

## **CELTIC CROSS FOR SALTASH NEXT SUMMER**

futuristic Celtic Cross which, at 62 feet is taller than the acclaimed 'Angel of the North' should be ready to greet visitors and returning Cornish residents to Saltash as soon as next Summer. After considerable delays, mainly relating to the proposed re-landscaping of the adjacent Elwell Woods, Cornwall Council has at last approved the erection of the cross.

While it has provoked some local controversy, with certain residents citing it as a waste of funding, the project

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received the full backing of from a number put forward Tim Smit, whose projects for the lost gardens of Helligan and the Eden Project have vastly boosted Cornwall's tourist industry.

" I am absolutely delighted that we have the go-ahead, it has been a long time coming," Councillor Joe Ellison, who has been largely responsible for pushing the project through, told the 'Observer.' "This has been the key to drawing down £450,000 down promised. W drawi already We are now drawing up a lease with the Saltash Waterfront Residents' Association and can then put the project out to tender."

This marks progress in a plan that originally began as a Millennium project. The design, by Simon Thomas, was selected by public vote,

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originally for a site close to Carkeel roundabout. The currently planned site, immediately adjacent to the Tamar Road Bridge, will be the main feature of a

regenerated area of neglected. overgrown and rubbishstrewn woodland. The regeneration of Elwell

Woods as a wildlife area is also aimed at going ahead over the next year. A number of surveys for bats, reptiles and three tree surveys had to be carried out before any work could be authorised. These have been completed and it is anticipated that work on clearing the area can begin early in 2011. It will then cease for around six months during the bird breeding season to be completed, hopefully, by the end of the year.

Meanwhile, Cross is likely to be built "off site" and brought to Saltash to be erected in one piece. This promises to be an event well worth watching.



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awareness for 'Children in Need.' As well as carrying a

collecting bucket while dressed variously for tennis, football, riding deep sea diving, and other outdoor activities the Hearing Room staff and management mounted a coffee morning and held a raffle proceeds will go to National Children in Need Day.

Top left: Alison couldn't resist it! Tally – Ho!!! Right: Boots Chemist also joined in the fun while fundraising for Children in Need

## JASSA COLAR **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COST LESS**

While enjoying the Saltash Festive lights the more green-minded or economy minded council tax-payers may be pleased to know that their running costs are less than half of those that they replace.

The new L.E.D. system reduces power costs by 55%, Councillor Bruce Reid has advised the Town Council. The lights which have

previous brightened Christmas festivities in Saltash have been replaced and are now to be offered to another parish council or community organisation. There are also bright new

white 'pencil lights' on the town's Christmas tree in Victoria Gardens provided by the Town Council.





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rumpets wailing to a funky beat contrasted with pure melodic part singing in a performance that Saltash concert goers will long remember.

Plymouth's Lipson College has a growing reputation as a centre for excellence in the performing arts and some of their finest musicians and singers came to Wesley Church in support of the Friends of St Barnabas Hospital.

The concert opened and closed however, with `Perfect Harmony' a choir who lived up to their name in their setting of popular favourites including memorable versions of `Autumn Leaves' and Oueen's 'Bohemian Rhapsody' and concluding with a medley from 'West Side Story.'

Lipson College's big jazz band 'All Grooved Up' took and outstanding over performances from their variety of brass players

highlight of the evening proved to be the 'Lipson Tutor Choir.' A tutor group who start each school day singing came together, with brilliant solo singing and plaving, to show what can be achieved by enthusiasm coupled with talent and a school whose ethos is to encourage young people to give of their best and bring pleasure to others. The

produced truly wild and

wonderful sounds of blues

and jazz. The College's Head

of Music, 'Saltash boy'

Matthew Oakes sang two fine

solos while an undoubted

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## **PRESIDENT ELECTED** AND MEDALS FOR **SERVICE AWARDED TO HOSPITAL LEAGUE**



highly successful year of fund-raising Lin support of our local community hospital concluded with awards being given to several of the longest serving members of the League of Friends of St

Barnabas Hospital. The presentation of a plaque for the hospital marked the opening of the League of Friends Annual General Meeting. The plaque was presented by Saltash Rotary to mark its fiftieth anniversary. Rotary had been involved in the formation of the Friends and it was fitting that among the medals and certificates presented by Cindy Baker, Chairman of the Cornwall League of Friends was one to a founder member, Doreen Boustred, for an amazing 47 years of service. Other awards were made to Doreen Taylor and John Honywill, while retiring President Bill Gall accepted an award, by

agreement of her family on behalf of the late Pam Hosking.

