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THIRD SUPERMARKET FOR CARKEEL IS PLANNED

The motor showroom site immediately adjoining Carkeel roundabout is being sought by Tesco for a major supermarket. This would be between the two existing Lidl's and Waitrose Stores and would also, it is anticipated, cater for the middle market.

The supermarket would cater for the weekly shop, Planning Consultant Mark Scoot explained to Saltash Town Council at a presentation. He was accompanied by Tim Robinson, Tesco Development Manager and Simon Russell.

The store of around 25,000 square feet would be approximately the same size as Waitrose and three quarters that of the controversial Sainsbury's store proposed and refused for Kimberly Stadium site.

It would be smaller than the Tesco Transit Way store in Plymouth and would be largely limited to stocking food and other weekly essentials.

"Studies indicate that most weekly shopping by local

residents is not done in Saltash but in Plymouth or Liskeard supermarkets," Mr Scoot told the Council. "This store would aim to recover between 50% and 60% of the trade crossing the bridge. We would look to provide around 220 full and part time jobs, the equivalent of 135 full time positions."

He admitted that there would be a projected impact on Saltash town centre, losing our present food store around 6% and Fore Street in general up to 10% of trade.

Asked about provision of an in town Tesco Tim Robinson advised that Tesco Express town centre stores were totally different from out of town supermarkets but that the express team was looking at Saltash to see if a store was

viable and this would not be influenced by the proposed supermarket.

The Tesco supermarket would not be 'an old fashioned white box supermarket', Mr Scoot maintained, producing pictures showing timber and glass. It would be similar to stores recently opened in Crediton and under construction in Callington. There would be around 210 parking spaces including 14 for the disabled and ten for parent and child. Transport issues and the effect on peak hours traffic on the adjacent roundabout were under study, as was the provision of public transport.

The plans would involve the removal of the existing businesses, including Motorland and Sanford Suzuki, to the Parkway Industrial Site. Property owner Fred Rogers told the Council that this would give the businesses the opportunity to expand. It was anticipated that 22 extra jobs would be created as a result, claimed Mr Scoot. "We recognise that this is a high profile site and we

believe that it will be a considerable improvement on Motorland."

"The existing buildings form part of the original industrial estate in Saltash and are in poor condition," Fred Rogers added. "Motorland's building was bought from the Ministry of Defence, it is of cement fibre board and no money had been spent on improving it." The Town Council subsequently recommended approval for an application by Mr Rogers for construction of three industrial units at Saltash Parkway.

Full public consultation was promised by Tesco before plans go ahead. One issue raised by the Town Council was whether a filling station selling petrol at competitive prices might be included, there are at present no plans for this.

May Fair AGM

May Fair AGM will be held at the Shado Centre in Plougastel Road, Saltash at 7.00p.m. on Tuesday 13th July.

SPEED CHECK SHOCK TACTICS

Drivers breaking the speed limit through Carkeel have been offered the option – a fine and three penalty points or watch a hard hitting film on the results of speeding. Of the twenty four drivers stopped during a two and a half hour check all opted for the film made by the Fire and Rescue services.

This was part of Operation Slow Down organised jointly by police and Cornwall Council.

An in town speed check was also carried out in Glebe Avenue Saltash as a result of concerns expressed by local residents. The result here, Sergeant Andy Dunstan told the Town Council, indicated that the problem was more perceived than actual. During three hours no one was found to be breaking the speed limit.

Police are also working with young road users he advised, having been holding a six week Cycling Proficiency Training Course at Bishop Cornish School.

Local crime figures continue to fall with 81 offences reported over the last month as against 124 during the equivalent period last year. There was just one burglary from a dwelling. There had been five thefts from vehicles including three Renault emblems from the Fairmead Road area and twelve offences of criminal damage to vehicles, mainly in the Lower Port View area. Police would welcome information on these offences.

SALTFEST

Preparations are well under way for the first Saltash Waterside Music Festival (SALTFEST). This will be held over the weekend of 20th to 22nd August at six venues on the Waterside.

Music of all types and some music workshops will be performed continuously from 7pm on Friday and from noon on Saturday and Sunday. Apart from the headline act "The Damned" everything will be free thanks to support from the Town Council. This is the first such Waterside festival for Saltash and we hope that people will come and enjoy themselves. Watch out for more details

MAY FAIR PHOTO COMPETITION



This stunning shot of the Brunel statue at Saltash Waterside, was the winning entry of the May Fair photographic competition taken by Warren Derrington-Evans, runners up were Stephanie Yates and Marc Edmonds.

BY POPULAR DEMAND - YOUR DATE WITH A DUCK

You keep asking us and at last we can give you an answer. The long awaited Saltash Observer Charity Duck Race, a highlight of our 18th Anniversary Celebrations in which a thousand of our readers and other friends have become involved by sponsoring a duck is now fixed for Sunday 25th July.

We are especially delighted that our friends in the popular Wreckers' Morris Side, whom many of you will have enjoyed at local May Fairs and Regattas, are allowing us to join with them in order to ensure a Sunday to remember.

Seaton Beach, three miles east of Looe, will be the venue and lively family entertainment is promised. All are welcome to come with picnics or BBQ's, or else to enjoy excellent food and drink from the café on the beach.

We are still busy finalising

the finer points so look out for the full programme of events in your July Observer. Meanwhile, make sure not to miss out on a great family Fun Day Out in support of the Observer Local Charity Fund and book Sunday July 25th in your diaries now.

