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## Advanced Technology and Falling Footfall Led to Bank Closure

Changes in banking which started around thirty years ago have resulted in the fourth bank closure in Saltash this coming December, leaving just one local bank where there were five. Barclay's Community Banking Director Michael Watts accepted an invitation to meet with Saltash Town Council at which he confirmed that the decision to close the Saltash branch had been made locally by himself before being ratified 'on high'.

The changes began three decades ago, he claimed, with the introduction of the debit card. Subsequent technology led to bill payments by direct debits or standing orders and the digitalisation of services. By 2013 half of Saltash customers were using telephone or an early form of on line banking - since then mobile phone banking means that over 80% use telephone or internet banking. Banking, proclaimed Mr

Watts, is just one of many changes in the High Street, where there is a need to decide which business is viable in terms of staff and running costs versus the amount of use. About nine months ago Barclays in Saltash reached tipping point with its falling footfall.

Now, while basic transactions take place in the branch including paying bills, cash and cheques or drawing cash, most other transactions are by telephone, internet, or take place in more major branches.

Since 2012 various alternatives have been set up. For small businesses a large Plymouth based bank team now goes to visit customers. They have been collecting cash and cheques from larger businesses and are now expanding this service to cover small and medium sized businesses.

Around 180 regular customers have been identified as 'elderly or vulnerable' for whom

personal visits to the Saltash branch is their only banking experience. All, Mr. Watts said, are at the higher end of the age demograph. Their options include continuing to utilise a face to face service using Post Offices, of which there are far more branches than of banks and open longer hours.

Many customers are very upset at the closure, Mr. Watts accepted, as they enjoy their visits, and trust the bank staff from whom they will seek advice. The bank will seek to identify them and ensure that they are confident in other services available.

Telephone banking has reinvented itself, claimed Mr. Watts, with call centre staff who

can do as much as those in branch, while technology now allows a 'voice print' to confirm identity of telephone customers.

Under questioning from Councillors Mr. Watts accepted that some Barclays customers will wish to transfer their accounts elsewhere and that if so Barclays would seek to assist in an easy transfer.

The ATM would be closed together with the bank in early December, the reason being that there are three others close by. The bank would seek to market its lease on the building once it is empty and there is already interest shown in taking on the lease so that this will not, it is hoped, be another empty building in our prime shopping street.



Ready for the Off

The sun was shining on Saturday 29th September, when a well-known lady of Saltash Audrey Miller rode her 76 year old bicycle over the Tamar Bridge for the last time before presenting it to Dave Kent of Saltash Heritage for display in the Towns museum. Audrey purchased the bicycle in 1942 just after the blitz of the town and has maintained and kept the tyres pumped up ever since. Photo by kind permission Bruce Hunt

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**November 2018**

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Sat 10th **Swamphogs** (Rock/Blues)

Sat 17th **Chris Banderas**

(Classic Rock Guitarist)

Sat 24th **Dockneys**

(Return visit great covers Band)

**December 2018**

Sat 1st **Sultans**

Sat 8th **Lipstick & Lashes**

Sat 15th **Jaded Angel**

Sat 22nd **Skooldaze**

**Christmas Eve**

Mon 24th **Dellatones**

**Christmas Day**

**Lunch & Buffet** 12noon - 4pm

**Boxing Day**

Wed 26th **Low Profile** 2pm -5pm

**Then! Vince & Kaz Disco/Karaoke**

Sat 29th **Voodoo**

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Adam Paynter (Leader of Cornwall Council) Will be in Fore Street from 10am to 12noon on Tuesday 16th October to talk to people about proposals for next year's budget.

HOPPER	community enterprises	TRIPS
<b>Sat 20th Oct 6pm - 10pm (£8)</b> Learn about the night sky Pennywell Farm Buckfastleigh		<b>Sat 3rd Nov 12 noon - Midnight</b> Bridgewater Carnival (£12)
<b>Wed 24th Oct 11am-4pm (£6)</b> Mussel Inn Down Thomas Lunch		<b>Wed 7th Nov 10am-5pm (£10)</b> Trip to Brixham
<b>Fri 26th Oct 10am - 5pm (£10)</b> Bodmin Museum & lunch @ Jamaica inn		<b>Sat 10th Nov 11am - 5pm (£6)</b> Buckland Abbey Christmas Fair
<b>Sun 28th Oct 11am - 4pm (£8)</b> Lunch @ Trethorn Golf Club		<b>Sun 11th Nov 11am - 4pm (£6)</b> Lunch at the "Vue" Whitsand Bay
<b>Mon 29th Oct 11am-4pm (£10)</b> Mystery Tour with a "Clockwork Lunch"		<b>Wed 14th Nov 1pm - 5pm (£6)</b> Cream Tea @ Badgers Holt
To book a seat please call in our office:- @ 4 Fore St, Saltash or call <b>01752 848348.</b> Open 10am to 1pm, Mon - Sat All prices exclude food & admissions <a href="http://communityenterprisespl12.co.uk">http://communityenterprisespl12.co.uk</a>		<b>Sat 17th Nov 11am - 4pm (£3)</b> Lunch at Tamar View Nurseries
		<b>Mon 19th Nov 10am -5pm (£10)</b> Topsham & Darts Farm shop
		<b>Wed 21st Nov 3pm-10pm (£10)</b> City of Lights -Truro
		<b>Sat 24th Nov 10am - 5pm (£10)</b> Westpoint Christmas Shopping Fayre Exeter
		<b>Sun 25th Nov 11.30 - 4.30 (£3)</b> Cardinals Hatt Christmas Fair
		<b>Wed 28th Nov 10am-5pm (£10)</b> Exeter Christmas Market

## A Pilot Project

The Hopper bus Directors are planning to pilot a new route within Saltash.

This is to give residents a chance to visit the Town Centre, the large supermarkets and Garden Centre.

**Commencing Wed 7th Nov 18 then every Wednesday thereafter.**

**Route 1**  
Starting 10am at bottom of Fore Street - North Road - Old Ferry Road - Ashtorre - New Road - Pillmere (around Grassmere Way) - Waitrose/B&M - Tamar View Garden Centre. Individual times will be announced later.