SALTASH (rear of Pioneer)



age, Bill Gall paid tribute to the successful fundraising carried out by the friends and suggested that they might, as friends of the hospital, also concentrate on befriending and visiting the patients.

Unanimously elected as the new President was Dr.Colin Randall who expressed his honour at accepting the position. He confirmed that he had come to practice in Saltash largely due to its having its own hospital in which he had been able to treat his own patients during many of his 25 years of service to Saltash in general practice. His involvement had ranged from the Day Care Unit to carving the Christmas turkey.

Deputy Mayor Colin Oakes congratulated the Friends on their good work for the Hospital in which he had himself recently undergone surgery and received excellent treatment.

St Barnabas remains very much a community hospital providing many facilities for both day and outpatients, saving Saltash resident a journey to Derriford, concluded Chairman, Mrs Joyce Mepsted. "We are increasing provision for minor



Something odd has been

happening at the other end of the county. For the first time in living memory an emergency budget has been put together by Cornwall Council, and probably also for the first time the proposal is to cut front-line services. Cornwall's budget comes from council tax and government grants and bear in mind when you read on that the government has for years been ordering councils to do all sorts of extra work and provide extra services but not giving us enough

extra grant to do that

Basically now the government has cut the grant it gives councils, but expects us to run the same services. and our grant is cut by £110 million, so if you want to know who to blame for coming wide scale reductions in services, just for once don't blame Cornwall Council. To cut short a long and thoroughly unpleasant story the last round of cuts is 10 million pounds of the sort of cuts which we will really feel. Accordingly we have been batting our end and trying to hold up the services we think are important and I, for example, have been concerned that cuts to libraries and leisure centres should have the minimum impact on Saltash and also that the Road Safety budget should not suffer. My fear has been that the administration would go for easy targets and a good example of an apparently easy target is the footpaths network and the relatively small part of the budget spent on that. Odd you may think and indeed something to be cut, but having an interest in footpaths I know that, incredibly, the county footpaths network as a tourist attraction is the second biggest earner of cash in

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For Observer readers From Councillor Derek Holley Pill Ward Saltash

> people come throughout the year to enjoy the footpaths, spending a lot of money in our local economy. So our position as Cornwall Councillors in this budget is to get the best we can for Saltash (and this is a constant battle) and also to defend the areas we think are important to the whole county, like footpaths in my case.

The whole budget business grinds on as I write and all Cornwall Councillors are inundated with pleas from other groups who are concerned about something in their area. I have had umpteen emails this last week urging me to support the lifeguard service for the sea pool at Bude. Some Cornwall Councillors think that Bude Town Council should subsidise the service from their half million pounds of reserve money but others say that is double taxation, in other words asking local people to pay for something they have already paid for through their normal Cornwall council tax .What

do you think? I have raised the Bude question because here in Saltash we may be moving towards that situation ourselves. This really is thinking the unthinkable, more so in our case because if we want to keep our town looking decent, with litter picked up, road safety issues dealt with and kerb weeds

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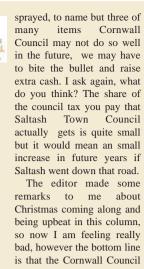
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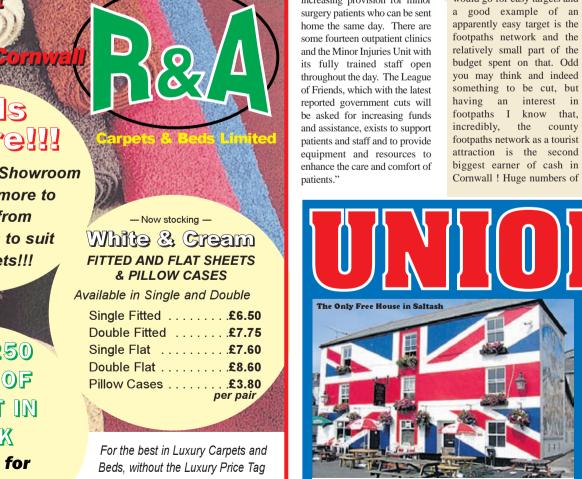
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situation is quite bleak! But we are Saltash people, we live in the best place in Cornwall! We have loads of clubs and societies, 23 football teams, 13 rugby teams, cricket, tennis, hockey teams, excellent schools and churches, a very good library and leisure centre, top class residential homes, friendly, efficient police and steadily reducing crime, two good youth centres, we have the benefit of beaches not too far away and terrific walking on two moors, good friendly pubs, a range of interesting shops, a beautiful waterside, excellent councillors and lots of road humps (delete as appropriate), a sense of humour and best of all the town is full of nice people. May I wish all of you in Saltash, and those around the world who read this on the internet, particularly ex-Saltash people, a very Happy Christmas and Best wishes for the New Year !

