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Development Plans for Latchbrook Put Forward

Yet another plan for housing development on the edge of Saltash has been put to the town. Up to four hundred homes are included in plans for a twenty-one hectare green field site at Latchbrook, between the existing Latchbrook estate and Trematon village south of the A38.

A two day display of the proposals held at the Wesley Church was attended by around two hundred visitors and 105 written submissions had so far been submitted. Glenn Godwin, Planning Consultant for Persimmon Homes, the proposed developers, told town Councillors. He and Highway Engineer Matthew Perry were giving a public presentation in the Guildhall.

Persimmon have an option on the land but have not as yet

purchased it, the public was told. The site would be accessed from the link road that connects the Yellowtor roundabout with the A38 westbound. Plans show a roundabout near the A38 but more recent proposals have suggested a simple realignment of the road leading on the new estate with the A38 link as a side turning.

Local shopping facilities including a store and several smaller units would probably be sited near the entry to the

estate with a community facility, such as a hall, if requested.

The existing public right of way through open fields would be maintained as the focus of a series of linked open spaces. This would continue as a pedestrian link to Yellow Tor Road. However Mr. Godwin said that some of the Trematon residents had asked if a road link from their village to Saltash avoiding the A38 could be included and he confirmed that this might be feasible. 'We will not repeat the design mistakes of Pillmere', he responded to concern raised, and also confirmed that he was confident that concerns over drainage issues could be met.

The proposals follow the more substantial plans for Broadmoor, the Town Council's preferred site, which is anticipated could in itself absorb the thousand new homes that Saltash is asked to take of the 47,000 total allocated to Cornwall. The Latchbrook site however, Mr Godwin pointed out, was included for possible

development in the 2012 consultation document.

In response to questions he stated that plans did not include schools or surgeries to relieve pressure on those in the town but that a financial contribution could be made to improve these services.

On balance more of those who attended the public consultation appeared against the development but a number had no objections, he responded to a question as to public opinions expressed as to the further loss of green space close to the town.

However a spokesperson for the Latchbrook Residents Association said that their own exit poll showed that 84% of those who attended objected to the proposed development.

Flag Flies Proudly for Sea Sunday

Saltash shared in marking 'Sea Sunday' a day in which seafarers who undertake long and sometimes dangerous voyages to bring 95% of our imported goods to us are remembered.

Many residents and visitors to the town noticed and commented on the large red ensign (the familiar 'Red Duster') flying proudly at the Gateway to Cornwall, by Brunel's bust at the foot of Fore Street.

The Town Council had acceded to a request by former Town Mayor and merchant seaman Baz Gregory, now Chair of the regional Merchant Navy and Seafarers Association to let it fly there on that day.

Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of Saltash Bill and Jean Phillips attended the Sea Sunday service conducted in St. Andrews Minster Church Plymouth by the Merchant Navy Association's Chaplain, The Reverend Joe Dent.

'Saltash Cornwall and Plymouth Devon are setting an example for many other countries. I think we can be proud of Saltash today, Baz Gregory told the 'Observer'.

Matt becomes Second Generation Councillor

Matt Coot won the by-election for the vacant seat on Saltash Town Council held on 31st July, becoming the second generation of his family to serve on the council - his Mum, Margaret, previously served as a town councillor for the St Stephen's Ward. Matt was elected for the South Ward which contains some of the same parts of town.

Lib Dem Parliamentary Candidate for South East Cornwall Phil Hutty said "I am delighted to be able to congratulate Matt on his very well-deserved election - he put a lot of effort into meeting voters, and fought on the issues that matter to local people and for me that is what being a candidate is all about"

Matt said "I am proud to have been elected as a councillor for Saltash South, and really pleased to be following in my mother's footsteps. I'd like to thank all those who voted for me for their support, those who organised and ran the by-election for their hard work, and my opponent for a clean campaign"



Lib Dem Parliamentary Candidate for South East Cornwall Phil Hutty congratulates newly elected councillor Matt Coot

Matt added "I look forward to representing all of the residents of the ward, whether they voted for me or not, and to working with others for the benefit of Saltash".

Margaret Coot posted on her Facebook status following the election "I feel like dancing around the room! I'm such a proud mother"

By-election results:

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Believe and Achieve

In politics, even at my low level, you have to be prepared to take the rough with the smooth, and not long ago a resident gave me a good deal of the rough, which really made me think. He said, using colourful language, which would have earned him a fine in a court of law, "What have you blank done for me? Blank nothing!" He then told me an interesting place to go. I could have made £250 quid from it for "You've been framed".

To be fair that sort of doorstep reaction is rare, very rare in Saltash and when I thought about it, what had I actually done for him? The trouble is that much of what a Cornwall Councillor does is non-specific, either trying to persuade people to do general

things for Saltash, for example this week trying to get a competent Saltash councillor on an influential economic and industrial committee, also trying (successfully!) to get general improvements to benefit all before the last of the cash goes (more road repairs and surfacing) and initiating a debate on the sense in taking our waste forty miles to our new incinerator when there is one coming on line a mile and a half away. All general stuff. On resident levels I think I have failed again to help get accommodation for a family, failed to get a legally parked but annoying van moved but succeeded in some other affairs. So unless there is a specific issue an aggrieved person might think I had done



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For Observer readers

Derek Holley, Cornwall Councillor, Saltash East



"Blank nothing". I retreated as gracefully as a councillor can with a flea in his ear.

