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## Medical Aids and Comforts Come from Hospital Friends Fundraising

With the re-opening of the minor injuries unit of St. Barnabas Hospital, the hospital League of Friends is anxious as ever to promote the service that our community hospital provides as well as raise funds for medical facilities and patient comfort.

Over the last year over £15,000 was provided by the League of Friends, its chair Mrs Joyce Mepsted reported to their annual general meeting. Most notably two blood pressure monitors, a bladder scanner, mobility aid and two nebuliser systems have been added by the League of Friends to the medical equipment in the hospital. Inpatients can also benefit from the new vertical blinds provided for the wards.

'This has been achieved by raising funds through our events and by the hard work of a dedicated committee and band of volunteers and, of course, with the support of the people of Saltash and of the hospital', added Mrs Mepsted.

Following the formal business League of Friends members enjoyed an interesting talk by James Lyne about his late companion, his 'seeing eye' guide dog.

## Pipes Played and Doves Soared as Peace Garden was Opened



A garden where not only those from Saltash who lost their lives in past conflicts can be remembered but also hopes and prayers for a peaceful future can be offered has now been formally opened.

In the heart of Saltash, overlooked by the memorials to the fallen of two world wars, the autumnal afternoon sun was reflected off the bugles of the Devon and Somerset Fire and

Rescue Service Ceremonial Unit as the band played the last post and lament followed by the reveille.

In the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of Saltash and Lord Mayor of Plymouth the Saltash Memorial Peace Garden was opened by Mr. Barry Brooking, grandson of Francis Brooking, one of the team of six Saltash Fireman killed in the Plymouth blitz 'Saltash paid a heavy price in two world wars as the 148 names on the memorial remind us, especially given that the town's population was only around 4000 in 1914 and 6000 in 1939', he reminded those present. He added that since 1945 British servicemen have continued to die on service each

year except one, a total of sixteen thousand in the past seventy years. He himself had been lucky to survive a post-war conflict when serving as a Royal Marine Commando. 'Those whose names are on the memorial would have approved the Garden' he concluded.

A service of dedication was led by Reverend Jonathan Budd, President of Saltash Churches Together and prayers were offered by the Mayor's Chaplain the Reverend Michelle Parkman, The Mayor, Councillor Bill Phillips laid a wreath on the newly unveiled memorial as doves of peace were released from St. Nicholas Church by Miss Elizabeth Turner, and rose through a darkening November sky.

## Council Says No to Town Centre CCTV

There will be no CCTV mounted in and around Saltash Fore Street, it appears, after the Town Council turned down a request for £16,000 'Section 106 Money' to subsidise the scheme.

A facebook poll of local residents had shown 72% of respondents clearly favoured the scheme with just 21% against. However Councillors noted that only 74 replies had been received making it hardly representative of the town's populace of 17,000 plus.

Similarly a poll of Fore Street businesses showed 94% in favour of CCTV with only 6% against. Councillors queried, however, whether this might have been in response to a 'loaded' question with no financial consideration taken into account.

An unmanned CCTV system in a town such as Saltash is of limited value to the police, Inspector Julian Morris told the

council as 'it does not pick up what we want to pick up'. It is better if it is manned by volunteers, at least at critical times such as Friday and Saturday evenings, as has been effectively practiced in Bude. The volunteers can zoom in on incidents and film is of evidential quality.

After prolonged discussion the Town Council decided by a majority vote that CCTV was not a good use of public funding under the present scheme.

Instead the Council is to consider all options as part of its duty to reduce crime and this could include paying for a PCSO if policing cuts eliminate them.

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## Sector Inspector Tells Town of Fears for Further Police Cuts

Saltash could lose its community police team and its popular police community support officers. Sector Inspector Julian Morris has told the town council before the Chancellor made his Autumn statement. However the town's police station seems secure, despite other local stations being marked for closure.

While £58 million has already been shaved off Devon and Cornwall's police budget over the past five years the force was now awaiting news of further cuts planned. In what Inspector Morris described as a 'worst case scenario a 25% cut of £54 million might be implemented. If so recruitment would cease and neighbourhood police teams would have to go. Since Chancellor George Osborne, against all predictions, made no further cuts to police budget in his subsequent statement these changes would not now appear necessary.

Instead reactive police response units would be based

at various hubs. Previously such hubs had been set up at Liskeard and Bodmin. However Inspector Morris, who supervises the South East Cornwall sector, advised that this had not worked well and it would be his intention to move response units to other towns and keep officers in Saltash as such a response unit.