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ADAM IS DAY TEACHER AND NIGHT MAYOR

The day that Britain heard it had a new Prime Minister, Saltash elected a new mayor. There were however none of the political shenanigans that had proceeded in Westminster.

Instead Cllr. Adam Killeya was unanimously chosen by his fellow councillors, as was the new Deputy Mayor Cllr. Colin Oakes. And while Saltash has a "hung council" it was agreed that "we manage pretty well."

Both our new Mayor and Mayoress are serving councillors, Adam having

been elected in 2007 and his wife Merryn in 2008.

A "Lancashire Lad" born in Blackburn, Adam has lived in Saltash since 2005 and teaches at saltash.net. Community school.

He read Politics Philosophy and Economics (PPE) at Balliol College, Oxford before two years teaching experience in Japan. He then completed a post-graduate Certificate in Education at Bristol, following which he stood as Lib Dem Parliamentary Candidate in Bolton North East. He came to Saltash in 2005 to accept a post teaching personal development as well as 'A'

Level Politics and General Studies and he served as Head of Department during a maternity leave.

His students, he told the audience at the Mayor Choosing Ceremony consider their teacher's election as Mayor to be not only an honour but 'cool,' 'mellow,' and 'randomly random' (an accolade in teenspeak, we understand.) His extra-curricular duties at school range from running the table tennis club to coaching a debating team which has reached national finals in Oxford and international competition in Dublin. He has sat on the school council, organised the local UK Youth Parliament election and published two articles on the web on teaching citizenship. And since coming to Saltash he has still found time to marry Merryn (the other Cllr. Killeya) in January 2008.

He was simultaneously elected in 2007 to Saltash Town and Caradon District Councils and served as Cabinet Member and Portfolio Holder on planing until Caradon ceased to exist last year.

In Saltash he has chaired the Civic Amenities Committee, involved himself particularly with Staffing issues, and with Merryn led on Priority Strategy. He has particularly concerned himself in joint meetings with the Community Interest Company on Fore Street regeneration and intends to prioritise this during his year as Mayor.

Other interest include chairing Saltash

Environmental Action, and Adam intends to ensure that the Town Council looks at how much more environmentally friendly it can be, in the belief that if the local community and local government work together on energy saving results can be achieved sooner than might be thought possible.

"Growing your Own" is an environmentally friendly activity that most can practice and for those without suitable gardens Adam helped found, the Allotments Association.

He is also a member of Saltash Rail Users Association, Rotoract and The British Legion.

Our new Mayoress by contract is a Cornish maid, from Probus, and with a proud family history in Cornish mining. She attended college in Truro and it was while reading Politics and Sociology at Exeter that she met Adam in a political rally. The year 2008 was a full one which saw her get married to our current Mayor and get elected to Saltash Council in her own right. When not active on Council and Mayoral business, she enjoys Folk Dancing, Amateur Dramatics, (may will have seen her as the Good Fairy in the recent Burraton Players pantomime), knitting, embroidery and reading. Merryn looks forward to supporting Adam as they serve together as mayor and mayoress as well as active Saltash Town Councillors.



LICENCED TO DOG-SIT

Anyone wishing to dog-sit anywhere in Cornwall must first pay Cornwall Council a licence fee of £42. This at least is less than half the licence fee for owning a performing animal, set at £105.

If your animal is simply going to pull a horse drawn omnibus then the licence is £63, with a further £31 for the driver.

Should you intend to amaze your audience with your powers of hypnotism then the licence fee for a one off permit is £81.50.

These are just some of the quirkier licence fees which Cornwall Council has set since coming into being. They were ascertained by a local taxi operator who queried the fact that his licence fees were increasing by 40% over those charged by Caradon Council, rising from £136 to £190 per vehicle, with an additional charge, payable to the Council, for the acquisition of the actual plate.

He could perhaps comfort himself with the knowledge that he was not having to pay £2,000 for setting up an adult gaming centre, £10,000 for a large casino or £15,000 for a new regional casino. While a club gaming or machine permit attracts a mere £200, opening a sex establishment in Cornwall will set one back by a rather odd sum of £3,045 by way of licence fees.

OUR CUPS FLOWETH OVER

A 'mystery cup' has come to light among those returned by winners of the 2009 Saltash Music and Drama Festival.

While organising the trophies ready for redistribution following this year's festival Rob Conway, the Vocal Cup Secretary, found one cup that appeared totally unrelated to the festival.

Despite many enquiries he has not as yet been able to establish to whom the designated "Rowan Roseanne Memorial Cup" should be returned. "It is obviously important to some persons and or organisations," he told the "Observer".

Anyone with knowledge of the cup's provenance and proper home is asked to contact Rob on 01752 - 842512.

NEW COUNCILLOR FOR BURRATON WARD

A new face has appeared on Saltash Town Council following the resignation of Neil Challen due to other commitments. The electorate of Burraton ward did not seek a by-election so the town council had to co-opt and select on Bill Philips as a new member.

Bill was born in Kent in 1947, he has lived in Saltash for 27 years, he is married to Jean, they have three married sons and four grandchildren.

During his working life he worked mainly in defence with the MOD and Marconi, his last full time job was with DML as a design engineer which he retired from in 2003, also during this time he spent 5 years in the Royal Auxiliary Air force at RAF St Mawgan.

Since retiring he retrained in building maintenance and works at this part time.

Socially his main passion has been road running and was a co-founder of the Tamar Trotters running club, he was secretary for 10 years and later chairman. The highlight for



Bill was running in the New York marathon in 2004.

He is a past member of the Saltash Mayfair committee and is currently a member of Saltash Rotary Club.