I find that the desperate savings that the government has now forced on Cornwall (£130,000 each and every day for four years) has really stopped me helping people – two minor road improvements I thought I could get – a widthwise extension to a road hump in St Stephens to slow traffic where accidents have occurred and where school children walk in large numbers and then ten metres of parking restriction on the end of Hillside Road to allow wider vehicles to pass have probably both evaporated. I will have to write to all the affected residents not knowing really what to say to them, apart from, "Sorry, I said I probably could and now I probably can't".

Please don't forget a promise I made that I can keep: if you see a person letting their dog foul a pavement, grass or park and you can identify them then let me know, either directly or through the Guildhall. A camera photo would be great but probably not possible. I will take it from there and ensure the offenders are visited and educated by a dog warden (and given some free poo bags as well!). I am afraid that there remain some really filthy people in Saltash who spoil the

environment for us all and give the hundreds of decent Saltash dog owners a bad name. Unfortunately these few people probably go out at night when they are less likely to be seen. I am particularly concerned about those who go out a night onto the local parks and green spaces and pretend that they cannot see what their dogs do. I am not even going to mention the people who pick up the poo and then drop the bag on the ground. What are they thinking as they do it, what excuses run through their minds? Amazing behaviour! However I am not in the business of bringing these offenders to court, just helping and educating them, which I think works just as well, even though you may not agree.

Talking about poo the horse variety has really done the garden good this year. The sprouts are growing well and providing much-needed food for the Large White butterfly larvae, the carrots likewise are maintaining the carrot fly population, though the polytunnel confuses most of them, and the few apples this year provide homes for the Codling Moth caterpillars. I feel a good all-rounder...one for the rook, one for the crow, one to rot and one to grow...As Bruce Forsyth might say... Keep on gardening.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Planned Home Unsited to Edwardian Area

Residents of a historic Edwardian area of Saltash packed the public gallery of Saltash Town Council to show their objection to a proposed new property.

The house planned for land adjacent to 15 Essa Road had resulted in seventeen written objections as against two letters in support, Mayor Councillor Jean Dent advised the Council. Reading from the objections she cited the property not blending with its new neighbours or the older houses around it, being out of keeping with the area, being too cramped into its plot, overlooking neighbours behind and adding to parking problems.

These objections were repeated by a neighbour from opposite who addressed the Council.

After deliberation Councillors agreed and recommended refusal of the application with none voting in support. Grounds included over development of a small site, out of keeping with the area and impact on traffic being already a sensitive local issue. Concerns were also raised over potential overlooking of neighbouring property.

Town Says 'No' to New St Stephens Housing

Neighbouring residents recommended building development on one of the last pieces of spare green field within the town for refusal following a vigorous campaign against it. The land generally known as 'Bearblocks' field south of Fairway and west of Church Road was the subject of plans for 36 new homes.

A residents group was set up in 2012 and set itself the task of investigating the plans and planning law in order to oppose this. While stating that they did not oppose the principal of housing on the site they considered the plans to be over-development and the houses unsited to the area of post war bungalow development. They claimed that the projected increase in traffic in residential roads would endanger residents and that a traffic survey carried out not at peak time was flawed.

Recommendation for refusal was on the grounds that the design, appearance, scale, density and layout was out of keeping with the area, would dominate the skyline and would be detrimental to an adjacent listed cottage. There were concerns over additional traffic on a narrow section of road used as a walking route to schools and over lack of public amenity space for a development targeted at families.

Don't Mention The War

Among the record number of visitors from every continent who have sampled the multi-sensory trench exhibition, part of Saltash Museum's World War I exhibition, were some puzzled at a wooden sign-post in the trench.

The sign points backwards to Saltash, forwards to Berlin. 'Why Berlin?' the visitors queried, and it transpired that they were Berliners, visiting Cornwall for a wedding.

'It's just the British sense of humour', they were told, and they left adding their praise in the visitors book, 'loved it!'

The trench has also been praised by a number of school parties visiting who were especially intrigued at the noise, the smoke, the periscope and the rats. One group to ten and eleven year olds had already been on a school visit to the remaining trenches on the Western front and pronounced those in Saltash were authentic.

Police Challenge Saltash Shoplifters

Shoplifting in this part of Cornwall including Saltash rose by over 30% last year, Sergeant Chris Chilcott told the Town Council Police were naturally concerned and have been pro-active in seeking to reverse this trend.

Following this only three offences of shoplifting were among the 42 crimes reported in the Saltash Police area the previous month. The overall crime figure was itself down on the previous month.

PCSO Lee Smith had conducted excellent work with local shops, the Town Council were told, and Saltash was being encouraged to join the Plymouth Against Retail Crime (PARC) scheme, with its own Saltash (SARC) scheme.

