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## Hundreds of Homes and Jobs Promised in Plans for Broadmoor



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(CEG) who specialise in working with local communities to deliver well designed sustainable development schemes. 'We aim to provide a thriving community which will integrate seamlessly into existing neighbourhoods and stimulate fresh investment into the area,' summed up Matthew Tunley. 'We see ourselves as part of the natural growth of Saltash rather than a separate entity or village.'

A number of young people who visited the exhibition were already expressing a keen interest in getting onto the housing ladder and buying a property at Broadmoor, he added to the 'Observer'.

The next stage, he concluded, would be to take away comments from those who had attended the January exhibition. Then the Commercial Estates Group would revert to Cornwall and Saltash Town Councils to continue dialogue in preparation for a planning application to be submitted within the next few months. Work on the site could be started by the end of 2015.

Updated plan for the development of over eight hundred new dwellings together with industrial and office space and a new school and retail facilities attracted over eight hundred Saltash residents when they went on display in the town's Wesley Church. This was double the amount who attended to view preliminary plans last July, most of whom accepted the Broadmoor site, west of Carkeel, as the best site for Saltash to take its share of the 47,500 new homes that Cornwall was currently expected to have built by 2030. 'I am pleased and delighted to have welcomed the number of people who took the trouble to attend' development manager Matthew Tunley told the Saltash Observer. 'The majority of the comments at the exhibition last July focused on highways and transport issues. There were also concerns over drainage and local facilities. We have taken on board these comments in developing the master plan which is on display now'.

Access to the new estate would now be by means of two new roundabouts. One would be off the Callington Road, north of the Carkeel services area and discussions are under way with the Highways agency, who have their own plans for improving the main A38 Carkeel roundabout due to be underway this year, and with Cornwall Council. The other vehicular access would be via a new roundabout off the A 38 at Stokeon Cross, currently an accident black spot. It is hoped that a properly laid out roundabout, together with a realigned junction at Hatt, will encourage traffic to avoid passing through Carkeel between Callington and Saltash to avoid passing through Carkeel.

Green spaces will play an integral role in the overall development which will retain existing hedgerows and woodland, actively managed to create wildlife habitats, with newly created wetlands adding a new wildlife base.

The scheme includes a series of parks, community orchards and forest gardens as well as allotments, sports amenities and play area for all ages. New footpaths and cycle routes will add to existing paths to connect with existing routes to the town centre. A new pedestrian and cycle bridge over the A38 is being designed to incorporate a 'Cornish Knot' landscape feature. New residents will be encouraged to use foot and cycle ways as well as new bus services directed through the site.

Employment opportunities in the area will be offered by a six hectare site reserved for business and industrial use at the western edge of the development with easy access to the A38. A mix of offices, warehousing and light industry is anticipated in the hope of helping attract several hundred jobs.

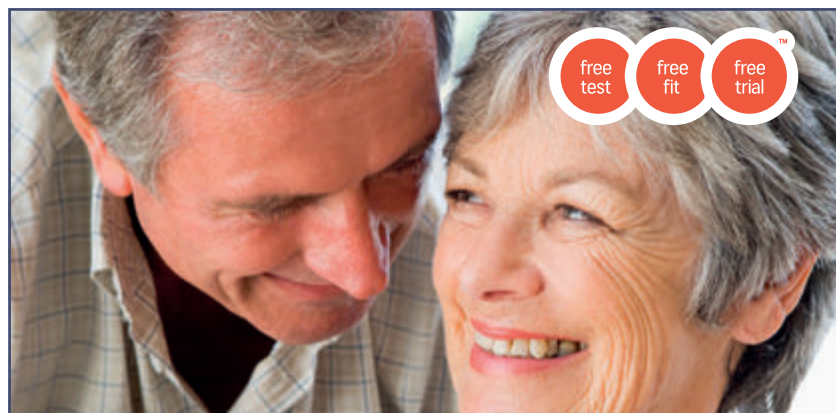
In addition a new primary school is promised on land set aside in the centre of the site. Other plans include a new pub/restaurant utilising an existing old stables as well as several convenience shops and a care home, sheltered housing and community centre.

The Broadmoor site was at one time being considered for new secondary and tertiary educational facilities. These are no longer proposed but instead Cornwall's Education Department is carrying out a

study as to what more is needed at saltash.net academy to accommodate students from the new development well as covering existing capacity issues. The current intention is to involve some financial contribution from the development.

