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Saltash RFC Under -11 Star Aaron Piercey Wins Land Rover Discovery of the Season Award



Saltash RFC under-11 star Aaron Piercey was delighted to win the Land Rover Discovery of the Season award at the Gallagher Premiership Rugby final last weekend after overcoming a difficult health diagnosis to continue playing his beloved sport.

Aaron, who has significant hearing loss, began suffering with Sever's disease – a heel injury that occurs in young

children – at the end of last season, but the youngster refused to let the diagnosis ruin his rugby dream.

After realising he could no longer be the player who scores all the tries, the 11-year-old took matters into his own hands to make sure he was physically able to compete, teaming up with his friends to take part in spin cycle and boxing classes to maintain his fitness while reducing the

impact on his ankles.

The Land Rover Discovery of the Season award recognises a player for their development, progress, commitment to the team and demonstration of the core values of rugby – and there's no doubt that Aaron dealt with his changes with a level of maturity beyond his years.

"I was so proud to receive my award, but it was all the more exciting because I

received it at the Premiership Rugby final," said Aaron.

"I support Exeter, so it was particularly special because my team were in the final.

"I loved watching Jack Nowell. I would love to walk out at Twickenham just like him one day.

"I've loved playing rugby with my teammates this season and I am so happy we got to share this special experience together."

Aaron and Saltash RFC under-11s were one of 24 under-11 and under-12 teams in attendance for the final – representing two sides for each age category from the festivals hosted by each of the 12 Gallagher Premiership Rugby clubs throughout the season.

This is the 11th year of the national grassroots rugby initiative, with more than 85,000 youngsters participating in the event to date – enough to fill Twickenham Stadium.

Players such as Newcastle Falcons' Callum Chick started life on the pitches of the Land Rover Premiership Rugby Cup, with Land Rover ambassador

Martin Johnson praising the opportunities afforded to players at a young age.

"It's all about giving people the opportunity to play," said Johnson, who met hundreds of youngsters from the national grassroots initiative at Saturday's final.

"It's great to see kids just playing and enjoying themselves. Being here at Twickenham, they will all have a dream that one day they'll play here for their club or their country.

"We know about the health benefits but there are lots of life benefits of playing rugby too.

"I tell kids all the time, why do we play sport? Because we enjoy doing it. We enjoy playing with our team mates, the camaraderie of it, we enjoy the challenge, so anytime you can get people together is good."

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Celia's Commitment to Justice is Recognised



The outstanding achievements of Saltash resident Celia Kelly were recognised at a special ceremony in County Hall in the beginning of May, when Celia was presented with a Civic Award by Councillor Mary May, who was Chair of Cornwall Council at the time.

Celia has volunteered for 25 years on School Appeal Committees, and has spent more than 20 years volunteering as a magistrate. In tribute to her achievements, Celia's citation read: "Both of these roles come with an inordinate amount of responsibility as well as emotional stress, but Celia has demonstrated great integrity in handling her duties over many years. She is a stalwart, elegant and astute citizen of her community."

Celia is one of just 32 community heroes, from litter pickers to charity fundraisers,

whose achievements were recognised at the annual ceremony. Staff from Jamaica Inn on Bodmin Moor received a Civic Award after the pub threw open its doors for drivers stranded in snowstorms earlier this year. "I have met so many wonderful people over 25 years of volunteering and have been proud of the work I've done," said Celia.

Councillor May said: "It is an honour to recognise Celia – she does not carry out her duties for recognition, but from a sense of community spirit and a commitment to justice, and is a real inspiration to us all."

Town Messenger

Working for the People of Saltash

News from Saltash Town Council
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Town Supports Youth Wellbeing Work

Each year Saltash Town Council helps to fund youth work in the town and Livewire has been one of the recipients of that funding.

The funding has helped to develop the existing youth work at Livewire and the delivery of services to young people. One of the major areas that youth workers and Livewire members felt the need to expand services was around mental health and wellbeing with cuts to public services across the board affecting vulnerable young people everywhere.

At Livewire the youth work, mental health and well-being services now include:

One to one counselling daytime and evenings for young people aged 10 – 21

One to one youth work and well-being support for young people aged 13 -21

Well-being drop-in support during our open access sessions for young people aged 13 – 21

Your Cornwall Councillors

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Cornwall Councillors – Cover such services as:

Housing - Education –

Social Services

Highways –

Waste and Recycling –

Tamar Bridge

We have a well-being closed access session on ~Tuesday evenings for young people referred to us through various means (organisations/parent/carer etc). There is also an afterschool group for primary school aged children aged 5 – 10.

Our outreach includes support at local school and colleges offering independent well-being support for students aged 11 – 18 (school) and 16 – 21 (college). Educational support offered to young people unable to attend mainstream school for various reasons.

Open access junior sessions for 10 – 13 year olds (in school years 6 to 8).

The youth work support at Livewire also includes personal and emotional development work, building resilience, involving young people in decision making within Livewire, providing volunteering and work experience opportunities, advocating on behalf of young people and providing information and advice and various workshops.