**Route 2**  
Starting at 11am Yellowtor Road - Oaklands Drive - Castlemead Drive - Church Road - Fore Street - North Road - New Road - Waitrose/B&M -

Tamar View Garden Centre. Individual times will be announced later.

**Return Journey for Route 1 - 12 noon at Tamar View Garden Centre**

**Return Journey for Route 2 - 1pm at Tamar View Garden Centre**

Cost £3 return or £2 single (with a Saltash Card obtainable from our office at 4 Fore St).

We are being asked by the residents of the above areas to provide this service, as there is currently no available service for these routes.

**Please use it or loose it!!** This is only a trial till the end of the year so if we are not getting the responses to make it viable we will have to think again!

Bob Austin  
Transport Director  
Community Enterprises PL12

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## CCTV In Town

At a recent Town Council meeting the issue of installing CCTV cameras in the town was once again raised. Councillors are bringing forward a proposal for the installation of cameras, together with costings and advice from the Police as to areas to cover and the monitoring of images produced.

The Town Council is considering the benefits of this coverage against the considerable capital outlay of installation and what financial assistance might be made available towards this. As well as the main shopping area of Fore Street and its surrounding areas under consideration include the Waterfront and all the Town Council's assets.

This include the public conveniences which, as reported elsewhere, have cost a considerable sum in repair to ongoing vandalism which has put them out of use for long periods.

A survey confirmed that the majority of local Fore Street traders would welcome CCTV for the benefit of their customers and themselves. Saltash Town Council shares the desire to provide a safe environment for those who shop and

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patronise local businesses as well as all other residents and visitors to the town and the council would welcome comments from residents regarding this proposed initiative – please contact your Ward Councillor or the Guildhall as shown on this page.

## Toilets Reopen After Security Improvements

Following their enforced closure as a result of continuous vandalism the Town Council has spent a large sum of money on improved security at Longstone Park and Belle Vue Road public conveniences. Security gates have been affixed to both and by the time you read this 'Observer' both should be re-opened.

The continuing repairing of vandalism and the major security work recently carried out has cost the Town Council, and local taxpayers considerable money that might have gone elsewhere for the benefit of the town. Now that work is completed it is especially important that anyone who has reason to believe that vandalism is in progress contacts the police urgently, as well as Saltash Town Council on 01752 844846 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays.

It is hoped that the recent security work, and limiting the hours of opening, which are under current consideration, together with increased vigilance from residents, will result in improved facilities for all, without an ongoing drain on the town's finances.

## Election Day

Electors in Saltash South Ward have been invited to elect a new Town Councillor following the resignation of Steve Thorn from the Town Council.

As two candidates have put themselves forward an election was called for and is to be held on Thursday 11th October 2018. All those eligible to vote should have received a polling card.

## We Will

### Remember Them

On the centenary of the ending of what was then described as the 'Great War', 11th November, the town's Remembrance Day Service will be held in the historic Church of St. Nicholas and St. Faith, adjacent to the Town's War Memorial and Peace Garden.

The service will be held at 2 p.m., earlier than in previous years. All of those wishing to accompany the Mayor and other Councillors in this act of Remembrance are asked to be seated in the Church by 1.55 p.m.

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## Christmas Festival Grant Agreed

Despite a recommendation from Saltash Town Council that their grant be limited to £5000, the Chamber of Commerce has been awarded their full requested grant of £8811.00 towards the Christmas Festival.

## Station Building Update

Progress continues towards the renovation of re-opening of the station building following the acquisition of this long derelict building by the Town Council.

The Town Council is pleased to have noted contractors have showed considerable interest in the project. It is hoped that Councillors will shortly be in a position to examine tenders and appoint a contractor to carry out the work in accordance with the Council's appointed Architect's Plans.

Saltash Town Council will be working on a tight timescale to see this work completed and the station building adjacent to the iconic Royal Albert Bridge once again, a credit to the town. The Council will be continuing to keep residents informed through the 'Town Messenger' columns of your Saltash Observer.

The Section 106 Committee, which agrees how to distribute money paid to the town by major property developers in order to enhance the town centre, over ruled the town's council's recommendation. The Chamber of Commerce now hopes that the pre-Christmas celebrations on Saturday 1st December will be as good as ever.

In particular an enhanced Lantern Parade, for many the high spot of the event, should be achieved following another successful funding bid, this one to the Arts Council. Saltash, with six other Cornish towns, will send representatives to a workshop to enable the construction of even more spectacular lanterns which will feature in Truro's renowned 'City of Lights' parade as well as in the other towns to include Saltash.

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## Mayoral Points of View...

*Dear Resident,*

In my September viewpoint, I gave good news, and not so good. In this month's edition it is all positive.

The Town Clerk and I met with Cornwall Council Officers on the 20th September to agree Saltash Town Council's wish list for devolution. This was on the back of Cornwall Councils latest £77,000,000 announcement of more cuts to Services. We asked, on behalf of Saltash, for the following assets to be transferred:

1. All open amenity spaces, play areas, sports fields, grass verges and the Waterfront greens, including Victoria Gardens.

2. On the Waterfront we asked for the boat park, garages, trailer bays and slipway off Jubilee Green as well as the beach at Waterside between the Town Pier and the old jetty near the yacht club.

3. We also asked for all street furniture, including planters and benches to be assigned back to Saltash.

All of the above included in Phase 1, to be handed/agreed to be handed to Saltash Town Council by end of March 2019. We are now preparing for a lot of negotiation.

CCTV in Saltash was raised yet again at our P & R meeting on 18th September. A long discussion ensued between members as to the pros and cons. I have been a Councillor for 5 years and this latest discussion re CCTV was probably the 10th time this item

has been discussed. I am pleased to say Council have requested more information on the matter with a will to move forward on this item. Comments on CCTV and its benefits/not would be most welcome from you, our Residents.

Again, on a positive note, a number of contractors have asked for tender documents in relation to the Station Building refurbishment. We are hoping a contractor can be appointed in October; please see more in our Messenger page.

