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## Station Building Sold – Residential Use Sought

The former station building which has long been deteriorating and considered an eyesore railway gateway to Cornwall has been sold on.

The new owner, Mr Darren Bennetts has made an application for change of use of the building to 'residential'.

This is the latest episode in a saga dating back to 1996 when the Town Council purchased the redundant building for £35,000 from Rail Track. It was intended to refurbish it at a cost of around £60,000 and convert it to a Brunel Heritage Centre as a national visitor attraction.

Grants were sought, some were offered, but the necessary financial package never came together. Other plans for a restaurant on the site, or an archive for records, similarly

never came to fruition.

Eventually in 2006 the Town Council sold the building on and the property developer who purchased it for office use promised to "restore it to its former splendour" as reported in the Observer that December. That too never happened and the building believed to date from the 1890's continued to deteriorate.

The Town Council has retained an interest and its station works group has met with Mr. Bennetts and his architect. Various options were discussed, Cllr Richard Bickford told the "Observer" and the working group stated its position. This was that increased passenger facilities were sought to match the recent considerable increase in passenger use. Such facilities might include an enhanced waiting room, toilets and a cafe.

An outline design is now awaited.

## Bridge Lined with Bikes as Saltash Rider is Remembered

The Tamar Bridge was bedecked with bikes as motor cyclists from throughout the South West came together in commemoration of a popular Saltash biker who lost his life this Summer and to promote motor cycle safety.

Up to a thousand bikes were expected to descend upon the Tamar Bridge and park in line along the cantilever. In fact almost double that number, 1842, came from all over Devon and Cornwall and beyond, some from as far as Bristol.

"Think Smart" was organised by local man Darren Berry of Cornwall Council's road safety department, following the death of 20 year old Adam Smart while riding his motor cycle at Carkeel in June. Darren organised it also to promote Cornwall Freewheelers, which Adam had supported, a Saltash based group of motor cycling volunteers who carry out lifesaving work rushing blood and other medications between hospitals, hospices and homes.

Also lining the bridge were two thousand miniature crosses commemorating all the bikers

from Devon and Cornwall who had died or suffered life-changing injuries since the bridge was opened in 1961. The crosses had been created by pupils of Burraton School. "Some of them had lost close family members and had written suitably on the crosses", Darren told us as he explained that it is intended to put them together into one big cross to be placed at the Saltash.net academy which Adam attended.

"I have been so pleased to pull the bikers of Devon and Cornwall together and show their positivity towards road safety", Darren added. "The biking community always pulls together to support one another in a case like this."

The gathering was also aimed at putting motor cyclists in a more positive light to the public. "We have had pedestrians reluctant to cross the bridge fearing that we were a gang of Hells' Angels", Darren explained. "If they could look beneath the protective clothing they would see that many bikers are professional people and of all age ranges.

Our Cornwall Freewheeler volunteers include police, paramedics and fire-fighters.

Following the long line up on the bridge there was a procession drive up Saltash Fore Street before the bikers dispersed back to each corner of the South West



Insert - Adam's Mum Mrs Smart with Darren Berry

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## Council's Concern on Cornish Cross Costs

The Town Council agreed, in a close vote following lengthy discussion, to take on ongoing costs regarding the Cornish Cross and Elwell Woods.

The site had been leased by Cornwall Council to Saltash and sub leased to the Saltash Waterside Residents' Association (SWRA). The association had been responsible for the landscaping of the woods and erection of the cross with the aid of various grants.

They were now asking the Town Council to take on costs for maintenance. Following a risk assessment the Council noted that Cornwall Wildlife Trust was willing to carry out the work and was currently pursuing a lottery grant towards the costs of this.

Town Councillors expressed concern as to taking on a commitment which, including lighting costs, insurance and maintenance could be up to £3,500 to £4000 per year in perpetuity. However by a six to four vote they agreed to take back the sub-lease from SWRA and to contract the maintenance to Cornwall Wildlife Trust until August next year. Thereafter they would contribute towards match funding if the trust's lottery bid were successful, or seek to employ an alternative contractor at a lower price if it were not.

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### Easy Target

How good are you at gritting your teeth and keeping calm when someone complains strongly but wrongly about something you actually know a bit about? Well, if you stand as a councillor you must certainly expect a fair amount of criticism of the council you represent. In this case I am talking about Cornwall Council which has become an easy target because of the widespread cuts to services that have been imposed over the last three years. Sometimes the criticism is spot on but increasingly it is incorrect and unfair because the problem is a national one, and Cornwall can do little or nothing about it. I think that there are plenty of areas of criticism that have been justified in the past and probably quite a lot remain. One of my ongoing concerns is that it is not as easy as it used to be to get action from certain departments of the council that have become separate (but still basically Cornwall Council – owned) companies. Another, and this is general and not aimed at anyone, is that it is more difficult to actually find out who is currently responsible for something that goes on in the council. Council officers seem to be on a shifting roundabout and are difficult to hit with a query or complaint, mainly because continual budget cuts force continual shifting of officer positions ..... I am sure the officers are as upright about this as the rest of us and it is certainly not their fault.

