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Carkeel Roundabout Concerns Discussed with Highways England

The Carkeel roundabout "improvements" continue to cause concern to those who regularly cross it, and particularly concerns have been raised as to how it will cope with predicted major increases in traffic use.

Representatives from the contractors Cormac, from Highways England, and from the designers of the roundabout, were invited to meet with Saltash Town and Cornwall Councillors to hear of these concerns and put forward proposals to allay them.

There is in particular concern about the approach and entry from the south and confusion caused to those unfamiliar with the layout by the lack of traffic lights on the approach to the roundabout. Local councillors also urged the highway authorities to look into how road lane markings compare with overhead signs, given that traffic volume often obscures the road markings.

Traffic flow will increase considerably over the next few

months as cafe and shop units at the new Carkeel complex are opened, and more so again once the projected major housing development at Broadmoor opens up. Councillors in particular sought to hear from Highway's England as to how the intelligent/learning system was working out particularly regarding the southern approach, and requested suggestions as to how Highway's England believed this entrance to Cornwall could be marked.

It was confirmed that the intelligence data surveying usage of the roundabout is currently being examined and a further survey would be carried out in May when all shopping outlets at Carkeel should be open. The overhead

signage would be fully considered.

Concern was also expressed as the verges, described as a mess, unworthy of the Gateway to Cornwall and which should be cleared before Cormac formally hand the site back to Highways England. A maintenance area is planned for the roundabout centre and consideration is being given as to what else may be placed there. There were proposals that a sculpture or carving perhaps commemorating Cornwall's fishing or mining heritage, might be placed in the roundabout as a fitting Gateway to Cornwall, but currently it seems that safety considerations are likely to overrule this and a horizontal Cornish Cross seems a more likely option.



Four Men in a Boat

Four Super Fit Cornishmen Rowed Over 3,000 Miles Raising Over £90,000 for Charity

In 43 days, 4 super fit Cornishmen rowed over 3,000 miles from the Canaries to the Caribbean. In mid-February, when they made landfall in Antigua, they were the 11th to arrive out of 28 starters in the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge, raising over £90,000 for Children's Hospice South West and the Urology Foundation.

The Atlantic Seamen, based in Falmouth, used Carrick

Roads estuary mostly to train, but their longest practice row brought them up the Tamar to SALTASH last August, and subsequently on to the Observer's front page, as we gave them our support.

Recounting their epic journey, Andy Berry, a Truro estate agent, described the eventful crossing, encountering rough seas, 15-foot waves and some massive Atlantic storms. "We saw a lot of flying fish, a couple hit Alex in the head, and we had one day of buffeting headwinds when we rowed solidly for 8 hours in 2-man shifts, only to cover a mile and a half! Getting pushed backwards does make it demoralisingly difficult. A job lot of freeze-dried food sustained us; macaroni cheese was favourite, though we did take too many chicken tikka masalas," he admitted. "Training expeditions like the 24-hour Saltash trip paid hefty dividends."

A few days out, disaster struck bigtime when their battery failed, disabling the autohelm self-steering and threatening termination.

Frantic sat-phone calls to UK suppliers necessitated rewiring the whole boat, at sea, to combat corroded wires and solar panel connections. With only one person manning the oars, 5 days were lost. Speakers and phones were similarly affected in the sea air, plus, every few days, accumulating algae had to be removed from the underside of the boat.

But there were rewards too. Moments alone allowed Andy distant thoughts of his wife and 2 children, and appreciation of what a good life he has back home. Xmas day was also special and recognised... "we stopped, had a bite to eat, including Xmas cake, and a shot of port, and all called waiting partners on the sat-phone."

"And one specific, memorable night will never leave us," Andy poetically recalled. "John and I were rowing. We had Gracelands playing on the sound system... the night sky was quite dark, highlighting 3 or 4 shooting stars above a slate-grey sea, flat, like a millpond.

Phosphorescence was spectacularly showering off our dipping oars when, quite unexpectedly, a pod of 6 or 7 dolphins appeared off the port side, jumping beside the boat for over 2 hours... phenomenal!"

In the same excited breath, he described another very special moment, when, days later, a lone minke whale found them. "It was a rare sighting! It came from behind and stayed with us for 3 hours, obviously interested in our 7-metre boat, and at least 2 metres longer than us. Goggles in hand, John was first over the side; we all swam with it just a few feet away, as it dived repeatedly beneath the hull. Just so unforgettable!"

After 6 solitary weeks at sea, just sighting the occasional tanker, the welcome in Antigua's Falmouth Harbour was like an eruption. The Coastguard met us 3 miles out and we were escorted into Antigua by a flotilla of boats to an explosion of flares, horns, cheering and clapping from the rocky heights above, down to 200 people, family members included, cramming the dock.

And now the estate agent, the chef, the engineer and the GP are all back on English terra firma, each about 2 stones lighter, recovering from conditions like claw hand, tennis elbow and unmentionable blisters and soreness in their nether regions! Final comment from a proud but modest Andy, "I believe anybody could do what we did."

And there's a 'brilliant' boat currently up for sale - 4 careful previous male owners!
Ian Robinson.
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Rod Murrain

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FISH' Initiatives for Fore Street's Future

A new vision for the future of the town centre is the objective of a newly launched group including local businesspeople, councillors, and others concerned with the town's future prosperity.

