

# RECYCLING CHANGES TACKLE TEETHING TROUBLES

The sidewalks of Saltash were ablaze with colour as residents struggled to work out which of the various colour coded bags and bins were for which variety of recycling.

The new scheme which is County-wide is expected to save council taxpayers £4 million in the first year of operation in contrast to following the various arrangements of defunct district councils.

However, so many confusions have been caused that an extra 28 receptionists have been drafted in to Cornwall Council call centres specifically to handle recycling and "rubbish" calls, added to the sixty or so already so employed.

The initial teething problems, Saltash Town Council was advised by their

CARLTON PLASTICS Windows, Doors, Soffits & Gutterings www.carltonplatics.net County Councillors, result from the new vehicles being utilised and which require a specific licence. Most existing licence holders come from the former Carrick District of Cornwall which was operating a similar scheme, highly successfully Councillors were told, for many years. The Carrick drivers however, were unfamiliar with local roads and it might take them several collections to get used to them. New regulations. Councillors were told, require householders to place bags for collection on the pavement or within a limited number of paces inside their property or they will not be collected. Special arrangements can be made for those physically

collection but they must request these to be made. Immediate concerns over the new recycling arrangements included those over storage of the new bags

unable to put their bags out for

and bins for residents living in smaller properties, and the weight of the box. Concerns over general rubbish reflected the new requirement that it be put out by 7 am. This effectively means that black bin bags must be placed in front of homes for collection the previous evening, ready to be opened by seagulls, cats and foxes, with rubbish strewn over the pavements before the bags are collected.

It was also noted with disgust that litter bins and worse, 'dog poo' bins were not being emptied and that several weeks worth of malodorous refuse was piling up in and alongside them. Local householders are

Local nousenoiders are assured that once the new system has settled into place they will be as satisfied as Carrick residents have been during the years that it has operated in that district of Cornwall.



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## Town Centre Targeted for Tesco Funding

Any moneys allocated to Saltash from Tesco as a condition for granting planning permission for a supermarket at Carkeel should be prioritised for Town Centre regeneration. The other main priority should be employment space, while a small part might be put aside for other

community purposes. This, Saltash Town Councillors, decided, would be their reply to Cornwall Council as to how any "Section 106" money, ordered to be paid as a prerequisite for planning permission, should be utilised. They emphasised

however, that there is no current planning application from Tesco under consideration. and that their views were without prejudice to any such planning application if and when submitted.

Previously moneys paid by Waitrose upon granting of permission for a supermarket extension were allocated entirely to Town Centre regeneration.

Accordingly, monies subsequently paid by Lidl's when they were allowed to build at Carkeel were distributed 70% to Town Centre regeneration and the remainder equally divided between employment space and other community benefits.

It was also emphasised that the monies would not be likely to come direct to the Town Council but to regeneration agencies who could submit bids for it for community benefit.

Olympic records are expected to be broken in Britain this summer, and Saltash is set to achieve its own record-breaking experience with public support from young and old.

Tai Chi is the non-contact martial art recommended for all ages as an ideal exercise and relaxant. Children and teenagers share this activity with senior citizens in retirement homes. It is publicly practised in profusion in China, but there is no record for a mass Tai Chi lesson. Or not as yet......

It is hoped that with the hundreds of Saltash residents of all ages out to enjoy the fun-packed Saturday of the Olympic Torch Relay, plus hundreds more coming to share the fun from towns through which the Relay will not pass, a thousand or so adults and children can be persuaded to gather at 5pm in Longstone Park, venue for the day's music festival. Our keen young Air Force Cadets have volunteered to act as stewards and Bill Hollister of Tamar Tai Chi has agreed to give a 30-minute lesson in this ancient, non-contact martial art.

If enough take part not only will they have been given a grounding in a healthy and relaxing life-skill, but also Saltash will be listed by the Guinness World Records as having set a World Record. As the catchphrase for the Olympic Torch Relay says : this is our Moment to Shine.

## Poppy Appeal Earns Award

The generosity of Saltash residents during the annual British Legion Poppy Day Appeal has been recognised by a special award to the Town.

While those who carry out the collections have long been recognised, local Poppy Appeal Organiser Bill Dent believed that the areas in which people especially support the annual appeal for ex-servicemen and their families should receive a

mark of appreciation. Following the success of last November's Poppy Day collection Mr Dent had written to the British Legion head office to advise them of the support he receives in Saltash.

They responded by sending a framed Certificate of Appreciation which Mayor Cllr Colin Oakes was proud to accept on behalf of the Town, from Mr Dent at the April Town Council meeting.



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## Essa Files

his May marks many important events in the Saltash Calendar – not least the Olympic Torch Relay and Mayor Choosing. It also however marks both five years since the last town council elections (doesn't time fly when you're having fun?) and one vear until the next set. The 2013 elections, and future Town Council elections, also coincide with Cornwall Council Elections every four years.

It is a good time therefore to have a think about whether you might fancy having a go at either of these. The very fact that you are reading this column means that you are interested in what the councils get up to, or else related to me. If you also have ideas about what the council could do differently, or do better, then you should definitely give it some serious thought, particularly if you like

community, want to help people and possibly (dare I say it?) are a little opinionated. No matter whether you would be interested in standing for a political party or as an independent it is in everyone's interest for there to be a good choice of candidates - indeed filling enough places at the elections rather than co-opting

getting involved in the

Town Council getting more powers. If you are interested then have a chat to a current councillor, and pop along to one of the meetings at the Guildhall to see what it's all about - Full Council is the first Thursday of each month, and committees are the second Wednesday and third Tuesday (except August) all from 7pm. We'd love to see you there

later is one of the criteria for the

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**Olympic Torch** Cornwall, and particularly Saltash, is now counting down to the arrival of the Olympic torch on Saturday 19th May. The Torch will be starting its 8,000 mile journey at Lands End where 99 torchbearers will bring the torch up through the county and arrive in Saltash around 7.15 pm, eventually finishing in London for 27th July It will be travelling down Callington Road and Fore Street before it makes its way to the Tamar Bridge and Plymouth. This will be a great chance to cheer our local torch bearers and see

