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'Jungle Book' - A Hit with Audiences Young and Old!

The summer term production of 'Jungle Book Kids' at saltash.net community school proved itself to be a very popular show with people of all ages. Tickets sold out quickly for all three nights and audience members ranged from babes in arms to proud grannies and granddads.

The lasting appeal of the 1967 Disney film meant that many of the songs in the show were well known to the audience, but there were some surprising and delightful 'twists' in the direction by teacher of Drama, Matt Oakes, and teacher of Music, Chris Eastman, not least the rousing final number of 'When I Grow Up' taken from a more recent musical, 'Matilda'.

For the third year running, children from saltash.net's partner primary schools were invited to take part in the combined key stage 2 and key stage 3 production. Pupils from Landulph, St Stephens, Burraton, Brunel, Weston Mill, Sir Robert Geffery's and Bishop Cornish joined students from years 7, 8 and 9 at saltash.net to present a show which was energetic, humorous and extremely entertaining overall.

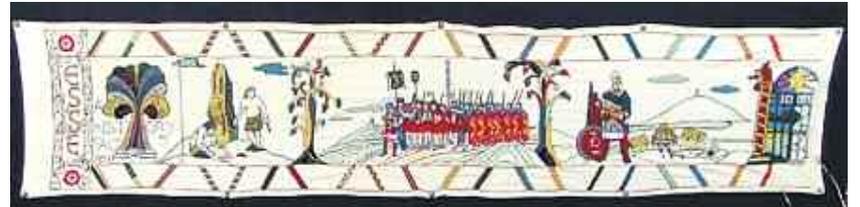
Excelling in the lead roles were Emily Horsham as Baloo, Olivia Higman as Bagheera, Bethan Hall as Shere Khan, Molly Banks as King Louie, Rachel Jonas as Mowgli, and Ellie Kevern as Kaa the snake. They were very ably supported by the other 50 cast and chorus members.

Matt Oakes said, "We've had great fun working on the show. We run this annual project to allow our younger students to experience musical theatre but also to act as ambassadors to the students from our partner Primary Schools. It acts as an excellent opportunity for primary students to see our school, meet older students, meet staff and see the outstanding ethos we have at saltash.net. We have a great team who work on the production and seeing the cast perform certainly makes all the hard work worth it."

A Year 9 student said, "Thank you so much everything. I've done all of the shows and I'm really going to miss being a part of the junior company. I've gained confidence and met loads of friends."

A parent of a Year 6 child wrote into the school saying, "Just a quick note to say once again how much we appreciate you and your team's efforts in producing such a fab Jungle Book performance, and allowing Hannah to be part of it. She loved joining in the production and we're sure it's helped her confidence in performing."

Saltash Taps into Talent to Create Tapestry of Town's History



Some of the sixty or more local artists and artisans involved in producing an embroidered pictorial history of Saltash showed off their work in progress towards what will be a Bayeux style tapestry over a hundred feet long. A Display in Saltash Baptist Church included some of the embroiderers working on the panels, which will depict over sixty scenes. These will cover the town's history from prehistory through the Norman, Elizabethan and civil war eras to the building of the Brunel Bridge. They will conclude right up to date with the Celtic Cross and the Anne Glanville Talking Bench.

The idea came from Andrew Tritton, who has been embroidering since he was fourteen and after a career in the Royal Navy came to live in Saltash six years ago. He joined Saltash Heritage and showed Secretary Liz Sharpe-Asprey some of his work. She suggested taking it further, Councillor Jo Ellison and his wife Claire called a meeting at Ashtorre of those interested in participating in the project and the idea took off.

Andrew taught the stitching technique, done in the Bayeux style and using wool from Bayeux, to volunteers who had to commit themselves to working on it for an hour each day over two years. Just the drawing of it took five hundred hours before it was transferred to linen and sewing could commence.

It is hoped to be completed by November 2015 and will be exhibited in local schools and churches. Then a permanent home will be required. Andrew has some ideas on this but hopes for a home where it can be displayed as one long piece to ensure the 'wow' factor and have it as a major attraction to the town, hopefully surviving as long as that of Bayeux.

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The Essa Files

If you want to understand someone, goes the saying, walk a mile in their shoes. Generally of course this is not practical (high heels aren't really me) but I have had an unexpected opportunity this month to experience a different perspective. In what was already a poor week for British football – England having lost their second match – I managed to break my collar bone in a 'friendly' game.

This has given me new, and rather frustrating, insight into just how slow it is trying to do more or less anything one armed, in addition to bring unable to drive. It has of course also given me that warm fuzzy feeling that comes with everyone being tremendously helpful in times of need, but certainly it has increased my empathy for those with disabilities.

Now I'm not suggesting that everyone joins me in this experience by breaking their collar bones on a rotational basis, although I'd be happy to lend you my sling once I'm done with it. Equally it is certainly the case that a little more empathy all round would be a splendid thing in politics. Very few of us are much good at understanding things from someone else's perspective and probably very few of us, myself included, try hard enough to do so.

This is most often apparent in planning disputes – one would expect an applicant and their near neighbours to often have very different perspectives, but it can be frustrating for me if neither side can acknowledge the other's point of view, particularly when experience tells me that they might be just as vehement the other way if the roles were reversed.