If you would like more information about the services available at Livewire youth project please visit the website at www.livewireyouth.com

Notice of Vacancy: Saltash North Ward

If, within 14 days after the date of the Notice, a request for an election to fill the said vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer of Cornwall Council at the Council Offices, St Austell Information Service, 39 Penwinnick Road, St. Austell by TEN (or more) electors for the said Ward an election will be held to fill the vacancy.

If the Returning Officer receives fewer than ten written requests for an election by 31st May 2019 the Town Council will fill the vacancy by co-option.

Your Town Council

Saltash North

Vacancy

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Saltash Town Council Website

Saltash Town Council welcomes all community and leisure groups such as Education, Health, Places of Worship, Transport, Sports Clubs, Tourist Accommodation/ Attractions, Local Walks and any other Organisations to provide up to date details to be available on Saltash Town Council website for the community. <https://www.saltash.gov.uk/community.php>

Please email enquiries@saltash.gov.uk – the name of the organisation, contact email and website address and a short statement proving details of the organisation.

Bridging the Tamar

Bridging the Tamar visitor and learning centre opened its doors to celebrate the engineering legacy of the Tamar Estuary's historic bridges.

Visit to find out all about the Tamar Estuary's iconic bridges, the 20th century Tamar Bridge and Isambard Kingdom Brunel's 19th century Royal Albert Bridge.

Members of the public are being offered a rare opportunity to climb the towers of the Tamar Bridge and experience the panoramic views over the river to mark the official opening of a new visitors and learning centre on 21st June.

For more information please visit: <https://bridgingtamar.wpengine.com/about/>

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A Breach of Code has Been Found

Decision Notice Number: CCN044/18/19

Complainant: Mrs Avril Pickney

Subject Member: Councillor John Brady, Saltash Town Council

Dated of Assessment: 15th April 2019

Complaint: It is alleged that the Subject Matter has bullied and intimidated the complainant via email, copying in other Members of the Council.

Breaches of the Code Found:

- 2.1 You must treat others with respect
- 2.2 You must not unlawfully (be) discriminating against others
- 2.3 You must not bully any person
- 2.4 You must not intimidate or attempt to intimidate others
- 2.10 You must not do anything that could reasonably be regarded as bringing your office or your authority into disrepute.

Para 2.5 You must not conduct yourself in a manner which is contrary to the Council's duty to promote high standards of conduct by members.

Action:

The Subject Matter should apologise, in writing, within 28 days of this Notice to the Complainant for the manner in which he wrote to the Complainant in various e-mails in an attempt to cause her disrespect, attempt to intimidate and bully her by copying in other Members of the Council.

It is further recommended that the Council censure the Subject Member for the reasons as set out above and should consider publishing the censure in a local publication which is available to those living within the vicinity.

The Full Decision Notice can be viewed:

<https://www.saltash.gov.uk/edit/stuploads/4951/112534323.pdf>

Former Mayor John Brady has since resigned and is no longer a Member of Saltash Town Council

Weed Killers at Work

It is time of year when the street weeds start to appear. Saltash Town Council are now in the process of carrying out one of four applications of weed spraying, however this is weather dependant.

Saltash Town Council service Lower Fore Street from the Guildhall, the Waterfront and areas beyond the Waterfront.

Cormac service Fore Street, the section of Lower Fore Street, Alexandra Square Toilets, St. Nicholas and St. Faith War Memorial, the outskirts of Saltash including Pillmere and Grassmere Way.

Town Crier Required

Have you thought about being the Town Crier for Saltash Town Council?

Applications are invited for the position of Saltash Town Crier to attend Civic Events and be an ambassador for the Town. Uniform will be supplied. £25 per occasion attended. Auditions to be held at the Waterside and will take place at the end of June.

Please register your interest by writing to: Saltash Town Council, The Guildhall, 12 Lower Fore Street, Saltash, PL12 6JX or email humanresources@saltash.gov.uk
Closing date: Noon Friday 21st June 2019.

From the Mayor of Saltash

Dear Saltash residents,

I would like to welcome Cllr Pete Samuels as our new Deputy Mayor of Saltash for the year of 2019/20. I am really looking forward to working closely with Pete and the rest of the Council to benefit Saltash and the residents of our lovely town.

Since becoming Mayor on the 2nd May I have been invited to 11 engagements and by the end of May I will have attended 7, including, Saltash Video Club, May Fair, Rugby Club presentation event, Torpoint Mayor Making, Lions Charter, Callington Mayor Making and the Tamar Breakfast Club.

The community events have been a wonderful start to my Mayoral year; it has been lovely meeting many that I already know, at the same time new people and learning about their work, commitment and dedication to the local communities.

At my Mayor Making Ceremony to be held on the 13th June it would be lovely to see local Children gather outside the Guildhall at approximately 1915 – 1930 to catch the pennies and fruit, which the Mayor traditionally throws out the upper Guildhall window and has done so for around 200 years during the ancient ceremony.

