

Tamar Bridge Barriers Not to Be Raised as **Anti-Suicide Check**

he suggested raising of the parapets on the Tamar Bridge to 2.6 metres as a suicide prevention scheme will not go ahead. The Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Committee made this decision after taking advice from emergency services, professional groups concerned with suicide prevention and those affected by suicide. They also held public consultations in Saltash and Plymouth.

The issue was debated earlier this year during a meeting in Saltash, as previously reported in your 'Observer' and a working party set up to study evidence for and against raising the parapets, currently at 1.5 metres high at an estimated cost of £6 million. A mock up of the 2.6 metre high barrier was created and tested and it was confirmed that it would be an effective visual and physical deterrent to would-be jumpers.

However, it would not altogether prohibit those determined to cross it and would make their rescue more difficult, the working group held. Other deciding factors included that those determined on suicide would simply be deflected from the bridge, where there is close CCTV monitoring and staff are trained to deal with would-be jumpers, to elsewhere where they might not be observed. While jumpers on the Tamar

Bridge receive a high profile only a minimal number of the suicides in Devon and Cornwall currently take place there. The present height of the parapets is amongst the highest of similar bridges in Britain.

Concern remains for those living directly underneath the bridge on the Saltash and sides Plymouth who occasionally face the trauma of a body falling as well as the more frequent nuisance of rubbish or just abuse being hurled down by those on the bridge. The heightening of the parapet at either end, where it passes over land, remains a and the possible issue committee has asked its officers to report back on this.

Meanwhile the committee has promised to continue its policy of positive intervention on suicide prevention in accordance with public health guidance.

Local Launch for Forest for Cornwall

n ambitious plan to plant eight thousand hectares of trees as a Forest for Cornwall over a ten year period is due to be launched in Saltash

This eco-friendly programme is a natural way to tackle climate change and draw down carbon emissions by significantly increasing tree woodland cover throughout Cornwall, reports Chair of Cornwall Council and Saltash Councillor Hilary

This follows Cornwall's declaration of a Climate Change Emergency in January this year. A full report has now been prepared to outline how to reduce carbon emissions and work towards becoming carbon neutral by 2033. Other measures already taken by Cornwall Council include delivering energy efficient improvements in over three thousand homes through Glow introducing Cornwall, England's first community energy revolving loan fund and developing its own solar farm.

As well as increasing the number of electric charging points in public car parks is supporting substantial transport service improvements aiming at a

joined up rail, bus and ferry public transport system. The introduction of 92 new lower emission buses has seen the number of bus journeys in Cornwall increase from 10.6 million to 11.7 million over the last year, bucking the national trend of reduced bus journeys

The action plan includes powering all new homes with alternative energy, and making energy efficiency improvements to existing council owned housing as well as the substantial Forest for Cornwall.

The official launch of the Forest is aimed for late November in a community space in Saltash with Tincombe being suggested at a Town Council meeting as the chosen locality.

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Christmas Lights

Council will switch on the zig zag streamer lights. Sat 7th December all the other lights will be switched on at the Christmas Festival. Wed 4th December the coloured lights will be installed, so that means from the evening of the 4th to the evening of the 7th no festive

lights will on in Fore Street.

Sat 9th November Town

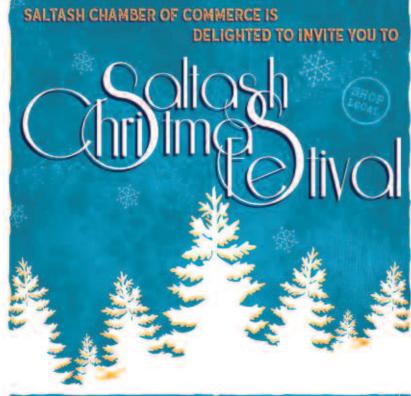
Son Steve Bennetts an RNLI coxswain, was present with Plymouth lifeboat, to honour his late father's 25 years at Saltash Sailing Club... See article on page 7



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December 2019
Tuesdays: Tues 3rd Martin Dale Tues 10th Louise Tues17th Jazz Trio Tues 24th Wireless Christmas Eve

Tues 31st TBA New year's Eve Ticket Only
Wednesday 18th Open Mic
Fridays: Fri 6th Hungry Bears Fri 13th 5 & Dimes Fri 20th The