This would allow participants access to details of known shoplifters and would mean anyone banned in Plymouth could automatically be banned in Saltash and vice versa. There would be access to a weekly newsletter via an Intel sharing website as well as paper copies of banned PARC and SARC persons. Every Saltash store participating would receive a radio connected to other stores on the scheme and Saltash Police would have three linked radios. It is hoped that the Tamar Bridge authority would also be in radio linkage so that offenders or their vehicles could be noted making the crossing.

Some of the larger stores are prepared to pay more than their normal share to support

the scheme, said Sgt. Chilcott. He added that a number of shoplifters come over from St. Budeaux and other parts of Plymouth seeing Saltash as a soft target.

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A 'Polished' Performance!



On Monday 16th June, saltash.net English department hosted a visit by nine Polish teachers, funded by the European Commission Lifelong Learning Programme, who were exploring pedagogies and practice with regards to teaching English.

They visited a range of lessons to get a feel for the ways the school not only delivers curriculum content, but also develops skills for learning. In one Year 7 class, students were using QR codes to access a range of writing for different purposes. The visitors were impressed with the level of independence shown by students who find literacy a challenge and were excited to see the students using new technologies to enhance their learning. In other Year 7 lessons students were learning how to formulate effective arguments. One visiting teacher commented that she was impressed with the mature topics chosen by the students and another that she was stunned by how articulate and well-organised the students were, managing a complex debate with no teacher input.

The school's sixth form students also impressed. The A level Literature students were exploring the conventions of Gothic literature. The visitors commented on the way that the students were engaged and having fun whilst making great progress in their learning. The A level Language students were undertaking analysis of magazine articles, focussing on the ways the English

language has changed over time, which led to some really interesting discussion with the visitors regarding the ways languages work.

Speaking at the end of the visit, Assistant Headteacher and Head of English, Kate

Five is better than One

This year Saltash Inner Wheel is capitalising on experience and enthusiasm by enrolling five members to share the Presidential duties.

Each member will be taking the chair and in charge of the gavel starting with Linda Durbin from

July to September, Sam Stoyel in October and November, Carol Couch January and February, Linda Davies in March and April and Diane Hobbs in May and June.

All the Presidents will bring their own unique ideas and personalities and continue to heighten the profile of Inner Wheel in the local community. As always at the forefront of our fund-raising we will continue to raise money for

others who need a helping hand in these difficult times. We always welcome prospective new members and we are sure they will enjoy the variety of speakers and activities we have planned for the following year. We now meet at the Ploughboy on the third Tuesday of every month at 6.30 p.m. and enjoy a meal of your choice before the official meeting.



Saltash Remembers World War 1

A century since Saltash and the rest of the world was plunged into what was to be erroneously described as 'The War to End All Wars' a commemorative service was held at the Church of St. Nicholas and St. Faith.

It was preceded by a parade of banners of service and other organisations proceeding from the Guildhall and including the Mayor, Councillor Mrs Jean Dent, whose consort Bill Dent together with British Legion colleagues organised the service.

The service was led by Rev. Alan Butler and included readings of poetry and prose from 'Hear my Cry', - 'words for when there are no words', followed by a silence to remember victims of terror and those maimed and injured in war.

The Mayor read from the book of Ezekiel including the verse, 'On the day I cleanse you from all your sins, I will resettle your towns, and the ruins will be rebuilt'.

There was a small exhibition of World War 1 memorabilia in the church. Full exhibitions on the theme of World War 1 and the Saltash Home Front before and during 1914 - 1918 are open throughout the Summer and Autumn in the Saltash Heritage Museum and Elliotts' Shop.



As the lights go out...their memories burn bright

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From The Mayor's Parlour...

I'm not at all sure that there have been any problems of con-men targeting Saltash, but I think a recent report from Cornwall Council about keeping ourselves safe from phone and doorstep individuals is important.

The recent spell of sunny weather hasn't just been attracting holidaymakers to Cornwall. The Police and Cornwall Trading Standards are reporting an unusually busy time as they receive reports of potential scams and doorstep cons as well. And the heat seems to have gone to the heads of homeowners across the Duchy as they have been passing over hundreds and thousands of pounds to cold callers and bogus companies. In Bodmin a cold-calling driveway gang has persuaded more than 10 residents to have replacement driveways and driveway repairs completed, often charging £1000s. The gang, who claimed to be from St Austell, actually has no fixed address and tricked the homeowners into having the works done without obtaining quotes from other companies. The same gang has since been spotted in other parts of Cornwall. In Newquay another gang of doorstep con men tricked a number of people into having 'repairs' to their roof, despite the work not being necessary. Three cold-callers were arrested in St Ives last week after they attempted to trick elderly homeowners into having work done to their house. Calling at the house unannounced, they had initially offered to clean the windows and drainpipes before suggesting that other work needed doing. Residents in Falmouth, Camborne and other towns have reported being plagued by nuisance telephone calls and calls from fraudsters purporting to be from the Police. Many then received a call from a company offering to block nuisance calls for a fee. Needless to say the company is bogus and any money paid has been wasted.