"FISH", being "Future Initiatives for Saltash High Street", was formed as a result of a government scheme to offer £670 million of financial support for local initiatives to enhance and develop town centres across the country. There was local enthusiasm for Saltash to participate and schemes were being considered when it was advised that Cornwall Council

had decided to put forward just four towns for this. Since Cornwall would only select from those with a population of twenty thousand plus and Saltash is seventeen and a half thousand the town missed out.

Subsequently Saltash citizens looked at the Wilson Smith report and then invited Chamber of Commerce members, the town's Community Interest Company, Cornwall Ward Councillors, and Saltash Town Councillors to come together in order put forward a vision for Fore Street.

The initial meeting was positive, the acronym 'FISH' was chosen and it was agreed to limit the group to between twelve and fourteen members. The next stage was to be, to draw up terms of reference and plan for future action.

With the pattern of shopping changing drastically it is evident that all traditional town centres face challenging times. It is the objective of FISH to ensure that Saltash rises to the challenge and by this Autumn can put forward a positive vision for the town to ensure that the centre remains a vibrant hub which continues to attract residents and visitors, and that a funding package can be put forward to attract inward investment where required.

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Cemetery Wall Made Safe

The crumbling and dangerous wall dividing the St. Stephens Church cemetery from the adjacent lane has been made safe.

Farm Lane, alongside the wall, is a popular walking route for families and individuals en route to the scenic Churchtown Farm nature reserve.

For some years the wall has been undermined by badgers and rats, causing concern as to a possible fall. Now that work is complete there are plans to possibly landscape it with a colourful display of flowering bulbs.

Mayoral Civic Service

The Mayor and Mayoress of Saltash will be attending the town's Annual Civic Service on Sunday 7th April at 3 p.m. It will be held in the ancient church of St. Nicholas and St. Faith, adjacent to the Guildhall.

The church had the unique distinction of belonging to the Mayor and Corporation of Saltash until 1924, even after becoming a parish church in 1881, and has a long tradition of association with the borough's civic heads.

All are welcome to join with the Mayor and Mayoress, Councillors and invited civic dignitaries at this year's service.

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Carkeel Opening Will Release Quarter of a Million

The opening of the first shops at the new Carkeel shopping complex, will automatically trigger the release of £256,000 to the town by way of 'Section 106' monies. This is likely to take place in late March when the Costa and McDonalds food and drink outlets open, prior to the stores opening some weeks later.

The town then has to decide how this quarter of a million pounds from developers QUORA can best be spent on boosting the local economy.

This sum is in addition to £48,000 to be specifically for improving the footpath and cycleway facilities in the Carkeel neighbourhood.

The developers, QUORA, have also agreed to pay for and supply a board promoting the town and encouraging those calling at Carkeel to visit the Saltash town centre, and to provide another sign promoting the town by the slipway adjacent to the Tamar Bridge.

Starting on the Station

The long awaited contract has now been fully perused and signed and Saltash station building, now re-acquired for the town, handed over to the appointed contractors. Cormac, who were chosen as the preferred bidders, were due to take over the station site on 4th March, with scaffolding to go up shortly thereafter and work due to commence around 18th March. The timescale for completion of phase one is twenty-two weeks. By late summer the Victorian building should therefore once again be open to offer comfortable waiting facilities for train passengers, together with toilets and hopefully light refreshments for passengers and for those coming to view the iconic bridge alongside.

By then it is hoped plans and funding should be well under way with regard to phase two of the restoration and how best the rest of the building can be used as a facility for the town and a possible source of revenue.

Saltash Now Owns its Library

Saltash now owns its own public library. Following lengthy negotiations with Cornwall Council officers in order to ensure the best deal for the town, the building was formally signed over to the town in February with the Town Council taking over ownership from 1st March.

It was part of the agreement that Cornwall Council cover the cost of remedial work to the building to ensure that it is in good condition at the takeover.

The library will continue to operate as before with no immediate plans for change of opening hours, though Councillors will in due course be seeking local opinion as to what hours would best suit would-be users of the library in order to provide the ratepayers the best service.

There will also be considered discussion as to how the town can best use the building with its various offices and mezzanine floor. Advertisements have been placed for library staff.

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Mayoral Points of View

Dear Resident,

As we move inexorably towards the end of my Mayoral year, I would like to share a number of thoughts with you in this viewpoint. Your Council will be approving new committee structure in March which will hopefully speed up decision making and make for a better business approach. Part of these changes affect the Mayoral position in that they will make the Mayors presence more impartial.

This is in my view, is where we have a conundrum? At present the Mayor has 2 roles, as the Mayor, on election becomes

Chairman of Council, and takes on the Ceremonial role. So, effectively the adopted committee structure changes reduces any executive role for the Mayor, thus leading to controversy and no continuity Year on Year.

In 2014 I suggested to the then Saltash Town Council that the Council Chairpersons role should be separated from the Mayors role and should be a separate elected role at the start of a new Council cycle.

Why?

The current system involves, through custom and practice, the Mayor gets involved in the business of Council on a day to day basis. This year, and I freely admit, some of my decisions have been challenged and have led to some considerable controversy causing bad press and court challenge.