Saltash police station is in line for refurbishment to keep it fit for purpose and is therefore not lined up for closure. In fact news reports of station closures were misleading, Inspector Morris reported.

While police estates are being downsized and Liskeard station is due for demolition another is due to be built, possibly accommodating all three emergency services. Likewise stations closing at Looe and Torpoint are due to be replaced. Meanwhile Saltash station will continue to be staffed and provide a twenty-four hour response.

Local crime figures reported average around 58 per week, up

two per week on last year which Inspector Morris considers not too bad. However Councillor John Brady advised that when he had called the police 101 non-emergency number he had been told that there was a 45 – 50 minute wait for a call to be taken and suggest that many crimes may go unreported by those unwilling to wait such times. Inspector Morris agreed this might be the case and that the telephone response system was flawed.

Asked whether Saltash might pay for its own PCSO Inspector Morris agreed that this was a possibility and that St. Austell had previously done so.

With 80% of the police budget going on staffing costs further cutbacks seem inevitable and Saltash Town Council, at Inspector Morris' suggestion, agreed to lobby MP's and others as to minimising further cuts and to seek to retain the reassuring sight of neighbourhood police team and PCSO's in the town.

## New Lane Lines Speed Traffic but Twelve Months Road Works Ahead

Following overnight closure of the road system at Carkeel new lane lines have been painted, following pressure from local motorists. This has already resulted in a noticeable dramatic lowering of the accident rate and reduced queuing, reported local resident and Councillor John Brady who had pressured for the changes. 'We need to keep on, there is much more to do, but we are grateful for the work done,' he told the Town Council. In particular he is seeking yellow boxes to keep the approaches to the roundabout clear.

The reversal of lanes from Callington, which now includes the West lane being marked to 'Saltash', will continue until 'Phase 2' of the work is concluded after which there will be two lanes for 'A38 East' advised County Councillor Derek Holley.

The work on Phase 2 is scheduled to start on 6th January 2016 and will continue for a year, he added. There will be inevitable congestion during this time while the whole roundabout is moved northwesterly and traffic control lights installed. Councillor Holley had sought that all the roundabout work be done at one go to limit disruption but had been advised that this was not possible as there were two sources of funding available, one from Cornwall Highways, one from Highways England and the availability had not coincided. Thus after many months of disruption the road is now clear for a few months before a further year of congestion commences.

Comments were made about the lane lines being unreadable when they are clogged with traffic and it was confirmed that high level lane signs had been requested.

## Surgery Showed Interest in Broadmoor

In our November edition we reported a local Councillor at stating his belief that neither of our two local surgeries was keen to open at the new Broadmoor development.

While they are limited in the number's of new patients that they can accept in their current property, Port View surgery was involved in the initial discussion with the developers, Tina Seedhouse, Practice Manager has pointed out. At that time they expressed an interest in utilising the proposed 'community building' to start a branch surgery thus allowing them to provide healthcare for the new residents.

## Essa files

Since my last column, which mentioned the successful transition from conflict in Northern Ireland, it hasn't been a great month for peace. A series of terror attacks across the globe, including in France but also in Egypt, Nigeria, Lebanon and many other countries, have led to understandable fears of a new era of conflict and atrocity.

At the same time Saltash has just opened its very moving peace garden close to the Guildhall, in memory of those who lost their lives in all conflicts; leading me to reflect on what we can do, as citizens of Saltash, the UK and the world, to further honour the memory of the fallen by working for a more peaceful future.

It strikes me that our first step is about what we don't do – about avoiding giving in to the temptations of hate or fear. To not blame everyone who happens to share a religion, or a country of origin or a skin

colour with the perpetrators of these attacks. To not batten down our borders and refuse to help those fleeing from those same extremist peddlers of hate. To not turn the world into a narrow vision of 'us', and a multitude of 'them' who are all to be feared, mistrusted and vilified. To do any of those thing would suit the terrorists very well, since it is in a climate of distrust and division that terror thrives.

But it is also about what we should do: we must seek to build something positive out of the horror, since that is the best way to combat terrorism. Meet every act of violence from those claiming to be Muslims with one of charity and goodwill towards those who actually practice the virtues of tolerance and hospitality that the religion preaches. Respond to every attempt to breed division and ghettoisation with a push for harmony and community. Counter every move towards an authoritarian siege mentality with a celebration of the freedom, openness and tolerance that make us so much better than ISIS.