Allan Hampshire, Cornwall Council's Head of Public Health and Protection urged homeowners to be on their guard: "Cornwall seems to be particularly targeted by every fraudster, con-man, scammer and doorstep criminal at the moment. As much as my officers are trying to catch these crooks and bring them to account we are keen to ensure that no one else becomes a victim. Our advice is simple; NEVER deal with anyone who turns up at your door without an appointment; NEVER pay money to anyone who calls you on the phone. If you do need work done on your home, always obtain more than one quote and only deal with firms you know." If anyone has any concerns they should contact Cornwall Council Trading Standards on 0300 1234 191 or in an emergency dial 999 and speak to the Police.

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SALTASH TOWN PRESENTS ITS FIRST ARTS FESTIVAL

Programme of Events... 20th August – 3rd September

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From Book-Binding to Flower Arranging

The enterprising local businesses have come together to create the first Saltash Arts Festival

A glance at the packed programme shows what a variety of attractions they have arranged for the visitors delight and interest.

PREMISES	ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME
Baptist Church	Brunel Quilting	Fri 29th Sat 30th Aug 14	10am-4pm
Barclays Bank	Exhibit by Saltash & District Camera Club	Constant	
BKL Kitchens & Bathrooms	Lady in the bath	Friday 22/08/2014	11 am onwards
Bishop Pasty Shop	Bread Making Demonstration	Saturday 30/08/2014	Afternoon
Brunel Inn	Folk Songs & Tales from Roger Smith	Wednesday 20/08/2014	1 pm onwards
Caffe Corradi	Peter Crawford Sings in the Courtyard	Tuesday 27/08/14	10.30 am
Calweton Vets	Judy Whitlock Entertains in the Courtyard	Monday 1/09/14	10.30 am
Evans	A Fabric Dyeing Workshop	Wednesday 27/8/14	12 noon
Firepower	Neil Mawdsley Painting	Wednesday 27/8/14	10 am to 1pm
Glow	Nail Consultation	Any time	Any time
Go mobile	Jamie shows you how to get the best out of your phone	Saturday 23/8/14	9 to 10 am
Hearing Room	Sharon demonstrates making beaded jewellery	Thursday 28/8/14	Morning
Hennings Moir	Tina & Jackie Making Pretty Boxes	Wednesday 3/09/14	11 am to 12 noon
Heritage Centre	Experience the Trenches of WWI	"Wed, Fri, Saturday,"	3 to 4 pm
HSBC Bank	Exhibit by Saltash & District Camera Club	Constant	
Intrigue Fashions	Get advice from Jenny on colours that suit you	Constant	
Jennifers	Sugar Craft for Cakes	Wednesday 27/08/2014	
Kernow Pet Supplies	Demonstration of Clicker Training for your Dog	Wednesday 3/09/14	1.30 pm
"Lisa Rapley,Chiroprapist."	Judy Whitlock Entertains in the Courtyard	Monday 1/09/14	10.30 am
Lloyds Pharmacy	Cathy's Jewellery Demonstration	Wednesday 20/08/2014	11 am to 1 pm
Luscombe Interiors	Gary Cooper Paints Outside	Tuesday 26/8/14	10.30am
Maitlands	Diane Hobbs Cake Decorating	Friday 22/8/14	11am onwards
Maitlands	See Chris Wells Painting and Sketching	Saturday 23/08/14	Between 10 am and 2pm
Maitlands	Diane Hobbs Cake Decorating	Friday 29th /8/14	11am onwards
More Than Art	Jude Sings with her Cello	Monday 1/09/14	10.30 am
Newells	"Childrens Painting/Drawing Competition, collect an entry form from the shop."	20 Aug to 3 Sept	Any time
Petit Pain	Stories for small children with Steph.	Wednesday 20th and 27th August	10 to 11 am.
Piglets	Knitting and Crocheting Demonstration	Thursday 21/8/14	1 to 3pm
R&A Carpets	Judy Whitlock Entertains in the Courtyard	Monday 1/09/14	10.30 am
Rowe Bakery	Talk to Becky about Cup Cakes	Any time	Any time
Saphira Jewellers	Alice Gullick Sings & Plays her Guitar	Thursday 21/8/14	10.30 am
Saltash Cards	Learn how to Make Cards - Rachel Taylor	Friday 29.8.2014	2 to 2.30 pm
Saltash DIY*	Carol Hughes Painting	Tuesday 26/8/14	10am-2p10am to 2pm
Street Market	Local Crafts	Saturday 30/8/14	10am to 4pm
Superdrug*	Hair Curling Demonstration	See Blue Card in Shop for Details	
Super Savers	Mandy Demonstrates how to Build a Bear	Any time	Check in shop
The Bookshelf	Peter Crawford Sings Outside	Saturday 30/08/2014	11 to 1pm
The Bookshelf	Book binding for beginners	Tuesday 02/09/2014	
The Flowery	Flower Arranging Demonstration	Thursday 28/08/2014	11 am to 1 pm
Tip of Elegance	Peter Crawford Sings in the Courtyard	Thursday 28/08/14	10.30 am
Treasure Island	Display of Saltash Chronicles Tapestry by Andrew Tritton	Constant	
Truly Scrumptious	Drawing competition until 26th August	Constant	
Truly Scrumptious	Sketching by Pat Lucas	Friday 22 and 29 August	11 am to 2 pm
Vanessa	How to Tie a Bow Tie	Thursday 21/8/14	3 pm to 4.30 pm
Walk around old Saltash	Meet Martin Lister at the Guildhall - allow 2 hours	Tuesday 26/8/14	2pm
Genuine Beauty	Hair Removal	Friday 29th /8/14	11am to 12noon
The Punguani Theatre Group	Clowning in the Street	Saturday 30/8/14	

See Local Press to confirm Date & Times

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Come and Try a New Hobby!

