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## Mayor Choosing Guests Journeyed from Around the World

The bells of the medieval church of St. Nicholas rang out once more as in the neighbouring Guildhall a new Mayor and Deputy Mayor were installed before rows of invited guests from Saltash and from far beyond. In proposing Councillor Hilary Frank, as Mayor for 2016-17 the longest serving Town Councillor Sue Hooper MBE pronounced that 'Hilary has served her apprenticeship as Deputy Mayor with dignity enthusiasm and honour. She is a doer, a mover and shaker – and a true Cornish maid' Councillor Frank was seconded by retiring Mayor Councillor Bill Phillips, and was formally chosen unanimously.

Councillor Frank proposed the Deputy Mayor Councillor Jean Dent who had previously served as Mayor in 2014-15, having been co-opted onto the Council in 2012 and elected in 2013. 'She is one of the most active of our Councillors', said Councillor Frank. 'In the final year of the existing Council it is our duty to pass on a Council in a good state and I believe that Jean is the person to help do this as Deputy Mayor.' She was seconded by Councillor David Yates who added, 'It is important that the Deputy Mayor and Mayor have a mutual trust, that she can stand in for the Mayor, advise the Mayor, and stand by the

Mayor'. Councillor Dent was also chosen unanimously.

The Mayor's Chaplain appointed, for a second year was Reverend Michelle Parkman. The Mayor then appoints as Mayor's Cadet fourteen year old Jack Phelan, a Fire Cadet who, as we were pleased to report last month, was also chosen at Mayfair as Young Citizen of the Year.

The new Mayor initiated a new tradition – She had been keen to support HMS Heroes, recently formed in Plymouth as a support group for children with a service person parent away from home on active service. To help

highlight this excellent mutual support network the Mayor had decided to select an HMS Heroes Cadet but had been so impressed at the quality of so many that she had chosen three, Felicity Heaten, Eira Oakley and Griff Oakley.

One of the new Mayor's first tasks was to invest her husband Shojiro as Mayor's Consort.

The Mayor's two daughters, Emmie and Aya, then hastened together with other children present, to help catch the warm pennies and fruit traditionally tossed by a new Mayor to what proved this year to be a large assembly of children waiting below. This year the Mayor added chocolate pennies to the goodies eagerly caught by

the excited children.

The ceremony continued with retiring Mayor Bill Phillips being given the best of thanks of the Council for his term of office. 'Bill has said that the past year was the proudest chapter of his life', said Mayor Councillor Frank. 'And he has much to be proud of' Councillor Adam Killea seconded this, congratulating the retiring Mayor in particular for his capacity for hard work, his sense of humour with an often dry wit, and for his unflappability when faced with unexpected difficulties.

In reply Councillor Phillips looked back on a pleasant year that he would never forget and thanked Councillors for electing and having faith in him. 'Saltash is a wonderful place to live and I am honoured to live here', he concluded.

A piper then led the Mayoral procession to the Baptist Church where a feast had been prepared by Saltash Guides. This included Japanese and French delicacies, much appreciated by the guests from our twin town of Plougastel, including Deputy Mayor Patricia.

One honoured guest was Akira Shimazu, President of



the Rugby World Cup 2019 organising committee, Japan being that year's host nation. He pronounced as excellent the Guides forays into Japanese cuisine but was equally complimentary about the Cornish Pasties which he enjoyed.

All guests, Bretton, Dutch, Japanese, English and Cornish had joined in a singing of the Cornish anthem 'Bro Goth Agah Tasow' before preparing for Japanese, French and Cornish cuisine and to toast in the town's new Mayor.

## Carkeel Roundabout Road Works Update

The extensive refurbishment of Carkeel roundabout, originally planned to begin back in January is still on target to start in September. Local Cornwall Councillors were due to meet with representatives of Cornwall Highways as well as Cormac and Curry and Brown, the main contractors, to receive an update on progress.

This includes in particular as update on the purchase of land in the adjacent service area and connection with the derelict car sales site still projected for a Tesco store. It was largely problems over land purchase that led to the delay in starting work.

The design of the top of the roundabout is another topic for discussion as local Councillors are keen to ensure that it provides a fitting gateway to Cornwall for visitors to the county.

They will also wish to discuss time scale, traffic control, especially during holiday periods, and future extension of the main A38 as a dual carriageway between Carkeel and Stoketon Cross.

