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## The Day a Famous Scotsman Came to Town



Ian Robinson

Two engineering legends complemented each other as Flying Scotsman, the country's oldest mainline working loco, heralded by its shrill steam whistle, crept majestically over Brunel's Royal Albert Bridge on October's first Saturday this year. Passengers returned waves from sold-out carriages as crowds of cheering Saltash spectators, from pre-school to pensioners, packed every available vantage point, including the road bridge and station platforms. The

enthusiastic lineside reception was repeated everywhere as the 95 year old veteran sped on through the Duchy towards Penzance on its maiden foray into the county.

Now owned by York's National Railway Museum, double record-holder Flying Scotsman was the first steam engine to officially reach 100mph in 1934, and in 1989 achieved the longest-ever, non-stop steam run of 422 miles whilst touring Australia. (An innovative corridor through the tender enables crew change without

stopping!)

After Penzance, unable to turn round, the celebrated locomotive returned backwards through Cornwall to Plymouth, then did a repeat visit, over the iconic bridge again, to Par and back, this time supported by a Black Five sister loco, 44871.

Dusk was cloaking the sleepy Tamar as the train finally came back, leaving a day of memories of a bygone era, and countywide hopes for a speedy encore by Sir Nigel Gresley's historic, world-famous star.

## Tamar Toll Charge Rise Recommended

As of next July all tolls for the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry will rise by a third if the bridge and ferry committee's recommendations is approved.

Following public consultation it was decided that the charge for a private car should be increased from £1.50 to £2 for a single crossing, with all other vehicle charges to be increased proportionately. Charges for using the Tamar Tag will increase similarly, with the account fee for tag holders upped to £1 per month.

Of those who responded to the public consultation just over half, 53% agreed that the same tolls should apply to the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry. The remaining 47% considered that the ferry tolls should be higher to account for the fact that the bridge users currently subsidise the ferry crossers to a considerable extent.

The increase will be referred to the Secretary of State who has to approve it before it can be put into effect.

## Secretary of State Meeting Raises Hope of Money for A38 improvements



Sheryll Murray, Member of Parliament for South East Cornwall, convened a meeting with the Secretary of State for Transport, Chris Grayling MP, to discuss improvements to the A38.

The cross party meeting involved a number of Conservative MPs, a Labour MP from Plymouth and a Lib Dem Councillor from Cornwall. The meeting also had MPs, Councillors and Councils from Devon & Cornwall as well as

the Safe 38 group.

In his presentation, Nigel Blackler, the Service Director for Transport at Cornwall Council, outlined the case for action. This case outlines the wider economic case which shows that nearly £900m of productivity growth and investment would be gained by improving the A38 between Bodmin and Exeter.

After the meeting Sheryll Murray MP said, "I was really pleased in the positive way

Chris (Grayling) reacted to the presentation and I am hopeful that some improvements to this important infrastructure artery will be undertaken in the next road investment strategy period starting in 2020 with more significant improvements after that. This road is so important to so many of my constituents and I am determined that improvements take place."

## Fluffy Pig Race

On Saturday 13th October Saltash RNLI Volunteer Fundraising Committee held a very successful "Fluffy Pig Race" evening at Burraton Community Centre.

Various businesses in Saltash sponsored a race and everyone had great fun cheering on their chosen 'fluffy pig'.

Many thanks to the Coop who donated the proceeds from their meat raffle and the sponsors: Noakes, Habermehl and Kerr, DB Autos, KCC Builders, Carlton Plastics, Julian Hall Builders and OTUS.

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## Code of Conduct

**Decision Notice Number:** CCN046/17  
**Complainant:** Mr Matthew Coot  
**Subject Member:** Cllr John Brady, Saltash Town Council  
**Date of Assessment:** 20th April 2018  
**Complaint:** The Complainant has alleged since the Decision Notice CCN002/17/18 was issued, which found Councillor John Brady to be in breach of the Code and asked him to apologise to the Complainant, Councillor John Brady has failed to apologise and therefore has again failed to treat the Complainant with respect.

**Action:** That, due to the failure to provide the Complainant with an apology within 28 days of decision notice CCN002/17/18 Councillor John Brady has breached the Code of Conduct for Cornwall Council as set out in this notice. As a result of this breach of the Code of Conduct the recommended action is that Councillor John Brady be censured by Saltash Town Council.

### The recommended resolution is:

It was **RESOLVED** that STC supports the findings of the Monitoring Officer in Decision Notice CCN046/17 and expects Councillor John Brady to comply with the actions as imposed by the Monitoring Officer.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

1. In accordance with Decision Notice CCN046/17 issued by the Monitoring Officer in respect of a breach of the Council's Code of Conduct, Councillor John Brady be formally censured for failing to provide the Complainant with an apology within 28 days of decision notice CCN002/17/18. STC believes that an individual councillor's actions and conduct will always reflect on the wider role of a councillor and, as a direct consequence, will inevitably impact on the reputation of their fellow councillors and the Council as a whole both generally and specifically. This council believes that it is incumbent on all councillors to ensure the public have confidence and trust in their elected representatives, the Council is disappointed that Councillor John Brady's actions are not in keeping with this belief.
2. The censure be clearly published on STC website, social media sites, minutes of the Council, press release and press notice.

## New Councillor Elected

Saltash has gained a new Lib Dem town councillor following a contested election for the South Ward. Sarah Martin won the seat with 364 votes against Independent Mark Fox who gained 334 votes in a 22.7% turnout.

