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## A Green Community Space in Our Retail Heart

Ideas for creating a new multi-use community space in the retail heart of Saltash have taken a step forward following early engagement workshops last month.

The aspiration is to create a revitalised green space which would be able to host events, deliver improved facilities for outdoor relaxation and bring the community together, as well as enhancing the town's viability as a retail and leisure destination.

Saltash Town Council, working on behalf of Saltash Town Team (composed of Town Councillors, Cornwall Councillors and representatives from the Saltash Chamber of Commerce and Community Enterprises PL12), is leading on the delivery phase of the project

after the Town Team secured Town Vitality Funding for a feasibility study from Cornwall Council.

The design work is being carried out by Architecture by Studio Hive and their experienced project team. They identified a number of potential locations around

the town centre and assessed these against a range of criteria to help understand how the spaces are currently used and the opportunities for

improvement. The team's early research findings and initial design ideas were then discussed by representatives of key local groups and organisations at the workshops in May to shape the next stage of the study.

The Town Team will be hosting wider public consultation in June with a public

exhibition and 'meet the team' sessions on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th June at The Guildhall on Lower Fore Street. Visitors to the exhibition will be able to view and comment on the emerging design options.

Following the public consultation, the preferred option will be finalised by the end of September this year. Saltash Town Team will then seek further funding to enable the project to move ahead.

Comments can also be made online via the Town Council website. To find out more, go to: [www.saltash.gov.uk/consultations.php](http://www.saltash.gov.uk/consultations.php) or email [enquiries@saltash.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@saltash.gov.uk)

### Saltash Town Centre

Saltash Town Team has secured Town Vitality funding to develop a multi-use community space in the retail heart of Saltash, and is excited to share the emerging proposals with you.



Have your say...

On a New Green Community Space for Saltash!

Public Consultation and Public Exhibition on:  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June at  
The Guildhall, Lower Fore Street, Saltash  
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**Cornwall Councillors Cover such services as:**  
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Tamar Bridge

## From the Mayor of Saltash

Yes, I am back. After an eventful, but amazing year I am honoured to be able to continue as Mayor for a second term, and I must start with thanks to my fellow councillors who supported me for the role of Mayor, and Councillor Julia Peggs as Deputy Mayor at the Town Council's Annual meeting on the 4th May. I would not have been able to, or wanted to carry on without the support of Julia who has done a fantastic job as Deputy Mayor, and I know will continue to do so, as well as Sarah my wife who has fulfilled the role of Mayoress admirably.

Reflecting back on the year, we had the privilege of being part of the Platinum Jubilee, an event so well celebrated in Saltash, as well as the sadness at events following the death of Queen Elizabeth II. The accession of King Charles and eventually the Coronation were truly once in a generation events and it was a pleasure to play a small part in ensuring Saltash did things properly. None of this is ever possible without the support of many volunteers as well as our dedicated Town Council staff, be it our admin team, or the Service Delivery team out and about putting up bunting, flags, and planting so much red, white and blue.

Time does fly though, and now with only 11 months left we hope to continue to support and represent Saltash across Cornwall and beyond. I want to further strengthen our working relationship with Cornwall Council to benefit Saltash and ensure we get our fair share of the stretched Cornwall Council budget. The new Community Area Partnership in South East Cornwall will be an important part of how we achieve this, I am confident that alongside our Cornwall Councillors we can work as a team.

We have several key projects moving ahead, the Waterside Coastal Communities Team have started consultation on ideas around the Waterside and flood prevention schemes, the Town Team will exhibit exciting proposals for the Town Centre later in June, and our Connectivity project funded through the Community Levelling Up fund will have started its work by the time you read this. We must see these through the public consultation phases in a proper and true manner, and this is where I ask you all to take the time to look at the ideas and proposals and have your say. Your views will shape any plans going forward.



### Just a few key moments from the last month..

We loved being part of the combined Mayfair and Coronation events, the weather came good and the Mayfair committee (Hilary and her support team) did an outstanding job. The Town Council continue to help with funding and boosted its normal financial support to £4,500 to help with the rising costs involved in running these events. Please continue to support all our public festivals both with your attendance and by donating pounds where you can.

I am also very pleased that the Town Council have agreed increased funding to support young people through additional funding of almost £60,000 split evenly between the Core and Livewire who can target this money to support those who need it.

It is almost the start of the Big Green Week, and there are a number of events planned to help raise awareness and encourage people to explore our beautiful town. Please seek out the Saltash Great Big Green Week Facebook page and see what is going on. Why not try the Green Week challenge and see if you can become a Saltash Green Champion by doing a few simple things that could all make a small difference.

I also invite you to join the Friends of Victoria Gardens on Sunday the 18th of June to round off the week, where you can join the friends group led by Councillor Julia Peggs and Councillor Sarah Gillies for a spot of gardening and some good company. Bring a trowel and picnic and see what the new friends group have been up to.

The Town Council's Facebook page is also the place to keep up with the latest news and I would encourage you follow the page if you have an interest in what we do.