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be spent. Funded by the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and Cornwall Council, the idea of Community-led Local Development is to encourage new ideas - new techniques, new technologies, new knowledge, new approaches - as well as apply existing ideas in new areas. Your views are being sought on how to address Cornish needs, how to achieve long-term economic growth here and how to create jobs in Cornwall.

A stall will be set up on Fore Street from 10am to 12:30 on 13th June. What do you think is most important? Investing in businesses creating new jobs? Or helping people who are not in work with training? Pop along and share your ideas. Or complete the online survey: <http://communityledcornwall.co.uk>

**Newquay Airport**

Our Cornish airport is continuing to expand. In fact, with 350,000 passengers predicted for the current year it is currently the fastest growing airport in the UK. There are now flights to over 15 destinations including Gatwick, Edinburgh, Alicante and Frankfurt - good news for business as well as for our tourist economy.

**Devonwall**

I can only hope that this continued growth in the population of Saltash is taken in to account in the forthcoming review of the number of MPs. The idea is to ensure that roughly equal numbers of voters elect each MP. Fair enough as an ideal, but in practice it means that many in the Government seem to think the only way Cornwall will continue to have six MPs is if boundaries are extended into Devon, and talk of a 'merger' of South East Cornwall with West Devon and/or Plymouth has resurfaced. Cornwall Council

is opposed to this and in May passed a resolution calling on council leader John Pollard to write to the Government, stressing the importance of the Tamar River as Cornwall's cultural, historical and political border. Worryingly, this importance does not seem to be shared by David Cameron, who was caught in an unguarded moment during the Devonwall protests 5 years ago telling a reporter that he could not understand what the fuss was about: "It's the Tamar, not the Amazon", he said.

**Personal Growth**

When the issue of Devonwall arose five years ago the Mayor of Saltash was Adam Killeya, and he led protests and demonstrations on the banks of the Tamar. We joined in with our daughter Emmie, who was 5 at the time and had Cornish flags painted on her face - it was a picture that made it to the front page of local newspapers. 5 years on, and here I am, still fighting for Cornwall and Saltash. I represent the citizens of Saltash South on Cornwall Council and will continue in this role until the elections next May, but I have the new privilege of serving as Mayor of this vibrant town. These last few years have been a journey of personal growth for me and I am greatly looking forward to serving the town in this new capacity in the coming year. One of the more enjoyable aspects of my new role will be writing the monthly Mayoral column in the Observer. This, then, will be my final Cornwall Council column to allow me to focus on the Mayoral articles. Thanks to Bob, Derek and Joe - my fellow Cornwall Councillors - who have agreed to share writing these Cornwall Council columns between the three of them! So watch out for updates on the Devonwall issue in Mayoral articles from now on, together with plenty of other bulletins about Saltash, her council and her community.

**Letter to the Editor**



Dear Editor,

"When I hear people peddle the myth that Cornwall has done well out of the EU I'm sorry I don't recognise this parallel universe. I presume this is the same EU who have decimated our Cornish Fishing industry AND under the Common Agricultural Policy reduced the amount of food we produce and handed our markets on a plate to Continental producers. I cannot believe that the majority of proud Cornish people feel they have "done well", when in reality we are the recipients of hand outs of our own money dished out by our "benefactors" in Brussels, usually accompanied by a nice little plaque telling us they've done so. I wonder why? Erring on the low side, taking an average from sites such as the Office for National Statistics, the Guardian, The Telegraph our NET contribution (after deducting everything we get back) is still between 6.5 Billion and 8.5 Billion per annum! These huge sums, if kept in house, could transform our infrastructure, the spectre of a struggling NHS, Care Homes closing, Libraries, Police Stations, overcrowded schools, Health Centres, deteriorating roads, poor Leisure Facilities, could be a thing of the past. As the second biggest contributor to this failing project, no wonder they don't want us to leave. Who will pay for the subsidies to French Farmers, French and Spanish fishermen, motorways in Spain, tramways in Poland then?"

Chris Cansfield  
Landrake  
Saltash

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**Mayor is Cornish Maid with Japanese Consort**

She has travelled the world, lived for ten years in Japan where she was the first non-Japanese citizen to interpret for the Emperor, but Saltash's new Mayor is also a Cornish maid, born in Redruth and later educated at Penzance Girls' Grammar and Truro Schools.

Hilary Frank then attended London University's School of Oriental and African Studies where, in 1990 she graduated with a BA Hons in Japanese and Music.

