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And at last we can confirm – The Observer Big Charity Quiz Night...has raised an amazing sum of £2,000, we did it with the help of you our readership, advertisers and other friends. This money will now go to our regional hospital's 'Chestnut Appeal'.

We were thrilled to meet at the 'Ploughboy Inn' where the quiz happened, to hand over the cheque for £2,000 to Lesley-Ann Simpson, Charity Director for the Chestnut appeal at Derriford Hospital, and David Squires the Events Co-ordinator. Also present were President of Saltash Bowling Club Ken



Spear, with other club members. We were especially pleased to welcome Tracey Rhodes, who gave us fantastic support, with her children Mia (8) and Jack (7) whose sale in support of the Chestnut Appeal in memory of their grandfather we publicised last summer. Lesley-Ann said...

'We are very grateful to the Saltash Observer and its supporters as we rely entirely on public donations to keep the charity going,' Lesley-Ann told us. 'This £2,000 was an amazing sum to raise and will be going towards the recent introduction of robotic surgery at Derriford. 'This pioneering work, a great advance on manual keyhole surgery, can really save the lives of many local men. Money raised locally goes to pay for nurses, equipment and treatment that the NHS cannot afford' to help prostate cancer patients.

So one final thank you to each and every one who supported us – we promise that your money has gone to a truly life saving local cause. (See centre page for more on the Big Charity Quiz Night)

Citybus Promise to Reduce Bus 'Bunching'

Following concern as to the number of buses, which arrive in Fore Street, together Citybus have promised that re-paced timetables should help to alleviate this. The revised service, coming into effect in April, should 'offer an even headway from Fore Street in both directions' and should 'reduce bunching', Managing Director of Citybus Richard Stevens promised Mayor Mrs Jean Dent in a reply to her letter of concern.

Saltash, he added, is a fast growing destination for Plymouth Citybus with substantial growth experienced over the past year and this is still increasing. This, Mr Stevens said, is good news for the town and for public transport.

A Town Councillor had noted that morning five buses from the two companies Citybus and First National all arriving in Fore Street at the same time and it was hoped that with a more evenly paced service this would soon become a thing of the past.

The Citybus service to Saltash has been renumbered, retimed and re-routed since April. The former

5 and 5A services are now 10 and 10A. They pass through Fore Street every fifteen minutes and should therefore not always coincide with First's ten-minute service. From the top of Fore Street Citybus Saltash services no longer go along Callington Road, all proceed along St. Stephens Road and continue to Latchbrook via Maybrook Drive and Oaklands Drive, the 10 and 10A looping in opposite directions on the route. They travel to and from Royal Parade Plymouth, no longer continuing directly to Plymstock and Elburton.

Other Citybus services passing through Saltash have been renumbered. The service to Liskeard with connections to Bodmin and Padstow is now number 11, that to Callington, Launceston and Bude is number 12, both using Saltash Fore Street.

The Looe and Polperro service No 72 now avoids Fore Street, passing along North Road.

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Essa Files

By the time you read the column the General Election, an event in which I have taken more than a passing interest, will be over and I'll be lying in a dark room somewhere alternately catching up on sleep and paperwork. Speed and efficiency are not included amongst democracy's undoubted virtues, but then again important things rarely are quick or efficient.

Which brings me nicely on to the main piece of town council work I will be focusing on during the next few months: negotiating with Cornwall Council over the possible devolution of assets and services to Saltash Town Council. This too is hardly likely to be quick or efficient, but it is important. However much we might disagree with this it is fact that Cornwall Council intends to cut a lot of its services, and dispose of assets, over the next few years in order to make savings. The town council taking these on is likely to be the only feasible way to safeguard them, and the town council also believes that we can run them in a more efficient and responsive way from Saltash than Cornwall Council can from Truro.

As yet no commitments have been made but the list of areas in which we have expressed an interest is lengthy, and contains several important assets and services including grass cutting, public toilets, play areas and the waterside. Taking all, or even some, of these on will cost the town council, and by extension it's taxpayers, more money. However we believe that this will be outweighed by the benefit to the community of Saltash and to its residents.

The Devolution Options Group (DOG) is in charge of this process and as its chairman (or, my preferred title, 'Top DOG') I will do my utmost to help get the best possible deal for Saltash, and to keep both the council and residents updated throughout the process. Clearly a lot depends on how seriously and reasonably Cornwall Council approaches the detailed negotiations, so we will have to see.

