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Carkeel Crossing Could Cause Fatality

A proposed pedestrian refuge and extension of kerbs intended to provide a safe crossing for the Callington Road at Carkeel has infuriated a local Town Councillor and Carkeel resident.

Councillor John Brady believes that 'the outlined proposal, if implemented, will have a devastating effect on the lives of the residents of Carkeel now and into the foreseeable future.' The proposed crossing, close to the turn off to Botus Fleming, is by a blind bend with often continual traffic, including Ginsters and other large lorries, passing by with, Councillor Brady believes, no enforceable speed limit in place. Anyone using the

crossing would be at risk of being knocked down as traffic negotiates the newly narrowed section, or sucked under by speeding trucks. A footpath on the east side of the road towards the industrial estate is of paramount importance before any approvals for development in the area are given, claims Councillor Brady who invited fellow Councillors to witness firsthand the sheer scale of the problem faced by Carkeel

residents wishing to cross the road.

Councillor Bob Austin pointed out that the problem would be alleviated by current plans to divert the main A388 traffic between Hatt and Stokeston Cross, avoiding Carkeel. However Councillor Brady considered that this was too uncertain and too far into the future to allow the situation in the village to continue unresolved.

After discussion it was agreed by the Town Council that a site meeting be held together with Cornwall Highways to consider alternative solutions to crossing the A388 in Carkeel.

Successful Season for Reigning Junior Champions Caradon



On 3rd August, Saltash based gig-rowing club Caradon took two junior crews to the junior gig rowing championships held in Newquay. The club, who won the event in 2013 were out to defend their title and came home with the trophy for the second year running, along with the prize for the highest placed all female crew with their B team.

The A crew were a brand new team this year, with the

2013 champions having moved up to adult racing this season. This made the win even more impressive, with the crew rowing the fastest time in all four rounds to take the title. The junior squad train every Friday from the slipway at Saltash Sailing Club and compete in regattas across the South West most weekends. The B crew was made up of all girls aged 15 and 16 - four of whom were new to gig rowing this season! The majority of the gig rowers

also row flashboats with local clubs Saltash & Calstock, which no doubt contributed to their successful season. The club work closely with saltash.net academy school and run a satellite club at the school from October until March, then move on to the water in the spring. The club would like to thank all who have supported the squad this season.

The club is looking for new rowers aged 11-15 for the 2015 season and will start training

again in October. Contact Rhiannon Bailey: rhiannonxox@hotmail.com if interested. Junior coaches: Shaun Austin & Rhiannon Bailey.

A crew: Leonie Carroll, Connor Griffiths, Lee Welsh, Ryan Bailey, Kieran Stapleton, Martha Roberts. Cox: Rhiannon Bailey

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Industrial Estate Planned to Cover Area of Natural Beauty

A substantial industrial estate with business centre has been planned for a green field site on the edge of Saltash, mainly within the Tamar Valley area of outstanding natural beauty.

Plans for the industrial development, which covers almost ten hectares of land adjacent to the existing Tamar Valley industrial estate have been shown to Saltash Town Council at a public presentation by M A Griffin Associates. The site at Holes Farm would be accessed via Avery Way which passes by Waitrose supermarket.

This includes a variety of small, medium and large industrial units. There is also a business centre showing 'stunning high level views across the Tamar for business users.' Below the industrial units a cleaning service sewage works is shown.

The project would create numerous new jobs within the Saltash area, the developers claim, having varied

commercial use attracting new business. It would have minimal impact to neighbours and with the infrastructure already in place could be deliverable within two years.

Planning authorities would have to set this against the fact that it intrudes within designated area of outstanding natural beauty would overlook the Tamar estuary and partly lies within an Area of Great Scientific Value, abutting the Plymouth Sound and Estuaries Special Area of Conservation. The fields are currently bounded by Cornish hedge bank with some mature trees attracting a variety of wild life.

A full planning application is awaited and will be considered by Saltash and Cornwall Councils in due course.

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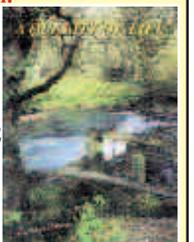
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Saltmill Park

Facilities at Saltmill Park were officially put in the hands of the environmental charity "Groundwork South" in August, when a 30 year lease to run parts of the park was formally agreed with Cornwall Council.

The skateboard park, football pitches, pavilion and car park will now all be looked after by Groundwork, along with a new training centre which is open to the public

I was honoured to attend the launch day alongside Clr Edwina Hannaford, Cornwall Council's Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning, and my colleagues Clrs Derek Holly and Hilary Frank. We all toured the park with Jon Mitchell, Cornwall Council Head of Environment, Nicola Hazell, Operations Manager for Groundwork South and their Site Manager Peter Densham, to see what improvements Groundwork have made since 2008, to hear about the activities and events held and also to have a sneak preview of the new training centre.