She served as interpreter for the Japanese government in London and Tokyo, and was the Emperor's interpreter during the 1992 Winter Olympics. In 2002, while interpreting during Japan's holding of the FIFA World Cup, Hilary met husband to be Shojiro at a sumo wrestling match. They were married in Tokyo, Hilary wearing a white Kimono, and the international match concluded with a cream tea in an English cafe in Tokyo, topped with Rodda's cream.

Back in Britain they moved to Hatt to be close to Hilary's now ailing parents and were married again at Landulph, where Sho learned the art of campanology and was later to ring out the bells on the birth of each of their daughters, Emmie and Aya.

Hilary entered into civic office in 2008 when she became a Town Councillor and subsequently in 2013 became a County Councillor. She serves on various Cornwall Council committees relating to young people and economic affairs, one of her favourites being the Standards Advisory Committee for Religious Education.

Here in Saltash in addition to her role as Councillor she is Vice Chair of Bishop Cornish School governors, a trustee of the charity Storybook Dads and leads the town's monthly litterpicks. She has been prominent in organising celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee, the passing of the Olympic torch, the charity Midnight Walk and the annual Town Christmas Celebrations. Shojiro too is active in local affairs serving on the Plougastel Twinners Committee, on Saltash Environmental Action, and as a bellringer at Landulph. Their two daughters, Emmie (10) and Aya (7) are thrilled and delighted to be, what Liskeard Mayor Phil Seeva, who himself has two young boys, describes as 'mini - mayors'.

**GROWTH**

What is interesting about the population of Cornwall is that between the 1860s and 1950s Cornwall continuously lost people - the Diaspora looking for work in other areas of the world. It is only in more recent years that the effect has been reversed with people from the rest of the UK moving here in search of a better quality of life. Saltash is certainly growing - have a look at the statistics:

Population in 2001 = 14,964  
Population in 2013 = 16,600  
With the development of Broadmoor Farm we can expect these numbers to grow further in the future. Cornwall Council has an important role to play in ensuring that the infrastructure is in place in order to cope with our growing population. Social and Adult Care services need to respond to the increased demands, especially as Cornwall has seen an increase in the older age groups - reflecting Cornwall's popularity as a retirement destination. But in this article I want to focus on some of the work that is being funded by

Cornwall Council to help our local businesses and economy to grow.

**Growth Hub**

First up is the Growth Hub - a new service that will help Cornish businesses find the right support they need. The Growth Hub can put new businesses in touch with someone who can help to test and shape ideas, and offer advice and expertise on turning ideas into reality. It can also help existing businesses looking to expand. It aims to be the 'go to' place for business information, the place to find out about business events, news and new funding opportunities. Sign up online at [www.ciosgrowthhub.com](http://www.ciosgrowthhub.com)

The main funders of the Growth Hub are the European Regional Development Fund and Cornwall Council.

**Community-led Local Development**

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**Arson, Assaults and Burglaries - But Crime Figures Falling**  
Two burglaries to dwellings and seven to other premises were reported in Saltash during March and April. Total offences reported in the town were 53 in March and 46 in April.  
These also include 7 thefts from shops, 12 other thefts 22 criminal damage, there were 2 arson offences reported, 25 assaults in all categories, 11 public order offences, and 1 possession of an offensive weapon and 5 drugs offences.  
There was 1 assault reported in each of Landrake, St. Mellion and St. Dominick.  
Overall, local police confirm, recorded crime in Devon and Cornwall continues to fall, there being a 3.8% reduction in the year up to 31st March 2016 over crimes reported in the previous year. This amounts to 3021 less crimes reported overall.

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## New Mayor Speaks of Her Hopes and Beliefs for Saltash

As guests who assembled in the Guildhall for this year's Mayor Choosing had travelled from Japan, Belgium, Brittany and the Netherlands and (even from remote regions of Trematon) newly elected Mayor Councillor Hilary Frank announced that she too had made a journey, from a year previously when as Deputy Mayor she pronounced that she would 'Never be Mayor'. She foresaw another journey ahead over the next year as she addressed people whom she noted had, from many differing places come together to share their hopes for Saltash. It happened to be Ascension Day, traditionally a day associated with Hope and Belief, and Councillor Frank outlined her beliefs about Saltash and her hopes for her year as the town's first citizen.