The programme herewith was full and correct at the time of going to press for the latest additions to it look for the Pale Blue Posters in the windows of every participating business.

Saltash Town Centre Businesses

Visit the First Saltash Arts Festival



20th August to 3rd September 2014

Saltash Fore Street is always an attractive venue with its wide array of friendly and welcoming locally run shops and businesses. It always looks especially welcoming in summer, with its floral hanging baskets and planters, and this August and September there are a whole host more reasons to pay Fore Street a number of visits.

The enterprising local businesses have come together to create the first Saltash Arts Festival, and a glance at the packed programme shows what a variety of attractions they have arranged for the visitors' delight and interest.

While some towns are sadly losing their identities with little other than multi-national chain

stores all offering the same produce, and all too many towns are filling with empty shops, Saltash continues to thrive through the enterprise of our local shopkeepers. The number of empty premises remains low and these usually soon fill with a new business eager to welcome Saltash customers.

As the Saltash Observer enters its twenty-third year of publication we are delighted to see a full street of shops, continuing to present a friendly and welcoming presence in the Gateway to Cornwall. We are proud too to help play a part in promoting the town's prosperity as well as its first Arts Festival.

The town can only continue to prosper of course, if our growing number of residents continue to

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Come Along and Join in with our Creative Activities

Try a New Hobby

In glancing through the packed programme for this summer's first Saltash Arts Festival some might be surprised to realise what a variety of businesses we have in the town and how much these contribute to Saltash.

All town centre shops and businesses have been invited to participate and most have joined in enthusiastically with many organising an eclectic activity, display or demonstration relating to their own business. These could in many cases tempt the beginner with a new activity or interest ranging from flower arranging to book binding for beginners. The artistically inclined can learn how to make cards, to paint, or make jewellery or pretty boxes. The culinary enthusiast may learn bread making, sugar craft or about cup cakes, while the sartorially inclined can discover how to tie the perfect bow tie!

Other activities include story telling to small children, a lady in the bath, making a bear and even a magician. With such a continuing variety of activities and demonstrations up and down the street, Fore Street from 20th August to 3rd September, will definitely be the place to be.

The programme herewith was full and correct at the time of going to press for the latest additions to it look for the pale blue posters in the windows of every participating business.

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The area includes the whole of Fore Street and Alexandra Square as well as Victoria Gardens and Longstone Park. It continues also St Stephens Road as far as Church Road and also includes Parkesway and Long Park Road.

Local public houses and off licences will be given posters for display showing the area included. New Signs have been obtained by the Police and passed to the Council to be mounted on street furniture throughout the area concerned. "All response officers and local neighbourhood teams are

aware of this legislation and will use it to make Saltash a safer place," the Police had advised.

Problem Parkers Given Police Letters

Those who park inappropriately in certain Saltash roads are receiving letters from the Police advising them of the highway code and the consequences of breaching it.

Taylor Road and Callington Road, where parking problems are rife, have been particularly targeted. Positive feedback has been received from four registered vehicle keepers confirming that they would not park in Taylor Road in the future, Sergeant Chris Chilcott told the Town Council. Essa Road, which suffers similar problems, was next to be targeted.

Recent procedural changes mean that PCSO'S can no longer issue parking tickets for obstruction. Instead they are encouraged to use their communication skills to resolve issues directly with the driver. As an alternative a Police Officer can be asked to issue a ticket.

Patrols in Taylor Road will continue and a spread sheet will show details of offending vehicles. Repeat offenders may be visited and tickets issued.

Paula and Jess Welcome Helen to Bliss Beauty



After three years of building up her reputation and her business at Bliss Beauty, Paula invited her valued clientele and their families to celebrate with her and to meet her new colleague Helen. "I have been looking for the ideal assistant for the last three years and now I am thrilled to welcome her to Bliss Beauty", exclaimed Paula as guests mingled over wine and nibbles.

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‘JAM AID’ Live Music Event Raise Over £2,000 for Charity

Delighted organisers have announced that ‘JAM AID’ the recent live music festival held near Saltash raised over £2,000 for charity.

As usual the popular event, which was held on Saturday 12th July, was hosted by the Rising Sun Inn Botus Fleming.

Starting in the early afternoon and continuing until late into the night the festival involved many talented musicians and singers who all generously performed for free. The money was raised mainly from the sale of food and draw tickets on the day, although other donations were received including a large jar full of pennies handed in by a generous local resident.

