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Station Plans Include Cafe and Heritage Centre But Council Still Seeks 'Clean Up' Order

For the first time since the Town Council sold off the station building almost twenty years ago positive plans are being put forward for its redevelopment. These plans include residential and commercial use as well as facilities for visitors, admiring the adjacent iconic Royal Albert Bridge to enjoy. They include some demolition of the existing building, some new build, but the preservation of most of the existing late Victorian structure. Around 80% of the current building would be retained and refurbished according to the Town Council's station working group which has been working with the owner, property developer Darren Bennetts.

However the Town Council also agreed to seek an order that Mr. Bennetts be forced, in the interim, to clean up the building.

The plans include the

ground floor of the existing building becoming a 'community space' which could include a café, waiting room and toilets. It could also serve as a heritage centre

Station building in its present state



celebrating Brunel's bridge.

A number of items removed from the bridge during the recent refurbishment are available for display and Saltash Heritage will be asked to provide other railway orientated memorabilia.

Saltash Town Council originally purchased the building for use as a Brunel Heritage Centre with cafe back in 1996 and sold it on in 2006. Now it seems their original plan may be realised though on a smaller scale than originally planned.

A small section of the northern end of the building which is in a poor state of

repair is marked for demolition. There would be flats within the roof space and the former goods shed would see a new two storey building with flats above and parking space below.

A full planning application is intended to be put to the Council in late October.

Meanwhile a nearby resident, businessman Alan Harper, succeeded in persuading the Town Council to seek a compulsory clean-up order on the building, long considered an eyesore and poor first impression of Cornwall for rail users in its current state. A 'Section 215' order can be sought if the cleaning up of a site affects the amenity of the surrounding area. Cornwall Council has been asked several times to take such action replied Councillor Richard Bickford, but he agreed on the need to press for further such action.

Although plans for full refurbishment were now being prepared Town Councillors agreed that it could take six to nine months or more before they start to come into effect.

The Council agreed by ten votes to one to seek that Cornwall Council write to the property owner seeking a clean up of the site under the terms of Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act.

They also agreed to negotiate over the proposed 'community space' area of the building with a view to the Town acquiring this on a long term lease at a nominal rent.

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Security Cameras Traders and Shoppers Opinions Sought

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The cost would cover three cameras which between them would cover 90% of Fore Street with sufficient quality to identify any suspects. Further cameras could later be added to the system if required.

The images would be fed into a central hub in the Guildhall which could be accessed via any internet device having the access key.

The scheme is fully supported by local Police who have seen a sharp rise in shoplifting in Saltash this year. The town's Chamber of Commerce however are against the current proposals considering that as they do not cover all of the town centre area they do not represent good value for money.

Saltash Town Councillors were divided as to whether such a scheme should be funded by Section 106 monies held by them and given by local developers as

part of their planning consent agreements. They decided eventually to monitor local opinions before making any decision.

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New Carkeel Lanes Cause Confusion

The new lane control system at Carkeel roundabout is causing confusion to motorists and adding to traffic problems.

A bus driver who regularly uses the route has reported numerous near misses as traffic emerging from Saltash now has three lanes of traffic heading westward on the A38 to contend with.

Adequate and informative signs need to be erected at each entry to the roundabout to indicate lane direction. Saltash Town Council agreed after the issue was raised by Carkeel resident Councillor John Brady. Cornwall Council's Highways Officer Jeremy Edwards and Councillor Biscoe portfolios' holder for transport, have been asked to ensure that such signs are positioned at the roundabout.

Highways England, following local concerns voiced by Sheryll Murray MP agreed to after investigations to make some changes which were intended to be completed by the end of September. These included marking a lane as that for 'S' ash!

However local motorists were still concerned that there were no plans for a yellow box system to help keep lanes clear of waiting vehicles, or for further arrows indicating destination.

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HADDOCK FLORENTINE - a fillet of prime haddock, served on a bed of spinach, in a rich cheese sauce and accompanied with carrot and green bean bundles and new potatoes.

MUSHROOM AND WALNUT HOTPOT - a crisp pastry case surrounding rich, braised mushrooms and onions and topped with slices of potatoes and finished with chopped walnuts. Served with seasonal vegetables and new potatoes.

Desserts:

CHRISTMAS PUDDING - traditional Christmas pudding, served with brandy sauce or Cornish clotted cream (must be stated on pre-order)

WHITE CHOCOLATE AND RASPBERRY CHEESECAKE - an individual white chocolate cheesecake on a crumble biscuit base, marbled with raspberry sauce.

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Every Day Is A Gift – That's Why It's Called The Present...

The words of a wise friend when my dearest Dad was battling cancer.

I am reminded of those words whenever I see harrowing pictures of people fleeing their homes in Syria, trying to find peace for themselves, for their children. At our recent full council meeting, the Leader of Cornwall Council, John Pollard, gave words to what all councillors were feeling: "Cornwall has a proud record of being welcoming and inclusive and we will play our part in doing whatever we can to help these vulnerable people."