I believe, with the Town expecting to grow in population by 2030, the work of the Council and its budget, will increase making the workload of the Mayor becoming unbearable especially if they are holding down a job. Remember, the role of a Town Councillor is unpaid.

I hope, by this viewpoint I have shared a view which will along with the committee structure changes show you, our Residents, your Council are looking to the future, providing best practice and value for money.

I have not shared this viewpoint with our current Councillors.

Yours Sincerely
John Brady
Mayor of Saltash



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Chamber Chairman Peter Ryland – Keeping us Updated

At our February meeting, Craig Taylor the Cornwall Council Parking Officer came along to give the members a talk on the Positive Parking Framework which is going to be introduced on all pay and display car parks throughout the County. It will be a gradual process over the next 2 years but the proposal is for pay on exit which enables users to be able to dwell in the town rather than having to rush back to their cars because their time is up on the ticket.

Another advantage of the scheme will be that the new machines will enable the business community to refund part of the cost of parking with shop purchases so the Chamber members are already considering how this can be adopted to try and encourage trade in the town.

As I mentioned last month the Community Enterprises is also relaunching the Saltash Card in the near future so potentially double benefit to the Saltash/PL12 community.

By the time this article has been published the Chamber will have had its March meeting where we are having a presentation from Community Led Local Development (CLLD) on funding opportunities for business and projects and this could also lead to ideas coming forward to benefit PL12.

I also attended a meeting during the month instigated by the Mayor to open discussions on how to make Fore Street viable for the next 20/30 years. There was a report 10 years ago relating to the options but, although some of the smaller ideas therein have been achieved, the concepts therein were

never pursued because the global market took a downturn and the financial opportunities were not available but the meeting also considered whether some of these ideas were right to bring forward now. Further meetings are planned.

A reconvened 'Safer Saltash' meeting also took place where we try to evolve policies/ideas/

concepts to make Saltash a safer place to live, work and shop.

Finally, I carried out a further site visit to the retail development on Gilston Road which is nearing completion and the first units should be open shortly, after fit out. It is likely that McDonalds and Costa will be first with the Sue Ryder Charity shop and Iceland (trading as The Food Warehouse) being next and Home Bargains will be the last to open.

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Saltash Library Secured Under New Partnership

The future of Saltash Library and Information Service has been safeguarded after being transferred to Saltash Town Council on March 1 as part of a new agreement with Cornwall Council.

The arrangement, which is part of Cornwall Council's devolution programme, means the building on Callington Road will continue to provide all the key services essential to a modern library as well as access to a range of Council services.

Saltash Library is remaining part of the countywide service meaning customers will keep their existing library cards and can still visit, borrow and order books online from other libraries in Cornwall."

The Chairman of the Town Council Library Sub Committee, Cllr Dent said:

"Saltash Town Council is looking forward to working with the library staff to continue their great work for the people of Saltash. The building will have some work done on it and we intend to support all the current activities. As a Council we look forward to a bright and happy future for our library."

Edwina Hannaford, Cornwall Council Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, explained that in these challenging financial times, Cornwall Council - like all local authorities throughout the UK - has had some tough decisions to make when faced

with massive cuts in funding from central Government.

Cllr Hannaford said: "We are delighted that Saltash Library and Information Service has been secured for the community and many more generations of library users will be able to benefit from all it has to offer.

"Libraries are important to our residents and this is why we have been working closely with Saltash Town Council to secure the future of the town's library. The town council's proactive approach to taking more control over local assets is an excellent example of devolution in action, and I commend them for the excellent service they are providing to their community.

Positive Parking Policy Outlined to Chamber

Paying for parking at an exit barrier, instead of in advance by meter, is being introduced to twelve car parks in Cornwall this spring and may be extended to Saltash if it proves successful.

Cornwall's Positive Parking framework was described by Cornwall Parking Officer Craig Taylor to local businesspeople at the town's Chamber of Commerce and Industry's monthly meeting. With almost £17 million per year income anticipated from parking revenue it is a vital source of income towards the highways budget.

The positive parking framework is aimed to manage Cornwall's car parking against objectives

supporting the economy, the environment and our communities. Four key elements being examined are enforcement, technology, assets and tariffs.

Introduction of pay on exit in towns such as Saltash encourages customers to spend all the time that they want in a town with no concern over hurrying back to avoid penalty payment. It has been shown thus to benefit local businesses as well as boosting parking income at an average of 15%.

There has been no price rises since 2015 save in five major towns, advised Mr. Taylor, and no increase for Saltash is planned. However tariff banding is being considered for April 2020, with season tickets being valid Cornwall wide. Season tickets are being promoted while a reserved spaces policy is in current consultation.

The concept of a cheap rate for the first hour or two hours is open to debate with local towns provided that a steep increase thereafter will ensure the overall income remains unaltered.

Cornwall is also working on local businesses being able to refund parking fees. This could be done by means of an app, with businesses giving codes to customers in exchange for a share of parking charges. However Cornwall are willing to work with the 'double ticket' scheme of refunds by selected shops as previously practiced in Saltash.