Waterside Engine Repair

The highly popular play train on Saltash Waterfront is to undergo needed refurbishment.

The cost of the work to the engine and tenders up to £6510 has been agreed by the Town Council and it was noted that the Saltash Waterside Resident's Association, who promoted the well used children's play area, will pay half of this sum.

Latest St. Stephens Homes Plan Rejected on Road Safety Grounds

Despite their professional planners' recommendations that thirty-six houses be built on land between Fairway and Briansway, St. Stephens, Cornwall Council planning committee has turned down the latest planning application.

The Town Council had already recommended refusal for the open field known generally as 'Bearblock's Field' in particular over concern as to access through the narrow section of Church Road used by frequent buses as well as children en route to nearby schools. Local residents had presented Town Councillors with a photographic traffic survey showing existing problems likely to be worsened by further development.

The Planning Officers however reported to the planning committee that the Highways Officer did not anticipate that the development

would significantly increase traffic in the area and there were insufficient grounds to refuse the application. He had submitted that planned improvements to local roads would aid visibility and a new footway on Church Road would protect the children and others who walk this route.

County Councillors of the planning committee however did not accept this advice and turned down the application on similar grounds to Saltash Town Council's recommendations based on road safety, citing danger to pedestrian and vehicles in the Church Road area.

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Fear Recycling Charges May Cause Fly Tipping

Greatly increased charges for using the recycling facilities at Carkeel may be encouraging people to dump their rubbish elsewhere. This was the concern expressed by a member of the public during the Town Council's public question time. He asked whether an increase in fly tipping had been noted locally as it reportedly has been elsewhere in Cornwall. Tyres, building rubble and plasterboard in particular are now expensive to dispose of legally.

There was one report of tyres dumped in a local field, another at Churchtown Farm nature reserve and one on St. Stephens Hill, was the reply. However these were not considered excessive and no more than would have been anticipated before increased charges came into effect.

There were also two incidents of building rubble dumped in South East Cornwall recently but again this was no more than would have been expected normally.

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From Councillor Hilary Frank
Saltash South

Useful things, soapboxes, in quantity, bars of soap are rather weighty so in the 1800s they were packed in stout wooden crates for transport. Once emptied, the boxes were in demand. They were great for improvised furniture, and children loved to put old pram wheels on them and make them in to mini racing cars. Nowadays of course, parents fund plastic cars - I saw a 2-year old in a remote-controlled plastic mini-Ferrari the other day, being raced up and down the Hoe... Soapboxes were also just the ticket to stand on so you could be seen more easily when haranguing an audience in the street.

We've all been harangued by national politicians in the run-up to the General Election, but now I'm grabbing my chance to grab my soapbox and harangue you about 3 of my pet topics: libraries, shopping locally and litterbugs.

Please do NOT be quiet!
Cornwall Council has launched a consultation about our library. It will close on 10th June.

The consultation, that is, NOT the library. I chose to phrase it like that in an attempt to get your attention because this consultation is SO important.

Like other local authorities, Cornwall Council has to make substantial budget savings. We've already made savings of £170 million, achieved by reducing back office spending and becoming more efficient. Further government funding cuts of £196 million across the next four years, combined with spiraling costs in services like adult care, means we now face having to reduce the amount we spend on some services. As part of that, we are faced with having to make savings of £1.8 million from the existing £4 million service budget for libraries.

Now - Cornwall Council has committed to provide a comprehensive library service that is accessible to all who wish to use it and not to reduce the number of branch libraries. So to achieve the savings we need to review how the service is delivered. What shape do YOU think libraries should take in the future?

Make your voice heard by filling in a questionnaire - either online at the Cornwall Council website or pick up a printed copy from Saltash Library. If you prefer to chat with a friendly library officer then drop in any time between 10am and 4pm on Monday 18th May when the lovely Sarah Marsh will be ready to listen to your views. I can't emphasize enough how important it is for you to get involved.