During the past seven years the park has had major upgrades to the popular skateboard ramps, winning more than £35,000 of funding, as well as upgrade of the all-weather football pitch. This is a fantastic venue that we, as Saltash residents, should be proud of and I must encourage organisers of local organisations to use this facility as much as they are able.

A community fun day was organised on the 20th August



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For: August 2013 Observer readers

From: Councillor Bob Austin

West Ward, Saltash



when over 30 skateboarders and mountain bikers took part in a demonstration of their skills, finishing off with a "Jam" session. During the holidays summer soccer schools were organised which will end up with tournaments taking place during September.

The park is in an area of outstanding natural beauty and currently Groundwork is looking to raise a further £5,000 to create a new nature zone to enhance the area. For every £1 donated by the public, Groundwork will add a further £2 to the appeal. Donations can be made by logging onto www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/xmarks/Appeal/nature-zone-saltmill-parksouth

Social Activities with the police

Our local PCSO team organised a grand clear-up of rubbish on Wentworth Drive over the holiday period. This was supported financially by Saltash Cornwall Councillors through their community grant and Sanctuary Housing. It started at 9.30am and the residents helped move all the rubbish to the skip and the children joined in a litter pick. At the end of the day crisps, drinks and goodie bags were supplied, so everyone was happy.

PCSO Mary Wells (leader of the project) felt it was time well spent in not only clearing the rubbish but getting to know the residents.

Well done Mary and team - a job done well!

Pot Holes

We all have been having serious problems with pot holes over the past year, mainly due to the heavy rainfall we suffered over the winter period. Cornwall Council has received some funding from Central Government to repair the roads. Most of the work is now complete, but if you are still concerned about the potholes near you, please get on the Cornwall Council website and report it - the link is on the front page www.cornwall.gov.uk

New Charges at Household Waste sites

To remind everyone – new charges are being introduced from 1st September 2014.

Asbestos - £10.10 per sheet
Plasterboard - £4.40 per sheet
Soil/rubble - £1.75 per sack
Tyres £3.20 per tyre

The sites will accept cash or debit card (no Cheques).

Police Target Bridge Jumpers and Drug Users

'Tombstoning' climbing the scaffolding on the Royal Albert Bridge and leaping into the river, has been noted by Saltash Police this Summer. It is a highly dangerous activity as well as involving illegal trespass. Several perpetrators had been taken home, their parents informed, and they had not been seen on the bridge again, Sergeant Chris Chilcott told the Town Council.

Warnings have also been given to seven young people over cannabis use. Five were given on the same evening when a local Police Community Support Officer checked a group of seven males under the Tamar Bridge. The five found to possess cannabis received anti-social warning letters.

A serious stabbing incident was recorded at Lynher Court when an occupant received several wounds. Two persons have been arrested and are on Police bail.

Always secure your home even if you are just in the back garden. This was a warning from Sergeant Chilcott after a local resident working in the garden found that within half an hour in the middle of the day intruders had opened the front door and stolen jewellery. Enquiries are ongoing. Another burglary occurred overnight when a

garage was entered and garden tools and audio equipment were stolen.

Crime figures in the Saltash area continue to fall however, with fifty offences reported in a month during July August as against 78 during the equivalent period last year. Among others reported were eight assaults, ten criminal damage and one issue of a false medical prescription.

New Parking Meters Encourage Local Shopping

New parking meters to be installed in all Saltash car parks by November should give added flexibility for traders to become involved in supporting the cost of parking in the town.

The meters will issue tickets including a tear off strip. This strip will advertise the fact that parking fees can be refunded by local traders if a purchase is made in that store. Participating traders can then recoup this refund from 'Section 106' monies, sums paid to local Councils by major developers in order to support local shopping centres – just how the refund will work is being considered.

Traders attending the Saltash Town Centre Improvement Group where this scheme was propounded generally appeared to favour it. It was felt that it would help build up business in local shops while discouraging South East Cornwall residents from using free or cheap parking in the town in order to simply leave their cars in Saltash town centre and bus into Plymouth to shop there.

Hopper to Hospital?

The community owned Saltash Hopper bus might be able to provide a service to Derriford Hospital now that the regular Citybus service has been withdrawn during most of the day. However this would need considerable negotiation with all concerned, Chair of the Community Interest Company Peter Thistlethwaite told the Town Council.

'It would be logistically difficult as different people have hospital appointments at all times of day', he pointed out, but agreed that the possibility of providing a much needed hospital bus service could be considered.

Volunteer Opportunity of the month – Standard Bearer for Ladies Section of the Royal British Legion

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The Essa Files

I had the good fortune this past month to enjoy a lovely if rather hectic holiday which took in nine countries, six of which I hadn't had chance to visit before. This trip reinforced to me both how good it is to travel and broaden one's horizons, but also how lucky we are in many ways to live here.