#### the entourage sponsored by Coco Cola, Lloyds TSB, and Samsung. During the day, as

advertised in this Observer, there will be all sorts of sports and cultural activities going on, all with the Olympic theme. For all the latest information on the torch please check the website

## www.saltashcelebrates.org.uk

**Cornwall Rail Strategy** It is the Government's intention to re-tender the First Great Western franchise in 2012, devolving some responsibilities for local rail services from central government. This has given Cornwall Council an opportunity to set out the key objectives for a new rail service in the county. From May to August 2012 rail companies are invited to lodge their tenders with the Department of Transport, a decision will be made by December 2012 and an appointment made. The new service will commence in April 2013. This paper has clearly identified the way forward, commencing with the intention to start as the service is now and then improve with a higher frequency of main line trains. There will be a reduction in the number of stops, thus making the journey time faster from Penzance to London. To balance this there is a request for an

## COUNCIL & our PL12 Community

From: Councillor Bob Austin Essa (South) Ward, Saltash

> increase in the number of local trains with a larger passenger capacity. It has also been suggested that the sleeper service be extended to seven days a week

#### St Stephens Spar Shop

been Residents have complaining to me that the lorries delivering to the shop cause disruption and damage their property. I therefore arranged for the road to be widened in order that the lorries can drive into Mulberry Road and offload. This was paid for by the Cornwall Councillors Highways Allowance.

**Rubbish!** Well that's what everyone is shouting about and quite rightly so!

Phone calls and emails to me on this subject have been relentless since 1st April, and my fellow councillors have experienced the same volume. Changing to a new service provider has been quite an undertaking by Cory

250,000 houses in Cornwall. Each of the six old been districts have rationalised so that everyone will have the same service throughout the County; I believe we have to give them time to settle down. There have been lots of mistakes made and people have been missed, but Cory are trying to achieve the most efficient way of collecting our rubbish as they can. I know they were working all over the Easter holidays and even Sundays to try and clear the backlog of rubbish/dog bins and trying to keep as close to their schedule as possible on the rubbish landfill and recycling. Inevitably the garden waste programme has had to slip behind, therefore many of you will experience late deliveries of the new garden bins and for that Corv does apologise. If you have problems with your collections please email refuseandrecycling@cornwal l.gov.uk or tel: 0300 1234

## **Celtic Cross on Target for October**

budget.

on the site in October.

Though bidding for the

construction came in at above

the anticipated cost the

shortfall has been met from

Cornwall Council Leader's

Plans to uplight the Cross.

presenting a dramatic night

sight to those approaching the

Town from the Devon side,

have been put on hold as there

is no current funding for this.

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fter prolonged delays work now is proceeding apace on the giant Celtic Cross to be placed alongside the Tamar Bridge. Two information boards will soon be placed on the site giving full information on ongoing

progress. "Volunteer Days" in Elwell Woods have proved highly successful with local residents and air force cadets clearing rubbish and undergrowth.

Now contractors are busy landscaping the woodland and laying down pathways to open up access.

The Cross is on target for being brought in for erection

**Picnic Party and Bound Beating in Jubilee Celebrations** 

> altash will join the nation S in celebrating the queen's diamond jubilee with a right royal picnic in the park.

It is planned as part of the Nationwide Big Lunch Out, a community event intended to bring streets, villages and towns to a picnic and socialise together. Cornwall's own Eden

#### **Flowers Spring Up in Saltash**

The Olympic spirit will be alive in Saltash after the torch has disappeared across the Tamar. The flower bed by the Brunel Statue overlooking the bridge will be planted out with marigolds in the theme of Olympic rings it has been decided

The hanging baskets of Fore Street meanwhile it is suggested should have a red, white and blue theme to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The baskets will be more prominent than last year, being larger and hung lower and also should require less watering.

Young Landrovers should ensure the tidy landscaping of the Latchbrook roundabout. Sponsors were requested to take roundabout at the top of Pillmere Drive discussions are ongoing with Highways Agency the concerning planting on the bypass roundabout at Carkeel.



ages and just yourselves. The following day will see a repeat of the beating of the bounds last experienced three years ago. It will again be led by Saltash Observer reporter Martin Lister with Peter Clements. This will give a rare opportunity for all to discover the footpaths and lanes that link the old boundary stones making the ancient borough of Saltash, and since the boundary of the borough was largely water there will be an even rarer opportunity comlete the day with an evening cruise down the beautiful River Lynher from St Germans. Tickets at £10.50 include a bus from Alexandra square to the start of the walk at Carkeel, bus also from the end of the walk at Notter Bridge to St German's guay and the boat trip back to Waterside. The walk is fairly easy but good footwear, as well as food and drink supply is recommended. Advance booking from Saltash Guildhall is essential and judging by the popularity of the 2009 Bound Beating early booking is recommended. Buses will leave Alexandra Square from 11.30 on Monday 4th June (a bank holiday) or walkers can come directly to the Waitrose car park at Carkeel by midday. Return to Waterside is anticipated by around 7.15pm.



# From The Mayor's Parlour...

column as Mayor, I will try not to miss any of the events that we have been involved in.

Once again, the month has been a varied, interesting and enjoyable one, meeting Guildhall. people and seeing what goes on in this busy town of ours.

My duties actually began across the Tamar when I was invited to attend the memorial service for those who lost their lives during the building of the Tamar Bridge. There is now a monument to remember them by, at the Tamar bridge site

Towards the end of March, Marilyn was laid low with a flu virus for several days and was unable to attend three events. The first, being the 10th.birthday of the Cornwall Wildlife Trust. I received a warm welcome from the Friends of Churchtown Farm and had the honour of cutting the birthday cake at the Cecil Arms before everyone went for a walk in the nature reserve.

