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'Legend' Nigel Tookey Celebrated as Unsung Hero

The selfless dedication of football coach Nigel Tookey was recognised at the opening of May Fair when he was presented with the Unsung Hero Award, cheered on by the 'lions' and 'tigers' of the newly formed Saltash Girls' Under-11 football teams.

Tony Truscott, coach of the Saltash Lions team, said: "Nigel has been an inspirational role model to the Saltash football community for more than 35 years. His enthusiasm has led to generations of young people developing a love for playing football and forming lasting friendships."

Last year, Nigel wrote to all the primary schools in Saltash with the suggestion of starting a Saltash Youth Girls football team. Such was the response that he has been training over 30 girls twice a week, teaching teamwork and respect through sport and providing support, especially important in the wake of the global pandemic.

The Unsung Hero Award



Photo Mike Pitches Photography

was presented by Carol Emmet, whose achievements in supporting people living with dementia were recognised by Saltash Town Council earlier this year when she was chosen as Saltash Citizen of the Year.

Minutes earlier, the lions and tigers had excitedly led the May Fair Parade of Youth down Fore

Street. Nigel had volunteered to walk with the girls, completely unaware that he was due to be presented with the Unsung Hero Award. "The girls are really grateful to Nigel for all he does, and were so excited about the Award. I'm proud and surprised that they managed to keep it a secret from him," said Tony. "The look on Nigel's face when

the girls announced that he was the recipient was glorious. Nigel freely gives so much of his time to encourage young players, volunteering with football coaching at Burraton School, too. He is absolutely selfless and a thoroughly deserving recipient of the Unsung Hero Award. An absolute legend."

New Mayor and Mayoress are 'Proper Saltash'

Our newly elected Mayor Councillor Richard Bickford, though born in Gibraltar, grew up in Saltash after his family returned here when he was two years old. His wife and Mayoress, Sarah, is a true 'Saltash maid' from a Waterside family. The couple first met while attending Longstone School (now Brunel) and went on to share schooldays at Saltash Comprehensive School, as it was known at the time.

Richard attended the University of Plymouth before spending two years as a professional racing sailor. "It was the ideal occupation," he comments, "sailing the world and getting paid for it." Richard returned to Plymouth University where he was employed as an IT specialist.

Sarah's professional life started in Saltash Post Office on Wesley Road. After its closure, she went on to be manager of Liskeard Post Office. The couple lived for a while in Plymouth but have been back in Saltash since



Newly elected Mayor Cllr Richard Bickford with Mayoress wife Sarah Bickford

2003. Their daughter, Sophie, was locally educated and is currently a medical student at Southampton University.

Richard became a town councillor in 2007 and has served on various committees. His train commute to Plymouth University led to his keen interest in campaigning for improved rail services to the town, and he spearheaded the acquisition and refurbishment of the station building for public use.

During his mayoral year,

Richard is keen to support his fellow councillors in keeping the town running in good order, with a particular focus on the climate emergency.

His Mayor's charity will seek to raise funds for Saltash Environmental Action as well as for Saltash Sailing Club Cadets, reflecting his continuing commitment to environmental issues and his passion for encouraging younger generations to develop a love of sailing.

Jacob Stormed to Victory



Photo Mike Pitches Photography

Forder resident Jacob Landers, pictured here with his wife Georgina and their 9-week old baby Rosa, stormed to victory in the Saltash Half Marathon hosted by Tamar Trotters at the Saltash May Fair, claiming victory in 1 hour 16 minutes and 6 seconds.

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From the Mayor of Saltash

Welcome to my first column in this new 'job' that I have taken on for the next year. I'll try to make them interesting and informative, and hopefully you will enjoy them.

Firstly, I must thank my fellow town councillors in voting for me to take on the role of Mayor for the year. In particular I would like to thank Councillor David Yates and Councillor Steve Miller who were kind enough to support my nominations both last year for Deputy and this year as Mayor. It is a great honour, and I will try hard to ensure that the business of council meetings run smoothly with some fun and lively debate along the way.

I cannot write more until, I also give my thanks to Sarah, my wife, who is taking on the role of Mayoress alongside me, and has supported me throughout my 15 years as a councillor whilst also keeping me in line when required. I am sure we will have a fun year representing the town at many events, near and far.



I feel lucky that my Deputy for the next 12 months is Councillor Julia Peggs along with her consort, her husband Geoff, who I know will fulfil these roles with dedication and enthusiasm. We know we can work well together and have already teamed up on a number of projects.

There is much to do, and the role of the town council, and town councillor is ever changing as we seem to take on more responsibility and projects. We do have a great

team though in both councillors and our officers who work so hard for the whole town.

Having spent the last couple of years driving forward the Station Refurbishment project, my fellow councillors will be pleased that I don't have any major goals this year. Mainly I would like to see the town council make sensible adjustments to address the climate emergency that still hangs over us, which roughly translates into being mindful of our surroundings and the impact of our actions, as well as more housekeeping efforts to reduce our energy use across our buildings and land.

The aforementioned Station Refurbishment project has taken a number of years to deliver. Building a groundswell

of support, finding funding partners and a design and construction team, all takes time, but we now have a beautifully restored building that is starting to get more and more use. Please keep an eye out for events at Isambard House and across the town, and make efforts to support them. The Town Council are currently hosting a number of events, under the umbrella of the Green Dragon Festival, a Creative Kernow funding stream.

I write this only a week into the role, and already we have enjoyed the Mayfair, an amazing weekend, that saw a wide variety of activities in an around the Town Centre. It was good to see the Tamar Trotters working with the Mayfair committee organising a number

of running events, alongside stalls in Longstone Park on the Sunday. The whole weekend saw amazing support by the people of Saltash, so thank you.

The Town Council are pleased to have organisations like the Mayfair committee to run such events, and whilst we might have limited input into what goes on, we do provide significant levels of funding, to ensure the events can take place. This year both the Mayfair and Saltash Regatta in early September will receive almost £3,000 each from our Festivals Fund. The fund which supports, large free community events, will also support the Saltash Lions Jubilee celebrations on Saturday 4th June at Warfelton Green, and the Mayfair teams 'Big Jubilee Lunch' on Sunday

5th June in the Town Centre as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

The Town Council itself will be kicking off the 4 day holiday with a Firework display at Jubilee Green on the Waterside which will follow a beacon lighting and a rendition of the Jubilee Song. The bridges and river will provide a stunning backdrop to festivities. A road closure will be in place on parts of Old Ferry Road for some of that day to ensure crowd safety. You are all invited to take part in a parade from Victoria Gardens at 8.30pm down to the Waterside where we expect the fireworks to start at 9.50pm.

