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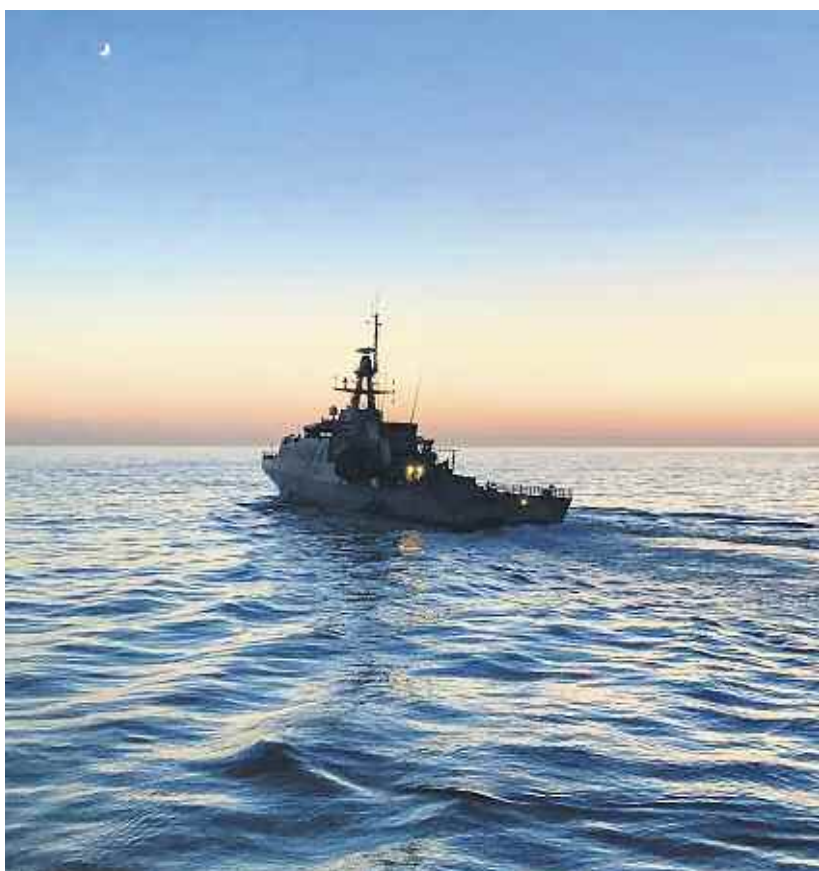
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HMS Tamar Sails Out of Carbis Bay Into the Sunset After a Job Well Done

The next stop for Lieutenant Commander Michael Hutchinson, the Commanding Officer of HMS Tamar, after operational duty keeping people involved in the G7 summit safe was the China Fleet Club, where he opened the Club's new Heritage area.

At an official ceremony, the China Fleet Trust Chairman, Rear Admiral Mike Wood CBE DL said how delighted and immensely proud he was of the close links and continued support between the Club, Cornwall and the Royal Navy, before presenting Lieutenant Commander Hutchinson with a Cornish flag gifted by the Mayor of Truro. "I will ensure that we will do all we can to support the Royal Navy's newest and greenest warship wherever her future operational programme takes her," said the Chairman, "and that her crew and their families all feel that the Club is a place where they can relax, enjoy themselves and feel at home."



Royal Celebrations



A video of the Queen using a sword to cut a cake at a Big Lunch street party at the Eden Project has gone viral on TikTok, but a lesser known aspect of this story is that two Saltash residents were each given a chunk of the cake to take home.

Jo Baskott and Hilary Frank were two of just 20 guests at the Big Lunch, nominated from across Cornwall for their efforts in supporting Cornwall's residents through the challenges of the last year.

The Queen, the Duchess of Cornwall and the Duchess of Cambridge all spent time at the Big Lunch while Prince Charles hosted a banquet for world leaders in the Eden Project's biomes, just a

stone's throw away. Attending as Chair of Community Enterprises PL12, Jo said: "I represented every Community Enterprises PL12 volunteer who has given their time freely & willingly to help the community, so through me the Queen now knows about all your hard work."

Hilary said: "I still find it hard to believe that we had the honour of 'hobnobbing' with royalty - the memories will stay with me for the rest of my life. And receiving a piece of the cake was, literally, the icing on the cake! The event coincided with our daughter's 12th birthday, so I popped candles in it for her to blow out - there can't be many little girls whose birthday cake was cut by Her Majesty the Queen using a sword!"