Shop Local!
If everyone in Saltash spent just £5 a week in a local shop instead of online it would mean over £3 million going in to our local economy. What a

difference that would make, eh? From 1st May the sparkly new meters in our car parks have been issuing special tickets - one part of the ticket is to be displayed in your parked car, but the other part can be taken to a participating shop to get a 50p discount. You have to spend at least £5 in the shop and you have to park for at least 2 hours, but this is hopefully a way to save you a bit of money. The scheme has been introduced as a joint initiative between Cornwall Council, Saltash Town Council and the Saltash Town Centre Improvement Group (STIG) and we are all hoping it will boost footfall in to Saltash shops, encouraging folk to spend more money and more time in our town centre. And beware: the Free Parking scheme has now come to an end.

Litterbugs
What is all this litter blighting our handsome town? Not only does it look awful it is also a danger to pets and wild animals. Parents: are you setting your children a good example? Teachers: are you addressing the issue? Despairing of the rubbish that is piling up, Long-suffering Husband and I have started monthly Community Litter Picks in conjunction with the delightful folk at SEA (Saltash Environmental Action).

Disappointingly, the litter picks have been very successful - we are collecting about 20 bags of rubbish each time. We've even added a crutch, a battered saucepan and a house SOLD sign to our collection. Our daughters (aged 9 and Nearly 6) are appalled. On the way home from the most recent litter pick in Pillmere, Long-Suffering Husband, Darling Daughters and I decided to check out the cinder path between K3 and St. Stephen's School. A team from the Community Litter Pick had cleared it just 4 weeks before, but to our horror we collected 2 whole bags! Please, people - join in the Litter Picks. (The next pick is on Sunday 17th May, meeting at the Scout HQ off Gallacher Way at 2pm.) But more importantly don't drop the stuff in the first place!

Before I leave my soapbox, here is a plea: we are using Cornwall Council litter picking equipment free of charge, but is there a Saltash business willing to buy us some litter pickers? It'd be a boost for your CSR image and would benefit the environment. Plus it would save Long-Suffering Husband having to travel down to the Cornwall Council depot outside Liskeard to pick up/return the equipment each time.

Right - I'll get off my soapbox now. I might just attach some old pram wheels and up-cycle it in to a vehicle that'll take me shopping in Fore Street, stopping off, of course, at the Library on the way.

Could Saltash Become 'Dementia Friendly'

A public meeting recently held at St. Barnabas Hospital to consider issues arising from dementia was well attended, with a nearly full room, far better supported than anticipated. Several patients and their carers told moving stories about their experiences to the specialist professionals who attended.

The meeting, organised by the Town's Community Interest Company, resulted in the professionals undertaking to try to refine their approaches in order to streamline access to help and advice, and there were various suggestions as to new ways of assisting dementia sufferers and those caring for them.

It became clear that there is scope for a dementia-awareness initiative in the town to ensure Saltash is made dementia friendly. The Gateway Community Interest Company will follow this up with the patient participation groups in the two local surgeries and it was noted that these appear to be a good number of willing volunteer helpers.

An inaugural meeting of the Cornwall Age UK 'Living Well' Project in the town was also co-ordinated by the Gateway Community Interest Company and was also well attended and interesting. A clear request was for more collective meetings for local voluntary bodies, and this was an outcome which the Community Interest Company is keen to follow up.

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Well What A Night!

Hundreds Helped Support The Observer Big Charity Quiz

Well, all who were there, and that is around three hundred of our reader's advertisers and other supporters and friends, seem to agree – it was a night that you had to be there.

From our many previous Saltash Observer charity fund raising parties and other functions and gatherings we were confident that we could rely on the Saltash community spirit to ensure that the Observer Big Charity Quiz would be well supported. Just how well supported we began to realise when bookings for tables at our venue, the 'Ploughboy Inn' started pouring in within days of our first publicising the event. And it just went on, even after our hosts at the 'Ploughboy', Mike and Joan, told us 'we're full'. We had to rush off and find more chairs as we began to anticipate the crowds that would be packing the pub for the fun night out. (Many thanks to Liz Turner of Trematon Hall for loan of the chairs) And on the night when several of the teams who had booked and paid regretfully advised that for genuine and unforeseeable reasons they could not attend their places were quickly taken by those who came along having the hopes of a table on the off chance.