She highlighted three major issues and concerns, the first being children. It also happened, that day, to be Children's Day in her Consort husband's native Japan, and as mother of two young girls at a local school Councillor Frank intended to put the town's children foremost during her year. She had already begun by appointing three young HMS Heroes Cadets, a new mayoral initiative, and had also initiated the tossing of chocolate coins to the assembled children with the traditional fruit and hot pennies. She was especially eager to support the Girl Guides of Saltash District server section as they celebrated their centenary, and indeed these guides had prepared the delicious buffet of international cuisine that followed the ceremony. She was also keen to support Storybook Dads, a charity started by Sharon Berry of Saltash in 2003 at Dartmoor Prison and which now helps many of the two hundred thousand children who each year have parents imprisoned to remain in

touch with those parents.

Councillors Frank's second theme was Respect. Having lived for ten years in Japan, where respect for family, environment and tradition is embedded in their culture, she feels that such respect is sadly being lost in the materialistic West. One practical way in which she intended to restore respect for environment was through the fortunate awarding of Cornwall Council funding for waste reduction and limitation of land fill.

Her third theme was Local Government, which she firmly believes has a strong role to play in the lives of everybody and she stressed in particular local concerns over the environment and dementia awareness in which local authority could play its part.

'I have changed my mind over the year as to becoming Mayor having, as Deputy Mayor, met so many wonderful people and discovered such a rich community,' Councillor Frank concluded. 'I am inviting all to join with me on this Ascension Day journey of Hope and Belief.'



Pictured Mrs. Patricia Henaff, Mrs. Natalie Bethany, Mrs. Françoise Morvan, Mayor Hilary Frank and Mrs. Françoise Louedec Our new Mayor poses with the four Deputy Mayors from the twin town of Plougastel who came over specially for the Mayor Choosing. Striking the same pose that they did when they visited four years ago to help celebrate Mayor Choosing with Colin Oakes.

### Christmas Card Competition Open to All

Christmas is coming, not for many months as of yet, but Saltash Heritage, who run our friendly local museum and heritage centre are already planning ahead for it.

In particular they intend to produce their own Christmas Card and are looking for design ideas from the local community. A competition for a suitable design is open to all, adults and children of any age. The winning card will be printed, the artist acknowledged, and will receive a pack of the printed cards.

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### Chamber Chairman Peter Ryland keeping us updated

Events such as the May Fair shows there is a real community spirit in Saltash and the diversity of organisations in the town shows that the townspeople are prepared to work together for common aims.

Saltash has a strong history and, from an early map I once saw, was, in the 16th Century, the largest community in the Plymouth Travel to Work area (even bigger than Plymouth). But Plymouth grew due to it being West of the Tamar and it was not until the 19th Century with Brunel's bridge and the 1960's with the road bridge that good communication with the rest of the U.K. was achieved. With the road bridge opening Saltash grew and it is about to grow again with over 1,000 homes to be built at Broadmoor Farm. Through the Neighbourhood Plan Saltash can ensure that, in addition to the new homes, the appropriate infrastructure roads, drains, schools etc. can be put in place along with an allocation of land for the employment purposes so that the new residents do not have to go to Plymouth to work.

On behalf of the Chamber, I have already met, along with Town and County Councillors, with a representative of Cornwall Development Company to start the thinking process as to how prospective employers may be encouraged to locate in Saltash. We have to show that Saltash is vibrant with good connectivity to the rest of the U.K. We have to extol the virtues of the location and the community spirit is part of that virtue.

For the population of Saltash, the future in full of promise but we need to ensure that the change is for the good of all, whether old or young, employed or retired, retailer or manufacturer. The community, as a whole, has to work together.

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Last summer saw the A level students secure the school's best ever results with a high number of entries to Oxbridge and other Russell Group Universities; the GCSE students' results proved equally commendable and a credit to the determination of the young people to uphold the school's motto of "Believe and Achieve".

Whilst saltash.net continues to strive for academic excellence across all abilities, ranging from the students with complex learning needs in the Trematon Zone to those identified as 'gifted and talented' or 'most able', this is set alongside the belief that students can achieve to the best of their ability only while happy, engaged, confident and feeling sure that they are each cared for as individuals. All students are encouraged to feel a part of a friendly and welcoming school community and to participate in the wide variety of activities on and off school premises which staff and students together organise and which help develop personal qualities as well as promoting independence, creativity and enterprise in the young people who are our future.

### Sporting Success in Many Fields at Saltash.Net

In sporting fields saltash.net's reputation as a school that competes to a high level with a strong ethos of fair play has been upheld over the last year. The year's new intake in particular has proved outstanding at football with an exciting debut boys' football season, scoring 20 goals and conceding four before being beaten in the County final of the East Cornwall Championships.