Sat 7th Bad Knees Blues Band Sat 14th The Horizons

Sat 21st Becca & Vince Sat 28th Los Limpos

THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH OPEN MIC NIGHT SUNDAY LUNCHTIME: OPEN THE BOX: A CHANCE TO WIN CASH PRIZES SUNDAY NIGHT - QUIZ - Winner 2 Bottles of wine

Runner Up 1 bottle of wine : Everyone Welcome

Saltash 844770

Town Messenger

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News from Saltash Town Council Konsel an dre Essa





Saltash Town Council Responsibilities

Saltash Town Council continue to run a number of services for the town, most notable of the services recently acquired by the town is the Library, with its Information Desk, various and activities, Registration Office, and added space offering exciting for opportunities future development.

Elsewhere Saltash Town Council are responsible for many services here are just a few:

Station Building.
Saltash Heritage.
The Guildhall.
Public Conveniences – Belle
Vue, Waterside, Alexandra
Square, Longstone Park.
Maurice Huggins Room.
Pontoon.

Longstone Depot and Garage. Fore Street hanging baskets. Christmas lights.

Christmas lights.
Fore Street bunting.
Churchtown Cemetery.
Honeysuckle Playpark.
Festive lights and bunting located at the Waterside.
Memorial Peace Garden.
Grenfell, Fairmead, and
Churchtown allotments.
Maintenance of St Stephen's
Churchyard.
North Road bus shelter.

Flower beds.
Various parcels of land at

Various parcels of land at Grassmere Way, Pillmere Meadow, Pillmere Green, Fairmead, Trematon Pound, Ellwell Woods, Ashton Way, Tamar Terrace.

Various footpaths. In order to deliver the above services Saltash Town Council Service Delivery General

Services Saltash Town Council Service Delivery General Assistants ensure that the above sites are kept to a high standard and that the town remains a credit to our residents.

Saltash Town Council continues to work with Cornwall Council in transferring services to the town of Saltash and we endeavour to continue in delivering the services for the enjoyment of our residents.

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Forthcoming **Election**

Following the announcement of the forthcoming election we will not be continuing to place unpaid for editorial from any prospective candidate.

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Cornwall Councillors – Cover such services as:

Housing - Education – Social Services Highways – Waste and Recycling – Tamar Bridge

Town Messenger news is supplied by the Town Council

Mayor's Cadet Given a Sash

The Mayor's Cadet will in future be easily distinguished by a blue sash which the Town Council has agreed should form part of the civic regalia.

The sash was exhibited at a Town Council meeting to general acclaim. It was made by а local businesswoman from items found in the town's Scrap Store and presented a no public expense. It will be passed down to each member of the local vouth organisation who is selected as Mayor's Cadet by each incoming Mayor.

Meet Your Councillor



Councillor Jean Dent - West Ward Saltash Jean Dent and husband Bill

have lived in Saltash for more than 30 years and both of their children attended primary and secondary schools in Saltash. Jean was a primary school teacher for many years (mostly across the water in England!) until taking early retirement in 2005.

Since joining the Town Council in November 2012 as a member for West Ward, Jean has been Deputy Mayor and Mayor twice in recent years.

At present Jean is chairing the Library Sub-Committee, pushing forward the devolution of Saltash Library from Cornwall Council and also of the Property Sub-Committee looking after the properties owned by Saltash Town Council. Jean is Chair of the Planning and Licensing Committee, a member of the Personnel Committee, The Saltash

Neighbourhood Plan and Station Property Sub-Committee

Jean is the representative of Saltash Town Council on Saltash Heritage, Age UK and the Mabbott Trust

Outside the Council Jean is a member of The Royal British Legion and The Royal Naval Association.

Jean would like to give something back by supporting the community of the vibrant and forwardlooking town that is Saltash.

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Crime Figures Falling

hile crime in the Saltash Police area for August, the last month for which figures were available, totalled 116, crime in the area is falling overall.

August figures included 40 violent and sexual offences as well as 36 anti-social behaviour, 7 burglary and 6 criminal damage and arson. There was one burglary, one robbery, two shoplifting, eight other theft and two drug offences.