My horizon-broadening on this trip including a lovely pint of Garlic Beer in Tallinn, some very impressive Cossack dancing in St Petersburg and a rather interesting briefing on which Russia Mafia owned pubs to avoid in Riga. I suppose the latter was also part of reminding me how fortunate I am to live in Saltash where, as far as I know, none of our splendid range of local hostels are in such dubious ownership. An hour and a half twiddling my thumbs at the

Russian border, mostly spent waiting for a guard to show up and let us in, as well as the significantly lower general standard of living in these countries, reinforced this feeling of good fortune in living where I do. The Tamar Bridge may sometimes be a bit busy but at least you don't need a Visa to cross it.

One other point about this trip that was both particularly enjoyable and a little sobering was the chance to talk to locals in a number of Eastern European cities about their recent history and current situation. The Baltic States only gained independence after the Great War, and then lost it a bare twenty years later to the USSR then the Nazis and then the USSR again, and they are not

entirely free of concern about Russian intentions even now. Whilst some may disagree that we in Saltash don't have a large and potentially oppressive country on our doorstep (hello England!) we certainly can't argue that Cornish culture has suffered anything like the same level of twentieth century suppression, and the worst knock at our door most of us have ever had to experience was not from the KGB but from a double glazing salesman.

So I certainly wouldn't want to live my whole life within the boundaries of our town - however lovely a place it is it's great to experience other countries, cultures and cuisines – but of all the places to come home to afterwards Saltash is pretty hard to beat.

By Adam Killeys

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Calling all ladies for a night out!



Local children's charity, Children's Hospice South West (CHSW) are calling for the ladies of Saltash and the surrounding area to come together for their Moonlight Memory Walk and this year there is even more reason to bring along friends and extended family.

The charity is delighted to announce that the age restriction on the walk has been lowered so that young ladies from the age of 14 can join this night time fundraising walk around Saltash and make it into a real outing for all the girls in the family.

This will be the second year that the ladies only sponsored walk has happened in Saltash after a very successful first event last year which saw 350 ladies take part and £30,000 pledged to the charity which supports life limited children and their families.

Sarah Stott, Events

Fundraiser for CHSW at Little Harbour says "We are delighted that we will be able to welcome young ladies from the age of 14 to the event this year, I really hope this encourages lots of mums and daughters and granddaughters to take part as it is a very special event and one that can mean a lot when you can share it with someone."

The Moonlight Memory Walk is happening on Saturday 11th October and ladies will start walking the 4 mile circular route as the clock strikes 10pm. Before the walk there is a beautiful candle lit Memory Ceremony where there are a few moments to remember loved ones, there will also be some words from the Little Harbour team and after a warm up the walk will begin.

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Mayor Learns how Saltash Families go Hungry

The continuing need by families in and around Saltash struggling to feed their children was emphasised at a Saltash Foodbank coffee morning in Wesley Church. The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Jean Dent and her consort Bill Dent were among those told of the hardship suffered locally and partially alleviated since 2012 when Saltash Churches Together set up Saltash Foodbank.

Foodbank serves to provide emergency food to those in the PL12 area in financial crisis. The three main reasons for crises are benefit changes and benefit delays which can take weeks to resolve with no income in the interim, as well as low income with rising food costs and stagnant wages.

Non perishable food is donated by many in the community either via collections in local supermarkets or the boxes placed in local schools, churches, community groups and businesses.

Applicants have to prove their need and can usually only obtain food supplies for a limited period. Once need is proven vouchers are issued allowing them to attend the drop in centre at Saltash Wesley Church. This entitles them to a food parcel with three days supply for the household.

The Saltash group has undergone training through the Trussell Trust and are skilled in greeting distressed clients and offering a listening ear while helping make them feel at ease. More volunteers are always welcome see website: www.saltash.foodbank-org.uk for further information.

Police Station Open for Emergencies

Though the public counter has been closed the public can still seek help from Saltash Police Station in an emergency, Sergeant Chris Chilcott of Saltash Police has confirmed.

The station remains busy and fully in use by Police personnel. The public can bang on the front door and it will be answered, or they can use the direct line telephone by the door.

The Police neighbourhood team is usually in the station until 10 p.m. and other officers often later so it can be visited by day and well into the evening.

Otherwise non-emergency situations should be dealt with by calling 101. The answering of this number has improved, Sergeant Chilcott believes, but if there is a serious delay in replying a complaint should be made through the police website - these complaints are being monitored.

From The Mayor's Parlour...

August is supposed to be a quiet month for Saltash Town Council as there are no committee meetings. However this doesn't mean that most of us aren't working just as hard as usual!

County Councillors still have their casework and Cornwall Council meetings to be dealt with, and Mayors and Deputy Mayors continue to be out and about enjoying themselves around Saltash. Not to mention the staff in the Guildhall who are always busy dealing with your queries and supporting the councillors.

The service commemorating the Start of World War 1 was a very moving occasion for Bill and I. It was good to see such a turn out from the Town of Saltash...Thank you. Thanks have to go to The RBL and the RNA, along with Churches Together in Saltash for organising it. Special thanks must go to Prebendary Brian Anderson for all his hard work putting the service together.