Secondly was the Sport Relief walk at Saltash.net, where everyone turned out in fancy dress and we all had a great time. It was fantastic to see so many students and teaching staff taking part and enjoying themselves.

Finally on the same day as the two events above, was the Youngstagers show at Saltash.net, Alice in Wonderland. It was a wonderful performance and

it was apparent how much effort and commitment had been put in by everyone



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As this is my last Observer involved. I really enjoyed the performance.

Marilyn Once had recovered, it was back to work as we welcomed 26 children and 4 staff from our twin town of Plougastelmost Daoulas in Brittany, to our

After a drink and many practice, our apologies to biscuits, we gave them some anyone who heard us having a information about the lesson and also bowled the history of Saltash and then first wood at the opening of they all tried on the Mayoral the Saltash Bowls Club for the robe and chain, which they Summer season really enjoyed. The children We are now looking were delightful and it was a forward to the Saltash Ladies real pleasure to talk to them. Choir concert, Mayfair and a presentation evening, of the I must thank Cllr Martin and Maggie Gee, Mayor and Mayoress Elect, for all their Chief Scout's Highest Award of the Silver Wolf, to Maureen help with the visit and I Carvell, for her exceptional

welcomed by everyone and it

was an absolute privilege to be

It hasn't been all eating and

partying though, oh no, we

have also had some exercise.

We joined the bell ringers at

SS Nicholas & Faith church for their Friday evening

to

Congratulations, Maureen and

probably the biggest event that

we have organised this year

and we would like to take this

opportunity to thank everyone

who supported us, those of

warm welcome wherever we

We will miss you all but I

Mayoress Elect and Cllr.

David & Stephanie Yates,

Deputy Mayor & Mayoress

Elect, are looking forward to

Saltash is an amazing town

with so many community

groups, volunteers, carers,

traders and residents and it has

been an honour to serve you.

Our Mayor's Ball was

Scouting

on the

&

with them all.

services

well deserved.

know they enjoyed it as much as we did. We also attended the Scout's Chief awards presentation for Cubs at Latchbrook and it is always a pleasure to see young people achieving awards such as these. We were invited to the

some

you who attended and those opening of two exhibitions, who donated raffle prizes. We raised £1615.00 the first being the Camera Club, at the library, which evening for the Mayor's Charity fund and we were was very enjoyable and incredible absolutely delighted. photography. The second It now remains for us both was this year's exhibition of to thank you all, most communications at the sincerely, for your support Saltash Heritage Museum. It during our Mayoral year. We is a fascinating display and have met so many wonderful people and received such a well worth a visit this

season As you probably know by have been, which has made our year such a special one. now, we like a party and this month has been no know that Cllr.Martin & exception. Maggie Gee, Mayor

We were invited to the birthday lunch of St.Georges Day Care Centre at the Ploughboy, which was The Easter delicious. judging Bonnet St.Anne's, no easy task but great fun, the 101st birthday of Albert Rogers (who loves dark chocolate, must be how he keeps so well!) and the Diamond Wedding of Sheila

and Brian Evans at their

home. We were warmly

Cllr. Colin Oakes Mayor of Saltash 2011-2012

Thank vou.

their term of office.



## Meet the Law in the Library

D olicing and general law and order issues can be informally discussed in Saltash Library with a Police Community Support Officer.

An officer makes himself available at the Library each Thursday morning between 10 am and 11.30am. Since the public desk at Saltash Police Station has been closed this is the only guaranteed opportunity for local citizens to raise concerns with a police representative. Local figures crime

## **Transport Minister to Visit** Town

The issues of a safe pedestrian crossing at Carkeel roundabout and an enhanced rail service to Saltash will be considered by Minister of State for Transport Theresa Villiers when she visits the Town in June

She has three times made plans to come to Saltash and three times had to postpone them due to parliamentary business. However, Sheryll Murray MP has promised that the next date fixed is when parliament is not sitting and Mrs Murray hopes that she will be able to introduce the Minister to Town Councillors at the Waitrose car park and discuss issues concerning the by-pass and the roundabout.

From there they will move on to Alexandra Square and to the train station. There the Minister will be shown the considerable drop between trains and the platform. She will also be advised on local views concerning the renewing of the First Great Western rail franchise and the stopping of cross-country services from Cornwall to the Midlands and the North at Saltash.

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report, with 76 crimes reported in March as against 87 during the same month last year. This year there had been three burglaries to dwelling or garages and one attempted burglary. Twenty-three other thefts included a pedal cycle, a trailer, wooden grave boards from St Stephens cemetery, a mobile phone, recycling bags, plant pots, garden ornaments a highways sign, a track barrow and a notice board.

continue to fall, Saltash Police

There had also been eleven assaults reported, ten criminal damage to vehicles, eight other criminal damage to property, two thefts from shops and one drink driving offence. There had been four offences of harassment and three of making off without payment.

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# SHERYLL **MURRAY** MP WRITES.

Over the recess, I took the opportunity to attend the monthly meeting of Saltash Town Council. It is always good to take the opportunity to keep in touch with our hard working Town and Parish Councils. Whilst the Parliamentary calendar does not allow me the time to visit every one, I try to ensure I get to at least some of them over the recess periods.

The Agenda contained a number of questions that had been submitted by the residents of Pillmere who have had a longstanding battle over the adoption of their roads and the open spaces on the estate.