Meanwhile, in reply to direct questioning it was confirmed that motorists will not be penalised for not paying when, as has happened recently in the town, no available meter is working.

"We want our car parks to help people access where they want to go, support the economy of our towns and villages, manage traffic and be run as efficiently as possible, while also considering air quality management," the Cornwall parking framework policy concludes.

Let There Be More Light

Improved street lighting for Lower Fore Street is to be sought, with the Chairman of the town's services committee to liaise with Cornwall Council on extra provision.

Lighting at the Guide Hut car park, by Warfelton Field, is also to be requested, as is improved lighting at The Gallops in Pillmere.

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This week I attended Full Council at Truro where, after months of consultation and receiving feedback from over 80,000 residents, Cornwall Council reluctantly agreed to increase its portion of Council Tax by 3.99%. Adult Social Care gets 2%, ring-fenced to directly support the most vulnerable in Cornwall. The remaining 1.99% is divided between all of the other services that the Council provides. It means that those living in a band B property will pay an extra 88p a week for a budget that protects front-line services, which includes Adult Social Care which accounts for 25% of Cornwall Council's budget and Children and Young People which takes up another 23%. This is less than the maximum increase that the council was allowed to levy, but I recognise that many residents are struggling to pay their bills. It is a much smaller increase than other contributors to Council Tax, such as the Police.

The Full Council meeting also saw the adoption of new council tax rules. From April, we will be able to charge 200% council tax on properties that have been empty for more than two years. Next year we will also be able to charge 300% for properties that have been empty for more than 5 years and the year after will be able to charge 400% on properties

that have been empty for more than 10 years. I really hope this pushes owners of these empty homes to make sure there are less empty homes and more places to live for local residents.

I also attended a meeting to discuss the issues on Carkeel roundabout. Cornwall Council are monitoring traffic on the roundabout and all routes leading up to it using traffic counters and cameras. Queues on Callington Road are monitored and the traffic turning right onto Callington Road from Gilston Rd is being watched very closely; this will continue when the new shops are opened just off the roundabout.

As a parent with young children it was fantastic to see a presentation from six children in 'year 2' from the local primary school to a recent meeting of the Cornwall Gateway Community Network Panel in Torpoint. They explained to all of the Parish and Cornwall Councillors how they were helping to make Torpoint plastic free. They have already convinced their town council to be the second plastic free town in Cornwall behind Penzance. They really did manage to drive home that the use of single use plastic needs to stop. Cornwall Council have already committed to being plastic free within its buildings, and also declaring a climate emergency in January and committing to being carbon neutral by 2030. I am proud to say the council is taking a leading role on the environment.

It's been a very busy week and I've only been able to write about a few of the things that are happening. Life can be hectic sometimes but I am glad to have the opportunity to be able to make a difference in Saltash



The Renovation, Due to Arrive at This Station

Photo Ian Robinson

Peeling plaster and rotting lathes of wood separate the former booking office and waiting rooms where crowds of commuters, largely dockyardies and schoolchildren, gathered to await the "Saltash Motor" train at what was the busiest station in Cornwall during the 1950's.

Now shards of light breaking through the roof illuminate the gaps in the floorboards and an odour of damp and decay is contained by the boarded up windows.

Yet the walls of the Victorian railway station remain solid and as one enters it there is a curious Tardis like effect, the illusion of the interior being far larger than the outside walls suggest.

I was invited to inspect the building, together with Councillor Richard Bickford, who has been prominent in negotiations for the town's acquisition of the station building and with Richard Daden, Cormac contractors'

site manager, on the day on which the contracts was to be signed for the long awaited renovations to commence.

By late summer the interior will be unrecognisable, restored to its former glory as the Great Western's Railway Gateway to Cornwall, welcoming passengers who will benefit from the enhanced regular train stopping service later this year and hopefully becoming a visitor attraction for the town in its own right.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I write on behalf of the Saltash & District Branch of the Royal British Legion to thank the people of Saltash and surrounding district for their continued support of the Poppy Appeal. The total to date is circa £25,000.00, a phenomenal increase on the previous year; partly due I think to the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day (11.11.11).

It is also good to note that the complaint against the Branch President and Chairman by Cllr. Brady was NOT upheld.

Yours sincerely,
Bill Dent
Poppy Appeal Organiser
Saltash & District
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Letter to the Editor

Dear Mary

Further to the article in your February edition titled "Trematon WI" I would like you to note that the speaker named as Dr Jonathan Clarke DC is not and has never been a medically qualified doctor and therefore not recognised or regulated by the BMC (British Medical Council). His use of the title "Doctor" is as a courtesy title only, and therefore misleading to the general public.

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Spotlight on Cornwall Councillors in SE Cornwall...

The Man Engine striding across Cornwall to celebrate Cornish mining heritage, the batik flags that welcomed the Olympic Torch in Saltash and the Essa Wassail that is sung to ward off evil spirits at the Kalan Gwav Festival on Warfelton each year - all these projects are linked not only by vibrant community spirit but also by funding from Arts Council England.