By the time you receive October's edition of The Observer, the annual Remembrance Day Service on the 11th November 2018 will have been organised. This year the Service will be held in the church of St Nicholas and St Faith and the Service will start at 2pm. If you are attending the service, you are asked to be seated by 1.45pm. Earlier in the day there will be a 2-minute silence outside of the Brunel at 11am organised by the Royal British Legion. At 11.30am there will be an event in the memorial peace garden where children will lay pebbles for each person who gave their life in the Great War. All are welcome to all events.

I, your Mayor, and my Mayoress, Jackie, look forward to meeting as many of you as possible during the Great War celebrations and at the Remembrance Service.

*Councillor John Brady Mayor of Saltash*

## Crowdfunder Appeal for Saltash Firework Display

Volunteers organising the Kalan Gwav Festival on 3rd November on Warfelton Green have launched an appeal on Crowdfunder in the final push to raise money for the town's firework display.

"We've put lots of effort in to bringing an organised firework display to Saltash", says Steve Morley of Saltash United Football Club and one of the Festival's founder members. "Planning to make sure everyone has fun but stays safe takes up a lot of our time, but we've also been busy applying for grants and fundraising. We've got enough to make sure the Festival will be a great event for the community, but we just need a final chunk of funding to make the firework display really special."

The grants from Cornwall Council and Saltash Town Council together with the funds the volunteers have raised are being used to set up the site and provide a range of free entertainment. Zig Zag will be on stage at 2pm with his magic show, and later in the evening the hugely popular band Black Friday will be delivering their unique high-energy Celtic folk music. Contestants in the Grand Wheelbarrow Race will be running down the track at 3pm, followed by the Wassail dance led by children from local schools. The outdoor market, mmarousel and bouncy castles all start up at 2pm.

Last year, £1,000 of the money raised was spent on fireworks; the target for this year is £1,500. The organisers say that every penny counts, and on the Saltash Kalan Gwav fundraising page on [www.crowdfunder.co.uk](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk)

there is a range of pledges, starting from as little as £3. There are various rewards, too. For £10, for example, your name will be entered in to a draw where the lucky winner will join Black Friday on stage to set off the firework display.

### Scarecrow Competition and Apple Bake-Off

The Saltash Kalan Gwav Festival draws on ancient Celtic traditions celebrating apples, community and the start of winter. Be part of it by making a donation via [www.crowdfunder.org.uk](http://www.crowdfunder.org.uk). Or set up a scarecrow in front of your home - entry forms are available via the Kalan Gwav Facebook page or at the Community Market at 4 Fore Street. (Registration closes at 5pm on 22nd October.) You could also enter the Bake Off - bring your Signature Apple Dish to Saltash United Football Club between 1pm and 2pm on 3rd November.

**Help Saltash stage a fantastic firework display: donate via the 'Fireworks at Saltash Kalan Gwav' page on [www.crowdfunder.org.uk](http://www.crowdfunder.org.uk).**

### Apologies for the 'C' Word

Fore Street shoppers may have noticed that in early September a banner appeared on a certain card shop proclaiming the 'Christmas Cards are in - Sorry!'

But back in the baking hot days of the early summer heat wave a local charity shop was already displaying its Christmas selections.

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

I have had another busy month on Chamber matters, most importantly I was able to alleviate the conditions attached to the S.106 funding, so we are now certain that the Christmas Festival on December 1st will definitely go ahead. There will be a Snow Cannon, Lantern Parade, Santa's on Bikes and all the other entertainment, rides and stalls with the finale being the Fireworks. Put the date, Saturday 1st December in your diary.

Not only is the Chamber responsible for organising the Christmas festival but also several members have now taken over the organisation of the Mayfair 2019.

It is not, however, just festivals, we are still reviewing whether there is a need to bring forward a further car parking charge rebate scheme or some other initiative to offset the cost of parking. As I have said before, I would welcome the views of businesses or the community.

Anybody can visit the Chamber's Forum on our website and give opinions or suggestions. Another matter of concern to the Chamber is the proposed increase in the cost of crossing the Tamar Bridge; we have suggested in the consultation that there should be a differential between the cost of crossing the bridge as against the Torpoint Ferry. The Chamber is proposing to ask the Bridge/Ferry manager to attend one of our monthly meetings to discuss the matter further.

I had a meeting with Mayor, John Brady, this month to specifically discuss town centre signage, we also took the opportunity to discuss other matters, I hope this relationship between the Chamber and the Town Council can continue as we both have the well being of

the community as our mantra whether it is in business or public life.

Reverting to the beginning of September, it was good to see several potential new members and indeed one actual new member The Bookshelf at our monthly meeting. We are always pleased to have new members and if you want to come and meet before committing to joining, then we meet on the 1st Monday of the month at 5.30 p.m. at the China Fleet Club.

Wearing my Community Enterprises hat, I was pleased to be re-elected as a Director at our recent AGM. Unfortunately, two of my fellow Directors, Tony Parry and Steve Tait, were not successful and I would take this opportunity to thank them and Christina Dixon, who decided to stand down as a Director, for all their support over the years. There were six new Directors elected so, for the first time for many years, we have a full compliment of twelve Directors.

The packed room at our AGM heard the sad news of the death of Liam Brady, a previous Chairman and a founding director. It was Liam who persuaded me to become a director and I would like to pass on my personal commiserations to his family.

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It's a funny old business being a Cornwall Councillor. For instance the last time I wrote in this paper I suggested that SE Cornwall did not get a good enough deal from Cornwall Council, that too much business was centred around Truro and that it's more difficult to be a good councillor on the county's extremities. I finished up by suggesting, not seriously, that we might be better off with Plymouth. I expected a barrage of criticism but received more supportive comments than I have ever had before. Only one correspondent suggested I should be hung, drawn and quartered, after horse-whipping, of course. In looks as if in my insulated naivety I



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have not properly assessed people's ideas about One Council for Cornwall, and it would appear on the face of it that there is a deep distrust of, and an equally deep cynicism about this institution. This is not really fair in the global sense because Cornwall, faced with rampant and continuing government cuts has managed the decline in services, and that is really what it is - a decline - pretty well, probably better

than most.