It was an honour to present a cheque of £105.00 from the proceeds of the library launch raffle to Cornwall Air Ambulance. I would like to thank all those who donated raffle prizes for such a worthy cause.



It was a pleasure to meet Police Inspector R Engley and the new Sergeant who are working tirelessly for the safety of Saltash residents.

I was amazed by a presentation that I attended recently by The Good Companions, a Cornish group concerned about climate change. Town and Parish Councils were asked to look for help to develop strategies which can be adopted to reduce local carbon emissions. I shall be encouraging Saltash Town Council to look more closely at their work and how we can play a significant role in learning more and how our town may play a part in protecting our environment.

Yours sincerely
Councillor Gloria Challen
Mayor of Saltash



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Letter to the Editor

Dear Mary,
Why is it that nothing has been done by any of our councils (Saltash or Cornwall) about the disgusting mess on beach by the Old Pier near the Union pub. I refer to the four abandoned boats which surely must count as fly tipping! The boats have been there for months and are such an eye sore for our waterfront. Similarly the beach by Jubilee Green has the same issue, worse now since people have been bringing rubbish off boats and fly tipping it on the beach.

Can anyone tell me why there's been no action for years to do anything about the problem?

Nick Theis

Gloria Takes Chain of Office



The chain of office of Mayor passed to Councillor Gloria Challen at the council's May meeting. Town Councillors unanimously confirmed her as Mayor for 2019 - 2020 after she had been proposed by Councillor Jean Dent and former Mayor Councillor David Yates placed the chain upon her.

She then placed the medallion of Deputy Mayor on Councillor Peter Samuels who had similarly been unanimously elected by his fellow councillors.

The meeting that followed was described as friendly, and good humoured by a number of councillors who gathered for celebratory drinks in the Essa Club afterwards.

Chamber Chairman Peter Ryland – Keeping us Updated

The last few months have really shown that there is a lot of help available, free of charge, to start up small and medium sized businesses. At our meeting on the 30th April, which was brought forward due to a Bank Holiday on 6th May, we had a presentation by the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Skills Hub. This is an organisation set up by the Local Enterprise Board and Cornwall Council and funded by the European Social Fund. What they offer is a free, independent and impartial review of the skills that a business needs and can act as an intermediary in securing those skills for you. So, if you need to access apprenticeship schemes or specific skills training for existing staff, to enhance their abilities, then Skills Hub can assist. They can also give direction as to the possibility of funding to help in the training process.

Previous talks have also shown that there are various funding opportunities available to obtain help in equipment purchase and opportunities to increase employment numbers. Some of the opportunities are by way of grants but others are by way of low interest loans.

In addition, we had details of a fully funded (i.e. free) Social Media Workshop, which we circulated to our membership, which included training on how to design a business strategy around your audience, establishing a social brand and how to decide which social media platform to prioritise.

So, if you are in business it is worth joining the Chamber as it only costs £25 a year and gives access to many opportunities to help your business grow.

But the Chamber is also involved in many other things and many of you will have seen me on the stage at May Fair. The Chamber is keen to support its members who organised the event to attract footfall into the town centre. We are also a sponsor

of the Saltash Card which will be fully relaunched in June with, hopefully, far more businesses involved and therefore greater benefit to PL12 cardholders. So not only is the Chamber there to help its members but also directly or indirectly the whole community.

It is now only 4 months until I stand down as Chamber Chairman but still have a lot I want to achieve but I look forward to working with the new Mayor of Saltash Town Council, Gloria Challen and all the other councillors in the next few months.

We hope in our July meeting to have a speaker on Cyber Security and would welcome all businesses, even if they are not a Chamber member, to attend. Full details will be posted on our social media in due course.

Congratulations

Chamber is proud to have as a member Hilary Frank who has recently been named as Chairman of Cornwall Council, and would like to offer its congratulations.

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Excitement at Rugby Awards as Teams Anticipate Twickenham Visit

There was a sense of celebration at Saltash Rugby Club's Moorlands Lane field at the annual awards ceremony. This followed what club president Bill Ryan described as "a highly successful year which ended with us in our highest position ever in the national league structure following last season's trip to Twickenham".

Another team visit to Twickenham was pending this time for the club's under eleven boys. This resulted from their triumph in lifting the Land Rover Trophy, winning all their games against rival Devon and Cornwall sides at Exeter Saracens pitch last October. Their prize was to be a VIP visit to the rugby premiership final where they were to meet a "rugby legend", have a pitch tour with team photo, and walk the pitch in full kit at half time in front of eighty thousand spectators. It was not surprising that their excited anticipation was palpable as they received the "Team of the Season" award at Moorlands Road.

The club, which is on the cusp of its fiftieth anniversary, has also seen a season when the under 18's won the Cornwall Plate and also the Devon and Cornwall Plate in a thrilling final against Brixham at Exeter Saracens. A cluster of boys have represented Cornwall at under 16 and under 18 level, while the club's ladies too have achieved well with several playing for Plymouth Albion and Lucia Honey playing for Cornwall.