Equally I sometimes see the same phenomenon between some town councillors who

are also Cornwall Councillors and those who aren't. Ironically sometimes one or even both sides of the argument will say 'you would see it differently if you were in my position' or 'you're only saying that because you are / aren't also on Cornwall Council' without really considering that the reverse is also true.

So my conclusions this month are firstly that a broken collar bone is very annoying, and secondly that a little more mutual empathy might result in a liveable compromise and a happier situation all round.

By Adam Killeya

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Saltash Gateway CIC Notice of AGM

Please join us for our AGM on Wednesday 30th July, 7pm at the Saltash Guildhall.



Councillor's Conditional Discharge on Election Offence

Councillor and former Mayor Jo Ellison asked the Mayor's permission to make a brief statement during the June Council meeting concerning criminal charges which had been pending over him for many months.

'I today pleaded guilty to two counts. I had intended pleading not guilty to one of them but was persuaded by the magistrate to enter a guilty plea rather than let the matter drag on for months longer at increasing public expense', he stated. 'I was given a conditional discharge for six months'.

One of the charges related to Councillor Ellison having removed election posters placed by Councillor John Brady when both of them were standing for County Council. Councillor Ellison considered that they had been placed illegally and subsequently binned them.

The other charge related to Councillor Ellison distributing election material without, as required, showing the name and address of the person for whom it had been published.

Having received a conditional discharge for these offences does not preclude a person for continuing to serve as Councillor.

Restaurant Fan's Noise Annoys Local Residents

A giant extractor fan in a newly created kitchen behind Fore Street drowns out all the sweeter sounds of Summer for those living in adjacent Victoria Road, one such resident told the Town Council. The fan, which operates from early morning to late evening, also causes the smell of hot oil to linger over gardens and intrude into homes if windows are opened.

The Town Council was considering a retrospective application by the owner of 'Ice Warm' to convert a garage to a kitchen. However the resident denied that there had previously been a garage, or any other building, on that site and some councillors evidently agreed.

'The place stinks and is really noisy', Councillor Shepherd confirmed. He added that the environmental protection officer had picked up on it and objected that the current extractor system lacked noise and odour controls.

The Town Council unanimously recommended refusal for the retrospective application and added a recommendation that planning enforcement look into the issue of the garage since converted into a kitchen.



CORNWALL COUNCIL



and our PL12 community

For Observer readers

From Councillor Hilary Frank

Saltash South

I've been a councillor on Cornwall Council for just over a year, now. I relish the opportunities it gives me to make a difference in my local community. But with all the cuts in Government funding combined with the spending increases in sectors like adult care it certainly ain't an easy time to be a councillor. Cornwall Council is having to make savings of £135,000 every single day over this 4-year period. £135,000 every single day!

Councillor Ellison highlighted some of the effects the cuts are having in Saltash in the last issue of the Observer: our library is now closed on Fridays as well as Wednesdays and there have been cuts to youth service provision in K3 and Livewire. Sadly, these won't be the last cuts. Over the last months I've been frustrated in attempts to get new rubbish bins or get planning officers to make site visits in Saltash. 'There is no money', I've been told on each occasion.

The impact of reduced budgets is hitting Cornwall Council employees, too. Following the restructure earlier this year that saw the number of Corporate Directors cut to 3, Cornwall Council is currently in formal consultation with employees and trade unions to reduce the total number of Heads of Service from 22 to 14. The earlier restructure management restructure brought about initial savings of £400,000.

As well as implementing short-term budget savings, Cornwall Council is also looking to the future, working to ensure the county's economic resilience going forward. A great deal of work has been undertaken, for example, with the Department for

Transport, Network Rail and the Office of Rail Regulation to bring forward the project to re-signal the mainline between Penzance and Totnes. If we are successful, the re-signalling will be completed by December 2018, paving the way for a half-hour shuttle between Saltash and Penzance, providing a new quality of accessibility throughout Cornwall.

Instead of supporting Cornwall Council in its efforts to tighten its purse strings, however, it feels like central government has no compunction about taking decisions that will make matters worse. Government has even suggested that Whitehall should take over the operation and governance of the €590.4m of EU funds that have been allocated to Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly between 2014-20. If this proposal goes ahead jobs that could have been carried out by Cornish people will be given to officials in Whitehall. Cornwall Council believes that the best way of delivering the best possible European programme is by empowering local businesses and communities to make investment decisions and shape their own future and so it has been spearheading the '#stand up for Cornwall' campaign to lobby government to abandon this proposal. The campaign is gaining strength, but it is not certain what will happen.

The only thing that is certain is that the way local government services are provided throughout the

county and throughout the country will look very different in future years. Services will be provided in conjunction with local groups. It is already beginning to happen in Saltash: Cornwall Housing is working with a group of local volunteers to regenerate the Babis Farm Community Room; Cornwall Youth Service is in the process of setting up a partnership agreement with the volunteer management committee at K3. Cormac (wholly owned by Cornwall Council) has developed a toolkit trailer to assist community groups in cleaning up their areas. A trailer complete with everything from secateurs to shovels will be delivered to your door free of charge. (Ring 0300 1234 222 if you're interested in using the trailer.)