Whilst a member of the Town council he will be a member of the policy & resources and Civic amenities committees.



CORNWALL COUNCIL & our PL12 Community
For: Observer readers
From: Councillor Bob Austin
Essa Ward, Saltash

Election

Since the last Observer report we have gone through a strange experience with the national election. Cornwall has finish up with 3 Conservative MP's and 3 Liberal Democrat MP's so what does this mean for Cornwall and the Council? The final result nationally seems to reflect what the people of Cornwall are thinking and we finish up with a coalition government. Some are now saying why the Cornwall Council can't work together as the government is trying to do. Well that is possible, but there is one fundamental difference and that is that the government as it stands today does have an opposition party which provides a scrutiny scenario, so if the you reflect that into the Cornwall situation there would be no opposition and no scrutiny. Watch this space the Liberal democrats have yet to make this decision.

Fore Street Bus Stops and Parking

One of the major problems we currently have is the two bus stops at the bottom of Fore Street where the buses have problems pulling in parallel to the kerbs and their back ends are sticking out into the main stream of traffic causing jams. To solve this I am trying to persuade both the Town Council and Cornwall Council to extend the bus bays by removing some parking areas enabling the buses to have a clear entry point to the bus bays. I realise that this may cause some concerns over the reduction of car parking spaces but we are trying to keep this to a minimum.

In addition to this the yellow lining through the town centre will hopefully be

updated as currently worn in various places and out of spec in others thus not allowing our enforcements officers to carry out their duties.

The money for this will be mainly coming from the councillor's highways allowance which is being pooled by all four Saltash councillors.

Grass cutting

Tis the growing season now and many of you have found that the grass in your area has not been cut. Currently Cornwall council is struggling to keep up with the demand so my advice is that if you have concerns in your areas please contact your Cornwall Ward Councillor to highlight the problem to the officers concerned.

Thanks

Finally I must say a big thank you to our Saltash Emergency Services Team Particularly the Saltash Fire Cadets that took part in the fantastic ESRAD show for the Cornwall Air Ambulance - What a day! Every one I have spoken to thoroughly enjoyed themselves it was a terrific effort a lot of time, manpower, money and enthusiasm made a complete day - please try again next year!

APOLOGIES

Cecily Baker Charity would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused, by supplying the Observer with the wrong telephone no for June, it should read 01752 846610

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MAYOR ADAM AIMS TO BOOST BUSINESS AND KEEP TOWN GREEN

The regeneration of Fore Street and bringing more trade into the town are among the priorities of our new Mayor, Cllr. Adam Killeya, as he announced in his acceptance speech following the annual civic ceremony of Mayor Choosing.

For the first time in decades we have "two for the price of one," as it was pointed out, with both the Mayor and his Mayoress, wife Merryn Killeya, being sitting councillors.

Retiring from her fourth term as town's Mayor, Councillor Sue Hooper MBE herself proposed her successor as one who has "earned the honour having served his apprenticeship as my deputy." During this time Cllr Killeya had attended around 35 official duties on the Mayor's behalf, accompanied the Mayor on many others and "performed them all with ease and honour." Cllr. Hooper outlined some of the many activities in which our new Mayor has involved himself since his election to the Town Council in 2007. These

included helping set up the allotments association, overseeing the "Messenger" town newsletter and the Saltash Showcase exhibition of local organisations.

"Saltash is the Gateway to Cornwall, and nationally selected as the best postcode in which to live in Britain, in a unique location with a unique set of challenges," proclaimed our newly elected Mayor, having assured all present of the great honour he felt following his unanimous election as leading citizen. As befitting the Chairman of Saltash Environmental Action, he was keen to preserve the Town's heritage and preserve the planet, looking at how Saltash could maintain its status as a Transition Town by examining how best to use energy economically in work, transport and leisure activities.

Preserving and enhancing Saltash as a lively shopping centre was also among his priorities and he looks forward to working with the Town's



Deputy Mayor and again it was a unanimous choice that Cllr Colin Oakes would serve in this role with his wife Marilyn as Deputy Mayoress.

"I have lived in Saltash for 24 years and could not imagine living elsewhere," said Cllr Oakes, who has 3 adult sons brought up in the town and 7 grandchildren. "I look forward to the year, knowing that it will be a challenge. My main aim will be to support fully our new Mayor and Mayoress."

He concluded, "When I joined the scouts at the age of 8 I promised to 'do my best.' I have continued all my life to do so, and will do especially so in my new role of Deputy Mayor."

In conclusion the new Mayor thanked Cllr Sue Hooper for her year of office during which she had worked incredibly hard packing in so many mayoral engagements and other commitments. He singled out particularly her "amazing fund raising capacity particularly in Help for Heroes."

"John and I have had a super year in office and met so many wonderful people at all the events," Cllr Hooper replied, adding that she had managed to raise around £6,000 for the Mayor's Charity. She also paid tribute to the youngsters from Livewire for seeking to raise money through their charity CD for Haiti disaster relief.

Among her many thanks were those to editor Mary and Ace Reporter Martin for the 'Observers' support. National media attention had also focused on Saltash when she was especially proud to speak on 'Five Live' about Saltash as being voted "the best town in Britain."

Chamber of Commerce and Community Interest Company in regenerating Fore Street. Particular plans which will go out to consultation soon include a market for Fore Street, a vibrant Town Square and general enhancement of the look of the Town. He pointed to the former "Marianne's" dress shop as an example of the council working with a voluntary organisation, Saltash Heritage, to convert an empty shop to an attractive focal point.