This leads fairly on to two things: firstly the new county budget which has to be in place by February will be explained to residents by the cabinet member, Julian German (who is a good man) and he will listen to criticism and suggestions - watch out for the dates. Basically it looks like a 4% rise, fine for most of us house-owning, baby-boomer, cushily retired folks but maybe desperate for the huge numbers already struggling to cope. For those of you with better memories than me you may remember my saying that I think the biggest danger for this country, including Cornwall is the seemingly inexorable widening of the inequality gap in our society, which this budget will worsen in Cornwall.

The second thing is this, and I urge current and would-be councillors to take note of it - I get frustrated time and time again, and ashamed, at how easy I find it to lose the human touch, the common touch with people, you, the residents. Of necessity I have often to work and intercede on a higher plane with higher officers and it becomes easy to take a basic human issue superficially. So if you find others or me being like that, challenge and criticise. A bit of humour after that... when in County Hall, that great seat of government and wisdom in Cornwall, and if I become a bit miffed or cross with a cabinet member I deal the ultimate councillor insult.... I ask them casually, "How's it going.... have you become an officer's man yet?". Or woman. Works every time. It is easy to become like that at any level, so ask me if you think I need it!

Lastly I have just put in an official complaint to the Highways Department, with suggestions, about roadworks around the county and in particular locally. It's not that the works don't have to be done; it's the inaction with no apparent work going on for unreasonable amounts of time whilst drivers wait and wait behind traffic lights. It harms the economy. Nobody minds if they see action and I have suggested that, if not already there, that when contracts or licences are issued by county that they specify continuous work, except for obvious factors outside the workers control. Please do the same if you see this. Or contact me. No doubt there are good reasons from time to time but so often.... can't see it.

Don't put important garden jobs off. Today I ventured into the greenhouse after a bit of a break and honestly it was like being one of my boyhood heroes, Fawcett of the Amazon - the tomato vines were everywhere, growing out the windows and bumping my neck as I walked through. Frightening. I probably won't sleep tonight.

Letter to  
the Editor...

**Cornwall Council Major  
Modification Planning  
Consultation on Saltash  
Open Until 22nd October  
2018**

Dear Editor,

I don't know how many of your readers are aware that a consultation is currently under way by Cornwall Council on their proposed amends to site allocations for additional housing in Saltash and the fact that this consultation closes in just a few weeks. But I suspect many don't.

I spoke to a local Councillor recently who told me that historically, responses to consultations were always problematic and people often stated they were unaware of the consultation until after the event and felt aggrieved that they believed they were not given the opportunity to have their say.

The publicity and awareness of such consultations by "Councils" seems to be simply putting it on their websites, so I was not surprised to hear that responses had been poor in the past.

It is very easy for those in authority or positions of power to blame public apathy, however, I don't see how they can legitimately do so unless they have made all reasonable efforts to fully inform and encourage those they represent to comment on the big issues that affect them. If we want to embrace and promote LOCALISM surely we have a responsibility to facilitate it and not rely on important information being buried in a vast and complex official website.

So could I ask all your readers to help raise awareness of this consultation so we ensure that our communities and those affected are made aware of the proposal for additional housing and more importantly their "right" to respond to those proposals.

The major modification proposal for 85 houses at Pill (which will be self builds and in addition to the main strategic site at Broadmoor) is at MM145 of the link; <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/33981244/ccs112-schedule-of-proposed-modifications-july-2018-v4.pdf>

And the consultation representation form is at <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/allocationsplan>  
Alex Sharpe MBE  
CEO  
The China Fleet Trust  
Saltash

Letter to  
the Editor

Dear Editor

With reference your article in the September issue and following on from the article "Of Granny's tree", can I respectfully suggest that the road at Churchtown be named "Graveyard View, or Cemetery Rd" thus tying it into the local area.

Alan Tout.  
Saltash

Letter to  
the Editor

Dear Editor

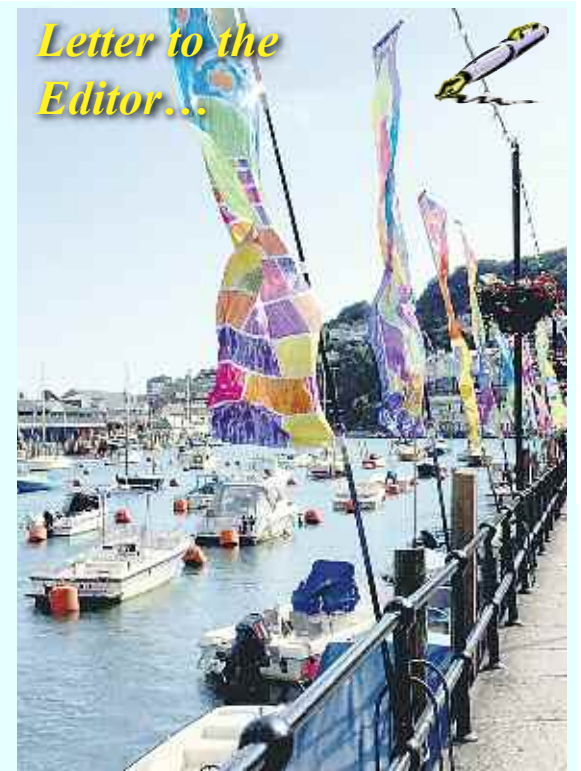
Community events act as the lifeblood of any town and Saltash is no different. We have a range of events throughout the year that are organised by volunteers in their free time. But recently, funding applications to Saltash Town Council for certain community events have been faced with hostility.

This is not how to show support for events that serve us all. The volunteers who have faithfully organised the May Fair for the last three years stood down this year following the hostility shown by certain town councillors, who repeatedly call for such events to be completely self-funding.