Sadly we have recently lost a lady who was well known in Saltash. Mrs Hazel Greeves was a tour de force in the town. On many committees, not least the Maurice Huggins Rest Room Committee, a frequent participant in The Drama Festival and to our family, a top Poppy Appeal collector in Trehan. She will be much missed.

Ps have you had a look at the outside of The Town Museum lately? How many locals can you recognise?
Cllr. Jean Dent
Town Mayor

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Writers of Fact and Fiction Spoke at 'The Bookshelf at Mount Edgumbe'

A feast of fiction and factual writers welcomed the Saltash booklovers who travelled to the 'The Bookshelf At Mount Edgumbe', organised by Jill Male of Saltash Bookshelf for independent booksellers' week. Between talks readers had the opportunity to stroll in the magnificent private gardens overlooking the Tamar. coach and cars departed the stately grounds of Mount Edgumbe for the return to Saltash.

Local historian Chris Robinson was told by teach Audrey Hosier at Hyde Park Primary School, 'if you don't know what's on your doorstep you won't make sense of the rest of the world'.

He displayed the Devon history book that he wrote, aged 10, and told his audience how as a student he earned beer money drawing pubs and posters. From this he progressed to his popular illustrated articles in the 'Herald', including histories of almost a thousand local pubs past and present, and gradually built us a large library of books and DVD's bearing his name, all based on local history.

A historical setting is also the basis of books by the second speaker Tania Crosse. She specialises in historical tales set around Dartmoor and the Tamar

Valley, largely in the Victorian era. Her latest two books however are both based on a century ago. 'Wheels of Grace' examines the gradual changes by which World War I came to make itself felt in a tight knit Dartmoor community and goes on to explore the war's effects, mental and physical, on those convalescing in rural Devonshire tranquillity.

A family gathering as war clouds gather in July 1914 opens her other novel, 'Teardrops in the Moon'. Having re-introduced readers to four families featuring in previous tales the writer takes her heroine from Dartmoor to ambulance driving on the western front.

Death, murder and mayhem are the subjects of next speaker Debbie Fowler's eight crime novels featuring Felicity Paradise

and Inspector Keith Penrose.

However being set in St. Ives they are very gentle murders, too much violence would be bad for the tourist trade, she explained. In writing a series she admits to coming to know her lead characters as well as her own family.

'When I sit down to write a new book all the characters seem to be sitting there waiting for me', she discovered. And she reassured her fans, 'Keith Penrose and I are the same age and both feel we have a few adventures in us yet'.

Many authors have written of career changes that took them to some exotic overseas locations.

Tessa Hainsworth gave up a jet-setting career with Anita Roddick in the Body Shop to become a 'postie' in Cornwall's Roseland. The tales she told her husband of her daily routine led him to suggest 'you should write a book'. The result was 'Up with the Larks' which proved such a success that she has followed up with two further tales of her village life.

All four writers mingled with their audience, answering questions and signing books before the coach and cars departed the stately grounds of Mount Edgumbe for the return to Saltash.

Committee Members Needed if Chamber of Commerce to Continue

The town's Chamber of Commerce and Industry which has been promoting and fighting for local businesses for over sixty years faces an uncertain future with two key committee positions falling vacant. At present no member has been put forward to fill the two vital posts of secretary and treasurer. Mr Peter Dickerson who has held these two posts for eight years is not standing for re-election at the Chamber's annual general meeting in October.

Chairman Mr. William Cotton who has been in position since 2003 would be willing to stand down if any other members feel that they would wish to assume the chair, though he is prepared to continue. The Chamber has been a vibrant force standing up for local businesses through difficult times and with many achievements over the past six decades', believes Mr. Cotton. 'It could continue to do so as the town faces new challenges. However to be an effective voice for local businesses it needs the active support of the business community. We know that they are all busy people with homes and families as well as businesses to run but unless they put their views and suggestions forward either through the monthly meetings or alternatively through the Chamber website our effectiveness is limited. If the Chamber is to continue into a seventh decade as a part of Saltash we need an active membership and in particular of course a full committee.'

Anyone interested in lending support to the Chamber and helping to re-invigorate it and, in particular, to join the officers and committee is invited to make contact through the website on: WWW.saltashbusinesses.co.uk

New Homes on Derelict Site

A disused organ factory and former chapel can be demolished and replaced by four new homes, Saltash Town Council has recommended.

The area known as 'The Sheds' has stood derelict for some years and local residents want it tidied up, the Council heard.

One resident of Tavy Road wrote to the Council concerned that redevelopment of the Elwell Road site could result in loss of privacy and overshadowing of gardens in Tavy Road. 'There should be no overlooking as just the stairwell windows will face Tavy Road and loss of light from the South East should not be significant', said Councillor Derek Holley. The Town Council recommended approval for a fourth home on the chapel site in addition to three on the industrial site.