The first sight to greet our quiz goers was our Town Crier, Brian Whipp in full costume, welcoming all and joining Mary's team of helpers in finding a place for each team. When we knew the numbers to expect we were concerned at how seating one and all would work, but it worked like

clockwork, for over sixty teams and three hundred or so competitors and helpers. If this is not a world record for a charity quiz it surely is a record for Saltash.

So after our Town Crier had stridently bade us all welcome we were ready for the first of a variety of rounds testing our knowledge of subjects ranging from Modern music to National Flags and sport to General Knowledge. Our excellent quizmaster Pete Brandon brought banter and good humour alongside brain stretching questions over a spectrum of subjects to test us all.

We were all ready to wind down for a while at the interval, when between scoffing sausage and chips kindly donated to all teams by Mike and Joan team members took the chance to refill their glasses and socialise with friends old and new. As several present put it to us 'You needed to be there to feel the electric atmosphere'.

The incredible array of raffle prizes cramming a large table at the centre, all donated by our generous local businesses and other friends ensured that Mary's band of helpers had no difficulty in selling tickets. The quiz resumed, the action hotting up before the final round and the declaration of the winning team who came forward to collect the Saltash and District Observer Big Charity Night Quiz Trophy.

The fun and excitement were not over as there was eager enthusiasm to collect the superb raffle prizes – though there were so many that some of our friends left their tickets with us so that we could

continue the draw and contact them later with their prize.

As winners and non-winners left at the end of the night all seemed to be saying to us or to each other what a fantastic event they had enjoyed.

But of course the most important winner was our chosen charity, Prostate Cancer Research Chestnut Appeal. Many of you



The Big Charity Quiz...Winning Team! With Landlady Joan & Mary Crawford

Saltash Euchre Teams present £120 to our Big Charity Quiz Night

have been asking how much we raised – now at last you will see in this month's Observer what a fantastic sum you helped contribute towards in order to help effect an eventual way of saving lives from

this dreadful disease. We are still thrilled and delighted at the fun and success of the evening and the pleasure that we so evidently gave to so many – We are even more delighted at the financial outcome.

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A Fantastic Success...And...What a Team Effort it Was!

When such a number of good-hearted people come together to help create such a success as the Saltash and District Observer Big Charity Quiz turned out to be, how does one begin to thank them all for what became such a team effort? But there are some who must be deserving of individual thanks and foremost of these are Sue and Geoff of 'Petit Pain' in Fore Street who for months had been selling raffle tickets, baking cakes to sell in the cafe, collecting cash and finally, (as they thought) donating several super raffle prizes. When Geoff said 'Well I think we are done now, is there anything else?' Mary replied 'Well there is one thing' – and there he was in the team of helpers on the night. Thanks too to the generous customers of Petit Pain for the wonderful prizes that they donated. Next we must thank our hosts Michael and Joan who were truly amazing allowing us to take over their 'Ploughboy' pub for a night, organising the excellent quiz master, having to rewire the speakers as the tables were filling and the seating area was spreading, Thanks too for the tasty savouries at half time. We cannot thank you enough – the 'Ploughboy' is always a great place to be!

Thanks also to the local euchre teams who put on a fun euchre night in aid of our chosen Observer Charity adding £120.00 to our total sum raised. Also thanks to Saltash Bowling Club who put in a team on the night. They enjoyed it so much that they offered to donate the proceeds of their fund raising when they opened the bowling green for the season the following Saturday to our charity fund.

Our wonderful team of helpers who gave up their time to help the evening flow smoothly were indispensable to the evening's success, thanks again to you all.

Of all of those who came along to enjoy and support the event we must particularly name Tracey Rhodes who filled eight tables with her 32 friends, who sold raffle tickets to

friends who could not make it, and for all the raffle prizes donated by her friends and family. Indeed a number of friends and Observer readers deserve thanks for sending donations and, or prizes when they were unable to attend themselves. Thanks too to the four representatives of the Prostate Cancer Chestnut Appeal who attended – we hope you found it worthwhile.

Of course almost last but by no means least thanks to all who did attend and added to the electric atmosphere as well as to the swelling of the charity coffers. 'I don't think I bullied you into coming' says Mary Crawford our

Editor, 'You might just have imagined that I did'. And finally and importantly thanks to all those individuals and local businesses who once again proved what a fantastic community we live in by supporting us in so many ways and in particular by donating raffle prizes – we were genuinely overwhelmed by the generosity and as you may have seen our table full of super prizes flowed over.