Next season will hopefully see their dedication and commitment lead to matching last year's under 16 girls who once again came out as County Football Champions after hard fought matches. The year 7 girls too look to equalling this achievement having been undefeated through the season.

Increasing numbers of girls are involved in netball clubs with dedicated school staff and outside coaching, while coaches have also come from Plymouth Argyle Hockey, Saltash Amateur Boxing Club and St. Mellion Golf and Country Club to enthuse students and show them the sporting opportunities available.

The summer term too is proving successful for the school's athletes; 46 competitors having achieved well at Plymouth Brickfields in a super 8 athletics event with boys' teams from years 7 and 10 qualifying for the Cornwall School Games - while the enthusiastic girls of year 7 just missed out and hope to achieve entry next season.

There is always excitement as the student winner of the 'Sporting Achievement of the Month' award is announced, highlighting just a few of the many individual student successes.

Special thrills came to the successful year 7 boys' and girls' football teams with training sessions from

a Plymouth Argyle player and coach, while year 8 students have been working on 'Sky Sports - Living for Sport' project with Olympic athlete, Heather Fell. Sports day, in this Olympic year, promises some outstanding sporting achievement as students share the spirit of competition and fair play for which they are renowned.

#### "Billy Elliot"

Excitement is already mounting for saltash.net's forthcoming production of 'Billy Elliot' the musical. Planned for November 16

### Students Voice their Views in Community School

Students' social, moral, spiritual and cultural development is outstanding ... They take on a wide variety of responsibilities within the school and carry them out conscientiously.

The proof behind this quote from the 2014 Ofsted Report on saltash.net can be seen especially in the activities of the elected school council. Representing the views of all students, and represented by those from each school year, the council's regular meetings are chaired by the sixth form head students.

Students are also encouraged to organise and promote charitable events which have included over the past year a talent show, sponsored row, and raffle for such charities as Text Santa, Installation of a defibrillator in Saltash, and Cancer Research. Other students

### National Teaching Award judges Visit saltash.net



Saltash.net was delighted to receive a visit from two National Teaching Award judges on Thursday 28th April after hearing that Head of Maths, Alan Hawthorne, had been shortlisted for the Outstanding use of ICT Award for 2016.

The judges, Tony Gray and Bob Twells, spent three hours at the school observing Alan teach a Year 13 A Level Maths lesson, as well as meeting with the school's senior leadership team, members of the Maths department and other colleagues, students from across a range of year groups and parent representatives.

Deputy Headteacher, Dan Buckley, who nominated Alan for the prestigious award said, "The judges were really blown away by how Alan integrated his use of ICT so seamlessly into the lesson, using it as a tool to help the class understand really difficult ideas and at the same time enjoy the challenge. It was really clear to them why the student council proposed Alan for the award and why so many students wanted to meet them and pass on their support."

saltash.net wishes Mr Hawthorne all the very best and congratulates him on being shortlisted from thousands of entries across the South West of the UK.

have volunteered to address a school assembly, sometimes based on their own experience, of 'being a haemophilic' or 'being a carer'.

The student body itself also recommends teachers whom they regard as especially inspiring for

awards. Two years ago this resulted in teacher Scott Wierprecht attending the House of Commons having won a Pearson Silver Teaching Award. More recently the school was delighted to receive a visit from two National Teaching Award Judges after hearing

that Head of Maths, Alan Hawthorne, had been shortlisted for the Outstanding Use of ICT Award for 2016. The Judges spent three hours watching lessons and meeting staff and students, all of whom, are now eagerly awaiting the outcome of this visit.

### First Gold Commendations of the school year

There is always keen competition to see which year 7 students at saltash.net will be the first to secure Gold Commendations as part of the School's Rewards Policy. This year, the honour was shared by three students: Georgina Treacy from 7GR, Isobel Whittam from 7BX and Emily Thompson from 7SM. The students were presented with their commendations by Headteacher, Mrs Bryce, during an assembly.

Head of Year 7, Mr Grant Taylor, said, 'I would like to congratulate these three students on all of their hard work and effort. These awards definitely show that these students are making the most of the opportunities being given to them at saltash.net.'



### Moor Training for Teams in Ten Tors and Duke of Edinburgh

Always up for a challenge, saltash.net students have once again embraced challenging conditions in preparation for the annual Ten Tors weekend, while students have also been striving for their Duke of Edinburgh bronze and silver medals.