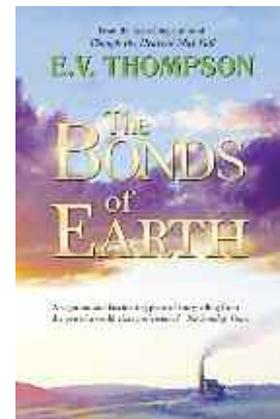
Memory Cafe Celebrates Birthday

Once little mentioned, dementia is increasingly becoming discussed in the media as our population lives longer and the problem presents itself to older citizens and to those who care for them.

Saltash is fortunate to have a facility where those who suffer the condition and those who care for them can come together for mutual support and social activities. The Saltash Memory Cafe has recently celebrated its fourth birthday and the Mayor Councillor Mrs Jean Dent was among those celebrating its anniversary.

The group meets at Burraton Methodist Church on the second and fourth Wednesday afternoon each month between two and four. As well as discussions on living well with dementia, families and carers have the opportunity to ask questions of professionals and learn from the experience of others. Those interested are welcome to attend any afternoon that the cafe is open.

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BACK and BUSY!

Burraton Community Players return from a summer break to an extremely busy schedule.

September 4th the group will start work on their 24th Pantomime, The Only Way is Panto! Which will be presented in February but they will also have to fit in work on their postponed Murder Mystery, The Poison Pen Murders.

This production will now take place on October 11th at the Burraton Community Centre and will be group's 5th "Murder Mystery" event.

The ever-popular interactive dramatic event this year features a script with the familiar mix of clues, red herrings and dastardly deeds.

As in previous years, a £5.00 ticket includes a free pasty to refresh the audience while they exercise their little grey cells in unravelling the complex mystery and discovering the murderer – or should that be murderers? An important event will take place in the interval when the players make their annual charity donation drawing on the proceeds of their most recent pantomime, Mother Goose.

The society has chosen to present cheques to two local organisations this year: Saltash Live at Home Scheme and CHICKS.

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Letter to the Editor

"I find it extraordinarily naive of Saltash Town Councillors to link the provision of new jobs to their approval of building on Farm Land at Broadmoor Farm (something the Government now decry). They must surely realize that no one, but no one can guarantee such things, let alone a developer with a poor track record (look at their treatment of "The Beach" at Carlyon Bay). This is a money making scheme for the principal players, the peripheral benefits for Saltash will be dwarfed by the loss of a beautiful stretch of countryside which will be irretrievable. The gridlocked traffic at the Carkeel gyratory system over a recent weekend was just such an example when the traffic on the A38 was nose to tail from Trerulefoot Roundabout to Carkeel and down the hill to the Tunnel! The road from Burraton Traffic Lights through to the Roundabout is similarly jammed, with attendant difficulties with the access road to Waitrose and the recycling unit. This problem will be exacerbated by the building of up to 1000 new houses and say 1500 more cars with suitable access - this will not be massaged away by building a couple of new roundabouts and directing cars from the Callington direction via Stokeon Cross. This development is WRONG on so many levels its difficult to know where to start - perhaps a good place would be the provision of a sensible number of Council Houses, affordable homes, shared equity for local people that really need them, not the so called executive homes which inevitably will be built. The proportion of affordable homes we know will be minimal, this is merely taking a perceived need and subverting it."

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saltash.net Celebrate GCSE Results 2014

Although still awaiting the outcome of some of the GCSE results, saltash.net community school had a great deal to celebrate on the morning of Thursday 21st August 2014. There were many wonderful successes across the full ability range, from the most gifted and talented young people, targeted A* and A grades, to students attending the school's Area Resource Base for whom learning and sitting examinations is a considerable challenge.



At the top end, saltash.net's Year 11 students excelled themselves. They smashed their target of 12% achieving at least 3A* or A grades, with a superb 19% gaining this particular outcome. The top performing student was Ellie Spencer whose 9A* and 2A grades at GCSE plus a B grade in AS Level Maths were made all the more



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Maths, and Molly Stubbs 6A* and 4A grades.

For Trematon Area Resource Base student, Joe Russon, there was also a significant success as he notched up an E grade for his English Language GCSE. The English GCSE results, overall, were particularly strong, with 84% of the cohort of 224 students achieving A*-C grades.

Commenting on this year's results day, headteacher, Mrs Bryce, said, 'It was a year of many challenges, both for the school and for a large number of our young people sitting exams this summer. As a school, we were faced with a change of

all of our students and wish them every success with future plans.'

The senior leadership team's Year 11 link, Brendan Lee, added, 'having worked with numerous year groups, I have been particularly impressed with the commitment and perseverance demonstrated by the students in this cohort. Over the past two years, their self-belief and desire to achieve have been outstanding. I have watched them blossom into a wonderful group of young people and I am delighted that they are now in such a strong position to embark upon the next stage of their lives.'