However, over the full year crime in the area had reduced by 13.5 % Cornwall Councillor Sam Tamlin advised.

Longer Hours at Library

altash Library is now open for an extra day each week following the Town Council taking over its management from Cornwall.

The Friday opening means that it is now open each weekday except Wednesday from 9.30a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The additional day opening was as a result of public request and on the first Friday opening the library was reported as busy.

Dear residents of Saltash Whilst I'm writing this month's column, I'm thinking, gosh I am in my 6 months of representing the residents of Saltash as the Town Mayor. It's been a busy

enjoyable.

The Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee held a meeting where it was decided to retain the existing parapet across the full length of

time but very interesting and

the bridge.

There is free bus service for pedestrians, cyclists and mobility users which is running between Fore St and the Tamar Bridge car park while works are being undertaken on the bridge.

Saltash Town Council is proud to announce that Saltash Library is being multi used and holding various community events and working with community groups and charities, for example...Poppy Workshop, Lantern Workshop, WW1 Exhibition,

Dinosaur Day, Saltash Foodbank information, Christmas Craft Fair. And even Father Christmas could be stopping off at the Library!

I attended my first exhibition of the Saltash Model Club held at Ashtorre Rock, which I found interesting and was amazed by the skills and craftsmanship that is put into some of the models.

I crossed the water to judge an "incredible entrances" competition at The Cabin Nurseries this involved visiting three children's' nurseries in Plymouth which I found

From the Mayor of Saltash overwhelming as all three were incredible.

Heading back into home land Cornwall, myself and the Deputy Mayor headed to Scorrier House in Redruth with other Cornish Mayors and Deputies for St Petrocs celebration of volunteers, friends and supporters. St Petrocs do a wonderful job by working to try and end street homeless.

A full packed Riverside United Church at Looe Town Council Civic Service.

Saltash Music, Speech and Drama Festival AGM was held at the Wesley Church. This festival is open to all age groups and individuals.

Saltash Branch Royal Naval Association put on a fantastic Trafalgar night in Saltash which was attended by many visitors and I was made to feel very welcome and was surprised when I was presented with a silver crown brooch by the President of the Association.

A subcommittee of the Town Council held their first meeting to look at further initiatives for Saltash.

Saltash Town Council completed their Interim Internal Audit for the year ended 31st March 2019/20.

Saltash Town Council will be holding its annual Remembrance Service on Sunday 10th November 2019, followed by a Parade from the Saltash Wesley Church to the War Memorial at St. Nicholas and St. Faith Church at



approximately 3.00 p.m.

Members of the public, organisations and groups are welcome to join the Parade.

Also, at 11.00 a.m. on Monday 11th November, there will be a two-minute silence outside the Brunel Inn with the Civic Party in attendance.

Saltash Town Council are now seven months into the takeover of Saltash Library. Members of the Library and Property Maintenance Sub Committees recently discussed the function, use of the building, and the services provided, to continue driving the Library forward in making it the community hub the people of Saltash deserve.

Saltash Town Council are keen to engage with members of the public regarding the proposed library works and therefore intend to hold a Public Consultation at the Library. Details regarding the Public Consultation are to follow.

Yours sincerely Councillor Gloria Challen Saltash Mayor

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community asset. It was offered to the Registration Office as an alternative to their current room in the Library building when the current lease ends. The library room could then be used for office space by the Town Council. However, the Registration Office declined the offer of the Maurice Huggins Room stating it to be unsuitable and quoting their policy of not having one person working

Victoria Gardens

Room Seeks

Community User

the top of the town, is to be

made available to a suitable

tenant for the use of the

The room, established as a

refreshment room for senior

citizens, has been acquired

by the Town Council as a

community.

he Maurice Huggins

Victoria Gardens, at

Services The town's committee recommended to re-offer the room to the Registration Office subject to fitting of alarms and noting that if income were raised through weddings additional fees could be applied.

alone in a building.

After further discussion it was agreed to defer community proposals for the premises until full financial assessments, including those relating to hire of the Guildhall, had been carried

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Chamber Chairman Peter Ryland Keeping us Updated

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The Chamber recognises that car parking is only one of the issues affecting town centres and, indeed generally, local trade. We are also a part of the town regeneration forum which is looking to enhance the town centre and will be coming forward with more ideas in the near future.