The school secured two team places for the Ten Tors. Two teams of six students each braved testing conditions over Bodmin and North Dartmoor, building up to the full 35 mile challenge. They also completed a charity walk in full kit raising £110.00 for the Dartmoor Search and Rescue Team.

The actual weekend of the event proved near perfect for weather and though one of the team sadly, following injury, decided to withdraw rather than slow the team down, the others crossed the finishing line with a feeling of pride at the culmination of seven months heavy training.

Meanwhile, eleven proud students stepped out in assembly in January to accept their bronze Duke of Edinburgh medals following hard working at a skill, volunteering, and physical activity, all alongside preparing for GCSEs. This year a large group of silver medal participants has been spread into two teams. 'I am very pleased that we have such a thriving Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme taking place at our school,' said Head Teacher Mrs Bryce. 'The scheme is held in high regard by employers and is invaluable when applying for Higher Education.'

### A Red Carpet Moment for Year 13 Students

Year 13 students from saltash.net community school enjoyed their 'red carpet' moment as they arrived for the annual May Ball held in the grand surroundings of the Duke of Cornwall Hotel on Friday 13th May. Although unlucky for some, the date did not in any way affect the success of the occasion: the sun was shining, the meal was excellent and the dancing and socialising were enjoyed by all who attended.

Headteacher, Mrs Bryce, said, 'It was great that not only were most of Year 13 in attendance, but also a number of students who left at the end of Year 13 to take up apprenticeships and college courses. It was brilliant to be able to catch up with all their news and reassure them that they will always be part of the saltash.net community!'

I would like to thank the 6th Form team - Mr Killeya, Miss Wilkinson and Mrs Briggs, as well as the 6th Form Council for all that they did to organise such a successful event. Thanks also go to DT technician, Mr Darren McDonald, for being our official photographer for the evening!



### Learning a Language and Studying Science was Never Such Fun

Learning a foreign language need no longer solely consist of memorising lists of irregular verbs, saltash.net students have discovered. Over the past year groups of students have travelled to Saxony to enhance their experience of German life, culture and language, as well as tree surfing and testing the latest high tech Volkswagens.

Meanwhile, back at school, students were tucking into a French breakfast when amidst the croissants and pains au chocolate there befell a dastardly death. The clues to the mystery formed part of the massively successful languages theme day enjoyed by students and staff.

Learning while 'thinking outside the box' was also applied to senior students with a passion for maths who entered the senior maths challenge in which the school finished 7th out of 24 while fully testing students' understanding and application of mathematics. Up and coming mathematicians have also been encouraged through working with years 5 and 6 at Partner primary schools in the much enjoyed gifted and talented mathematics workshops. Primary school students also joined saltash.net to experience the 'Big Bang Science Fair' in Plymouth, where they also met several ex Saltash students. Science too was celebrated during British Science Week. A visiting team from Babcock engineering organised a challenging activity based on working with a nuclear reactor, while saltash.net staff visited local primary schools organising special events including the design, building and racing of rocket cars.

It is little surprise to note that students in their first year of saltash.net are quoted as saying 'the lessons are exciting', 'the teachers are amazing' and 'the teachers are kind and helpful.'

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## Essa Files

This past month Leicester City won the Premier League title despite facing odds of 5000/1 at the start of the season. For those of you who don't follow the noble art of 22 men kicking a ball around the Premier League is the ultimate prize in English football. For those of you who don't follow betting odds, 5000/1 roughly translates as 'oh gosh, not really very likely at all'. For comparison if I were to pop into a random Ladbrokes and try to bet ten pounds on myself becoming the next Prime Minister I'd probably be offered odds of 500/1, rating it about ten times more likely than Leicester's success. 5000/1 is in fact probably about the same chances as Shergar racing down Fore Street being ridden by Ann Glanville.

However tempting though it is to treat this as a freak occurrence, those who know more about football than me (quite a low bar) tell me that Leicester's success is actually relatively easy to understand. They had a good squad of players, they had a plan, they worked together, and whenever it looked like they weren't quite doing enough to secure a win they worked a bit harder. In comparison most of their rivals overspent without properly thinking about why they were spending the money and whether they could spend it better, worked as a bunch of individuals rather than a team, and had too many players who, when the going got tough, didn't really knuckle down and contribute.