In short, a time of terror is not a time to abandon the idea of peace exemplified in the Saltash peace garden, but rather a time to strive ever harder for it.

Adam Killeya

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## From The Mayor's Parlour...

This month moving into autumn it is a time of reflection, which started with our attendance at the Royal British Legion festival of remembrance held in the Wesley following on with our civic remembrance service again at the Wesley.

Followed by our March to StNicholas and faith war memorials for the wreath laying finishing with our 2 minutes silence in Fore street on the 11th.

Jean and I were overwhelmed by the amount of young people who turned out.

### Given the weather.

I must give my appreciation to the British Legion and the town band who give

### Up there time.

Monday the 2nd of November which I think was the last sunny day of this period saw us at the opening of the Burraton school adventure playground,

This was especially pleasing as a large amount of the funding was raised by The pupils themselves.

Lunch at the rugby was a fore runner to their match with St Austell, we had

To say it's a long time since we had meat pie as tasty as that, all thanks to

Sheila Boyd and Rachel Honey.

I was also invited to the St Barnabas league of friends AGM., it was a pleasure

To hear the amount of funds donated to the hospital this year for new equipment and the news that the minor injuries unit has reopened.

As I write this we are in the process of the transfer of large amounts of open space in Pilmere being transferred to the council this will include some play parks, once this is concluded a committee will be set up to decide the way forward.

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### A little indulgence from the Editor

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Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November, a day I shall never forget as long as I live, as I had the privilege of being there as they arrived safely into the world. My life is now complete.

My gorgeous baby girls are **simply amazing** they will change our lives forever.

Thank you to my beautiful daughter and son in-law for giving me this wonderful gift.

## Christmas Message

By the time you read this, the town will have taken on its own special seasonal magic. The Christmas festival and parade will have passed, our celebrated lights will be glistening and our shops will be filled with traditional and unusual Christmas fare and ideas for gifts. Once again our town will be able to offer all that is needed to make Christmas special.

As we build up the excitement that Christmas always brings to the young and those of all ages who are young at heart we should perhaps spare more than a moments thought for those less fortunate.

Whether it be those whose lives have been devastated by war in the middle east, or just those local families who will be dependent for Christmas cheer on the charity and goodwill of others, we should remember that Christmas is a time of giving – and not only to kith and kin.

In this season of goodwill for the twenty forth time we on the Observer are once again happy to send the seasons; compliments to all of our advertisers, many of whom have supported us throughout the decades, and to all of our readers and friends in Saltash and district and indeed worldwide who enjoy their monthly Saltash Observer through our website.

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Your Editor Mary Crawford*



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In small town communities such as Saltash Christmas shopping remains a pleasure. Instead of parking problems, and expenses followed by packed streets and shops full of soulless superstores, Saltash retains the tradition of shopping, as it should be. Small shops, largely locally owned cater for customer needs and our shop keepers often have many years experience of serving Saltash Christmas shoppers. A wide selection of presents, ideas for gifts, often that unusual or eclectic item, awaits those who visit Fore Street in the weeks before Christmas. Shops are also full of seasonal food and drink, much of it from local West Country sources, ideal for ensuring the perfect seasonal fare for family and friends. With plenty of parking at a reasonable price, and the two hour parking fee returned by many local shops as a 'Thank you' for shopping locally, there is further incentive to shop in Saltash this Christmas and throughout the year. And when you need a break from shopping a wide range of cafes, coffee shops and inns are ready to welcome you, many with their own special array of Christmas fare on offer.

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Christmas brings a kind of magic to childhood, a magic that never altogether fades away as we grow older. However happy, busy and prosperous we may or may not be throughout the year Christmas remains a season eagerly to anticipate and to recapture some of that magic of early youth. Little surprise then that when times have been troublesome the future unpredictable and necessities of life in short supply Christmas has been an exceptional highlight of the year, a time to relax and enjoy such simple pleasures as were available. Christmas during the war years were celebrated very much in the spirit of 'making do' despite increasing shortages making this increasingly harder and it is now interesting to look back at how families managed to survive and enjoy wartime Christmas with so little of what we consider vital to the festive season.