Thanks for reading, come back for more next month.

*Cllr Richard Bickford
Mayor of Saltash 2022-23*

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Core Aid to Combat Food Poverty



Photo Mike Pitches Photography

The day of May Fair also marked the 10th anniversary of Saltash Foodbank, and young people of The Core Youth and Community Centre took the opportunity to launch a day of activities at the May Fair Youth Village with the presentation of a box of items they had collected for Saltash Foodbank.

The presentation to Rika Chanter, in the presence of newly elected Mayor and Mayoress Richard and Sarah Bickford, formed part of The Core's ongoing efforts to combat food poverty. During the first lockdown in 2020, The Core got actively involved in The Hive food project, where food items that might otherwise have gone to waste were collected, cooked and frozen, then made available for families in need to collect.

During Covid months a garden was established in a fenced off area next to The Core

building. As well as creating a safe outdoor space to be enjoyed by Core members, it has also been used to grow vegetables, some being used by The Core's Grub Club in teaching young people how to cook cheap, nutritious meals.

The Core's dedicated contribution was recognised by an invitation to a royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace for Charlotte Carpenter and Tina Eaton, who lead the dedicated team at The Core, going above and beyond to support young people and combat food poverty.

A Green, Fashionable Deputy Mayor

Newly elected Deputy Mayor Councillor Julia Peggs has served as a town councillor for three years, and has been a driving force behind various projects including the campaign for the town to achieve Plastic Free status.

Julia has lived in Saltash for over 30 years and has developed an expertise in business management. Her husband, Geoff, will be her Consort, and together the couple have two adult sons, one a business entrepreneur in the United States and the other a teacher in Exeter.



"I am really looking forward to a year of supporting the new Mayor and getting many projects moving," she told the Observer. Indeed, a few days after her election as Deputy Mayor she was already delivering a hugely successful Green Fashion Show in the newly refurbished station building, inspiring people to upcycle, reuse and recycle clothes.

Saltash Town Council Annual Report

Saltash Town Council's Annual Report is now published for the year 2021-22. The Annual Report highlights the work undertaken by the Town Council in Saltash, it also summaries how the Saltash Town Council portion of Saltash residents Council Tax is spent and the Services delivered by the Town Council. The Annual report can be located on the Town Council website <https://www.saltash.gov.uk/annual-town-council-report.php> and paper copies are available at the Guildhall and Saltash Library Hub.

The Town Council encourages everyone to make contact should they have a question, concern, or wishes the Town Council to consider a matter.

The Town Council looks forward to continuing to work with everyone for the betterment of those that live, work and visit Saltash.

Saltash Town Council

Appointment to Committees and Schedule of Meetings 2022-2023

At the Annual Meeting of Saltash Town Council held on 5th May 2022 the Town Council re-appointed Members to Town Council Committees, Sub Committees and Working Groups for the year 2022-2023.

Details of the membership can be located on the Town Council website <https://www.saltash.gov.uk/council.php> and individual Committee membership is also listed on the Summon sheet of each issued agenda.

The Town Council also approved the Schedule of Meetings Calendar for the year 2022-2023.

The calendar can be located on the Town Council website <https://www.saltash.gov.uk/council.php> and notice boards around the Town.

The Town Council encourages everyone to attend Town Council meetings, listen to the debate and decisions made about the Town. Agendas are published on the Town Council website, notice boards and social media three clear working days prior to the Committee meeting date, not including the day the agenda is issued, and the day of the Committee meeting.

Saltash Town Council Support Citizens Advice Bureau

At the Annual Meeting of Saltash Town Council held on 5th May the Town Council **RESOLVED** to note the letter received from Citizen Advice Cornwall regarding community help.

The community help offered by Citizens Advice Cornwall includes advice on benefits, housing and budgeting.

The Town Council supports Citizen Advice and promotes the Service it offers to the residents of Saltash.

In 2020 the Town Council supported the service through funding improvements to the offices at Belle Vue at a cost of £9,700. The funding was allocated to create a reception and triage facility which enables the service to support more residents in Saltash.

Further information is to be published through the Town Council social media, Town notice boards and the Town Council website. Facebook [@saltashtowncouncilofficial](https://www.facebook.com/saltashtowncouncilofficial) Town Council website www.saltash.gov.uk

If there is an agenda item you wish to put a question to the Town Council please email enquiries@saltash.gov.uk 24 hours prior to the Committee meeting with your question.

Chamber Chairman Sarah Martin Keeping us Updated...

It would be very remiss of me to begin this May column without mentioning the amazing May Fair which welcomed in the month for us. All who came to enjoy the two-day event will surely feel, like me, that they witnessed the very best in Saltash events. Great stalls, great footfall, great attendance and a great host of activities and highlights to keep us all entertained. All the May Fair committee are Chamber members and this year they surpassed themselves, so congratulations to them and sincere thanks for setting the benchmark so high - it's going to be hard to surpass!

New Tamar Tag Action Group

So, April heralded increased Tamar tolls for tag users as the management team advised by the Joint Committee of Cornwall and Plymouth City councillors decreased the amount of discount for drivers with a tag - meaning an increase from £1 to £1.30. This has rightly enraged lots of residents, and a group of them supported by some town councillors have formed an Action Group - aptly named Tamar Toll Action Group - which can be found on Facebook. Numbers of the group have swelled since their stall at May

Fair, but businesses who are also affected by the toll increase for tag users are proving a harder group to involve. We would like to encourage all local businesses who are interested in working alongside this action group to affect change, to get in touch with Chamber at info@saltashchamber.co.uk.

Resurfacing work on Belle Vue and Fore Street

The resurfacing work needed on Fore Street (put off from last year when just the parking and bus bays were resurfaced) is due to start soon with the junction widening of Belle Vue Road. We have been assured that all the work will begin after the Jubilee weekend, with the main Fore Street works happening overnight and an approximate start date of the end of June. Cormac is yet to confirm an official start date but it will be good to get the works finished before the summer holidays are upon us. Watch this space for more updates from Cormac.

That just leaves me a little space to wish everyone a great long weekend of celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at the beginning of June. With some great events happening in Saltash, there's something for everyone!