You may have noticed that it is now 12 months since I said that 2018/2019 would be my last year as Chairman. Despite this and the promise to my wife about it, at the AGM in October, I was reelected for another year but, at least this year, I will have a Vice Chairman, Sarah Martin, to take some of the load off me. The rest of the Chamber committee are Avesha Slader Funerals) as (Pengelly Doug Bond Secretary, Jewellers) Treasurer, Tracy Hayton (The Bookshelf) as Membership Secretary and, of course Bill Cotton (Cotton Taxis) is still President. So, if any business

wishes to join the Chamber there are plenty of us you can contact for an application form. Don't forget that we are associated with Cornwall Chamber which gives the advantage of the wider help that they can give businesses. Isn't it worth the £25 a year to become a member of the Saltash Chamber?

For businesses as well, isn't it worth joining the growing band of PL12 businesses who are part of the Saltash Card. There are now circa 1,000 card holders so if you want to promote your business to the PL12 community then why not sign The Community Enterprises shop at No. 4 Fore Street can do this for you. You do not have to offer a continual discount (but some traders do so) but could offer special promotions or indeed just promote your business generally to the growing number of card holders. It is obviously up to the traders to ascertain what will help them to boost their

Within a few days of the Chamber AGM, I went to Brittany for a week and, from touring around the area. noticed that some businesses were struggling the same as businesses in the U.K. but one thing I did find there, that was boosting trade, were the various initiatives that were happening in retail businesses to successfully boost trade. There was the coffee shop that had many different coffee beans so that patrons could create their own blend, there was the candle shop where you could take your candleholder back for a refill, the bakery shop with a wide range of regional breads and cakes, the delicatessen with all regional produce, the spice with 100s spices/herbs for customers to choose which one and what quantity and the local craft centre where artisans could show off/sell their goods but also had classes showing how to make things a combination equivalent in Saltash, to Lovingly Local (No. 5 Fore Street) and Scrapstore (No. 89 Fore Street).

Finally, a further reminder that the Chamber is once again running the Christmas Festival which this year will be on the 7th December to tie in with the Santas on Bikes which will be the opening event on the day. Although the town council will light the streamer lights in early/mid-November, the Festival will include the switch on of the main lights.

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& Closing 6pm Fri 13th Dec Admission £1.50 with accompanied Children Free Easy Disabled Access

--- Refreshments Served ----Sat 30th Nov & Sat 7th December

Also Sat 7th Dec church will stay open late to coincide with the town late night shopping and lights switch on. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served. The Burraton Boys, Saltash Handbell Ringers & Saltash Acapella will be performing during the festival. For further details visit:

www.saltashteamministry.org

Saltash Social Club

Newly Refurbished Members Bar Now in Use

New Members Always Welcome Forthcoming FREE Events in the

Members Bar

November 2019

Sat 9th Vicious Kitten (Pop/Rock Covers) Sat 16th Gone South (Get Comfortable Numb) Sat 23rd XLR (2nd visit by this popular Rock Cover outfit - be there) Sat 30th Banana Thieves (Say no more!)

December 2019

Sat 7th Mrs Jones (Motown/Soul) Sat 14th VOODOO Rock/Pop Duo Sat 21st Low Profile Pop Covers Duo Christmas Eve Tues 24th 7.30pm -10pn

STARGAZER (Glam Rock Fancy Dress, All the 70's Glam tunes)

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Christmas Lights on Longer for Shopping in Saltash

The formal switching on of the town's greatly admired Christmas lights will as usual be performed as part of the . Christmas Festival, this year to be held on December 7th. This event is as usual to be on the first Saturday of

Catt in the Hatt

Christmas Fair

"After the success of last It is free entry to over 25

years Christmas Fair, there stalls. There will be a raffle

CHRISTMAS FAIR

🚵 The Cardinals Hatt 🔼

Hatt Saltash PL12 6PJ

Sunday 24th November 11am – 4pm

25 Stalls of Local Crafts & Edible Gifts

Santas Grotto

However, as this falls rather for a wide variety of seasonal late this year it has been agreed food and drink to enhance that, to ensure that townspeople and visitors can enjoy seasonal the special magic that the zig zag lights bring to the town. they will be switched on earlier,

While the Saltash shops are looking at their seasonal best it vibrant and busy shopping should be remembered that back in those (sometimes) balmy days of summer our hardworking local shopkeepers were busy selecting the finest of fare and seasonal gifts to offer to discerning local shoppers.