Although preparations for food rationing began almost immediately on the outbreak of war in September 1939 they were not put into effect until January 1940. Christmas in 1939 could therefore be celebrated as in peacetime with as many good things as could be afforded. The most serious shortage was recorded as ground almonds for marzipan. This was not to last. Meat Rations By Christmas 1940 weekly meat rations per person were to a value of 1 shilling ten pence, around nine new pence, with no let off for Christmas though the Ministry of Food's Christmas present to a war weary populace was a doubling of the tea ration to four ounces a week and sugar up from eight ounces to twelve. While chicken and other poultry was never rationed it was practically unobtainable.

Sweets and chocolate could be enjoyed by the nation's children as available until 1942, by that Christmas they too were strictly rationed. Oranges, lemons, bananas and all other imported fruit were unobtainable except for the fortunate few. One child recalled a Christmas treat, 'One Christmas in '43 or '44 Dad was in North Africa and he sent us a big basket of oranges. In those days the postman delivered on Christmas Day and they arrived on Christmas morning. Others were less fortunate and by 1943 it was estimated that only ten per cent of the population would enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner. Even so, for months before, instead of indulging in today's pre-Christmas spending spree, civilians carefully hoarded their coupons in order to prepare the Christmas treats for which recipes were enthusiastically offered. Carrots were substituted to make Christmas cake, 'emergency cream' included margarine and milk powder, and wartime Christmas pudding included grated raw potato and carrot. Marmalade and prunes were the main ingredients for Christmas fruit pies. Topped with holly Christmas cakes made with reconstituted eggs were topped with 'holly leaf icing' of Soya flour and margarine. Christmas presents included marzipan rolled into the shape of apples and pears with artificial colouring and cloves for stalks to be made up into a 'fruit basket.'

Presents too were very much of the 'make do' variety. At first British toy companies had eagerly replaced the role of pre-war German favourites such as Bing and Schuco, and board and card games to pass the long hours in the air raid shelters were especially popular. One advertised card game was 'Black Out - the game to cheer you up! - everybody's playing it.' As raw materials became in short supply and factories switched to war production toys and games, like almost everything else, were increasingly hard to buy. Many war workers such as firemen spent quiet periods building or repairing toys for children who might otherwise have none. And at a party given by the wardens of Forest Hill, London, the Mayor of Lewisham remarked upon 'The finest toys that I have seen this Christmas.' Local rescue service members had created toy engines, dolls' cradles and rocking horses for Father Christmas to distribute, all from materials salvaged from bomb sites.

'Squanderbug' Presents for adults were also a problem with alcohol and tobacco in short supply, clothes, soaps and sweets rationed, and the cartoon 'Squanderbug' continually imploring against overspending on luxuries. Hand made garments, practical gifts such as gardening equipment, or books (though also in short supply) were popular gifts or - for the true patriot adult or child - national savings certificates or stamps. Christmas decorations still brought magic to the house though largely made from cardboard, string and sweet papers. With wood in demand for war service fir trees were not chopped down and only tired looking artificial trees survived the war, though many brought in shrubs or bushes from the garden. These however could sparkle with tinsel, the tinfoil dropped by aircraft to baffle radar scanners was eagerly collected for this. And handmade stars or fairy dolls topped the well admired ensemble. Whatever hardships there might be, and however many members of the family might be absent 'on active service' every effort was made to make Christmas special. And of course the wartime decree to 'keep smiling through' was never more noticeable than at Christmas. A Christmas order of the day from a Devon Home Guard commander reads, 'Best Wishes for Christmas and New Year. We have certain grounds for congratulating ourselves. Half the trying Autumn - Winter season is behind us. The shortest day is passed. The

**As a contemporary  
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As I write this the situation with Turkey, Syria and Russia is very worrying. It is clear that action must be taken against the so called Islamic State and I am listening carefully to everyone's views as well as the Prime Minister. As the mother of a serving Naval Officer I know that whatever decision I take has the potential to put our brave service personnel in danger and it is a decision which I will not take lightly.

I was very pleased with the Chancellor's Autumn statement. Some residents had approached me with concerns over tax credits and I gave their representations to the

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Chancellor. I am very pleased that, because of the improvement in the public finances, the Chancellor was able to avoid the proposed changes. It is good to have a government that listens to concerns.

I was also pleased that the Chancellor was able to set some money aside to help with our water bills. In the statement he announced that he will continue to provide £50 off the water bills of South West Water customers, for the rest of this Parliament.