As well as fostering a strong sense of community, culture and the creative industries are also of significant economic importance to Cornwall - as an employment sector, a driver of innovation and as part of its tourist offer. In recognition of this, Cornwall Council established the Cornwall Cultural Investment Board to bring the main cultural sector funders together. Through the Board, Cornwall Council has managed to secure over £110 million of investment in to Cornwall's culture and heritage, and has succeeded in raising the profile of Cornwall with national bodies. On a visit to Cornwall last month, Darren Henley, CEO of Arts Council England said: "Cornwall has a very special cultural identity, as well as an abundance of cultural riches. It's an important place for us at Arts Council England and we're proud of our track record of investment and partnership working in the county."



Jewels in the Cornish Cultural Crown

Mr. Henley came to the Hall for Cornwall in Truro with colleagues from Arts Council England to sign a Memorandum of Understanding, the first of its kind in the UK, with Cornwall Council, the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership, the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Historic England. The Memorandum is a recognition by national arts and economic bodies of the importance to residents and businesses of Cornish culture, heritage and the arts, and represents a commitment to continue to work closely together, promoting Cornwall's distinct identity and developing sustainable ways to support the growth of Cornwall's creative industries. The creative and cultural sectors in Saltash play a vibrant in this; the Saltash Heritage Museum, the festivals, the performing arts groups and the artists of Saltash are all jewels in the Cornish cultural crown.

Saltash Card to be Re-Launch

The 'Saltash Card', which entitles its holder to a variety of discounts in shops and businesses around the town, is being re-launched by Community Enterprise PL12.

As well as benefitting the Saltash shopper the card, it is believed, reinforces the importance of what is an offer in the town in general and Fore Street in particular. The Community Interest group considers that while discounts at shops are an important aspect of the card, they hope to create a wider understanding of the benefits of promoting the card among the non-retail businesses which operate in the town centre. It is intended to call on all local businesses and offer advice as to how they could benefit from involvement with the Saltash Card Scheme.

The new card should be in place and formal re-launch announced by the time of the town's May Fair.

Carkeel Stores to Open in March

Work at the Carkeel Gateway retail park is on schedule with the first of its shops due to open later this month.

The McDonalds and Costa franchise are set to be the first to seek to attract passing trade from the A38, opening during the third week of March.

The two major retail units, Home Bargains and Iceland are set to be completed and opening between two and three months later.

The third retail unit has now been taken and will be a charity shop operated by the Sue Ryder foundation.

Council Meeting on Camera

Following discussion on the recording and broadcasting of Town Council meetings it was decided last October that Councillor Jean Dent should prepare a report on the suitability of the zoom Q2N camera for the council chamber.

As a result of her report it was decided to purchase the camera at a cost of up to £150 and subsequent to trial, report back on it to the town's policy and resources committee.

Valentine's Ride of Sunshine and Surprises

A Valentine's Day ride around Dartmoor proved 'really wonderful, truly unforgettable', decided the passengers who set off on the Saltash Hopper Bus Valentine's Day Mystery Tour.

They joined to present their driver Ian with a card to thank him for the lovely surprise of receiving all the little treats as they progressed across a Dartmoor bathed in early spring sunshine, concluding with luscious little cakes.

'You all made our day very special' the thank you card concluded.

Frequent Trains to Serve Saltash

Regular trains twice an hour into Cornwall and to Plymouth are due to stop at Saltash later this year.

The increased service for stopping trains through Cornwall was promised from December 2018. After attempts to bring in new timetables in Northern England last year proved disastrous the improvements were postponed.

Now it is planned that the stopping service from Saltash will be improved when new timetables come into force in May, with the regular half hourly service in each direction effective from December this year.

The introduction of new trains for intercity services will free up the 125 units still being used for long distance trains for local services through Cornwall.

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Traditional Prawn Cocktail & brown bread

Homemade Chicken Liver Pate with rosemary, thyme, garlic, port & ciabatta toasts

Barbecue & Honey Belly Pork Bites with red onion chutney, pea shoots & cucumber

Main Course

Roast Leg of Lamb with roast potatoes, honey parsnips, apricot & rosemary stuffing, served with buttered vegetables

Roast Topside of Beef, with roast potatoes, honey parsnips, Yorkshire pudding, & buttered vegetables

Pan Fried Seabass on roasted red pepper and basil risotto, served with wilted spinach

Chicken Supreme wrapped in Parma ham with lemon & thyme baby potatoes, stir fried brussels & red wine demi-glace

Mushroom Panzerotti & Spinach in a creamy wild mushroom & tarragon sauce with garlic bread

Desserts

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Sunday 31st March 2019

— Menu —

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- 1 In which fictional land was it always Winter? (6)
- 2 The River Tagus runs through which European capital City? (6)
- 3 What name is given to the major Blood vessel? (5)
- 4 Ventriloquist Terry Hall found fame with a Puppet Lion called what? (5)
- 5 Which musical term means "at a walking pace"? (7)
- 6 Which Group became infamous in the early 19th century for destroying industrial machinery? (8)
- 7 Which is the Queen's only private Royal residence? (11)
- 8 If a dish is served "a la Florentine" It would include which Vegetable? (7)
- 9 Which is the only venomous Snake to be found in the United Kingdom? (5)

Answers on Page 7

**Bigger Bus
Stop Sought**

With the increased number of buses serving the town these are often two, sometimes three, buses waiting to unload and collect passengers at the stop by the Co-op at the foot of Fore Street. Given the limited capacity of the bus bay this often results in buses blocking the street to other traffic while waiting to get into the bay, causing traffic delays.