Following his formal election to office before a Guildhall packed with civic dignitaries from Plymouth and Cornwall and other honoured guests, Cllr. Killeya withdrew to accept the chain and robes from Cllr Hooper, then returned to invest his wife Merryn as Mayoress, with a quick peck on the cheek.

The new Mayor and Mayoress, then followed the tradition of throwing hot pennies and fruit from the Guildhall window to eager children, including a full Brownie

It was then time to elect a

CORNISH VILLAGE'S CENTURIES OF CLERGY REVEALED

Nine centuries of worship in Menheniot were brought to life for Saltash Old Cornwall Society members on their evening church pilgrimage by parishioner and local historian Sir Godfrey Milton-Thomas.

He and the Vicar, the Rev Jem Thorold welcomed the Saltash visitors who were invited to examine the historic church plate laid out for them before Sir Godfrey gave members the benefit of considerable research into the clergy who had held the living since 1260 from whence the first known written record of the priesthood dates.

It was a story of humble clergy who cared for the parish and enhanced the fabric as well as others who had a plurality of parishes lived of the income and seldom if ever visited. The reformation and the civil war and had seen vicars struggling with their consciences over tithes or caused controversy for forsaking the Cornish language version of the commandments and the Creed.

Meanwhile, notable parishioners included members of Bishop Trelawny's family and most notably Lt John Lapenotiere who famously brought the news of Trafalgar and Nelson's death to Britain and who is buried beside the church.

The evening concluded with a sumptuous supper kindly prepared by the ladies of the church, before a ride home in the fading light of a near perfect May evening.

In his vote of thanks Martin Lister, Society Secretary, referred to Sir Godfrey having fleshed out so many past priests and parishioners who had with all their virtues and failings worshipped in the Church that retains the spirit of their centuries.

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SALTASH OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT 9 JULY 2010

The 8th Saltash Open Golf Championship tees off this year on Friday 9th July at the China Fleet Golf Club. Entries are now being invited from local golfers who want to compete for the coveted claret jugs and add their names to the list of past Champions.

This year's event is raising money for local sporting charities and the organisers hope to beat last year's record number of entrants to raise even more money to benefit the community of South East Cornwall.

Men and women can compete in their respective categories for the main prizes,

or, for those less ambitious, there are six individual prizes for nearest the pin, most accurate drive and longest drive.

For an application form and further details please ring David or Helen Carter on 01752 840807 or Bruce Reid on 01752 308387. Alternatively, you can email crtr722@aol.com.

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Black Prince's Pageant will Open Regatta with Medieval Colour



Pomp and pageantry will open this Summer's feast of entertainment on the water and on shore as Saltash once again celebrates Regatta weekend on July 19th and 20th.

A colourful spectacle will wend its way down Fore Street to the Waterside from around 11 a.m. on the Saturday led by the Black Prince with his medieval maiden, in full authentic costume. They will be followed by musicians and dancers representing Wreckers Morris and the Braga Tanga Band, as well as many of the Town's youngsters.

Once at the Waterside the colourful tradition of the Black Prince Pageant is to be re-enacted. First performed at Trematon Castle in 1914 and re-enacted in the 1930's it follows the legendary tale of the Black Prince, hero of the battle of Poitiers, granting the rights of the ferry passage at Saltash to the townsfolk 'in perpetuity' in gratitude to the two women of Saltash who rowed him across the Tamar to rejoin his troops in Devon (an alternative version shows him granting the ferry to his porter William Lenche who lost an eye in his service at Poitiers.)

The original script of the pageant will be followed, our current Mayor Cllr Adam Killeya has been persuaded to take part as a Burgher of Saltash with his chaplain Jeff Howden as his priest. Town crier and Drake lookalike Brian Whipp with wife Monica will be the Black Prince and his maid in what promises to be a spectacular opening of two days of action packed competition on the water and revelry ashore.

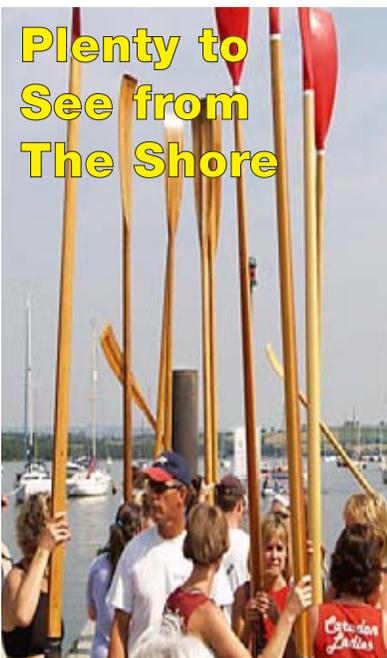
The fun and entertainment will be shared between the Waterside area by the Town Pier and Jubilee Green. The road between them will once again be lined with market style stalls selling all manner of speciality foods, affordable crafts, and much more.

Accordingly the roads on the Waterside area will be closed to traffic for the two days of Regatta. Visitors will it is hoped, come on foot, or use the free 'Park and ride' bus service which will once again operate on a frequent basis through the two days from the Grenada Service Area at Carkeel. The enhanced stopping train service to Saltash Station close to Waterside will, it is hoped, be used by those coming from outside the Town to share the fun. In doing so they will be supporting the tradition of the early part of last century when hundreds, or thousands came from all around to share in the Summer festivities organised in Saltash. The crowds who have come to enjoy Saltash Regatta over the past few years have increasingly grown and it seems certain that those who come this year to share the fun and exciting day out will not be disappointed.