In that spirit, Cornwall Council has been liaising with other local authorities and is ready to respond to specific requests. Officers from a range of Council departments, including housing, children's



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For Observer readers

From Councillor Hilary Frank
Saltash South

and adult services, are working with partners to make sure that support will be available when it is needed. A dedicated page on the Cornwall Council website called Refugee Crisis gives information on the situation and has links to national agencies carrying out relief work. ShelterBox, Cornwall's own international disaster relief charity, is working to improve conditions in refugee transit camps on the Greek islands. Have a look at www.shelterbox.org or ring 0300 0300 500 for further information or to donate.

A roof over our heads
Cornwall Council is also preparing a list of offers of accommodation. If you can help, please send an e-mail to refugeehelp@cornwall.gov.uk.

It isn't an official registration process – we just want to compile a list that can be used later if the need arises.

At the same time, though, we have to be careful not to promise more than we can provide - it wouldn't be fair on the people who have been displaced. And we cannot forget that access to quality housing and public services are already under considerable pressure here in Cornwall. Sadly, there are nearly 30,000 households registered with Homechoice - Cornwall Council's choice-based system for people who want to be housed in Cornwall in social housing or affordable homes. The demand is already far greater than the supply. We met up with officers from Homechoice last month to learn more about the housing needs for Saltash. It was emphasized that Homechoice is NOT a waiting list. The notion that you'll move up a list as people 'ahead' of you accept housing is, the officers stressed, a fallacy. Only the people who submit a bid on a property will be considered for that property.

We were also told that changes have recently been approved to the criteria for the Homechoice register. Applicants must, for example, now be able to demonstrate a 3-year local connection. And applicants who haven't bid on a property for 12 months are removed from the housing register. So the message was loud and clear: if you want to live in social or affordable housing get registered as soon as possible, and make sure you submit bids on properties you think are suitable. Details of available properties are updated weekly and can be found on the Homechoice website (www.cornwallhomechoice.org.uk), or hop over to Saltash library for a paper version.

Our present to the future
We can't, though, dwell only in the present. We need to think of the planet we are gifting to future generations. With this in mind, Saltash Town Council is collaborating with SEA (Saltash Environmental Action Group) to submit a bid for the Domestic Waste Reduction Incentive Scheme that is being introduced by Cornwall Council. Under this scheme, Cornwall Council will give 'financial rewards' (i.e. cash) to communities that reduce the amount of kerbside waste. If Saltash is selected as one of the communities to take part in the scheme, and if we manage to reduce kerbside waste we could be receiving up to £20,000. And, of course, we'll be able to get all smug about the environmental benefits we've brought about. If you have any brilliant ideas about how to reduce domestic waste please contact me on hilary.frank@btinternet.com or via the Guildhall.

Learn from yesterday. Live for today. Hope for tomorrow.



Martin & Maggie August 2012

The Late Martin Gee

The late Martin Gee had declined the full Civic Funeral to which, as serving councillor and former mayor of Saltash he was entitled, in favour of a simpler and prayerful service. However the number of family and friends who flocked from across the country to join the mass of Saltash citizenry in St Stephen's Church for the service in celebration of his life showed the esteem in which he had been held by so many.

Martin was known to so many around Saltash through himself and his wife Maggie, since they moved here in 1988, having dedicated their lives to the community that they were proud to call home.

He was active on Saltash Town Council for the last twelve years until his death and also served as District Councillor for the last four years of Caradon's existence. He was proud in particular to serve as the town's Deputy Mayor and then as Mayor, with Maggie as Mayoress, in 2012/13. They clearly loved attending the events, meeting so many, and learning even more about the town. "It has been a phenomenal year with Maggie and myself humbled at the way people of Saltash have welcomed us", he concluded. He was also deeply involved in other organisations including the Saltash Waterside Residents Association and following his mayoral year he was invited to be Chairman of Saltash Heritage, into which he put all of the active enthusiasm, which was characteristic of himself. His personal interests lay in particular in military history of which he was an expert. He was also involved with Livewire Youth Group and Chair of the newly formed Saltash Maritime Cadets.

A Midlander from The Potteries Martin studied at Newcastle University and served a short term army commission during which time he met and married Maggie, mother of their one child

Melissa. They moved to Saltash when Martin took employment at DML Devonport and soon became engaged in the community.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev Bob Munro and the cortege entered to an organ rendition of "Summer in Cornwall" reflecting Martin's love for his adopted home. His daughter Melissa gave a poignant and emotional eulogy for "my father and best friend", offering many instances of his "big heart" behind a sometimes gruff exterior.

He had suffered illness, for the last year but contrary to fears had been fit to proudly walk Melissa up the aisle of St Stephens last December for her marriage to Chris. And his last days were enlightened by the news that a grandchild, whom he realised he might never see, was on its way.

Among his many achievements for the town was his work to enhance its burial space and it is fitting that he was the first to be laid in the Churchtown Farm Cemetery that he helped to acquire.

Martin Gee was a true friend to Mary Crawford and Martin Lister of the observer team who deeply feel his loss and repeat their condolences to Maggie and Melissa.

"Saltash is in his heart and all he does is for the benefit of the town," pronounced retiring Mayor Colin Oakes in 2012 while proposing Martin Gee as his successor. And that remained true until the end of his days.