There is now a plan in place to limit the money available from the Town Council's Festival Fund to just £1k per event. So, how far exactly will that go? In reality, not very. It would pay for some toilets and the waste management at an event like the Saltash Regatta; or the event insurance and a medical team on site for something like the Christmas Festival. There are still plenty of other bills to pay as well such as road closures (no longer carried out by the police), and it wouldn't even begin to cover the costs of our beloved Christmas lantern parade.

It just makes me wonder how much longer volunteers will be willing to organise events in our town. The charity that runs Looe's music festival went into administration as I'm sure you're aware. They managed

Letter to  
the Editor...



Dear Editor:

Our fishing town of Looe was rocked by the news that the Looe Music Festival had been cancelled, just a few weeks before it was due to have taken place. But the community rallied round, and an army of fantastic volunteers helped Looe to Save the Day. It was an absolute privilege to have been part of something so very special. There are plenty of unsung heroes, but I'm writing this to thank Saltash for bringing us the batik flags you made in 2012 to welcome the Olympic Torch Relay. They looked magnificent along the Quay.

Certainly, councillors have a duty to ensure that value for money is being achieved, but instead of making the work of event volunteers even more stressful, Saltash Town Council should take a leaf out of Looe's book and wholeheartedly support events which put Saltash on the map. After all, not only do they bring enjoyment in times of austerity, but they also bind our community together around our town.

Sarah Martin  
Saltash

Cllr. Edwina Hannaford  
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**Tamar Village Saltash : Planning for the Future**

### Landowners Moving Forward with Master Plan Launch for Village Scheme

Following the recent public launch of their Master Plan proposals for Tamar Village Saltash, the three local landowners involved are encouraging comment and early expressions of interest from those interested in the self-build and custom-build opportunities on offer.

"Over 80 people participated in the event and we received over 5000 hits on our web-site in September alone." said William Holman, the spokesman for the landowners. "These days people like the option of considering schemes in the comfort of their own home, so we have set up an on-line response system to cater for this preference and look forward to hearing from them over the coming weeks at [www.tamavillagesaltash.co.uk](http://www.tamavillagesaltash.co.uk)

Working with the Right to Build Task Force, the Village proposal includes land identified by Cornwall Council for inclusion in the Site Allocation Development Plan Document for Saltash.

The scheme provides for some 117 principally detached home plots catering for 1bed micro homes through to 5bed+ executive homes with stunning river views. A community hub including farm shop, coffee shop, residents meeting and recreational rooms as well as serviced office space is also planned.

Mr. Holman added that "the philosophy being pursued was to Build a Better Way with measures included to build better designed homes in a village community environment with sustainability principles at its heart."

#### Master Plan Consultation

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*Spotlight on Cornwall Council in SE Cornwall*

## Zig Zags Carry a Penalty of £70

Cornwall Council introduced new tougher parking rules in the beginning of September, making it an offence to stop or park on school 'keep clear' zone markings at any time, even to drop off or pick up passengers.

The zones are marked off to keep the space outside of schools free from parked vehicles so that children can be seen more easily when crossing the road. They also help to provide a clear field of vision for other vulnerable road users crossing the road. From the beginning of September any vehicle parked on these markings may be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice of £70.

Cornwall Council and CORMAC have been working with schools, residents and local councillors across Cornwall over the last 18 months to review the existing zig-zag markings outside schools. Complaints about congestion at school gates have been a regular feature at meetings of the Saltash Area Road Safety Committee, and it is hoped that the new rules will help improve safety. Councillor Hilary Frank, a member of the

Saltash Area Road Safety Committee and a member of Cornwall Council's Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee said: "A big thank you to all the people who park sensibly on the school run. But for the few who don't: please be aware that from now on parking on zig-zags carries a penalty of £70."

Many local schools also work with Cornwall Council to encourage children to walk, scoot or cycle to school which helps further ease congestion around school gates. Park and stride initiatives, where parents are encouraged to park in a suitable car park a short walk's distance from the school, help to avoid congestion outside the school and enable children to walk to school, getting a healthy dose of exercise. Contact your local Cornwall Councillor if you are interested in helping children walk to school.

## First Christmas Fair for Hatt

"Catt in the Hatt events team are organising their first Christmas Fair to be held at the end of November.

There will be many stalls selling a range of local festive crafts and home products. For children there will be a Santa's Grotto and stalls with toys and books.

Look out for their Christmas advert in the November Observer for more details. Make sure you pop along to support the event and enjoy the spirit of Christmas with a glass of mulled wine and do your Christmas shopping.

## Rugby and Camera Clubs Gain Local Grants

Young players at Saltash Rugby Club are amongst the latest to benefit from the Town's Community Chest. The youth section of the club was successful in its application for £1,500 of funding.

Photographic enthusiasts too will benefit as £900 was awarded to the Saltash and District Camera Club.

Saltash Lions were also successful in their bid to the Town's Festival Fund, being granted £150.

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## The Future of the Saltash May Fair

For the last 3 years, a small team of willing volunteers has given its time and energy to staging a vibrant May Fair on Fore Street. But the volunteers are busy people with young families, and at the AGM in July they announced they couldn't continue organising the festival any more. "I've loved delivering a family event for the town of Saltash," said Vera Forbes who stepped down as Chair at the AGM, "but it has taken up a huge amount of time and energy." This sentiment was echoed by the other members of the Committee, who all stood down.

Saltash was faced with the prospect of no May Fair next year, but at the May Fair Extraordinary Meeting held in September, three representatives of the Saltash Chamber of Commerce stepped forward to say they would volunteer to take it on. "The May Fair is an event for families, but it is also for businesses in the town. High streets all across the UK are suffering, and we need to make the most of every opportunity to Shop Local before we lose the vitality from Fore Street. So, the Chamber recognised the need to make sure the May Fair continues and offers the opportunity to bring people in to the town centre, give retailers a platform and give families a happy day out," said Hilary Frank, one of the Chamber members who is now one of the volunteers organising next year's May Fair.