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Deputy Mayor Bowled in Summer Season for Club



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- 1 Which Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera tells the story of a band of Immortal Fairies? (8)
- 2 Which African city stands at the confluence of the Blue Nile and White Nile Rivers? (7)
- 3 Which ingredient, vital in Choux Pastry, is missing from Puff Pastry? (4)
- 4 Which Country declared War on France in 1940? (5)
- 5 Which author had the Christian names John Ronald Reuel? (7)
- 6 The Devon town of Bideford stands at the mouth of which River? (8)
- 7 What in the Scottish Highlands is a Filibeg? (4)
- 8 To which group of instruments does the Saxophone belong? (8)
- 9 What type of creature is a Dik-Dik? (8)

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The new season at Saltash Bowling Club was marked by a full crowd of members assembling on a bright but breezy April afternoon to be welcomed by Chairman of Cornwall Bowling Association, Group Two, and local bowler Rodney Nute.



Mr. Nute having officially opened the green for the season, wished the club well for the full programme of events marked out for the season.

He was followed by Deputy Mayor and Mayor Elect Councillor Bill Phillips who, according to tradition, bowled the first wood. His degree of accuracy must be attributed to his being part of Town Council team that played the club in a previous charity match.

All club members present then stood around all four sides of the green for a charity

fund raising 'Spider'. This is a novelty event in which all players simultaneously bowl at the jack in the centre of the green.

We are pleased and grateful to Saltash Bowling Club for donating the money raised to the Observer's own special charity of the year, The

Chestnut Appeal for prostate cancer research.

The club had that morning welcomed a number of non-bowlers to try out the game free of charge as advertised in last month's 'Observer'.

All appeared to enjoy the experience and some decided there and then to join the club. Anyone of either sex is welcome to come along and try the bowling experience any Friday evening from 6 p.m. and discover why this remains a happy and healthy sport enjoyed by those of any degree of fitness and of any age.

Saltash Students Star in Speech and Drama



Three local teenagers have recently triumphed in gaining honours diplomas in Speech and Drama. Examiner Stuart Morrison MA. HONUCM. PGCE. FVCM (TD)(HONS) FIFL. FRSA. from the London College of Speech and Drama pronounced himself as very impressed with the performance of sixteen year olds Shannon Jarvis, Alex Robins and Connie Crib Mary Frampton ATCLCTVCM.

Shannon who has been training with Saltash Bethany School of Speech & Drama since aged 10 is already keenly studying theatre studies at City College, Plymouth. Alex, who has been a pupil at Saltash Bethany School of Speech & Drama since age 11 is at Devonport High School for Boys and is applying to various drama schools, while Connie simply enjoys the range of skills that her studies offer her.

To gain their diplomas each student had to recite poem, prose and drama including sight-reading and to have full background knowledge of the works from which their prepared recitations were taken.

Mary Frampton, who has been teaching speech and drama in Saltash since 1970 has taught successive generations in many families and seen many past pupils go on to take further qualifications in drama. Others have just benefitted from the self-confidence that speaking skills provide especially useful in interviewing experiences. She still enjoys taking on new pupils.

Other pupils who passed highly were:-

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British Science Week goes off with a Bang at saltash.net



finding out about the career paths and options for future scientists and engineers in the South West.

Science teachers from saltash.net also went out to visit the local primary schools to run a special event to celebrate science week. Children from Landulph, Sir Robert Geffery's, St Stephens, Brunel and St Germans had the opportunity to design, build and race air-powered rocket cars. The children all enjoyed the activity immensely and there were

some fantastic creative designs, as well as some speedy cars hurtling across playgrounds and halls.

Back at saltash.net, Teacher of Science, Mr Granville-West hosted a series of lunchtime events, open to all students, in which he demonstrated a fire twister, made ice cream from liquid nitrogen, set fire to his own hands and blew a lot of smoke through an air cannon, amongst many other exciting and hands-on demonstrations.

Paula Celebrates Fourth Birthday



To celebrate Bliss Beauty's fourth birthday and to welcome new members of the beauty team Paula, who established Bliss Beauty in Top of the Town Courtyard four years ago and is 'amazed and delighted' at how it has grown, was especially delighted to welcome Yener, already well known at Images where he also works.