Bridge Work is Progressing Following Chaos and Anger

The first two weeks of resurfacing works on the Tamar Bridge led to chaos and anger in the town, with daily gridlock hitting retailers at the worst possible time, when they had just reopened and were beginning to recover from months of Covid restrictions.

Now in week three, the situation is much calmer after mitigation measures were introduced by the Bridge Management Team. "We hope this is a sign of things to come as we move into the summer months, and that the works remain on target for the projected October end date," said Sarah Martin, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce. "In the meantime, Saltash is very much open for business, and people shouldn't shy away from visiting our vast array of shops and cafes." (See page 3 for more Chamber views.)

The Observer has been told that work is progressing according to schedule, with surfacing material from the cantilevers now having been removed revealing the orthotropic steel deck. The next stage is for any damage to be repaired using specialist welding techniques. Waterproofing can then begin, with a two-layer waterproofing system applied on top of primer, followed by the application of a 'tack coat' on top of the waterproofing, creating a composite surfacing system and helping the waterproofing bond to the surfacing material.

The surfacing material will be applied in two thin layers using a specialised machine that runs on rails to ensure the correct thickness is achieved. Finally, road markings will be applied and an illuminated road stud system installed.

The first phase of the project is currently programmed to last

until the end of July. The North cantilever will then be returned as a general traffic lane for the remainder of the project. At the same time, the South cantilever will be opened to westbound traffic.

A free shuttle service is being provided while the South cantilever is closed to pedestrians, running 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Buses run every 15 minutes between 6 am and 9pm, and every 30 minutes in the evenings and overnight. The trailer service for cycles and mobility scooters is also running seven days a week, between 6.30 am and 6.30 pm, on an 'on-demand' service via call-points located at Pembro Road and North Road.

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Tamar Bridge

From the Mayor of Saltash

After a break of a couple of months, during which time elections have taken place and a new Town Council has been formed, it is good to be back to write the Mayor Column for the Saltash Observer.

Elections to the Town Council take place every four years and it is inevitable that some colleagues do not re-stand for election or might not be re-elected. On this occasion, a number of Councillors were elected unopposed in both Essa and Tamar Wards, whilst the Trematon Ward was contested by 9 candidates.

It is my pleasure to welcome

Mayor Delighted to Serve for Second Full Year Term

Having been elected as Mayor in Summer 2020, in an election delayed by the onset of the pandemic, Councillor Peter Samuels declared himself proud and delighted to be re-elected as Mayor this May.

In proposing him, the sole nomination put forward, Councillor Julia Peggs pointed out that since he had not served a full year and that time had been beset with problems caused by the pandemic, Councillor Samuels had a number of projects in which he wished to involve himself which he wished to advance in the coming year. Describing him as “an enquiring mind” who always put people before politics she commented on some of his varied community activities ranging from litter picking and boat painting to acting as vaccination volunteer at the China Fleet Club. Councillor Peggs also referred to his love of music, his service in hospital radio and the forthcoming Gateway Radio, Saltash. The Mayor was re-elected by 9 votes to 3 with two abstentions.

“I would like to think that I will serve with honesty and integrity, not allowing politics or personalities in the way of making decisions beneficial to Saltash,” announced the Mayor embarking on his second term. “In the short term there are many problems brought about by the pandemic. I would hope to perform with dignity and respect, working with all councillors and all outside bodies looking to improve Saltash. I hope to see a year of return to normality and restoration of the civic events that are so much a part of Saltash”.



to the Council two new Members, who are Cllr Garry Taylor and Cllr Lewis Challen. I wish them every success in

Linda Sherrard, Receiving her Award...



From the Mayor of Saltash, Cllr: Pete Samuels

Linda Sherrard is moving out of Saltash to be closer to family, but for many years she has crafted the calligraphy in the Book of Oaths that all Mayors of Saltash sign when they take office.

The first entry in the Book is dated 9th April 1886, when the new Mayor, William Gilbert, promised that he would be faithful to Her Majesty Queen Victoria. The Oath that Cllr. Samuels signed when he was elected as Mayor in May included the words: I hereby declare that I take the office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties of this role according to the best of my ability and judgement.



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the coming years. I would also extend my sincere thanks to those valued colleagues who are no longer part of the Council, for their service to the community over the years.

At the Annual Town Council meeting on 20th May 2021 I was re-elected as Mayor of Saltash to serve a second consecutive term of office, the first time this has happened since Saltash Town Council was formed in 1974 at which time Saltash lost its Borough status as a result of the Local Government Act of 1972. I am both delighted and humbled by the honour that has been bestowed on me.