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Plenty to See from The Shore



Exciting challenges for rowing and sailing crews together with water borne fun events will provide a packed programme for shore bound spectators to view during Saltash Regatta weekend.

Saltash Regatta has a history dating back to the early nineteenth century and some of the events which thrilled our Victorian forefathers still provide spectacular

entertainment today. Traditional Cornish Pilot gig boat racing in particular is enjoying a revival and it is always a thrill to see these boats, designed to speed pilots out to incoming sailing ships, flash through the waters.

Over the weekend 140 crews are expected to participate in the Ginsters mixed veterans and juniors championships immediately north of the Tamar Bridge. Saturday is the day for senior mixed and junior mixed crews, Sunday for veterans and super vets., ladies and mens mixed.

Another revived tradition is the race for the Prince of Wales Cup, fiercely competed for by Royal Navy recruits from HMS Raleigh who are due to cross the Saltash finishing line just after midday on Saturday.

This is followed by a new and highly popular tradition, the Five Towns Challenge. Now in its third year, Looe have triumphed in each year so far, will this be the year when our local Saltash Councillors will wrest the Waitrose Shield for the town? Good local support is hoped for. In addition the winning team will receive the H J Davey Cup, originally donated by the Mayor of Saltash in the 1930's, and to be presented this year by his son Herbert Davey.

The fun event on Sunday will be the "race to England." Teams traditionally in fancy dress, will compete in heats to be the first across the Tamar and plant the Cornish flag on English soil.

All of this together with colourful dinghies flashing through the water on both days, a demonstration of skills by the Tamar Canoe Association on Sunday, and even the promise of a visit by a small steam launch promises much to see from the superb view points along our historic waterside.



Waterside's Weekend of Action Promises Fun for All

Action packed fun for all the family is promised from when the colourful regatta procession winds its way down Fore Street to the Waterside, right through the two lively days of Saltash Regatta.

This year's entertainment will, it is believed, match or surpass that of any previous year.

The two entertainment venues, on Jubilee Green and the Waterside, will offer such wide ranging music as that of Braga Tanga a Falmouth based band to suit all tastes, the Calstock Rubber Band ("Our numbers are quite elastic") and the ever popular Wreckers' Morris.

The younger element can enjoy Kev Burns Acoustic Rock and Live Youth bands from the Livewire Club, others may go for the Brunel Harmony Chorus or the Michael Campari Band. Samba Jam, up from Brixham, should be a big draw, as should Wells Jive and The Madding Crowd, back by popular request.

Children in particular can enjoy the fun from Squashbox Theatre and Elfie the Jester while all ages can marvel at Cirque du Ciel stiltwalkers, the skills of Unicycle Sam, and can sample a juggling workshop.

There will be more children's rides than ever. As well as the ever-popular miniature train new Regatta attractions include an antique merry-go-round and coconut shy, while teenagers in particular can thrill to 'The Human Gyroscope' and 'Bronco Pig.' Throughout the weekend as visitors stroll between the two entertainment areas upstream and downstream from the Tamar Bridges they will have the chance to pick up bargains from lines of stalls offering handicrafts and speciality foods - so make a day of it and bring-or buy - a picnic lunch.

The packed programme of entertainment at Saltash Regatta is absolutely free. However you can help support it, and ensure the future of this much loved part of the Saltash calendar, by buying draw tickets from the committee tent and be in with the chance of a superb prize as well as helping ensure next year's Regatta may be better still.

CONOR GAINS YOUNG CITIZEN CUP

Each year a young person from Saltash is awarded a trophy as Young Citizen of the Year in recognition of their work for the community in which they live.

This is usually awarded during the opening of May Fair but this year's chosen young citizen was unavailable on that day.

So as an extra item in the Mayor Choosing programme outgoing Mayor Cllr Sue Hooper was pleased to present the trophy to Conor Brady, a year 12 student at saltash.net.school.

Conor has put in many hours of voluntary work both for the Ellie's Haven

Charity and the Sir Robert Geoffrey's School, Landrake.

In particular he has shared his enthusiasm for rugby football by coaching young people at his own school and at Saltash Rugby Club and has involved himself in organisation of festivals for the less abled, Cllr. Hooper told the Mayor Choosing audience. "He is spoken of so highly by many including his head teacher."

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SENSE OF FRIENDSHIP AND BELONGING SHARED BY NEW INTAKE AND FINAL ASSEMBLY

The changeover from junior to 'big' school can be one of the most dramatic and, potentially, traumatic of life's experiences. Our local community school has many years experience of ensuring that its new intake will, by the time they arrive on that big day, be looking forward to sharing with friends the exciting new challenges as well as the fun and friendship that, saltash.net community school described in its OFSTED report as 'a school with a real sense of community' is able to offer them.

Children from all of the partner primary schools in and around Saltash will already have become familiar with the campus as a result of the liaison between the community schools and all of those in the area. This culminates in the 'Year Five theme day,' to be held this year on July 19th. All seven partner primaries are invited to participate in a day of adventure and challenge. Last year the eager year fives keenly participated in a project to help 'Quog' the alien return to his home planet of 'Mya'. This involved a series of ICT, mathematical and scientific challenges, organised with the aid of Plymouth University whose culminating light show made the children gasp in wonder. Saltash.net students, including those who themselves recently passed up from local primary schools were present to answer questions and reassure their immediate juniors. Plans for a similarly stimulating day this July are already under way.