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Good Response To Local Neighbourhood Plan

With still several weeks to go before replies are all due in those responsible for circulating the questionnaires on how residents wish to see the town develop are delighted with the response.

Over thirteen hundred completed questionnaires had already been returned said Councillor David Yates, in early September. He is responsible for organising the preparation of a neighbourhood plan that will be based upon the replies and which will be fundamental when any future plans for the town are considered.

He was however disappointed that only the adult population seemed keen to get involved. Of the special questionnaire

distributed to young people only around thirty had been returned. The special questionnaire designed for businesses were still being distributed.

Once the deadline has passed the replies will be analysed. There will then be workshops organised on issues which are clearly considered important and which could include transport, green spaces, the waterfront and the area around Carkeel roundabout.

Wreckers Dancing Around Saltash

Morris dancing sides from all over the country came to Bush Farm at Hatt to help local side Wreckers Morris celebrate their fifteenth birthday in style. The barn was exuberantly decorated for the event, many guests camped overnight and with food provided by Saltash Lions a good time was had by all.

Two coach loads of Morris dancing guests performed at Restormal Castle, Fowey and Looe during the day, ending up at Hatt, and the day after all found themselves dancing in and around Cawsand.

The start of August saw the Wreckers involved in the Sidmouth Folk Festival, the end saw them dancing to a damp but appreciative crowd at Cargreen.

In September Saltash Observer Reporter Martin Lister caught up with the Wreckers while enjoying the singing, dancing and ale drinking at the Swanage folk festival in Dorset.

"A highly successful and enjoyable event recommended to all", was the Wreckers summary of Swanage.

The Wreckers are now beginning their Winter practicing and always welcome new musicians and dancers, no experience required. Details for those interested are on www.wreckersmorris.org.

Libraries Threatened with Closure if No Helpers Come Forward

Following a recent customer survey as to how Cornwall's Libraries can best continue to offer a service in the light of enforced cost cutting Cornwall Council has elected to go for 'Option Three'

This includes working with local community and volunteer groups who would help to run the local libraries.

However only fourteen instances have 'expressions of interest' from such volunteer groups been put forward. Council officers are working with those areas to develop their proposals.

But unless more such groups come forward the library service may not be able to continue in its present form within budget and some libraries may have to close down, County Councillor Mrs Hilary Frank warned the Town Council.

Previous plans to improve the viability of Saltash Library included moving the Registry Office into the building. However this has been deemed impractical due to the lack of a suitable area for a function room in which weddings could be conducted.

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Beer and Bikes Bring Crowds To Waterside Festival

The deep throated roar of around a hundred motor cycles outside the 'Union Inn' harmonised with the live music inside the bar on the second day of the Union Inn's fifth real ale festival.

Last year's bike meet and show had proved such a success when organised in collaboration with the Saltash Rotary Real Ale Festival that it was decided to build upon this and a good crowd of bikers and revellers from all over the south west flocked to enjoy the sunshine and admire the wide range of machines on display. These ranged from a small BSA Bantam, which was to win the classic bike award, to huge custom bikes and trikes.

Livewire provided all day breakfasts and bacon butties to the hungry crowds and this raised over £330 to support the ongoing work of the Livewire Youth Project which is seriously fund-raising following the Cornwall Council decision to cut off its financial support due to economy cuts last year.

Now that the event is firmly established there are plans to make it even bigger and better in 2016.

Livewire would like to thank all who came to support the event and especially the bikers and bike clubs.

The next big event at Livewire will be on Saturday 17th October when its annual all day fundraising gig will be

happening. This promises to be an extravaganza of awesome local music mainly aimed at an older audience, check out with Livewire for details.

Darkness and Dog Fight On Tap At Real Ale Festival

The evocatively named Exeter Darkness, contrasting with Cottage Golden Arrow, the strength of Hunter's Full Bore and the bite of Cottage Dog Fight, were just some of the guest ales to be sampled straight from the barrel at the Fifth Real Ale Festival organised by Saltash Rotary Club and the Union Inn.

The Mayor, Councillor Bill Phillips, himself a keen Rotarian, came to open the festival, sample the ale, and make recommendations to your Observer reporter who conscientiously felt it his journalistic duty to review a wide variety of ales on offer.

Real ale goes well with live music and the Burraton Boys' Choir was there at the opening, followed by a programme of soloists and bands providing an infinite variety of music.

There were also traditional pub games to enjoy including bar skittles and shove halfpenny, and a grand raffle to conclude the proceedings on Sunday evening. The proceeds were in aid of Rotary charity funds and the Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled Group, a charity offering riding experience to around 160 individual appreciative riders including Kelly, the daughter of Union Landlord Brian Prichard.

Cash Given for Saltash Cycleway

Local and visiting cyclists will reap the benefit of a massive million pound grant given to the Town to be spent on improving local cycleways.

This came as a surprise to the Town Council who had not applied for such a sum. Decisions must now be made as to how it can be best used as the money must be spent by 2019.