Saltash, with its vibrant community spirit, is well placed to take this forward. Just witness the excellent community spirit at last month's Regatta where a dedicated team of volunteers worked so hard to provide a weekend of enjoyment on and off the water. And a team of volunteers has already started working on preparations for the town's Christmas event, to be held on the first Saturday in December. Talking of Christmas: all Year 6 children in primary education are invited to enter a competition to design the Christmas card that will be sent out by the Chairman of Cornwall Council. The theme is 'Cornwall – Land of Granite'. Entries must be submitted on paper no larger than A3 size before 25th July to: Chairman's Office, Room 3E 01, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY.

So, in one short article I've managed to rant about budget cuts and talk about Christmas in July... Sorry, folks!

Councillor Hilary Frank

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Teaching Award for Scott Wieprecht of Saltash.net



Local MP Sheryll Murray was pleased to meet Scott Wieprecht of Saltash.Net to the Pearson Teaching Awards to the House of Commons to honour all those who have won a Silver Teaching Award in 2014.

Scott attended the event which was held to celebrate exceptional teachers from across the UK. He won his trophy in the category, The Award for Outstanding use of Technology in Education, after being shortlisted from a record number of over 20,000 nominations made by grateful pupils, past and present, parents and colleagues. He will now join 59 fellow Silver Award winners at the UK final of the Teaching Awards at London's Guildhall on 26th October, where 11 Silver Award winners will receive a Gold Award. The ceremony will be filmed and broadcast by the BBC.

Sheryll Murray said, "It was fantastic to welcome Scott Wieprecht and congratulate him personally on his great achievement.

I am also pleased that his head teacher, Isobel Bryce, was able to join him. I hope these awards give inspiration and encouragement to the whole teaching profession across the constituency."

Rod Bristow, President of Core Markets at Pearson, said: "Everyone can remember a teacher who inspired and challenged them so it's important to say thank you.

It is great teaching that makes the biggest difference to learning and that's why great teachers must be recognised".

Letter to the Editor Tracing Family Links

Can you help... I am trying to trace the maternal side of my family tree. I have a great grandmother named Louisa Townsend who was born in Saltash in 1873. That is all I know about her and would be interested in tracing any family links further.

My mother told me that my great-grandfather was a royal marine bandsman, and that my own grandmother was either born in India, or went to India shortly after she was born. My great-grandmother's married name was Spratt, and she lived her married life in Portsmouth.

It would also appear from the records that my grandmother and two others were born before the marriage took place.

The marriage seems to have occurred in 1899.

I was delighted to discover that I have Devon/Cornish blood, I understand that Saltash is right on the border.

I did wonder if any of your readers know anything further about this family, or can point me in the right direction?

Email any details to: wighthelen@aol.com

Judith Lock

Pictured: Sheryll with Scott Wieprecht and Isobel Bryce in Parliament.

Fore Street Focus for Summer Festival of Arts

Two weeks of free entertainment, creative activities and demonstrations of crafts are planned for Saltash's first Arts Festival this Summer.

All businesses in the town have been invited to participate and already our enterprising local shops have promised a wide array of activities with demonstrations ranging from fabric dyeing to bread painting, and from clicker training (for dogs) to jewellery making and crochet and knitting. Meanwhile local art and photography groups are hoping to exhibit in town centre premises, the famous Saltash Chronicles Tapestry will be displayed in a Fore Street gazebo, even a bubble bath demonstration may be forthcoming. Entertainment ranges from story telling for children to live folk music. And Observer writer Martin Lister will be leading one of his popular 'Saltash Gems' historic walks.

The Saltash Arts Festival which runs from 20th August to 3rd September is supported and financed by the Saltash Town Centre Improvement Group (STIG) and has support

Community Interest Company Membership Soars

Membership of the Town's Community Interest Company has more than doubled recently, from, around a hundred to two hundred and fifty. This helps enable it to be a powerful voice for the town, Chair Peter Thistlethwaite declared.

He is anxious to ensure now that all members are given the chance to become active and involved in the Company's various projects. All are invited to the annual general meeting to be held in Saltash Guildhall on Wednesday 30th July at 7 p.m. Other members of the public are invited though only CIC members will be able to vote on issues raised.

Three directors will have to stand down, in accordance with the constitution, but may choose to stand for re-election. Other names can be put forward and Mr. Thistlethwaite hoped that a number of nominations would be received by early July.

The Company's new website is now running and the major financial investment will, it is hoped, pay off in terms of increased understanding of the company by the public and of its potential to contribute to life in the town. For further information on the CIC and membership one can visit the website or call into 'For Saltash' at the foot of Fore Street.

from 'Drawn to the Valley' arts festival, with which it runs parallel, and Saltash Chamber of Commerce.

Fifty businesses have been approached, many have already come on board with their own ideas, but all are encouraged to participate. The objective is to make Fore Street an even more fun and lively focus of the town, encourage people to visit our local shops and perhaps take up a new interest. Anyone not already involved is invited to contact Jill Male in 'Saltash Bookshelf'.

A full programme of events will be published in your August 'Saltash Observer'.

From The Mayor's Parlour...

This being my first report to the Observer, I'm sure you will understand that I am only just getting used to my new role as Mayor. I have already attended several Civic Services and Mayor Choosing events in the local area; it's amazing how different they can be! I do say (as you would imagine), none as good as the Saltash Mayor Choosing. I am very grateful for the staff in the Guildhall for being so supportive and helpful in putting the event together.