The awards ceremony saw each team from under sevens upwards proudly accept their awards before posing for a photograph in the goal mouth which this year was decorated with carpets of poppies, prepared on behalf of the

World War I commemoration committee and a reminder of the sportsmen who perished in that war.

The club continues to welcome boys and girls from under sevens upwards. The youngest begin with "tag rugby", and at the under 9 stage move from non contact to contact play. Dave Ryland, head coach of the under 9 side who supervises this, spoke of a fantastic season for his team, who "after a daunting start are now flying". He is already picking out a number of boys whose natural strength and ability makes them county hopefuls.

There was also a party atmosphere on the field with bouncy castle and other attractions to celebrate the end of the season for the young players, though pre-season training was soon due to start for many, ready for even greater success in the proud club's fiftieth season. Anyone wishing to join in the new season can find full details provided on the Saltash Rugby Club's facebook page.

See Front Page for VIP trip to Twickenham.

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Within the newly refurbished premises, however, regular customers will be relieved to find the same friendly staff, all keen to ensure that each and every customer enjoys trouble free travel and the perfect carefree holiday to suit individual needs. All have considerable personal knowledge and experience of

the world which they are keen to share with the would be traveller, and with the benefit of the most modern of travel technology.

Travel specialities range from cruise through to coach trips and car hire, with everything from a UK break to round the world cruise. Newell's also specialise in locally based trips, starting from Saltash and those currently planned include to London and to the British and Belgian Grand Prix. For more long distance travellers, manager Rachel is looking forward to personally

escorting an exciting ten day trip to India, starting from Saltash in October.

For all overseas travellers currency can be obtained, Euros at the cheapest rates in Saltash, are always in stock as are US dollars, and other currency can be obtained within days.

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Road Closures:
Old Ferry Road FROM Pounds Park TO Tamar Street
Tamar Street FROM Old Ferry Road TO Albert Road
Lower Fore Street FROM Silver Street TO Old Ferry Road
Eastbound (towards waterfront) Only:
Albert Road FROM Station Road TO Tamar Street
Westbound (towards town) Only:
Lower Fore Street FROM Silver Street TO Station Road
Fore Street Roundabout, Fore Street and Lower Fore Street will all be closed on the 22nd of June from 10.30am for a parade.

CORNWALL COUNCIL
and our PL12 community

For Observer readers
Sam Tamlin
Cornwall Councillor for Saltash West
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There is a lot of focus on environmental issues at Cornwall Council at the moment, from the declaration of a climate change emergency to the commitment by the council to be plastic free. So I'm going to stick with this theme and write about different initiatives currently affecting the area.

Firstly I want to mention something I brought to council in May. Netting is a practice that has become more and more common; developers put nets over trees and hedgerows to prevent birds from nesting. This is a shortcut for developers allowing them to get around laws preventing the removal of nesting birds, as a side-effect these nets can also trap birds and small animals. This practice has angered many, so much so that 340,000 people recently signed an online petition calling for Netting to be banned. Inspired by this I successfully brought a motion to Cornwall Council on the same issue. Cornwall Council will now write to government asking for a change in the law and will ask significant developers for written confirmation that netting will not be practised anywhere in Cornwall.

Also in May, Cornwall launched its Pollinator Action Plan in response to large losses of insect numbers; habitat loss, agricultural practices, pesticides and climate change have all been contributing factors. One in every three mouthfuls of the food we eat depends on the pollination of crops by bees, butterflies, hoverflies and other insects. The plan focuses on actions to reverse the decline in pollinators by providing food and places of refuge. Gardeners can help by growing native and pollinator friendly plants, avoiding garden pesticides and

reducing the frequency of lawn mowing. Bird baths or sunken bin lids can also help as they are ideal watering holes for parched bees and bugs.

In Saltash the construction phase of Cornwall Council's Green Infrastructure for Growth project which included new plants, trees, footpaths and benches has now been completed. The establishment plans in Longstone Park, Saltmill Park and Warfelton Field will involve tasks that make sure the various new plantings have the best chance of establishing and will take place until the end of the year.

A similar initiative aimed at 'not for profit' organisations is the Grow Nature Seed Fund which is designed to provide support for small environmental growth projects that can deliver a clear and demonstrable benefit to the natural environment. The Grow Nature Seed Fund will support local tree and hedgerow planting on public land, conversion or restoration of community green-space to wildlife habitat, installation of bee bricks, bug hotels, nest boxes and initiatives which help local people to connect with their environment.

As a result of the councils declaration of a climate emergency a new portfolio for Climate Change has been created with the aim of Cornwall becoming carbon neutral by 2030. At the recent Cornwall Gateway Community Network meeting in Millbrook the local Town and Parish Councils were also urged to Declare a climate emergency by one of the guest speakers. Updates were also heard from Town and Parish Councils on their ideas on how to make the area plastic free.

