishing beauty which faced me on my arrival.

We were greeted by Alex and Frances, and then made our way to the first of many fields, all filled with row upon row of tiny vines, encased in white protective sleeves. There, Frances (the project's consultant) showed us exactly how we should prune each vine, gently lifting the sleeve, then cutting the stem down to two buds, or if long and strong enough, leaving it tall and snipping off the top, then popping back the protective coat. She then admitted that there were just a mere 72,999 vines left to prune!

Over the next four weeks, many of us congregated first thing in the morning at the farm's yard, before marching out, across the frosty fields, wearing hats and a multitude of layers, carrying secateurs in gloved hands, ready for our day's work ahead.

Alex Ramsden, the son of the farm's owner, explained to us that they are growing three varieties of grape at Shillingham, and that the vines are not expected to fruit until next year at the earliest.

## A Misty and Magical Morning At Shillingham Manor Farm



This long-term project is exactly that – an ambitious, long-term operation, and with the prospect of some exceptionally fine English wines, grown and produced in an idyllic microclimate, hidden on this Cornish hillside.

Breathtakingly beautiful is not a phrase I use lightly, but that is exactly what Shillingham Manor Farm is. It truly felt as if we were standing at the very top of a tranquil and still world, and we were all so captivated by our exquisite surroundings, the biting cold barely registered as we admired the

magnificent sprawling view, while we worked.

The first stage of the pruning was finished after just four weeks, due to the continued and unexpectedly fine weather we had throughout January. But when the next de-budding phase begins in Spring, I will be the first person there, secateurs in hand, ready to be enchanted by this bewitching place once more.

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## Parish Priest Appointed for Saltash Ministry

After a prolonged 'interregnum' since the departure of the last priest in charge of our fine local churches, her replacement will be formally licensed to take over on 8th March.

Richard Magrath describes himself as very excited to be called to Saltash and says that he has never before spent Christmas so looking forward to Lent. He will be responsible for St. Nicholas and St. Stephen's churches in Saltash as well as those in Botus Fleming, Landrake and St Erney. A Lancashire lad from Warrington, he is married to Kay Leigh, a 'local maid' who grew up near Saltash and will herself be training for the ministry. They will be moving here from their current parish in London bringing with them their eighteen-month-old daughter, Elowen, and two cats, Marlowe and Shakespeare.

Following the licensing by the Bishop of St Germans on 8th March at Botus Fleming, our new parish priest looks forward to meeting and becoming a part of our Saltash community.

### Conundrum Answers:

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## A Tale From The Trenches Was on the Cards

“Xmas Greeting 7th Division 1916,” read the postcard, alongside a picture of a greatcoated and helmeted soldier seated before a brazier. The card also recorded the divisional battle honours from Ypres to the Somme.

On the reverse a soldier of the Great War had a written brief message to his “Dear Mother,” telling her of his recent visit to town to buy a goose for Christmas dinner and wishing her “a quiet rest at Xmas.”

I had picked up the card as a curiosity, at a post card fair, where I had otherwise been seeking out historic cards featuring Saltash. And I grew increasingly intrigued by it, as I put it alongside my own cards each December. It was signed “your affectionate son Esmond Burton.” Who was this soldier, a private or an officer? A raw teenage conscript or a seasoned veteran? Above all having endured the Battle of the Somme and survived until December 1916. Did he survive the following two years in the

Flanders killing fields and return home to his “dear mother?”

With the aid of two good friends and fellow Saltash Heritage members, I have been able to discover a remarkable amount about a most interesting and distinguished person. His military career was investigated for me by Peter Clements and his civilian background, by Lizzie Sharpe-Asprey.

The only Esmond Burton serving in France in the 7th Division during December 1916, was a Captain Esmond Burton of the Royal Army Service Corps, born in East Molesey, Surrey, in 1886. Unfortunately many of the First World War service records were destroyed, by enemy action in the Second World War and his appear to be among them. However we know that the 7th Division in which he served, was formed in the first few weeks of World War 1 and landed in Zeebrugge in October 1914, in an attempt to support the defence of Antwerp, before retreating and playing a vital role in stabilising the front at Ypres. During two

weeks of hard fighting, that October, 18,000 soldiers were reduced to two thousand. The 7th division fought in most of the major battles, on the Western Front through to 1917, when they were posted to the Italian front, remaining there until the armistice. Captain Burton’s division gained the nickname, “The Immortal Seventh.”

And yes, Captain Esmond Burton did survive the war and return home to East Molesey, where he received his victory medals. Then his life grew really interesting.

One of the six children born to Edward Burton, himself a London born tobacco manufacturer and Ada (nee McCrae) Esmond Burton never married and survived to die in 1964 aged 79.

During this time he gained a formidable reputation as a carver, modeller and architectural sculpture. He is referred to in various reference documents, as being involved in many architectural pieces on

well known London buildings. His carvings, religious and secular, are portrayed on the internet and some adorn such buildings as the Bank of England as well as various monuments. His carvings, religious and secular, are portrayed on the internet and some adorn church buildings as the bank of England, as well as various monuments. Of the latter, one of the finest is that for Robert Walpole, Earl Orford who died in 1931, sculpted for St Andrew’s church Wickmere, Norfolk. The stone being brought from St Paul’s Island in the Pacific, where the young, then Midshipman Walpole had been shipwrecked in 1871.