As I mentioned in my short speech at The Mayor Choosing on May 8th, things will be changing for us all in Saltash during the next 12 months. Planning applications do, as ever, take up a lot of the Council's time, but anyone who attends Council meetings will also know that this is not all we do. The different committees look after the concerns of many areas of our town...from The Burial Board who cast their knowledgeable eyes over the St Stephens' Churchyard, to other concerns such as weed spraying, allotments, footpaths, grounds maintenance, road safety and so on and so on. I have learnt such a lot since I joined the Council!

A recent article on the local BBC page tells us about a wonderful tapestry depicting the history of our town. The Town Council has supported Mr Andrew Tritton who has worked with over 60 members of the community since 2011 to design, sketch and stitch the panels. Once complete, the tapestry, which will have taken 25,000 hours to finish, will portray 54 scenes of the history of Saltash. Mr Tritton said the piece is being created in honour of The Bayeux Tapestry, which is 70 metres long and was made in the 11th century.

Saltash Regatta took place last weekend and what a success it was. The weather was particularly great for me to award the 5 Towns Council Cup and Shield to Saltash Town rowers. In fact there were only 3 towns taking part this year. There was a moment of panic when it was realised that our usual cox Cllr Killeya had broken a bone in his shoulder playing football and couldn't take part. Thankfully Sarah Bickford, wife of Cllr Richard Bickford was brave enough to take the tiller and steered us to success. Cllr Jean Dent Town Mayor

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Local Students Invited to Work with Saltmill Team to Create a Fitting and Welcoming Entrance to the Park



A Man with a Mission

'Pilgrim' Pete Densham is a man with a mission. His intent is to enable the Saltmill amenity area to fulfil its full potential as a community asset for Saltash. This will enable

Saltash and other local residents to enjoy the widest variety of sports and leisure activities or simply to socialise or relax in its superb riverside setting.

As training and volunteer manager at Saltmill, working with Groundwork South, Pete came here in 2011, and 'started doing anything and everything here from selling Mars bars to cleaning'. He was soon impressed with the

potential of the site and moved, with his wife and son, now two years old, to Saltash to devote more time to building up a professional support team. He is now eager to build up a team of local volunteers as part of his ambition to see Saltmill as very much a community venture.

His vision is to help take on management and ownership of the park, now in Cornwall County ownership, and to this



effect Groundwork South have already signed a thirty-year lease covering pitch, pavilion, Skate Park and car park.

Pete's more pressing ambition is to obtain a promised £10,000 to enhance the area with picnic benches, barbecue pits, bins and a bird hide. To do so he has to raise match funding of £5,000 from the community. Ex-Royal Navy and keen sportsman Pete already has a number of ideas for this ranging from car boot sales to sponsorship from local businesses. He is now eager to get the Saltash community behind him and for those of all ages to realise what an amazing asset Saltash has in Saltmill, and what potential there is for so many activities.



Groundwork At SALTMILL PARK SALTASH



Saltmill Park Saltmill Park not only has a state of the art sports facility and Skate Park, but it is an open park situated in an area of outstanding natural beauty and is very popular with dog walkers. To find out more visit: www.saltmillpark.org.uk

Training Centre – New Facility...

Saltmill Park will have a Training Centre close to the centre of Saltash which will comprise of fully equipped room which will be available for hire. The facilities will be ideal for meetings, conferences, training courses, workshops, away days and seminars as well as childrens parties craft and leisure activities.

The Training Centre at Saltmill Park is within walking distance of Saltash Train Station, with bus routes passing close by. There is also ample Free parking at Saltmill. The Training Centre will be available for bookings from 9am to 10pm 7 days a week depending on availability.

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Saltmill Park is the result of a vision of those who saw this former tidal mill, subsequently a refuse tip site for Saltash borough, as ideal for regeneration as a sporting, social and leisure area for the full community, enhanced with a series of art works around its fringe. It was part of the Changing Places programme funded by the Millennium Commission, which saw a thousand hectares of derelict land transformed into public recreational areas in the millennium year.

Now exciting plans are afoot to further enhance it and ensure that it takes its place as a true community venue with something to offer to all.

Already a Cornwall Council Grant has been utilised to lay concrete and make good the entrance area, which was

previously subject to flooding on this former creek. Now a group of young offenders have been working on planting out a marsh grass rockery area to hold water and reduce further flooding while also creating an attractive feature. Pathways are also being made flood proof.

Now in conjunction with saltash.net academy local students are being invited to work with the Saltmill team on designing and creating a fitting and welcoming entrance to the park.

Facilities include a sunken arena area ideal for music events including festivals, promoting local and invited talent, and a variety of other major community events. A children's play area and basketball pitch are among facilities which can be

enjoyed by younger visitors, while just strolling along the river frontage and enjoying the wild life on the estuary is a valuable means of winding down and relaxation for those of all ages.