Essa Voices Great communication begins with connection

That's a quote (from, term, Oprah Winfrey...) which is helping me understand my ongoing frustration with policy decisions being taken at Cornwall Council. It's a quote that councillors in the Cabinet at Cornwall Council should really take to heart because along with fellow 'backbench' councillors here in South East Cornwall, I've felt a stark disconnect in recent months.

Take buses, for example. After hearing from so many of you about bus woes we fixed up a meeting with officers from Cornwall Council's transport team. They spoke openly of the huge financial pressures they are facing, telling us that in the transport funding round in autumn last year Cornwall calculated its need as £33 million but received just £17 million from the Department for Transport. We were told of how they had no option but to withdraw services and of how they have tried extremely hard to make sure there were no gaps in the service. If only they had communicated all of this with us as local councillors earlier we could have actively engaged with residents to explain the situation and worked with residents to ensure their views were incorporated before timetable changes were made.

Mayor for Cornwall – at What Cost

Which brings me on to the government's requirement that if Cornwall Council wants to have additional powers we need to change the system of governance to one where all power is invested in a Mayor of Cornwall who is directly



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elected through a separate vote (and is not a councillor).

If we adopt a directly elected mayor model it will be locked into place for ten years. Bristol moved to a directly elected mayor system in 2012. Ten years on, and the referendum earlier this month saw the city vote to scrap the system amid concerns about cost and effectiveness. A Conservative councillor in Bristol is quoted as saying: "The mayoral model has proven a disaster for Bristol - too much power at the whim of one individual."

Cornwall desperately needs a meaningful devolution deal, and we've been assured that the Leader and her team will be earnest in their negotiations to secure the best possible terms, but these negotiations are happening behind closed doors and backbench councillors like me have not even had sight of the devolution asks.

This lack of willingness to connect with local councillors is already creating a democratic deficit. I'm willing to be persuaded otherwise, but at the moment I cannot see how taking decision making and local engagement even further away from councillors and investing it in one individual as Mayor can redress that balance. Improving communication and making sure that backbench councillors are connected would be far cheaper and far more effective.

Together we can, Together we do

Community Enterprises
PL12

As we write this, the sun is shining, the bunting is blowing in the breeze, Saltash Fore Street is still buzzing from the May Fair celebrations and we are looking forward to the Jubilee. If you've been into Fore Street recently (and if you haven't you really should) you'll have seen our Community Kitchen at number 8 is now open, providing a welcoming space for a wide range of community groups and activities. Our Community Shop at number 4 is packed full of a range of goods, all from local artists and craftspeople. We're tucked away at the bottom of Fore Street, but it's well worth making the effort to pop down and see what we have on offer.

Alongside our Community Kitchen and Shop we also offer trips and private hires through our Community Transport and prevent a huge amount of food from ending up in landfill with our enormously successful Community Fridge.

Community Enterprises PL12 is a not-for-profit organisation with the aim to make the PL12 area an even better place to live, work or visit. Our organisation is run solely by volunteers, including the Directors, who all give generously of their time to make sure our activities can take place. With the opening of the Community Kitchen we are rapidly expanding and are now looking for more people to join our supportive team.

Could you help?

We are currently looking for three Directors to join our Board: a marketing and publicity Director, a Director to oversee the running of our Community Shop, and a Director to further develop our successful Dementia Voice projects.

We would also love to hear from anyone who has 3 to 4 hours to spare on a regular basis and would like to support our other activities, like driving our Community buses, serving in the shop, making teas, coffees and cakes in the Community Kitchen or helping out with our Dementia Voice and Community Fridge activities. You'd never be on your own and we provide support and training to help you find your feet. We have a lot of fun too! If you want to know more, please visit our website www.cepl12.co.uk, get in touch by popping into the Community Shop, calling 01752 849334 or emailing hub@cepl12.co.uk. "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." Helen Keller

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Sunday 12th June

Lunch at Mount Pleasant Inn, Dawlish

Leave Saltash 1030 - Return 1630

Time to explore Dawlish - Travel (£9)

Thursday 16th June - Tour of Bodmin Jail

Leave Saltash 1030 - Return 1630

Light lunch @1200 (prices vary) Private Tour of

(accessible) Jail (c.2hrs) - Travel (£6)

Tuesday 21st June

Bude – Day Trip to the Seaside!

Leave Saltash 1030 - Return 1630 - (£9)

Friday 24th June

Dawlish & Powderham Castle

Leave Saltash 1030 - Return 1630

Time to explore Dawlish town, followed by

visit to Powderham Castle Teashop and

Garden Centre -Travel (£9)

Sunday 26th June

Sunday lunch at Britannia Inn, St Austell

Leave Saltash 1100 - Return 1630 - (£7)

HOPPER TRIPS - JULY 2022

Early warning! Trips being planned for July ...

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1st July - River Dart Trip Totnes/Dartmouth

5th July - Visit 'World of Country Life', Exmouth

10th July - Lunch at Fisherman's Cott, Bickleigh

18th July - Tour of Camglaze Cavern

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Planting Trees, Planting Hope

Ambitious plans to improve the urban environment and reduce pollution form the basis of the 'Tree Saltash' campaign. From October this year a widespread scheme of tree planting is due to get underway, and the public is being asked to contribute with suggestions of where these 'Lungs of the Earth' might best be situated. The intention is to plant between houses and along road verges while ensuring that residents do not suffer loss of light or views.

Saltash Library, as part of its Environment month, helped launch the scheme in April with a tree-themed talk and walk. Cornwall is comparatively rich in historic trees, advised Ben Norwood during his talk on Ancient and Veteran Trees. While the oldest trees in the world, on America's Pacific Coast, are believed to date back 5,000 years, it is believed that Hern's Oak in a former deer park near Callington is around 1,000 years old, while the Darley Oak at Darleyford on the edge of Bodmin Moor is acclaimed as around 900 years old. A sapling from this ancient tree was recently planted on Jubilee Green as part of Saltash's Platinum Jubilee commemoration. One of the town's registered historic trees is little-noticed sycamore by the track linking Saltash Community School with Bishop Cornish School.

Cornwall still retains much ancient woodland, defined as that which has existed since at least 1600, with 'indicator species' of flowers such as wood anemone confirming the soil has

been undisturbed over the centuries. Future generations should be able to enjoy far more woodland as the Forest for Cornwall plans include an additional 8,000 hectares of woodland by 2030.