The exhibition was mounted by Commercial Estates Group

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**Oh yes we did!**

My 8-year old and I went to the panto at the Theatre Royal last week. Oh yes we did! What a great show! We had plenty of fun. We've had just as much fun today, though, trying to explain the panto tradition to a friend who was not born in the UK... A man wearing women's clothes? Our friend asked us lots of piercing questions, though, and I didn't know the answers, so I went to the library to find out more. I was surprised to find that pantomime dates back to the Middle Ages. I was also surprised at the element of religion that runs through the panto tradition. Here is just one example: the convention that the good fairy must enter from stage right and the villain from stage left goes back to medieval mystery plays where the right side of the stage symbolised Heaven and the left symbolised Hell.

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

I've also been surprised at the role Cornwall Council plays in Religious Education. RE provokes challenging questions about issues of right and wrong, the ultimate meaning of life and beliefs about God. It develops knowledge and understanding of Christianity, other principal religions and other worldviews. It offers opportunities for personal reflection and spiritual development. An important subject! But although schools are required by law to teach RE, it is not actually part of the National Curriculum. Instead, the



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For Observer readers

From Councillor Hilary Frank  
Saltash South

syllabus is the responsibility of the local authority.

The Education Reform Act of 1988 laid a duty on each Local Education Authorities (as they were then) to constitute a Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (a SACRE) to advise the local authority on the RE syllabus and collective worship in schools. Nowadays, there are more than a hundred SACREs in England, each composed of four representative groups: Christian and other religious denominations; the Church of England; teachers' associations and elected councillors. This wide representation ensures that all viewpoints can be reflected in decisions taken. The 4 Cornwall Councillors on the Cornwall SACRE neatly cover the whole geography of Cornwall: one from Penzance, one from the Helston area, one from Truro and me from Saltash.

Currently we are running a consultation about proposed revisions to the syllabus made in light of changes in the National Curriculum that will come in to effect from September this year. The syllabus is available on our Curriculum Kernewek website ([www.curriculumkernewek.org.uk](http://www.curriculumkernewek.org.uk)), and whilst you're there you can take a look at the resources that have been drawn together to help teachers deliver the Cornish element of the syllabus, all designed to help our children encounter the rich spiritual and religious heritage of Cornwall.

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**Oh yes it will!**

I went along to the library to use their computers and books to research this article. What an important role the library plays in our community. But we need to increase footfall and come up with ideas for new services that will bring in revenue. (A café? Postal services?) Otherwise Cornwall Council will enter stage left and cutbacks will be made to library services as the Council seeks to make savings.

I nearly managed to get through a whole article without mentioning cuts...

Councillor Hilary Frank

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## Hospital Patients and Pillmere People Lose Bus Services

Having had their bus service increased recently to a half hourly service Pillmere residents and all of those in Saltash wishing to travel to Derriford Hospital have now had their direct Citybus withdrawn save for a few early morning and late afternoon commuter services.

A resident complained of missing hospital appointments due to the unreliability of the volunteer patient transport system and the unavailability of taxis when the patient transport failed to appear. Travel to hospital appointments or to visit there can cost up to £30.00 by taxi, she claimed.

The sizeable estate at Pillmere with around five hundred homes simply did not generate enough patronage to cover the costs of serving the area when it was incorporated into the former 43A route, Plymouth Citybus stated in a reply to Saltash Town Council who sought a restoration of a through service. They subsequently operated the frequent 30 route to the hospital at a substantial loss and accordingly decided to reinvest the buses into the new 5 and 5A service. This service running every ten minutes between the St. Stephens area, Fore Street and Plymouth, then on to Plymstock, largely duplicates the longstanding First National number 1 route.

Citybus do however point out that passengers travelling from Saltash to Derriford can still do so by simply transferring at St. Budeaux to

the 29 service with a maximum wait of twenty minutes and through ticketing available.

Saltash Town Council has undertaken to carry out a full survey of local bus services with a view to applying a fully co-ordinated service in the town. The Mayor commented that many residents are unaware of services such as Maxi-bus that covers various residential areas. The Town Council did discuss subsidising a service to Derriford hospital but with an estimated cost of £10,000 for each additional service it would clearly not be viable.

However the Mayor also commented that the bus company appeared taken aback by the vehement reaction to the withdrawal of the service. Citybus Managing Director Richard Stevens did advise Mayor Cllr David Yates, 'We are focused

on refining the network to ensure we provide a bus service that goes where people want to travel. If things develop in a way that enables me to improve on the service provision in Saltash in the future, I would hope then to be better able to meet your aspirations'.