Leisure at Saltmill should be enhanced when £10,000 grant funding is made available for picnic and barbecue facilities and a new bird hide. This is subject to the community raising £5000 by way of match funding. As well as the popular car boot sales, local support is being sought, especially from individuals and within the business community. Business sponsors will be publicly recognised within the park. For further information on the park, how to make a donation and future plans visit www.saltmillpark.org.uk

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Booking the Pilgrim Pitch

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The Pitch at Saltmill...A Multi Sport Venue

Although the all year weatherproof and fully floodlit pitch at Saltmill is already attracting players, with bookings busy from September to March, there is still wide availability during the 9a.m. to 5p.m. seven days a week opening.

Argyle Youth Training and Exeter Youth Development as well as Torquay Elite are already among those taking weekly advantage of the superb 3G-rubber crumb all weather pitch. A new youth Pro-Direct football academy has also come on board, while on Saturdays it is home base to Saltash stalwarts St. Stephens Borough as well as newly formed Real Saltash I and II teams. New teams are still welcome, particularly to join

the recently formed Thursday League. From the popular twelve teams of seven a-side an enhanced league of twenty-six a side teams of 18 plus players is being formed, with

In addition to the regular match bookings on three afternoons a week Saltmill hosts Argyle's 'Youth in the Community' football experience.

There are still spaces for others to share the superb facilities which are fully disabled friendly and include full changing facilities, free parking and even a tuck shop selling hot and cold drinks, sweets and snacks.

As well as offering five to eleven a-side football for youth and adult teams the pitch's specifications make it a full multi-sport venue for such activities as dodgeball, non-stop cricket, volleyball, hockey training, touch rugby, the possibilities of Saltmill pitch appear endless.



presentation planned as part of a professional approach – new takes welcome in the new season.

New Extension Open for Skate and BMX Park



A recent fun day saw the community of all ages come together to celebrate the opening of a new extension added to Saltmill Skate Park. This followed the winning of a competition for £35,000, granted by Britvic. The object was to extend the area for use by other extreme sports enthusiasts, it having previously been enjoyed largely by BMX riders.

Now the fame of the skate park has spread as fans travel from Plymouth and all over Devon and Cornwall to practice their skills in this exhilarating activity. Known as one of the best in the west, it can be and indeed is, enjoyed by all from toddlers with their parents to adult enthusiasts for extreme sports. Exciting plans for the future by the skate park, users' committee include courses on practical skills training and safety training on site. While BMX bikers continue to share use of the multi-use park, the intention is to make separate areas available to those who enjoy and wish to continue enhancing their skills in either activity.



Saltmill Skate & BMX Park

Saltmill Skate Park is a great place to improve your skills, enjoy your Skating, BMX or In-Line Skates and socialise with those who enjoy the same things as you. We would encourage skate park users in Saltash to join the skate park group. Find out more on Facebook or visit: www.saltmillpark.org.uk

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Volunteers Required

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On the Pitch & in the Training Centre

Car Boot Sales Proving Very Popular

Already started and proving popular is the weekly fund raising car boot sales held each Sunday at Saltmill. These will continue until the end of September and recommence next spring, offering the Saltash community a weekly chance to enjoy Sunday morning shopping for bargains or selling unwanted household items or bric a brac.

Sales commence at 9a.m. until 1p.m. while pitch arrivals are from 8a.m. onward. Bookings are £4 in advance or £5 on the day. All are welcome and the hard standing sales area hold up to thirty stalls, with extensive adjacent customer parking. Also adjacent is the training centre, which will be open throughout for hot and cold drinks with snacks. Visitors may also wish to take advantage of the chance to explore the Saltmill facilities, take a nature walk by the inlet and along the river, and perhaps enjoy

a picnic on the banks of the Tamar.

The car boot sales, as well as providing a social community activity, are also intended to raise some of the £5000 required to release a further £10,000 match funding to further enhance the Saltmill Park area and make it an even better asset for sports and leisure within the Saltash community.

If you have unwanted items we will be pleased to accept them to sell on our Groundwork Charities table to add to our funds.

Teams Wanted

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SHERYLL MURRAY MP WRITES...



Many of our small businesses throughout South East Cornwall are involved in the Tourist Industry. The busiest time for these businesses is during the school holidays which does mean that most of those owners and employees are unable to take their family holidays at this time of the year.

I have received many representations from tourism organisations regarding this matter and therefore I decided to raise the matter with the Secretary of State for Education. At Education Questions recently in the House of Commons I asked "I have been approached by many parents in my constituency who work in the tourism industry and simply cannot afford to take holidays during the busiest time, school holidays. What can be done to help these small business owners take holidays with their families without fearing punishment or hurting their children's education?"

I was pleased to hear his reply "I know that this is a real issue in constituencies such as that of my hon. Friend. Indeed, last year about a third of all children in Cornwall's primary schools missed school for a term-time holiday, a figure higher than the national figure for primary schools, which is about 20%. That is clearly not acceptable. I would say two things to my hon. Friend. First, head teachers retain the discretion to grant leave in exceptional circumstances. Secondly, and more significantly as regards the cases she raises, we are deregulating so that all schools control their own term dates from 2015. That might give schools in her area greater flexibility to make a judgment about when to have their holidays and about what the right time might be for them."

Children's education is

really important and I hope that Cornwall Council, representatives of School Governing bodies and the Tourist Industry representatives will take advantage of the changes introduced by the Government to ensure that the tourist businesses can take family holidays at a time that will not disadvantage their children's education or important family time together.