The wide variety of trees already growing in and around the town centre were pointed out by Adrian White, one of Saltash's three tree wardens, as he led a walk from the library ending in Longstone Park. He was able to advise how trees can be encouraged to survive and flourish, avoiding harm by such factors as squirrels, voles and overenthusiastic strimming.

Those who took part are now able to distinguish such trees as Turkey Oak, Goat Willow, Black Poplar and Monterey Cypress, all found along a short stretch of urban Saltash. And while ash dieback poses a threat to around 90% of the species, one of the finest and most historic rows of ash trees in Cornwall grows along New Road near Pollards Way. Anyone wishing to comment or learn more may visit info@seasaltash.org.uk

Dockyardies' role in the Falklands Conflict

The retrospective commentaries marking the fortieth anniversary of the Falklands conflict have remained relatively silent about the part played locally in the preparation of the fleet that sailed from Plymouth to the South Atlantic.

Saltash Old Cornwall Society during their April meeting enjoyed a talk from Mr Bill Trevorror, who played a major role in acquiring and fitting out the merchant vessels which formed the flotilla. As 'night shift foreman for all trades' he travelled to examine suitable ships as well as supervising the work that made them fit for the conflict, including the placing of a flight deck on the ill-fated 'Atlantic Conveyor'. He subsequently volunteered to travel to the Falklands as part of a team of twenty-four tradesmen. It was

found, though, that many of them had no passports, and then that they needed to acquire winter clothing, including fifty pairs of tights, before they could leave for the South Atlantic. These obstacles proved impossible to overcome, and the journey was countermanded, to Mr Trevorror's disappointment.

In his vote of thanks, Society Secretary Martin Lister paid tribute to a lively and amusing talk, which also shone a spotlight on the hard work that our Devonport dockyardies put in when the need arose.

Purple Glow Eliminates Drug Use in Public Toilets

The installation of ultra violet lighting has proved successful in leading to a decrease in intravenous drug use in the town's public toilets, it was reported at the town council's Services Committee.

Drug users cannot make accurate vein injections when under certain UV light frequencies, and the lighting installed makes vein identification impossible. There had not been an incident of a 'sharp' being reported since January. The town's Service Delivery Department is working alongside the 'We Are With You' campaign and providing notices in public toilets advising of safe needle exchange facilities.

Letter to the Editor

Hello Mary

I was interested to read the article this week about the early morning London train stopping at Saltash. That would have been of use to me when I was commuting from Saltash to Paddington every Monday morning many years ago!

Can we persuade Cross Country Trains to stop at Saltash? My wife and I go up to Wakefield at least once a year to see daughter and family. We usually have to get a taxi into Plymouth station.

I would have thought that with the increase in population in Saltash in recent years it would be in Cross Country's interest to stop here, as anyway the train has almost to stop before crossing the bridge! I did make some enquiries a few years ago but to no avail.

Best wishes
Geoff Lucock
Saltash



Saltash Green Dragon Festival

The months of May and June are seeing fire breathed into our cultural heritage as the first ever Saltash Green Dragon Festival unfolds. Taking its name from the plaque of a green dragon high above the entrance doors of the Saltash Co-op building, the Green Dragon events have been made possible through funding from Tresorys Kernow (meaning 'Cornish Treasures'), a project funded through the UK Community Renewal Fund and being delivered by Cornwall Museums Partnership and Creative Kernow. Details of events are being published on the Saltash Green Dragon Festival Facebook page, but here is a look at three pillar events.

Songs & Shanties Festival

June 10th to 12th

The Festival kicks off by welcoming the youngest audiences to a Music Menagerie at Saltash Library. From Baby Sharks to Nellie the Elephant, pre-schoolers and their carers are invited to sing-along with instruments large and small. There is more singing that evening at a fun workshop of 'Shanties & Songs of Land & Sea' in Isambard House, while Saturday 11th June sees string and wind players from across South East Cornwall and Plymouth perform melodic new music by local composer Judy Whitlock in the elegant Guildhall. The final day of the Festival features music from the very old to the very new, including Elizabethan music at Mary Newman's Cottage, and a live music and film screening of Heaven's Thunder featuring concert premiere excerpts from a film made of a show involving horses, riders and musicians. The Festival is brought to a close at the historic Church of St Nicholas and St Faith with acclaimed Early and World music group Sirinu celebrating the jubilee year of Elizabeth II with a performance of lively tunes from the time of Elizabeth I. Lindsay Endean, Festival Director and Saltash resident, said: "This will be a great weekend for discovering new music and exploring Saltash with friends and family. The historic buildings in this town are real hidden gems and the enthusiasm from musicians for performing in them has been amazing." Tickets are available at www.songsandshanties.co.uk

Cornwall Comedian of the Year

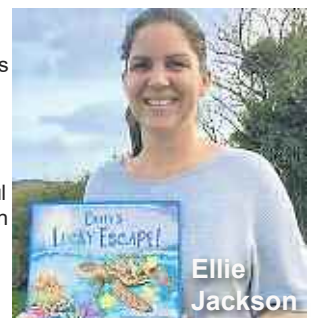
Grand Finale: 29th May

The resplendent rafters of the newly refurbished station building (Isambard House) have been shaking. With laughter. At the hilarious jokes made by competitors in the semi finals of the inaugural Cornwall Comedian of the Year competition. Saltash Town Council has been keen to use its portion of the Tresorys Kernow funding to position Isambard House as a vibrant community hub, and has offered it as a venue for various Green Dragon events including the Green Fashion Show, Saltash Scrapstore's Giant Draw and music performances as part of the Songs and Shanties Festival. The idea for a stand-up comedy competition came from Councillor Sarah Gillies, who has been at the forefront of driving this element of the Green Dragon Festival forward. Each of the semi-finals has been hosted by a professional MC, and has seen around 10 rising stars from the Cornwall comedy scene battle it out to take home the Jethro Trophy, named with the permission of his family in memory of the late, great Cornish comedian. Audiences at the semi-finals have been asked to select the comedians who will go through to the Final. This has been challenging when the standard has been so high, but the task and the laughter have been made easier with the ability to take alcohol in to the venue. Tickets for the Grand Final on 29th May are still available online from Engine House Tickets, and cost just £5.