### £196 Million by 2019

My real problem with people who complain to me or suggest improvements is that more and



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For Observer readers

Derek Holley, Cornwall Councillor, Saltash East



more often I cannot give help quickly or sometimes get help at all because there is simply no money in the pot. Please forgive me for explaining again that the present reductions in levels of council service that you see around you (toilets closing, housing repairs not made, footpaths not maintained, potholes not filled, grass not cut, white lines in car parks not painted to name but a few) are a direct result of swingeing, drastic cuts in the cash the government gives to councils to run local services for them. The good news, if it is good news, is that Cornwall has more or less coped with a cut of £170 million over the last four years, and this cut has been the cause of the drop in the level of services you see all around you and in the unfortunate large numbers of redundancies that have been made. I now give you the bad news ... the government has indicated that they will cut even more over the next four financial years...about £196 million by 2019. I have absolutely no idea what will happen to all our local services except that they will reduce or worsen. I feel like Winston Churchill must have felt like when all he could promise was blood, toil, tears and sweat.

So the big question is not how much, we know that - £196 million, but where.....where will the cuts come? Cornwall is holding consultations this month all

over the county and ours is on September 25th, Wednesday, 6.30pm at St Germans Eliot Hall. There the county budget and government cuts will be explained and people can have their say...it is open to everyone interested. I suspect that there will be no more sacrosanct, protected areas of the budget in the future. I do not blame anyone for feeling depressed about all this. It just seems to be a never-ending story of gloom. All I can say is that we will listen to you when you talk to us, and if we can help, we will.

Some places are worse! I have just spent time in Reading where our daughter has had her fourth baby boy. I was caught in a city centre car park and had to pay £8 for just over two hours parking, the standard of driving is quite simply bad, I drove over roads in a worse state than ours and their bins are emptied fortnightly!

### Happy Autumn

Cheer up, Derek, you live in a lovely county and in a lovely town, full of nice people getting on with their lives and helping others in all sorts of ways and in large numbers. What's more my beans have set, onions have ripened and if we forget the awful, lousy, horrible carrot fly the whole garden has done quite well! Over to Margaret, ace bottler, freezer and chutney-er! Happy autumn! *Haha! Well done Derek you always manage to cheer us up by ending on a positive note*  
Editor Mary

## Essa Files

This month I have mostly been doing a spot of decorating – this is the sort of thing teacher's often do in the middle two weeks of the holidays (the first two generally being reserved for sleeping and the last two for preparing for the start of term). I have also been going to the gym which I only discovered about this time last year but is now one of the main ways I spend my free time.

One of the things I like about the gym is that success is so easy to measure, and progress so easy to see. Either you lift the weight (success), or you don't (failure) or you drop it on your toes (total failure). Last month I could squat 50kg, now I can squat 60 so I'm progressing and so on.

Council work is unfortunately a lot harder to see success or measure progress – for one thing it's very hard to say what would have happened if you didn't do something. For another different issues are often related, and for a third lots of other people are involved (Cornwall Council, residents, community groups etc.). If the gym worked the same way then five of us would be jointly lifting an unknown weight, whilst also trying to ride a bicycle: try working out progress from that!

All of which is a different way of getting round to a favourite council topic – toilets. It may well look like no progress is being made (it often feels like it!): the issue is tied up with so many others – taking on Cornwall services, town centre improvements, council tax – and so many people have to have a say that the whole thing takes a lot of time, energy and frustration and even then we aren't always sure whether we are actually moving forwards or not. Worse, to the outsider the lack of results can suggest a lack of effort which only adds to the frustration. All you can really do in this situation is to carry on working at it and hope that progress will eventually arrive in one giant leap forward.

So despite the challenges, we will just keep putting in the effort, occasionally pulling faces and trying not to swear – in that way it is a bit like the gym! *Adam Killeya*

## Anti-Social Behaviour on Estate Falls Following Cautions

A complaint of anti-social behaviour on the Babis Farm Estate was being reported to local police on almost a daily basis during June and July this year, PCSO Tom Cornwell told the Town Council. Much of this was a result of neighbour disputes.

The police and the local housing association got together and issued ten warning letters to local residents threatening applications for court orders against them if this behaviour continued.

This action appears to have had the desired effect, the police concluded, since only two similar complaints were made to the police during the whole of August.

## Plan for the Broadmoor Farm Development Scheme



### Dear Editor

Local Residents Prepared to Support the Plan for the Broadmoor Farm Development Scheme in Saltash With several development schemes now starting to emerge with hopes of being included in the developing Local Plan for Cornwall, the Saltash Neighbourhood Plan will be critical for the future of Saltash.

The draft Cornwall Local Plan identified three main areas to be considered for the future housing needs of Saltash - Latchbrook, Pill area and Broadmoor Farm. Commenting on these potential areas, Helen Hocking, Chair of the North & Middle Pill Neighbourhood Association said:

"Whilst we understand and accept the need for growth in Saltash, when considering the options we do not believe that large scale development in either Latchbrook or the Pill area is sustainable.