I was also pleased to welcome Mrs Bryce and Mr Wieprecht to Westminster at the end of June where Mr Wieprecht had won a prestigious Teaching Award. I am so proud that one of our Maths teachers from South East Cornwall was a Regional winner and wish him well as he moves forward to the National final in October. Well done to all teachers and staff at Saltash.net

I was also delighted that the Parliamentary diary allowed me to attend the Saltash Rotary President's dinner on 26 June at the beautiful setting of Pentillie. The food was fantastic and it was really good to see so many members and supporters of the Rotary Club attend to support the retiring president Beryl Rosekilly. The highlight of the evening for me was the entertainment by young musician Paul Armer who sang and played the guitar. This emphasised to me how important Livewire Youth Club is to Saltash and indeed South East Cornwall. I remember taking part in a South East Cornwall Quiz competition at Livewire when it was Saltash Boys Club and I was part of the Maker with Rame Youth Club Quiz Team and I am pleased that local organisations such as the Rotary and Lions have tried to help with the funding problem that Club has recently encountered.

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Taking the initial letter to the one-word answers to the following nine questions can you re-arrange them to make the name of a Town or Village in our locality?

- 1 What type of creature is a Grass Snake? (6)
 - 2 You've Gotta Pick a Pocket or Two is a favourite song from which Lionel Bart musical? (6)
 - 3 Around 4,700 square miles the Neger Desert occupies approximately 60% of which Middle East Country? (6)
 - 4 Used as a basis for Sauces what name is given to a mixture of equal amounts of Fat and Flour? (4)
 - 5 Historically, what name is given to the outermost wall surrounding a Castle? (6)
 - 6 Which Shakespearean play features Desdemona and Iago? (7)
 - 7 In which British City did an event known as the Peterloo Massacre take place in 1819? (10)
 - 8 What name is given to a four-wheeled carriage with two folding hoods covering the passenger department? (6)
 - 9 What were "sweeter than wine" according to the Beatles song? (6)
- Answers on P7

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Plastic Recycling Rejected

Why, when a Saltash resident had been religiously putting out his various recycling bags for years, was the bag of plastic left uncollected with a note stating that some of its contents were inappropriate?

This was raised by the resident concerned at public question time in Saltash Town Council.

Only plastic bottles of various descriptions can be accepted for recycling, he was advised. Other plastic items such as butter or yoghurt containers and plastic trays cannot yet be recycled economically. Since Cornwall Council

has no resources to sort through bags and one un-recyclable item can contaminate all the rest, the full bag is rejected.

Cornwall Councillor Derek Holley did agree that it would be helpful if the note left said why the bag was being rejected and he would seek to ensure that this happened.

Hats Raised at Local Ascot Ladies Day



To enjoy the fashion and atmosphere of Ascot Ladies Day it was not necessary to acquire a much sought after ticket to the Berkshire course.

Instead ladies (and gentlemen) were invited to dress their best for a 'tasteful tea' in the Saltash Bookshelf Tea Room. Many ladies, including our Editor Mary Crawford, adorned themselves in the finest of hats and gloves to share the fun atmosphere and participate in a fun quiz in lieu of picking a winner.

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Reparation a form of Punishment

Last Saturday I went with Rachel and my cold (actually it was man flu, so of course I was pretty close to death!) to the Saltash Regatta.

Sadly we missed the "Five towns and a City dash to England and back", which is always a hard fought race between local councillors. But after the longest queue for an ice cream, we did manage to pop to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner stand to take part in their reparation survey and discuss crime in the town.

Sometimes it is easy to think that crime is all around us and never a police car to be seen when you need one. It's not true of course, but it is easy to forget the million and one things our emergency services do each day including crime prevention as well as crime protection.

As many of you will know that I have always worked in the public or charity sector it was whilst I managed a charity project that I first came across reparation as a form of punishment for young people.

I know some people see it as a "soft option" almost a reward for crime, but trust me it's not.

I have been privileged to see the impact on a young person, as they have had to be confronted by the victim and hear first hand how the crime has effected them. I have also heard young people dismiss crimes they commit as not effecting anyone,



thinking that it is all sorted by the insurance companies, but were surprised when told by someone the real effect stealing a car can have on a persons life. It has often shaken them, which with the right support, it can be the moment when we make real positive change to their lives.

Of course not every case is a success, but good reparation can have a lasting effect on young people and makes a real difference to their and ultimately our, lives.

It is not the right solution to every crime, as I know, when you have been a victim of crime, it is sometimes difficult not to want the full weight of the law to be given out to individuals.

But the long term consequences can have dramatic effect on society, as we all pay for further crimes committed by them and deal with the waste of a young person's life stuck in an ever decreasing circle of crime and lost opportunity. Anyway, back to my man flu...

Phil Hutty PPC Lib Dems

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Sir Robert Geffery's School Visit to Parliament



Pictured: Sheryll with the class from Sir Geffery's Primary School

Today local MP Sheryll Murray was pleased to meet with children from Sir Geffery's Primary School in Landrake who visited Parliament as part of an Educational trip to London.

The school did a visit to the Palace of Westminster and in particular went in to see both the House of Lords and House of Commons chambers.