The Big Green Environment Show

Various dates in June

Authors, film directors, animals and dreamcatchers come together in Saltash Library to promote awareness of environmental issues in June, all under the watchful eye of a giant green dragon created by children of Brunel Primary School. A compelling music and video journey called River Walk produced by Livewire will be on show throughout the month of June, but storyteller and author Lisa Schneidau will be the first guest speaker when she comes to the Library on Saturday 4th to tell traditional tales of trees hiding treasure and talking willows. Fun conservation workshops and animal encounters seek to engage and inspire younger minds, while older residents have the opportunity to attend a Cornwall Climate Care film presentation and Q&A session with director Bryony Stokes, who was pivotal in starting up the BAFTA-winning online educational platform Truetube, and producer Claire Wallerstein, who co-ordinates the Cornish Plastic Pollution Coalition and is a founder member of the marine conservation charity Rame Peninsula Beach Care. Ellie Jackson, author of captivating environmental books for children such as Buddy's Rainforest Rescue, will be reading stories on Saturday 18th, while the following Saturday environmental artist Judy Harington will be leading workshops to make unique dreamcatchers from discarded plastics. The events have already sparked great interest, which just goes to show that 'The grass is greener where you water it.'



Mayor Chooses Modelathon Winner

Ships, tanks and aircraft from all eras lined the Ashtorpe Rock Centre at the conclusion of a 24-hour modelathon.

Saltash Model Club members worked from midday Saturday through the night until Councillors Peter and Brenda Samuels, who were Mayor and Mayoress at the time, arrived at midday on Sunday 1st May to examine the results and select the best model.

The mayor declared that he had a hard task selecting the best from the models that even included a World War I Zeppelin airship. However he chose as winner a model of HMS Warspit, the World War I 'dreadnought' battleship, which was eventually to sink off the Cornish coast while under tow to the breaker's yard. Modeller Ben Croucher, who had completed his model at around 3am that morning, was awarded a £25 token to be spent in a model shop.

As well as generating plenty of interest, the fund-raising event also generated around £1300 for the Royal British Legion.

Plant a Tree for Jubilee



Ex Mayor of Saltash Pete Samuels recently planted a tree as part of the Plant a Tree for the Jubilee and the Queen's Green Canopy project. Located on Jubilee Green, Saltash it was planted in line with already established trees on the edge of the green.

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Saltash Guests at Royal Garden Party

Rain couldn't stop the royal garden party season from kicking off in style as the event returned for the first time in nearly three years, with guests including Professor Sir Chris Whitty alongside Charlotte Carpenter, Tina Eaton, Rose Edwards and Carol Emmett from Saltash.

Each year, the Queen hosts three garden parties at Buckingham Palace as a way to recognise and reward public service. Around 8,000 guests are invited to each one, to enjoy the stunning gardens and a spot of afternoon tea in company with members of the Royal Family. Gentlemen wear morning dress or lounge suits, while women wear day dress, usually with hats or fascinators.



Carol Emmett & Rose Edwards

'Garden Parties are an important way for The Queen to speak to a broad range of people from all walks of life, all of whom have made a positive impact in their community,' states the Royal Household's official website. However, this wasn't always the case. When garden parties were first held in the 1860s during the reign of Queen Victoria, they were exclusive affairs to present debutantes to society. It wasn't until the 1950s that the guest list was expanded, when George VI started inviting members of the armed forces and essential services as a way of paying tribute to their service during World War II. And it was under the reign of our current queen that the 'presentation parties' were replaced by more accessible 'garden parties'.

Regrettably, a week before the event, Buckingham Palace had announced that the Queen would not be attending any of

this year's garden parties due to mobility issues. Instead, the Prince of Wales, the Duchess of Cornwall and the Princess Royal were hosts, chatting warmly with the 8,000 guests holding umbrellas on the Queen's back lawn.

The rain did not dampen the spirits of Carol and Rose, invited for their dedicated commitment in supporting veterans in the Saltash area. "We both shook hands with Prince Charles, and very much enjoyed a jovial chat with him. A truly memorable day we will never forget," said Carol.

Charlotte and Tina, invited in recognition of their outstanding support for young people through The Core Youth and Community Centre, spoke warmly of how honoured they felt and of the great beauty of the Palace gardens.

All four ladies said they felt lucky to have been invited, but in truth it is the Saltash community that is lucky to have such big-hearted residents, committed to supporting others. The Observer would like to add its heartfelt congratulations and thanks.

Ann Glanville Given Face Lift

The figure of renowned 19th century oarswoman Ann Glanville is back in full voice and has experienced a full makeover. The weather on Saltash Waterside had caused her paint to flake, but Saltash Rotarians Keith and Sally Halsey have applied their art, as well as some special skin tone paint, to make her look as good as new. Once again she is talking in her local accent and will describe the Saltash Waterside, where she grew up and led a local ladies' rowing team to glory.

The nearby statue of Brunel is next on the agenda for restoration. Sadly the material of which it was made has deteriorated badly, making the figure of the great engineer who masterminded the Great Western Railway and our Royal Albert Bridge somewhat fragile. It is hoped to bring him back to a fit state, to continue standing proudly on Waterside, looking up at his final engineering achievement.

Rotarians have also painted and refurbished the wooden benches on Waterside, ready for the summer and Jubilee celebrations.



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Charlotte Carpenter & Tina Eaton

Saltash Town Council Jubilee Celebrations

Saltash Town Council will be starting the Jubilee celebrations off with a bang! The Town Council invites everyone to take part in the Civic Parade leaving Victoria Gardens at approx. 8.30pm parading down to Jubilee Green at the Waterside. The Mayor will then light the Town's beacon in line with other Towns, Cities and Countries all over the World. Fireworks will end the evening with a bang at 9.50pm, it is something not to be missed! To keep up to date with the arrangements follow the Town Council on social media – Facebook @saltashtowncouncilofficial, the Town Council website www.saltash.gov.uk and take a look at the notice boards.

Rocking the Fudge at the Jubilee

Winner of the Saltash Platinum Pudding competition, 11-year-old Ethan White, will be presenting his creation to Deputy Lord Lieutenant James Kitson and the Mayor of Saltash at the Big Jubilee Lunch street party on Fore Street on Sunday 5th June.

Ethan is a fan of Junior Bake Off and was excited to be entering the competition. "Rocking the Fudge is rocky road sandwiched between two layers of fudge cake," he says. "I chose rocky road because it is the Queen's favourite biscuit cake."