With the extended length of time that the lights will be switched on there is even more reason and time to discover, or rediscover, the pleasures of local shopping. With no traffic parks and queues. Saltash offers not busy and impersonal stores all selling similar products. Instead largely family run businesses where the traders know their customers wants, all helpful advice if needed. For that quirky gift idea as well as

will be another in the villages

of Hatt and Botus Fleming!

On Sunday 24th November

2019, from 11am at The

Cardinals Hatt, you will find a

wide selection of local crafts

gifts and edible delights, as

well as Usborne books.

health and beauty gifts,

clothing, jewellery, seasonal

For Children, Santa will be

there in his Log Cabin to sav

hello and maybe find a gift

for the well behaved boys

decorations and delights.

every Christmas table - shop this season, as every season in Saltash. And remember that if doing so you are boosting the local economy - your money stays in Saltash, as well as helping ensure that Saltash remains as it has always been, a

So, this Christmas, and throughout the year, shop in

with some really high quality

So come along and make a

day of it. You'll find some

great gift ideas for

There is something to suit

everyone, including a well

stocked bar serving Mulled

Wine. There is good parking

and good disabled facilities

The Cardinals Hatt offer a

Everyone is welcome - We

look forward to seeing you.

Christmas

varied menu."

of magic in the air everywhere to all the young and all who have ever been once again comes together to celebrate an early December Saturday with

Shops Support Charity Coffee Morning

Kelly Weekes, Kerri Benson and Becky King of Westcountry Embroidery joined forces with Tamar Tattoos in the premises above to welcome one and all in for coffee and home-made cakes. The cakes, as well as mouth watering savouries, had been prepared by themselves and a number of friends and supporters. Many other local shop keepers contributed to the home-made produce and many took time out to call in and support the event contributing to a continual stream of customers for most of the day. The result was an excellent £475 for this most deserving of causes.

Similar events held throughout the town also included that in St. Nicholas Church Rooms which raised £250 and at Cornwall

the Saltash Christmas Festival.

he first sign of the approaching Festive

altash shoppers were delighted to pause a while for delicious refreshment while marking the Macmillan Nurses national coffee morning.

College Saltash which raised over £200.

Festive Season will be Welcomed in Saltash Tradition

day of events in a

seasonal surprises our own

friendly family stores have to

offer. And of course, there is

always a packed programme

of entertainment to suit all

And as darkness falls in

late afternoon the street takes

eason brings a hint young. The approach of

Christmas in Saltash brings its own special magic to our Cornish community as it

awaits the switching on of the lights and, as a promise of For over half a century treats to come, a visit from Saltash has organised a community event to welcome Father Christmas himself.

For the last eight years the in Christmas. Historically it evening has also witnessed a began with bands converging ntasmagorical Parade of on Victoria Gardens where a Lanterns. Can this year's crowd of young and not so lanterns exceed the amazing young were eagerly waiting creations of last year? We must wait for 7th December carol service, followed by a to find out, and of course, mass march down Fore Street singing together to the tune after the lighting up of Fore Street the night sky will light of Jingle Bells. From thence it has up with fireworks promising that once again Saltash i expanded to include a busy

pedestrianised Fore Street where residents and visitors A Date for Your Diary came together to sample the Saltash Christmas wares of a variety of market style stores, as well as **Festival** discover what range of Sat 7th Dec

10am - Roads Close 11am - Exhibitors Arrive 1pm - Market Open & Santa's on Bikes 3pm - Polished Brass

ready for that most magical of

4.30pm - Light Switch on **1.45pm** - Geraldine Lamb School of Dance

5pm - Fire Show 5.15pm - The Swing Kings 6pm - Lantern Parade **6.15pm** - Fireworks 6.30pm - Close

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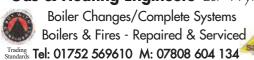
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Waste-full Waterfront! ...