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Seasonal Greetings

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#### FROM THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR...

As this will be my last column before Christmas, I hope that all of you have an enjoyable and safe festive season: a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

It has been a challenging but very successful year for Saltash – with many triumphs but also tragedies, most notably the shocking loss of two members of our community this month. Our sympathies and thoughts are with their family and friends at this difficult time.

This year has also seen exciting several new developments for Saltash - in particular our first Salt Fest music festival and Making Saltash Greener fortnight, as well as likely completion in the next week or two of the Town Council Cemetery Extension: a large and very important project. There have been challenges too though: the withdrawal of some Cornwall Services as the budget begins to bite, the ongoing challenge of Fore Street regeneration. and of course threat to our Cornish border, with the proposal to have a cross-border MP

However what always strikes me, throughout these triumphs, tragedies, successes and challenges, is that Saltash always meets them as a community, working together and supporting each other, which is part of what makes us so lucky to live here.

During November Merryn and I attended the re-opening of Elliot's Store following a very successful refurbishment, Saltash Town Council's Remembrance Service, the Place Greenwich Remembrance Service, the Saltash Sailing Club Annual Dinner, the Saltash Waterside Resident's Association AGM, The Brunel Ladies Harmony Chorus concert raising money for Teenage Cancer, the Saltash Air Cadets Open

Evening and The Saltash Christmas Event. Outside of Saltash we

attended the Mayor of Penryn's Poppy Ball in Falmouth; and I addressed the AGM of the Constitutional Cornish Convention in Truro, to let them know about the important to Saltash of being respected as part of Cornwall.

I was also fortunate enough to attend the Royal British Legion two minutes silence in Fore St on 11th November, and it was very impressive and moving to see how many turned out to support this and remember those who gave their lives for our freedom.

This month the campaign to Keep Cornwall Whole has continued into the House of Lords - trying to convince them to amend the bill to respect the Cornish Border and keep Saltash within Cornwall for MPs. I would encourage anyone who supports this campaign to write to the Prime Minister or Deputy Prime Minister (House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA), or to the Leader of the House of Lords (Lord Stratclyde, House of Lords, London, SW1A 0AA) to let them know.

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Also this month has been very important consultation on Town Centre Regeneration - if you have not yet returned a survey (which went out with last month's observer) please do fill one in and drop it into the Guildhall. Decisions have not yet been made, but will be

very heavily influenced by the results of those surveys that we get back. I will finish by welcoming Cllr Hilary Frank to Saltash

Town Council – Hilary was successful in a well fought by election this month, beating off two other very strong candidates. Town Mayor



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**HEART FOUNDATION** 

During the challenge, organised by PE Teacher Mrs Gue, the students kept skipping for two hours and as well as being great exercise, they raised the excellent total of £341 for the charity. A cheque was then presented to Owen Penney of the British Heart Foundation at a recent school assembly.

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Ellison should be credited for the concession, he has pursued the issue and negotiated the discount over the last few months Fellow Town Councillor Richard Bickford who runs

the SALTASHCARD scheme is 'Delighted to be able to help local people to get a decent discount on such an essential item of day to day life. I must also thank Saltash TEXACO for joining the scheme and were prepared to help out locals who have little choice as to where to get their fuel.' The SALTASHCARD was



The Choir were invited to St. Mary's Parish Church, Sheviock to give a concert on Saturday 16th October. The path to this beautiful old church was lit by candles.

Pauline Kemp who had organised the concert in aid of church funds welcomed the choir and their Musical Director, Linda Eastlake and Accompanist Carolyn Varcoe. The concert of old and new favourites included solos by some choir members. It was a occasion. friendly and evervone enjoved some welcome refreshments before leaving.