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Caradon Ladies Win County Championship Title



Caradon Ladies celebrate their first County Championship title. (Back row) Bea Holman, Stacey Best, Natalie Smith, Kate Bourn (front row) Leanne Woodward, Steve Kent (cox) and Naomi Philpot

Saltash based Caradon gig club are the new Ladies County Champions after finishing ahead of reigning World Champions, Newquay at the weekend. It is the first time the Caradon ladies crew has won the title, having contested the final for the last 11 consecutive years. 93 crews took part in the County Championships held on 5th and 6th September at Newquay. Fresh northerly winds on Saturday halted the competition half way through round one. More favourable conditions on Sunday enabled the competition to recommence, with the 6 fastest crews making it through to the final. Caradon A crew looked strong throughout the weekend winning all of their heats to qualify for the final, where they met reigning World Champions, Newquay A, who had also won all of their qualifying heats. It was a tightly contested final between these two crews who dominated the race from the start.

Caradon A managed to hold onto the lead they gained on the first leg to win the championship in a time of 15 minutes and 31 seconds, 6 seconds ahead of Newquay A. Flushing & Mylor A were 3rd, followed by Mounts Bay A, Fowey A and Par A.

Caradon Ladies A rower Leanne Woodward said 'It is a dream come true to finally win the title after all these years. We have put in a lot of hard work and training and its a fantastic feeling to finally get our name on that Championship trophy.'

The men's and juniors' championships took place on 19th & 20th September. Caradon fielded four mens crews and two junior crews.

Caradon results:
Ladies A - Champions
Ladies B - 11th
Ladies C - 27th
Ladies D - 70th

Hospital Can Reopen for Minor Injuries

At long last St. Barnabus Hospital's Minor Injuries Unit seems set to reopen and treat local accident victims.

It closed unexpectedly following the departure of qualified staff and difficult in their replacement.

The Town Council, who discussed the longstanding unsatisfactory position, have been given to understand that two new staff have been appointed. One is fully qualified to attend to minor injuries, the other is undergoing training and should soon be equally qualified.

From The Mayor's Parlour...

This time of the year we have the Saltash Arts Festival with a diverse amount of events and it was during this we were invited to listen to a concert by the Carlton Big Band at the Guildhall with a solo performance by Flo Bonner, the event organised by Cllr Sue Hooper was a great evening.

The weekend of the 5th saw the Rotary Real Ale Festival at the Union inn this is an annual event which raises funds for riding for the disabled and I had the pleasure of drawing the first pint and drinking it.

On a personal note this month we were booked in to attend the christening of our latest grandchild Elijah, family events are always a pleasure as it brings us together.

On the 9th I had an early start attending the business breakfast at Dartmoor zoo, these events are a good showcase for all types of business and ideas gained and links forged.

Today the 21st I attended the Funeral of Martin Gee at St Stephens.

Martin was a larger than life character, he always said what he thought, was an asset to the town council.

We will all miss him.
Cllr Bill Phillips
Mayor of Saltash.

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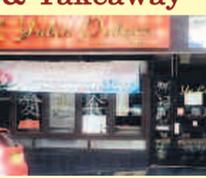
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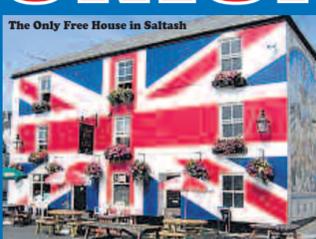
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Some Damp Days But Still a Success for Second Saltash Festival



A packed programme of events over two weeks of summer was acclaimed as generally a success for the Second Saltash Arts Festival despite the weather adversely affecting various outside activities. Organiser Jill Male describes herself as learning from the experience and planning accordingly as even more ambitious programme for next summer with more outdoor alternatives, even more street music, and more involvement for older children.

There was especial interest in various crafts demonstrations organised by local businesses including lace making, wood turning, The Wildways Forest School and Outdoor Skills. The Cornish Apple demonstration was a particular attraction as was the quilting display, while the knitting and crochet lessons proved especially popular.

There was a variety of music for all to enjoy throughout the two weeks including Brunel Harmony Singers, Senior Moments, and popular local soloist Peter Crawford, Judy Whitlock and Roger Smith. The handbell ringers in the Courtyard were an interesting contrast to the singers.

Would be poets enjoyed a master class in Saltash Library from acclaimed published poet Katrina Naomi who also participated in a poetry reading set on the terrace behind 'The Bookshelf' led by David Woolley and Ann Gray on behalf of the Bodmin Moor Poetry Festival.



The Bookshelf also reported full houses for both of their 'Allo Allo' themed French days.

Street artists also added to the colour of the event and attracted much interest, though the children's pavement drawing planned was sadly washed off next year to be held indoors!



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'A success despite some poor weather - and with lessons learned for next year', concluded Jill Male. She thanks especially Rachel form the community market 'an absolute gen' who did three events in different venues, and indeed thanks all of those who participated and encouraged locals and visitors to visit the town and see how much it has to offer.