I had spoken to Steve Ewing from Cornwall Council prior to the meeting, following up on a number of conversations with my office in Liskeard on this matter

I was really pleased to learn that Pillmere Drive and Grassmere Way would hopefully be adopted in the very near future and once this had happened, the branch roads would

with the adoption of some of the open spaces due to the fact that there was no bond in place to cover these areas Cornwall Council had subsequently said that they are unable to take on the maintenance of these areas I understand however, that the residents had made

A problem had occurred

also be adopted.

an application for a grant from the Town Community Chest to purchase a sit on mower which they would then use to carry out the grass cutting. They had been advised that this would not be possible because it was not possible to obtain the required Insurance

cover. I am now urging the Town Council to look into this matter and try to source the required insurance. The Localism Act gives Councils the General Power of Competence. That is to say that they can do anything an individual can do within the confines of the law which should give them the power to do this.

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# Saltash Welcomes the Olympic Torch

Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> 2012 will be an historic day for Cornwall as the Olympic Flame starts its journey to the Opening Ceremony of the London Olympics. Saltash is particularly fortunate as it is one of only 20 communities in Cornwall where the Torch will be taken out of the vehicle convoy and passed through the streets in a hand-to-hand Relav

#### The Torch Route

The first Torchbearer will set off from the Burraton crossroads at 19:15. The Torch will be carried along Callington Road and down Fore Street. It will cross the bridge over the A38 before going over the Tamar Bridge at 19:30.

Come and line the Route to cheer on the Torch! There are also plenty of other ways you can join in...They are all FREE and you do not have to book in advance:

#### Be a Torchbearer! (7am to 7pm)

Students at Saltash.net Community School have designed our very own Salt Torch. Carry it aloft on a lap, or two, of Saltmill Park.

#### Passport to Sport (10am to 4pm)

Various venues throughout town are offering taster sessions in a sport. Free Passports will be available at all the venues. You'll get a stamp for each session you've completed, and the first 50 people to fill their passport will receive a specially-commissioned Olympic coin.

#### Help Saltash set a World Record for the world's largest Tai Chi lesson

Be in Longstone Park at 5pm and be counted as Saltash attempts to set a World Record. The teacher will focus on breathing techniques in this 30-minute Tai Chi Qi Gong lesson, so anyone of any age or any physical ability can participate. You do not need any prior experience of Tai Chi and you do not need to register in advance

#### **Cultural Festivities**

A day brimming over with music and arts starts at 10am in Longstone Park. Local musical talent will be showcased, and there will also be sessions to reflect the cultural diversity of the Olympics, such as Japanese Taiko drumming and a Tango dance workshop. An energetic Cornish bluegrass band will play in the final slot until 6:45 to get us in the mood to cheer on the Olympic Torch. The entertainment focus shifts to the Waterside after the Torch has gone with a stunning outdoor theatrical performance, followed by more musical entertainment hosted by the Union.

#### Something for everyone

With a football tournament and inflatables at Saltmill, a Toddler Games at the Waterside and an Alternative Games for people with limited mobility at the Wesley Church there really is something for all ages, abilities and tastes. And don't forget to go to the Church of St. Nicholas and St. Faith to see the winning entries in the competition to design a Torch.

All events were correct at the time of going to press, they are subject to change.

#### Please visit the Saltash Town Council events website for the latest details: www.saltashcelebrates.org.uk

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#### All events were correct at the time of going to 'First and Last Festival' of Music in the Park FESTIVAL in LONGSTONE PARK press, they are subject to change.

Dirist day of the onymet very special festival designed to have something for all ages and interests.

talent will be showcased alongside a drama of South American dance to styles in the heart of the

ALTAN town at Longstone Park. The programme will start at 10am and continue until 6.30pm, shortly before the Torch is due to be run alongside the Park on its way through the Town. Amanda's Pop Kids will Cornwall's

open the proceedings, 1st Place expected to entertain all but especially those of primary school age. The atmosphere will be

raised a notch by the Cornish energetic bluegrass band 'Flats and Sharps', a renowned Kagesmusha Taiko. More band with a huge fan-base in its native town of Penzance. A showcase of local talent is up next, featuring winners of

Isaacs, whose French vocalist Rosie they trained several years ago. The Corlett will entrance all with her soaring drums will reverberate across Saltash voice. Livewire Youth Project Music to welcome the Torch.

Deing the last town to share the Showcase will follow this before the first day of the Olympic Flame's Festival goes international once more A Latin American collaborative extravaganza between the band Tango Sonoro and dancers from Tango So throughout the day local musical Southwest will bring the colour and wide variety of international musical Longstone inviting couples to dance tango on the grass.

Up to a hundred children from local scribbing to the stage next in a joint from local schools will take choir specially formed for the occasion. The audience will then all be invited to participate in a world record beating mass Tai Chi lesson, with a thousand or more asked to take part. Finally, reflecting the international spirit of the Olympics, there will be a dramatic performance of Japanese Taiko drumming by the internationally

used to performing in venues like the Royal Albert Hall and the O2 arena Kagemusha Taiko is delighted to be the Town's own Festival and Talent coming to Saltash as it gives them the Shows. They will be followed by the chance to link up with the Callington swinging gypsy jazz trio Hamer and Community College Taiko group who



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m	Livewire Youth Project Music Showcase
m	Let's Tango!
	Latin American collaborative extravaganza featuring a dance performance from
	Tango Southwest accompanied by the Tango Sonoro band
	Followed by a dance workshop for the public led by expert tutors
m	100 Voices Celebrate
	Joint choir from local Primary Schools
m	Attempt to set a World Record for the largest Tai Chi lesson
,,,,,	Led by Bill Hollister, Founder and Chief Instructor of Tamar Tai Chi Qi Gong
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Longstone Park at

5pm to participate

in an attempt to

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for the world's

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10am to 4pm and the Drakes

## Sporting Fun For all the Family

Il will have the chance to be a torchbearer, sharing the action by carrying our very own Salt Torch Acreated by students at Saltash.net Community School on a lap of Saltmill Park. The Salt Torch Relay will run from 7 am to 7 pm with one and all welcome to participate.