## Former Mayor, Freeman and Friend of Football Club Died in January

After a lifetime of dedication to Saltash and to the wider Cornish community which earned him the well deserved honour of Freeman of the town, a former Mayor and Chairman of Caradon District died this January aged eighty.

Whether it was on his regular Saturday morning 'meet the people' stroll down Fore Street or cheering on his beloved Saltash United on the Kimberley terraces Eric Lewis was for decades a familiar Saltash figure.

Born in Looe but having lived in Saltash since early childhood and been educated at the town's primary and grammar schools, Eric became an Independent Town Councillor in 1979. He served as Mayor in 1983 - 84 and as his wife Jean, while fully supporting him, shunned the limelight his fellow Councillor Marjorie Schikowsky served as his mayoress. He was also to serve on Caradon District Council to which he was elected chairman.

His services as chairman and secretary of Saltash United Football Club earned him a BEM and following his retirement from civic office he was chosen as a Freeman of Saltash in 2004. The family including widow Jean and four children

preferred a private funeral arrangement for a well loved and respected man for whom Saltash was at the heart of his life. The Chelsea football supporters song played him out, reflecting his love of the club.

## The Essa Files

Following my comments last column about New Year's resolutions I have been considering the idea of an alternative - Fresh February.

After all January is not the world's most fun month. Aside from the suffering the after-effects of Christmas, on both liver and waistline, the media are always quick to remind us that we have, in quick succession, 'Divorce Monday' on January 6th - the biggest day of the year for couples deciding to split - and 'Blue Monday' on January 20th - supposedly the most depressing day of the year. Even 'fresh start Monday' - the day on which the most people are supposed to decide to change careers starts from the rather depressing notion that lots of people are unhappy in their work. Worse the peak age for deciding to swap careers is supposedly 33 which means that in 12 months I'm due for a change. Perhaps not: I am happy where I am.

Equally you could see January as like going through the 'minutes of the last meeting' at the start of any

agenda - it's the boring but necessary bit that has to be got out of the way bit before you can move onto the interesting stuff. February is after all full of much more exciting possibilities as the days and the spirit both get lighter. In my case it is due to be the month when I visit my 33rd country - those of you paying attention will notice that the significance of this is that I will then have had more countries than birthdays.

So building on this idea of the second month as the time to put the blues aside I have decided to embrace February (perhaps a bad choice of words given that it is also Valentine's Day) by setting myself the challenge, before the month is out, of trying a new sport, eating a new food, drinking a new drink, thinking a new thought and reading a new book. Not necessarily all at the same time, although that may be March's challenge

By Adam Killeya

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The popular Saltash youth theatre group, Page2Stage, are well into rehearsals for their second production. Following a hugely successful first show, Peter Pan, the cast are working hard to repeat their success with their next musical production.

### 'Disney, My Son Pinocchio Jr'

It is due to open at saltash.net community school in March:

Sat 22nd March 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Friday 28th March 7.30pm

Saturday 29th March 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Tickets are available from VanEssa Menswear, Fore Street, Saltash, via the Internet [www.ticketsource/Page2Stage](http://www.ticketsource/Page2Stage) & on the door.

Book your tickets now to avoid disappointment



## From The Mayor's Parlour...

### Planning

In a previous article in the Observer I said I would return to the subject of planning and particularly the Neighbourhood Plan. In order to answer some of the questions I have been asked by members of the public it seems a good time to say where we are at the moment and to describe some of the issues involved when considering planning applications in general.

In January Cornwall Council agreed that the housing target in Cornwall's Local Plan should be for an extra 47,500 homes to be built in the period up to 2030. This target has been much discussed since the first draft proposals were published, with both higher and lower numbers being lobbied for. It is worth noting that, although discussion on the number of houses required and their possible location has been the subject of most comments during the consultations, another major issue is the provision of local employment. The Cornwall Local Plan therefore also deals with the provision of employment land within future developments.

(Details of previous consultations on the Cornwall Local Plan are available on the Cornwall Council Planning Website).

To meet the requirements of the Cornwall Local Plan, about 900-1000 houses will need to be built in Saltash by 2030. (This figure includes any houses built since 2010). Although some of these new houses will be built as a mixture of individual houses and small developments mostly within the existing town, the majority are expected to be built in large sites outside the town.

The required numbers of houses to be built in Cornwall as a whole and Saltash in particular is based on predictions of future housing needs. As well as defining the number of houses to be built, the Cornwall Local Plan imposes, for example, strict requirements for the provision of affordable housing to ensure that the predicted housing need can be met.