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- ♦ Be a marshal at the Lantern Parade
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Local lovers of the countryside are invited to join in the Big Pathwatch, an ambitious campaign to protect and improve our glorious English, Welsh and Cornish paths. Walkers are encouraged to get out and follow any footpath that is shown in a grid square of the ordnance survey map. Walkers can follow themselves on their phone as they walk. As they walk they can also use a special app to highlight any problems they encounter such as a locked gate, flooded path, fallen tree or a path blocked by undergrowth.

But also they are invited to share the wonderful things that they discover along the way.

The Ramblers Association, who are organising their biggest campaign to protect our public footpaths for future generations to enjoy, will then work to overcome any obstacles encountered.

Local Rambler Association members and keen proponent of local footpaths Peter Clements has already walked all of the passable paths in the immediate area of Saltash but urges others to follow in his footsteps as well as to cover other areas. All are welcome, not only Ramblers Association members.

For further information on the app visit www.ramblers.org.uk/bigpathwatch.

More Roads To Have Yellow Lining

Six different yellow lining schemes for roads in Saltash have been approved by Cornwall Council, following meetings with local County Councillors Bob Austin and Joe Ellison.

A budget of £14,000 has been agreed to cover applications and implementation of the six schemes.

Fore Street In Flower

The hanging baskets of flowers which have adorned Fore Street this Summer have been acclaimed a great attraction for the town.

The floral tradition in Fore Street will continue next spring and summer, it has been agreed.

The Town Council has allocated funding of £3,569.00 for floral displays from next March to June, with further funding for the following three summer months. This is taken from 'Section 106' money, provided as a condition of planning permission granted to major developers and intended to boost footfall in the town centre.

Saltash Street Markets Under Consideration

Cornwall Council is seeking to standardise the regulations concerning the holding of street markets in the County.

At present different towns have different rules. This has caused problems in Saltash especially at the Christmas celebration street fair, since it was found that an ancient by-law forbade trade stalls to be set up other than by local shopkeepers. Under proposed changes everywhere in Cornwall should be permitted to hold a street market if it is by local consent

Hopes Continue For Hospital Hopper

A scheduled bus service connecting Saltash with Derriford hospital is still on the cards. Saltash Community Interest Company chair Peter Thistlethwaite has stated.

A second Hopper bus is promised to the town within the next six months and with two buses available one might be reserved for a regular hospital service.

Meanwhile the outings organised to utilise the existing Hopper are proving increasingly popular, especially for those without their own transport.

Following the 'sell out' trip to the Royal Cornwall Show at Wadebridge earlier this year there has been great interest in visits to Princetown, Widcombe Fair, Bridgewater Carnival and the Mousehole lights among many other proposed destinations.

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Local Travel Club Put on Free Photo Exhibition



During October, the Devon and Cornwall Travel Club, are putting on a month long display of some amazing travel photos, upstairs at the Saltash library. This will be the eleventh year in a row that they have been invited back to exhibit.

Around a hundred photos from many of the world's most spectacular places, all taken by club members, will be on show. Many of which are new this year.

Subjects include; scenery, people, wildlife, picturesque towns and ancient monuments.

The show will be on from Sat 3rd - 31st October, during normal library opening hours.

Conundrum Corner

Taking the initial letter to the one-word answers to the following nine questions can you rearrange them to make the name of a Bird?

- 1 How many Skittles are used in the game of Table Skittles? (4)
- 2 Which Country has fifteen land borders with other Countries? (5)
- 3 In the dessert Peach Melba which fruit other than the Peach is used (9)
- 4 In World War II Germany, Japan and Italy Were known collectively as what Powers? (4)
- 5 In the Winnie-the-Pooh stories what is the name of Kanga's baby? (3)
- 6 Which Town is the Administrative Centre of Northumberland? (7)
- 7 Who in Greek Mythology travelled to the Underworld to meet his wife? (7)
- 8 How many strings does a Balalaika have? (5)
- 9 Which is the largest living Bird? (7)

Answers on Page 8

Saltash Heritage Ride The Rails

A short ride along a train track in a former coal truck and the chance to operate a traditional signal box were among the experiences shared by around fifty Saltash Heritage members and friends on an outing to Bere Ferrers Railway Heritage Centre.

They arrived appropriately by train on the Tamar Valley line and some took the opportunity to continue the scenic ride to Gunnislake and back.

Meanwhile at Bere Ferrers various old railway coaches held displays of local and railway history while there were also three model railways especially appreciated by accompanying children and grandchildren. And all generations enjoyed the superb 'Devon Belle' Cream Teas shared outside in the late Summer sunshine.

Who Owns Our Boundary Stones?

On the roads and lanes around Saltash are six boundary markers, three ancient, three comparatively modern, marking out the former borough of Saltash as it was enlarged to take in St. Stephens in 1934.

Saltash Heritage has been anxious to find out the ownership of the stones which have been included in two recent public 'Beating of the Bounds' walk led by Saltash Observer reporter Martin Lister.

When Heritage Vice Chairman Bruce Hunt asked the Town Council who owned these stones the answer was that nobody knew. It was assumed that Cornwall Council owned them but Cornwall have stated they do not.