his morning I walked Saltash waterfront. I was appalled, no, saddened. Rotting hulks litter the shoreline, most especially at the northern end, where a pathway light is taped up, awaiting repair. Indignant residents have just hung a

come to die!

unseaworthy Behind me in contrast, a few weeks ago, polished pilot gigs packed Brunel Green, a throng of paddles and expectant

hungry besieged busy food outlets during the colourful 2-day event. The place was electric!

elderly An lady fondly remembers Tamar Street as Cockle Pickle Alley, with a lovely stone arch near Just Be, and all the fun of Winkle Maritime Dept. in Truro assured me, "wall repairs

A cheery Old with disdain... husband.

in her schooldays, her

dog-walking councillors warmly smiled recognition... I seized the moment to mention my fears and observations about the messy shoreline, to be reassured apologetically that there is hope ahead as the bureacratic quagmire clears between Saltash and Cornwall councils. I called the latter a few weeks back to request a replacement bin for Huntly Gardens... nothing yet. (Yesterday I removed the mass of chalked graffiti there, and 15 bottles and cans... 10 minutes well-spent!)

Beyond Brunel's iconic structure overhead, patrons were seeking sustenance in the welcoming lounges of both Just Be and the Ashtorre centre. Approaching the colourful Union, third hideaway for refreshment, three wardens were busy replacing bunting and lightbulbs. One recognised me, and returned a smile. enthusiastic to confirm that official barriers were easing... wheels were turning for disposing of those offending riverside craft... and the rubbish too. Other walkers complained of dog poo and traffic speeding. Another sign's just appeared on the derelict

Wheatsheaf pub, bemoaning the owners' inaction, by Residents Against Neglect. Out back, allegedly the rubbish lorry was responsible for reversing into the wall, now rubble in the road!

I counted almost 100 attentive faces at a September standing-room-only, meeting, convened at the Ashtorre in response to unruly, threatening behaviour by a few tombstoning youngsters. Local support was impressive, the police were represented and practical, though (as yet to happen) deterrent action was hinted at by two Network Rail representatives. Almost home from my stroll, on the shore a Plymouth mother and daughter were collecting bits of sea-glass to make pictures with; "I've special memories and love it here," she reflected. "A while back, me and mum scattered dad's ashes off the jetty, and, one Saturday night 20 years ago, I was locked in the Boatman pub for 6 hours, trapped by a rising Spring tide.. and free beer!" A jogger came by and took a selfie of moored boats reflected on the sunny river, "Family are swimming at China Fleet... have to show

> friends back home in London what a lovely corner we've found," he smiled.

I'm new in 3 years; town. Exmouth and Dartmoor are my roots. I gave 12 upcountry, work sometimes drive Saltash the Hopper, stopped a double killer in New Orleans, and helped a Bosnian community with

landmine clearance in my adventurous photojournalist past. Rumours of a good community spirit brought me to settle by the Tamar. It would be nice if our Waterside could benefit from some of those rumours... locals rightly see it as a jewel, though a little polishing might not go amiss, right now! Ian Robinson



Join Our Delivery Team

The success of the Saltash Observer over the last 26 years has been due in no small part to the excellent and reliable team that every month seeks to ensure that each home in Saltash receives its copy.

Some of our deliverers have been with us for over 26 years. Others have moved on. Many of our most valued delivery team have been school students who of course will expect eventually to leave the area for university or other further education or employment, leaving a vacancy.

We currently have vacancies in the Pillmere and Warfelton areas which the rest of the team are seeking to cover. If you would enjoy healthy walking once a month for financial reward, and would like to be considered please contact the Editor on 07971 484872 or E: maryecrawford@hotmail.com the work is suitable for anyone from young teen up to a fit senior citizen, indeed anybody who has a few hours a month to spare and enjoys the

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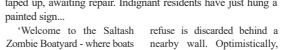


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I counted 15 abandoned specimens.

regatta personnel. Further along, queues of

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moored boats bear notices requesting repositioning ahead of Cornwall Council repairs to the crumbling seawall... are things happening, maybe? The

imminent... approach Cornwall Council website for fly-tipping," (which I did.)