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A38 Improvements are Now Cornwall's Priority

The A38 west of Saltash, which has a fatal accident rate two and a half times the national average, has been referred by Cornwall Council to Highways England as the county's leading priority for improvement.

This follows a long running campaign by the 'Safe 38' pressure group of local residents supported by some local councillors. Last year members travelled to Westminster to meet transport minister Chris Grayling who agreed that changes were needed. However with a time frame of up to 2025 residents were anxious to see a speedier solution to help to save the lives that continue to be lost. They seek short term safety work to include change in road markings, signage, speed limits and hopefully average speed safety cameras, proven to reduce speed elsewhere.

Cornwall Council is each year invited to select a road improvement priority for Highways England. In past years these have been concentrated on the A30. This year's selection of the A38 has given hope to the residents' campaigners who will however continue to pursue action on this stretch of road.

Saltash Regatta and Waterside Festival

With just weeks to go, preparations for this year's annual Saltash Regatta and Waterside Festival are nearing completion on what promises to be another weekend packed with fun and entertainment for the whole family.

Awarded the best 'family event' by Primary Times in 2018, the two-day festival has become a firm fixture in the Saltash calendar.

Don't miss the start of the start of the festivities as the Parade leaves from Victoria Gardens at 10am.

Caradon Gig Rowing Club will be hosting a Mixed Championships on Saturday with an international flair as they host a delegation from Italy.

Saltash Rowing Club take to the water on Sunday, too, as does the infamous Cardboard Boat Race, this year with the added challenge of making the boats as eco-friendly as possible!

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Follow the Saltash Regatta on Facebook for all up to date information on live music and entertainment, and to find out more about Festival Vision: 2025 – our pledge to do 'our bit' for the environment.

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New Chair is Cornwall Councillor from Saltash



In a unanimous vote at its meeting at the end of May, councillors on Cornwall Council elected Cornwall Councillor Hilary Frank, who represents Saltash South, as the new Chair of Cornwall Council.

In nominating her, Carolyn Rule, Cornwall Councillor representing Mullion and Leader of the Independent Group at Cornwall Council, said: "I've been extremely impressed by the way Hilary has worked during the last two years as Vice Chair.

Her warmth and genuine empathy with everyone are what has made her such a success." Councillor Linda Taylor, representing Carbis Bay and Leader of the Conservative Group at Cornwall Council, seconded Hilary's nomination saying: "The role is really important to the Council. You need to have the respect of the Chamber – Hilary does have that respect."

"I'm truly humbled, but I'm a little too excited to be genuinely happy," said Hilary, who went on to say: "My inspirational Dad worked as a Youth Organiser for Cornwall. I remember walking along the corridors of County Hall as a little girl, holding his hand. I'd like to think that if he were still with us he'd be beaming, just as he was then."

Over and above her work as a councillor there are two additional aspects that will be required of Hilary as Chair of Cornwall Council: one is acting as an ambassador for Cornwall and the other is chairing meetings of Full Council, a role that is similar to the Speaker of the House of Commons. "I'll have to get a cat and call it Order," remarked Hilary, in reference to John Bercow's pet.

In her nomination speech, Councillor Frank shone a spotlight on Saltash, talking about the Lantern Parade she established and her time as Mayor of Saltash. "It's wonderful to have someone from Saltash as Chair," said fellow Cornwall Councillor Sheila Lennox-Boyd, who represents Saltash North, "and I can't think of a nicer person to take on the role."

At the same meeting Councillor Julian German, representing Roseland, was elected as the new Leader, the political head of Cornwall Council.

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Library Relaunch Helps Ambulance Fly



Saltash Town Mayor Councillor Gloria Challen was delighted to hand over a cheque from a raffle held at the official campaign to provide twenty-four hour air ambulance coverage by acquiring two new helicopters adapted for night flying. Martin Hague, ambassador for the Cornwall Air Ambulance visited the library to meet the Mayor, several councillors and librarian, in order to accept a cheque for £105.00. This will go towards the current campaign to provide twenty-four hour air ambulance coverage by acquiring two new helicopters adapted for night flying. Those who visit the library will note that there have already been changes since the town's takeover. The childrens' library has been moved to a larger area at the front, the young adults' section is adjacent to the computers and there is a study area in the non fiction section. There have been a number of other positive suggestions regarding the library and events that might be held there, all of which will be considered.

Recycled Plastic Takes Centre Stage at Glastonbury

Plastic that could have ended up polluting Saltmill Creek and the River Tamar will instead be used to build a stage at Glastonbury Festival at the end of June. Thanks to a ground-breaking project led by Keep Britain Tidy, Litter Hero Ambassadors in the South West have been leading groups of volunteers in litter picks, aiming to collect 10 tonnes of plastic - the equivalent of about one million plastic bottles - from beaches, parks and streets. The plastic will be recycled to build the dance arena at Glastonbury Festival. Volunteers in Saltash have been able to take part thanks to the efforts of Shojiro Frank, who is a member of Saltash Environmental Action. She has recently been selected as a volunteer Keep Britain Tidy Litter Hero Ambassador after leading monthly community litter picks for more than 3 years in Saltash. "It's been a great community effort", said Shojiro. "We've taken plenty of photos. The organisers have told us they will be showing them at the Festival - so look out for a Saltash face behind Stormzy or Kylie Minogue."