'I will do my very best to work for the people of the town,' Councillor Martin, who had previously stood unsuccessfully for the council, told the Observer. 'Hopefully I have already shown my intention by helping the Chamber of Commerce organise the Remembrance Day parade.'

A further seat in the South ward has now fallen vacant since Casey Warrington, elected as a Lib Dem, has resigned her seat due to her leaving the area.

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## Restructure of Council Committees Promises Speedier Decisions and Best Value

A major and radical restructure of the organisation of Saltash Town Council and its various committees is aimed to speed up its procedures by reducing bureaucracy and to save council taxpayers money.

At present there are a number of committees including Burial Board and Burial Authority, Policy and Resources, Staffing and Services. All of these can, and most do, have their own sub committees. There are also two full council meetings, a month, one

always on the first Thursday, and another to deal with planning issues.

The Town Council has now voted in a change to the committee structure increasing their powers so that they each have their own budget and may resolve their own affairs with no need to report to full council. There are two exceptions, staffing, which largely deals with confidential issues concerning Town Council employees, and the Burial Board and Burial Authority. Due to the nature of their work they will remain as they are.

Under the new scheme all councillors will be members of the Policy and Resources committee and Services committee. Sub committees will be removed unless set up for a specific purpose such as information gathering.

Planning issues will now be dealt with by a formal planning committee which will elect its own chairman, not necessarily the Mayor.

All of these changes are expected to be in place by 30th March 2019.

In preparing their recommendations for change, Policy and Resources

committee members considered that the current and long standing system of sub committees and working parties meant that in 90% of cases proposals were taking around four to six months or longer to get resolved. It had also led to members feeling excluded from the decision making process. The restructuring will, it is anticipated, allow the decision making process of the council to be more effective as well as bring it to a level where accountability and revenue expenditure is effective in providing 'best value'.

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## Long Term Tunnel Closure Angers Residents on Diversion Route

A six month long closure of the Saltash tunnel is alarming residents of New Road, who face constant all night traffic past their homes.

The first that they heard of it was just two weeks before it was due to start, when a letter from Highways England dated 22nd October advised that work would commence on 5th November and aimed to end on 31st March 2019. The hours of work are from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. on Mondays to Fridays inclusive.

Closure was to be postponed until 10 p.m. on Bonfire Night, 5th November, and the Plymouth Christmas Lights event, 15th November. Work would also cease over the Christmas period from 22nd December to 6th January.

The reason given is that of safety and the need to upgrade the incident detection system. A new system to be installed in the tunnel will include emergency evacuation signs, separate smoke and heat detection systems and a public address system. Early and automatic detection of any vehicle fire within the tunnel can then be followed by public announcements and illuminated signs indicating the nearest safe tunnel exit.

Apologies in advance have been given by Highways England for any inconvenience and noise disturbance for those living along the diversion route through residential streets of Saltash.

Residents are however angered at receiving such short notice of such long term work. 'I will have to move into the back of my home for half a year', one resident complained.

Historically meetings were held at 6.15 p.m. and were immediately followed by committee meetings for staffing or policy and resources.

The 6.15 p.m. start, it was noted, made it difficult for those councillors who work, especially outside Saltash, to get to them. After discussion it was agreed to reschedule these meetings for 7p.m. It was also agreed that no other meetings should be held on the same evening, which should improve the debating time and allow members to go home prior to attending meetings which should not continue for more than the two and half hours' time recommended. However, should committee meetings for staffing or policy and resources not reschedule their meeting dates the existing meeting schedule of dates and times will continue.

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## Mayoral Points of View...

Dear Resident,

Local issues are still my ongoing theme and we start with the Saltash welcome sign to replace the existing installation. The Chairman of Saltash Chamber of Commerce and myself, met earlier in October with the Quora Director on site at Gilston Road when we were updated as to site progress. We were advised that they Quora, will fund the new Town sign and Peter Ryland (Chairman of SCC) is currently agreeing the sign wording, logo and colouring.

We are informed the construction is going well and it is anticipated shops and the site will be open early in March 2019.

The council devolution of services and assets from Cornwall Council is gathering pace with Saltash Town

Council debating the proposals at their November meeting. By the time you read this issue of the Observer the decision whether to devolve or not will have been made?

The Library devolution is going well with both sides working closely to an agreed timeline.

Tenders for the Station Building refurbishment have been opened and are as I write being scrutinised. The tenders are again being debated at the Saltash Town Council meeting in November.

There is a lot of work ahead for Council staff and members in the coming months to achieve all that I have mentioned. On top of this Council will be putting in place new committee structures, rewriting committee regulations agreeing budgets ready for the new Council year. Outlined in the Messenger are the proposals agreed by Full Council.

Yours Sincerely  
Cllr John Brady  
Mayor of Saltash

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

It is right that in this centenary year since the cessation of hostilities in the First World War, we should come together to pay our respects and give our thanks. I am pleased that the efforts of the Saltash Chamber of Commerce in obtaining the necessary permissions for a road closure made it possible to hold a Parade after the 2-minutes' silence in the morning of Remembrance Day. As the Chairman, I would like to take the chance to thank Chamber members Sarah Martin, Aaron Monk, Chris Tandy and Hilary Frank for all their efforts relating to this.

Yes - I am still the Chairman of the Chamber. At the AGM on the 1st October, however, I made sure that members were aware that I have promised my wife this will be my last year. I would like to thank the other committee members for taking office for another year.