As Saltash shares the youngest can enjoy toddle Olympic dream, opportunity will open up for those of all ages to try out new sporting activities, and as they do so pick up stamps upon their free Passports to Sport, distributed at all participating venues. Activities range from canoeing. sailing and rowing on Brunel Green to tramping the treadmill at Saltash Sports in Fore Street. Archery is on offer at the Air Cadet HQ, or you could have a go at climbing the new, acclaimed climbing wall at K3. Tennis at the tennis club. trampolining and gymnastics at Zero Gravity, bowls at the Bowling Club, badminton at Wesley Church and tag rugby at experience required.

the Rugby Club are among the activities already promising to welcome young and old a new sporting experience. The full variety will be publicised on the day and on the dedicated website www.saltashcelebrates.org.uk. Young footie fans will be enjoying their own under 11's tournament at Saltmill, where inflatables and catering units will add to a The day of family fun.

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Flags Form a Festival of Colour

I ages from pre-schoolers to seniors have already been getting into the A Olympic festival spirit by creating seventy-six colourful themed flags. These will line the route through the Town as the Olympic torch bearers speed through, with the eyes of the world upon them. Children of Brunel Primary Academy can be especially proud as the flags they made will line their school playground, which is on the route of the Torch.

The flags were made on high quality Japanese silk following the Indonesian batik method, which ensures that the vivid colours are quick drying and permanent. Following their popular reception and success in organising the lantern workshops before Christmas, resulting in the childrens' lantern parade being a highlight of the Towns' Christmas event. Alex and Jan of Toozalii were nvited back to organise the flag workshops.

The project was funded by FEAST and Saltash Town Council, with workshops taking place in local schools, youth clubs, the Wesley Church, Ashtorre Rock and SHADO Centres, St Barnabas Hospital and the Guildhall. This ensured that all ages from 2 to 82 could participate, and even those initially reluctant or doubtful of their artistic skills were soon sharing Alex and Jan's enthusiasm and creating their own designs to add to the festival excitement. From floral, pasty and football themes to Celtic, Jubilee and of course, the Olympic Sports, all were proudly coloured, completed, and set out to dry ready to be admired by the crowds of residents, visitors and media anticipated to be following the Torch's progress as it completes the first day of its dramatic journey from Land's End to the Opening Ceremony of the London Olympics

# Music and Drama will End Exciting Olympic Evening

## Music While You Run

Saltash's history selected as one of the limited band R'Wind. number of Cornish towns

town to feature on the very first day

That is promising to from Land's End to London. known group of Tamar Valley We a never-to-be- The Olympic Flame will musicians "Rubber Band," forgotten day in start its run from Burraton renowned for their Cornish of Cross at around 7.15pm, music. They will be playing community festivities, will serenaded by the Saltash the climax in the Olympic Torch Town Band as it passes piece 'Footlose' as the being borne through the down Callington Road. As it Olympic Flame crosses over Town. Not only is Saltash reaches Fore Street it will be the Tamar Bridge on its fortunate to have been heralded by a popular local journey to Devon and

last' town: the last for Saltash and the well- continues well into the night.

specially-composed beyond

The torch will leave Rubber Band together with through which Saltash for the Tamar Bridge, the famous puppet Giant the Torch will be crossing the bridge over the Tavy will then lead the way carried in a A38 by-pass to join the slip down the hill to Waterside hand-to-hand road. Here, the Mayor will be where a full evening Relay, it will also joined by the winners of the programme of entertainment be the 'first and competition to design a torch will ensure the excitement



Abbie

Abbie on Reception

# **PASSPORT TO SPORT VENUES**

Canoeing, Sailing & Rowing at Brunel Green

8pm

8:30pm

9:15pm

stage on to Waterside Green.

- Trampolining & Gymnastics at Zero Gravity
- Archery at the Air Cadet Centre
- Bowls at the Saltash Bowls Club
- A Lap of Saltmill with the Salt Torch
- Badminton at the Wesley Church
- Treadmill at Saltash Sports on Fore Street

- Tag Rugby at the Rugby Club
- Kickboxercise Saltash Leisure Centre
- Zumba at the China Fleet Club



## **Ten Years On – Pillmere Residents Seek Speedy Solution to Roads**

The Pillmere estate has been in existence for ten years or more but residents are still subjected to improperly surfaced roads and lack of infrastructure due largely to the bankruptcy of one of the major developers and Cornwall's refusal to adopt the road system.

The main spine roads of Pillmere Drive and Grasmere Way should soon be up to standard for adoption, Sheryll Murray MP advised members of the Pillmere Residents Association at a meeting of Saltash Town Council.

"The hold up has been caused by the spine road which was covered by a bond following the bankruptcy of the developers," Mrs Murray "The bondholders advised. said that they would finish the job themselves and have done most of the work required. They have been asked to complete the tidying-up works and once these are done the main spine road through the estate can be adopted. I understand that the separate developers working on the branch roads have nearly completed work on them so they can be adopted soon after the spine road."

One problem concerns a street light over steps not put in as part of the original requirement by Cornwall Council. This could delay the adoption of 'The Gallops' and

Saltash Town Councillors suggested that they could insert the light themselves.

Drainage has already been adopted, residents were advised. However, there are problems over open spaces on the Pillmere estate and footpath access to the Town centre. A bridge over the ravine which was to have been built by the developers now in administration seems unlikely to materialise. The developers now concerned here are unwilling to take this on, nor will they continue to maintain the open spaces as they have done to date as a gesture of good will.

Cornwall Council has adopted some open spaces, others are currently without anyone legally obliged to maintain them. Cornwall Councillor Colin Riches confirmed that he was willing to use his Community Chest budget for machinery to maintain this. Local residents had already been granted Town Council Community Chest Funding to buy a

mower and strimmer but had been advised that they could not obtain insurance to use these on 'unowned' land.