In contrast there have two more serious engagements organised by the Royal British Legion to mark the start of the Poppy Appeal.

On Friday 29th October at Saltash Wesley Church the Saltash and District Branch of the Royal British Legion held a Festival of Remembrance. The Master of Ceremonies was District President Mr. Bill Dent. The Devonport Naval Base Volunteer Band under the direction of Band Colour Sergeant Mick Buxton, and Burraton Male Voice Choir with their Musical Director Philip Taylor also performed. Linda Eastlake had been asked by Geraldine Gardiner to perform a solo piece, and she sang Lachrymosa: Do not Stand at My Grave and Weep by Howard Goodall very beautifully. The Rev. Jeff Howden led the "Drum Head Service". The choir were also at the Royal British Legion Remembrance Festival at the Plymouth Pavilions on November 5th and sang The Gypsies's Chorus from Carmen by Bizet, and You Are So Beautiful arranged by Greg Gilpin.

On Friday 26th November the choir invited the Plymouth Area Police Choir to join them for a concert in aid of Help For Heroes at St. Budeaux Baptist Church.

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# Lisa Celebrates another Anniversary by Welcoming Mel as Her New Business Partner..... Together they expand the staff to eight as business increases.

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ith the party season getting ever closer there is still time to ensure looking your very best for the festive season. Glow, the beauty lounge in the heart of Saltash has expanded its range of therapies and treatments to ensure that all can enjoy looking and feeling their best and retaining a healthy glow through the chilly winter months and into the spring to come.

The retention of a healthy but brand new to Glow is their safe all over tan throughout luxurious pedicure and the year lie at the heart of Glow's warm reputation for excellence.

However as thev another celebrate anniversary of offering a health and beauty service to Saltash they continue to add to the variety of services and treatments offered.

Most recently Lisa, who founded Glow, has been delighted to welcome her colleague Mel as a business partner and with around twenty-five years treatments. experience between them of the nail and beauty world they look forward to welcoming regular and new clients to their attractive and recently refurbished beauty lounge.

Masters-trained nail technician Mel together with nail technicians Donna and Jenna are qualified to offer a wide selection of



manicure treatments. In addition to acrylic they recommend shellac, a non-chip gel coated nail Another varnish. speciality, particularly in the party season, is the minx range of metallic foils as well as the French brisa gel, also non-drip. The specialist team is delighted to offer advice as to individual choice.

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acquisition and manicure and pedicure, Caci and Heaven range of products. has manicure massage chair. Clients can sit back relaxing undergone an in-house specialist training in teeth in comfort while Mel or her whitening to cater for the assistant apply the full spa increasing demand from treatment, the pedicure again to include shellac, minx or brisa gel. All treatment involves creative products from the top of the range in beauty care. Lisa meanwhile has been

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has already proved to be best for Christmas.

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With dark and chill winter ahead and the glamour of

festive parties to technicians Donna and lighten it there is no Jenna and Karen a qualified better time to beautician all who have discover how the recently joined the friendly Glow treatment can team at Glow, they would enhance your body also like to take this and your sense of opportunity to extend confidence in Christmas greetings to yourself. All are friends old and new. In this welcome to take the they beautician Donna, trainee Glow treatment, nail technician Tash, not including those of both sexes – indeed forgetting currently around a welcoming and friendly face third of their clients greeting are men and their numbers

reception. are increasing.

#### Saltash U3A

The November meeting in the Guildhall saw a near capacity

gathering 93 of members and 15 guests, and an appeal was made for another Meeter and Greeter'to make new members welcome.

Our Chairman thanked Denise Watkins and her helping committee for arranging such successful Study Day at the China Fleet Club in October, and Lizzy Asprey for mounting the Heritage Display.

Another memorable day was the coach trip to Westonbirt Arboretum, organised Pat bv Fitzsimmons for the Garden Group. Thirty U3A members left Saltash at 8.30 am, arriving in time for coffee before our guided tours of the arboretum. The guides obviously loved their trees and shared their knowledge and

with enthusiasm us. pointing out the trees of special interest and colour. We arrived back in Saltash at around 8 pm, having had a very enjoyable day.