*Councillor Richard Bickford Mayor of Saltash 2023-24*

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## Littering and Dog Fouling in Saltash

Saltash Town Council recognises there is an issue in the town with litter and dog fouling. In order to tackle this issue the Town Council organised a dog fouling poster competition which resulted in new dog fouling signage being erected in key hot spot areas across the town. The hot spot areas were identified through a survey of the community. To tackle litter the Town Council has partnered with Saltash Environmental Action to encourage residents to own their streets and register as Litter Rangers. In addition the Town Council offers litter picking equipment free to hire to local organisations.

Saltash Town Council are also encouraging community groups and volunteers to attend training organised by Cornwall Council. The Community Awareness and Report Training course offers:

- \* Training on what is an offence and the potential penalties;
  - \* Advice on communication skills;
  - \* Evidence gathering and what information is needed for a fixed penalty notice to be issued;
  - \* Report card for any reports to be escalated to Cornwall Council;
  - \* Evidence from informal patrols will be used to target Council resources for formal patrols if evidence of persistent offending;
- To book or express an interest in further dates please contact Cornwall Council on [publicprotection@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:publicprotection@cornwall.gov.uk) or call 0300 1234 212 (opt 2).

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## Schedule of Meetings 2023-24

Saltash Town Council has published the schedule of meetings for 2023-24. The schedule was formally approved by the Town Councillors at the Annual Town Meeting held on 4th May 2023.

The schedule will be displayed in all Saltash Town Council notice boards and on the Town Council website. <https://www.saltash.gov.uk/council.php>

Saltash Town Council meetings are open to the public who are encouraged to attend and get involved in decisions that affect their town. Agendas are published in advance of each meeting on social media and the town's notice boards.

Saltash Town Council encourages residents to attend the meetings to ask questions and to listen to the debate. If you wish to put a question to the Town Council please email [enquiries@saltash.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@saltash.gov.uk) 24 hours prior to the Committee meeting with your question.

## STC Confirms Further Partnership Working with SEA

Saltash Town Council has expanded its working relationship with Saltash Environmental Action (SEA) in the town.

The Town Council agreed to provide 1-2 gallons of water during dry periods to SEA in order for them to water the newly planted trees around Brooking Way, Porter Way, Oaklands Close area, Warraton Close, Yellowtor Lane, Broad Walk, Prowse Drive and Frobisher Drive. This will ensure the newly planted trees can thrive and provide shade and enjoyment for years to come.

This further cements the collaboration with SEA which includes providing protection equipment for newly planted trees, hosting events at Isambard House, and supporting the litter rangers scheme.

Further information about SEA and how to get involved can be found at [www.seasaltash.org.uk](http://www.seasaltash.org.uk) or their Facebook page [www.facebook.com/seasaltash](https://www.facebook.com/seasaltash)

## New Railcam for Saltash Station

Saltash Town Council have worked with Railcam UK and Saltash Station Project to install a HD webcam at Saltash Railway Station. The camera launched with a bang by showing the historic locomotive Flying Scotsman as it came into Saltash Railway Station on Sunday 30th April 2023.

Over 3700 viewed the steam train on the webcams which will now continue broadcasting 24/7 on YouTube.

The Railcam shows the historic Royal Albert Bridge with its magnificent view as trains come across the bridge with the River Tamar below. Viewing of the camera is available at <https://www.youtube.com/@RailcamUKLive>

## Saltash Town Council Awards £59,876 to Support Young People in Saltash

Saltash Town Council recognises the increased need for detached professional youth work in Saltash. Due to this demand the Town Council have increased the funding available to deliver services in the town for this financial year.

Following a successful tendering process Livewire and The Core have each been awarded £29,938 for the financial year 2023-24.

Understanding that both organisations are in need of vital funds both were awarded more than their initial bids and the Town Council look forward to receiving their reports on what impact the funding has had for the young people of Saltash.

## Reporting of Littering Encouraged

Saltash Town Council is encouraging residents and visitors to report issues with littering, rubbish and waste in the town.

Residents can report this to Cornwall Council via their report something webpage <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something/>

Alternatively residents can telephone Cornwall Council on 0300 1234 100.



James Kitson DL & Mayor of Saltash with Standard Bearers

Mike Pitches Photography



Evelyn & Arthur all ready for a fun day

Photo Mary Crawford



Chelsie & Millie enjoying event

Photo Mary Crawford



Volunteers help with litter at May Fair

Photo Mary Crawford



MKC Heroes With Flag

Mike Pitches Photography

## May Fair Coronation Parade

The torrential rain overnight on the Friday of Coronation weekend reminded those few who remembered 1953 of the weather at the last coronation. But, like last time, the wild weather blew away early on Saturday leaving a Cornish mizzle that failed to dampen the spirits of the crowds lining Fore Street or the many youth organisations and sports clubs joining the Mayor of Saltash, Councillor Richard Bickford, and his honoured guest James Kitson, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, in a memorable and historic May Fair Coronation Parade.