Other problems raised by Pillmere residents concerned fly tipping, they having been told by Cornwall Council that the Council cold take no action if the land on which tipping took place was not adopted by the Council. County Councillors advised that this was not the case and they should go back to the Council's Public Health Department.

Oueries had also been raised concerning trees and residents were hedges reminded that they could cut back trees and hedges overgrowing their land. returning the overgrowth cut, unless there was a tree preservation order on the tree or hedge. Some of Pillmere was subject to such preservation orders in which case the County Tree Officer's permission was required to do any pruning.

# Conundrum Corner

Taking the initial letter to the one word answers to the following nine questions can you re-arrange them to make a nine-letter word?

1 What would you be doing if you took part in Tauromachy? 2 What name is given to a cut of meat between an animal's Pelvis and Ribs? 3 What name links a breed of

Hunting Dog, a Bird of Prev and a vertical take-off fixedwinged Military Aircraft? 4 Which German city has a name which means Home of

the Monks? 5 In which Jane Austin novel does the heroine have the

surname Woodhouse? 6 Which Channel Ferry port in France was the departure point of Julius Caesar when he set out to invade England? What term is used to describe the five parallel lines on which music is written? 8 How many horns does the Indian Rhinoceros have?

9 Which is England's most easterly town?



## Youth Club Outreach to **Unemployed Young People**

Work Club, where young people can come and get help from youth workers regarding CV's, job search applications and interview techniques is the latest development in Saltash Youth Club K3's targeting of local 'NEETS,' young people not in education employment or training. the Work Club, run in partnership with Job Centre Plus, meets once a week.

K3 seeks to help in particular, young people who need extra support with their after-school drop in sessions as well as opening just to provide an activity or venue for young people who might otherwise be going home to an empty house.

The latest developments in our busy Youth Centre were outlined to the annual Town meeting by Cllr Hilary Frank. The Club opens each day from 9am to either 3pm or 5.30pm offering a range of

drop-in advice and information services. These include housing employment, benefits and sexual health. A café serves cheap, healthy food. The Club has also carried out partnership work with Saltash Childrens' Centre staff in their Young Parents Group, become a Cyber school for young people working with YOS, worked with

CONNEXIONS. Cornwall Counselling service and the Brook Agency.

Evenings see four open access youth work sessions for young people aged eleven to twenty including an evening boxing class, in addition to Saturday morning within boxing Saltash Amateur Boxing Club.

A long felt need has now been met with a Saturday night project being established with the help of Saltash Town Council and Councillors.

The biggest success of the last year was undoubtedly obtaining National Lottery funding for the K3 Climbing Wall, as reported in your 'Saltash Observer' last December. It is now well used by club members, community groups, corporate events and families, with the aid of twelve full trained climbing instructors.

### **Good Friday Cross was Borne Through Town**

The Cross was held high through the heart of Saltash on a sunny Good Friday morning as a procession of witness followed the cross through the Town.

Members of all the Town's Churches join together on one of the most solemn days of the Christian year, gathering together first in the Wesley

Church for a brief service. Most shops were open despite the bank holiday and busy shoppers paused to glance at the cross and its followers bearing the banner of 'Saltash Churches Together' as they passed down the street, pausing at the first station of the cross half way down Fore Street for a prayer and a hymn. They continued to the second station outside St Nicholas and St Faith Church where a similar pause was made before continuing to the Baptist Church where the service was continued with a reading of St John's passion

concluding with Christ's death upon the cross.

Members of Saltash Churches then socialised over hot drinks and hot cross buns



## **Plant a Tree for Jubilee**

Saltash schoolchildren and environmentalists will be encouraged to celebrate the **Oueen's** Diamond Jubilee year by planting a tree.

The Town's four junior schools and saltash.net.academy are being invited to plant an oak, a silver birch, or a flowering cherry tree within their grounds to commemorate the Jubilee year. The trees are to be funded by Saltash Town Council.

A sixth tree is to be planted in the public area of Victoria Gardens, at the top of Fore Street, by Saltash Environmental Act (SEA) who favour a crab apple tree.





# Saltash Rotary Young Writer Of The Year 2012



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The presentation for the winners of the young writer competition took place at Saltash Library The competition was organised by Saltash Rotary Club in conjunction with Sarah Warwicker at Saltash Library. All the junior winning entries were from Sir Robert Geffery's VACEP school. Jamie Williams aged 10 won the overall best entry winning a book token, books and a framed certificate. He also won the best junior poem. Megan Foster from Sir Robert Geffery's won best Junior prose and went on to win second place in the Rotary District competition. Charlie Potts (runner up) Megan Quinton (highly commended) and Alice Burrow (highly commended). Intermediate prose was won by two pupils from saltash.net community school, Caitlin James (Winner) and Megan Furlonger ( runner up) .

### **Olympic Dreams**

by Jamie Williams (aged 10) Every single value is needed to be shown for the spirit, The backbone of the games, Your dreams keep you going through the day, For you can taste victory, Standing proud on the podium, merrily waving and saluting to the crowd You grit your teeth on the blocks, the crowd roaring,

Adrenaline surges through your body, Tensing your muscles for the big race, Pounding your fists in your palm to settle your nerves, Butterflies prance in your stomach while the starter loads the gun.

A single deafening shot and you are off, Speeding down the track, your legs a golden blur, Thrusting your arms to and fro to fulfil your maximum speed, The crowd is screaming encouragement for all, As you leap over the first hurdle, far ahead of the others, You can hear athletes crashing into hurdles, The crowd sighs as someone pulls out of the race, Other athletes struggle to keep up, For you are storming down the track, Pushing to the limit and you are nearly there, You thrust your chest forward to improve your time.