I am looking forward to another busy year for the Chamber. After the AGM, we had our normal monthly meeting and discussed a range of matters that were concerning members including Bridge tolls, car parking charges, the closure of the Saltash branch of Barclays

Bank and the Saltash Christmas Festival, which is being organised by the Chamber of Commerce.

Away from our meetings it has also been a busy month with a site visit to the retail development adjoining Careel roundabout. The developers showed us around and explained that all units are now let with opening due before Easter 2019. I had previously agreed with the developers that a sign would be erected on site, adjacent to the exit, directing people to the town centre and including space for banner

advertising to promote events in the town. This has now been approved by Cornwall and Saltash Town Councils so will be erected by the time of opening.

I also attended the funeral of Liam Bradley, a well-liked and highly-respected member of the Saltash Community, who will be greatly missed.

During the month, I was also re-elected to the Board of Community Enterprises and was joined by 6 new Board members to establish a full Board complement of 12. Community Enterprises is fully committed to continuing to deliver its successful projects including the Scrapstore, the Hopper Bus and the Community Market at 4 Fore Street, but we have several new ideas coming forward to further boost the activities that we carry out for the benefit of the PL12 Community. We need more volunteers to help us, so if you're interested pop into 4 Fore Street and somebody can take your details.

Finally, many of you will be aware of the "upset" within the Town Council but I look forward to a positive outcome so that, once again, the Town Council, the Chamber of Commerce, Community Enterprises and Cornwall Council can work together and bring positivity to Saltash rather than the negative press of recent weeks. Hopefully, the Christmas Festival will provide the ideal opportunity for us all to come together and celebrate our town centre, our community and our local businesses.

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## Mayor Will Stay on After No Confidence Vote

The Mayor of Saltash, Councillor John Brady, has determined that he is continuing to serve as Mayor despite a vote of no confidence in him by his fellow councillors.

The vote came at an extraordinary meeting of the Town Council in the Guildhall attended by Police and security personnel. This was as a result of the wide volume of abusive e-mails and telephone calls which had resulted from the Mayor advising that there would be no Remembrance Day parade in Saltash this year. He considered that in view of the many other events on that day, including the 2 minutes silence in Fore Street, the laying of the 140 pebbles by children in the Peace Garden in memory of the 140 Saltash men who died in World War I, and the following Civic Service in St. Nicholas Church, a parade would have to be fitted in late afternoon and that by then the children involved would be cold and hungry.

Following a petition for a parade the Town's Chamber of Commerce subsequently agreed to arrange one from the 'Brunel Inn' to the Peace Garden between the two minutes silence and the pebble laying.

At the subsequent extraordinary town council meeting Councillor Steve Miller who proposed the vote of no confidence accused the Mayor of autocracy, of contentious decisions being made and an undemocratic way in which they were implemented. He cited a number of issues since the Mayor choosing in May and stated that although his submission was made on the day that the remembrance parade issue became widely realised 'that issue in itself is merely a symptom of the situation that has developed'.

In his defence the Mayor told councillors, "Standing orders do not tell the Mayor how to act or give him any training. For many years this council has run on custom and practice, Very little is laid down. All the points made by Councillor Miller have not come about because I am a dictator, they have come about as there is no substantive rule." He reminded councillors that when he became Mayor he had

stated 'I am not here to be popular'.

A vote saw thirteen councillors in favour of the 'no confidence' motion with just two against, Councillor Bill Phillips and the Mayor himself.

In reply to a direct question from Councillor Julie Rance the Mayor said 'I am not standing down'.

This is the third motion of no confidence made against a sitting Mayor of Saltash in recent years, the other two against Councillor Bill Phillips and Councillor Jean Dent when serving as Mayors not having been carried.

## Council Marks Passing of Liam Bradley

Saltash Town Councillors paid tribute to a prominent Saltash citizen who had played a major role in the community over many years.

Councillor David Yates spoke movingly of the late Liam Bradley, with whom he had worked during his Royal Navy service career and subsequently since both moved, with their families to Saltash.

Liam was described as the mastermind behind both the Community Enterprise Company, which evolved from the original Saltash Partnership, and the Community Plan.

There had been a silence held in his memory at the recent annual general meeting of the Community Enterprises PL12, as the organisation is now known.

Liam had also been prominent in establishing friendly relations with the Plougastel community through the Saltash Twinners.

He had suffered ill health two years ago but had continued to be active until shortly before his death, which came as a surprise and shock to the many that knew him. 'No one is irreplaceable', David Yates concluded, 'but Liam came very close to it.'

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**Pontoon Lights Up, But Not for Fishermen**

Lighting at the pontoon alongside Brunel Green and the walkway leading to it should be installed for health and safety purposes, the town's Services Committee has agreed. Cornwall Council's approval needs to be sought since they own the pontoon which the town manages under a tenancy at will. A contract for the installation has been accepted.

Despite a petition signed by 124 local fishing enthusiasts seeking to resume fishing off the pontoon the Services Committee resolved not to allow fishing from the structure. One of the signatories spoke at the committee meeting and advised that senior anglers were willing to pay £20 per year for its use. However the town and waterfront leader spoke of previous problems and the incompatibility of fishermen and yachtsmen using the same facility. The fishermen were advised as to possible funding sources whereby they might obtain a separate pontoon solely for fishing purposes.

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**'Thank You to all Who Served, Sacrificed, and Changed Our World.'**

That was the message at the Poppy Ball hosted by the Chairman of Cornwall Council, Councillor Mary May, to launch the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal in Cornwall. The First World War left countless legacies that have had a positive impact on our society today, and it was an honour for me to be able to join the Chairman, other councillors and mayors at the Poppy Ball to raise money for the Royal British Legion, who work so hard to support people who have served or are currently serving in our Armed Forces.