The Town has a new Deputy Mayor for 2021/22 who is a long standing Member of the Council, Cllr Richard Bickford, who has been instrumental in the renovation project of the

Railway Station. Richard has been invited to write a Deputy Mayor section for the Observer next month.

At the time of writing, we are still talking about the easing out of lockdown and some form



Performing one of her final duties as Chair of Cornwall Council, Cllr. Hilary Frank congratulates re-elected Mayor Pete Samuels (right) and newly elected Deputy Mayor Richard Bickford as they take up office for 2021/22

of continuing restrictions are possible for the immediate future, but with advanced plans for SaltFest in July and Regatta planned for September, it is my fervent hope that these events will not be unduly impacted.

With some restrictions having eased, it has been a pleasure to attend recent events such as the family day and display at Saltash Rugby Club, for which the rain stayed away for most of the day. It was also a pleasure to attend St Stephens Primary School to present Environmental Citizen(s) of the Year award, also visits to present the Citizen of the Year award and cup, the Young Citizen of the Year award and the Best Performance award. It was also lovely to be able to present a bouquet of flowers to a local lady on the occasion of her 101st birthday.

I'll be back with another column next month, but in the meantime, take care and stay safe.

*With warmest regards
Cllr Pete Samuels
Mayor of Saltash 2021/22*

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Lower Speed Limits for Saltash

Saltash has been asked to join with other towns in Cornwall in seeking a universal 20 m.p.h. limit in streets where people and traffic mix.

A local company, group “20's plenty for Cornwall”, used Global Road Safety Week to write to Saltash Town Council and others urging that “low speed streets save lives and are at the heart of any community”. The limit they say would make for streets that are “Healthy, green and liveable, in other words streets for life”.

National government is encouraging local councils to introduce 20 m.p.h. limits for residential streets and areas where cycle and pedestrian traffic is high such as around schools, shops, and parks, and so far has declined to introduce a mandatory limit nationally. Since 2009 it has been made easier and cheaper for local councils to introduce lower speed limit zones and, the campaigners say, the Police Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall supports the “20's plenty for Cornwall” campaign and believes enforcement would be viable.

Saltash Town Council will be conferring with the local road safety group to consider its response to supporting the campaign.

Deputy Mayor Richard Bickford Anticipates Challenging Year

“The position of Mayor over the last year and the next is a challenging one and can only be done with the full support of a Deputy Mayor”, Councillor David Yates told the Council's annual town meeting. Since last year's deputy, Julie Rance, had not stood for re-election and new deputy had to be appointed and Councillor Yates was proposing Councillor Richard Bickford, the only nominee.

“The deputy must act as a sounding board when difficult decisions are to be made and I believe Councillor Bickford is well suited in experience and capabilities”, he continued. He referred to the role played by Councillor Bickford in particular in negotiating with various individuals and organisations towards a mutually acceptable outcome, the restoration of the former station building being the most prominent matter.

Councillor Bickford referred to the challenges of various things to deliver held up over the past year. In particular he hoped to see the station building completed and in use, the library delivering a great service, and continuing devolution improving the town facilities.

Councillor Bickford was elected with thirteen votes for, none against and one abstention.



Chamber Chairman Sarah Martin Keeping us Updated...

Normally with my column I would launch straight into an update on Chamber activities but this time, it would be really remiss of me not to mark the passing of Chris Nicholls first and foremost.

A well-respected solicitor in the town, we learnt of his death in April with great sadness. Chris had dealt with the legal documentation of several of the bigger property deals in Saltash, also working closely with Saltash Town Council. He was Chairman of the Chamber from 1985 to 1987, and although not a regular attendee of our monthly meetings in recent years he was there when important matters were being discussed or would make sure his opinion was passed on. His passing is a very sad loss to the town and to town solicitors Nicholls and Sainsbury, and we would like to pay our respects here.

Tamar Bridge resurfacing project

It's safe to say that the beginning of June has been a turbulent time as far as the roads are concerned with probably most of us affected by the start of resurfacing works on the Bridge, and many of us very indignant and vocal on social media about the chaos it has caused.

As a town councillor and Chair of Chamber I have received correspondence from various retailers and residents, all dismayed at the traffic queues and congestion, and at the impact this has had on the town - especially on our businesses: one retailer told me his average revenue was down by 66 per cent in that first week, others were informed their stock couldn't be delivered as drivers couldn't take the risk of getting caught up in traffic, and many had customers who weren't prepared to make the journey in to Saltash due to the congestion and long queuing times.

Any of you who follow the Chamber Facebook page will have noticed the regular updates on progress of the works. I think it's fair to say that the start couldn't have gone any worse but,

fortunately, the massive teething problems that were experienced during the first week and a half have for the most part been sorted, and those updates have proved invaluable in answering many questions about why certain things are happening in the way they are.