Four of our members attended the U3A South West Regional Conference at Fraddon, which was interesting and productive. Sue Pym and Godfrey Allen reported back on the discussions which ranged from 'Peak Oil and Renewable Energy, to

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#### Inner Wheel Club of

#### Saltash

At our October meeting we had a visit from Laura Smith an Avon lady who is no ordinary Avon Lady. She has been with Avon for 18 years and now runs her own business. She is one of their top 50 in UK and has been rewarded for her efforts by Mediterranean and Caribbean Cruises as Avon's guest.She brought a selection of products including skincare, body lotions, soaps, shower gels, perfumes and fragrances, many of which we were able to try. Avon have now branched out into jewellery, slippers, lingerie and many other products.Laura donated a very generous Raffle Prize, a selection of Avon products, which raised £19 towards our Charity Funds. It was won by Anne Davey.

Our November Meeting was a business meeting, mostly spent in planning our SOUP KITCHEN which we will be holding on 8th January at Saints Nicholas and Faith Church Rooms to raise funds for UNICEF. All proceeds will go to supporting children of Overseas Disasters.

We will end the year at a Christmas "Get together" with our Friends in Rotary and help them with their Santa Sleigh in the run up to Christmas.

Third Age Topics-whether with the cuts in education (evening classes) the age limit for admission to U3A should be altered, and whether Carers should accompany incapacitated memhers

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### WAITROSE SUPPORTS VILLAGE SCHOOL

The sixty pupils of St Mellion School, aged from 4 to 11, together with staff gave a very special welcome to Waitrose's Sophie Jarvis who attended their assembly.

She was there to present a cheque for £270 00 as part of the store's 'Community Matters' project. St Mellion school had been among the three local causes for which customers at the Carkeel 'Waitrose' were invited to choose how the community funding should be distributed.

St Mellion School's pupil numbers have risen from 37 to 60 over ten years and the building is described as 'bursting at the seams.' While classroom space is at a premium the school enjoys lovely grounds which are continually being enhanced to add to the pupils' pleasure. The Waitrose donation was especially appreciated as it was put to the purchase of two half barrels for planting and a lovely Storyteller's chair.

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An ancient village pound restored three years ago has been used again for its original purpose.

Villagers in Trematon were concerned to discover thirteen sheep straying in a local lane. Concerned that they might wander on to the nearby A38 and cause a serious accident they rounded them up, then had to decide what to do with them. They then remembered the

village pound, originally used by the Manor of Trematon for keeping stray animals which were released on payment of a fine. The pound fell into disrepair in the early 19th Century but was restored by

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the sheep were kept overnight while the villagers and Mr and Mrs Roger Legg of the nearby Manor Farm made enquiries as to ownership. The next morning they were loaded into a trailer and taken home. Unlike in the original days of the pound there was no fee

paid.

At Christmas play and make good cheer For Christmas comes but once a year.

THOMAS TUSSER (1524 - 1580)

## **NEW STRATEGY FOR SPORT IN SALTASH**

roper pitches and enhanced changing facilities are promised as part of a strategy to improve publicly owned open spaces.

Soccer, rugby, hockey and tennis players of all ages and abilities should benefit from Cornwall Council's plan for local facilities as put to the town council by County Cllr. Bob Austin. The current situation in

Saltash is dire, he proclaimed, citing a lack of pitches, poor pitch conditions and unsatisfactory pitch sharing arrangements. In addition there are unacceptable changing facilities, inadequate car parking, lack of flood lighting and substandard showers and toilets. If teams are promoted, as some of our youth teams seem likely to be, they will be unable to go up a league if their facilities are not of an acceptable standard. Chapel Field he described as

having outdated changing facilities and a cricket pitch little used due to its steep camber. In addition it currently has well-used rugby and football pitches of full size. One option includes a new club

house and changing facility by the Liskeard Road and two full size football or two full size rugby pitches, if the latter this could become the town's rugby hub. An alternative option for Chapel Field includes senior cricket and hockey pitches with junior rugby and soccer and perhaps

a mini soccer pitch. By contrast Moorlands Lane currently has an excellent clubhouse and acceptable changing rooms. The full size rugby pitch is good but the junior football pitch, sloping towards Callington Road, is not so good. Plans include levelling off the field to allow possibly senior hockey and cricket pitches and a junior football pitch.

good condition and, advised Cllr. Austin, used by up to two hundred children in a day. However, the changing rooms, showers and toilets are unfit for the young people using them and the adjacent tennis club is in poor condition though there are plans to improve it. It is intended to continue using the field as at present, with its senior and junior pitches. However, possibilities include combinng a new tennis clubhouse with new football changing rooms in the same building, while a

## **BUS STOP** SHIFT

Passengers who reluctant to use the North Road bus shelter for fear of missing their buses are to have the stop sign moved for them.