This emphasis on making each and every child feel welcome and, in accordance with the school ethos of 'enjoy and achieve' was especially marked by parents and students who attended the last day of compulsory education for the year elevens prior to their examinations. This is traditionally a day for fancy dress and the fifteen and sixteen year olds excelled themselves this year as cowboys, cartoon

characters, even a hot dog, and many others.

Parents were invited to share the experience as each tutor group let their imagination flow in giving their own farewell presentation to the rest of the year group.

Their creativity blossomed into songs, tap dance and film all put together by the students. Many would be coming back together into sixth form, but for others this was a fitting way to say farewell to fellow students and staff with whom they had shared the past five years.

"What a wonderful way for our young people to finish their last day of school..... the whole sense of belonging and friendship was overwhelming. The young people supporting each other shone through." This was just one of a number of e-mails received from proud parents by school Principle Mrs Isobel Bryce following the event. Others spoke of being 'delighted with all aspects of the school' where their son 'has really flourished, thanks to the enthusiasm of your staff, in his education and music and surfing!'

Believing strongly in the principal that 'every child matters' it is the prime object of saltash.net.school each September to ensure that each member of the new intake feels that sense of belonging and friendship, is encouraged to enjoy and achieve, and eventually move on to be happy and successful in their lives.

STUDENTS CONTINUE TO ACHIEVE

Enjoyment and achievement go hand in hand at saltash.net community school. Anyone visiting the school soon comes to appreciate the friendly atmosphere in which students and staff work together to bring out the best of every individual student be it academically or in some other field

Meanwhile, the school's academic achievements speak for themselves. Last year saw the school improve upon its already impressive record with the best G.C.S.E. results ever and A levels equally impressive. The school continues to increase the amount of top grades achieved by its hardest working students.

The objective of the Community school remains however as bringing out the best of each individual student, whatever their talents or ambitions. The school is as proud of its students in the Trematon Unit, who are enabled to overcome learning difficulties and to go on to achieve, as it is over a year 13 student whose straight 'A's have recently guaranteed him a place to read mathematics at Cambridge. Among the multiplicity of students who each year take up more places at university and similar institutions the school is delighted to note the number of students who take up

vocational pathways in such varied fields as childcare, animal care, plumbing, and the arts.

While sad to say farewell each Summer to so many students who have been encouraged to bring out the best in themselves over the years at school, the staff feel assured that saltash.net is turning them out into the world of work or of further education as well rounded individuals, able to think for themselves and enabled to be happy and successful in their future lives.

"More outstanding than good," the most recent OFSTED report concluded describing the specialist science school with mathematics and computing and a rural dimension as "a school with a real sense of community."

DAN IS THE WORLD CUP MAN

With our youngsters, and adults, turning their attention to South Africa this Summer saltash.net community school Assistant Headteacher, responsible for staff and student learning, Dan Roberts is involving partner schools in a special world cup project.

Designed to involve year six students about to move on to senior school this is the latest project from the School's Head of Science and Deputy Headteacher from September, who has already raised the profile of the School internationally.

Dan's "recharge the batteries" Science project has encouraged Saltash students to seriously consider the issues surrounding battery farming. He has attended conferences and symposiums in Europe and gained particular public attention when addressing a Microsoft Innovative Teachers' Conference in Croatia dressed as a chicken. We are delighted to hear that Dan now has his own 'mini chicken man' having recently become a proud parent to son Max (the same name as the school dog) who is now six months old

STAFF AND STUDENTS FOR THE HIGH JUMP

Leaping out of a plane flying at fifteen thousand feet and plunging at 120 mph towards the Devonshire countryside has to be one of life's most demanding challenges.

Thirty-two members of saltash.net Community School, around equally divided between staff and students from year 11 upward took on this challenge and raised around £5,000 for two of the school's favoured charities.



Those to benefit are Ellie's Haven, a projected respite home for seriously incapacitated children and their families, and a Mongolian Children's charity (Children's Protection Mongolia.)

Participants shared breathtaking views of both Devon coasts and as far as the Severn Estuary and the Welsh coastline before pulling on their ripcords and drifting down to a safe landing. This was one of the highest sky dives in the South West and was at the suggestion of Technology Teacher Simon Downing who undertook a charity cycle ride to Gibraltar over the Easter vacation and who joined with his colleagues and students in the Grand Charity Dive.

GREENS ARE THE STUDENTS' ELECT



EIGHT LITTLE PIGS COME TO SCHOOL

Eight squealing piglets were ready to welcome back saltash.net.community.school students returning for their Summer term.

During the Easter vacation Felicity, the Duroc Cornish Black school sow who is on the rare breeds list gave birth to a multi-coloured young family, four male and four female.

When we visited the piglets were happily mingling with the school chickens, most of whom had been 'rescued' from battery farming. The proud mother, however, preferred to keep a watchful eye on her family from the luxury of a mudbath.



saltash.net.community.school students indicated that the traditional three party electoral system may not survive the next generation if their current political views are maintained.

At a mock election on the eve of the general election six students stood for the same six parties as sought the South East Cornwall seat. After meetings, hustings and a poster campaign all students and staff were encouraged to vote in a secret ballot under conditions akin to those the adult electorate would meet the following day.

An Exit Poll showed the Green Party and UKIP to be well ahead of the traditional parties and this was reflected in the count.

The final results were		
Abbey Willcocks	(Green)	327
Callum Jackson	(UKIP)	301
Sam Crawley	(Conservative)	119
Ethan Clarkson-Bates	(Labour)	118
Ryan King	(Lib Dem)	102
Craig Hammock	(Mebyon Kernow)	57

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**Saltash Rotary Club
Young Singer of the
Year Competition**

Nine talented Saltash singers aged between 11 and 18 competed in the Saltash round of Rotary Young Singer of the Year competition held at Saltash.net school recently.