The first Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee meeting of Plymouth City Council and Cornwall Council since the May election was held at the end of the second week of works, and many questions were asked about the disastrous start to the project highlighting issues such as the tag-only lanes not being open, toll booths remaining closed despite queues, problems recovering broken down vehicles after accidents, and merging issues with drivers trying to leave the A38 before the tunnel to rejoin it from the town.

My question to the Committee as Chair of Chamber was to ask for a public meeting (albeit probably virtual) with retailers and residents alike. I think public engagement is an important part of ensuring residents are on board with such important and unavoidable works. I hope the Committee do consider going ahead with such a meeting so that all our concerns about the next few months can be dealt with. The daily updates have helped but the impact of the works on Saltash cannot be underestimated. Going forward, we will be using our position to ensure we are a key stakeholder in decisions around the Bridge that affect our town's retailers.

The teams will continue to work on the Bridge 7 days a week from 7.30am - 7pm to make sure the deadline of 21st October is met. More updates in the next column or on our Facebook page.

Totally Locally 'Fiver Fest'
Well, Fiver Fest is alive and kicking after a first weekend in

Saltash. We have been bowled away by the amount of support the event has received with social media posts going out to thousands of people and many businesses not based on Fore Street approaching us to take part.

We need to say a massive thank you to Scrapstore for stepping in to help fund the campaign, and Print Minor for making us an offer we couldn't refuse on our printed materials. Our Totally Locally 'picture frame' has captured many smiling faces from those businesses taking part - even the canine companion of Mike at The Fresh Fox! The uptake has been amazing and we hope Fiver Fest will be the start of many more events in our town to support our independent retailers. Thank you to Studio 79 for letting us use their window front to showcase all the businesses in the town signed up to take part. Keep an eye on that window for a Fiver Fest competition to win yourself a £5 voucher!

Funding SaltFest 2021

The government's roadmap is looking on particularly shaky ground at the moment, with the R rate as this goes to print at well over 1. Case numbers of the Delta variant have risen dramatically across the country this last week, and this all unfortunately coincides with the time when the Chamber should start booking up acts etc for SaltFest set to go ahead on 31 July. That said, we are ever hopeful that the event will proceed but funding it remains a hot topic, especially as funding opportunities are rare. If any Saltash business big or small would like to help us 'Fund the Fun' - please do get in touch at:

info@saltashchamber.co.uk.

We also have raffle tickets on sale in outlets including The Bookshelf and Eclectic Interiors. Every £1 will help us Fund the Fun - and every ticket gives the chance of winning a cash prize!

Enjoy the good weather, keep safe, and let's keep our fingers crossed that the roadmap stays on track!

Community Life Resumes...

As we slowly resume to some form of normality, here at Community Enterprises we're busy with plans. Our ever-popular Hopper trips have resumed, and details for July & August trips are now available from our Hub at 4 Fore St. (or call Al on 01752 843848 for details). We're varying the trips, and will include lots of new ones, including gardens, attractions, and the occasional Mystery Tour. (Passenger numbers are limited. We expect places to fill fast, so book early to avoid disappointment.)

We've just taken delivery of our very own "What Makes Saltash Great" tea towel - designed in Saltash and made in Cornwall. All proceeds from the sale of these tea towels will help to fund our community projects; priced at just £6.95 (or two for £10) they make a great gift - or give one and keep one for yourself!

Our recent Plant Sale & Swap days raised over £250, which will go towards running costs for the Community Fridge, and buying next year's veg seeds for the Dig For Saltash campaign. If you received free veg seeds this year (we gave out over 700 packets!) please remember that any surplus crops will be gratefully received by the Community Fridge & Larder. A big Thank you to everyone who helped grow, nurture, sell & swap the plants.

Due to popular demand, plans are being finalised to bring back the Mobile Fridge & Larder, every Monday; see our Facebook posts or contact Al on 01752 843848 for route details. We are hoping to resume the service mid-July.

We've also resumed our twice-monthly Produce Markets at no 4, on the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month. There is always a good selection of local honey and beeswax products, cakes, pastries and baked goods, wooden carved gifts, fresh produce, flowers, and locally-reared meat.

Letter to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

I feel compelled to write and vent my frustration on the above issue. I believe, and correct me if I'm wrong, this is now the third delay in work starting on the bridge. This time the excuse is "delays on getting visas for specialist subcontractors from the EU". What a shambles.