Councillor Adam Killeya suggested that the Town Council might be willing to take them on if Cornwall confirmed their lack of ownership.

Saltash Heritage had previously been offered a grant to maintain not only the boundary stones but the more ancient milestones that mark out each mile along the main roads to Callington and Liskeard within the Town boundaries. However enquiries showed that to do so members would have to obtain licences to carry out each work, acquire cones, safety jackets and other safety equipment and undergo training courses, making this wholly impractical for a voluntary organisation with limited funding.

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Essa Files

Last month, after a run of Malta-England-USA, I actually wrote my column from Cornwall. This month however I resumed my travels and mentally composed much of this offering on the way back from Cardiff to see Canada vs. Ireland in the Rugby World Cup. I am not, it should be noted, Canadian, Irish or a big rugby fan but there is something about a live major sporting event that speaks to the soul, in particular the emotions that it provokes in others.

It was for the same reason that I attended the men's hockey 7th place play off at London 2012 – a game of which my last memory is unsuccessfully trying to avoid getting my ankles whacked at school - something significant was happening that inspired peoples passions and I wanted to see it, to be, in a very small way, a part of it. It was for a similar reason that I recently went to hear Jeremy Corbyn speak in Plymouth.

That association between sport and current political events was in my mind this weekend not least because at the start of the Rugby game both side's national anthems are played. Mr Corbyn has been criticised this week both for going to a constituency engagement rather than the rugby and for not singing the national anthem, but rather standing in 'respectful silence'. The more I have thought about this the more I have thought about my own experience on the town council.

For the last eight years I have

stood for prayers at the start of town council meetings. Even when, for a brief period, they were not an official part of the meeting and took place beforehand, I still attended out of a respect for those who considered them important, as well as an appreciation of their important role in setting the tone for a meeting.

However I do not bow my head and I do not say amen. I stand in respectful silence but do not actively participate because I am not religious. No one has ever objected to this, since they recognise it as my own personal choice following my own conscience in a manner that is respectful of theirs.

This seems right to me. I feel that the alternative sort of town, where people told each other when and whether to pray, sing, respectfully express their beliefs or attend sporting fixtures, would be a rather less pleasant one in which to live.

Adam Killeya

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Two Bridges Fun Day Raised Funds For Cancer Care

Regulars and visitors to a traditional Saltash local shared fun and laughter, together with music and good food, at the Two Bridges Inn's popular fun day. Landlady Bridget always enjoys supporting charity events and was especially pleased to be holding this for the Primrose Breast Care Centre, having lost her cousin to breast cancer.

She also has a close friend and regular customer Carla, known to many at the Cut Above hairdressers where she has worked for many years and who had come through a gruelling year since being

diagnosed with breast cancer last October. Now at last on the path to recovery Carla is especially grateful to all who have helped through her traumatic journey and is now eager to help others for whom the charity will be there in time of need.

The 'Two Bridges' Fun Day included a BBQ, disco and Karaoke as well as a table top sale of items donated by locals. There was also a raffle with top notch donated prizes - Bridget herself performed a

sponsored silence (a hard task as those who know her will testify) while barmaid Jade's waxing session proved especially popular. Funds from the Two Bridges quiz were also donated to the charity.

Lucille Richmond, Head Radiographer in Derriford Hospitals Primrose Breast Cancer Care Centre thanked all and expressed the centre's gratitude when she came to collect a cheque for a magnificent £1375.00.



Jo Ran to Help in Carla's Journey

Carla, the popular coiffeur at Cut Above, whose traumatic twelve months since being diagnosed with breast cancer helped lead to the fund raising fun day at the Two Bridges reported on page ?? was thrilled to be supported in her journey by Jo's run.

Her friend Jo Jefford was fortunate to obtain a place in the London Marathon at the time of Carl's diagnosis and invited Carla to select an appropriate charity to support. Carla chose the Mustard Tree Macmillan Cancer Support Centre at Derriford Hospital.

Jo trained hard with the Plymouth Musketeers running club when not busy being a wife, mother and a Saltash hairdresser.

The Marathon she described as the hardest, most emotional and fantastic thing that she had ever done,

she added that she was overwhelmed with support and generosity from so many. She also expressed her admiration for Carla as a brave and inspirational person throughout her treatment.

Jo and Carla presented a grand cheque for £2066 to Muriel Blackledge of the Mustard Tree, an organisation offering support, information and advice to patients, families and carers at the time of diagnosis, during treatment, and for as long as is needed.

'Curtain Call for saltash.net leavers'



The 'Curtain Call' concert at saltash.net, held on Friday 11th September, was a time of mixed emotions for students, staff and parents. Organised by ex-year 13 students Laura Kelly and Joe Lang, the concert was arranged as a farewell tribute to the school and community that had nurtured, support and encouraged a group of students now about to depart for university and pastures new.

Seven ex-year 13 students took part in the concert: Laura Kelly, Joe Lang, Flo Bonner, Tyler House, Lowenna Rule, Charlie Mansell and Emily Badham, along with other students still at the school in years 10 to 13. Three of the students, Laura, Joe and Flo, have now departed for the University of Chichester where they will study Music and Musical Theatre alongside another ex saltash.net student, Jamie Pullan.