Cornwall Council is deeply grateful to our servicemen and women for their commitment, service and sacrifice, and has a long and lasting relationship with the Armed Forces community in Cornwall. But it's rarely just the individual who makes sacrifices – it's whole families, and so Cornwall Council is fully committed to supporting all members of the Armed Forces community stationed and living in Cornwall. We have pledged to actively support the Armed Forces Covenant, which is a promise from the nation ensuring that those who serve or have served

in the Armed Forces, and their families, are treated fairly.

In close partnership with the Royal Navy, Army, Royal Air Force, RBL and SSAFA, we've worked to develop a section of the Cornwall Council website for the Armed Forces' community. The aim of this single point of information is to help ensure that Forces personnel, their families and veterans in Cornwall know about the support that is available to them over a range of our services, including priority housing and support in school places, jobs and health care. The Council also offers up to two weeks' paid leave to allow employees to train as members of Reserve Forces.



As well as this, Cornwall's Fire and Rescue Service is working in partnership with 'Poppy Calls', a repairs and maintenance service from the Royal British Legion, where veterans, ex-service personnel and their widows or widowers can get help for home fire safety checks and home repairs. This service is free of charge, so call 0800 032 0306 if you think you, or someone you know, may be eligible.

The package of actions has led to Cornwall Council being singled out for praise in the Armed Forces Covenant's annual Employer Recognition Scheme, receiving a silver award for the support our

service directorates provide to Forces personnel.

The 4 Cornwall Councillors representing Saltash on Cornwall Council are also keen to support and recognise the Armed Forces in our community. Each Cornwall Councillor has, for example, donated money to the Great War Committee to help fund plaques in places like Saltash Railway Station.

And Councillor Tamlin joined me in funding a workshop where children from the Military Kids Club created the mural that is now on display in Saltash Health Centre. The mural, with buttons from uniforms and other mementos the children have of life as a Service Family, is a poignant reminder of the sacrifices that have been made and are still being made by the dedicated members of our Armed Forces.

Thank you to all who served, sacrificed, and changed our world.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
**The Cardinals Hatt**  
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**Sunday 25th November 11am – 4pm**  
 25 Stalls of Local Crafts & Edible Gifts  
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**A Great Day Out for all the Family**

"This year the villages of Hatt and Botus Fleming will be holding a Christmas Fair, the first for a very long time!

A team of residents and Parish Councillors have, for the past 2 years, very successfully held the Big Event in the summer and it was felt that a seasonal event for Christmas would be fun and feasible.

The function room at Cardinals Hatt will be filled with a wide selection of local crafts, gifts and edible delights, as well as books, health and beauty gifts, clothing, jewellery, seasonal decorations and delights.

For Children, Santa will be there in his Log Cabin to say hello and maybe find a gift for the well behaved boys and girls!

It is free entry to over 25 stalls. There will be a raffle with some really high quality prizes.

So come along and make a day of it. You'll find some great gift ideas for Christmas. There is something to suit everyone, including a well stocked bar including Mulled Wine, ample parking, and good disabled facilities. As well as Cardinals Sunday Roast. Booking in advance for that is recommended."

Save the Date Sunday 25th November 11am-4pm...bring your friends!

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*Ham Hock Terrine, served with pickles, baguette and apple cider chutney GFO*  
*Goat's Cheese and sweet pickled onion Bruschetta with cranberry dressing*  
*Celeriac Sage and Pear Soup, served with blue cheese croutons, finished with warm breads. GFO*

**- Main Course Carvery -**  
*Traditional Turkey Breast, Slow Sirloin Beef, Gammon, Nut roast GFO*

**- Desserts -**  
*Egg nog Crème Brule with shortbread and salted caramel ice cream Baked Vanilla Cheesecake with cocoa nibs and strawberry compote Christmas Pudding with brandy cream sauce and confit orange*  
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 Adults Festive 3 Course £22.00 Children 3 Course £13.00

**Starters**  
 Ham Hock Terrine, served with pickles, baguette and apple cider chutney GFO  
 Goats Cheese Fritta, with sweet red onion, beetroot crisp and herb salad  
 Homemade Soup, served with rustic roll GFO  
 Prawn Cocktail, in a homemade Marie-Rose sauce GFO

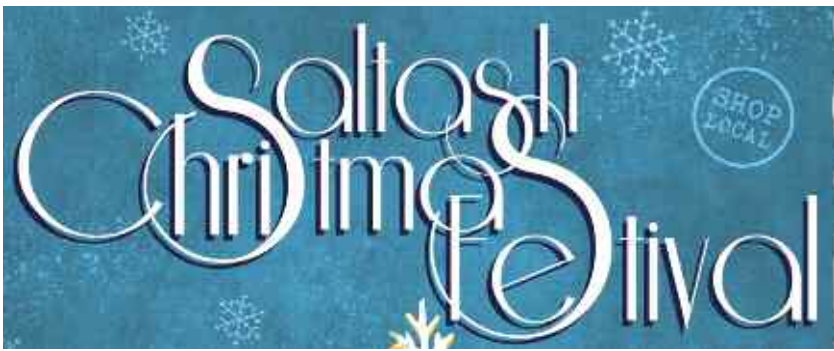
**Main Course**  
 Traditional Turkey, served with pigs in blankets, cranberry stuffing, seasonal vegetables, roast potatoes and turkey gravy. GFO  
 Homemade sweet potato and Monkfish curry, with chick peas, honey and coconut on long grain rice topped with fresh coriander. GF  
 Sauté Squash, cranberry, spinach and walnut on sage and onion stuffing and a roasted garlic cream sauce  
 Slow cooked beef, with baby onion, bacon and thyme sauce on creamy mash GF