His expertise as a hair stylist will be especially in demand for clients anticipating special occasions including bridal and prom, as well as for vintage styles. Bliss are proud to offer now all ranges of hair and beauty - they recently prepared a group of ladies for an Audrey Hepburn lookalike evening.

Also new to the team is aesthetic nurse Becky, a fully qualified registered nurse and nurse prescriber who specialises in skin peels, acne scarring, fillers and wrinkle relaxing injections for women and men.

Already well known after almost a year at Bliss is Helen, who attends to such holistic treatment as massage, hot stone, Indian head and eye lash extensions.

Hayley who joined in January carries out micro pigmentation and semi-permanent make up while Jess, during her two years of training with Bliss has qualified in manicure, pedicure and waxing. And a vital member of the Bliss team is Di, the friendly face on reception and voice on the telephone.

As Paula cut the cake to mark the occasion she took the opportunity to toast all of her staff and especially the clientele, including the many who have been with her for the full four years and the many more who have recently come to enjoy the wide and ever expanding range of beauty treatments offered by her extended team of specialists.

Saltash.net celebrated British Science Week with a variety of events at the end of the spring term.

The school was delighted to host a team of STEM Ambassadors from Babcock engineering who had organised a challenging activity for Year 8 and 9 students based around the problems of working with a nuclear reactor. The students joined in the challenges with

enthusiasm, donning specialist protective gear and taking on a range of roles to plan and design a solution to an engineering problem. They rose to the challenge, with all the teams completing the task, some of them clocking up very speedy times. The sessions also provided an excellent opportunity for the students to meet and talk to people working locally in the engineering industry and



This dramatic shot shows the much anticipated bridging of the Saltash by-pass next to the Carkeel roundabout. The by-pass was closed over two nights in April and traffic diverted so that the pre-constructed span could be craned into position. The design was deliberately chosen to reflect Saltash's more famous crossing, the Royal Albert Bridge.

Well Loved Citizen of the Year has Died

Saltash mourns the loss of a well known and loved lady who gave much to her local community. Her work for Saltash was acknowledged last year when Mrs Elsie Edgcombe was honoured by being chosen Citizen of the Year. In this capacity she proudly participated in the Christmas celebrations where she turned on the town lights.

A founding member of St. Stephens Womens Institute she was also dedicated to health care and care of the disabled. A District Nurse by profession she was a long term member of SHADO Saltash Handicapped and Disabled Organisation, seeing the dream of a SHADO centre building to cater for their needs being realised. She died at the age of 92 and Wesley Church was packed with family and friends to honour her at the thanksgiving service for her life.

Walkers, cyclist and horse riders will now have safe passage from a newly constructed pavement along the Callington Road from Pillmere across the A38 and onto the existing bridleway by the Waitrose car park.

Work has continued to provide extra lanes at the Carkeel roundabout to improve traffic flow. Once the Highways Agency has fully completed this work Cornwall Council has plans to improve the Callington Road between the roundabout and Carkeel village.

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Museum's "Tales of the Unexhibited" Exhibition Evokes Old Memories

An amazing extravaganza of artefacts, some from the ancient past, some which many will recall from their own childhood, or perhaps their grandparents, are among the exhibits in Saltash Heritage Museum's 2015 exhibition.

"Tales of the Unexhibited" is the title given to the display in which Saltash Heritage members have raided their well stocked store room for items of interest which have never been included in a previous themed exhibition.

"It is a totally hands on display with games to play with, record players to wind up and any number of buttons and handles to push and pull", explained Heritage Vice Chairman Bruce Hunt at the official opening. "We are sure that many exhibits will provoke cries of "We used to have one of

those," or "my grandmother had one like that".

Mayor Councillor Mrs Jean Dent, in officially opening the exhibition spoke of the Heritage committee members as "a wonderful crew of professional people". She added, "People come from all over the country to our museum to say 'that is how it should be done.' Without Saltash Heritage, Saltash would be a much underrated place.

With cameras to costumes, radios to kitchen implements and so much more the exhibition hopes to attract visitor numbers to match the record four

thousand who visited the World War I exhibition last year. And for those who missed it the trench, complete with smoke and sound effects, and a recruitment tent are still in position this year.