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Ben from Brunel School Takes Young Citizen's Cup

Eleven years old and a keen environmentalist, Ben Goldsmith, with his proud parents and grandparents, attended the Guildhall to receive the award of Young Citizen of the Year from Mayor Councillor John Brady, who was Mayor at the time of the presentation. His school, Brunel, where he is eager to promote the environmental message, had put Ben forward for the award. He turns out in all weathers for local litter picks as well as organising his own and is described as fanatical about recycling. On receiving the Young Citizen's Cup Ben was excited to notice on it among previous recipient's schoolmate Jack Rhodes and Ben's own uncle Kevin Stephens, son of former Mayor Peter Stephens.



Conundrum Corner

Taking the initial letter to the one-word answers to the following nine questions can you re-arrange them to make a Cornish place name?
 1 What name is given to the past-time of Paper Folding? (7)
 2 What word is used for the study of Birds' Eggs? (6)
 3 Henry IV, Henry V and Henry VI were the three Kings of which Household? (9)
 4 Which Scottish City is known as Auld Reekie? (9)
 5 Who was Bram Stoker's most famous creation? (7)
 6 What name is given to cheap wine of inferior quality? (5)
 7 Joy, Babs and Teddy formed which singing sisters group? (8)
 8 What name is given to a stiff collar worn by the Elizabethans? (4)
 9 Which major river flows from the Alps to the North Sea? (5)
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Remembrance of a Life Dedicated to Serving Saltash Youth

Hundreds of those who enjoyed a childhood in Saltash will have had cause to be grateful to the late Joyce Nodder (always known appropriately, as "Joy") who died at The Elms, Saltash, in April aged 96.

A maid of Kent, Joy moved to the Westcountry during the war when she met her husband Ken and they married in 1947. When her older son David, born in 1948, joined the Cubs, Joy began helping run the pack together with well known local journalist Audrey Miller. So began a lifelong devotion to helping young people have outdoor fun while achieving their best. She was to run her own cub pack as well as involve herself in the guide movement.

More recently she together with Dorothy Spurling and Ursula Davey helped dozens of local teenagers achieve

bronze, silver and gold awards through their founding and running of the Saltash Open Centre for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. She was extremely active, continuing to camp out with the young people while well into her eighties.

When the Saltash Citizen of the Year trophy was established in 1980 it was fitting that Joy was the first recipient.

Even in retirement she maintained her interest in encouraging young people and last year's Duke of Edinburgh award winners went on to give a special Christmas concert for Joy as she enjoyed a well earned retirement at The Elms. Her love of and interest in young people were shared with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren who helped to fill the funeral service conducted by Rev. Bob Munro at the Glynn Valley Crematorium near Bodmin.

Join Our Delivery Team

The success of the Saltash Observer over the last 26 years has been due in no small part to the excellent and reliable team that every month seeks to ensure that each home in Saltash receives its copy.

Some of our deliverers have been with us for over 26 years. Others have moved on. Many of our most valued delivery team have been school students who of course will expect eventually to leave the area for university or other further education or employment, leaving a vacancy.

We currently have vacancies in the Pillmere and Warfelton areas which the rest of the team are seeking to cover. If you would enjoy healthy walking once a month for financial reward, and would like to be considered please contact the Editor on 07971 484872 or E: maryecrawford@hotmail.com the work is suitable for anyone from young teen up to a fit senior citizen, indeed anybody who has a few hours a month to spare and enjoys the fresh air.

Caradon Gig Club at the World Championships

Saltash based Caradon Gig Club returned home from the World Pilot Gig Championships held on the Isles of Scilly over the bank holiday weekend as the highest placed club over all with the A, B and C crews in the men's and ladies all in the top 24 which shows our club's strength and depth.

With a new format for the 2020 championships and a restriction on the number of entries capped at 120 gigs from this year's attendance of 168, this year's results determined how many gigs each club would secure entries for, for next year's event. With our men's A and B crews qualifying for the final (group A) we secured places for 3 gigs for next year's championships, the only club to do so.

The clubs ladies A crew went into the event as defending champions and came away with the silver medal this year and mixed emotions; although obviously disappointed to have not won again they are very proud of the battle they gave in defeat. It was probably one of their best ever performances in terms of how they executed

the race and rowed under pressure against, arguably, one of the strongest opponents they are likely to ever come up against. So although to miss out by a matter of inches was disappointing, they can console themselves with the fact that they did their very best and made no mistakes.

Caradon now look forward to the summer regatta season including the Mixed Championships which they will host as part of Saltash Regatta on 22nd June.