This was a good budget for younger people. A new



apprenticeship levy to deliver 3 million apprenticeships will ensure large businesses share the cost of training people, but no business with a pay bill below £3 million will have to pay. We will also increase the funding for each apprenticeship to make sure these are high quality apprenticeships. The real terms protection of schools budget will maintain funding for free infant school meals, protect rates for the pupil premium, and increase the cash in the dedicated schools grant. The Government are also going to open 500 new free schools and University Technical Colleges, and invest £23 billion in school buildings and 600,000 new school places. The government is committed to the largest ever investment in free childcare so working families get the help they need. From 2017, they will fund 30 hours of free childcare for working families with 3 and 4 year olds. The government will support £10,000 of childcare costs tax free and to support nurseries delivering more free places for parents the government will increase the funding for the sector by £300 million.

I would like to wish all your readers a very happy Christmas and festive period. Please remember to thank all those people who have to work over Christmas to keep us safe and look out for those who are alone and vulnerable at this time of year.

**Families of Firemen Blitz  
Victims Found**

Family members of the two Saltash Firemen who were killed in the Plymouth blitz in 1941 and whose names were omitted from the St. Stephens war memorial have come forward following an article appearing in your 'Saltash Observer' and elsewhere.

Six Saltash firemen died as they travelled to render aid in the height of the firestorm that rained on Plymouth. Their names, together with that of a Saltash boy scout who lost his life fighting the Saltash blitz, appear on the memorial by St. Nicholas and St. Faith Church. However only four names appear on St. Stephens's war memorial.

Subsequent to the article in your November 'Observer' family members of the other two have come forward and several were able to accept invitations to the opening of the Saltash Memorial Peace Garden as described elsewhere in this month's 'Observer'.

Linda Dodwell, who now lives in Harrowbarrow, was the niece of Leslie Tibbs, one of the two missing names. 'I would be delighted if he could be included with those colleagues who died with him', she told the Observer.

The other missing name, Bernard Jasper, was

represented by his nephew Robert Spraggs who came to the garden opening with his wife Hazel, they both being now living in Plymouth. Also present was Bernard's cousin Maurice Eglington of Saltash. Another nephew and niece, Nicholas Bernard Jasper of Gloucestershire and Mollie Morgan of Plymouth, who was away at the time, were unable to attend. The Jasper family too would like to see their relative commemorated at St. Stephens.

Councillor Mrs Sue Hooper MBE, who helped promote the Peace Garden project is to investigate the possibility of the names being added belatedly to the memorial by the St. Stephens Church lych gate.

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Jack's ambition in life now is to acquire a public access defibrillator. Sudden cardiac arrest is a major killer and only 5% of victims will survive as the only effective treatment is defibrillation, where an electric shock is passed across the heart – but this must be applied very soon to be successful.

Such equipment installed, Jack suggests, by the fire station near the centre of the town, could save local lives and he has already collected several hundred pounds towards the total cost of £1,000 plus £2,000 for a cabinet. His latest fundraising plan was for a table-top sale in Fore Street at the Saltash Christmas Festival Saturday. Newell's Travel Agents where his godmother works agreed to him setting up outside their premises.

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Seasonal Greetings

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### Two Hundred More Homes in Saltash

Cornwall Council has upped its plan for new homes by 7% from 50,000 previously quoted and Saltash must take its share. The increase is largely to make up for the growing number of existing housing that is becoming second homes.

Saltash was previously allocated one thousand new homes to be built in the town and this has now been upped to one thousand two hundred.

However the better news is that the town has already catered for 1282 new homes, largely on the projected Broadmoor development, so there is no need to find more green land to build upon.

### Drivers Ignore Guildhall 'No Entry'

Vehicles ignoring a 'No Entry' sign and cutting between Alexandra Square Car Park and Lower Fore Street, a member of the public told the Town Council, endanger pedestrians.

Twice within one week she had suffered a near miss from a vehicle disregarding the one way system in order to speed through and avoid the legal route back to Fore Street via Albert Road.

Councillors agreed this to be an issue, especially in the early morning and asked Inspector Julian Morris to see that his officers watched for such law breaking. They also suggested that the on road 'No Entry' sign, removed during road works, be replaced.

### Family Tree...Can you help!

I am currently researching my family tree and hoping to make contact with the descendants of **Charles and Violet Williams (née Truscott)** who lived in Silver Street, Saltash.