We are aware that the Latchbrook Residents Association is firmly opposed to any further development in their area and we fully support their position.

## Metric Slip Road Sign "An Insult to Cornwall"

The prominent sign at the top of the Tamar Bridge slip road indicating "Shops 30 Metres" came in for scathing criticism during public question time at the Saltash Town Council meeting.

"If it is directional it does not conform to regulations nor does it have highways authority permission. If it is an advertisement does it have Town and Country planning permission?" a local resident objected.

His greatest objection however was that it indicates metres not yards, to the shops which he described as "an insult to Cornwall".

In reply Cllr. Adam Killeya advised that it was an advertisement. He did not believe that it needed planning permission, especially as it was a replacement of a similar sized advertisement but he would seek to confirm this.

As to the metric metres Cllr. Killeya, who teaches at the town's secondary school, advised that the younger generation is only familiar with metres, "We asked children how long a "yard" is and their guesses varied from "about six inches" upwards. Whether we like it or not, to be meaningful to the rising generation, although signposts remain giving mileage, local signs must show metres and not yards.

In our own area of North and Middle Pill we believe that any development, other than possibly a few standalone in-fill houses, would be subject to significant infrastructure and environmental constraints - over-stretched and narrow access roads would be unable to support any significant increase in vehicle numbers causing increased safety concerns on already busy roads frequently used by children accessing the Salt Mill leisure facility.

We have consulted with Sheryl Murray, our local MP, at her regular advice surgery, she commented, "I am aware of the proposed development at Pill and urge the authorities to look over the impact that increased traffic will have on the already congested junction at Cutler's Corner"

In addition, the proposed Tamar Village development area is situated in an area of Special Scientific Interest and also abuts the Tamar Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – as well as being a valuable green lung area of saltash.

The majority of our members have attended the two recent exhibitions:- The North & Middle Pill Landowners association re their 'Tamar Village' Concept 'Garden Villages' Broadmoor farm by the

Commercial Estates Group.

We believe the Pill Landowners scheme is completely inappropriate in size and scale and, importantly, does not conform to the proposed allocation supported by the draft Cornwall Local Plan. It also does not address the serious traffic safety issues that our residents are extremely concerned about. Even though it is a proposed large scale development it will not meet the needs of the growing Saltash.

By contrast the concept of Garden Villages for the Broadmoor Farm area, although at a very early stage, represents a deliverable and sustainable option for meeting all of Saltash's mixed development needs over the next 20 years. We believe a single scheme at this location has the potential to provide housing, business and leisure needs whilst also providing excellent transport links and connectivity to the town.

As an Association we will therefore be supporting the Broadmoor Garden Villages Scheme as we believe it presents the most appropriate option for meeting the development needs for the benefit of Saltash as a whole and we would urge all of Saltash Residents to do the same."

*Helen Hocking NMPNA*

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## From The Mayor's Parlour...

As I was driving down the motorway back to Saltash on Sunday afternoon the northbound carriageway looked less like a road than a slowly moving car park. Of course it was the end of the school holidays, but it does give an indication of the popularity of the South West as a holiday destination.

So what brings tourists and holiday makers down to the West Country? The beaches, or the countryside, the views, walks in the country or, in short, the environment.

The environment has been much in the national and local news recently at all levels.

If we asked people in Fore Street, or indeed any of the captive audience on the motorway, if the environment was worth looking after undoubtedly the answer would be "yes".

Given this why do so many people and pressure groups feel that the environment is under threat? In a way the answer is in the traffic jams themselves.

People want to live and work in the West Country as well as visit the area for their holidays. It seems ironic that the progress which has given us the wealth and free time that enables us to enjoy our environment and the ability to travel to visit it is seen, by many, to have endangered the very thing we wish to enjoy.

Both towns and countryside have become what they are because of human intervention. The environment has been managed for centuries and will continue to be managed.

This will have to be done at a number of levels, but we

have the opportunity as individuals to influence all of them. In the future it more jobs will be needed and more homes will have to be built in Cornwall and in Saltash in particular. At Cornwall Council and Saltash Town Council Level the balance between the development needed for the generations to come and the protection of the existing environment will be the main driver for the Cornwall Local Plan and the Saltash Neighbourhood Plan. A major part of this process is the consultation with the public.

Right at the other end of the scale at a much smaller level we can all do a little bit to improve the environment. 'Friends of the Earth' is encouraging us to buy and plant insect friendly wild flower seeds in order to encourage insects and particularly honeybees.

I will be talking again about the Saltash Neighbourhood Plan later in the year.

*Clr David Yates Mayor of Saltash*

### Edward Jacob in Concert

As part of his magical musical tour of Devon and Cornwall, talented pianist Edward Jacobs who has been playing the piano since the age of three, is performing at the Saltash Guildhall on Saturday October 12th.

Edward has agreed to play for the Sue Hooper Charitable Foundation in recognition of the outstanding Trust which is dedicated to young people who study the performing arts. Proceeds will also benefit Cancer Research.