The performers sang as part of a most enjoyable musical showcase evening, organised by the school's musical department.

First place in the competition was awarded to Lydia Rule aged 14, who sang a song from the musical "Wicked", Florence Bonner achieved 2nd place, 3rd place went to Lyndsey Roboson with Jenna Blake in 4th place. The Saltash team along with a reserve member will now compete in the Rotary District competition for team and individual prizes, along with singers from across Devon and Cornwall.

We wish them every success.



Pictured Vivian Haighton head of music at saltash.net community school, Brian Stoyel Rotary President, along with judges and competitors.

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Rotary Help Children's Holiday Trust



Saltash Rotarians Kerry Simpson and Bill Phillips (right) presented cheques totalling £425 00 to Head teachers from local schools, Martin Clarke (St. Stephens), Martin Bell (Burraton) and Peter Roberts (Brunel) received the donation to help five children enjoy the school holiday this year. This is an annual Rotary scheme, where Saltash and area schools are invited to put in an application, this year there were five applications from three schools all were successful and Rotary awarded £85 00 per child to attend holiday activities in which they might not have been able to enjoy otherwise.



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Inner Wheel Club

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The first was Julie Turner who for many years worked as a store detective in various stores in the South West. Her talk was very amusing but also informative as we learned about our rights when shopping.

Our most recent speaker was Kevin Grant who gave us a brief history of his life as a monk. He was brought up on a farm in Pensilva, had always been a Christian but trained as a monk after being in the Catering Industry for fifteen years and also the Navy. During his training he undertook many jobs including working in a psychiatric hospital, cooking for one hundred and sixty people in a monastery in Scotland and working in a hospice in London. At the end of his training he decided that he wanted to work in the community and he is now a lay preacher in the Catholic, Anglican and Methodist churches and also undertakes a number of community roles.

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BURRATON COMMUNITY CENTRE CELEBRATES IN STYLE



Left to right Ben Doney, Lauren Kearney, Nick Libby, Jess Ryan and Sam Hughes

A grand opening of celebrations to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Burraton Community Centre heralded a fortnight of special events with an evening of Barbershop choral music.

These celebrations offered some of the many organisations that use the centre an opportunity to showcase the work they do. It was therefore fitting that the grand opening concert featured the music of the men of Western Approach and the ladies of the Brunel Harmony Chorus, all of whom meet weekly in the hall to perfect their close harmony singing. The resulting a cappella music was greatly appreciated by a full house which included Mayor Cllr. Sue Hooper MBE and consort John Hooper.

Both Choruses performed in full and in sections ably and wittily compared by emcee Brian Wainwright. Music ranged from traditional to pop with the ladies' concluding fittingly with Abba's 'Thank you for the music.' Both mens' and ladies' chorus then united and invited audience participation in 'Show me the Way to Amarillo' and Monty Python's 'Always look on the

bright side of life.'

Cllr. Hooper in her last full evening as Mayor cut the anniversary cake which, with wine, was enjoyed by the full audience after the concert.

Chairman of the Burraton Community Association Brian Carter spoke of the numerous organisations that fill the Centre's booking diary, many of which were involved in the following two weeks of celebrations.

"The forefathers who built this hall fifty years ago and those who kept it going would be delighted to have shared this evening," the Mayor concluded. "Many hundreds of organisations have since made it their home and I would like to compliment all of those people, past, present and future, who make the Burraton Community Centre such a wonderful hall. I wish all members and all of those who use the hall all success and happiness over the next fifty years."

A HIGHLY COMPETITIVE QUIZ

Twelve teams fought out a highly competitive quiz night as part of the celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the Burraton Community Centre.

The evening was hosted by Burraton Community Players who also presented a Cheque of £200 to the local charity "Ellie's Haven".

Nick Libby from "Elie's Haven" said, "It was a real pleasure to be able to attend the presentation and we would like to thank all the members of Burraton Community Players for this donation. It is yet another example of the

tremendous local support that we have received over the last two and a half years "

The cheque was presented by four members of the group: Ben Downey, Sam Hughes, Lauren Kearney and Jess Ryan who then resumed their scorer's roles for the evening.

At the end of an evening which had included some devilish dingbats and Head-scratching picture questions, just three and a half points separated the top 3 teams, "Sparkling Rosie", "Loose Women" and the winners, "Folly, Campo and Clegg" (!)

MAYOR'S CADET MADE NEW TRADITION

Youth organisations, and the fine work that our young people do, are to be recognised in Saltash by the annual appointment of a Mayor's cadet.

This year's formal Mayor Choosing ceremony saw an additional item on the programme, the appointment of representatives of all young Saltash members of uniformed organisations.

Having had two candidates given the highest possible recommendations by their organisations incoming Mayor Adam Killeya decided that rather than make the invidious choice between

them he would appoint both.

The Town's first official Mayor's cadets are 15 year old Fire Cadet George Andrew, and 16 year old RAF Cadet Corporal Christopher Tandy of 335 Squadron. Both were given official scrolls of appointment at Mayor Choosing and both will be invited to accompany the Mayor and Mayoress on a number of formal occasions.

FIRE CADET PUT TRAINING INTO PRACTICE

A Saltash fire cadet has received an award for his quick action which has saved a caravan and possibly the lives of its two inmates.

In front of the crowds who packed Warfelton Field for the Emergency Services Road Awareness Day local Fire Cadet Chris Crago was presented by the Chief Fire Officer Des Tidbury with a framed certificate as an appreciation of his action while on holiday at Rock in May 2009.