The street party is designed to be a chance to bring neighbours, families and friends together to pay tribute to the longstanding service of the Queen and to create communal, community memories. Thanks to funding from Saltash Town Council community groups can have one table for free, but organisers are asking for £10 for any extra tables that community groups would like. Tables for residents also cost £10, and can be booked through the online ticketing website Eventbrite or in person at The Bookshelf on Fore Street. Revellers will need to bring their own chairs as well as food, but can bring as many chairs as they think will fit comfortably around the table. With music, Union Jacks and cake, the happy holiday event promises to be a merry time for 'rocking around at the Jubilee' that will give revellers a sentimental feeling for years to come.



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Conundrum Corner

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

- 1 Ladies' Fingers, so called because of its appearance, is another name for which Vegetable? (4)
- 2 Of which feature film was Celine Dion's hit song My Heart Will Go On the theme song? (7)
- 3 In which English Cathedral is Jane Austen buried? (10)
- 4 Schiphol Airport services which major European City? (9)
- 5 What name is given to the traditional method of cooking a Hare in a tall covered pot? (7)
- 6 Which is Europe's largest Wading Bird? (6)
- 7 What was the name of the German Battleship that sank H.M.S. Hood, the Royal Navy Flagship, in May, 1941? (8)
- 8 Which is the largest Island in the Mediterranean Sea? (6)
- 9 As Long As He Needs Me is a song from which Musical? (6)

When Money Affects Mental Health

May 9th-15th was Mental Health Awareness Week, promoting good mental health and wellbeing. It's a sad truth that money troubles and mental ill-health often go hand-in-hand. So what can be done to break the link? Here are some tips for looking after your mental health if you're under pressure with money. **Don't ignore your feelings.** Stress and anxiety, are your body's way of responding to pressure and can be good things, as they alert you that you're reaching your emotional limit. Ignore the warning and you're likely to feel more anxious and irritable. Mind, the mental health charity, can help you understand what you're feeling and how to deal with it in a healthy way. Visit mind.org.uk. **Talk to someone.** Whether



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friend, family member or a helpline, they may be able to point you in the direction of the support you need, or simply be a listening ear to allow you to release the burden you've been carrying. Contact Samaritans about anything that's getting you down by calling 116 123 or emailing jo@samaritans.org. If you're supporting someone who is experiencing a mental health problem and you need to talk, call SANeline on 0300 304 7000 from 4:30pm to 10:30pm daily. **Split up big tasks.** If a task seems overwhelming and you don't know where to start, break it down into easily achievable chunks, and give yourself credit for completing each one. For example, if you want to put together a budget, your first step might be to simply list the different things you spend money on each month. There's more advice

on budget planning at moneyhelper.org.uk. **Make space for positivity.** Whether you're experiencing money worries or not, this is something we can all benefit from practising. It's not about pretending that everything in your life is great, but taking the time to reflect on the good parts. Every night, get into the habit of writing down one thing that went well that day or something you're grateful for. **Don't wait to seek help.** Sadly, a quarter of CAP clients wait three years or more before seeking debt help. There are several excellent organisations out there who provide free debt help, including CAP (capuk.org), StepChange (stepchange.org) and Citizens Advice (citizensadvice.org.uk). If you're not ready to talk about it just yet, there are helpful resources available online to help take the pressure off, like moneyhelper.org.uk and moneysavingexpert.com. *Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a UK charity working with over 580 churches to deliver debt help, budgeting guidance, support to find work, life skills groups and more. Visit capuk.org to find out more.*

Sustainable Saltash

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

There's a community allotment on Grenfell Avenue, run by Saltash Environmental Action (SEA). Anyone can become a member of SEA by signing up to receive our newsletter (go to seasaltash.org.uk). SEA members over 18 can volunteer to join us on the allotment. We don't just garden for food, but for mental wellbeing, physical fitness, and love of nature. While food prices are soaring, it is fantastic to have fresh, nutritious, unpackaged vegetables for the price of a few seeds.

Gardening teaches resilience. Our tool store made from reclaimed pallet wood and corrugated iron is much admired. We work with donated tools and plants from other allotment holders. We make do and mend, gaining a feeling of achievement and purpose.

Worldwide shortages are causing a cost-of-living crisis alongside the climate and

ecological crisis. Our import reliant society is relatively unprepared for hard times ahead. One thing we can all do is grow something. Whether it's a tree or a tomato in a pot. Even what you might have traditionally seen as weeds are vitally important to preserve. Dandelion leaves are at their best now for adding to salads. The flowers are great for pollinators. Why try to get rid of them?

Our allotment was for a long time overgrown with head-high brambles. This is why Saltash Town Council asked us to step in. Brambles are a food source and shelter for small birds. The loss of this habitat has led to the decline of many species including nightingales. I am sad they had to be cleared but the rules for allotments are clear, keep it 'cultivated'. Still too many people see them as a nuisance, though I have yet to hear anyone complain when given a jar of homemade bramble jelly.

Immediately after the brambles were cut grasses and other deep-rooted plants sprang up. These bring nutrients closer to the surface. The legacy of the bramble cover is a rich, crumbly top layer of loam, perfect for perennials and fruit bushes. We've experimented with a natural clearing method, laying a deep mulch of cardboard, manure, and straw. The results are good. Half our plot now looks like a traditional allotment. The other half is our



wildlife friendly fruit and perennial vegetable garden.

We still have places left this year in our garden club. Get in touch with SEA if you want to participate. Many hands make light work and we'll share the harvest. If you want to get up close to wildlife, come and take a peek at the slow worms, or make sure the hedgehogs have water. Or just come down with a flask and a folding chair and have a natter. We'll always find something interesting to talk about.

Rebecca Pearce

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

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Tamar Reflections

Queen Elizabeth II

Queen Elizabeth II acceded to the Throne on 6 February 1952, following the untimely death of her father King George VI. It was while her and her husband the (late) Duke of Edinburgh, was staying at a remote lodge, Treetops in Kenya. Her Majesty arrived back in London the following day to be met by her Prime Minister, Winston Churchill; and after meeting with her grandmother Queen Mary, who was waiting for her at Buckingham Palace; immediately plans were being made for Elizabeth's Accession and Coronation. On 2 June 1953 Princess Elizabeth's Coronation took place at Westminster Abbey.