Edward's recital has already taken Devon concert goers by storm and has had outstanding media musical reviews, in appreciation of his popular classical piano recitals, including the works of Bach, Chopin, Mozart, Dvorak, and Elgar, followed by the works of much more recent composers, such as Andrew Lloyd Webber and Gary Barlow and much more.

October's concert will feature the compositions of Chopin, Debussy, Gounod, Lloyd Webber, Mendelssohn, Mozart and some of Edward's own popular compositions.

Edward, who teaches music at Burraton County Primary School in Saltash, will be supported by other musical guests, and a superb piano recital and concert is promised. The concert will start at 7.30 pm and tickets cost £8 which includes a glass of wine.

The Sue Hooper Charitable Foundation was established by Sue Hooper in 2000 - in support of the Science of the Performing Arts and Musical Education and has supported numerous young people with donations totalling several thousands of pounds, towards their studies and performing arts' future.

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## Best Ever Results for GCSE Students



**There were many exceptional individual performances, including:**

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Lauren McFarlane	2A* 5A
Timothy Dunstan	1A* 7A
Naomi Malcolm	1A* 7A
Amy Kyffin	9A

Saltash.net community school is today celebrating its best ever set of GCSE results.

The very large Year 11 cohort of 235 students, which included those children who attended the Trematon Special Educational Needs Area Resource Base, achieved a superb result of 69% 5A\*-C with English and Maths. The school's previous best outcome on this particular measure had been 58% in 2011 so to increase this total by 11 percentage points against a national backdrop of GCSE 'turbulence' is extremely pleasing.

Characteristic of a very hard working and conscientious group of students, the Year 11s also achieved the school's best ever percentage of top grades. 23.4% of students gained at least 3A\* and A grades, with 15.7% gaining at least 5A\* and A grades.

Commenting on this year's numerous successes, headteacher, Isobel Bryce said, 'Our students and staff worked unbelievably hard over the last twelve months so



they thoroughly deserve these very impressive results. Gaining at least a C grade in the core subjects of English, Maths and Science is life changing and I am thrilled for the significantly large number of young people who have achieved this. However, as Headteacher of an inclusive school, I am very proud of all our students, several of whom faced many difficult and

challenging personal circumstances whilst studying for their GCSEs; those individuals deserve particular praise and commendation.'

Head of Year, Mark Feldwick, feeling justifiably proud of his year group said, 'Amazing, it goes to show that excellence is a choice. These guys made this happen because they wanted it to. I'm so proud of them.'

### SALTASH AMATEUR BOXING CLUB

Saltash ABC is proud to announce a new junior boxing section will commence on Tuesday 1 October 2013 for male and female juniors aged 8 - 11. The boxing session(s) will run from 6 - 6.45 pm every Tuesday evening and if enough young boxers attend the sessions will be expanded to twice weekly.

Saltash ABC has commenced training for the new season 2013/14 and sessions run every Tuesday and Thursday from 7 - 8.30 pm. The age range is from 12 upwards with no upper limit and male and female boxers are welcome to attend.

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## A Packed House for a Fond Farewell!



Arthur seen here passing over the Burraton Community Centre keys to the new caretaker John Thomas watched by the committee of the BCA

The lower hall of the Burraton Community Centre was unusually full for the Annual General Meeting of the Burraton Community Association recently when members of a wide range of the many societies and organisations that regularly use the centre had made a determined effort to attend.

They were not there simply to attend to the business of the meeting though: they had come to celebrate the achievements of Arthur Allen who, much to their regret, had resigned from his position as

caretaker after nearly twenty years of loyal service.

For all that time Arthur has been a tireless worker for the centre: always willing to give support to whichever organisation was using it and welcoming all with his friendly disposition and his host of amusing anecdotes.

The committee of the centre presented Arthur with an engraved tankard in recognition of his devotion above and beyond the call of duty.

Many members spoke fondly and warmly of just how helpful Arthur had always

been and just how much he would be missed.

A final special tribute was paid by the Brunel Ladies Harmony Chorus: not content with simply sending a couple of delegates, a dozen members decided to send Arthur off in style by performing two songs from their repertoire that they knew Arthur was particularly keen on "Don't it make my brown eyes blue?" and "Paper Moon".

Arthur meanwhile has confirmed his desire to stay in touch with the centre and its users... a promise that reassures them all



## A Map of Convenience

Following complaints from visitors regarding a lack of public conveniences in Saltash the Town Council is to place a map in Alexandra Square Car Park and others elsewhere, if required. This will indicate the "Community Toilets" in the Guildhall and local public houses.

This follows an incident when the Mayor, Cllr David Yates, was asked by a visitor in the car park where the "Railway Hotel" was. He was unaware that he was right outside it. Saltash is a pioneer in developing the community toilet scheme, which is now being adopted elsewhere in Cornwall, the Town Council was told.

Meanwhile Cornwall Council is intending to demolish the closed convenience at the top of Belle Vue West car park and re-develop the disabled convenience, making it available for general use.