Assuming this is true it strikes me that what's good for football teams trying to win titles is good for Town Councils trying to improve their town. Those who assemble a good team, have a strategy, spend wisely, and put in the effort are the ones who succeed. Those who have a bunch of individuals running off in different directions, don't plan, spent without thinking, and back away from the tough situations, don't.

I mention this now not just to get a really overstretched sports metaphor into this month's column but because it's almost exactly year until the start of the next town council season (also known as the 2017 Elections). Several seasoned members of our current 'squad' are hanging up their boots, me almost certainly included, and if the town council is to meet with success in the future it could really use some exciting signings of fresh talent.

If you've ever thought of joining the council this would be a great time to give it very serious thought, and perhaps even do a bit of pre-season training by attending a town council meeting to scout out what it's like for yourself. If you like the look of the game perhaps you might apply to be part of the town council's next starting line-up, and help spur the town on to future glory.

Soon we will be faced with the important decision of whether we should stay as part of the EU government or leave and regain control of our country. Europe is a fantastic place. Regardless of the vote we will still enjoy going there, will continue to trade and will still work together on important issues such as stopping terrorism and preserving our environment.

## SHERYLL MURRAY MP WRITES...



This vote is about who makes the decisions that affect our every day lives. At the moment a lot of the way our country is governed comes from the EU.

Many have argued that the EU should be reformed however David Cameron tried to make some minor changes to our relationship with very little success.

Immigration is an increasing issue. We are already seeing a population around the size of Plymouth coming into the UK every year. As well as finding housing we must provide services for these people putting strain on our hospitals, schools and utilities. As the government struggles with this massive influx from the EU it has clamped down on people coming from the wider world who may be more qualified to bring improvements to our country.

We are big enough to survive on our own. We are the 5th largest economy in the world and are on the G7 and the G20. We have the advantage that we speak the most widely spoken language and arguably have some of the best universities. Every continent is growing economically apart from Antarctica and Europe. The 28 countries in the EU have gone from 30% of world GDP in 1980 to 17% today. Britain must look further afield and build relationships with the rest of the world without all the red tape and the barriers that the EU can create.

At the moment we give the EU £350 million pounds a week. Enough to build and equip a brand new NHS hospital. They do give Cornwall some of that back but with strings attached. I believe that we are best placed to invest that money in a way that will make Cornwall grow without the intervention of a third party. We need to be able to spend our money on our priorities.

The EU also interferes with our fishing and farming. Our fishing industry is a ghost of what it was before we joined the EU. We need to take back control of our waters. We have also had

the assurance from the Agriculture Minister George Eustice MP that "The UK Government will continue to give farmers and the environment as much support, or perhaps even more, as they get now."

On the 23rd of June I believe we would be stronger as a nation if we Vote Leave.

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## Close Fought Finals Conclude Euchre Season

Three thrilling games concluded the season for Saltash Euchre League Division 1 (the 'A' team) and 2 (the 'B' Team) enjoyed at a convivial evening in the 'Bullers Arms' Landrake.

The final for the knock-out cup was between Ploughboy 'A' and Rising Sun 'B', who proved victorious. The 'Risiers' team consisted of Captain Martin Homes with Alex Bunning, Steve Vigus, Steve Smale, Andy May and Phil Bennett.

The Rising Sun A team were runners up for the Plate but lost it to Callington Social Club 'B' whose team included John Elliot, Merv Jonas, Andy Williams, Steve Haimes, Kingsley Mortimor and Karen Mortimor.



### Conundrum Corner

Taking the initial letter to the one-word answers to the following eight questions can you re-arrange them to make a local place name?

1 The Proboscis Monkey of Borneo is known for the extreme length and pendulousness of which of its body parts? (4)

2 In flower arranging what is the name of the block of light material used to hold cut flowers in place? (5)

3 Which musical instrument has Dampers, Hammers and Strings? (5)

4 Which is the second largest City in the Netherlands? (9)

5 What is the name of the Queen of the Fairies in Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*? (7)

6 The Peninsular War of the 19th century occurred on which Peninsula? (7)

7 From which fruit is Grand Marnier distilled? (7)

8 What is the surname of Little Nell in Charles Dickens's *The Old Curiosity Shop*? (5)

Answers on page 8



### Ploughboy A - Win the Pairs

The Pairs final concluded in a hard fought game between Paul Henderson and Dennis Pearson of the Rising Sun A team and Paul Ferris and John Fleurah of Ploughboy A.

A superb spread provided by the 'Bullers Arms' ensured that all teams totally enjoyed a friendly and fun evening and are already looking forward to the next season.