I don't think "red tape" can be blamed for this, after all we decided on leaving the EU many moons ago. Now because of the latest delay there will obviously be a delay on when the work will be finished. Impacting on not only the heavy local traffic but "Staycationers" wishing to holiday in our region.

In the services we used a statement when things like this didn't happen. It's known as the 6 P's. Do I have to spell it out? Didn't think so

Regards One irate "Local"
Richard Budd Saltash

Boat Park and Slipway Improvements Sought

A local boatowner has raised concerns with Saltash Town Council concerning dangers in launching and security on shore at the town's Jubilee Green boat park and the slipway.

Especially with a strong current running and a northerly wind blowing it is impossible for one person and dangerous even for two people to launch there, he claims. There are no securing cleats and fenders to protect from danger. The solution he suggests is a "gabion", a steel basket of stone, as has been used successfully on the River Fowey at Lostwithiel.

The park is not cheap to use, he further suggests, given the lack of water, electricity or security. A launching fee is proposed, with Saltash residents able to acquire a discount card for modest annual fee. This could help pay for a full-time warden, perhaps based in a two-storey hut such as has been mooted, the ground floor of which could be franchised out as a café.

Boatowners would be more inclined to pay the not insubstantial storage fees with a full-time security service in place, as against the current wardens who supervise the boat park only alongside other duties.

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Essa Voices

The real, international legacy of the G7 summit will not be known for months, perhaps even years. How about the legacy for Cornwall? The way that One and All pulled together, from police to hotel staff and residents in the epicentre of G7 road restrictions and security rules, demonstrated in bucketloads (with plenty of sand!) that Cornwall is certainly able to deliver world-class events on a world stage.

Visit Cornwall estimates the economic impact in tourism of hosting the summit will be £50 million: £24m during the event itself, and at least £26m from future growth in the international tourist market in Cornwall over the next five years.

Looking at the environmental legacy, Natural England and Cornwall Wildlife Trust have secured significant government funding for a legacy project in Cornwall, which aims to knit together precious habitats across the region. The G7 Nature Recovery Project plans to connect nature reserves, such as Goss Moor National Nature Reserve, with a suite of Cornwall Wildlife Trust Nature Reserves, such as our Churchtown Farm here in Saltash.

A Japanese Essa voice for G7

It was that very Churchtown Farm that became the location for Visit Cornwall's G7 promo video for the Japanese market when my Japanese husband, Mr. F, got volunteered to be



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about how to give their guests an excellent time and excellent memories. Together, we practised showing respect by bowing, and learned about Japanese hospitality, where the belief is that the customer is not just always right but is also 'god' and must be shown great respect. The staff learned various phrases in Japanese, too, the most important of which was definitely 'mazu jamu' - jam first!

Coming in the final stages of our battle with Covid, perhaps the greatest G7 legacy, then, will be one of growing respect. Respect for nature and the power of nature, and respect for other cultures and nationalities. And a bit of self-respect for Cornwall for hosting world leaders in such a glorious fashion. Even the President of the United States seemed to be in awe of Cornwall as he stood looking out across Carbis Bay and said to his wife 'I could stand here forever'.

Japanese Voices at G7 Many hotels in Cornwall took advantage of 'lock-down-time' to enrol their staff in language courses, to be able to give their G7 guests a 'proper' Cornish welcome. I led a course in Japanese for staff at various hotels, but it was the team at the Headland Hotel in Newquay that really threw themselves in to learning more

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Saltash Independents Take Part in National Fiver Fest

Independents in Saltash have joined with over 100 towns and cities across the UK to put on special £5 offers across the two weeks from 12th to 26th June. It is all part of the nationwide Fiver Fest, a campaign devised by the grassroots organisation Totally Locally. Fiver Fest in Saltash is based around the Totally Locally £5 message: if every adult in Saltash spent just £5 per week in their local independent shops and businesses, it would generate £3.2 million per year going directly into our local economy, which can lead to more jobs and improvements in our town.

Independent shops and businesses help make our town vibrant, and now the Fiver Fest is creating an extra buzz with posts on the Totally Locally Saltash Facebook page reaching thousands on a daily basis. Make sure you check out the interactive map of participating independents on an app called Bimble, and the fabulous Totally Locally window at 79 Fore Street, celebrating the faces behind the independent businesses.

YouGov research has shown that 59% of shoppers used more local shops over the lockdown periods, and Fiver Fest is a way of encouraging people to continue to shop locally. With 'Fiver' offers ranging from £5 for a 1.4kg chicken at Steve Brown Quality Butchers to a bag chock-full of chocolate at Saltash News, from handcrafted goods at Lovingly Local to a unique Saltash tea towel from the Community Market at number 4, the Fiver Fest is an excellent opportunity to renew and refresh support for local shops, invest in our town's economy and grab some great bargains along the way.