Club results:

Men's Vets (Ann Glanville) 2nd
Ladies Vets (Ann Glanville) 5th
Ladies A (Ann Glanville) 2nd
Ladies B (Amazon) 13th
Ladies C (Essa) 22nd
Ladies D (Millers Daughter) 57th
Ladies E (H4H Valiant) 74th
Men's A (Ann Glanville) 4th
Men's B (Amazon) 9th
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Essa Files

I have to admit to struggling for what to write about this month: not because there's nothing going on but because everything I'd want to write about is for one reason or another best avoided. I have had a couple of less controversial things I've been up to this month but I'm not sure I can spin a full 500 words out of a cheese festival or a cricket match. Equally talking about the recent delights of an Ofsted inspection might lead to me being less than diplomatic, whilst writing about the event I went to yesterday would involve dropping a controversial F word (Feminism) in the first sentence. And then there's Brexit - a topic I've managed to avoid in this column for the last three years on the basis that annoying at least half your readers in the first paragraph is not part of the good writers guide.

So rather than talking about of those rather too fruity topics directly I will instead wonder aloud how we as a nation are going to get better at talking about the tricky stuff: rather than falling back on the old rule of 'never talk about politics or religion' how do we get to a place where we can talk about, and disagree about, these topics without everybody falling out? Curiously it's something we do manage to do fairly well in schools: I've led discussions about such topics as diverse as sexuality, climate change, human rights and the merits of Bury FC vs Plymouth Argyle, without anyone actually getting upset, but then again I suppose it's easier to keep a discussion civilised when you have the power to put everyone in detention!

It's not even as simple as saying 'we just need to be able to agree to disagree' because if someone's beliefs offend your most dearly held principles - for example if someone expresses racist, homophobic and misogynistic views to me - I'm not going to shrug and say 'fair enough: I have a different view. Now what about the football?'

The problem is that I don't actually have answer. I think that an important step is being prepared to keep talking longer once we've worked out that we disagree on, rather than just retreating on 'well that's my opinion', so is understanding WHY we all think what we think. Establishing the principles we all agree on (such as 'every person matters') so we can refer our different views back to those would probably also help.

The point is that continuing without being able to have difficult discussions when there are so many difficult divisive issues to tackle - Brexit, transphobia, climate change, genocide to name a few - just isn't an option.

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Spotlight on Cornwall Councillors in Saltash Maintaining High Standards

There are 123 councillors on Cornwall Council, with 4 Cornwall Councillors representing Saltash; there are around 1,800 town and parish councillors in 214 towns and parishes throughout Cornwall, with 16 Town Councillors in Saltash. The general public has the right to expect the highest standards of behaviour from all councillors, but equally councillors who take on responsibilities and put their heads above the parapet to work to improve their communities have the right to be treated with respect.

Until 2012, a national body called the Standards Board for England was responsible for promoting high ethical standards in local government, and handled complaints under a nationwide Code of Conduct. This changed under the Local Government Act 2011, which abolished the Standards Board and introduced the requirement for local authorities to draw up their own codes. In Cornwall now, it is Cornwall Council that has the responsibility for promoting high standards of conduct. This work is overseen by a Committee consisting of 18 members, and Hilary Frank, Cornwall Councillor representing Saltash South, is one of 8 Cornwall Councillors on the Committee. Cornwall Council also has responsibility for investigating alleged Code of Conduct breaches by councillors in Cornwall, and this is conducted by Cornwall Council's Monitoring Officer, the Council's chief legal expert.

One of the other

significant changes introduced under the Act was to remove the power to suspend councillors who break the Code of Conduct. Although many changes introduced by the Act have delivered good results, this inability to impose sanctions has meant that the standards regime has come to be seen as ineffective. In response to this and other issues, a national committee called the Committee on Standards in Public Life (COSiPL) launched an in-depth review last year. Cornwall Council has been an active partner in the review: it was asked to provide representation round-table sessions and was one of just 5 local authorities in England visited by the COSiPL.

The COSiPL report has recently been published, and it sets out 26 recommendations, including a reintroduction of the powers making it possible to suspend councillors for up to 6 months. Councillor Frank said: "This is a welcome change – for any enforcement

regime to be effective it has to have teeth."

The Chair of Cornwall Council's Standards Committee is Councillor Paul Wills, representing St Columb Major, who presented the annual report of the Standards Committee to Cornwall Council in May. While he found many aspects to celebrate, he also expressed disappointment that the number of allegations against councillors had increased from 143 in 2017-18 to 168 last year, the highest number of complaints since the formation of Cornwall Council. A breach was found in 21 of these allegations. "Whilst there is no one theme that can be identified that has resulted in this increase," said Councillor Wills, "it is clear that there are areas within Cornwall where people and councillors are trying to settle their differences using the ethical standards regime. Myself and the Standards Committee are committed to ensuring that the regime is not viewed as a Complainants' Charter."

Letter to the Editor...