An annual Fair has been part of Saltash's character for centuries. Records show that the ancient Fairs also took place on Fore Street. In those days, the Fair would usually last three days, and the fingers of a glove on a stick thrust showed the duration from one of the Guildhall windows. Sometimes events like the First World War meant that festivities had to be suspended, but there have always been volunteers who have come forward to make sure the tradition wasn't lost. The third 'Revival' was in 1938, when the programme cost 6D and was compiled by W.P. Drury of the Royal Marines, a novelist and Mayor of Saltash. May Fair 2019 has echoes of the fourth Revival in 1978, when members of Saltash Chamber of Commerce met with representatives of the

Town Council and it was decided to make the Fair in to an annual event to continue the spirit of the Queen's Silver Jubilee.

Organisers of the modern-day May Fair have many more financial headaches than in the days when a programme cost 6D - just closing off Fore Street and providing medical cover and insurance, for example, comes with a bill of more than £3000. So, the Chamber is appealing for volunteers who can help on the day, or who can help with fundraising. All help, they say, will be gratefully received to ensure that the legacy created by the previous organisers of a vibrant, family event in the heart of the shopping district of our town will continue and thrive.

## Spooky Signing at the Bookshelf

The Bookshelf on Saltash Fore Street will be playing (g)host to local children's author Leyland Perree this half-term holiday.

Leyland is the author of several humorous rhyming picture books for children aged 4-8. The internationally-published author was schooled in and grew up in Saltash, and he has retained close links with the area by regularly visiting schools and carrying out author talks and creative workshops.

His books though have gained him international recognition from as far flung as Australia, America and South Africa. His popular 2013 book Which Witch is Which? (illustrated by Plymouth artist Stuart McGhee) was translated into Spanish by

overseas publishing giant Ediciones Obelisco.

The Bookshelf currently stocks a range of Leyland's books and the sharp-eyed will spot characters from his books adorning the Bookshelf's window display in the run-up to Halloween.

Leyland will be visiting the Bookshelf from 10am on 25th October to sign copies of his books, including Which Witch is Which?, and his most recent addition The Magic Custard Factory, which will be enjoying a belated launch.

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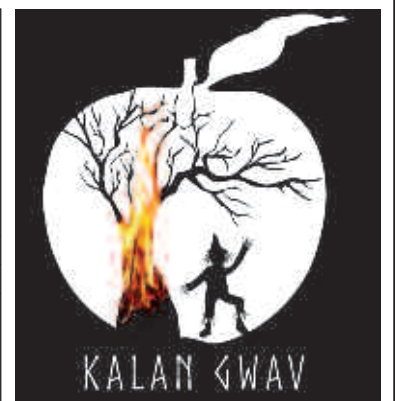
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3:30	Wassail
4:45	Simon & His Uncle
5:45	Black Friday
6:45	Fireworks

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 For their latest thespian venture the players combine their dramatic traditions by performing, **Murder In Pantoland!**  
 Scripted and directed by Leigh Hughes the evening melds murder, mystery and mirth and features a variety of the regular troupers in a range of unfamiliar roles.  
 As has become the norm in these evenings a free pasty will provide sustenance and stimulation for an audience as they grapple to unravel accusations and counter accusations, clues and red herrings. The show will begin at the **later time of 8pm** and tickets will be on sale at Piglets in Fore Street, Saltash from mid-October onwards.  
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**RBL Two Minutes Silence**

The Saltash & District Royal British Legion will be holding our own two Minute Silence on the Sun 11th Nov 18 outside the The Brunel Inn on Fore Street Saltash. Meet up at 10.45am  
 This is a call out to all the residents and organisations within the Saltash and surrounding areas to join us as we remember the fallen, not just all those who fell during WW1 which is being commemorated this year - the Centenary of the end of the Great War but all those who have fallen serving our Country and the Commonwealth. Lets make the Saltash "Thank You" a remarkable one.

We look forward to seeing you there -  
 Carolann Pabst Social Secretary Saltash RBL

**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 To which Hebridean Island did Flora Macdonald help Bonnie Prince Charlie escape? (4)  
 2 Who composed the musical work The Ride of the Valkyries? (6)  
 3 Who was Christopher Robin's nurse? (5)  
 4 In the Disney animated films and TV shows Aladdin after which Shakesperean character is the Parrot named? (4)  
 5 The recipe for Sole Veronique includes which small fruit? (5)  
 6 Which is the largest living Antelope? (5)  
 7 What name is given to a river mouth broadening into the sea? (7)  
 8 In which English County would you find Maiden Castle? (6)  
 9 Which is the largest of the Canary Islands? (8)  
**Answers on Page 7**  
**Please Note:**  
 Town Quiz as advertised in last months (September) issue:  
 Will take place Friday 2nd November at the Saltash Community School.

**SHERYLL MURRAY MP WRITES...**



Last month I joined Cllr Nick Craker and Cllr Jane Pascoe at the Bolitho Farm for the second sheep sale. This time, between 700 and 800 sheep were auctioned by Stags auctioneer Chris Clapham. This allows farmers to trade locally rather than travel 40-50 miles to the nearest market.

The nearest alternatives are held at Hallworthy, Holsworthy or Truro. The original Liskeard Market closed last December and the site is due to be redeveloped. I spoke to many local farmers who told me that they had missed the social side of the market after the closure and were very supportive of the new sales. Some had visited with their fellow farmers. I would like to pay tribute to local farmer James Moon and all those involved in getting this project under way.

Recently we had organ donation week. I was pleased to take part in an event to promote this in Parliament. It is important to let your family know what your wishes are should the worst happen. I want to donate. Please have the same conversation with your loved ones.  
 It was good to hear that business, LEPs, local authorities and education are working together across the South West to promote the area as the Great South West to increase productivity and create growth. Much in the same way as we had the Northern Powerhouse and the Midlands Engine it is clear that areas can gain so much more by working together on key projects like infrastructure, trade, investment and rural productivity. I welcome this approach and have written to the Chancellor to ask him to recognise this.