Historic Pound a Heritage Site

A formal request to register Trematon Pound as a historic monument is being submitted to Historic England, the town council has been officially advised.

The town council is the owner of the site but it is open to anybody to submit a request for registration.

As reported in your April "Observer" the ancient pound, which could date from medieval times though exact dating is uncertain, fell into disrepair with disuse early in the last century - It was restored by Saltash Old Cornwall Society, with town council support, and reopened by then Mayor Jo Ellison in 2001.

The town council considered the ramifications of registration of the pound, described by Councillor Ellison in 2001 as probably the oldest structure in the town council's ownership. It was noted that with the request submitted to the council it would not create much more than a few hours work to be undertaken by the town council. The main concern was that if any repairs or maintenance works were required regarding the existing walls of the pound, the work would have to be carried out in style with the existing structure and under listed

Cornish Exile Welcomed to Former Home and Heritage Museum

A visit to his Cornish roots was enjoyed by a visitor from Yorkshire, with the help of Saltash Heritage members. They were able to escort Robert Bailey of Doncaster to the country cottage where he spent his earliest childhood before giving him a private viewing of the recently re-opened Saltash Heritage Museum.

Mr Bailey first contacted Heritage from his Doncaster home two years ago when Secretary Lizzie Sharpe-Asprey was able to help establish the Cornish connection in his family tree. Fellow committee member Martin Lister discovered the isolated cottage near St. Dominic where his family lived when his father worked on an adjacent farm.

This June Mr. Bailey was able to travel to Cornwall where Martin Lister had arranged for the present owner of the cottage to building constraints. This could add to the costing of such work.

It was agreed that the matter would be further considered in committee and that those interested in seeking registration might be invited to address the committee.



welcome him and show him around. Her family had previously owned the nearby farm.

From here Mr. Bailey was taken on to Saltash Heritage Museum where, as a retired military man from the Royal Artillery he was especially interested in the new exhibition "War and Peace - the Nineteen Forties".

There is a wide range of period photographs illustrating aspects of war locally from the Home Guard and ARP to the results of the Saltash blitz, through to the Victory street parties.

Live displays include an ARP shelter with wireless, mine detector and bomb map. There is also a 'Kitchen front' corner including a period cooker,

washing machine and the weekly rations. Other features cover wartime schooldays, post war austerity weddings and a model of HMS Saltash. Outside a 'dig for victory' garden is surrounded by an Anderson air raid shelter and an earth closet WC. There is even a bomb landing, a tin bath hanging on the wall, and a washing line with a display of bloomers. The exhibition, in the Lower Fore Street museum, is initially open only on Wednesdays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. with all Covid regulations observed. It is hoped to extend these hours through the summer. Admission is free but contributions to running costs are welcome.

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It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with this application, the maximum fine on summary conviction being £5000. Signed



Applicant / on behalf of the applicant
Dated21 June 2021

A Trip Down Memory Line



Conundrum Corner

Taking the initial letter to the one-word answers to the following ten questions can you re-arrange them to make the name of well-known celebrity? 5,5

- 1 In which University city is the Ashmolean Museum found? (6)
- 2 What was the theme of Harriet Beecher Stowe's famous book Uncle Tom's Cabin? (7)
- 3 How many people went into Noah's Ark at the time of the Great Flood? (5)
- 4 Which Country was the first to retain the Football World Cup? (5)
- 5 A Magret is the Breast Meat of which Animal? (4)
- 6 How many of King Henry VIII's wives were beheaded? (3)
- 7 Which is the World's largest Island? (9)
- 8 Anemophily is the term for Pollution by which means or method? (4)
- 9 What Musical term means "A Mass of the Dead"? (7)
- 10 The town of Whitstable is traditionally associated with which type of foodstuff? (7)

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Dreams Can Come True

Chris and Eve Tandy are delighted to announce the safe arrival of baby James.

An emotional Eve commented: "They say that it takes a village to raise a child. Well, we have received so many cards and so much support that it feels like our beautiful baby is being raised by the whole of the Saltash community. We feel very blessed.

Thank you, everyone."



Even on a grey Tamar day, Isambard House railway building now stands majestic in its pristine GWR chocolate and cream colours and proud Cornish slate name board. Saltash councillor, Richard Bickford, who painstakingly piloted the old station's revival, beneath sturdy roof timbers, hosted an event.