The museum in Lower Fore Street, opposite the Guildhall, is now open on Wednesdays from 2pm to 4pm and on Saturdays and bank holidays from 10am to 4pm.

From July to September it will also be open on Fridays. Admission is free though a donation towards the volunteer maintained museum is appreciated.

Belle Vue Road Building a Hub for Community and Commercial Use

The premises at 18 Bellevue Road, currently used by the Citizens' Advice Bureau, are well set to become 'The Hub' available for a variety of community uses.

The town's Gateway Community Interest Company anticipates that rent from commercial occupants, two of whom have already come forward, will pay for the remainder of the large building to be available for community purposes. It is anticipated that when fully occupied it will create space for a further six full time employees as well as the three already present, and a base for three or four community organisations. It will generate a footfall in the town centre of 30 to 40 a day.

The works will reinvigorate a tired building, the Gateway CIC believe, and as it is within a hundred metres of Fore Street and adjacent to two main car parks some of the additional footfall will disperse into Fore Street and support local business.

A request for £18,500 funding from the Town Council's Section 106 budget (monies given by major developers as a condition of planning permission) has been approved by the Town Council subject to a fuller business plan being submitted.

Fruit at Forder

Cornwall council agrees to let the Forder Community use the land for a fruit orchard.

The Forder Community Association has been granted approval to plant fruit trees on the land behind Scannel Close. This has been led by Sho Frank and Francis Russell (Secretary of the FCCA) in celebration of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of John & Thelma Miller who have lived at Forder for most of their married life.

The Forder community has agreed to pay for the trees so Francis took John to the nurseries to help him pick the best varieties they could. Four trees were picked pear, Victoria Plum and two dessert apples.

After the planting a celebration tea was organised by the community - John and Thelma opened the orchard.

Letter to the Editor Pitch Perfect

I am sure you will be reporting on the International Gala Concert held at Saltash Wesley on Thursday 30th April, which opened the Cornwall International Male Voice Choral Festival. Burraton Male Voice Choir did us proud. And St Petersburg Boys Choir illuminated the church with their magnificent voices. But I am sure all the singers would agree that the pitch-perfect a cappella voices of the eight Gentlemen Singers from the Czech Republic ranging from soprano to baritone - yes I do mean soprano - were jaw-droppingly outstanding. It was a privilege to hear their mastery of voice.

It was just a shame that there were only one or two children in the audience. I think our young people would have been inspired by their performance. I shall live in hope that we are able to get them to come to Saltash again. I tried to put this into perspective in my life's significant moments. For me it was up there with childbirth!

Denise Watkins
Saltash

Shelter By The Ploughboy

Those waiting for buses to Liskeard, or Looe and beyond at Burraton should be able to do so in the dry.

The Town Council has agreed to procure a new shelter to be placed on Liskeard Road opposite the Ploughboy Inn. This will be provided from surplus stock if available and funded from the Town's bus shelter installation budget.

Free Bus to Fore Street and Food Market

The fresh and tasty delights of Food Market Fridays in number 4 Fore Street 'For Saltash' are even more accessible to all by means of a free hopper bus service.

Police Plan of Local Changes to Victim Support

As of April local individuals who report a crime to the police will be asked additional questions as to whether they feel a need for extra support to cope with and recover from the experience.

If such support is needed their details will be passed to a new Victim Care Unit based in Exeter. That unit will co-ordinate support services available from around sixty agencies across the Devon and Cornwall Police region to ensure the victim received what help best meets individual needs. There is also a new victim care website www.victimcaredevonandcornwall.org.uk

Victims of crime now also have the right to request a review of a police decision when a suspect is not prosecuted under certain circumstances.

Further information on how to do so are given in a new leaflet 'Victims of Crime - Information and Advice' which will be offered to all of those who report a crime.

The town's own community bus is providing a service from Pillmere, St. Stephens and other residential areas of the town to Fore Street and the Waterside. This is a free service intended to boost business in the town centre. As well as taking passengers directly to the quality food from local producers available on 'Food Market Friday' the service will also operate on certain Saturdays in May, June and July. Its future will then depend upon how well used it proves to be. As well as offering a service to shoppers it can also provide a free ride to the historic Waterside with its fine riverside walks, estuary views and play area.

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Monica Whipp

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