Children of Military Kids Club Heroes – a support network for children with a family member serving in the Armed Forces – proudly carried the coronation flag as Saltash Town Band led the Parade out of Victoria Gardens. At the bottom of Fore Street, the Deputy Lord Lieutenant addressed the crowd, delivering a personal message from the King in which the monarch expressed his gratitude to all communities coming together to help celebrate his coronation, before all joined in a stirring rendition of the National Anthem.

The historic drama being acted out in London was shown on two big screens at the top and bottom of the town. And as the weather continued to improve thousands who had opted to watch the coronation in their own homes came out to join in with the community celebration. By the time the sun came out mid-afternoon Fore Street and Longstone Park were packed with people of all ages, all coming together to share the fun and excitement of a truly momentous day in the history of our town and our nation.



7yr Old Twins Daisy & Madeleine completed the Redeemer Church Treasure Hunt

Photo Mary Crawford



Rainbows with crowns in Parade

Mike Pitches Photography

### Chamber Chairman Peter Ryland Keeping us Updated ...

We were pleased to welcome a potential new member, Neil Jeffrey, to the May meeting of the Saltash and District Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

First item on our agenda was an update on the proposals for a CCTV system covering Fore Street. Members were informed that the debate had been put on ice after news that the Tolvaddon Monitoring Centre may be closing, causing Saltash Town Council to revisit their proposals. Several members reiterated the benefits of providing shopkeepers with individual systems where the external cameras could be monitored independently by police. The correct positioning of 8/10 systems would not only cover the whole of Fore Street but also the rear areas and interiors of shops thereby monitoring any shoplifting. I was asked to write to the Town Council on

this basis, as there could well be cost saving benefits. We were also given an update on the work of a new group Saltash Traders Against Retail Crime (STARC), whose members have set up a system to alert each other of any suspicious activity in Fore Street.

We were informed of the results of Cornwall Council's consultation on car parking charges. With increased charges being introduced from 1st June, some members were of the opinion that it might be beneficial to revisit the Saltash scheme where parking costs could be subsidised for shoppers.

Sarah Martin gave an update on the Safe A38 campaign, relaying the

disappointing news that the government had announced that funding to upgrade the A38 had been pushed back by five years to the next funding round. She also spoke about calls for the government to deliver at least some of the minor improvements in the current funding round in order to address the most dangerous spots along the existing road.

I'm pleased to be Acting Chairman of the Town Team as it works on its most recent project of delivering a new community space in the retail heart of the town, and gave an update on progress to date. Some Chamber members had taken part in the stakeholder engagement meetings held in May to discuss the emerging ideas, but full public consultation will be held on 16th and 17th June. The preferred design will be finalised by the end of September, after which we will work on funding bids to deliver this transformative project.

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## Essa Voices

### Waste Not, Want Not

Residents of Cornwall are in for a significant change to their waste collection service as Cornwall Council starts to roll out a weekly food recycling service, aiming to reduce both the amount sent to landfill and Cornwall's carbon footprint.

Food waste is one of the biggest environmental problems in the world, with about one-third of global food supplies being wasted or lost each year. Imagine walking out of a supermarket with three bags of shopping, dropping one and just not bothering to pick it up. That's essentially what we are doing. Not only is it a



Councillor Hilary Frank  
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all you need to do to help reduce food waste is take along a bag and take home some food.

An analysis of the black bags currently being collected by Cornwall Council's waste collection teams reveals that over 20% of the contents includes items like plastic bottles, paper and glass that could have been recycled through the Council's existing collection service. And astonishingly, nearly 37% is food waste.

By introducing a weekly food recycling service and changing to bins for fortnightly rubbish collections, Cornwall Council aims to provide residents with the means to recycle more effectively, but the decision to revamp the waste collection service also stems from a statutory duty introduced in the Environment Act 2021, which mandates the separate collection of food waste.

There are 282,000 households in Cornwall that will receive the new service, which will be rolled out in five phases with about 50,000 households per phase over an 18-month period starting in November this year. Residents in South East Cornwall can expect their transition to occur in April 2024.

To support these changes, over 840,000 containers,

including wheeled bins, food waste caddies and protective sacks, will be distributed to households throughout Cornwall. As well as food waste caddies, most households will also receive a 180-litre wheeled bin, which generally holds three to four black bags.

The new waste collection service will certainly support recycling efforts and promote a greener future, but the absence of plans to build an anaerobic digester within Cornwall is concerning. The decision to award the contract for food waste treatment to a consortium of anaerobic digestion facilities based outside of Cornwall, led by Andigestion in Holsworthy, raises questions about increased traffic movement and air quality issues, especially through Launceston.

Transporting food waste out of Cornwall seems counterintuitive. As a Cornwall councillor, I have previously raised this issue and questioned the decision to outsource the anaerobic digestion process. Although the chosen consortium provided an economically advantageous proposal and scored highly on quality criteria, it is crucial that we prioritise local solutions. Cornwall should be actively investing in infrastructure that addresses our waste management needs while minimising the environmental impact of transportation.