Dear Editor

This was our first year organising the May Fair, and we were a little nervous about how it would all turn out. But the community rallied round, so not only did the event run smoothly but it was also plenty of fun. So this is a short note to thank our sponsors and the community of Saltash: from all the people who took part in the Parade of Youth at the beginning of the day to the volunteer litter pickers who helped clear up at the end; from the dancers and singers to the volunteer stewards from Saltash.net Community School. We couldn't have done it without you! Our biggest tribute, though, is to the volunteers who have organised the May Fair in recent years, especially to Vera, Tanya, Teresa, Chris, Matt and Steve, whose vision and drive have ensured that the May Fair continues to be at the beating heart of our community. And finally - do get in contact if you want to help us make May Fair 2020 even better! We're a friendly bunch and would welcome help.

Tracey, Jo, Sarah and Hilary
Saltash Chamber of Commerce

Letter to the Editor...

Dear Mary,

I was dismayed to read in the May edition of Saltash Observer that the Town Council is intending to invest in an all terrain vehicle from which one man can cover all the weed spraying across the whole of the town, so that 'verges can be kept weed free more frequently at lower cost'. I wondered at lower cost to whom or what? The environment, nature, and people could all be negatively affected by the application of herbicides, with insects missing out on valuable nectar plants. There are much safer alternatives to Glyphosate which the World Health Organisation has labelled 'probably carcinogenic', that I sincerely hope the Council will consider. Moreover, in light of the fact that we are in a mass extinction event which is underpinned by an unexpectedly large decline in insects, and rather ironically have embraced the Green Infrastructure for Growth initiative to create rivers of flowers around the town, perhaps our Councillors should consider more carefully at what point their obsession with weeds is obscuring their overall vision of maintaining Saltash as a pleasant and healthy place to live. 'Let us spray' they change their minds on this issue!

Dr Rebecca Pearce
Saltash

The Crowds Flocked to Fore St for May Fair

The May time sun shone and the chill breeze did not deter the crowds flocking to Fore Street and to Longstone Park to share in the town's ever popular May Fair. Just after ten o'clock the town band struck up and early fair-goers lining the street saw the brass glisten in the sunlight as the band led a long line of children and young people representing local organisations in the Parade of Youth.

They halted at the arena at the foot of Fore Street as dancers from the Geraldine Lamb School who performed a colourful Maypole Dance welcomed the May in.

Peter Ryland, Chair of Saltash Chamber of Commerce who have taken over responsibility for organising the Mayfair, then formally welcomed guest including the Mayor, the citizen, Environmental Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year, and Dave Berrey, President of Saltash Youth Council. Among others present were our beautiful young May Fair Queen and Princesses, as well

as Isambard Kingdom Brunel and Ann Glanville, or at least their lookalikes, marking 160 years since the opening of our iconic Royal Albert Bridge.

Dave Berrey was then invited to make what he described as "the hardest decision of my life" in choosing the best turned out youth group. There were no losers, he announced but he had decided that the award should go to Saltash Rugby Club, and one of the under 7's team came forward to jointly accept the trophy.

The "unsung hero" was then announced to the evident surprise of the recipient who was Cheryl Smith. She has given fantastic opportunities to hundreds of young people in the Saltash community over the past twenty years, it was proclaimed. This is not only through her involvement with brownies, rainbows, guides and rangers but also by running a service camp each year where vulnerable children in the South West are given a chance to forget about their troubles and enjoy themselves. "Cheryl is one of a kind and Saltash is lucky to have her", Saltash was told.

There was then a display of body dancing from the Geraldine Lamb School before the town band took to the stage and the May Fair was again fully under way.

Fore Street was emptied of traffic but packed with people patronising the stalls lining the street and doing brisk trade. Longstone Park too was surrounded and filled with stalls and other attractions including those for the young with laser shooting, skateboard track and bouncy castle, bands, soloists and choirs presented packed programmes of entertainment in the park and in the Fore Street area, the locally based Rock Choir proving especially popular.

The many who stayed for the day had a wide variety of food and refreshment stalls as well as the excellent cafes, inns and restaurants within the town, and with the sun gradually warming through the afternoon many of the crowds remained until 4p.m. when yet another enjoyable and successful May Fair came to an end marking for many the arrival of Summer in Saltash.

Peter Ryland later added "I would like to thank the Chamber members, Hilary Frank, Aaron Monk, Tracy Hayton and Sarah Martin for the organisation of the event, all the volunteers for their efforts and all the organisations who helped in the preparations and sponsorship of the event." For Photos of May Fair & the Regatta Waterside Festival see our "Summer in Saltash" feature July/August.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Re: Saltash Town Band
May I compliment the Conductor and band for their excellent performance at the May Fair.

They looked really smart in their new black and gold uniforms, and their composition of young and not so young provided a memorable experience. I have not heard our Town Band play better.

I am not surprised they did well in the South West Brass Band Championships.

Yours sincerely
Barry Brooking, Saltash

  	
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