> resident on Ferry Road nodded concurrance nursing an ailing proudly recalled how,

late father once crossed the still unfinished roadbridge... "like me, he loved it here" she beamed. On the footpath two

ornwall Council's Climate Action Plan. which was agreed earlier in the year, includes a flagship project with the aim of creating a Forest for Cornwall. This programme is a natural way to tackle climate change by removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere by planting trees on 2% of Cornwall's land area, this project isn't going to be a single area but will be spreadout over the whole of Cornwall. I'm really pleased to say that the first trees to be planted as part of this project will be in Tincombe in Saltash. One hundred trees will be planted at the end of November during National Tree Week in partnership with the Woodland Trust. The tree planting will be in small areas around Tincombe avoiding footpaths and will be in keeping with 'the right trees in the right places' principle which will include species native to Cornwall.

Improvements to the walking and cycling network have started to take shape in and around the town centre. The first phase includes safer pedestrian access on Culver Road, better crossing places on North Road as well as cycle paths within the town centre and to the train station. When this is published most of the work within the town should

have already been completed and work will have begun on New Road which is planned to continue until the first few days of the New Year.

The results of consultation on Phase Two of the project, which aims to improve walking and cycling along Callington Road, have now been published. The plan to prevent vehicles turning right out of Gilston Road will no longer go ahead, although the idea did receive a small amount of support this was outweighed by a large number of objections. The suggested one-way system on parts of Longview Road is also going to be removed for similar reasons. The rest of the scheme which starts at the top of Longstone Park and runs along the north of Callington Road up to the junction with Liskeard/New Road and the section near Gilston Road is planned to start in January or February. This will include shared paths for pedestrians and cyclists, altered junctions on the northern side of Callington Road plus a mini roundabout and crossing for pedestrians at the junction with Plougastel Drive.

Work replacing kerbs and waterproofing on the southern cantilever at the bridge are continuing, originally the contractor planned to finish on the footpath in August and



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deck to the southern cantilever but have experienced problems achieving the standard of wielding required. The footpath is closed to all traffic and a minibus service is being provided free of charge to all pedestrians, mobility scooters and cyclists. This will continue until the work has been completed on all of the kerbs along the bridge and vehicles no longer need to use the southern cantilever.

A two year project examining the idea of raising the barriers on the bridge has concluded. The unanimous decision made by the eight Plymouth & Cornwall councillors attending the meeting including myself was to not increase the height of the barriers along the full length of the bridge. This was an incredibly difficult decision, many councillors if not all felt that this was the hardest decision they had ever been asked to make on any committee. We heard evidence from members of the public on

both sides of the bridge as well as professionals in suicide prevention and the emergency services. I'm not able to go through everything that was discussed without taking over the whole of the Observer but I'll try to go over some. A higher barrier whilst making it harder to climb would make self rescue (which almost all do) much harder. Of course the raised height would deter most who would attempt to climb but the evidence we had from places that had already raised their barriers is that someone considering taking their own life would instead choose another location without any prevention measures that are in place on the bridge including support staff with specialist training, dedicated 24/7 CCTV, lighting and signage as recommended by Samaritans. I know many people who I have spoken to will strongly disagree with this decision but it seemed clear from all of the evidence that we collected that raising the height of the barriers would not reduce suicides but only move the problem to high places nearby. We are still looking at measures to prevent suicide and antisocial behaviour on both ends of the bridge particularly at the Saltash end, with raising the barriers on sections of the bridge still being considered.

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retained firefighter for 30 years, Ken Bennetts had the sea in his blood... so much so that on his wedding day he warned Pat, his intended bride, "if you're not at the church by noon, you'll find me back down painting the boat...!" It was to be a happy union for over 50 years, producing 2 children... and 6 boats.

Sunday, in early October, son Steve, now RNLI coxswain, was present with Plymouth lifeboat, to honour his late father's 25 years at Saltash Sailing Club, many as boatswain.

Station Garage

25 years at Saltash Sailing Christening and dedicating new safety boat, the Ken Bennetts, an ex-MoD craft, he told a packed clubhouse "Tuesday was always dinghy racing, and this will keep dad's name as part of a club that meant so much to him, emphasising his efforts to maintain safety boats always fit for purpose."

A very popular, but unassuming man, yesterday, the sun shone on a Tamar that Ken knew so well.