Saltash's services committee is seeking to have Cornwall Council extend the bus bay to allow greater capacity and improve traffic flow.

**Daffodils &
Bluebells**

At a recent Saltash Town Council Burial Board meeting, it was resolved that daffodils, bluebells and snowdrops were to be planted by a team of volunteers at St. Stephen's Cemetery. This was to be funded by the WW1 Federation.

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Press Notice

LICENSING ACT 2003

I Daniel Cox give notice that I have applied to Cornwall Council as Licensing Authority for the grant of a Premises License in respect of Crocadon, Crocadon Farm, St Mellion, Saltash PL12 6RL

The application is to:
Apply for the following Licensable Activities:

Live Music, Recorded Music, Late Night Refreshment and Sale by Retail of Alcohol

A responsible authority or other person wishing to make representations to this application may do so in writing to Cornwall Council Licensing (East), Chy Trevail, Beacon Technology Park, Bodmin PL312FR or email licensing@cornwall.gov.uk not later than 20th March 2019.

A record of the application can be viewed at Licensing Authority's address Monday to Friday (except Bank Holidays) during normal office hours. Alternatively, please telephone 0300 1234 212

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:
Daniel Cox (applicant)
Dated: 20 February 2019

Press Notice

LICENSING ACT 2003

I Lisa Watson give notice that I have applied to Cornwall Council as Licensing Authority for the grant of a Premises Licence in respect of Glow Lash and Brow Bar, 6 Lower Fore Street, Saltash, PL12 6JX

The application is to:
Supply alcohol Monday to Sunday 09:00 – 22:00

A responsible authority or other person wishing to make representations to this application may do so by writing to East Licensing, Cornwall Council, Chy Trevail, Beacon Technology Park, Bodmin, PL31 2FR or email licensing@cornwall.gov.uk not later than **28th March 2019**

A record of the application can be viewed at the Licensing Authority's address Monday to Friday (except Bank Holidays) during normal office hours. Alternatively please telephone 0300 1234 212.

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:
Lisa Watson (Applicant)
Dated: 26 February 2019

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Last month was an unusual month. It started with a really bad cold snap where people were getting stuck on the roads. I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to the staff and owners of the Jamaica Inn who provided refuge and hospitality for stranded motorists on the A30. It ended with the warmest February days on record and the beaches being well used for the first time this year.

**SHERYLL
MURRAY
MP
WRITES...**



Last Saturday the Executive of South East Cornwall Conservative Association met and I am honoured that they endorsed me as the next Conservative Candidate who will stand for the Constituency at the next General Election by a unanimous vote. It is a real privilege to be able to represent my Home Constituency and I will continue to do my best to represent the interests of South East Cornwall in Westminster.

I was delighted to join fellow Cornwall MPs and Police and Crime Commissioner, Alison Hernandez at the Bodmin Police Headquarters last Friday for the swearing in of the EIGHT new tri-service safety officers. It was good to hear from these new officers about their training with the Police, Ambulance Service and Fire Service and how they were looking forward to getting out and about in the local communities where they will be based. It is reassuring that 40% of the new Officers are based in South East Cornwall.

It was also good to welcome the Defence Secretary and Home Secretary to the South West Conservative Conference in Plymouth last month. The defence Secretary, Gavin Williamson, outlined the importance of the South West to the UK Defence Industry and the Home Secretary, Sajid Javid, provided reassurance about schemes to allow EU workers continue to be permitted to stay in the UK after we leave the European Union.

It is clearly a very busy time in Westminster as we move forward towards Brexit. It is planned that we leave the European Union this month. I hope that the EU will take this last opportunity to realise that we are not going to be tied into a backstop indefinitely and that they are willing to make a deal on this point. We need to make a final decision and move the country forward.

It has not been all Brexit. I was pleased to hold a debate in Westminster Hall on Deep Sea Mining. In 2013/14 I took through the Deep Sea Mining Bill and it became law in 2014. The Act enabled the deep sea mining sector to be regulated in a modern way and aimed to prevent damage to the

environment. I was pleased to give Minister Claire Perry an update on the industry and how this law is being used in practice.

I was concerned about the news that Callington was being used by drugs gangs who come from outside our area. I asked the Home Secretary what more could be done to combat this crime. The Home Secretary reported that these so called County Lines now have national co-ordination with £3.6million funding and in two separate weeks of activities there had been over 1,000 arrests and 1,300 young people safeguarded.

I am pleased that the Transport Secretary has announced funding for the next phase of protection to the sea wall at Dawlish, which is vital for connecting homes and businesses in the South West. This provides a further £80 million to deliver protection for the sea wall at Dawlish, making it higher and more resilient to the impact of waves. This will help ensure the serious damage and disruption seen during storms in 2014 is not repeated. Work on the new sea wall will begin in the spring and is expected to be finished by 2021.


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In Response to Mayoress's Chain
Observer February 2019

I refer to the article regarding the Mayoress's Chain featured on the front page of the February issue of the Saltash Observer. I wish therefore to respond accordingly, as I was at the meetings where the change of use of the Mayoress's Chain was mentioned and or discussed.