The stone shelter in North Road stands some distance from the stop which causes concern that buses may be missed by those sheltering. relevant The bus companies have expressed no objection to the move and subject to agreement over cost the stop sign should be moved to alongside the shelter.

new tarmac court and floodlights for the tennis courts are also on the agenda. Other sites not yet considered for enhanced facilities but possibilities for this include Oaklands Drive, Saltmill and the various local schools

Funding could be made available through commercial enterprises, Lottery funding, Sport for All and the Olympic 2012 Fund, Councillor Austin added, emphasising however that is was expected that clubs would raise their own funding. Having gained approval in

principal from the Town Council he advised that the next stage would be to speak individually to all local field sports clubs to discuss their aspirations and commitments before moving plans forward.

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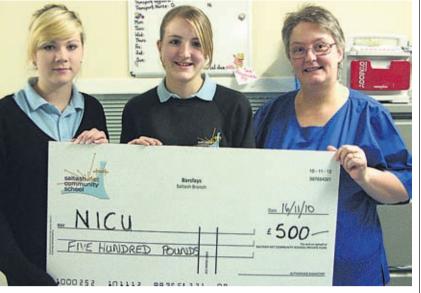
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## **Funds raised for Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Derriford**



During the summer term, saltash.net community school held its annual Dance Extravaganza, which helps to raise funds for charity. This year's chosen charity, the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Derriford, was the focus of the students fundraising efforts. The dance show was organised mainly by students Chelsea King, Beth Cook, Molly Howe and Bex Snee. supported by teachers, Mrs Hancock and Mrs Clayton-Jones. Much hard work was put into the production and led to a show of exceptional quality, which raised the fantastic total of £500 for the NICU. Beth Cook and Bex Snee visited the hospital last week to present the cheque to NICU Sister, Rosemary Leverton.

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## LIBRARIES AND BUSES FACE COUNTY CUTS

Of Cornwall's twenty libraries and one-stop shops, over half – that is eleven – are likely to be axed as part of the county's spending cuts. This was part of the grim news given by County Councillor Bob Austin to the town Council's November meeting.

Since footfall in Saltash library makes it among the best nine used in Cornwall it closure but this cannot be guaranteed.

Transport subsidies are also likely to hit Cornwall's bus services. While the buses serving the town are not subsidised, and would therefore appear safe, it may be that pensioners' bus passes will be restricted to use only after 9.30 am, as against all day at present. maintainance of public

rights of way is also to be reduced, to the concern of Cllr Peter Clements since this has only recently been improved. The town council is to object to this intended cut. Other cuts, aimed to cover the county budget's £10 million shortfall, include

leisure centre, waste recycling at supermarkets (such as Saltash's Waitrose), street cleaning, public conveniences, beach management and park Maintainance including grass

cutting. The better news is that such front line services as adult seems less likely to face care and childrens' services seem secure. Also a zero increase in council tax for the next two years is anticipated. The county was initially faced with saving £120 million, the majority of £110 million had been found. These final budget cuts, which have gone before the cabinet and were due to be put to the Scrutiny Committee, are aimed at making up the final shortfall.

> 'There seems to be a magic in the very name of Christmas.' CHARLES DICKENS (1812 – 1870)

#### **Christmas Day** lunch at Saltash Wesley **Methodist Church**

Last year was the first time that we served Christmas Day lunch at Wesley, and a great time was had by all!! This year we are again opening for Christmas Day lunch, for those people who may otherwise be sending Chirstmas Day on their own.

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## **DON'T** PANIC, MR. **MAYOR!**

A Town Council discussion over the Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service Community Safety Plan was rudely interrupted by the sound of the Guildhall's fire alarm.

In the absence of Dad's Army's Corporal Jones there was no panic as the Mayor led councillors, public and press members out into Alexandra Square, the official evacuation point.

Having found all to be present and correct the Mayor confirmed that this had been a pre-arranged drill. In fact the more eagle-eyed present, including your ace Saltash Observer reporter had noted the Mayoress Clrr. Merryn Killeva leave the chamber shortly before the alarm sounded.