## Discovering Treasures at Saltash Library

The library has been hosting a monthly Antiques 'Fake or Fortune?' free valuation session led by South-West's leading fine art auctioneers, Bearness Hampton & Littlewood. Specialists in jewellery, paintings, maritime art and militaria have joined Richard Hamm, an antiques valuer with over 40 years experience to look at family heirlooms and attic treasures.

Richard will be back in the library on Monday 10th July from 10.30am-12.30pm to give advice on all categories of antiques, but also for antiquarian and collector's books, together with early postcards, cigarette cards and maps - in fact all types of ephemera! For more information or to book a home visit, contact Richard on 01208 813593 or richard.hamm9@gmail.com.

Reducing food waste is a delicious way of saving money, helping feed the world and protecting the planet. Although Cornwall Council's shift to a food waste collection service will act as a catalyst, however, a meaningful shift to a wholesale reduction of food waste will happen all too slowly. So it is my hope that Cornwall Council will actively pursue opportunities to build an anaerobic digester within Cornwall, putting us in a stronger position to make greater strides towards a more sustainable and environmentally responsible future.

## Saltash Video Club

On Friday evening of 5th May members of Saltash Video Club put on a film show of locally made films made by its members over the years going back to 1978 May Fair and the building of the tunnel. The evening was well attended with Richard Bickford Mayor of Saltash & his wife Sarah along with 50 members of the public.

At the end of the evening the Lions presented the video club with their pennant. The video clubs members are now ageing and would love to accept anyone interested in filmmaking, as this could be our last show. We have newsreels of the town going back 45 years it would be sad to lose it now.

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## Scrapstore's Rosie and David are May Fair's Unsung Heroes

Every year, May Fair organisers ask Saltash to nominate citizens for the May Fair's Unsung Hero Award, given to people who volunteer their time and expertise to support the community without seeking any kind of reward for themselves.

Previous recipients have included Cheryl Smith of Girlguiding Saltash, Chris Tandy Jr of Saltash Air Cadets and Nigel Tookey of Saltash Youth Football Club. There were two recipients of this year's Award: husband and wife team Rosie and Dave Waters, who are the driving force behind Saltash Scrapstore, a creative hub on Fore Street encouraging reuse, repair, repurpose and recycling.

"Mum and I both had surplus shop goods in our houses that were too good to ditch," said Rosie, talking about why she was inspired to set up Scrapstore. "And Dave and I were horrified at the amount of very useable goods that we witnessed being thrown away at the Recycling Centre. So a Scrapstore seemed a logical solution. But even we have been surprised at its popularity!"

Starting off as one shop in Saltash Fore Street five years ago, a second shop with the happy name of Scrapstore Too has now opened on the opposite side of the street, specialising in electrical items. Together, the twin shops have helped to keep over £250,000 worth of goods from ending up in landfill - an astounding figure on many levels.

Promoting art and craft activity is another core element of Saltash Scrapstore's mission, turning unwanted things into loved things, which is a little like magic. Scrapstore's seasonal, celebrational craft workshops have sprinkled plenty of magic over the years, inspiring hundreds of people to create their own, treasured work of art from scrap.

Then there are the Scrapstore spillover benefits: a network of customers from various corners of Cornwall and Devon visiting the retail centre of Saltash, and many thousands of pounds that have been donated to local causes and events. But neither Rosie nor Dave takes a penny for the time they give.

"Saltash is a great community, which makes this award even more special," said Rosie. "And I'm thrilled Dave was recognised for his efforts behind the scenes, too. None of it would have been possible without him!"

May Fair organisers say the nominations made it clear that together Rosie and Dave are the life blood of Saltash Scrapstore, with tributes being paid to the staggering amount of volunteer time the couple dedicate to the charity, both in the shops and behind the scenes, recruiting volunteers, carrying out PAT testing and managing the finances.

Pop in to Scrapstore to discover their treasures. While you're there, have a chat with Rosie about their Scrapstore journey or about how you can help sprinkle more Scrapstore magic as part of the volunteer team.



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## Events Seek Support for Long-Term Sustainability

In a heartfelt conversation with Karen Lilley, Chair of Saltash Regatta Committee, and Hilary Frank, lead organiser of Saltash May Fair, concerns about the future of these beloved community events were laid bare, with the desperate need for financial and volunteer support leaving both of the ladies worried about the sustainability of their events.

Saltash May Fair proved to be another resounding community success this year. Hilary Frank, who has been the driving force behind May Fair for several years, beamed with pride as she shared highlights of the event. "May Fair coincided with the coronation of King Charles III, and the atmosphere was joyous," she said, "bringing together people from all walks of life, young and old, in celebration of national and local."

However, May Fair's success also came with a stark reminder of the challenges it faces in the long term. Hilary expressed her worries, saying, "Joining the nation in celebration meant we incurred extra costs for things like the outdoor screens, and we are looking at a funding gap of several thousand pounds. We have enough in the bank account to cover that, but it isn't sustainable long-term, so we've already started work on sourcing funding

for next year's May Fair. We'd love to get some people on board to help us and take charge of crucial fundraising initiatives."