This year all the funds raised at ‘JAM AID’ will be shared equally between Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research and Ovarian Cancer Action.

Organiser Chris Speed



expressed his appreciation to everyone involved. He said, “As usual the event would not have taken place without the support provided by our sponsors and the many talented musicians and performers who entertained the public. Plus of course we are grateful to all the people who came along to the event and gave so generously for a worthy cause.”

Mr Speed also praised the small team of hard working volunteers who contribute

their time and expertise each year to make the event happen and he explained that in order to continue and run another successful ‘JAM AID’ next year, some additional enthusiastic volunteers would need to be recruited.

Anyone who is willing to assist with the organisation and operation of ‘JAM AID 2015’ should contact Chris Speed for more information on 07929 028675, or via email at:

chris@newhomessouthwest.com

Essa Files

I’m writing this column on July 28th, exactly 100 years since Austro-Hungary declared war on Serbia marking the official start of four years of slaughter. The centenary of that tragic period will be marked by a series of events, not least our own excellent Saltash Heritage exhibition.

This anniversary particularly struck me two weeks ago because I was participating in the ‘Laser Battlefields’ activity for Curriculum Enrichment Week at school. Technically I was ‘teacher in charge’ but, as the

event is entirely organised by the very capable Laser Battlefields Kernow, my own duties primarily consisted of joining in and giving the students another interesting target to fire at. As part of the week we do historical missions, which include two from the Gallipoli campaign, and it dawned on that, were this 100 years ago, some of the 12-14 year olds boys taking part would within the next four years lie about their age, join up, and not make it home.

This was a rather sobering thought and it isn’t a great leap to then wonder whether it was appropriate to be playing war games with schoolboys. Does it encourage us to take war too lightly, to think of it as a game? I have thought about this but actually I don’t think so. Firstly trying to sweep war under the carpet as somehow off-limits would be inaccurate and arguably disrespectful. Secondly the games teach the vital life-qualities of teamwork, grace in defeat and leadership. Finally the introductory films to our missions mean that the students now have a better appreciation for the realities of Gallipoli, and respect for those who fought there, than probably most adults.

Quite apart from all of which it was of course tremendous fun to spend a week running around shooting students safe in the knowledge that, on this battleground, no one would get hurt.

Adam Killeya

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 How many favourite does each castaway take on Desert Island Discs? (5)
- 2 Which Sea, an arm of the Mediterranean, separates Greece from Turkey? (6)
- 3 What type of food is Penne, Rigatoni and Tagliatelle? (5)
- 4 Which Belgian town was the scene of several Battles in World War II? (5)
- 5 In the Charles Dickens novel Nicholas Nickleby what was the occupation of Mr. Wackford Squeers? (7)
- 6 In which town would you find the most easterly point of mainland England? (9)
- 7 Orology is the scientific study of which geographical features? (9)
- 8 What name is given to semi-dramatic work for orchestra and voices particularly on a sacred theme? (8)
- 9 What type of creature is a Red Eft? (4)

Answers on P7

SHERYLL MURRAY MP WRITES...



Mariners and the sea seem to dominate South East Cornwall. We have the Royal Navy and Devonport Naval base which provides so much employment to so many families who live in Saltash and the wider surrounding area.

The Fishing Industry also plays an important role with fishermen from South East Cornwall landing at fishing ports in Looe and across the Tamar at Sutton harbour in Plymouth whilst our area is world leader in marine expertise with Plymouth University and Plymouth Marine Laboratory having recognition throughout the world.

We also have a wide range of merchant sea men who have settled in our beautiful area which is why I was delighted to open the making Waves event organised at Elspeth Sitters House the home of Age UK in Plymouth on 25 July at the beginning of the Parliamentary Summer Recess.

This event was a fantastic way for retired Merchant Sea Men, retired Royal Navy personnel and fishermen to join together in a relaxed environment to share their memories and generally enjoy the company of people who shared one thing in common. Working in one of the most unpredictable, often dangerous but also the most beautiful environments in the world – the sea.

It was good to see Paul Hingston and my own brother in law Ian Murray

there representing the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen. Many people do not realise the different services that the Mission carries out. They provide help with a whole range of matters from helping fishermen and their families to complete application forms for various benefits to providing assistance with health matters. One fisherman told me that he had moved to the South West to fish on the trawlers and when his mother fell ill due to temporary hard times he could not afford to visit his elderly mother in the north of England. The Mission provided a train ticket for him. The Mission also support families of fishermen at a time of bereavement.

I was also pleased to meet with my Constituent, Chris Rankin from Seafarers UK and learn about the Seafarers Link. Now in its fourth year and now funded by Seafarers UK, Seafarers Link runs seven active groups and involves people from the Orkneys, to Belfast and Cornwall. The groups are open to ex-members of the Royal Navy, the Merchant Navy and the WRNS, as well as former fishermen and seafarers’ wives.

Chris Rankin facilitates the groups and has seen first hand what a difference they make. She regularly gets calls from charities, relatives and former seafarers, who see Seafarers Link as an important lifeline.