Tom Eason & Teacher of Science Mrs West

government policy part way through the GCSE courses, regarding the publication of first entry results. We made the decision to proceed with our original plans, allowing all of our students to sit their English and Maths GCSEs in November. We believe this was definitely the right decision as we placed the students' interests above a concern with where our school would be placed in a performance table. It was really encouraging to see the positive impact this approach had on the students in our Year 11 cohort: success in November was a key motivator for some, whilst others had the chance to learn from their first entry and improve their grade in the summer, grades which will be life changing for some. We are very proud of



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Saltmill Park Lease Handed to Local Charity

Facilities at Saltmill Park were officially put in the hands of the environmental charity Groundwork South today, when a 30 year lease to run parts of the park was formally agreed with Cornwall Council.

The skateboard park, football pitches, pavilion and car park will now all be looked after by the organisation, along with a new training centre which is now open to the public.

Edwina Hannaford, Cornwall Council's Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning, and local Member Bob Austin toured the park today to see the improvements that have taken place by Groundwork since 2008, hear about the activities and events



held and have a sneak preview of the new training centre.

During the past seven years the park has had major upgrades to the popular skateboard ramps, winning more than £35,000 of funding, as well as upgrading the all-weather football pitch.

Nicola Hazell, Operations Manager for Groundwork

South said, "Naturally we're over the moon to be granted the lease from the council. The park is such an important place for the community and loved by everyone.

We want to maintain and enhance it even further. We recently held a very successful events day, which was well attended.

More exciting plans are in the pipeline which we hope will make the park even more popular."

Edwina Hannaford added; "The transfer of the day to day management of much of the site to Groundwork has been a positive step. Saltmill Park is an important recreational facility for Saltash residents. It's distinct not only for its location in the AONB on the banks of the Tamar, but because the community helped shape the sculptures and artworks around the park."

Conundrum Corner

Taking the initial letter to the one-word answers to the following nine questions can you re-arrange them to make the name of a Town or Village in our locality?

- 1 What was the occupation of Bernard Hedges in the 1960s sitcom Please, Sir? (7)
 - 2 With which flavour is Cointreau associated? (6)
 - 3 William the Conqueror, his son Henry 1 and his grandson Stephen all had wives with the same Christian name - what was it? (7)
 - 4 Which English city has streets known as The Shambles? (4)
 - 5 Of which country are the Kikuyu the main Bantu tribe? (5)
 - 6 What was the name of the boy Cowboy and Western singer Johnny Cash sang about? (3)
 - 7 What is the Christian name of Gulliver of Gulliver's Travels fame? (6)
 - 8 Which insect stage comes between Lava and Imago? (4)
 - 9 Around which Mediterranean Island do Famagusta Bay and Larnica Bay lie? (5)
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Sheryll gets wet!

Ice Bucket Challenge Taken in Memory of God-Daughter

Local MP Sheryll Murray was challenged to do the Ice Bucket Challenge by Clair Greenham. Sheryll did it to raise money for MacMillan Nurses in memory of Sarah Radley, Sheryll's god-daughter, who died of brain tumour last week.

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I was really pleased to join Award winning fundraiser Jonny Burnard as he set off on his latest sponsored walk from Saltash to Land's End raising money for the Little Harbour hospice at the Celtic Cross recently. Jonny, 15, is completing his walk with his dad Andy and his Grandad Terry. The Three Burnard's had already raised £4,000 when I started them off on their 110 mile journey.

The walk titled 'Walk with Pride' was launched in 2013 when Jonny decided to do this, his third walk, on home turf. He was keen to raise money for the Little Harbour Hospice which provides hospice care for life-limited children.

They have fundraised for The Walk With Pride through many avenues including through Callington Methodist Table Tennis Club, Tesco's, St Mellion International Resort, Co-op, the Bull's Head and of course the Lions where Andy is currently President of the Callington branch.

Jonny has been recognised nationally for his fundraising efforts when he received a certificate from the Prime Minister and a Diana award Silver Pin from x-factor star Hannah Barrett.

I really must congratulate Jonny and his family on the fantastic efforts they have undertaken. I know that Little Harbour will make fantastic use of this money in the care of those who need it. It was also a real pleasure to work with Lions clubs throughout the Constituency and Cornwall as I am currently President of the Palace of Westminster

SHERYLL MURRAY MP WRITES...



Lions Club. I was also pleased to pop in to SS Nicholas and Faith Church after my last surgery in Saltash and see the WWI Centenary exhibits on display. Many exhibitions throughout South East Cornwall give us a real perspective of the sacrifices local communities made in defence of our nation at that time.

It was also good to visit the Church Hall where once again the popular August Big Breakfasts were being served.

I was also pleased to have the chance to meet with representatives at Livewire over the recess. I am delighted that the fundraising efforts by the Trustees are paying dividends and hope that many other people will support this fantastic facility that is not only used by young people from Saltash but from the wider surrounding area. I will

certainly do everything I can do to provide them with support for any grant funding they may wish to apply for.