Chris then aged 16, had been camping when he noticed flames emerging from an occupied caravan. Putting his Fire Cadet training into effect he sounded the alarm and then quenched the flames, by then six foot high.

Darren Berrey of Saltash Fire Station told the crowds that the cadets, aged from 12 upwards and who were participating in simulated rescue displays, are encouraged to take an appropriate B TEC qualification and then consider either becoming professional fire crew or joining the 'retained' crews at stations such as Saltash.



SUN SHONE ON FORDER FETE



Caught on camera past Mayor's of Saltash Pete and Bryan, share a chuckle as they enjoy the Forder Fete

The sun shimmered on the waters of Forder Creek as crowds enjoyed walking its shaded banks and sampling the delights of this Summer's Forder Fete.

The Saltash Town Band as well as an exotic belly dancer provided entertainment while youngsters enjoyed the miniature road train and a series of races. All enjoyed

cream teas and a barbecue by the waterside as well as the various stalls with a variety of entertainments or with home made produce or bric-a-brac.

The Fete was opened by the Town Mayor Cllr Adam Killeya who, with his Mayoress Merryn, spent much of the afternoon visiting the stalls and sampling the cuisine.

SALTASH SUGGESTED AS HUB FOR WATER TAXIS

A regular all year water taxi service from Saltash to Plymouth's Barbican is getting closer to reality, County Councillor Bob Austin told Saltash Town Council. Cornwall County plans for eco-friendly public transport include Saltash being at the hub of a boat service up and down the Tamar. Services upstream would probably be Summer seasonal but down the river a regular timetable of boats with around ten stopping off points on both sides of the Tamar could cater for commuters and shoppers as well as visitors.

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FAMILY FUN AND SAFETY SKILLS AT AWARENESS DAY

Sirens wailed, motor cycles roared and helicopters whirled overhead as hundreds came to enjoy the displays at Saltash's first and fully successful Emergency Services Road Awareness Day.

It was hosted by our own fire Cadets who participated in some of the spectacular displays in the main arena. All praise is due to our young people and in particular the Fire and Air Force Cadets who stewarded and helped ensure the undoubted success of the day.

The sun shone on an array of displays mounted by all of the main emergency services – youngsters in particular enjoyed mounting the fire engines, sounding the sirens and handling the police guns. In addition there was



considerable interest in the displays put on by lesser known organisations such as Dartmoor Rescue Group, Royal Navy Bomb Disposal, Devon and Cornwall 4 x 4 Response as well as HM Coastguards and the RNLI.

Entertainments in the main arena varied from fire control and rescue (in which we saw our own cadets aged between 12 and 16, in action) to Nelson the fire-sniffer dog and our own Bishop Cornish School Junk Band

performing with Torpoint Youth Band. There were also visits by helicopters from RNAS Culdrose, the Air Ambulance and the police.

Motorcycle clubs from around the South West had accepted the invitation to participate and the streets around Warfelton Field, closed to traffic for the day, were a mecca for motorcycle fans.

While an excellent day out was had by all, with hundreds also visiting the many trade and charity stands as well as relaxing from the heat over a chilled beer or an ice cream, the main theme of the Awareness Day was bringing together the various emergency services not only to show what cover they provide but to increase awareness of the dangers to all age groups on our overcrowded roads.

Both as an action-packed fun day out for the family and a warning of the danger that beset us all as road users or pedestrians, Saltash's first such Awareness Day was a truly memorable success story.

Top: Emergency services in attendance

Middle: Paramedics were instructing the public

Left: Youngsters enjoy handling the Police guns



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OLD PASTIMES RECALL PAST PLEASURES TO MUSEUM VISITORS

Pleasures and pastimes that have filled local leisure hours from Victorian times up until the recent past form the theme of an exhibition recently opened by the Mayor of Saltash in the Town's Museum and due to run there for the rest of the year.

Pastimes of Past Times' celebrates a century or more of social and sporting activities around Saltash as well as a multitude of games and hobbies enjoyed at home by adults and children. Local Clubs and Societies have dug into their archives providing in particular pictures of long gone sports teams or amateur dramatics in which many visitors are already identifying family, friends or even (including the Mayor) themselves. Many will be surprised by the wealth of operettas, cherry feasts and Winkle Fairs enjoyed by past residents of Saltash and the villages around, and there is even a tableau to celebrate a local past production of 'Alice in Wonderland' as well as

the locally shot recent film.

Others will enjoy, and possibly reminisce over toys and games from a pre-electronic era, while there is an especially fine display of lace and needlework and the exquisite tools required to produce it. Kenwanne and the Waterside Boys' Club and their many activities too are vividly recalled.

At the official opening, John Parsons, the Chairman of Saltash Heritage who organised the display thanked all contributors adding, 'Every year we fear that there will not be enough exhibits, then in March we have to start selecting what we must leave out.' The Mayor, Councillor Mrs Sue Hooper MBE commented, 'As a team effort, it is amazing. Visitors

locally and from far and wide will enjoy a marvellous exhibition which shows how we spent our time many years ago and continue to spend our leisure time.'

The exhibition is currently open on Wednesday from 2 - 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. From July to September it will also be open on Thursday and Friday mornings and afternoons.

The Museum, which also contains a permanent display on the Town's rich history, is in Lower Fore Street opposite the Guildhall. There is no admission charge but donations to Saltash Heritage, the voluntary organisation running the Museum and Local History Centre, are appreciated.

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