**Dessert**  
 Christmas Pudding served with a rich brandy sauce  
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## Snow in the Air and Stiltwalkers on the Ground

Saltash Chamber of Commerce invites you to celebrate the start of the festive season right here in the heart of our town together with hundreds of Santas on bikes, stiltwalkers and lanternneers. With music as varied as the Burraton Boys and Riptide, all finished off with fireworks, this year's edition of the much-loved Festival promises to be as sparkling as previous years. The town's Christmas Lights will be switched on just after 5pm by the Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year, and the lights will add an extra glow to the town as the countdown to Christmas Day begins in earnest.

## Waterside Inn Site Development Considered as Flood Risk

The long derelict 'Waterside' public house, considered to be detrimental to the otherwise attractive Waterside scene, is the subject of an application to demolish it and replace it with a three storey building to include a shop or cafe and four apartments.

The application was however recommended for refusal by the Town Council, concerned over flooding risk to the low lying site.

This is the latest episode in the saga of the formerly popular public house closed since 2009. A previous application to re-develop a cafe and apartments with garaging below was eventually granted, but no work was done. Meanwhile the building continued to deteriorate and has been named as a dangerous structure, as a result of which the Town Council has been negotiating with Cornwall Council over the seeking of a compulsory purchase order.

Premier Developments (1995) Ltd, have now resurrected the lapsed application previously approved by Cornwall Council but with conditions concerning a flood alleviation scheme.

The Town Council's recommendation for refusal was based on a report from the environment agency on flooding risk. The refusal states that there is 'insufficient information submitted to demonstrate that the proposed development will be safe from flooding over its lifetime.'

There is also a recommendation that before the planning application is determined a financial contribution from the developers towards local flood defences should be agreed.

There were also concerns expressed as to the historical importance to the Waterside including being in a conservation area. The previous application had seen the proposed new building varied from four storeys to three as the original plans were considered to be too high and overbearing for the area.

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## Lanterns of Remembrance



Now in its 8th year, our town's Lantern Parade is always special, but this year promises an added glow after funding was won from the Arts Council to create a Saltash lantern that will be carried in the City of Lights Parade in Truro. So in addition to the workshops in primary schools and community groups, local artist Jill Hudson will lead students from Saltash.net Community School in creating a lantern of an elderly gentleman, medals on his chest, who will 'walk' in Truro on 21st November before coming back to join other Saltash lanterns on Fore Street on 1st December. Jill, who has been the creative genius behind all the Saltash lanterns in recent years, says: "As we mark 100 years since the end of hostilities in the First World War, now is the time for the community to come together to remember, reflect and hold a light for the generation who left such a legacy for us." In another link to the Armed Forces, the lanterns will be picked up from the Cadet Drill Hall, thanks to 335 Squadron of the Air Cadets and the Reserves' Forces and Cadets' Association. Then, people will gather at the foot of the Cornish Cross before proudly carrying their lanterns up Fore Street.

## Shop Local, Spend Local and Enjoy Local this Christmas

The Chamber of Commerce is keen for the community to have a great time at the Christmas Festival, but it also wants to use the event as a vehicle to remind people of the importance of supporting local businesses. Shopping in Saltash keeps more money in Saltash, and generates more employment for local people, supporting the local businesses that support our community. Ayesha Slader, Secretary, of the Chamber of Commerce said: "We are thrilled to have so many stalls at the Outdoor Market this year. With the loss of another bank from Fore Street it is even more important for Saltash people to continue to shop local. We are hoping the magical, community atmosphere on 1st December will encourage plenty of people to do exactly that."

## Beacon Will be Gone

The beacon on Saltash Waterfront, which lit up the new millennium at midnight on 31st December 1999, is to go. 'Saltash sparkled with millennium spirit', your Observer reported at the time, and thousands lined Brunel Green as Mayor Mrs Mona Tomaszewska-Honeywill set the beacon ablaze, to join the chain of similar beacons set off across the country.

Since then it has scarcely been used and has been left to deteriorate. Health and Safety inspections showed it to be unfit for purpose and beyond economic repair.

The signage will be retained and Saltash Heritage will be offered any item of interest.

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**Just Be Christmas Party Menu December 2018**

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 Roasted cauliflower & Devon Blue soup

**Main Course**  
 Roasted turkey ballotine with a chestnut & apricot stuffing, roast potatoes & seasonal veg  
 Roasted hake, with popped cherry tomatoes & lemon mash  
 Braised rabbit with tarragon, mustard & cream, roasted potatoes & buttered leeks & kale  
 Ratatouille risotto infused with red wine

**Desserts**  
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## Two Years to Wait on Hospital's Future

The much loved hospital of St. Barnabas, whose wards have remained empty since early 2017, will continue to have an uncertain future possibly until Spring 2020.

Although the in-patient facilities remain closed the building continues to be well used with a considerable number of out-patient clinics held there. It is a base for health visitors serving the Saltash community and for a variety of adult and children's services.

The minor injuries unit, which was temporarily closed suddenly at the end of 2016, and its staff transferred to Liskeard hospital in February 2017, shows no sign of re-opening on the site. This is despite road signs continuing to point to a minor

injuries unit at the hospital. The historic building dating from 1888 continues to deteriorate, as Deputy Mayor Mrs Gloria Challen has recorded and shown to the Town Council.