The streets were lined with hundreds of thousands of people, many of whom had camped out throughout the previous night to make sure they had their pitch to witness the amazing spectacle of royal pageantry.

All over the land people celebrated with street parties and organised events, and for the first time, the events of the day were televised, giving millions of people across the world the opportunity to witness the Coronation ceremony with all its pomp and circumstance fit for our new Queen. I was just a young girl and my parents rented a television from Rediffusion so that our family could watch the spectacle. I was spellbound and made a scrapbook of the event, which I still have to this day!

Saltash steeped in its own extraordinary history has organised and has been the scene of many celebratory festivities going back at least over 130 years.

In 1893 there was a joyous

festival to celebrate His Majesty King George V, then Duke of York marriage. There were joyful celebrations under the Mayoralty of Mr. P.E.B. Porter; the event was held in the old Recreation Field, which was situated just above the old Wesley Chapel in Saltash Fore Street. The Chapel was bombed in April 1941, and is now situated in Glebe Avenue.

In 1897 was the Diamond Jubilee of her late Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria. The celebrations were again held in the old Recreation Field. Followed by the permanent memorial to Queen Victoria –



Victoria Gardens. There were also mementoes for the children of tea mugs, during the Mayoralty of Mr. W. Dusting.

August 1902 saw the Coronation of King Edward VII, who was popularly known as the Peacemaker. Alderman R.T. Meadows was the Mayor, and the celebrations were held in the new Recreation Field at Longstone. The festivities included a procession, sports, and a meat tea for everyone, and a bonfire to complete the day.

June 22nd 1911 the Borough celebrated the accession of George V to the throne. The townsfolk zealously co-operated in arranging a series of festivities in which the Mayor Alderman Miller took a leading role, and presented medals of the Coronation to school children, teachers and members of the Committee. A procession, tea,

bonfire and much more was thoroughly enjoyed.

May 1935 the Borough held its celebration of the Silver Jubilee of their Majesties King George V and Queen Mary; again with processions, a Service at the Flagstaff, teas and a bonfire and much more! Medals were presented by the Mayor Councillor H.J. Davy.

In 1937 King George VI was crowned in Westminster Abbey. Saltash again celebrated this splendid occasion, with processions, street decorations, teas, sports and bonfires etc. The Mayor, Councillor Webber and Mayoress played leading parts in the revelries.

On 2 June 1953 Princess Elizabeth's Coronation took place at Westminster Abbey. Saltash Borough, under the leadership of Miss W.M. Feamside, MBE, J.P. Mayor, and the Corporation, organised a mammoth event.

The Corporation included the sitting Councillors and Aldermen; supported by Corporate Officials and a general Committee. There were dozens of organisations co-operating with the Committees, covering virtually every organisation in Saltash at that time.

The outstanding events included torch light processions, bands, concerts, Flora Dance, and open air dancing at the Stadium. Moreover, a festival of arts, drama, elocution and craft, massed choirs, and physical education.

The Saltash Townswomen's Guild ran a literature Coronation Competition.

There was a Grand Camival of floats and walking entries; those that entered were pedestrians, cycles, motor cycles, private cars, commercial vehicles and tableaux, all winning prizes from ten shillings, with the top prize of £4.

There was a cricket match for ladies and gents, a punch and Judy show and a United Service at Kimberley Stadium.

There was a sports programme of flat races, three legged races, wheelbarrow races, a special youth marathon, bun and lemonade races, and slow cycle races.

I was there that sports day, and entered the girl's flat race for the over 9 and under 12 (100 yards) and came in first! I won a teaspoon with the town crest. I was so delighted!

There were side shows, including a unique balloon race and donkey rides for the children. The three days of events concluded with a bonfire and grand firework display.

So proudly, I, with most of my family attended all the events in Saltash during Queen Elizabeth II Coronation celebrations. Saltash as it does today do a magnificent job, and its success has gone down in our history books for us all to reflect upon 70 years on.

Many of the historic notations, going back over 130 years, I have taken in part from my ephemera collections; and I am delighted to share these wonderful stories within Tamar Reflections.

Saltash has been fortunate to have proudly welcomed Royals to our town over past years for various highlights in our town calendar, including (not in any particular order), Prince Albert, King George VI, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Duchess of Gloucester, Sophie, Duchess of Wessex, Princess Diana, Princess Anne, Prince Charles and our beloved Queen/Princess Elizabeth to name many!

Fun, Friendship and Adventure on Offer to Teenagers

Young people looking for fun and friendship while sharing adventure and challenges are being invited to join Saltash's army cadets. A recent open day in the cadet centre was organised to showcase some of the many and varied activities for young people aged 12 to 18 eager to get more out of life.

"We are not a recruiting base for the army, though we are sponsored and subsidised by the army," Captain Tony Feeney of Cornwall ACF explained. "We are here to teach life skills and encourage even the shyest youngster to be the best version of themselves."

The public face of Saltash army cadets is usually seen at events like Regatta where they help in marshalling, but this is just one of the many community activities in which they take part. All are taught first aid and skills as well as enjoying a variety of indoor activities, such as shooting and outdoor adventure. There are around five weekend camps organised each year as well as a two-week summer camp and a one-week Easter camp for younger cadets. Many participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, and there is usually a team entered for the Ten Tors expedition.

Sporting activities include swimming and athletics in competitions with other cadet groups in Cornwall and beyond. This April, Saltash army cadets had the thrill of playing rugby in the hallowed grounds of Twickenham in the interval of the Army v Navy game.

Adults are also needed to help inspire and train the cadets. No service background is required and full training is given.

Following shut down during Covid, during which many cadets passed the 18-year-old upper limit, local young people are being encouraged to see what the Army Cadets have to offer. "No one realises just how good it is until they give it a chance," and "it's probably the most fun thing you'll ever do in your whole life," are just two of the comments given by current cadets. Anyone interested is welcome to attend the cadet centre off North Road by the Tamar Bridge at 8pm on any Tuesday night, or search online for Saltash army cadet force for more information. If they supply their e-mail address, they will be contacted with an invitation to what is promised could be a life changing experience.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has graciously performed her duty as Sovereign with faultless sincerity and dedication for 70 years. She has not put a foot wrong and is an impeccable example to us all, her devoted subjects.