You suddenly burst over the line, so you are full of relief, Slowly to celebrate with your team and wave to all, Congratulations to the other athletes as they finish behind you, And you proudly wave the Union Jack,

And you are full of happiness, the proudest moment of your life.

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## Youngstagers Led Down the Rabbit Hole to Wonderland

Our talented Youngstagers brought their blend of early Spring sunshine to Saltash this year not as usual through a home-written musical production. Instead they led their audiences down the rabbit hole following a fine and fittingly flustered White Rabbit into the weird World of Wonderland.

"Alice in Wonderland's" Disneyfied score ensures the Youngstagers' guaranteed feel good factor is added to Carroll's sometimes disturbingly imaginative tale.

Alice's bewildering size changes following the Disneyfied sampling of a 'magic cookie' were covered by casting three differently sized Alices, each of whom brought to the character the appropriate blend of bemusement and acceptance of her topsy-turvy world. A cast of around twenty-five young people from tots to teenagers, most multi-roling, played the full Wonderland world of characters plus a few intruders from the Looking Glass. A zany Mad Hatter and March Hare, a tempestuous Oueen of Hearts with her diminutive King all added to the wonder of Wonderland. The colour, costumes and choreography were as ever superb especially in the luminous butterfly ballet. And if the tale deviated from Dodgson ("croquet is so nineteenth century") well, that's life in a world where rules are made to be broken

Tweedledums with identity issues, flowers with superiority complexes and a laid back Caterpillar with attitude, but above all the full cast of all-singers and all dancers brought once more the delight that we have come to expect of our exuberant Youngstagers.

"Every year I ask, will they beat this next year," Mayor Colin Oakes said at its conclusion. "But this year they have really excelled themselves."

#### Mentor Support Helps Saltash Boxing Club Secure £2,100 Sported Grant

A altash Amateur Boxing Club (SABC) has been awarded a grant of £2,100 from sported. The grant will be used to towards coach education of young people, so they can become coaches at the club, and to purchase new training equipment so more young people can join the club.

With the support of sported. Mentor Adam Birnie, Saltash ABC has produced a three year development plan that outlines their long term vision of creating sustainable boxing opportunities, training young people to become coaches and offering more opportunities for young people to become involved in the sport.

Julian Wills sported. Regional Manager South West said "Adam has been an excellent Mentor, and has supported the club in producing a sustainable business model, that will really leave a legacy of the

The annual 'members'

evening' when instead of

having a guest speaker the

Society members are invited to

give short talks on subjects of

Cornish or general interst

always follows the Society's

At the business meeting

President Ernie Reynolds,

Secretary Martin Lister and

Treasurer Sylvia McKenzie

and all other committee

members were unanimously

thanked the committee for their

hard work and members for

their continuing support. Mr

Lister noted that membership

numbers remained constant

and that attendance had been

high for the excellent range of

to welcome to the meeting Mr

Terry Knight, President of the

Federation of Old Cornwall

Societies with his wife Anne.

Mr Knight spoke to members

about the Federation, how it

seeks to support local Societies and of the celebrations enjoyed

at its Summer and Winter

The unique atmosphere

enjoyed in Bugle during the

annual West of England

Bandsmens' festival now

enjoying its centenary was

described to members by Mr

Philip Hunt. He described how

it culminates in a grand parade

of bands led by the winners

who give an impromptu

concert and how the event

attracts musicians from all over

the country but is especially dear to the people of Cornwall.

The career of local pioneer

ship to ship radio

Captain

festivals.

in

communications,

Mr Reynolds was delighted

talks and Summer visits.

Mr Reynolds

re-elected.

annual general meeting.

**Music Midwives and** 

**Coronation Recalled to** 

Saltash Old Cornwall Society

guardsman were among the subjects of talks given to Saltash

Old Cornwall Society by fellow Society members.

century of Cornish brass band music, midwifery in

the bygone Saltash countryside and recollections of

Coronation 1953 as experienced by an RAF



2012 games. The club will link with key agencies in the community, targeting some of the most disaffected young people, and providing them with inspirational boxing opportunities. Who knows future Olympic boxing coaches could be born out of this project"

Saltash Amateur Boxing Club is based at the K3 Young Peoples Centre, Saltash; juniors start at age 11 and seniors from 18+, running sessions on Tuesday evenings

Henry Jackson was outlined by

John Parsons who invited

fellow members to visit this

exhibition 'From fire beacons

to fibre optics' especially

featuring historic items relating

to Captain Jackson as well as

the recently locally acquired

the basis of the recollections

from her ninety-one year old

mother read by Diane Shann,

describing the somewhat laid

back attitude in the villages

around Saltash when a doctor

or midwife might or might not

decide to call on a lady in

labour. 'Just stay in bed for ten

days, then carry on' was the

policy but Mrs Harvey still

raised four healthy children

day was the June day of 1953

when Ernie Reynolds attended

on parade as a nineteen year old RAF serviceman in the

soggy streets of London. He

still recalled the brilliant good

humour and mood of the

crowds of spectators as the

young queen's carriage passed

by en route to her Coronation

and Mr Reynolds proudly

showed the medal he received

Vividly remembered to this

through it.

for that day.

'Call the midwife' formed

Saltash ferry telegraph.

Museum

year's Saltash

and Saturday Mornings. The costs are as little as £1.50 to attend. Young people will have the opportunity to participate in boxing activities. For more information about the clubs activities, please contact Micky Northfield on 077725 65761.

## Boxing Show in Saltash

Saltash Amateur Boxing Club has grown over the past two years and is now bringing a Boxing Show to Saltash – the first for over twenty years. The show will take place on Thursday 24 May 2012 in the Saltash Working Men's Club Function Suite with bouts commencing at 8.00 pm

Advance tickets can be obtained from Micky Northfield on 077725 65761

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# The Gasman Cometh – This

Summer Major roadworks for gas main renewal in Fore Street has been put back until July. Councillor Colin County Riches advised Saltash Town Council that since he wrote his column for the April 'Saltash Observer' the schedule for major works in the Town had been amended. The amendments meant that major traffic disruption in the Town Centre was anticipated for the Summer months, not the ideal

time. Work around Burraton Cross, likely to cause traffic disruption, was planned to commence in mid April and finish within three to four weeks, by mid May. Residents in Taylor Road, designated as 'access only' were likely to have to tolerate their road being used as a 'rat run' once again for a limited period.