A report on the future of St. Barnabas and two other Cornish Cottage hospitals has been published and the NHS recommended that consultation be taken and options prepared. However these might not be completed before April 2020 though timelines will be accelerated wherever possible.

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## MacMillan Coffee Morning Raised £220.00

The coffee morning held on Saturday 29th September by Diane and Mandy Hobbs at their home in Saltash raised the magnificent sum of £220 as part of the 'Biggest Coffee Morning' event.

There was a Bring and Buy together with a cake stall and various other fund raising quizzes. We would like to thank 3 local businesses in Saltash, Waitrose, Treasure Island and Boots for their generous donation of prizes to a very successful raffle. Our thanks also to friends and neighbours who joined us on the day, and kindly donated cakes and gifts for the Bring and Buy which made it such an enjoyable morning and a fun way to raise money for such a good cause.

The MacMillan service is very dear to our hearts as they have given our family so much help and support over past years.

## 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 In Charles Dickens's David Copperfield what is the first name of Mr. Macawber? (7)
  - 2 In which Country was Lego invented? (7)
  - 3 What colour is the Kumquat fruit? (6)
  - 4 Who composed the operas Rigoletto and La Traviata? (5)
  - 5 Middlesbrough is located on the banks of which River? (5)
  - 6 How are mounds and ridges of drifted sand known? (5)
  - 7 The Galapagos Islands are located in which Ocean? (6)
  - 8 The Warthog is native to which Continent? (6)
  - 9 How many Tolpuddle Martyrs were there? (3)
- Answers on page 7

**CORNWALL COUNCIL**  
 and our PL12 community  
 For Observer readers  
 From Councillor Hilary Frank  
 Saltash South

## Have your say in shaping Cornwall Council's budget

Cornwall Council plays a huge part in many people's lives in Cornwall. It is the biggest employer in Cornwall, and every year it spends over a billion pounds providing public services that the people of Saltash and Cornwall use every day, like collecting rubbish, maintaining a safe road network, enforcing trading standards and taking actions to help create a thriving economy.

In these days of financial austerity, however, Cornwall Council faces some big financial challenges; the population of Cornwall is growing, people are generally living longer, and they have more complex needs in terms of social care. At the same time, grants from central Government have reduced significantly, and Cornwall Council has had to make cuts of around £350 million to deal with increasing financial pressures. Over the next four years, its spending needs to be reduced by a further £70 million. Some tough decisions will need to be made.

Over the last few months, the 10 councillors in Cornwall Council's Cabinet have been working with Cornwall Council officers to draft plans of how money should be spent for the financial year from April 2019. Details of their draft Budget have been released, including proposals to increase Cornwall Council's element of the Council Tax by 3.99%, and are currently being scrutinised and debated by councillors.

Councillors are also keen to hear views on the draft Budget from as many residents as

possible, and the Council is undertaking a series of consultations with stakeholders and the general public. As part of this, Councillor Julian German, Deputy Leader of Cornwall Council will be at a meeting in Saltash Guildhall in the evening of 3rd December. And last October, Councillor Adam Paynter, Leader of Cornwall Council, spent 2 hours on Fore Street, talking with passers-by about Cornwall Council's draft budget. Here are his thoughts on his time in Saltash: "The feedback was varied, but people generally understood that Cornwall Council is receiving much less money from central government. Some were happy to pay more council tax to support essential services, but others did not want any tax rises. It was a busy 2 hours, and I was pleasantly surprised by how many people were over shopping from Plymouth!"

The opinions and views will be used to shape the final Budget proposal that will be taken to Full Council in February 2019. Elements such as the impact of the Chancellor's budget statement or public opinion can lead to changes in the final settlement, and Cornwall Council is inviting the public to help shape their budget by taking part in a public meeting or in the online survey. The survey, along with information on the budget, can be found on Cornwall Council's website, and the closing date is 17th December. Paper copies are available from Cornwall Councillors.

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In general I operate by the principle that one of the best things an ex-Mayor can bring is silence: the job of Mayor is tough enough without lots of public second-guessing from people who've been there before. A bit of quiet gentle advice in private can be very useful - indeed I benefitted from such myself - but in public there should, in normal circumstances, only be one Mayor commenting at once.

However, there are limits. In the last week or so I've variously been in Exeter, Plymouth, and Bristol, and in all of those places the mention of Saltash has caught people's attention and for the same reason. It's not the first time Saltash has become nationally recognised but sadly this time it's not because we have the 'best postcode to live in the UK' or highly successful sports teams, or support for our campaign to protect our borders. This week whenever Saltash got mentioned people wanted my opinion of the remembrance parade, and doubly so when they found out that I used to be the Mayor: the most popular refrain being "would you have cancelled it then?".

And the answer has to be 'no'. In honesty the idea wouldn't even have occurred to me - I do recall being asked when planning the 2010 remembrance service whether I wanted a parade, but the answer was an immediate 'yes' and we quickly moved on to

## Essa Files

working out what the best route was to the church, who would send out the invitation letters and so on. It was actually very little work for me as Mayor - the Guildhall Staff sent out invitations and organised road closures, my Chaplain prepared the service, the Town Clerk and Town Sergeant organised the civic party and regalia, and the Royal British Legion took care of the parade marshalling. Similarly I don't recall any other Mayor in my time, and I served with ten of various parties and none, contemplating not having a parade. As I recall we also all managed to organise the timings of the events so that no one went hungry either, which the current Mayor offered as his explanation for the lack of parade. 'Cold' and 'wet' did depend somewhat on the weather, but I don't remember anyone complaining, least of all the children who proved a rather harder bunch than the current Mayor seems to have given them credit for.