God save Our Gracious Queen!
Sue Hooper MBE
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The season started in September after a two year break in a slow and hesitant manner but as confidence grew, results improved and ended with a respectable joint eighth place finish in the Devon & Cornwall league. At present the league structure for next season is unclear. On the field the team was skippered by Phil Eatwell with Steve Down and "Albert" Hall in charge of coaching. Noel Hill remained in the Chair having steered the Club through a difficult period. After patchy early performances the first victory came against high riding Torquay which coincided with the VPs lunch in October. Good results followed with wins against Hayle, Liskeard-Looe and Newquay in difficult conditions but came down to earth with a resounding loss at Pirates Amateurs (the eventual league winners).

The annual Boxing Day fixture versus St Boniface OBs produced a win and much festive cheer both on and off the field!

The heavier New Year conditions proved testing for the Ashes with mixed results but a Lockie Cup victory against Devonport Services 2nds on their artificial pitch restored faith and confidence. A draw in early March with Cullompton led to an undefeated run of six league matches on drier grounds to the end of the season with open running entertaining rugby. A semi final victory away at Plymouth Argum in the Lockie Cup took them to the final against Tavistock which was lost 31-25 in a closely competitive game at The Rectory. The Club will be entering teams in the Plymouth Combination 7s tournament at OPMs (Elburton)

At a recent General Meeting, Saltash RFC entered a new phase in their history by voting to become a Limited Company.

The Colts celebrate their 50th season and are under the guidance of Nick Rich, Rob Eatwell and Ryan Dover. They too have had a challenging season due to initially low numbers, but this greatly improved and they were able to fulfil their fixtures unlike many Cornish clubs. The highlight was a

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Saltash Rugby

Duchy Plate Final against Penryn/Perranporth which was lost 38-28 in a very closely fought game at St Austell where the team did them selves and the Club proud. Several players have represented Cornwall at various levels as well as moving up to play for the senior sides. New players are welcome to join the Club and previous experience is not necessary as pre season skills and training will begin in July. The youth section of the Club is one of Cornwall's largest

and is flourishing at all levels and with such foundations the future seems secure.

Sponsorship by local businesses would also be welcomed and contact with the Club can be made through the coaches or committee members.

In conclusion, an impressive season for the lads at all levels who have exceeded expectations and proudly worn the red, black and gold of Saltash RFC.

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Crowds Flock to Welcome Back Saltash May Fair

May Fair was welcomed back to Saltash after an absence of two years by thousands of happy residents and visitors, all flocking to enjoy the variety of activities and events that make up the weekend.

The May sunshine brought out the early crowds to watch the Parade of Youth file out of Victoria Gardens, which had turned into a Youth Village for the day complete with sumo wrestlers and a silent disco. The exuberant whistles of the young people announced that May Fair was truly under way, and soon the market stalls lining Fore Street were busy with customers seeking bargains and craft items. The varied programme of local singers, dancers and drummers at the foot of Fore Street kept the crowds entertained before our furry friends took over for a popular Woofstock dog show.

Meanwhile, families and friends lingered in the Longstone Park venue

enjoying ice cream and the varied programme of music entertainment that had started with Livewire bands in the morning. As the evening sun faded the music continued, and Longstone Park took on some features of Glastonbury but without the mud and the queues for the loos, and with a far more impressive view.

The Sunday of May Fair saw the introduction of a 'Wellness Day', built around various running races organised by Tamar Trotters. First out of the starting blocks were around 200 runners, mostly of primary school age, who pelted out of Longstone Park to pound the pavements for the Fun Run before proudly returning to receive their medallions and bananas.

Then it was the turn of around 80 runners in the 5K run who set off at the same time as the more hardened athletes in the Saltash Half Marathon. One of the oldest and regarded as one of the most challenging half marathons in the country, this

race was celebrating its fortieth year and attracted 187 entrants from near and far.

Those whose idea of keeping fit includes more gentle activities were invited to participate in various taster sessions including a Silver Swans class in ballet for the over 50's. Your Observer correspondent decided he had left it too late to become Saltash's next Billy Elliot and instead sampled the pleasures of Pilates, which proved an excellent method of exercising muscles without overstrain. Yoga was also on offer, while younger fairgoers could use up their energy on various inflatables and a challenging outdoor climbing wall.

Saltash May Fair was established in its current format following the huge success of celebrations for the Queen's Silver Jubilee. 45 years later in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year, the May Fair is clearly as popular as ever.



Churchtown Farm Community Nature Reserve, Stuart Matieson East Cornwall Research Officer, Steven Brooks Assistant Research Officer, Chloe Christian & Kieran Parnell Trainee Research Officers with Chairman Bob Austin & the team

The Silent Disco: Enjoyed by so many including six year old twins Daisy & Madeleine Reid, and beautiful flame haired five year old Ayla

By request U3A ladies played "Messing About on the River" for me (Mary)... go to our Facebook page to see & hear more.

Photos by Mary Crawford

Lead Organiser Hilary Frank Overwhelmed at Response to May Fair

The Observer caught up with Hilary Frank, lead organiser of Saltash May Fair, to get her take on the weekend's events.

Observer: The sun came out and so did most of Saltash! You must have been thrilled.

Hilary: Overwhelmed. I don't think I've ever seen so many people at May Fair!

Observer: There were so many highlights, but what was your biggest headache?

Hilary: Probably finances. Everything is so expensive these days. By the time you've added up costs for things like road closures, medical cover and stage hire the expenditure climbs to more than £12,000. We cover about one third of that through funding from generous sponsors like Saltash Town Council. A little over one third is generated from pitch fees paid by stall holders, but we have to raise the rest through raffle tickets and funding bids. That's why we are so grateful to people who bought raffle tickets. Every ticket really does help fund the fun!

Observer: The Wellness Day in Longstone Park seemed to go well. Are you looking to repeat that next year?

Hilary: Hopefully, yes. The Tamar Trotters as a whole and Colin Bunting in particular were absolutely amazing in organising the Half Marathon and other races. We're really grateful, too, to the instructors from Kernow Yoga and Fiero Fitness as well as to the Pilates instructor from Caradon Physio and Wellness Centre for delivering those excellent taster sessions.

Observer: The Youth Village in Victoria Gardens also seemed to be popular?

Hilary: Yes. Saltash Town Youth Council did a fabulous job getting all the youth groups together. That's another new feature that is looking like it will become permanent.

Observer: And your personal favourite memory?

Hilary: Getting thanked for keeping the portable toilets stocked with toilet paper!





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