The Town Council is to take

over the Waterside conveniences from Cornwall Council once Cornwall has brought them up to an acceptable standard. There was concern that these conveniences had been closed and padlocked when crowds were coming to the Waterside during the hot summer days, and the Council was eager to see that they were open during the town's Beer Festival.

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## Conundrum Corner

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

- 1 In which Country, in 1971, was Greenpeace founded? (6)
- 2 Which is the only Chess piece that must always move more than one square at a time? (6)
- 3 The dessert Tiramisu comes from which Country? (5)
- 4 Which is the only species of Ape that walks upright? (6)
- 5 What type of creature is Harry Potter's pet Hedwig who is used to carry messages? (3)
- 6 Van Diemen's Land is an obsolete name for which Island? (8)
- 7 Through which City do the rivers Test and Itchen flow into the sea? (11)
- 8 In the Children's song what was the name of the elephant who packed her trunk and said goodbye to the circus? (5)
- 9 The First Punic War was primarily fought on which Island? (6)

Answers on page 7

During the last few days of August an Egyptian visit was made by many youngsters to Pyramid Rock at Wesley Church.

A very busy time was had learning about Ancient Egypt meeting Dr. Potty a well-known archaeologist and his niece Denise also discovering a Mummy and ancient relics (with a few custard pies along the way).

Crafts included making pharaoh crowns, edible Egyptian snakes and shortbread pyramids.

Games included escaping from prison and a very messy water relay race.

The children looked at the story of Joseph and his coat of many colours, learning that even when life goes wrong we can help to bring change by doing what is right.

On the following Saturday a Family Fun Day took place where there was a toddlers teddy bears picnic, sumo wrestling, tattoos and a host of challenges for all ages. The day ended with a celebration of the Egyptian week.

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## Real Ale and Music Flowed in Waterside Festival

Those with a taste for traditional ales were able to enjoy sampling some of the increasing range of distinctive beers brewed by a growing number of local breweries at the third Saltash Beer Festival. The "Union Inn" and Saltash Rotary Club organised a weekend at the Waterside when hundreds of discerning drinkers flocked to the "Union" to enjoy the broad ranges of beers, with an equally wide variety of live music and traditional pub games.

Around fifteen ales were on offer and such was the demand that fresh supplies had to be rushed in for the second day of the festival. While some came from London and "up country" the majority were west council brews. Among Cornish ales on offer were "Rebel Black Rock" from Penryn, Sharp's "Daymer Haze" from Rock, "Harbour Special" from Tintagel and "Skinner's" Porthleven. Ales from across the Tamar included Bay's of Torquay, Hunter's "Full Bore" and Cottage "Hurricane" from The Griffin Inn micro-brewery.

A non-stop programme of entertainment was provided by a variety of local bands and soloists all of whom gave their talents free of charge to support the local causes that the festival promoted. Profits were to be shared between Saltash Rotary, who would pass them on for various local charities, and the Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled Association.

This was selected by "Union" landlord Brian who daughter Kelly is one of many who have benefitted from the six thousand rides each year that the 180 volunteers offer by way of therapy to around 160 riders each with physical, cognitive, sensory or social disorders.

The music was organised by Union regular Tom Anfield whose own band offered its own distinctive blend of swing and jazz. Becca Langford's class blues singing was accompanied in part by class guitarist Vince Lee who was also joined by Jeff Horsey on

harmonica. Other bands included the Tim Bliss Band's fun folk rock, Below the Incline middle of the road, Roxicle, and Bad Luck'n'Trouble - Ben Car gave his blues and rock while the programme concluded with the ever popular Banana Thieves. The sound system was kindly provided by locally based James and Sam of CB Sounds who were also delighted to give their services to help support the event and the local causes it helped.

The fund raising was greatly boosted by a grand charity raffle organised by Saltash Rotary, prizes including a bottle of House of Commons Whisky donated by Sheryll Murray MP who carried out the draw.



Pictured above: Sheryll said, "The Rotary do such fantastic work both locally and internationally and it is always a real pleasure to help them whenever my Parliamentary schedule allows."

"It was fantastic to see on show the amazing amount of work they carry out right across the world. Whether it is literary boxes helping out schools or emergency shelter boxes for those in emergency need they do a lot of good and in many cases save lives."

"I would like to pay tribute to the Rotary and thank them for the incredibly hard work they do."

### Adam Receives £250 Grant



Adam Riglar will be studying the Performing Arts at Wolverhampton University this September and was delighted to receive £250 from the Sue Hooper Charitable Foundation towards vital

clothing and equipment and necessary dance wear for his studies.

Chairman of the Trust, Sue Hooper who presented the award to Adam said: "The Trust was very pleased to award Adam in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the performing arts over the past 10 years.

"Adam played supporting and leading roles in local youth theatre and has worked extremely hard to secure a very worthy place at Wolverhampton University.

"Adam has played a significant role in youth theatre and in addition has encouraged many other young people to partake in the performing arts - and the Trustees are confident that Adam's name will be in lights at London's West End sometime in the future, and we wish him every success."

Pictured Adam Riglar (left) and Sue Hooper (right).