I was also pleased to meet the ladies from the Seafarers Advice and Information Line (SAIL). SAIL provides a specialist telephone advice service for merchant seafarers, fishermen and their families and dependants.

If anyone wishes to find out more details of how to contact these valuable services for seafarers, please contact my Office on 01579 344428.

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Mental Health issues

For me one of the things I enjoy most whilst out and about campaigning is meeting so many people and hearing about their issues and concerns. Oddly there can be days when a single theme emerges, even when you campaign in different parts of the constituency.

This was the case I met Mark (not his real name) who had been suffering from Mental health issues most of his life.

Mark echoed a number of people I had spoken to throughout that week all of which had either suffered or been touched by problems related to mental health in one form or another.

Mark is in his mid 30's and was just recovering from a bout of depression and a suicide attempt. On this occasion he only lost his job because he couldn't make it into work, but supported by local mental health workers he had managed to keep his home this time, previous lapses had seen him lose both his job and his flat because he hadn't been well enough to pay his bills.

Shockingly Mark is actually one of 23% of us that will suffer from a mental health episode at least one time in our lives.

But the resources is woefully less. I think it is a national scandal that we simply don't have a enough resources to cover the numbers of people who



need it and never have.

I think it is sad that the charity MIND is currently campaigning for 10% of resources to be spent on services for mental health because that would represent a big jump in current funding.

Mark was angry that so little can be done for people like him and too many get very little support.

Not that it is all like that. For example Saltash.net community college, works closely with Psychology Associates, an organisation based in Saltash, offering psychological and emotional support to both students and staff. They have a space within the school where students can feel safe to go to talk to one of the team of school counsellors. They also offer talks and workshops on improving mental health and wellbeing often given to staff so that they can have a greater awareness of how to help students in need.

But beating mental health will take more than money. The root of this is changing people's perception and making the illness part of our everyday lives rather than something we try to hide. I think

*Phil Huty
Parliamentary Candidate
for South East Cornwall*

A Fond Farewell is Wished to Year 11 at saltash.net

The traditional 'Leavers' Day' for all Year 11 students at saltash.net community school took place in May. Although students still came into school for examinations and revision lessons, and many will be returning into the 6th Form, a special day of fun and more serious events was planned to celebrate the year group's many successes and wish them all well for the future.

The Year 11 Pastoral Team dressed up for the occasion alongside the students who, as always, arrived at school in an incredible range of fancy dress costumes.

A special buffet lunch was prepared and served by the school's canteen staff and administrative staff. Year Books were distributed as well as many awards and certificates, which included a large number for excellent attendance records over the last five years.

During the school's lunch hour, students were treated to a live outdoor concert, featuring bands who regularly perform at the school's Real Live Music Club headed by Mr Angus Reith, Curriculum Lead for ICT.

At the end of the day, a special and moving assembly was held in the school's main hall, to which parents and other family members and friends had been invited. Musical items were provided by two of the Year 11 GCSE Music students: Jacob Hunt and Shelby Adcock. A film made by two other Year 11 students, Jasmine Donovan and Joe Day, chronicling the year group's journey throughout their time at saltash.net made a fitting conclusion to the assembly.

Head of Year, Mrs Sue Renfree, praised the Class of 2014, saying, 'It has been a privilege to work with such a talented and hardworking year group. They have already made us very proud and I am sure there will be many successes to celebrate this summer.'



Bryony meets the Observer team

On the first day of my work experience with the Observer I found it very interesting and exciting. It was a chance for me to explore and learn many things about



how the paper is put together each month. This allowed me to understand the amount of hard work and dedication it takes to create the paper. Also during my time with the paper I was able to get involved in things that were happening in the town such as the Saltash Arts Festival. I got to see how the paper gets involved in that and what is done to ensure all the information is put in. The first day was very helpful and it really amazed me, the people I have met who put the paper together are wonderful, they put so much time and effort into creating it.

I was very lucky with my experience with the paper because I also got to do many things which really benefited me. During the week, I was able to attend a meet and greet event at Bliss Beauty, they were celebrating a new staff

member. Our job was to take notes on the event and ask questions to some of the people there. I was also able to take part in an interview with the new staff member Helen, she was really nice and very passionate about her new job. This for me was very beneficial as it allowed me to understand the work of a journalist.

On my last day with the Observer I had the privilege to attend an event that was held at Saltash fire station. Every year Saltash plays host a group of children from Chernobyl who have been exposed to nuclear radiation. I learnt that in the time that the children are here two years are added onto their lives, due to the fresh air they breathe whilst away from their own country. I thought that this was incredible. It was amazing to see so many people involved with such a valuable and uplifting event that benefits the children a great deal. Talking to some of the people involved in this event was both inspirational and eye opening. I managed to take lots of notes and then discussed how I could turn my notes into a good article. I am very thankful for the experiences I have had through my days with the paper and have learnt lots about how to put a paper together and just how much time and effort is put into it.

By Bryony Penfound... (who spent a week with the Observer Team).