I also had the opportunity to catch up with my predecessor Sir Robert Hicks. Having served this constituency so well for 27 years, I have always appreciated how Sir Robert represented this constituency so well throughout his time in office and I am fortunate to have the support of such a longstanding and well respected past MP.

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It was a morning of celebrations at saltash.net community school as 6th Form students arrived on Thursday 14 August to collect their A2 and AS results.

The overall picture for both year groups was extremely positive. In keeping with previous years, the overall pass rate remained very high at almost 99%, and the average points score per entry was encouragingly significantly higher than the 2013 figure, continuing the school's upward trend in examination results.

Performing particularly well at A2 Level were the following students:

- Lily Hemmett who achieved Mathematics A*, Further Mathematics A, Business

Studies A and will now be studying Maths at the University of Bath.

- Ollie Gilford who achieved Chemistry A*, Mathematics A, Biology A and will now be studying Chemistry at St Andrews University.

- Lily Blake who achieved English Literature A, Geography A and Government and Politics A and will now be studying Philosophy and Politics at University of Bristol.

- Grace Sutton who achieved English Language A*, Biology A and Chemistry B, and will now be studying medicine at University College London.

- Ella Fadida who achieved History A, English Language A and English Literature B and will be studying English Literature and History at Cardiff University.

- Rebecca Harrington who achieved Sociology A, English Language A and History B and will be studying English Language and Linguistics at The University of the West of England.

- Sam Church who achieved Mathematics A, Applied Science Distinction, and Physical Education B. Sam is hoping to now apply to

become an Officer in the RAF.

Also achieving highly were Ellie Kearns, Adam Brocklehurst, Alex Wright and Becky Hill who all secured three A levels at ABB.

At AS Level there were also many outstanding individual results including Janie Olver who secured a remarkable 5 A grades in Maths, Biology, Chemistry, French and German, Kathryn Price who achieved 4 A grades in Psychology, Biology, Chemistry and Art and Design and Jayme Lingowski who achieved 4 A grades in Maths, Psychology, Biology and Chemistry.

Commenting on this year's many successes, Deputy Headteacher and Head of 6th Form, Nick Scantlebury, said, "I am thrilled with the individual successes achieved by so many students this year across all grades and subjects, especially for those who have faced serious personal difficulties during the two year course. These results are deserved reward for the hard work of both the students and the staff supporting them. I wish all the students the very best as they embark upon varying degree courses, apprenticeships and employment opportunities."

Headteacher, Isobel Bryce, added, "I am delighted with this summer's Advanced Level results. Our young people work so hard and they deserve their many successes. It has been particularly rewarding this year to know that 100% of students applying for Higher Education courses secured their first choice university as a result of their A Level success and the support and guidance they received from our 6th Form team. I wish all students moving on this summer all the very best with future plans."



Police Youth Football Project Given Support

Football sessions each Saturday evening intended to engage young people in a free activity and avoid groups of young people hanging around the town streets, will continue to be organised by Saltash Police.

This follows a request to the Town Council for a further £1,000 to support the project. It has been highly successful in engaging youth interest and encouraging anti-social behaviour and bored gangs intimidating older residents on the streets. The Town Council confirmed the further grant allowing sessions to continue. A full all weather pitch at Salt Mill has been made available for two hours from 7 p.m. each Saturday and there is scope for expanding the project and possibly employing more trainers and increasing local employment opportunities.

Broadwalk Field is Public Space

A field adjacent to Broad Walk and Beatrice Avenue was provided for local residents as an amenity and continues to serve this purpose, it has been confirmed.

When the new housing was built it was considered that a playing field was needed, there being no other in the area. However subsequently doubts had been raised as to whether it was intended as a playing field for the adjacent saltash.net school.

For this reason Councillor Derek Holley made the position clear to the Town Council and local residents, the school does not make any claim upon it and local children and adults may continue to enjoy it.

Film Shows, Ship and Market among Planned Attractions

A monthly children's film show, a Saturday market and a pirate ship in Fore Street are among attractions aimed to increase footfall in the town's shopping centre.

A monthly cinema in the Guildhall was one idea put forward by the Saltash Town Centre Improvement Group (STIG) with performances on Saturday afternoons. Families would be encouraged to make a day of a visit to Fore Street, perhaps, having family lunch in town and visiting our local shops before or after the show.

A monthly market is also planned for a trial period of four months, again on Saturdays. After discussion over venue Wesley Road was the preferred option, with stalls stocking different produce from that sold in local shops.

A pirate ship for children to enjoy was also proposed for Fore Street for one weekend in the summer school holidays to return if it were to be a success.

The possibility of local shops participating in a 'Click and Collect' scheme, to help counter the threat to local businesses posed by on line shopping is to be investigated by a STIG working group.