The concert showcased a

wide range of talent and musical styles and featured songs both well-known and less familiar, including Laura Kelly's excellent rendition of 'I'll be there' from the musical 'Ordinary Days' selected as a moving memorial to all those who lost their lives in the 9/11 tragedy. By the time the 'leavers' sang 'Impossible Dream' and the singing group concluded with 'Anthem' from 'Chess', emotions were, understandably, running high by performers and in the audience. A standing ovation at the end of the concert was an entirely fitting conclusion to an outstanding evening's entertainment.

Headteacher, Mrs Bryce, commended all who had taken part, including talented Year 11 student, Jonah Rich, who oversaw all of the technical support. 'We will miss these young people more than words can say, but we are all delighted that they will be going on to fulfil their dreams and ambitions in a wide range of courses and universities. We are sure they will be successful in all that they do and thank them for the outstanding contribution they have made to saltash.net.'



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Blue Plaque Trail Honours Prominent Past Residents

Seven past citizens of Saltash including an artist, a concert pianist, a winner of the VC and a pioneer in radio communication are to be honoured in a 'Blue Plaque' trail organised by Saltash Heritage and financed by the Town Council, subject to the 'Section 106' panel approval.

Heritage produced a long list of twelve possible plaques, then reduced this to seven so that a trail around the town centre could be prepared for residents and visitors to discover something of these illustrious past citizens as well as appreciate our public art work and include the museum, time warp Elliotts Shop and medieval

'Mary Newman's Cottage'.

It is hoped that the other five citizens may be added in due course - meanwhile a leaflet will be produced outlining the trail and distributed to all regional tourist information centres and other outlets. It is hoped this may increase visitor numbers to the town and so

boost local businesses.

The seven names included are Henry Martin, William Odgers, Ann Glanville, Admiral Henry Jackson, 'Nandie' Keast, Moura Lympny and Admiral Campbell. Information on all of them has been collated in the Heritage Local History Centre above the town's museum.

Saltash Seeks To Go Green

Saltash is interested in participating in a pilot waste reduction incentive scheme trial, the Town Council has decided.

Cornwall Council is seeking local communities willing to take part in a trial to reduce domestic waste. The Town Council has agreed to seek further information with a view to participation.

Saltash Environmental Action Group (SEA) is already eager to see the town involved and is reported as already having its own ideas for waste reduction.

Two Fire Engines Must Remain in Town

It is of vital importance that Saltash retains two fire engines, the Council considers.

In replying to a Cornwall Council consultation on fire rescue and community safety service they agreed to emphasise that with one engine so frequently called for service in Plymouth it is important for the safety of Saltash residents that there be a second appliance kept in the town. The consultation relates to a plan to be in place from April 2016 to 2019.

Best Season Yet for Caradon Juniors



The 2015 season has been the best yet for juniors from Caradon gig club based in Saltash. The club have won two championship events and finished runners up in a third. In June the junior crew triumphed at the Saltash Regatta, winning the mixed junior category - which includes 3 male and 3 female rowers. The same crew then went on to win the Under 16 County Championships held in Newquay in September. This was the third consecutive year the club have won the competition, with three of the 2014 winning crew making up the team again this year. The B crew also enjoyed success, finishing the top placed B crew in overall 6th place. The under 14s crew were runners up at their respective championship held in Hayle in August rounding off a great season for the younger rowers.

The club also joined forces with Saltash.net school in June to enter the Cornwall School Games. Here the all girl crew won the year 10 and 11 girls category and the all boy crew finished runners up by a matter of inches in the year 10 and 11 boys category.

The juniors victory was the icing on the cake for the club, who have also enjoyed success in the adult section. 2015 saw the Ladies A crew win the County Championships for the first time in the clubs history - having contested the final for over a decade. The Mens A crew finished runners up in their equivalent, equalling their result from this years World Championship.

The junior squad will now be recruiting new rowers ages 12-16 over the winter for next season. An indoor rowing club will run at Saltash.net on a Friday afternoon starting after October half term, with water sessions beginning in the Spring. Anyone interested should contact Rhiannon Bailey rhiannonxox@hotmail.com

Junior A crew: Alice Flanagan, Josie Maddever, Ryan Bailey, Lee Welsh, Leonie Carroll, Ben Russell. Junior B crew: Ben Bradley, Beckah Bradley, Briony Evans, Isaac Carroll, Toby Shotton, Caitlin Henderson. Under 14 crew: Ben Bradley, Beckah Bradley, Annabel Mimpriss, Connor Stapleton, Ella Marquand, Isaac Carroll.

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SALTASH TOWN IMPROVEMENT GROUP (STIG)

POP-UP SHOPS

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But don't want to commit to a long lease or a long rental commitment!

How about taking on a Pop-up Shop?

Saltash Town Centre Improvement Group (STIG) in conjunction with Saltash Gateway CIC are considering opportunities to make space available in and around Fore Street.

This will bring new trading opportunities to add to the mix of trades already in the town centre.