Karen Lilley, Chair of the Saltash Regatta committee, echoed similar concerns. With the Regatta scheduled for the last weekend in July, Karen shared her apprehensions, saying, "The Regatta has been a cherished tradition in Saltash for nearly two centuries, but financial constraints are putting its long-term viability at stake. We have a Crowdfunder appeal going, and we are so grateful to families who have given us a fiver, to grant funders like Saltash Town Council and to sponsors like South West Surfacing Specialists, but we still desperately need help in securing funding. And help in managing vital aspects of the event."

If you're interested in environmental issues for example, you could take on a role as

Sustainability Manager to implement eco-friendly practices and make the events as eco-friendly as possible. Or you could oversee posts on social media platforms to help promote the events and engage with the community. Both May Fair and Regatta need assistance in logistics management, too – they would love to have a Volunteer Manager to recruit and support volunteers, for example.

Karen and Hilary's concerns reflect the enthusiastic commitment they hold for their events, and their desire to see them thrive in the years to come. They are calling on the Saltash community to rally together, lending support through volunteering and sponsorship to create lasting memories for generations to come.

Please contact Saltash May Fair and Saltash Regatta through the Observer to offer your support.

## The Great Big Green Week Coming to Saltash

### As Part of nationwide campaign

Saltash Town Council are supporting Great Big Green Week which runs from 10th – 18th June 2023. Great Big Green Week is a national initiative for the biggest ever celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. <https://greatbiggreenweek.com/Residents> in Saltash are being invited to take part in a nationwide campaign this June to highlight the need for urgent action on climate and nature.

The Great Big Green Week will see thousands of people across the UK organising local festivals and events. Now in its third year, the campaign events will draw attention to climate change and destruction of the natural world, while also making a connection with these issues in communities like Saltash. At the same time, people from all walks of life will be showcasing actions to tackle climate change, creating a better world, for us now and for the next generation.

The events in Saltash will focus on looking after our green spaces and encouraging the community to find out more about the wildlife that we share these spaces with. The Saltash Town Council's Climate Change and Environmental Working group, with Saltash Environmental Action, (SEA) Library Community Hub and the newly formed Friends of Victoria Gardens will be hosting the following events during the week.

Tree Walk with Jo Allen at Tincombe Woods from 2pm on 10 June Community Gardening Party and Plastic Free Picnic at Victoria Gardens 18 June from 3pm. Cllr Sarah Gillies, Chair STC

Climate Change and Environmental Working group said: "This is the first year that we have been involved with the Great Big Green Week and we are excited to showcase the green spaces within our town and highlight the ways in which we can as a community help to preserve and protect these spaces."

The Great Big Green Week is being organised by The Climate Coalition, the UK's largest group of people dedicated to action against climate change, whose members include the National Trust, WWF, Women's Institute, Oxfam, and RSPB.

To find out more and get involved go to - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2641516852655031>

## Saltash Town Council Supports Award Winning Town Regatta.

Saltash Town Council is supporting the Saltash Regatta again this year through several ways. The event which won the Most Colourful Land and Sea Event – Cornwall award in the 2022 Nautical Tourism Awards is run by volunteers and relies on sponsorship and grant funding.

The regatta successfully applied for a £3,000 grant through the Town Council's Festival Fund grant scheme. In addition the Town Council will hold a civic parade with the Mayor awarding the prize for the best dressed and officially opening the event.

Finally, the gig racing will have free access to the Town Council managed pontoon during the event. Saltash Town Council looks forward to seeing residents and visitors at the annual event.

## Saltash Chronicled in Embroidery at the Guildhall

If you are new to Saltash, you may not have seen Saltash Chronicles Embroidery Project which was created by Saltash volunteer artists and embroiderers between 2011 and 2016. Comprising 27 panels of embroidery depicting the history of Saltash from the Stone Age to present day, it was originally given a space in Saltash Baptist Church's hall but had to be removed in 2019.

After Saltash Town Council took over guardianship of the embroidery, they found a place to hang the 100-foot-long tapestry in the upper room of the Guildhall. It is wonderful to have it once again on display for the public to see. A new chapter is being created by the Project which will include a small panel celebrating the achievements of long-distance swimmer Florence Tout, last winner of the annual River Tamar race from Neil Point (Landulph) to Saltash Pier in 1938. There will also be a new panel depicting the creation of the Peace Gardens in Saltash, the refurbishment of Saltash Railway Station and the King's Coronation which will then bring the embroidery right up to date.

The intricate work of novice and accomplished embroiderers who spent many hours creating their panels for the Saltash Chronicles can be seen in detail at the Open Day on Saturday July 8th between 10 am and 3 pm. Seating will be provided.

If you are unable to attend that day but would like to see the work, it is possible to arrange a viewing with Saltash Town Council at a time when the room is not being used. Please call the Council (01752 844846) to arrange.