They had four children; **Audrey, Margaret, Anthony, and Geraldine**

all born in the 1930's and 40's.

**Charles**, originally from Liverpool, had four younger sisters, one of whom was my maternal Grandmother.

Thank you in advance for any information.

**Contact: Mrs Gill Kirby, Poole, Dorset**  
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## The Seasonal Spirit of Christmas at the Ploughboy...Never Fails to Bring a Thrill of Pleasure to Old & Young

The seasonal spirit of Christmas never fails to bring a thrill of pleasure to old and young. It is something to be shared with friends and family and friendly strangers, and where better to do so than in a traditional public house and restaurant that over the last five years has developed an enviable reputation for entering into the spirit of Christmas? 'The Ploughboy' in the five years since Joan and Mike became 'mine hosts' has built up its seasonal menu and program of events so as to cater for one and all, old and young. Whether you seek a venue to bring your own party of family, friends or work colleagues, whether you want to enjoy an intimate pre-Christmas dinner, or perhaps relax over a pint or two in festal surroundings with perhaps some live entertainment, the 'Ploughboy' this Christmas is the place to be, And on the Big Day, to ensure the finest of festive lunches with all the traditional trimmings, you can let Mike and his team of professional chefs do the hard work and just sit back to enjoy Christmas Day dinner in good company.

The Ploughboy prides itself in particular as a party venue and with two separate function rooms available at no extra costs invites you to bring your party to the Ploughboy. Throughout the

year Joan and Mike have been welcoming wedding, birthday and anniversary parties and with Christmas fast approaching are already taking bookings from those who wish to bring friends and

families together to celebrate the season while leaving the organisation to professionals.

Mike is always happy to discuss the choice of menus which can range from a home prepared finger buffet to a full sit down Christmas turkey with the trimmings, and a tasty veggie alternative.

### Childrens menu

The spacious family friendly restaurant area, separate from the bar, is always a popular venue for lunch and evening meals, with the early evening opening especially appreciated by those whose young family are avid for the children's menu. Sunday lunchtimes see an increasing number of regular visitors eager to share in a succulent Sunday roast straight from the carvery.

The start of the Christmas season sees the menu change to reflect the coming festivities and to ensure their lunch and evening diners can enjoy all those favourite



## Seasonal Greetings from Mike, Joan and the team

dishes that make the season special. The menus below indicate what is on offer for those choosing to celebrate the season in the inn where Christmas is so much a traditional part of its calendar.

**Mouth-watering starters**  
On Christmas Day itself why not enjoy a relaxing morning secure in the knowledge that a full tasty turkey roast, with all the trimmings and with mouth-watering starters and desserts are being specially prepared for you at the

'Ploughboy'. This will be the fifth Christmas Joan and Mike are celebrating at the 'Ploughboy', as ever, Joan maintains 'my very favourite time of year'. Over the years they have especially enjoyed sharing the atmosphere of Christmas Day with those who have pre-booked for their festive feast in the 'Ploughboy, bedecked as it is with decorations to ensure a true festive feel. Mike will be happy to discuss the menu options for the day and take

bookings but speed is advised – the Ploughboy's reputation as the place to be on Christmas Day ensures that bookings fill up early.

And to see Christmas arrive in full spirit, come and join

the fun at the festive Christmas Eve Disco. Then see the old year out and welcome in the new at the 'Ploughboy' to the live music of the ever-popular band 'Whiskey Falls'.

## Christmas at... THE PLOUGHBOY

### Traditional Christmas Day Lunch

**2 Course Carvery + Coffee & Mince Pie £35.00**

(3 courses available ask for details)

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**Christmas Party Menu**  
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### Starters:

**HOMEMADE SOUP** - Broccoli and stilton served with a granary roll

**SMOKED SALMON AND DILL CREAM MOUSSE** - a creamy lemon, dill and smoked salmon mousse, finished with a layer of chopped smoked salmon and dill, served with a salad garnish and Melba toast.

**BREADED BRIE WEDGES (V)** - two deep fried, melt in the mouth breaded brie wedges, served with a cranberry dip and salad garnish.

### Mains:

**ROAST TURKEY** - traditional succulent Turkey, served with four seasonal vegetables and roast and new potatoes.

**ROAST BEEF** - Cornish topside beef, served with four seasonal vegetables, roast and new potatoes and a Yorkshire pudding.