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I do not take a holiday during this time because I believe that the summer recess provides me with the superb opportunity to spend time in South East Cornwall catching up with my Constituents. During this summer recess I have been very busy visiting businesses and community events all over the Constituency.

I also take the opportunity to catch up with my dear friend Sir Robert Hicks who served this Constituency for 27 years. Sir Robert now lives near the village of Downtage which is in the North Cornwall Constituency.

This year, I met with Sir Robert on a couple of occasions. It was a sad day when we both attended the funeral of our very dear friend Joan Worth. A local lady to Saltash, Joan was involved in so many local organisations and she will be sadly missed. Arriving for my monthly Saltash Surgery early, I was delighted to enjoy a superb breakfast at St Nicholas and St Faith Church Hall on Saturday.

Thank you to everyone who provided us with superb hospitality to raise money for this beautiful historic Parish Church. From time to time I take the opportunity to visit the Coffee Mornings at Saltash Wesley Church where on one occasion I had the opportunity to catch up with my other predecessor, Colin Breed.

I also welcome the new extended hours for Saltash Post Office in Fore Street. It helps everyone to access the Post Office from 6am to 10pm Monday to Saturday and 7am to 10pm on Sundays.

Over the recess I also had the opportunity to board HMS Diamond to witness first hand the Thursday War. This was an invaluable experience for me especially as Devonport Dockyard and the Royal Navy provides important employment opportunities for many of my Constituents.

Just prior to the summer

## SHERYLL MURRAY MP WRITES...



recess we heard a lot from David Laws and the Liberal Democrats about a report into the alternative to the Trident Replacement and a continuous "at sea" deterrent.

It is important to retain nuclear weapons. I was concerned at our going into coalition with partners who stated in their last election manifesto that they would be saying no to like-for-like replacement of the Trident nuclear weapons system. Given the reports in The Independent on 19 July last year, I am still concerned that they might scale down our vital nuclear deterrent in increasingly uncertain times. We need to remember that the UK's nuclear deterrent contributes towards our collective security as part of NATO.

If the UK did not have an at-sea deterrent, NATO's collective security would be weakened, leaving the UK dependent on the US and France. The UK has a permanent seat on the UN Security Council. We were awarded that position because our nation was one of the most powerful in the world following world war two. The UK's membership of that exclusive club could be called into question without the continuation of our nuclear deterrent.

A British at-sea nuclear deterrent has served us well for over 50 years; it can and should serve us well into the future. I hope that refitting work on any future submarines will continue to provide much-needed employment opportunities for my constituents in Saltash, Torpoint and throughout the rest of South East Cornwall.

As the weeks of summer recess come to an end and I

return to Parliament, I know that I have a busy time ahead. I sit on the EFRA Select Committee and know we have many interesting enquiries planned which are very relevant to Saltash and South East Cornwall.

During the last session, I sat on the Finance Bill Committee and was able to ensure that Labour's planned fuel duty increase was abolished. This means we pay 13p less for a litre of petrol at the pumps today than we would have done under a Labour Government. I was also delighted to participate in scrutinising a Finance Bill that abolished the Beer Duty Escalator and additionally reduce the cost of a pint by a further 1p. I know that this coupled with help for small firms with their costs toward Employer's National Insurance of up to £2000 and the apprenticeship scheme will ensure that the small firms in and around Saltash may be able to provide employment opportunities for our young people. Indeed, Conservative achievements so far show 1.25 million jobs have been created in the Private Sector since May 2010, 250,000 small businesses have been created and a record number of apprenticeships have started – half a million in the last year alone.

I hope that this will build on the fantastic work that Saltash Town Council and the Saltash Chamber of Commerce have engaged in to restore Saltash Town Centre to the vibrant Town that I remember as a young teenager.

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## Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor

Once again I feel it is necessary to write about the price cartel generated by the two fuel stations at Carkeel roundabout.

These two filling stations remain the only source of fuel in the Saltash area.

At present they are charging 9 pence more per litre above Sainsbury Marsh mills or Texaco Crabtree or Texaco Crownhill, and 8 pence more than the two stations at Transit Way.

During the weekend of the 3rd and 4th of August the difference was a disgusting + 10 pence per litre above some Plymouth prices. When are the Saltash people going to wake up?

This unfair rip off represents about £6 on the average tank filled. Come on Cornwall Planning Dept. and Tesco supermarket give us a filling station with fair prices.

I urge all Saltash drivers to boycott these stations, buy elsewhere, even Trerule Foot station is several pence cheaper.

Geoff Flukes

Dear Editor

I'd like to thank everyone who visited our exhibition showing initial thoughts for developing the Broadmoor Farm site at Saltash plus and all those who have taken the time to fill in the feedback forms.

Over 400 local people attended the consultation and it's clear from the responses that the overwhelming majority believe this is the best site in the area for mixed use development because it has the potential to deliver the levels of housing, employment premises and community amenities that will attract further investment into the town.

The questions that were most often asked concerned traffic, health and education provision and conservation. We are developing our plans in detail on each point and will share these at the next exhibition due to be held later this year.