When the topic of the Mayoress's chain was first brought to Council (April 2016) there was no advanced report made available (which is customary). The agenda item simply said 'Civic Regalia' with the Councillor's name beside the topic.

After a very long Council meeting, the Council was asked its opinion regarding the Consort wearing the Mayoress's Chain, instead of the dedicated Consort's medallion which was kindly donated almost 32 years ago by the late Mayor and Consort of Saltash, Marjorie and Ben Schikowsky. There was very little (if any) debate and Council did not agree or disagree to its change of use; consequently it was nodded on following another Councillor's suggestion to leave the wearing of the Mayoress's Chain by the Consort up to the Mayor Elect and future incumbent Mayors to decide, albeit it was not

voted upon.

The very next day, I felt as a Council we had not done this very important and historic matter justice, and sent an email to that affect to all Councillors stating this. Some Councillors called for this item to be further discussed, with the benefit of requesting a full report; this was not taken up at the time, as it was just a few weeks away from the Mayor elect's inauguration in May 2016, so no time to overturn those discussions.

Consequently the new Mayor's Consort of 2016 wore the Mayoress's Chain and was worn in accordance with the newly resolved Policy for the ensuing year.

Mr John Hooper who objected to any Consort wearing the Mayoress's Chain (instead of the Consort's adopted Medallion) but had honoured that Council did not object/or approve of the Mayoress's Chain being worn. Mr Hooper waited until the end of their year before he raised the subject appropriately at a Saltash Town Council.

Mr Hooper (a local well respected author on local history and a past Consort to his wife Sue on four different occasions) and had great interest in the history of Saltash including its historic regalia was also approached by several former Mayors, Mayoress's, Consorts, and Town Freemen, conveying their objection to the situation, and asked if this Policy could be reviewed after

the passing year with the benefit of hindsight and historic information. In addition, there were residents, local businesses, living families and descendants of Mayors/Mayoress's/Consorts alike, who felt very uncomfortable with breaking with historic tradition of over 100 years of the Mayoress's Chain; and 32 years of the Consorts Medallion being presented to Saltash via the Ancient Borough and Town Councils.

I was present as a Councillor when Mr Hooper, and many of the aforementioned decided that they would approach Saltash Town Council, together (many spoke) with a comprehensive history of both the Mayoress's Chain and the Consort's medallion to seek reversal of breaking with historic tradition and heritage. They also referred to Saltash Council's own website and tourist leaflets informing communities of the uniqueness of the Mayoress's chain built specifically for the Mayoress of Saltash, and paid for by the incumbent Mayors/Mayoress's at that time.

Reports were produced for Council by some of the above-indicated people for discussion and there were counter discussion reports too from a few members of the new Council. Ultimately, the matter came to a conclusion with the formation and recommendation to full Council of a working group

made up equally of elected and non-elected members of the Saltash community (14 in all). It was that working group chaired by a Councillor that recommended to full Council that the incumbent Mayoress /Consort should wear the Consort's badge of office and that the Mayoress Chain would be publicly displayed along with other historic relics. This process is very much in operation and the working group made up of Councillors, which three are past Mayors, have been working hard to bring this public display into the Guildhall this year. This has followed positive meetings of the group.

I sincerely hope that my letter to the Editor counter balances the report on page 1 of the Saltash Observer, which I felt necessary in the interest of clarity, fairness, openness and transparency.

It is fair to say that I have been in conversation with past Councillors, Mayors and Consorts and their account of what happened in 2016 and during that time at meetings have also been used in this letter.

This letter has been sent in advance to all Saltash Town Councillors, Mr & Mrs Hooper and the Town Clerk for their information.

On Saturday 16th February several SEA members and their families took part in the Extinction Rebellion Climate Emergency march in Looe. This was another event drawing attention to the extreme urgency for action on climate change.

About 100 people of all ages attended, and it took the form of a funeral procession to mourn the extinction of many species, and also those which will become extinct in the future.

A coffin was carried and people wore funereal clothes. The march also raised awareness of other aspects of global warming, and demonstrated the rise in the sea level in Looe which will happen unless urgent action is taken. The level was above the level of the entrances to all the buildings in Fore street, and therefore the street would be uninhabitable.

A choir sang a very evocative song, poems were read and speeches were made. There was a call to "Wake Up Westminster!"



The traffic was held up for several minutes but the majority of motorists were tolerant, and many accepted leaflets.

An eleven minute silence

was kept to emphasize that we only have eleven years to turn climate warming around to avoid catastrophe.

It was a powerful but peaceful event.

Essa Files

As regular readers of my musings will be aware I am a big fan of travelling: as an experience, as a change of scene, and as a broadener of the mind. This half term though my travels were a little more of a change of scene, experience and mind broadening than usual, as I was engaged by the exam board, for whom I do writing and marking work, to deliver some training in 'how to teach the new A Level Politics course'. In Lahore, Pakistan.