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**Friday 16th June**  
**The Fisherman's Cott Bickleigh**  
Sitting on the bank of the River Exe with beer garden this excellent pub/restaurant offers a spoilt for choice menu follow your lunch with a visit to the shopping area for a browse or a cream tea  
**Leave Saltash 10.30 return 16.30 - Travel only £16**

**Friday 30th June**  
**Dartmoor Diner/Tavistock Market/Princetown**  
A fun packed day starting at the Dartmoor Diner for Coffee onto Tavistock for market day then Princetown for afternoon Tea  
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**Sunday 2nd July**  
**The Mussel Inn Down Thomas**  
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## Sustainable Saltash

A regular column on changes Saltash residents are making to confront climate and ecological breakdown.

In response to South West Water's recent extension of its hosepipe ban, which seems a clear indicator of its expectation of continuing drought conditions, we are on the brink of linking up yet more rainwater storage at our house. We already have two 200-litre water butts collecting water off the roof of our garden shed as well as a further 300 litres capacity alongside our greenhouse. Those are deliberately located beside our vegetable patch.

Then there's a further 200-litre butt linked to the down pipe at the front of our house. Experience has taught us even as much as 900 litres of collected rainwater is likely to run out during the summer however, so my husband has proposed another 200 litres of capacity connecting to the downpipe at the back of the

house instead of at the front. But oh my goodness, what a palaver trying to find something affordable and not too ugly to fit the available space! We couldn't believe the variety of butts or complications!

Unlike where we have our existing rainwater storage, the wall against which we need to locate the new storage has windows we don't wish to obstruct as well as plumbing for bathrooms that can't very easily be moved. Furthermore, the wall is right alongside what we intend will eventually become a lovely, sunny outdoor eating space so I at least was keen to consider whether the butts could perhaps be disguised to appear as a decorative feature rather than as a purely practical addition.

And it is possible to find some truly beautiful water butts, believe me. For example, a 300-litre wall tank that promises to be 'the perfect complement to any rattan furniture set' but at a cost of very nearly £300 ('tap included'), which is beyond

our humble means, unfortunately. Noticing a very fair short term offer in a popular local supermarket we quickly decided that plain black would be an ideal aesthetic and settled on a pair of slimline butts each holding 100 litres but narrow enough to allow a wheelbarrow to get past.

My lovely husband has had his work cut out creating a levelled platform for our new addition to sit on (long story) but all that remains is to install the necessary diverter and wait for the rain to do its thing. To be clear, all this is only in part a response to SWW's plea to the general populace to help reduce unnecessary water usage. My personal take with regard water for the garden has always been that tap water costs money whilst rainwater is for free. It could be that I am obsessively tight when it comes to gardening costs and I find myself more motivated to perform carefully targeted nurturing with a watering can than indiscriminate (albeit possibly less time consuming) spraying with a hosepipe. Or it could be that I am progressively devolving into the kind of Mad Plant Lady who enjoys an opportunity to chat with her vegetables during watering.

Elizabeth Gay

*This column is a conversation starter for our whole community. If you have comments on the subject, ideas of your own or suggestions for future content, please do get in touch at [sustainable.saltash@protonmail.com](mailto:sustainable.saltash@protonmail.com)*

## Get Support!

Having lived in Saltash for over 6 years now, I have never known a community that is so active in supporting its residents – maybe we don't always realise or appreciate it!

I recently saw an article entitled 'The modern health epidemic – how dangerous is it to feel lonely?' If you are one of those feeling lonely, please make the effort to talk to someone and find out what you can access locally. Having had a daughter who has suffered massively with her mental health over the last 3 years, I know how hard that can be, but it is so worth taking that first step and asking someone for help, whether it's a friend, neighbour, colleague - or even me!

There are far too many great organisations and groups available for me to list here and I would be afraid of missing someone out, but here are some you're welcome to link into at the Baptist Church, where I am based.

### Drop-in coffee morning

Wednesdays 10.30-12 during term time, ideal for everybody – pensioners can have a chat, younger children can play with the creche toys available and anyone needing help can talk through their situation in confidence and get support or be pointed in the right direction.

### Money Course

Starting on 7th June at 6.30pm and running for 3 Wednesday evenings, there's free money coaching from our trained Money Coach, whether you are living on a tight budget or wanting to save towards a future event. If needed, we can book you in for our free debt service.

### Sunday service

Every Sunday! You may not feel you're a church person, but

the service is very relaxed and informal with groups for children and young people from 0-15 years old. Refreshments are available from 10am, the service starts at 10.30 and lasts an hour or so. Like the drop-in, there's always time to talk, meet other people, make friends and get any support you need.

### Infertility and baby loss group (NEW!)

Wednesdays 7-8pm during term time, this group has just started and is open to anyone going through infertility or baby loss, both currently or historically. A relaxed evening with tea and coffee and time to chat.

You don't have to have any link to the church to be part of these groups, everyone's welcome!