So frankly I find it bizarre that any Mayor of a town where hundreds of residents have made the supreme sacrifice, as recently as Afghanistan in 2009 and including the firefighters and scout killed during the blitz, should contemplate such a thing, let alone on the centenary of the end of the

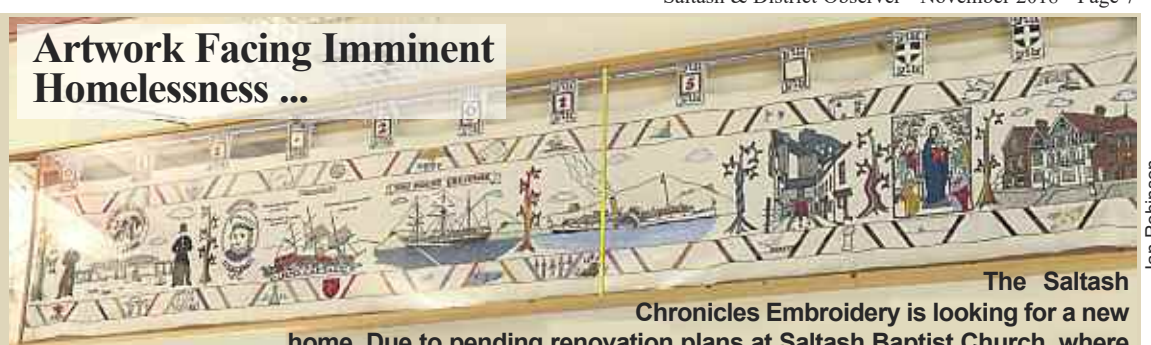
Great War. You might argue that the Mayor's decision was honestly reached, that he hadn't realised how strongly people felt, but he should have realised and any other Mayor I've known would have realised. Of course everyone makes mistakes - if anyone thinks I'm claiming to have got nothing wrong in my year as Mayor then I'll happily correct them - but this is no small error of the sort we all make on a regular basis.

I am aware that the council, in passing a no confidence motion in the Mayor, also considered other concerns, as indeed have the Cornwall Council Standards Committee, and it's right that those are properly aired. However even leaving those aside this issue alone should be enough to cause any Mayor to consider his position.

There's one final question I have been asked a couple of times this week: if, when you were Mayor, the council had passed a motion of no confidence in you, what would you have done? The answer is that I would have recognised that my position was untenable and I would have resigned within the day. *Adam Killeya*

*Note: this should go without saying for all my columns, but just in case - this column represents my views and my views alone, not those of the editors, other residents, councillors, ex-Mayors, my employer, or anyone else.*

## Artwork Facing Imminent Homelessness ...



Ian Robinson

**The Saltash Chronicles Embroidery is looking for a new home. Due to pending renovation plans at Saltash Baptist Church, where it's been exhibited since completion, this fine, 100-foot depiction of the town's centuries-old evolution is shortly to disappear from the church's walls. It has to be physically seen to simply appreciate the enormity both of work and historic content involved.**

*Detail from the embroidery*

Inspired by France's Bayeux Tapestry (and containing actual wools from the region) the unique project took over 5 years to produce, involving a combined workforce of local embroiderers, artists, schoolchildren and youth groups. The fascinating linen document is almost certainly the only one of its kind in the world - an embroidery for the town, about the town, completed by the townsfolk

themselves. To date it has already been admired by delegations from across the globe, always attracting praise, including comments from such notables as the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall and HRH the Duchess of Gloucester.

Now, a new permanent home is sought. Said Andrew Tritton, who conceived the original idea in 2011 whilst on RN service "We are reaching out to the

public for help. This work is an asset to the town of Saltash, and it would be obscene to have it locked away and to not be available for the wider public to view. Are there any institutions or businesses who would consider displaying the project at their location, offering public access? For further enquiries, or suggestions, please contact saltashhistory@live.co.uk"

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## Scrapstore Offers Environmentally Friendly Family Fun

An amazing array of useful and fun materials, which can be used, by children, adults, groups or individuals with imagination is on offer at Saltash's new environmentally friendly Scrapstore.

Predominantly volunteer run the Fore Street store, just up from the 'Brunel Inn', can provide, in its spacious premises, not only a range of new and used materials but workshops giving fun ideas as to how to use them.

The retail side of the venture, run under the auspices of the town's Community Interest Company, is there to back up the policy of reuse, reduce and recycle, to limit landfill. Aimed in particular at schools and youth groups it also offers individuals and families such new stock as felt, coloured papers, ribbons and glitter including some gorgeous craft paper, and much more. A massive donation has enabled Saltash Scrapstore to make available surplus requirements from businesses, materials which could otherwise have been dumped.

Alongside the new stock is a fascinating and random variety of commercial waste with recyclable potential. This can include packaging, wood, plastic, off cuts, screws and bubble wrap. Local households are invited to donate their own unwanted items which can be give new life, for example old doorknobs that are being replaced. The imaginative scrapstore volunteers are already coming up with ideas, for example recycling old videotapes into toy wheels and Halloween masks. One satisfied customer is constructing a large boat from items such as tin cans and knitting needles.