As part of their visit they were able to meet with Sheryll in Parliament and to ask a number of questions about her job. Sheryll commented, "I was pleased to welcome Sir Robert Geffery School from Landrake to Parliament. It was really good to see two teams from the school complete some challenges set by the Parliamentary Education Service after their Tour of the Palace of Westminster. I was delighted to take part in a Question and Answer session with them. I hope they enjoyed the visit to the Tower of London afterwards."

Sheryll explained about the educational visits, "It has been

a real pleasure to welcome so many primary school children from the Constituency to Parliament over the past couple of weeks.

"St Mellion and St Dominic visited last week and had the chance to see both the House of Commons and House of Lords Chambers before catching up with me in the historic Westminster Hall. I really hope that they enjoyed their time in London.

"Torpoint Nursery and Infant School Council visited the Speaker's Apartments to receive their award for their fantastic project which resulted in stopping ships from carrying PIB which killed so many sea birds last year. I am so proud of the children and staff for the hard work they put into this campaign and was pleased to be able to help this cause by lobbying the Minister who secured international agreement to ban the carriage of PIB by sea."

Conundrum answers...

Lizard 2 Oliver 3 Israel 4 Roux 5 Bailey 6 Othello 7 Manchester 8 Landau 9 Kisses Re-arranged the letters spell out the Village of Millbrook

Saltash Heritage see the Light Side of Dark Days of War

Finding fun and humour in daily life are not activities automatically associated with World War 1. However as Di Lawyer demonstrated in her illustrated talk to Saltash Heritage, 'The Lighter Side of World War 1', postcards of topical subjects with a humorous twist proved vital in helping those at the front and at home endure those desperate days. The postcards that she showed did however display a subtle change between the cheery patriotism of the early days and the dark humour of the later years. The fact that the war co-incided with the golden age of postcards enabled Mrs Lawyer to display a wide repertoire from her own collection.

They varied from early classics of famous names such as Donald McGill and Bruce Bairnsfather to cartoons of cute kids which to 'do their bit' and sentimental cards sent to sweethearts quoting popular songs of the day.

The power of the postcard was proved by the thousands sent commemorating Nurse Edith Carvell 'martyred' by a German firing squad and which led to an instant doubling in enlistment.

As the war dragged into its fourth year darker humour was based on such subjects as the walking wounded while the tribulations of

Youth Centre's Funding Now Reduced to Nil

Cornwall Council, which we reported last month as having reduced its funding for the popular and long established Livewire Youth Centre, has now withdrawn funding altogether.

A musical day of protest by members had been held, as your Observer described, to raise awareness that the operating hours funded by Cornwall were to be drastically reduced from eighty six a week to nine.

The club (formerly Saltash Boys Club) has been a part of Waterside for sixty-eight years, reported Cllr Mrs Sue

Hooper MBE who had personally been closely associated with it for thirty years and president for twenty.

Its services had benefited thousands of young people. 'As a direct result of the work at Livewire mainly under the influence of youth leader Andy Rance, Livewire's outstanding ongoing support has resulted in not only life changing but lifesaving environment for some individual young members'. Cllr. Mrs Hooper told the Town Council. 'Because of the outstanding management team, staff, former staff and members, in particular Andy and Julie Rance - Livewire intends and is currently working towards an optimistic future. They have a new vision of ideas for future funding whilst embracing its current success too'.

The Town Council agreed to write to the Department of Communities and Local Government, with a copy to Sheryll Murray MP expressing concern at the cuts to the range of local youth services and highlighting Livewire. The Council will also write to Cornwall Council as well as to Livewire offering support to the club in its quest to establish itself as a fully independent charitable organisation working in the town for young people.