If you would like more information, you can contact me or the church direct, email [timsquires@capuk.org](mailto:timsquires@capuk.org) or [info@saltashbaptist.co.uk](mailto:info@saltashbaptist.co.uk)

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## Voice of Saltash Patients

The Patient Participation Groups at our two Practices continue to meet individually to feed back their views on the experience of patients. But they are now also working together productively on the wider improvement of healthcare provision across the town. The two Practices themselves are cooperating on this.

Some exciting progress made this month is the creation of a small Action Group to develop plans, and to make a start on improvements as soon as possible. Community members are: two PPG chairs, a representative of Friends of St Barnabas Hospital, three Town Councillors and one Cornwall Councillor; NHS members are: the two Practice Managers, local leader of the Community Trust (CPFT) that manages the hospital and community health teams, and, crucially, Dr Andy Sant, the Director of Integrated Care on N/E Cornwall - the man who holds the purse strings.

The Group met for the first time on April 19 at the Guildhall, and will meet again on June 7 when short, medium, and long-term plans will be agreed. Topics being examined before then include: securing finance,

team working, midwifery/school nursing, St Barnabas out-patient clinics and diagnostic services, dentistry, dressing of wounds, analysis of demands on the Practices, and more.

This felt like a really good start to all those involved, after years of neglect. The Group will also be undertaking wider consultations with patients and community bodies in due course. We need your interest and engagement, so watch out for further details. Thanks to the Town Council for supporting us in this.

In the meantime, if readers have comments or experiences to share with us, please email [patient.voice@icloud.com](mailto:patient.voice@icloud.com). You could alternatively post or drop in a note for the Patients Mailbox at the Community Kitchen, 8 Fore Street, Saltash PL12 6JL

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## China Fleet Country Club Wins Planet Saver Award

Devon and Plymouth Chamber of Commerce has recognised China Fleet Country Club's commitment to reducing its environmental impact with the Planet Saver Award. "This means so much for everyone involved," said the China Fleet Trust's CEO Gordon Hannah after receiving the Award at the Chamber's annual Business Awards event on 19th May. "Our recent investments in renewable projects have been initiated and funded by the China Fleet Trust's Strategic Priorities, orchestrated by our wonderful Company Team's vision, and backed all the way by our staff, beneficiaries and members."

As part of its ongoing drive to become more environmentally conscious, China Fleet has recently invested over £100,000 installing state of the art solar energy technology on the large roof of the main building, helping the Club reduce its energy costs, but also helping it achieve its aim of becoming carbon net zero by 2030.

The impressive 165kWp array of solar panels was installed by another Cornish company, ZLC Energy Ltd., and will save 95,000kg of carbon per year providing 16% of the Club's energy requirements.

Other initiatives introduced

by China Fleet include having its own water supply and treatment plant, the installation of EV charging units, and close collaboration with Cornwall Wildlife Trust to provide bird-watching facilities on the Tamar Estuary. China Fleet has an Employee Green Team with responsibility for departmental initiatives.

"The recent utility cost increases have helped speed up our transition to greener forms of energy provision," continued Gordon, "but the Club has an ongoing and enduring green agenda that will see further investment in this pivotal area."

## Church Bells Ring Out

Across the country church bells have rung out this weekend in celebration of the Kings Coronation. The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers' announced an initiative earlier this year called 'Ring for the King'. This was to promote and recruit new ringers. The initiative was to ensure church bells rang out around the country for the anointment of King Charles III. For hundreds of years church bells have been rung to celebrate occasions, however over the years unfortunately the numbers of ringers has fallen by up to 8000 causing many churches to fall silent.

Here in Saltash, the local band of ringers has seen interest from people wanting to gain an understanding of what is involved in campanology and ring the bells marking their place of history.

Charlie Maddox, an enthusiastic local ten year old lad, is one of the new members who joined the team earlier this year. He has been coming to the practice nights, which are held every Thursday between 7:00-8:30 pm at St Stephens church here in Saltash. On Saturday he rang the bells with the band to ring in the reign of King Charles III.

The tower of St Stephens houses six bronze bells two of them dating back to 1897. All the bells in this tower were cast by John Taylor & Co. Their foundry is still located in Loughborough where it has

been using the same methods in casting bells since 1784.

The tenor of St Stephens has a diameter of 45" and weighs 1779 lb or 807 kgs. Although a fair weight, the six bells vary in size, so there is something for everyone young or old.

As a small band of ringers Saltash they welcome anyone who wants to gain an understanding of what is involved in being a campanologist, where they celebrate significant moments in history whether that be national events or local church services. Anyone wanting to know more can contact Arland Burn on 01579 383080 or just come along on practice night as everyone is welcome.



Photo L-R Arland Burn, Kev Edwards, Ian Braid, Dave Pitcher, Charlie Maddox, Andrew Lyne, Jerry Burnham, Ethan Braid, Finn Heard, Jo Tomlinson, Pete Gibson

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The family of Betty Emily Nicolls would like to thank all those who attended her funeral service and for all the kind words, messages of sympathy and cards received during this difficult time.