Anyone who was unable to visit the event but is interested in finding out more can visit our website at [www.broadmoorfarm.co.uk](http://www.broadmoorfarm.co.uk) where they can download the exhibition boards and will also find a feedback form to register their views.

I look forward to meeting everyone again and discussing our plans further.

Kind regards  
 Matthew Tunley  
 Development Manager  
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## Local Residents Object to Parking Ban

The recent closure of Taylor Road as a 'rat run' to avoid Burraton traffic lights has also included a parking ban, PCSO Tom Cornwell told Saltash Town Councillors. A recent visit by a special constable who issued a number of parking tickets caused concern to local residents from Callington Road, used to parking around the corner. One irate motorist in particular "caused problems", PCSO Cornwell stated.

He advised that crime overall had gone up in August as it regularly does in the holiday season. There had been around a hundred crimes

reported in Saltash and the rural area around, though this was a fall from 116 last year. There had been a spate of shoplifting reported from Waitrose, Boots and the Cop.

On a more positive side around ten local children had been taken for a day on the beach at Portwrinkle as a "Thank you" for their help in cleaning up their neighbourhood in a police-organised litter pick.

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**Achievements Recognised At Duke of  
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A celebration of the achievement of local young people who have worked hard over the past year developing life skills while serving the community, was held in the Guildhall in the presence of the Mayor, Cllr. David Yates

The Mayor was there to present awards to seventeen young people who had achieved their Duke of Edinburgh bronze and silver awards and some of whom were now going for gold.

An open evening last year had drawn in a number of interested teenagers, many of whom had stayed the course, as a result of which the Duke of Edinburgh participants based at the Saltash Open Awards Centre had risen from four to twenty seven. Sarah Green, who welcomed the Mayor, participants and parents to the award ceremony, explained how she and her husband Luke had sought also to recruit leaders to assist and these were now a team of six including Ben Simmons, himself a recent gold award achiever.

To achieve their bronze and silver awards all had to participate in a physical activity, these ranging through dancing and cycling to sailing and football. Skills worked upon varied from drawing, jewellery making and knitting to acting and sports leadership.

The group had given a total of 430 hours of their time to voluntary activities for the community as well as further time fund raising for the group. Sports coaching, youth group leadership and community support were among the voluntary activities enjoyed by these young people.

For most the climax of their training was the expedition and members had been to the coast around Looe, to Bodmin Moor and Dartmoor, walking a total of 1600 Kilometres in nine days, not including training day walks. Both the boys' and the girls' groups had put together highly professional video films which showed the awards audience the mixed and dubious delights of their expedition experiences.

The Mayor, who recalled his own youthful gold medal walk and the sore feet that followed, while congratulating the award holders told them, "Cherish these awards they mean something".

Any young person aged between 14 and 25 and interested in becoming involved in the scheme is invited to contact Leslie Batham on 01752 841174

**Gig Club Celebrate**

Caradon Gig Club are celebrating an excellent 2013 season with a recent win at the Junior Gig Rowing Championships, held on the 4th August. The gig club, based at Saltash Sailing Club has grown their junior section over club in the past 4 years by linking with the local secondary school Saltash.net. The junior coaches run an indoor rowing club over the winter months and then water sessions starting in the spring each year.

The club has been running a development squad for the past 2 years which involves extra training sessions and opportunities to train and race with adult crews. This extra training has started to pay off with the A crew unbeaten in every regatta attended this season, and top three finishes in Men's B races.

The County Championships saw the Caradon A crew; all in year 11 at Saltash.net school win by 35 seconds to take the trophy - after coming 2nd in 2012. The majority of the young rowers have been with the club for 4 years after starting with the indoor rowing club in 2010. To top the day off, the B crew - made up of rowers in year 9-11 finished an excellent 5th place out of 22 crews to become the top placed B crew on the day. These two results show the depth in talent within the club, with most of the B crew young enough to row again next year.

The club is also currently winning the 'tribute' championship for the junior section which takes in to account results across all regattas attended. The club will be taking their younger rowers to the Under 14 championships on the 25th August. Some of the older rowers will also compete with the mens squad at the County Championships in September. If you are aged between 11 and 16 and would like to get in to rowing for the 2014 season please contact Rhiannon Halliday (junior co-ordinator) on rhiannonxox@hotmail.com.

A crew - 1st Place: Ryan Minty, Josh Legg, Chris Terry, Luke Thomas, Hayden Fraser, Adam Peck

B crew - 5th place: Leonie Carrol, Olivia Hutchings, Kieran Stapleton, Olie Peck, Ryan Bailey, Connor Griffiths

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Saltash, like many towns in Cornwall has a food bank run by the local churches in partnership with the Trussell Trust. Based at the Wesley Methodist Church in Callington Road, it provides three days emergency food to those in need. If you don't have a job or are on the minimum wage these past few years have been tough and it is admirable that volunteers are willing to put so much effort into helping their neighbours who are struggling with poverty. It's not new of course, when I worked for Action for Children (then called NCH) I ran a project for care leavers, there we would get the local Methodist churches to donate food for our kids struggling to make that transition from care to independence with little or no family support.