**HADDOCK FLORENTINE** - a fillet of prime haddock, served on a bed of spinach, in a rich cheese sauce and accompanied with carrot and green bean bundles and new potatoes.

**MUSHROOM AND WALNUT HOTPOT** - a crisp pastry case surrounding rich, braised mushrooms and onions and topped with slices of potatoes and finished with chopped walnuts. Served with seasonal vegetables and new potatoes.

### Desserts:

**CHRISTMAS PUDDING** - traditional Christmas pudding, served with brandy sauce or Cornish clotted cream (must be stated on pre-order)

**WHITE CHOCOLATE AND RASPBERRY CHEESECAKE** - an individual white chocolate cheesecake on a crumble biscuit base, marbled with raspberry sauce.

**ICED HAZELNUT AND HONEY PARFAIT** - this frozen dessert is flavoured with honey and finished with chopped, caramelised hazelnuts and served with Cornish clotted cream.

**CHOCOLATE BOX** - an all butter shortbread base, topped with an indulgent dark chocolate mousse, surrounding a caramel centre...naughty but nice!

Tea or Coffee, & Mince Pie.

Tel: for a Party menu/planner to be sent out

**Call 01752 842861 for booking**

And all enquires...book early to avoid disappointment!

Normal menu also available throughout the festive period

**Bookings advisable**

Check your Observer for further details of  
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## Ploughboy Offers Coffee and Cakes for Cancer Nurses

Coffee drinkers and cake connoisseurs helped the 'Ploughboy Inn' break its own record for fundraising in aid of Macmillan Nurses. Once again regulars, staff and many who called by to enjoy the finest of home made cakes, joined together to participate in the national Macmillan Coffee Morning.

## Pirate's at the Ploughboy

Regional Radio station Pirate FM was in Saltash on a half term lunchtime promoting the 'Ploughboy Inn' and giving its customers the chance to win £500.

Popular Pirate DJ Jack Pinnock, part of the Love Crew was ensuring that listeners to the Redruth based station which covers Cornwall and West Devon were made aware of the Ploughboy's special selection of fine fare and entertainment.

While the radio station was proclaiming his whereabouts Jack was offering Ploughboy customers the chance to 'Pin It and Win It'. By paying a pound to enter their pin number, or any other four digit figure, into his key pad, they could pick the lucky number worth £500. Sadly no-one in the Ploughboy succeeded in enhancing their Christmas spending money before Jack moved on to his next gig at Trago Mills.



Coffee cups were constantly filled as customers selected gastronomic delights to accompany them from the selection of cakes baked by Ploughboy staff member Louise with her mother Jane Hoskin. The few cakes left uneaten were eagerly purchased to be enjoyed at home. Louise and Jane were especially keen to help Macmillan nurses having themselves lost a family member to cancer.

Funds were boosted by a raffle organised by Pete Edge who also has personal experience of how that sickness can strike, having himself been diagnosed with Hodgekins Lymphoma, subsequently in remission.

'The Ploughboy' team thanks all who baked, served and otherwise took part, as well as all of those who came along to support the event and helped to top last year's total by raising an excellent £400.00.

## THE PLOUGHBOY

### Christmas Day Menu

**2 Course £35.00 3 Course £42.50**

**Child 2 Course £25.00**

### Starters:

Homemade Broccoli and Stilton soup served with a Granary roll.

Pork, Chicken Liver Pate with a Cranberry topping, served with Toast and Salad garnish.

Prawn Cocktail – Fresh Prawns in Seafood Sauce sat on a bed of leaves and served with brown bread & butter.

### Mains:

Roast Turkey Beef or Pork – Carvery Style with seasonal trimmings.

Vegetarian Turkey Style Roast with Wensleydale, Cranberry & Orange Centre, a meat free soya based, coated in a tasty crumb filled with cheese, cranberries & orange served with seasonal vegetables and vegetable gravy. Smoked Haddock and Spring Onion Fishcakes on a bed of oriental stir-fry vegetables and new potatoes.

### Desserts:

Christmas Pudding – Traditional Christmas pudding served with Brandy Sauce or Clotted Cream

Three Layered Chocolate Mousse, (White, Milk & Dark Chocolate) served with Raspberry Coulis & Clotted Cream.

Banoffee Pie – Digestive base banana slices and sweet toffee sauce topped with Fresh Cream

After your meals you will be served with Tea & Coffee and a Mince Pie

Pre-orders Required

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