Broadmoor Farm and Latchbrook were selected as potential Strategic Sites for large-scale housing construction to meet the requirements of the Cornwall Local Plan. Consultation with the public on the pros and cons of the Strategic Sites is a significant part of the Neighbourhood Plan which is being developed for Saltash.

A particular issue to be addressed is consideration of the infrastructure requirements of any significant development. These include, but are not limited to, community amenities, schools, medical facilities, sewers and drains, roads and transport links.

To take, as an example schooling the potential number of places required at both primary and secondary school age and the size, location and timing of any necessary school provision to meet this requirement is being discussed with the Education Authority.

One issue that has come to the fore with recent flooding, both locally and further afield, is the need for the provision and management of adequate arrangements for managing surface water both within developments and downstream.

The Commercial Estates Group has put forward a proposal for development at Broadmoor Farm and held public consultation events. The next stage is for a planning application to be made. Saltash Town Council will consider the proposals put forward by the Commercial Estates Group fully when they are submitted for planning permission.

Members of Saltash Town Council are unable to comment on these or any other proposals before they are submitted for planning permission as this could be interpreted as "predetermination" and prevent anyone who has expressed such an opinion from taking part in the planning process.

This may appear strange and against what seems sensible, but it is part of a number of frequently misunderstood "game rules" when considering planning applications.

Decisions on any planning application are made by considering planning policy and other specified criteria such as layout and density, access and traffic issues.

Conversely, a number of issues are not regarded as material when considering a planning application and these include: any impact on property values in the area, loss of a view and so on.

Cornwall Council sends planning applications within Saltash to the Town Council together with supporting documentation. They are reviewed by Saltash Town Council and a recommendation made to Cornwall Council, which is the planning authority, to approve or reject any application.

The Town Council website gives a list of planning applications received, the scheduled date of the Town Council meeting during which the application will be discussed and links to the relevant part of the Cornwall Council planning website.

Members of the public can look at applications at the Guildhall and are welcome to attend Town Council meetings.

I will write again about the neighbourhood plan when the consultation process starts.  
Cllr David Yates  
Town Mayor

## Seven Decades of Supporting Saltash Youth...

### Livewire is Leading Music Venue

For almost seventy years the club now known as Livewire has been meeting the changing needs of Saltash's young people and welcoming all whatever their background. From its inauguration in a former Mission Hall, set up to provide male role models for boys who had lost fathers to World War II, the Saltash Boys Club has moved with the needs and the demands of those who have enjoyed its varying facilities and benefited from the supervision and help offered by its volunteer workers.

It has progressed to purpose built 1960's premises, welcoming girls as well as boys and subsequently changing its name to 'Livewire' as selected by the membership to reflect its lively spirit. The Club is now internationally renowned for the unique facilities it offers, especially for those who wish to innovate, play and record their own music, and is enjoyed by over 1400 members aged 9 to 25.

It currently enjoys active support from such world renowned musicians as Mick Jagger, Phil Collins, and Pete Townsend as well as well known local names including Sir Richard and Lady Carew-Pole and Viscount Boyd. Donations from rock bands as well as local supporters, together with fund-raising gigs and grants have maintained the club which has never received Council Taxpayers money and is totally dependent upon outside funding.

As a music based youth project the Waterside premises have been converted into a state of the art performance venue, considered the best such small venue in the South West. During the current three weekly open access evenings, one reserved for younger members, young people can access free lessons into every sort of music

making and production and recording skills. Leading musicians are invited to meet members at master classes and have included members of Led Zeppelin, The Who, AC/DC, Thin Lizzy, Motorhead, The Rolling Stones, The Damned and many more. The venue hosts concerts and is also available for hire.

As an active part of the Saltash community Livewire was recently pleased to offer a venue for the previously homeless Saltash Town Band to practice twice a week and to store instruments. Now a joint gig with the band and the club's rock musicians is contemplated.

As part of its all inclusive policy Livewire has worked with many challenged young people helping them resolve personal issues, often through

music, or just through listening, caring and offering practical advice. Testimonials from parents and the young people themselves from throughout South East Cornwall beat out the success achieved by youth worker Andy Rance and his dedicated team of volunteers.

More members are always welcome, as are more volunteers. Supporter and sometimes sponsor Viv Yandell MBE Director of local industrial success story Spinnaker International is urging anyone who has a keen interest in supporting and helping our local young people to achieve and make the best of themselves to offer a few hours of their time via 01752 843570. No experience is needed; full training and support will be provided.