It does raise the question though of why people Saltash need rely on volunteers for basics like food in this day and age.

When I have spoken to people, many are very concerned about their neighbours being in poverty and worried that it might be them in the future. Others worry about people taking advantage of the system I suspect we all have come across people who do cheat the system but, whilst they need to

be stopped, we should also acknowledge that actually most claimants don't cheat and are keen to leave benefits behind.

The government must meet its duty to help those in need. Government's income tax cut, which my party pushed through, which means nobody pays any income tax if they earn less than £10000, is a big help but we can and should do more. One thing I think should be done to make sure that few or none of our neighbours in Saltash need to rely on charity is a Living wage. This is a nationally agreed hourly rate set independently and calculated to cover the basic cost of living in the UK (more information can be found on [www.livingwage.org.uk](http://www.livingwage.org.uk)). We also need to look at housing: private renting in Saltash is costly and so, as we don't have nearly enough cheaper social housing, housing benefit has to help ensure that everyone has somewhere suitable to live.

There is so much to do and I am very keen to get on with it. In the mean time the Saltash Foodbank makes an invaluable contribution to the town and is always on the lookout for volunteers and we should continue to support it.

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## An Exciting Morning for A- Level Students

It has been an exciting morning at saltash.net community school as Year 13 students have arrived in school to collect their A Level results from Head of 6<sup>th</sup> Form, Nick Scantlebury, and Deputy Head of 6<sup>th</sup> Form, Laura Wilkinson. Out of a very large cohort of students, and 50% more entries than in 2012, the school was absolutely delighted that the overall pass rate was 99% meaning that all students who want to continue in education at university will now be able to do so.

At the top end, there were once again some outstanding results with 12 students achieving at least 2 A\* and A grades.

Top performances came from:

Rhoda Frost - Biology (A\*), Chemistry (A\*), French (A), Maths (A),  
 Keeley Seymour - Biology (A\*), History (A\*), Chemistry (A),  
 Jake Allen - Maths (A\*), Further Maths (A\*), Physics (A),  
 Ellie Suter - Psychology (A\*), Biology(A), PE (A),  
 Francesca Bryce - History (A\*), Psychology (A), English Literature (B),  
 Charlotte Yellop - Biology (A), English Literature (A), Chemistry (B),  
 Scott Taylor - Maths (A), Physics (A), Media



Studies(B),  
 Jess Ryan - English Language (A), Media Studies (A), History (B),  
 Harry Landers - Geography (A), Psychology (A), English Language (B) and  
 Jake Cragg - Biology (A), Psychology (A), Chemistry (B).

As always, behind the set of statistics are many stories of personal challenges faced by the young people sitting their A Levels this year. Headteacher, Isobel Bryce, praised all of the students for their hard work, effort and determination to succeed, 'It was a particularly nerve-

racking day today, as I came into school as a parent and as

the headteacher. I know how much rests on these results and how hard the students have to work to achieve well in their A Levels. I would like to congratulate not just the students but the staff as well whose excellent teaching, guidance and support have enabled our young people to fulfil their potential and proceed in their choice of career paths.'

Head of 6<sup>th</sup> form, Nick Scantlebury, added, 'the waiting is over and I am delighted that the students have done so well. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents who have supported their sons and daughters over the last two years. I would also like to wish the 'class of 2013' all the very best for the future.'



## Travellers Travel on Leaving Refuse Behind

Around twenty vans belonging to the travelling community were parked at Long Acre on the Carkeel Industrial Estate Saltash, Town Councillors were told during their report from the Police. There had been a query as to how long it took the police to respond to a complaint regarding their presence.

It was eight minutes before a police unit were informed of the 101 call, PCSO Tom Cornwell replied, and fifty minutes before Police attended the scene. This was not classed as an emergency call but as a routine incident concerning civil trespass on private land.

The travellers moved on soon after a visit by himself accompanied by PCSO Wells, County Councillor Bob Austin advised the council. They left the following day, but leaving behind them a considerable number of bags containing hedge cuttings and other waste which the landowners had to remove at their own expense. 'The travellers were quite friendly and expressed surprise that nobody had come to see them earlier', said Councillor Austin.

## "Waterside Inn" Demolition Agreed

Following Cornwall Council going against the Town Council's recommendation for refusal, the go-ahead has been given for demolition of the former "Waterside Inn".

A former application to replace it with a block of luxury apartments with garage space below was refused, partially on the grounds of the new building's height.

An amended plan with a lower slightly pitched roof, was also recommended for refusal by the Town Council. However Cornwall's planning officer went against this and agreed the plan. Town Councillors by a majority of six to five agreed to accept this. The new building will include a small room for refreshments.

The "Waterside", formerly the "Wheatshaf", is built on a historic site close to a civil war battery and it was a condition of development permission that Saltash Heritage's archaeological group be enabled to carry out a full survey of the site following demolition and prior to redevelopment.

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