Saltash Abbeyfield residents marking Abbeyfield society week enjoyed a visit when they learned about his efforts to preserve as much as possible, whilst also incorporating considerable additional heat and sound insulation, and a functional kitchen.

Barely a train's length from I.K. Brunel's iconic bridge, and now minus the tree sprouting from its chimney, passing rail passengers will enjoy a newly restored town asset.

Second Observer Beach-Clean



Photo Ian Robinson

Last week I passed an oncoming car as he threw a drink can out, bouncing under my wheels... Why, I puzzled? The following Saturday, 20 environmentally-aware, local volunteers turned out for our second, Observer-sponsored, Saltash foreshore clean-up. Worst was under the bridges in Old Ferry Road, where we recovered boat bits, a tyred wheel and a half-submerged inflatable dinghy (missed last time). At Saltmill, ignoring driftwood, we overfilled my trailer with everything ranging from a rusty kid's bike to big pieces of carpet

and discarded fibreglass deck. Loading up, some very muddy participants welcomed fruit juices and chocolate biscuits, as my tyres swelled threateningly to bursting. I hauled it slowly back to the drop-off point, half expecting a blow-out! 4 hours after we commenced, everything was tip-bound in a Cornwall Council truck (who provided gloves and bags)... job done.

A few days later an email from Maritime Manager Christopher Jones expressed profound thanks to everyone involved in the effort, despite the inclement weather. He added his amazement at the

variety of items found, and confirmed they are working at removing some of the unwanted boats deposited at Saltash.

I assume we'll repeat the exercise come autumn. Thank you again to all, including also the conscientious dog-walkers and strollers who don't ignore riverside rubbish.

Ian Robinson.

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Tamar Reflections

The Tannery

A few months ago, I wrote about the history of Saltash's golf courses, which included the fields leading down to Burraton Coombe.

This month, I would like to take you on another interesting journey of the old Tannery at Burraton Coombe.

Burraton Coombe is already steeped in history as it abuts a variety of past industries, which once thrived along the valley running down to Forder, including the mill, a lime kiln, the quay and Jeffords's Quarry.

Burraton Coombe played a vital role in enterprise too, with its tanning industry; the process of treating skins and hides of animals to produce leather.

The Tannery came to Burraton Coombe via Mr S.C. Adams, during the Victorian period (1830s) which started beside the Latch brook at the bottom of Tor Hill.

There were other impressive buildings to support the industry further down as the tannery expanded during the 1840s. Evidence still remains with Tanyard House (now Lynher House), and of course next door, the old Tannery building at the bottom of Fairmead Road, which is one of the last impressive buildings remaining at Burraton Coombe; now an integrated part of a small and recent housing scheme (more in a moment on that).

South of this building is the 'round house', where in times of drought, which would have put the water wheel out of action, a horse harnessed to a beam would walk round and round to work the various rollers of the bark mill where the barks of oak, chestnut, and other species were crushed before being put into the tanning pits.

Burraton Coombe still boasts old oak and chestnut trees, and in the nearby woods, which almost certainly must have some bearing on the tree planting schemes for the tanning bark during those times.

Due to hard times and other family reasons, the Adams family sold the Tanneries and subsequently the business changed hands more than once.

The family that eventually bought the tanneries in the 1870s, which ran it until 1920s, that are more known to many of us were the brothers Thomas and William Nancarrow. They



came from the ancient family tanning business at Grampond, in Cornwall. Thomas married a local girl – Miss Boden – whose family ran the Post Office at Burraton Coombe.

Interestingly, one of their ancestors the late Mona (Nancarrow) became the Mayor of Saltash in the 1990's, and I had the great pleasure of serving with Mona during my time on Saltash Town Council. Mona was a great character, and the stories she could tell, would fill 'Tamar Reflections' every month!

What prompted me to feature the Burraton Coombe Tannery this month, was that I recently came across another of our archives promoting the sale of the Tannery and site during 1990, which stated (in part) ...

For Sale by Private Treaty – The Tannery, Burraton Coombe, Saltash

The old Tannery building comprises of a fine imposing stone built structure with slated roof and we understand is currently listed as a building of architectural and historic interest Grade II. The bark house held

supplies of oak bark in the northern half of the building and upper floored end to the building was used for fleshing and hides. The building remained in the ownership of the Nancarrow family until 1988 when it was purchased by G H Webber Ltd. who have obtained planning consent for a most attractive redevelopment of the site.

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This has now been developed as a settlement and is most sympathetic to the amazing history of this sensitive site of times past.