Esmond Burton’s career as a sculptor evidently bought him not only fame but fortune. When he died in his Kensington home in 1964, he had another property (his studio?) in Holborn and left an estate of nearly £63,000, a considerable sum at that time. Probate was taken out by his nephew, Edward Burton who had inherited the family tobacco manufacturing business. So I have now learned, how the fortunes of war served the writer of my 1916 postcard, enabling him to go on and achieve great things for posterity- a stone sculpture of his recently, went on the market for £33,600.

Next Christmas, I will put up Esmond’s 1916 card to his “dear mother” with added interest and pride.

*Martin Lister.*

## Saltash Old Cornwall Society

Life in a Tamar valley village when water had to be hand pumped, electricity was a future dream and the Methodist Church was inextricably a part of the local community, was recalled at the January meeting of Saltash Old Cornwall Society. Guest speaker Arthur Tink was a native of St Dominic when it was very much a self sufficient community, dependent upon fruit and flower growing and farming. He spoke of his own early life and from the age of fifteen, working on the land in nursing gardens and a poultry farm.

He also, assisted by his wife Elizabeth, recalled the history of local Methodism when a number of different Methodist chapels were each filled with congregations, whose lives revolved very much around their chapels and the associated social activities.

Recently the surviving St. Dominic Methodist church had celebrated the life of the New York born hymn writer, Fanny Crosby. Blinded in infancy, she nevertheless played piano, organ and guitar, as well as writing an estimated eight thousand hymns before her death in 1915, aged 95. Some of these hymns, set to Sankey music, were sung in celebration of her, at St Dominic.

Saltash old Cornwall Society is planning a Summer visit to St Dominic, with tea hosted by the Methodist church and in his note of thanks to Arthur and Elizabeth, society secretary Martin Lister emphasised how their forthcoming visit will be enhanced by the talk.



## SEA Sow St Stephens Cemetery

Seven volunteers from SEA (Saltash Environmental Action) have worked to restore wildflowers around the perimeter of St Stephens Cemetery. Cemeteries store reserves of wildflower seeds in the land surrounding the graves, which was left undisturbed and free from chemicals over several centuries. In more recent years, regular mowing has prevented wildflowers from flourishing, but now the Burial Board has agreed to stop mowing round the outer border during the Spring and Summer months, to give wildflowers a chance.

The SEA volunteers raked off the old thatch, scarified the ground, and sowed the all-important yellow rattle. Known as the ‘Meadow Maker’, yellow rattle weakens the roots of the surrounding grass, allowing wildflowers to flourish. Yellow rattle has to be trampled into the soil and then exposed to frost, which fortunately arrived in early January after the last working party. SEA are grateful to Saltash Rotary for providing seed under Rotary’s Billion Seed Challenge.

SEA also planted some donated daffodil and grape hyacinth bulbs, and in Spring will add some plug plants grown from seed collected locally. Their aim is to encourage native plants, both to delight cemetery visitors and to provide shelter and food for insects and small reptiles and mammals that have been hit so hard by urbanisation.



## YOUR SNP NEEDS YOU!

### Vote YES on March 17th 2022

The Saltash Neighbourhood Plan (SNP) is a future development plan document, just for Saltash. It is designed so that all future development in the town, including planning applications must reflect what Saltash people want. It has been drawn up by local people over the last six years and many of you have commented on it and changes have been made. It is fully supported by Saltash Town Council and Cornwall Council and has been approved as a proper legal document by independent planning inspectors. It is now at the final stage of a referendum for your approval.

You will have received by now voting cards for a **YES / NO** referendum on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

### WE URGE YOU TO VOTE YES.

If approved by you, all developers and planners have to abide by its rules alongside the national rules and Cornwall Council’s rules. These three documents are the future of planning in the town.

The referendum will ask you just one question: “Do you want Cornwall Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Saltash to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?” We ask you to vote **YES** for this.

That’s the basics, now for some details, but to have another look at the plan just type into your computer [plan4saltash](http://plan4saltash), or ring [Saltash Town Council \(844846\)](tel:844846). They will contact one of the team to help you. Copies in library too.

**In 2015 you said, ...** “Saltash should be a safe, friendly, attractive riverside location that is prosperous, tranquil, green and eco-friendly”. You gave lots of details and ideas in consultations and that is what the team started with. They designed the plan to try and achieve this in the future. It has 65 policies that Cornwall must apply but here is a summary. So vote **YES** to provide a legal framework in order to: -

- \* Secure a diverse and prosperous local economy and sustainable neighbourhoods
- \* Regenerate the town centre
- \* Manage the growth of out of town shopping
- \* Revitalise the waterfront
- \* Ensure a balanced range of quality new housing
- \* Protect and enhance the existing built environment
- \* Enhance the natural environment of the parish
- \* Manage the rural areas of the parish sympathetically
- \* Meet the changing demand for health, education and community services
- \* Meet the growing demand for additional sport, recreation and leisure facilities
- \* Encourage improved connectivity (footpaths, cycleways etc.)
- \* Tackle the causes and impacts of climate change

However please don’t forget that existing housing sites such as Treledan (Broadmoor) and North Pill were made previously by Cornwall Council without the benefit of this future plan. If you do not approve this plan then Cornwall Council will fall back to their plan and the national plan - only these - for future development in the town. So please vote **YES** for Saltash. Thank you.

*Article written by  
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