Sunday 27th July Wreckers Morris held their Annual "Duck Race" They danced their way around the Rame Peninsula and ended up in Seaton for the "Duck Race", they sold the 'Ducks' along the way and had the collecting Bucket on hand for any donations. This years chosen Charity was "The Cornwall Air Ambulance".

400 Ducks were launched into the river where they raced their way to the finishing line about 100 metres down stream, a few got stuck along the way, but all arrived safely at the end. The weather was kind to the happy people turned out to watch.

Conundrum answers...

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Having a great time in the pool



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Children from Nuclear Disaster Zone Welcomed by Fire Cadets

Children on a life enhancing visit from a nuclear disaster zone were warmly welcomed to Saltash by our own young people. Saltash Fire Cadets joined with local firemen in arranging a welcoming party at our fire station for twelve nine and ten year olds from Chernobyl. This is the city, that when part of the Soviet Union

was struck by nuclear disaster back in 1986. The radiation is still limiting childrens lives and the four weeks in healthy Cornish air that the dozen boys and girls will enjoy should extend their life expectancy by two years or more.

They mingled with our local youngsters to enjoy a barbeque, especially fruit (a nuclear contamination risk at home) as well as bouncy castle, water slide and water fights in a pool.

The next four weeks were to see the Belorussian young visitors enjoy days on the beach (most had never seen the sea) and visits to such attractions as

the Eden Project, Woodlands Adventure Park, Diggerland, The Maize Maze and the Donkey Park. Other important visits will be to Specsavers in Saltash and a Plymouth dentist with remedial treatment offered to those requiring it. All the children suffer brittle bones and other effects of long-term radiation.

The number of visitors is limited only by the local host families and anyone willing to welcome a Belorussian child into their home for four weeks next Summer could enjoy an emotional rewarding experience. No linguistic

abilities are required, only a friendly welcome, food and accommodation as the children are taken out daily.

They can share a bedroom, if required, with a same sex child

of the host family. Anyone willing to offer this in invited contact Vanessa on 844434 or 07834353408, or call into VanEssa Menswear shop in Fore Street.

Saltash Leisure Centre Summer Holiday activities



Throughout the Holidays until Friday 29th August 2014

Mondays – 25th August Dance Academy

5- 10 years - £5 - 1pm-3pm
A high energy fun dance class with choreographed routines to the latest music. Please wear suitable clothing and bring a drink

Tuesdays – 26th August Snorkelling Level 1

10-14 years - £11.60 - 1pm-3pm
Run by a fully qualified instructor teaching basic water safety and snorkelling skills. Children must be able to swim 50m competently and unaided

Thursdays – 14th & 28th August Activity Afternoon

5-7 yrs - £4 -1pm-3pm
An afternoon of activities and games guaranteed to keep your little one entertained! Please bring a drink.

Fridays – 15th 22nd & 29th August Wet n Wild

All ages - £3.50 - 10am-12noon
Body boards, balls, super soakers and great music make this session great fun for all ages. Please note that all children under eight years must be accompanied by an adult and children under four years will still be charged the full price due to a restriction on numbers in the pool.

Mondays – 11th & 18th August Craft Club

8-14 years - £4 - 10am-12 noon
Come along and learn new and fun creative skills! The club will be based around textiles and upcycling old unwanted clothes into cool new things for you to treasure. "Please wear old clothes and bring a drink."

Tuesdays – 19th August Art Attack

5-7 yrs - £4 - 1pm-3pm
Come along and get creative using lots of recycled materials to make goodies to take home. Please wear old clothes and bring a drink.

Tuesdays – 12th August Baking Bonanza

8-14 yrs - £4 - 13.30pm-15.30pm
A fun afternoon of baking and decorating your creations with qualified and trained leaders. Please wear old clothes and bring a drink.

Wednesdays – 13th & 27th August Flip n Fun

Swimming lesson Stage 5 or above £11.60 – 9am-11am
Flip and fun is an introduction into the basic fundamentals of diving. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn how to dive safely and correctly. Please bring swimming kit and a drink.

Wednesdays – 20th August "Frozen" Fun Afternoon

8- 14yrs - £4 - 1pm-3pm
A fun activity afternoon based on the much loved, Disney's Frozen. Expect singing and dancing, face painting and art and crafts!

Thursday – 21st August Snorkelling Level 2

10-14 yrs - £11.60 - 1pm-3pm
Run by a fully qualified instructor teaching further snorkelling skills for those that have already completed the Snorkelling 1 Award. Children must be able to swim 50m competently and un-aided.

Flying Chippings Anger Residents

An 'Amateur' attempt at resurfacing a residential road has resulted in damage to parked and moving cars caused by loose chippings, a resident has complained.

'Long Park Road did not need resurfacing in the first place', he stated during the Town Council's public question time. He has been forced to park his car away from his home in order to avoid further damage to paintwork as passing vehicles cause chippings to fly.

In response County Councillor Bob Austin stated that the chippings had already been swept up and that a further sweeping would take place. The road had been categorised by Cornwall as in need of resurfacing.

Town Councillor Mrs Sue Hooper MBE suggested that Cornwall be told of the complaint that resurfacing was below standard and ask that residents be made more aware of forthcoming work, and this was agreed.

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