With space from 20 sq.m. upwards, and low rents for periods of 1 to 3 months,

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To register your interest e-mail: enquiries@saltash.gov.uk or call in at the Guildhall or phone 01752 844846 giving your name, contact details and proposed use.

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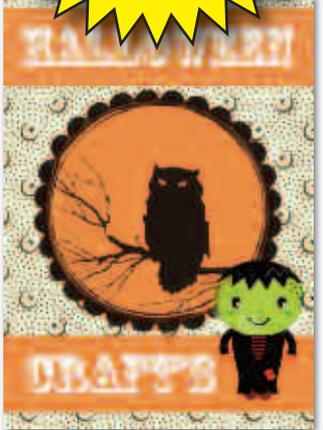
Halloween Crafts - Spooky Splash & Thriller Dance

Halloween Party

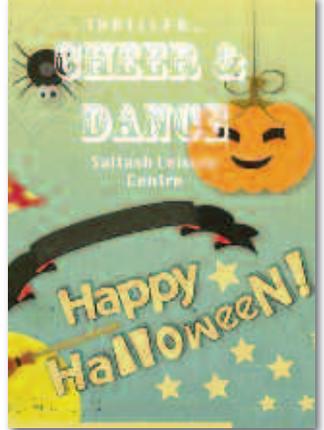
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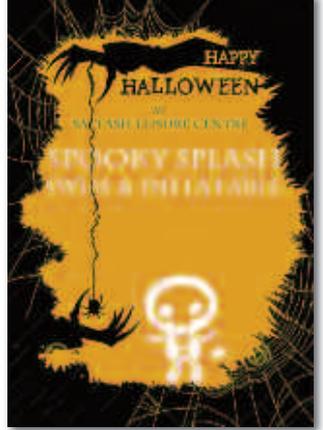
October 2015 Half Term Activities



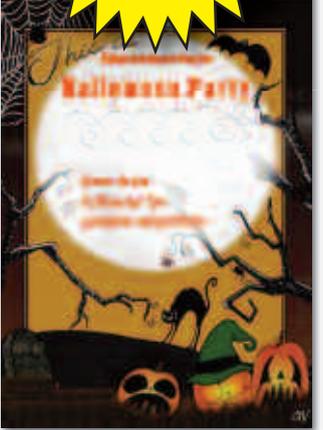
Monday 26th October
Halloween Craft Class
1.30pm - 3.30pm - 5-14yrs - £6.00
Enjoy a Halloween themed creative afternoon, and make something scary to take home! All materials supplied



Wednesday 28th October
Spooktakular Cheer and Dance
1pm - 3pm - 6-15yrs - £6.00
Juniors high energy fun fitness class with a special Halloween choreographed routine to learn the thriller dance!



Thursday 29th October
Halloween Spooky Splash
inflatable swim 8-15 years
10am -11am & 11am -12am - Max 40 - £4.10
Make a splash on our inflatable and have fun filled morning with a Halloween themed decorated pool-side and staff



Friday 30th October
Halloween Party
1pm - 4pm - £5
An afternoon of frightful fun! Come along in your best fancy dress for scary stories, games, crafts and more!
Please remember to bring a drink and suitable clothing

Tuesday 27th October
Aqua Skills
1pm - 3pm - 6 - 14yrs - £12
Discover a new hobby with 2 hours of exciting, fun aquatic skills including lifesaving skills, paddle boards, water polo, diving and water games

For more information on Holiday Activities please see our website or contact the Centre Tel: 01752 840940

Centre Opening Times
Mon - Fri 6.30am -10pm
Sat 6.30am - 8pm
Sun 7.30am - 7pm

CONTACT US: Tel: 01752 840940 saltash@tempusleisure.org.uk www.tempusleisure.org.uk

THE PLOUGHBOY

Christmas Day Menu

2 Course £35.00 3 Course £42.50
Child 2 Course £25.00

Starters:

Homemade Broccoli and Stilton soup served with a Granary roll.

Pork, Chicken Liver Pate with a Cranberry topping, served with Toast and Salad garnish.

Prawn Cocktail - Fresh Prawns in Seafood Sauce sat on a bed of leaves and served with brown bread & butter.

Mains:

Roast Turkey Beef or Pork - Carvery Style with seasonal trimmings.

Vegetarian Turkey Style Roast with Wensleydale, Cranberry & Orange Centre, a meat free soya based, coated in a tasty crumb filled with cheese, cranberries & orange served with seasonal vegetables and vegetable gravy.

Smoked Haddock and Spring Onion Fishcakes on a bed of oriental stir-fry vegetables and new potatoes.

Desserts:

Christmas Pudding - Traditional Christmas pudding served with Brandy Sauce or Clotted Cream

Three Layered Chocolate Mousse, (White, Milk & Dark Chocolate) served with Raspberry Coulis & Clotted Cream.

Banoffee Pie - Digestive base banana slices and sweet toffee sauce topped with Fresh Cream

After your meals you will be served with Tea & Coffee and a Mince Pie

Pre-orders Required

Call 01752 842861 for booking
And all enquires...book early to avoid disappointment!

Liskeard Rd Saltash Cornwall