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## Old Shopping Days Recalled in Museum Display

For those who remember when small town shopping involved a leisurely stroll between shops, which had been, family owned for generations and each customer was greeted by name; a visit to Saltash Heritage Museum's 2016 exhibition is guaranteed to bring a host of memories. For those whose only experience of shopping is supermarket and Internet the exhibition 'A Tale of Retail' will be a passport to a distant world.

The exhibition was formally opened by the Mayor Councillor Bill Phillips with his Mayoress and wife Jean, 'Having been born in an age of rationing when there was not much in the shops I am already seeing much that I remember', he commented. 'I am looking forward to a good look', and already the Heritage Volunteer stewards are becoming accustomed to cries of, 'Why, I remember that!'

From haberdashery, with gloves, hats and children's clothes of another era, to ironmongery with a range of fearsome looking implements, there is much to discover. Younger visitors are especially interested in the newsagents/confectioners with its range of toys, tobacco, sweets and comics as enjoyed by grandparents in distant childhoods.

A chemist and a general store all contain memories of shopping half a century or longer ago, and a mock up of Saltash Fire Station, with bells, and helmets, is a reminder of a time when, the way to summons the fire brigade to a barn fire was to send a

telegram - now in the Heritage collection.

The museum is open until November on Wednesdays from 2 - 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and additionally on Fridays in Summer. Admission to the museum in Lower Fore Street, opposite the Guildhall, is free though donations to the volunteer run museum are appreciated.

## Should we Stay or Should we Go?

Debate Encourages Saltash Students to Use their Voice

Sixth Formers at saltash.net community school were this week encouraged to register and use their vote in the EU referendum on 23 June.

The plea to use their vote followed an interesting and wide-ranging debate between representatives of both the 'Remain' and 'Leave' camps, as part of the Year 13 General Studies programme.

David Chalmers, who is Northern Devon Campaign Co-ordinator for StrongerIN spoke in favour of the UK staying in the EU, and stressed the economic arguments for remaining and argued that Britain was more globally influential as a member of the EU.

UKIP County Chairman and former RAF pilot David Lucas spoke in favour of the UK leaving the EU, emphasising the importance of the UK taking controls of its own laws, as well as the direct and indirect costs of the UK's EU membership.

Following their introductory remarks, both speakers took questions from the audience covering a wide ranging of issues including defence, trade, human rights, the impact on Cornwall, the implications for students, and the EU's long term plans.

After the speakers had concluded their arguments Head of Sixth Form Adam Killea encouraged all students to register and use their vote, regardless of their decision.

Mr Killea said: "We had a high quality and very civilised debate with both speakers doing a strong job of making their case. saltash.net strongly believes that part of our job is to prepare students for their future as citizens and this referendum, whatever the result, will have a massive impact on that."

### Conundrum Answers:

Answers: 1 Nose 2 Oasis 3 Piano 4 Rotterdam 5 Tintina 6 Iberian 7 Oranges 8 Trent Re-arranged the letters spell the town of Torpoint.

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## Old Cornwall Society

On an idyllic late Spring evening Saltash Old Cornwall Society members followed bluebell banked lanes up the Tamar Valley to follow the footsteps of two of our Cornish Saints.

Two chapels once existed at Halton (Quay) one dedicated to St. Indract and one to St Dominica', according to 'Ancient and Holy Wells of Cornwall'. Old Cornwall members went first to the Holy Well itself, close above the river behind granite arches, then viewed the ivy-clad ruins which may mark the chapel built where the two saints landed in 651 AD.

They then moved on to Halton Quay itself, resplendent with the evening sun on the high tide, and viewed the chapel there, formerly a shipping office consecrated in 1959.

From there they continued to the village of St. Dominic where their guide Bernard Rosea told them something of the church's history while his wife provided refreshments. The Saltash visitors admired in particular the 17th century monuments to the Rous family of Halton in this church first dedicated to St. Dominica by Bishop Bronescombe of Exeter during his 1259 visitation of Cornwall. From the 13th century tower to the beautiful 'harvest' window of Whitefriars glass unveiled in 1963, all blend together to provide a place of worship in a Christian tradition established by the two local saints over thirteen centuries ago.

Society Secretary Martin Lister thanked Bernard Rosea and helpers for enabling the Saltash 'pilgrims' to continue their own visitation of local churches, thought in considerably greater comfort than that experienced by Bishop Bronescombe.

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