Oaklands Road was also to be disrupted by major gas mains road works in July. This was being deliberately programmed for when the

schools would be on holiday

# When Wireless History was Made in Saltash

Heritage Exhibition highlights local Pioneer

experimental arlv equipment used in the first successful ship to ship radio communication has been returned to Saltash where this pioneering work was first achieved. The equipment kindly loaned to Saltash Heritage Society by HMS Collingwood at Gosport is a highlight at this vear's Saltash Museum Exhibition's on the theme of Communication, 'From Fire Beacons to Fibre Optics.

A Saltash resident, Captain Henry Jackson, carried out that early work on HMS Defiance, then moored of Wearde Quay. 'Defiance' was subsequently absorbed into HMS Drake and Captain Chris Saxby of 'Drake' was pleased to attend the opening of the exhibition featuring his illustrious predecessor

Saxby Captain was welcomed by Museum Trustee Mrs Sue Hooper MBE who also welcomed the Mayor and Mayoress, Cllr Colin and Mrs Marilyn Oakes, inviting them to open the exhibition. "I hope enjoy looking vou amazement and enjoy the exhibition at your leisure," she enthused.

The Mayor commended Saltash Heritage volunteers for all the hard work carried out

behind the scenes to put on yet drawn upon another stupendous exhibition. "I congratulate you all," he

Another highlight is an irreplaceable piece of local history rescued by Saltash citizens after being almost lost to the Town. The ship's telegraph used on the Saltash Ferry until its demise in 1961 is for the first

"astern" but "Devon" and "Cornwall."

time back in the Town. It is

believed to be unique in being

marked not "forward" and

concluded.

Saltash Leisure Centre

Saltash Heritage has as ever

is extensive collection augmented by generous loans and donations to present a comprehensive history of communication from the earliest times with especially fascinating displays of early telephone, wireless and television equipment. From pigeon post to early postcards, wartime home guard communication station to Victorian Valentine, it sets out the scintillating story of human communication. Children and adults are welcome to sample the naval speaking tube and to

send Morse messages. All of this is alongside Heritage's permanent display of the Town's rich history and a display on the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. The Museum in Lower Fore

Street, opposite the Guildhall, will be open until November. Opening hours are Saturdays and bank holidays from 10am to 4pm and Wednesday from 2pm to 4pm with additional Friday opening in the Summer. Admission is free but donations towards the costs of the voluntary organisation running it are very welcome

#### Technical **Training Needed**

South East Cornwall contained the highest number of high wage earners in the County brining in salaries in excess of  $\pounds 40,000$  or more. This is the good news in a County where wages of around £20,000 or so trail well below the national average while housing and other living costs remain high.

The less good news is that many of those living in South East Cornwall and in Saltash in particular have to commute to Plymouth to enable them to enjoy such incomes.

The other bad news is that while industry is keen to invest in Cornwall, Cornwall Council has been informed that South East Cornwall is not targeted by industrial entrepreneurs. The reason entrepreneurs. they give is that this part of the County does not have the appropriate educational standards and does not produce the appropriate prospective employee with technical, maritime or scientific skills.

"Give us an innovation South East centre in Cornwall, preferably Saltash, to train our young people up to the technical standards these prospective employers require," said Cornwall Councillor Colin Riches in putting these facts to the Town Council.

## Parental **Parking and** Village Speeding **Concern Safety** Committee

Anti-social parental parking and provision of safe bus stops at Notter Bridge are two of the many issues pursued by Saltash Area Road Safety Committee, Cllr Derek Holley reported to the Town Annual Meeting.

The quarterly meetings of local town and parish councillors from surrounding villages are also attended by police and fire and rescue service representatives. The public too are welcome to attend. Site meetings where problems are arising are held when necessary. A major issue over the

previous year had been dangers to children caused by parents parking in an antisocial manner outside junior schools in Saltash and Landulph and this takes up much police time.

Concerns over speeding had been addressed in Carkeel and Hatt and within Saltash in New Road, Long Park Road and Beatrice Gardens and other areas. Safety at the turn into the garden centre at Carkeel and the lack of a safe pedestrian crossing of the Saltash bypass at Carkeel were concerns which the Road Safety Committee was continuing to pursue.

# Saltash Hopper Bus **Ready for Service**

The sixteen seater, or six wheelchair carrier Mercedes Sprinter minibus with its distinctive 'grasshopper' logo now has a quota of volunteer drivers and potential routes are being explored.

The bus was acquired by the Saltash Gateway Community Interest Group following a transport needs survey seeking to identify the needs of those within the PL12 postal area without current access to bus services. The elderly, disabled, young and the vulnerable were especially considered and as a result the community transport project was set up.

Outlying villages with limited or non-existent bus services such as Botus Fleming, Landulph, Pillaton, Cargreen and previously served by the Caradon Hoppa buses of the 1990's should be prioritised, Cornwall Council's transport planners have advised. Under

the minibus operation permit all prospective passengers must be registered within the Volunteer Cornwall System. Membership are available for forms completion by pupils or students, the disabled, seriously ill and their carers, and members or prospective members of Saltash Gateway CIC. For information on Volunteer Cornwall visit www.volunteercornwall.org.uk.

Fourteen drivers have volunteered of which ten have so far completed the requisite minibus driver awareness scheme. This includes not only driving abilities but the skills to use the wheelchair lift fitted to the vehicle



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