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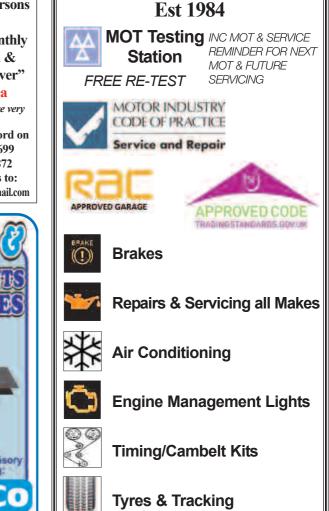
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Tamar Trotters – Running for Fun and Friendship

week at Saltash Rugby club, and members enjoy a leisurely social run or a structured training session depending on preference and ability. The club has achieved success amongst runners graduating from the Couch to 5km program to competitors representing Cornwall and Great Britain. Without a doubt, Tamar Trotters has helped its members to improve their own physical and mental health, as well as opening up new opportunities for friendships. Over this last year there has been a 'Run and Talk' session aimed at getting people to talk about mental health during the run and the over a cup of tea afterwards. Recently the club has become a 'Plastic Free Ally' by cutting out single use plastic items and introducing re-usable cups in their events.

Over the past year the Trotters have flown their flag in local and overseas events, including, the marathon and half marathon in Ukraine, Spain, Bournemouth, London, Manchester. Colin Bunting has now completed 90 marathons, David Pitcher has

participated in 250 parkruns. Paul Gregg has earned a Great Britain vest to represent GB in half marathon Veterans' Masters events and Rebecca Ezra has gained podium places at most running events, and now represents Cornwall. The club has also organised their own



annual races, the Magnificent 7 and Saltash Half Marathon, and have supported local parkruns. Local charities have benefited from these races.

The Couch to 5 km course continues to thrive, bringing complete novices up to a level where they can run 5 kilometres or more and gain the confidence to run alone or in groups. The junior section which caters for children aged 8 to 16 provides fun filled evenings which have led the children into inter club competitions and improved their fitness and self-esteem. To complement the fitness aspect of the club, there have been some social occasions such as quizzes to exercise the brain, a dinner and dance. There have been some very useful talks given by coaches (both for and triathlon), running physiotherapists, nutrition experts which have enabled people to learn more about dealing with injuries and keeping healthy.

The list of achievements in running and triathlon events within the Tamar Trotters this year is long, but it has been a delight to see the improvement across the whole ability range of runners and triathletes over this last year.

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Essa Files

ow I haven't kept an exact count but after a bit of calculation I think that this is, give or take, my 100th Essa files column. This is based on the calculation that 102 months have passed since I stopped being Mayor, and was asked if I'd like to continue writing a monthly column, and I think that I missed a couple along the way due to special General Election editions of the paper and suchlike. It might actually by my 99th or my 101st, but what the heck: it's the thought that counts. I am declaring this to be my official centenary so I hope that on this occasion you will forgive me a little self-indulgence.

I'm actually pretty surprised it's gone on this far, not least because of the number of times I've stared blankly at the screen for a considerable amount of time working out what the heck I'm

going to write about this month; coupled with a genuine scepticism about how people really want to read 'Killeya's travels' / 'Adam's sermon of the month'

this into an Oscars acceptance speech thank you Mary for giving me the opportunity and especially for letting me get away with some of my slightly more outré topics. Thank you to my two column checkers, both people very dear to me one of whom invariably tells me they like it but I should tone it down a bit, and the other that they like it but I should tone it up a bit. Finally thank you to anyone who takes the time to read it, and especially to the one gentleman who wrote my sole letter of complaint and who was 'so alarmed by the style and content of the article, I was forced to read it twice'. His dedication to the cause of literary criticism is much appreciated.

Finally my thanks in general to the town of Saltash, since it's because of the sense of community that I've stayed living and working here long beyond what I originally expected. I recently had the pleasure of showing one of those dear people I mentioned above around the sights of Saltash and sharing the Heritage Museum. Elliot's Shop, Guildhall, Mary Newman's Cottage and Celtic Cross with them only served to remind me how much I like it here.

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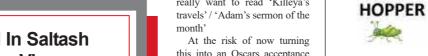
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