Special thanks to her care team who looked after her for the last six years alongside her loving family

We have raised in excess of four hundred pounds for Dementia UK and Launceston Hospital, as a family we have been truly comforted by the support and generosity of family and friends during this difficult time.

### Announcement PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Proposed relocation of Headstones at Saltash Baptist Church

The church has deemed 4 of their headstones and any memorial stones within its boundary to be in need of repair. These graves include the top names as:

- Pryor
- Cookburn
- Hodge
- Parkin

The Church proposes to do this by removing the memorial stones and placing them on the boundary which is in keeping with historic actions.

If this stone is part of your family and you would like to take on ownership for the stone and its repairs please contact [info@saltashbaptist.co.uk](mailto:info@saltashbaptist.co.uk) by the 1st June 2023

Or by writing to  
 Rev Tim Parkman  
 Saltash Baptist Church  
 Culver Road  
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 PL12 4DR

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Goods Vehicle Operators Licence

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## Just Thinking Aloud

Somebody ought to do something about it.....

Well yes, of course, but who, and about what?

I was having a quiet chat with a pal one evening recently, when up – out of nowhere - came the topic of solar panels. Said pal, whose company I really do enjoy, had been thinking of penning a letter to the press about his anger concerning national housebuilders and what he saw as their bad practice re solar panels, but had decided that it would be a much better idea if I was to use some of my allocation of words here for that purpose. Sorry, that's not going to happen. I get into enough trouble all by myself without waving someone else's banner.

Playing with words can be great fun, but there are times in my life when "developments" in the King's English leave me in a state of puzzled splutterdom. For instance, when I am in "a race to the bottom" "going forward", should I "hit the pause button" or "double down"? "Absolutely", or "absolutely not"? I am minded to make a list of words and phrases which crop up regularly "in politico-speak" and leave me ready to hit my "trolling" button. Or alternatively, perhaps "alternative action" should be my chosen path.

But enough of this nonsense. A plague on all their houses. I did promise you that I would steer clear of matters political as we move towards local and national elections. In spite of temptations I am currently succeeding. Does that surprise you? It's certainly surprising me! Mind you, that shouldn't stop me looking back. I recall that when we were living in Coventry I had a position (can't remember what it was) in the Green Lane Residents and Ratepayers Association as well as being a quietly firm supporter of Audrey Wise, who was our very left wing Labour MP, which did not go down too well with my fellow ratepayers, who were mainly true blue. On to SE Cornwall, wherein I did have a blue phase for a while, while Bob Hicks was our MP. I quite liked Bob, although I didn't go all the way with him, and I admired his electioneering prowess immensely. Anyway, my membership of the party lapsed (yes, Mike W had persuaded me to cough up!)

and I began to take an interest in the Cracked Pavement Party (aka LibDems). Barbara Spring was not happy at this less than polite description of the lot for whom she worked her socks off, but became a tad more relaxed when I began to make marginally supportive noises for Colin Breed. I still like good old Colin.

You have to understand, dear reader, that over the years the person has been more important to me than the party, the people more important than the politics.

Which is why in 2019 I voted for a retired senior naval officer and diplomat. Gareth the person just made more sense to me than the others.

Bob Munro



## Scotsman Steams through Saltash

Photo & Caption Bruce Hunt

The sight and sound of a powerful steam locomotive still cast their magic over all generations, as was proved again when hundreds lined Saltash station platforms and other vantage points to witness the Flying Scotsman as it steamed through town, saluting Trematon Castle on its way to Par.

The Flying Scotsman is regarded by many as the embodiment of Britain's Golden Age of steam-powered

engineering, and as the celebrity steam locomotive crossed over the Royal Albert Bridge spectators waved, photographed and wallowed in nostalgia for a bygone age of transport.

Built in 1923 for the London and North Eastern Railway, the iconic locomotive hauled the first non-stop London to Edinburgh service in 1928, and was the first engine to be recorded reaching 100mph. Since retirement, the Flying Scotsman has toured Australia and America, and this year is hauling special trains, such as the one that passed through Saltash, as part of a series of mainline steam tour dates

*Flying Scotsman just leaving Forder Viaduct with Trematon Castle in the background. Taken from Forder Creek near Anthony Passage.*

planned by the National Railway Museum for the locomotive's centenary celebrations.

Saltash Town Council opened up their refurbished station building (Isambard House) for the occasion, and did a brisk business selling hot drinks and pasties to enthusiasts, raising over £400 in donations for the Mayor's charities.

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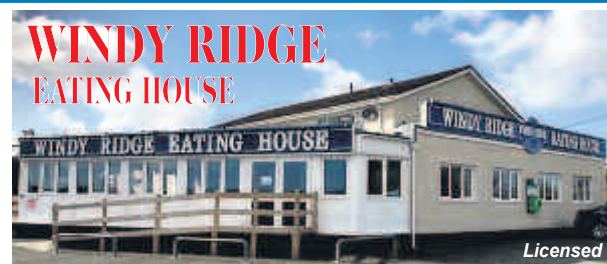
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