It was good to have a meeting with the BBC last week. It was interesting to hear their plans for local politics coverage on a Sunday. They told me they are to have a new local politics show after the Andrew Marr Show at its new time of 10am on a Sunday

They will have a full half hour show at 11am. They plan to continue their in-depth coverage of local issues with guests with Martyn Oates. It was good to meet with the Candlelighters Charity in Westminster which does a lot of work fighting Children's cancer. They describe themselves as "We get involved in all sorts of different projects to help ordinary families who are facing extraordinary circumstances." I would like to thank them for all the work they do.  
 There has been a lot of talk about Parliamentary Boundaries after the Boundary Commission laid its final proposals. In South East Cornwall they propose the following changes. I would lose Luxulyan to a new St Austell & Bodmin seat and gain the Cornwall Council Divisions of Altarnun and Stoke Climsland. I love representing the community of Luxulyan and would like to continue to do this. Most of the controversy has been over the so called cross over seat with Devon. This is because the government is keen to reduce the cost of democracy by reducing the number of MPs from 650 to 600. I would rather not see a crossover seat and have always maintained that part of South East Cornwall should not become joined with Plymouth in a cross Tamar seat. I would love to hear from constituents their views on this issue.

I am always pleased to hear from constituents on boundaries or any other subject. You can write to me by emailing sheryll@sheryllmurray.com or by post to The Office of Sheryll Murray MP, The Parade, Liskeard PL14 6AF.

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The sun shone on the Mission Youth event at Saltmill, as young people tried out the different challenges set up by various youth organisations, including kicking rugby balls over a huge inflatable supplied by Saltash Rugby Club, playing brass instruments with Saltash Town Band, picking litter with Saltash Environmental Action and testing their nerves in an obstacle course set up by the Fire Cadets.

Hosted by Saltash Town Youth Council (STYC), which brings together the youth organisations in Saltash, Mission Youth was held in conjunction with Junkyard Skatepark, which hosted a highly successful Skate Jam on the same day at Saltmill. Don Berrey, Chair of STYC, said: "We've got many organisations in Saltash offering our youngsters a wide range of activities, support and opportunities. So we decided to organise this event to spread



the word."

Young people loved trying all the different challenges. And the youth organisations enjoyed the chance to give people an insight to their activities. A representative from St. Johns Ambulance said: "It was simply lovely seeing so many children and family groups enjoying themselves in such a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. We had scores of children have a go at CPR and bandaging!"

This is the second Mission Youth, but after the strong local support shown, STYC is

hoping to make it an annual event. Membership of STYC is open to all youth groups in the town. It costs just £5 to join and is an excellent opportunity for networking and sharing ideas.

Pictured: Don Berrey (Chair of STYC) and Charlotte Carpenter (Youth Worker at The Core), who were 2 of the organisers of Mission Youth.

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## Bus Service to New Town

Those interested in observing the progress of a new town being built between Plympton and Plymstock can now travel direct from Saltash.

The service to Elburton has now been extended to Sherford where vast housing developments are emerging together with a recently opened school and anticipated shopping and leisure centres.

Meanwhile some of the lush Devonshire countryside is destined to remain as a country park. The direct No 2A connects Saltash to Sherford via the city centre every twenty minutes for most of the day.

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## Choir Sings to Honour Late Chorister, Sportsman and Proud Cornishman

His lifelong devotion to music, to sport and his aim for perfection while working on building, improving and decorating so many local homes, earned the late Rodney Nute the tribute of around three hundred friends and family who attended his funeral in Wesley Church. The Liskerrett Male Voice Choir, for whom he had sung until aged 84, payed their own vocal tribute to him.

A proud Cornishman, born in Tintagel in 1932, Rodney began his footballing career as 'goalie' aged 14 and went for trials with Arsenal and Wolverhampton. After apprenticeship as a carpenter and improving on his building skills Rodney was told 'If you come to play football at Saltash we'll give you a job' and thus began his long association with the town. Having worked with local firms and in the dockyard as carpenter he formed the building partnership Bryant and Nute in 1973. In 1981 his son Stephen joined the firm, becoming a partner on Mr. Bryant's retirement when the firm became 'R & S Nute (SW)' and it has continued as such for 37 years.

Rodney continued to play football until into his 40's and subsequently transferred his sporting talents to Saltash



of singing, though he continued to enjoy his keyboard.

He was first married to Glenis, mother of Stephen, who later took on his mantle as 'goalie' playing for Liskeard, and of Cheryl, who became a keep fit instructor. Following a divorce Rodney married Margaret, who was to die of cancer, and subsequently married his widow Lorna, Glenis and Lorna survive him, as do his two children, five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

While the family deeply mourns this proud Cornishman who so loved his family and his county, Stephen intends to honour Rodney's memory by maintaining the building business and maintaining the high standards, which Rodney set in his work as well as in all that he achieved.

Bowling Club. He was to become President, as well as President of Cornwall and of the South West Bowling Club, continuing to be regularly on the green at Longstone into the beginning of this season.

His love of choral singing also began at age 14 and he was subsequently a member of Saltash and Cornwall Male Voice Choirs, retiring from Liskerrett after seventy years

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The start of the new academic year has brought me a new teaching experience; I'm teaching Year 7 – our new students fresh up from Primary school – for the first time in several years, but rather than my usual subject of Personal Development I'm taking them for Geography. This isn't a subject I've taught or studied for a while, but it makes sense given my love of travel. There's also clearly a lot of cross-over between teaching students about Politics, teaching them to be good citizens, and teaching them about the world. What I'm particularly enjoying about it is that Geography works on such a variety of levels – in my second lesson after discussing 'my favourite place' we went for a little walk down the lane behind school to look at one of my favourite places – the view down over the Tamar towards Plymouth. The following lesson we were looking at a map of the world, learning the names of the continents and oceans, and even constructing our own world maps out of crisps.