Having declared himself satisfied with the drill the Mayor led all back inside. As a teacher at saltash.net school in his day job he expressed concern that when a fire practice causes the school to be evacuated a few of the less enthusiastic students take this

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## **BACK TO SCHOOL AT** SALTASH MUSEUM

The happiest days of one's life' for many, less so for some, most of us have distinct memories of our schooldays however far in the past they may be. For their 2011 exhibition in

the Town's museum Saltash Heritage, the Town's lively local history society, is concentrating on the theme of education. A lively exhibition entitled 'Please Sir!' is intended to portray the changes from the earliest local village schools and academies for young ladies and gentlemen up to today's gleaming comprehensive.

While the Society has a considerable collection of its own to draw upon, including a selection large photographs, they are anxious for the loan or gift of any

as an excuse to bunk off home for the rest of the day. Saltash councillors are made of sterner stuff and all returned to the chamber to continue

their meeting.

need for any `three dimensional' items such as old uniforms, globes, atlases, other schoolbooks, abacuses or indeed any teaching or learning items. Exhibits will be collected and, if loaned rather than gifted, returned at the end of 2011. Anybody with any potential exhibits that could enhance the 2011 exhibition is asked to telephone the Museum on 01752 848466 on Wednesday afternoon, Friday evenings or

school or other education

related items that any local

resident might have put away.

As always there is a particular

Saturday mornings, or to call the Secretary at other times on 01752 847800. **Observer Telephone Numbers** 07971484872

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#### FOOTPATH **OBJECTION REFERRED TO WESTMINSTER**

The dispute over a Antony footpath at Passage continues following two objection to the Cornwall Council's notification order.

The controversy concerns the path that formerly linked the end of the road to Antony Passage and public footpath No. 17 which leads up steps and alongside the Lynher before crossing a field to join a lane. A former owner of the riverside property closed off the link causing walker to cross the foreshore, under water at high tides, instead.

After an enquiry the county made a modification order restoring the footpath along the edge of the riverside property and above the tideline.

However, since objections to this have now been raised the issue has had to be referred to the Secretary of

## Joan Cuts the Tape to **Officially Open Exhibition**

local resident, the other from a solicitors firm in Ipswich representing owners of a property.

when this will be.

A good time was had by all at the opening of the latest Ashtorre Rock art exhibition. The Ashtorre Watercolour Group are donating a quarter of

the sale of paintings to the MacMillan Nursing charity. The opening

ceremony coincided with the monthly Wednesday lunch and amid jubilation, if not

Truscott cut the tape to declare the exhibition open. Around 30 paintings on

seascape, still life and birds. It is the very first exhibition

Group. There are also a few paintings by their tutor Neil Mawdsley.

Neil said, "I am very pleased with the show. It has been a real community effort. Members of the group were shown how to mount and frame up their own paintings. People who attend the Wednesday art group are from all walks of life. who have often been too busy for creative activities such as painting. Yet here we see, with patience and enthusiasm, great results!"

The exhibition runs every day from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm until the 29th November. The Group's next exhibition will be in the Spring of 2011.



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worthy charities and charitable One objection came from a organisations at the Saltash Guildhall recently. The very

FORMER MAYOR

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worthy beneficiaries included Saltash Guides, Saltash Duke of Edinburgh Open Award Centre, Saltash Scouts, Saltash Army Cadets, Saltash St John Ambulance, St Barnabas Hospital, Tamar Trotters Junior Athletic Club, Saltash Girls'

Choir, Saltash Youth Football Club, Saltash Fire Cadets, Saltash Rugby Colts, Saltash Café, Saltash Disabled and Handicapped Organisation, Saltash Air

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Cadets; - all received £100 each. In addition Mrs Hooper presented £1,019 to the Shelter Box Appeal from her Haiti Earthquake Disaster Fund and £3,019 for Help For Heroes - which was her main charity during her year as Mayor.

Following the presentation

Mrs Hooper thanked all the benefitting organisations for their stirling work within the community - she also thanked the leaders of the youth organisations for all their loyal support for their young members.

Saltash Mayor and Mayoress Councillors Adam and Merryn Killeya also attended the presentation and the Mavor likewise praised all the organisations and indeed the organisers of the Help For Heroes fund - he was very mindful of the work done to aid and support our Servicemen and Women and paid tribute to those who have shown great bravery and dedication in their active duties such as Afghanistan and other war torn Countries.