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A New Beginning

As I write this it is raining and turning decidedly cold, autumn, it would seem, is coming. For nature it represents the beginning of the end of a cycle, and for us too it heralds the beginning of a new academic year or maybe the start of a working life.

Already on Facebook I have seen a proud mum showing off her daughters first uniform and I know many children will be starting new school or college. But for some, autumn has brought uncertainty, unsure what they will do next after their results.

As a dyslexic person in a time when we were not supported at all, or even recognised, my results were never really as good as I hoped and I had to struggle to move on from fairly poor grades.

I know that it can be difficult to see a future when grades haven't been achieved, but of course all around there are people who have succeeded despite failing, sometimes after many attempts.

For me, in the end despite the setbacks I made it to university and qualified as a social worker, and now hold a senior role in my profession. Thankfully there are many people who are ready to help our young people, but I can't help



feeling that the push to get 50% of our children to go to university is a little, short sighted.

This autumn all of the political parties will be setting out their stalls for the coming election, it will make the conference season and the last term in Parliament an interesting time. But what I hope we don't forget as we argue political points, is that we are talking about real lives and real situations.

I think it is brilliant that so many of our talented young people have done so well in their exams, Saltash is, I'm sure, particularly proud of it's young people many of whom will go on to university, college or apprenticeships. But I also know that for some, the road to success is a little more rocky and they may need an extra helping hand, if they are to make it where they want to go.

I am told that we may yet have more days of sunshine, and I guess that is also true about life. There is always another chance to succeed another chance to shine. After all how can you appreciate good weather if it never rains.

Phil Hutty



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The restoration of a classic coach to recall a golden age of holiday travel has been rewarded for the third year in succession at the Plymouth Bus Show on the Hoe. Once again Cottons of Saltash won the cup for 'Best Restored Vehicle' in appreciation of work carried out in their workshop, under supervision of Andrew Cotton, on a vintage vehicle of the 1950's

The classic AEC Reliance vehicle with Willowbrook coach body was in a sad state when acquired by the Saltash family firm. It was a labour of love for Andrew and his team to restore it, with its original 'Grey Cars' livery, to its original state as when it took crowds of happy holidaymakers on trips around the Devon and Cornish coast and over Dartmoor.

Always attracting attention from admirers at shows and when it takes to the road the classic coach has featured in bus lovers' magazines. It remains available for hire for Weddings and other special occasions.

Ploughboy Promotes Cancer Nurse Charity



Pub regulars at the 'Ploughboy' are renowned for their charity fund raising and recently their efforts have been put towards Macmillan Nurses. These provide a vital lifeline for cancer sufferers and equally vital support for their families.

Ploughboy regulars Gary Homer and Bradley Burt recently ran in both the Saltash and Plymouth half marathons and dedicated all their sponsorship money to the pub's Macmillan fundraising.

The Ploughboy euchre team had joined with others in the Saltash euchre league in choosing Macmillan Nurses as their charity of the season.

Mike and Joan Carroll, Landlord and Landlady of the popular Saltash pub were delighted to hand over £1000.00 to Sian Ward-Edwards, local fundraising Manager for the Macmillan nurses.

THE PLOUGHBOY

Liskeard Rd Saltash

Mike & Joan welcome you to join them, for great food and congenial company

Don't forget to book early for our very popular

'Sunday Carvery'

Sunday Carvery £7.50

Children 12yrs & under **£5.25**

Enjoy a Sunday Lunch with family and friends

The Ploughboy is available as a Venue for Quiz Nights & Charity Events

(See Mike & Joan for further details)

Friday 26th September:

Macmillan Coffee Morning

From 10.30am Everyone Welcome

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Jazz Night last Sunday in every month

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Enjoy 2 Home-made specials for £13.00

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Lunch Menu available from: 12noon-2.30pm Mon-Fri

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Clubs, Organisations & Coaches Welcome

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Let us Spray? Query Councillors

Cornwall Council will no longer spray residential roads and if weeds are to be kept under control Saltash Town Council will have to take this on, with local council tax payers footing the bill.

A heated debate in the Council chamber ensued when the issue of taking on another devolved power, in addition to local public toilets, was raised.

'If Cornwall say that they cannot afford to pay for it I do not consider that we should take it on,' said Councillor Martin Gee, concerned at a further increase in the money asked of local tax payers. However, Councillor Mrs Sue Hooper stated, 'We are proud of this town which has won awards for Cornwall in Bloom, if necessary we should pay to keep it looking good.'

It was agreed in any event that it is too late to carry out any week-spraying this year, the weeds will continue to grow and seed this summer.

It was also eventually agreed that before a decision

is made as to taking this on the Town's Services Committee should consider costings, with tenders obtained from contractors to cover all roads within the built up area of Saltash, and the alternative costs of employing the Town Council's own staff to carry out the work assessed and compared with costs of contracting out. Full specifications would be sought of how much work would be done, how frequently, and what chemicals would be used.

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