Politics is very similar in that regard to Geography – as a Saltash Town Councillor a lot of my time was spent looking at issues that matter to people locally – public toilets, Fore Street, planning applications and the like – but equally I have always been interested in the politics of the wider county, country, continent and world. Sometimes of course the links can be tricky to see – just as it's not always obvious to young students

how local rivers links to large Oceans on the other side of the world, so sometimes world events can seem very remote. Some might for example question how the suspension of certain civil liberties in Hungary, or the persecution of feminists activists in Saudi Arabia, or the imprisonment of child immigrants in America might have any relevance to Saltash. My answer would be that just as rivers flow into seas and thence into Oceans, so the same themes flow from local to national to international politics. At the moment a lot of those themes seem to be about respect for others, tolerance of different viewpoints, lifestyles and orientations, and the need to work together to make the town, or country, or continent, or world a better place. That doesn't mean disregarding the importance of the individual too – quite the opposite. Just as every river has its own character to appreciate so does every community. It does mean though that we should always recognise and embrace the bigger picture too, remember that we are all part of one world, and, if we happen to be lucky enough to live in a safe and prosperous part of that world, reserve our energies not for introspection or for insularity, but for making that world better for everyone.

Adam Killeya

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# Saltash to Commemorate World War I Centenary

Exactly a century ago next month, as the big guns fell silent, bells rang out in Saltash and throughout Britain as communities came together to celebrate the end of the Great War. Though for many families celebrations were muted by memories of those who would not return or who returned physically or mentally mutilated by their experiences.

The centenary will be similarly commemorated locally, thanks to the hard working Saltash World War I Commemoration Group under the Chairmanship of former Mayor Mrs. Sue Hooper M.B.E. It has already organised, as reported in your 'Observer' the successful and moving unveiling of the 'Silent Soldier' in the Peace Garden in Alexandra

Square. The soldier has not, as some suggested, subsequently deserted, he has been reconstructed and reinforced following unfortunate vandalism of similar soldiers elsewhere.

The next major events will be on Thursday 1st November when commemorative events will recall the departure from Saltash of many hundreds of soldiers destined for the front. Many of these were from local families, many more had been encamped at Wearde. A board showing scores of these soldiers departing from Saltash station, together with a commemorative plaque, are to be unveiled at 3p.m. that day and it is hoped that a partial re-enactment of their farewells to local loved ones will be staged on the 'up' platform at that time, with viewers welcome to watch from

the bridge or the opposite platform.

Later that afternoon the action will move to Waterside where an early evening commemoration between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. will commence with the unveiling of another plaque and board, these commemorating and illustrating those troops who departed by ferry. Both events are expected to include piper, bugler, and other live choral and instrumental music.

After the unveiling a family event on the Waterside with attractions for all ages is being organised by the Commemoration Group together with Saltash Lions, all sponsored and subsidised by local firm Westcountry Skip Hire. Among attractions planned are a model display in Ashtorre, a veterans band and



*Cygnets-R-Us!*

Pair of adult Mute Swans are currently busy raising and keeping in line an unusually large brood on the River Tamar. Photo: Ian Robinson

other music, vintage vehicles, and a horseback commemoration of the colonial troops who fought. Poignant period pictures will be projected on to the wall of Livewire and a special surprise item with period authenticity is being planned for the occasion.

The actual centenary of the ending of the war, 11th November, falls on a Sunday when the British Legion will be holding the traditional two minute silence at the eleventh hour outside the Brunel. They will then proceed to Alexandra Square where they will join in a special event when all are invited to witness the placing of 140 painted pebbles, dedicated to the 140 men with Saltash connections who died in World War I. These have been painted by young and old and local children are eager to place them one by one and remember those whose names are marked.

Other guests who have accepted invitations include well known former politician and 'Strictly' dancer Ann Widdecombe who has Saltash family roots. There will be piper and bugler together with other appropriate music.

At each event there will be the opportunity to admire the poppies being made of recycled bottles by local residents, as well

as the dramatic poppy carpet laid out after being put together by volunteers all over the town, including senior citizens in residential homes. There is still the opportunity to help contribute to the carpets in the China Fleet Club and at Ashtorre on Waterside.

Other events include a 'World War One Sing-along' planned for Ashtorre on Sunday 4th November at 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Tickets are available in advance for what is anticipated as a sell out event. A 'Race Night' is being organised jointly by Saltash Lions and Rotarians on 16th November at Saltash Social Club to support the commemoration.

And so that the year's commemorations will not be forgotten by future generations poetry workshops are being held at local schools in Saltash and St. Budeaux.

The best of the children's poems, together perhaps with a few adult contributions, will be put together in a book to show future generations that during the centenary of the supposed Great War to End all Wars, in which 140 local men were tragically taken before their time, we did remember them.

## WI 'Take a Town' Visit

Saltash is too often sped past en route to Plymouth and beyond, Cornwall's Federation of Women's Institutes decided, and was worthy of a proper visit as part of their 'Take-a-town' programme.

Around fifty delegates from all across Cornwall converged in the Baptist Church to learn more of the town before being led on tours around its historic past.

Saltash Heritage organised for committee members Peter Clements to address the women on 'Saltash - Gateway to England' followed by Martin Lister on 'Eminent Essanians and the Blue Plaque Trail,' Yvonne Oake then spoke on the making of the Saltash Tapestry which they were able to admire around the church.

After a lunch served by Trematon W.I. members Martin Lister led a group along the 'Heritage 'Blue Plaque Trail', marking the former homes of seven citizens who gained local or sometimes national renown. Saltash Heritage Museum, Elliotts Shop and Mary

Newman's Cottage all opened specially for the visitors and all attracted much interest from them before they returned to all corners of Cornwall.

## Road Closures

For Waterside Remembers Thursday 1st November

The following will be closed to vehicles:

**Tamar Street**  
(16:30 - 17:30)

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### SALTASH WATERSIDE REMEMBERS

(An event in collaboration with the Great War 1914-1918 Commemorative Events Committee)

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November 1st - Unveiling of Memorial Plaque and Photographic Display Board at Saltash Station at 3.00 pm

November 11th - WW1 Tribute pebble laying ceremony at Saltash Memorial Peace Garden at 12 noon

The Great War Committee is ever grateful to its other sponsors: Saltash Town Council, China Fleet Country Club, Saltash RBL, Saltash RNA, Saltash Rotary Club, Cornwall Councillors (Saltash), Fred Rogers (Sanford Garage), Section 106 funding, GWR, Babcock International and Saltash Lions

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