If your imagination needs some stimulation and guidance then a series of on-site workshops are being organised at the rear of the shop. Simple workshops to show children how to create items from discards with seasonal themes such as Halloween, Christmas and

Easter, will run alongside adult workshops on such themes as flower arranging (real and artificial) leather work and basic sewing. The extensive space is intended as a community area for all the family and be also be used by outside groups. It could be ideal, for example, for parties where children may make a mess with glitter and glue with no problem. Posters will keep Fore Street shoppers updated, or they can visit the facebook page or twitter account.

The website saltashscrapstore@gmail.com can also be used by prospective volunteers. Opening hours will depend upon the amount of volunteers and the time that they can offer. Organisers hope that by encouraging volunteer staff to give their time to this fun and environmentally friendly project it will be open for increasingly longer hours and will help in encouraging footfall into our friendly local Fore Street.

## Saltash 'Essa Troop' Scout Leader Retires

Alan Tucker has been involved with Essa Troop since it started in 1980 but has decided to stand down as the Leader. He hopes to continue with his other roles in Scouting.

He is having a get together with those who have helped him over the last 38 years and those who have been members of the Troop. If you would

Like to attend please contact him on 07790067056 by Telephone or Text.

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## Films Show Both Sides of Western Front

Two acknowledged classics of the cinema, both sympathetically portraying the reality of war, but one from each side of the trenches, are to be shown to Saltash audiences during the centenary month of the end of World War I. The films are being put on at Ashtorre by the World War I Commemoration Committee.

'The first great anti-war film (indeed the first classic film) of the sound era, remarkable for its pacifist message', is film critic Barry Norman's description of 'All Quiet on the Western Front'. Telling the tale of a group of optimistic and patriotic German schoolboys, it takes them to the grotesque squalor of trench warfare where its final shot, according to Barry Norman, 'still provides one of the most vivid and unforgettable moments in all cinema.'

This German classic of 1930 can be contrasted with a recent British film of 2018, the cinematic portrayal of R.C. Sherriff's 'Journeys End'. The 1928 play, praised by G.B. Shaw as 'a useful corrective to

the romantic conception of war', well converts to film that portrays British trenches of the eve of the 1918 German 'Great Push'.

The stressful relationships between veteran officers is emphasised by the arrival of the idealistic Raleigh, straight from public school where he had hero-worshipped Stanhope, now his neurotic whisky-sodden Captain. Here too the closing moments between them fully emphasis the pity of war.

The two films will be shown at Ashtorre at 7 p.m. on Sunday 18th November and 2nd December respectively. There will be opportunity for those who wish to discuss them afterwards. Admission is free, donations welcomed.

## Dancing with Delight

A young Saltash ballerina is dancing with delight after being awarded £250 by the Sue Hooper Charitable Foundation (SHCF) to help fund travel costs for her training. Hazel Lightley, age 11, is one of only a handful of young dancers nationwide to be offered a place on the Elmhurst Ballet School Extended Programme in association with Birmingham Royal Ballet. The weekend training sessions, which run every Saturday in Birmingham, enable Hazel to access world-class ballet teaching in state-of-the-art facilities - a very useful step in the right direction towards her aspirations to be a professional ballerina one day!

Hazel is a student at Ballaré School of Performing Arts, and has been taking ballet classes in Saltash with Principal Laura Fleet since she was three years old. With Miss Fleet's expert input and support, what started as a fun hobby has turned into an all-consuming passion! Outside of her time at Saltash Community School in Year 7, Hazel fits in up to 20 hours of dance training per week to give herself the best chance at forthcoming auditions for Year 8 full-time vocational ballet training. When asked how she fits it all in, Hazel says: "I feel very lucky to be spending so many hours doing what I love - dance means everything to me - and I am very grateful for this funding and the support I get from my teachers and family."

As well as her Birmingham training, Hazel rehearses in London every couple of weeks with Masters of Ballet Academy, who have invited her to perform in their production of 'Chipollino' at Sadlers Wells Theatre in the New Year. Hazel has also recently performed a bit closer to home, playing the role of Clara's friend in Vienna Festival Ballet's Nutcracker at Princess Theatre Torquay.

At the official presentation of the funding cheque at Saltash Waterside, Founder of SHCF Sue Hooper stated: "As a local charitable organisation, we are

always delighted to support the journeys of such talented, ambitious and hard-working young people as Hazel. We wish her all the very best in her forthcoming auditions for full-time vocational ballet training".

Find out more about the Sue Hooper Charitable Foundation and how you can support their community activities at [www.suehcf.org.uk](http://www.suehcf.org.uk) - also keep an eye out for fundraising concerts and events.



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## Walk to Mark the Great War Dead

As we mark the centenary of the ending of World War One the opportunity to visit the graves of the Saltash men who are buried at St. Stephens churchyard and to learn something of them is being offered to all who are interested.

Local historian Peter Clements, who has thoroughly researched all 141 men with Saltash connections who died in the Great War, is attending at the St. Stephens War Memorial each Friday at 10 am during October and November, ready to lead a walk around the graves of the twenty-one who are buried there. The walk, taking around ninety minutes will be at attendees own risk and they are advised to wear suitable clothing and footwear for the conditions. They are encouraged to proceed with great care, especially on the grass paths and uneven ground which can be slippery especially in wet weather. Dogs are not welcome on this occasion.

'This is meant to pay tribute and remember all those men, too, with no known graves who died in this terrible conflict a century ago as the Great War 1914-18 commemorative events committee feel these men should be remembered in our commemorative tributes', states Mr. Clements.

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