The Mayor was praiseworthy of the outstanding efforts of previous Mayor of Saltash Councillor Mrs Hooper and thanked her on behalf of all the organisations that had benefitted from her fund raising efforts over the past year and indeed previous years.









#### **TOWN ENJOYED** A HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Saltash children tricked and treated on Hallow'een night as never before without any problems, local police were pleased to report.

Before the even police community support officers had visited local schools advising children on how to have a fun evening without causing concern particularly to the elderly and vulnerable. This advice appeared to have been heeded. Residents had also been offered, "trick of treat, no thank you" signs to display which seem to have been observed.

"Over the last few years bonfire night has been less of an issue, with more young people out and about on hallow'een," Sergeant Andrew Dunstan told the Town Council. "This year there was no anti-social behaviour reported though there were record numbers of young people on the streets.

He also reported a continuing fall in reported crime with 73 offences over the month as against 88 over the equivalent period the previous year. These included three burglaries, though there had been two arrests in respect of one. There had been three thefts from motor vehicles. There had, however, been a spate of seventeen offences of criminal damage to vehicles especially in North Road, St Stephens Road and Port View areas. The arrest of a suspect, he reported, was

anticipated.

FORMER **BUTCHER'S** DESTINED FOR DENTIST

The long empty butcher's shop in Fore Street which for generations was known as 'Butcher Davey's' is to become Saltash's NHS dental surgery

While reluctant to lose retail premises in Fore Street the Town Council agreed on the need to house an NHS dental service in the town which has lacked one for almost a year since the practice at the top of Fore Street became purely private. It was also agreed that the long empty premises were an evesore and no credit to the town. Accordingly permission for change of use to a dental surgery with a replacement shop front was recommended on the basis

that it revert to retail should any further change of use be Councillor Derek Holley requested. appeared to have persuaded

Hatt have had to be abandoned.

burial space

Town Crier Brian Whipp and his wife, in festive mood, and wearing their new capes, stopped off at Corradi for a warm drink, before joining in the festival on a freezing cold night to switch on the new Saltash Christmas lights.

#### PARKING FEE EXEMPTION OVERRULED

Saltash may not be granted special status in respect of reduced short term parking fees, as had been anticipated. The current fee of twenty

pence for one hour's parking had been due to rise. However, as reported in vour 'Observer' County

limiting the increase with a new thirty pence charge, citing the closeness of Plymouth and the need to keep shoppers in Saltash.

However, this was recommendation that the

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Cornwall Council to agree to charge be upped to fifty pence in line with the rest of Cornwall.

The Town Council is to write to Cornwall Council asserting the essential need to the town's small subsequently overruled with a businesses to keep down the cost of short term parking.

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## **NEW HORIZONS ARE TOWN'S TOP BRAINS**

What was the original name of 'Animal Farm'? Which horse pulled the Steptoe's rag and bone wagon? And what was Mrs Tiggywinkle's profession?

These were among the mind bending questions put to over twenty teams which came together for the annual Town quiz, by now very much a local tradition, organised by Saltash Scouts

After ten rounds, plus a picture round based on identifying logos, the winners in a close fought contest proved to be 'New Horizons.' They were followed closely by Saltash Twinners with the Mayor's team in third place.

And the answers to those three questions are 'Manor Farm,' 'Hercules' 'Washerwoman.



#### ANNA RECEIVES A CHEQUE FOR £250

The Trustees of the Sue Hooper Charitable Foundation were delighted recently to present Ballet Student Anna Carey from Saltash with a cheque for £250.

Anna has successfully completed her first year at Stella Mann College of Performing Arts gaining high marks in all her assessments - and started her second year at the College in September of this year.

To assist her Trust has made a contribution towards Anna's necessary performing requirements such as dance uniform, dance shoes, costume hire etc:

Chairman of the Trust Sue Hooper said today: "We are delighted to support Anna again - we first gave financial assistance to



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HATT IS OFF FOR ALLOTMENTS

Plans to provide allotments for Saltash's would be gardeners at

Land had been offered adjacent to the main Callington Road

close to the Holland Inn. However, concerns over highways

issues and in particular traffic crossing the busy stream of fast

Instead the Town's Civic Amenities Committee is looking at

Other land in the new Churchtown Cemetery could be made

land at Churchtown Farm offered by Cornwall Wildlife Trust.

available short term for allotments prior to being needed as

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