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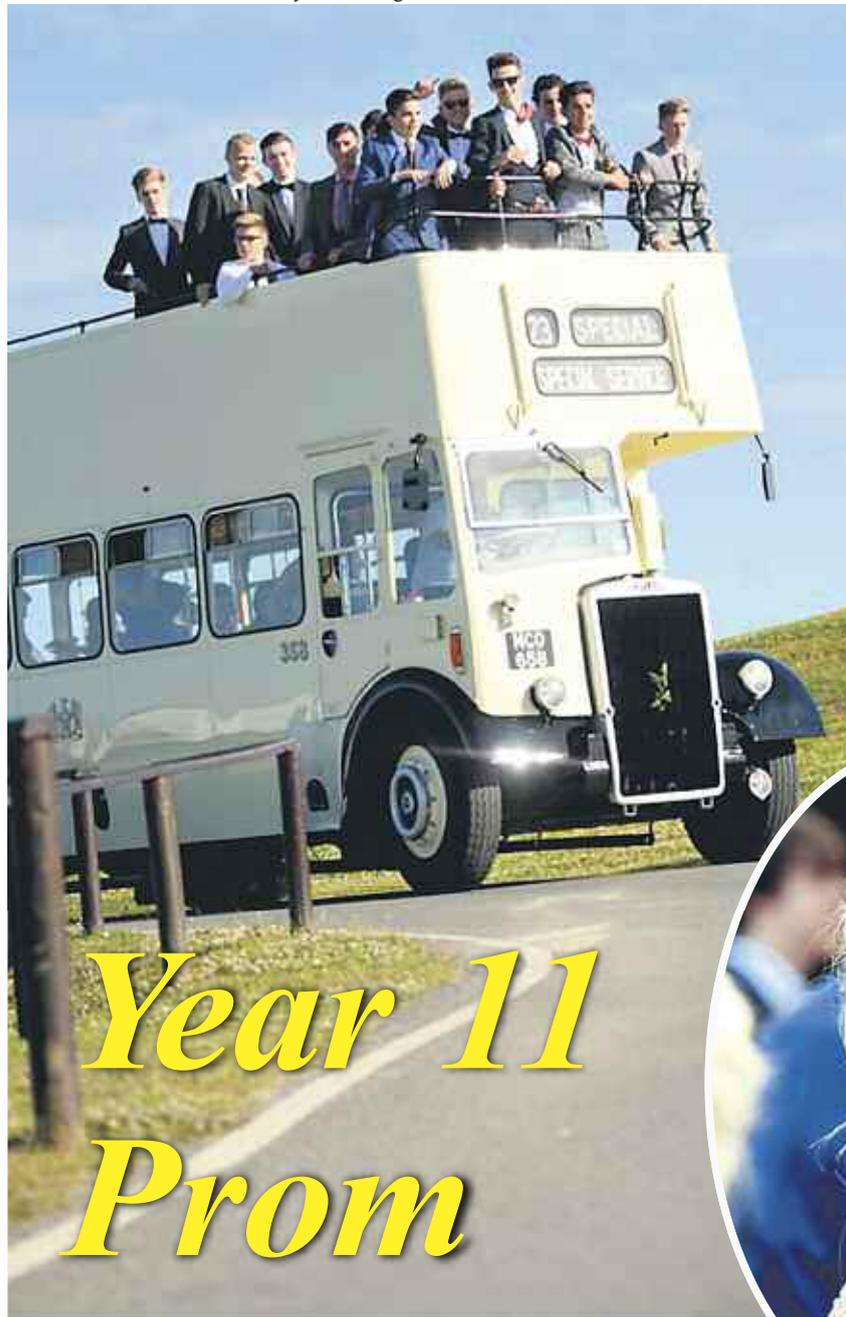
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Year 11 Prom



The annual Year 11 Prom for students from saltash.net community school was this year held on Thursday 3rd July at Boringdon Golf and Country Club.

A large crowd of family and friends gathered to welcome the students, cheering and clapping the fantastic modes of transport, which ranged from vintage cars to giant diggers.

The Prom goes had definitely 'dressed to impress' and they all enjoyed their moments on the red carpet. Before settling down to an evening of fun, food, dancing and live music, the whole group gathered together for a photocall, with the summer sky, river and sea as the backdrop.

Assistant Headteacher, Pete Bond, gave a vote of thanks at the end of the evening, praising the efforts of Assistant Head of Year,



Saltash Leisure Centre Summer Holiday activities



Monday 28th July – Friday 29th August 2014

Mondays 28th July & Monday 25th August

Dance Academy

5- 10 years - £5 - 1pm-3pm

A high energy fun dance class with choreographed routines to the latest music.

Please wear suitable clothing and bring a drink

Tuesdays 29th July & Tuesday 26th August

Snorkelling Level 1

10-14 years - £11.60 - 1pm-3pm

Run by a fully qualified instructor teaching basic water safety and snorkelling skills.

Children must be able to swim 50m competently and unaided

Thursdays 31st July & Thurs 14th & 28th Aug

Activity Afternoon

5-7 yrs - £4 - 1pm-3pm

An afternoon of activities and games guaranteed to keep your little one entertained!

Please bring a drink.

Fridays 1st 8th 15th 22nd & 29th August

Wet n Wild

All ages - £3.50 - 10am-12noon

Body boards, balls, super soakers and great music make this session great fun for all ages.

Please note that all children under eight years must be accompanied by an adult and children under four years will still be charged the full price due to a restriction on numbers in the pool.

Mondays 4th 11th & 18th August

Craft Club

8-14 years - £4 - 10am-12 noon

Come along and learn new and fun creative skills! The club will be based around textiles and upcycling old unwanted clothes into cool new things for you to treasure.

"Please wear old clothes and bring a drink."

Tuesdays 5th & 19th August

Art Attack

5-7 yrs - £4 - 1pm-3pm

Come along and get creative using lots of recycled materials to make goodies to take home. Please wear old clothes and bring a drink.

Wednesdays 6th August

"Frozen" Fun Afternoon

5-7 yrs - £4 - 1pm-3pm

A fun activity afternoon based on the much loved, Disney's Frozen. Expect singing and dancing, face painting and art and crafts!

Please wear suitable clothes and bring a drink.

Tuesdays 12th August

Baking Bonanza

8-14 yrs - £4 - 13.30pm-15.30pm

A fun afternoon of baking and decorating your creations with qualified and trained leaders.

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Wednesdays 13th & 27th August

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Wednesdays 20th August

"Frozen" Fun Afternoon

8- 14yrs - £4 - 1pm-3pm

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Thursday 21st August

Snorkelling Level 2

10-14 yrs - £11.60 - 1pm-3pm

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Eileen Sloggett, and her Prom Committee who, along with the administrative team at the school, had decorated the venue beautifully in a purple and cream theme.

Headteacher, Mrs Bryce, said, 'It was a very special evening and the atmosphere when all the students were arriving was incredible. They were a wonderful year group and we wish them all the very best with their future plans and careers.'



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