The supporting ancient photograph (copy) was given to us some years ago by our dear late friend Cornelius Hearl (another former Mayor), who was born at Burraton Coombe, who rescued the photo from the site piggery. In the photo you will see the old Tannery, the old Post Office, the Alms Cottages and Castle Farm House (in the fore front). Also note all the open spaces and fields that have now been developed.

Sue Hooper MBE

Chris Nicholls



Tributes have poured in for Chris Nicholls, a pre-eminent Saltash solicitor and pillar of the community, who died in April at the age of 71.

Coming from a devout Catholic family, Chris was an altar boy at the Roman Catholic Church in Saltash and kept his faith throughout his life. After attending St. Boniface College, he went on to study at the College of Law in Guildford, and started his legal career with Blight, Broad and Skinnard in Saltash, where he remained for 20 years before setting up the law firm Nicholls and Sainsbury in 1988 together with Janet Sainsbury. In her eulogy at Chris' funeral, Janet paid tribute to Chris' professional integrity and his inspirational mentorship, encouraging many in the legal profession.

It was at Blight, Broad and Skinnard that Chris met Elaine, and the couple were married in 1976. Chris was a thoughtful, kind family man, devoted to his wife and two sons, Daniel and Richard.

Chris was also an active and

Conundrum Answers:

1 Oxford 2 Slavery 3 Eight 4 Italy 5 Duck 6 Wind 7 Two 8 Greenland 8 Wind 9 Requiem 10 Oysters. Re-arranged the letters spell Tiger Woods

generous member of the community, playing key voluntary roles in the governance of community organisations including Ashtorpe Rock Waterside Association, Saltash Handicapped and Disabled Organisation, Botus Fleming Parish Council and Landulph Primary School. A minute's silence was held at the May meeting of the Saltash Chamber of Commerce in recognition of Chris' contribution as previous Chairman. Many of the community groups were represented at his funeral, along with staff past and present of Nicholls and Sainsbury, who lined up outside the Roman Catholic Church our Lady of the Angels in Saltash to pay their respects.

Chris loved living among the apple trees in Botus Fleming, with its easy access to the river. He was proud of his Cornish heritage, asking for a Cornish flag to be placed over his coffin and arranging to have Cornwall My Home played at his funeral, where he was carried in by his two sons and other close family members.

Recycling

A 'Recycling On The Go' bin has been installed in front of the Brunel pub on Fore Street, one of a fleet of bins for recycling cans and plastic bottles that Cornwall Council started rolling out across Cornwall last month. The new household waste recycling contract that will be introduced by Cornwall Council later this year has a strong emphasis on recycling, and will complement the Recycling On The Go bins to deliver important steps in Cornwall's journey to improve recycling rates.



Elaine and the family have asked for their thanks to be passed on to all those who have sent messages of support. There will be a celebration of Chris' life later this year when restrictions are eased.

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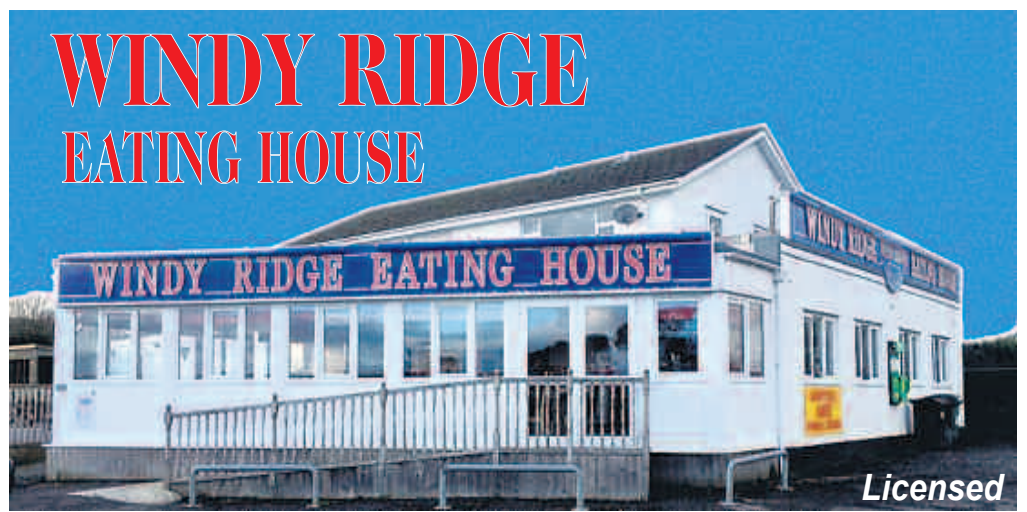


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