Now in case of you are immediately concerned for my safety, having read perhaps of the recent increased tension between India and Pakistan over Kashmir, then rest assured that I was extremely safe, not least because of the security measures my company took of the level normally reserved for visiting dignitaries. I was collected at the airport by a close protection officer (dropped directly to the hotel inside a compound equipped with armed guards, barbed wire, and watch towers (and strictly instructed not to leave the hotel: if for example I needed an aspirin I should phone the 24 hour company helpline and someone would bring it to me (I just about avoided needing a motorcade but (no joke it was a close

run thing.

What struck me though was, security aside, how 'normal' everything was about the training session I delivered: the teachers had the same priorities (their students and the same frustrations (government requirements, lack of time as you'd find in the UK. From the sample work they showed me they also clearly had students at least as bright as the best I teach. This struck a chord with me because it reinforced my irritation at the sense of entitlement I see too often in the UK from those who seem to see the wealth and opportunities we enjoy as our birth-right, and to object vociferously to the idea that people not from this country might also want access to them. It's very unlikely that the teachers I taught will have the same opportunities I get, or that most of their students, however gifted and hard-working, will be able access the same kind of lifestyle we take for granted over here.

Is that because we 'deserve' it Clearly not, we just got lucky. 'I worked hard for my money' is a common refrain for those who object to paying a little more tax, or supporting overseas aid, or increasing benefits to a level where people can live above the poverty line. This may well be true, but it's arrogant and lacking empathy in its failure to understand that so many people around the world work just as hard or harder for much much less.

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Fri 19th - Sat 20th & Sun 21st April 2019

Saltash Social Club

Prepare to Celebrate the Centennial Year in Style!



Good Friday Friday 19th April - Main Hall...

Real Ale Night – offering a Choice of 6 Real Ales & 1 Cider
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From Early Evening Enjoy - Karaoke & Disco with Vince/Kaz

Easter Saturday

Saturday 20th April...For the Kids

Free Entry for Everyone...

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Saturday 20th April

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6pm - 7.30pm ish Vince Lee * 7.30pm ish 9pm Livewire

9pm Whisky Falls * Last Orders at the Bar 11.30pm

Sunday 21st April

Natural Harmony Duo

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Inflatable Fair Coming To Town

Saltash is set to host an Inflatable Fair on Warfelton Field this summer with a host of child friendly attractions.

The two day event will be based around bouncy castles, slides and soft play areas, with Micky and Minnie Mouse expected to pay a visit.

The event is being publicised on facebook and has already attracted over a thousand facebook fans who have shown interest. There will also be food and drink, face painting and a special area set aside for under fives with age related play equipment. The event is planned for 1st and 2nd of June.

Saltash Aims To Recycle Cigarettes

Saltash Environmental Action with the support of the Town Council is intending to introduce the recycling of cigarette waste to the town. The Town Council is to establish a working party to assist SEA with establishing such a scheme.

A national company, Terra Cycle, can arrange to collect all cigarette related material dropped in the road and pavement, and claims to be able to recycle everything except the packet, which goes into cardboard recycling.

Registration Office Welcome to Remain

The registration office is a useful facility for Saltash and should be encouraged to remain in its current premises within the library building the town's library sub-committee has agreed.

A 'letter of comfort' has been sent confirming that, following the town council's taking over of the library from Cornwall Council, the registration office can remain there for at least twelve months, paying just one per cent of the building's utilities account.

New Two Thousand Square Foot Showroom for...

Plymouth Garden Machinery

With the days lengthening and the promise of gardens bursting with spring growth, now is the ideal time to ensure that the all important garden machinery is ready to ensure an enjoyable new season in the garden.

A business with roots going back for 30 years, Plymouth Garden Machinery, has recently expanded into adjoining premises where its two thousand square foot showroom offers the opportunity to display the widest range of equipment suitable for gardens of all sizes, while the adjacent workshop is equipped for its expert team to service and repair all models.

There is an extensive range of mowers, battery, electric

and petrol, including the latest amazing robotic mowers. Plymouth Garden Machinery, established in the 1980's and under its current ownership since 2012, is proud of its team of experts who are happy to offer professional advice on the ideal machine for individual use. Many leading makes of mower are in stock, including Mountfield, Atco, Husqvarna and Countax, any model not available from stock can be obtained usually within forty-eight hours. Purchasing personally from a specialist guarantees that all equipment is checked and set up before being delivered, and that customers are made fully aware of how to use new equipment. From small hover mowers to ride-ons and the robotic machines, which are

fascinating to watch as they work out their routing across up to 5000 square metres of lawn, mulching and depositing cuttings and returning to recharge, full training is given to ensure customers' satisfaction.

Alongside the mowers there is also a wide range of brush cutters, chainsaws, hedge trimmers, also including all top names, together with accessories, protective equipment, oils and fuels.

Ensuring that equipment remains in best condition, the service and repair team is happy to work on all machines whether or not purchased in store. Proving especially popular last season were the Saturday morning garden machinery 'Surgeries' when often repairs could be carried out while you wait.

While regular servicing is recommended advice is given on how best to utilise equipment in order to minimise the need for servicing.

The Plymouth Garden Machinery team is now ready and eager to welcome customers to their expanded premises and to build upon their reputation as one of the region's leading specialists. Their customer base continues to grow as their delivery area covers a widening area including South East Cornwall and beyond. It is also well worth enquiring as to part exchange and the range of good quality used equipment on offer.

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