### Bags of Reasons to Stay Local

"I shop for Saltash; do you?" was the question posed to customers of the Food Market in Fore Street this month at the launch of a drive to encourage local shopping. Sustainable cotton shopping bags bearing the new 'I shop for Saltash' (ISFS) logo were given away to anybody spending ten pounds or more within the market.

Hundreds of bags, in four limited editions, are planned throughout the year. Initially they are only available from the Community Market, but from next month will also be available from selected local shops. The bags are being filled with lots of useful bits and pieces, including offers and discounts for Fore Street, The Courtyard and Keast Mews.

The ISFS campaign is also hoping to encourage younger members of the community to consider shopping more sustainably and get involved with the local market, as customers and traders. The next Food Market (March 7th) is being followed on the Saturday with a Youth Market, when members of Saltash College will be taking over the whole shop space to run their own mini-businesses. Planned stalls include a beauty and nail bar, freshly cooked food from the College kitchens and a while-you-wait 3D printing shop. 'I shop for Saltash' is being organised by the Saltash Gateway CIC Community Market team and funded by a grant from a local solar farm community fund. CIC Marketing Director Helen Neville hopes the campaign will generate a bit of buzz around local shopping and encourage budding entrepreneurs to take a market

stall and have a go at selling. "We all like to get something for free and our giveaway shopping bag is certainly worth having. What's in the bag will vary throughout the year, so it's a good idea to keep on coming back and spending another £10!" she added.

### Bridge Toll Tag Changes Contrary to Public Opinion

The monthly change of eighty pence to all Tamar Bridge tag holders, however often or rarely they use them, is coming into effect despite local protests.

A public consultation organised by the bridge and ferry authority showed the proposal to be generally disfavoured by tag holders. However the committee agreed to impose the charge despite this. As emphasised in your last Observer the Saltash town council opposed the charge and all three Saltash County Councillors who serve on the bridge and ferry committee were among the minority opposing the charge.

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On most days a two course hot lunch is brought to SHADO direct from the chefs



in the kitchens at Rowan House. This will be followed by a shorter ride out into the country, if the weather is suitable, perhaps to a tea garden or country inn – there are always a large number of suggested destinations and Mandy always endeavours to please everyone.

If the weather is bad, then an alternative programme of stimulating physical and mental activities suited to all ages and abilities can be quickly organised. Many enjoy carpet bowls, skittles or hoop-la, while the less active prefer bingo, quizzes, card or board games or one of the inventive games that Mandy continues to devise. Others may simply prefer to sit back with a hot drink and chat while watching the fun until it is time to go home.

Arrangements can be made

for those who wish, to go to Rowan House for an assisted bath or a new hair do.

This is a fun club in which to make friends and the Kimberley organising team welcomes those of any age. In the past we have entertained hundreds of people with ages ranging from 40 to 100! Those living alone, or who live with a carer but would appreciate a day or two away from home, or indeed to give a carer some well-earned respite, are invited to contact Mandy for further information. She can be reached via Rowan House on 01752 843843 or direct on 07969 79228 or visit the website

at [www.rowanhousecare.co.uk](http://www.rowanhousecare.co.uk). Look out for the leaflet highlighting the facilities soon to be distributed through your Observer and throughout Saltash.

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For those who need extra help to maintain a quality of life but who wish to remain in their own home, the Rowan House domiciliary care team is there to help. 20 or so fully NVQ trained carers in the community can provide a full home care package to suit individual requirements. Care co-ordinator Sandy Ferris is always pleased to meet with those who need help to discuss and prepare a personal care plan which may be privately, social services or health funded.

Sandy is experienced in preparing such plans for any age group from the younger disabled to more senior residents no longer able to fully manage but valuing their independence. Care packages can involve help with personal care, shopping, cooking, cleaning and may also include taking clients to appointments or trips out.

As well as preparing meals in the clients' home the carers can bring home cooked professionally prepared meals piping hot direct from the Rowan House kitchens. This can be done on a daily basis or as perhaps a weekly treat for a much appreciated Sunday roast. The meals on wheels service can be part of a full care package or on its own, either on permanent or short term basis.

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Do you live in PL12 and struggle to get out and about on public buses?



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## Fresh Food Finds Local Market

Those who enjoy selecting the finest of fresh local produce have been flocking to the monthly community market held at 'For Saltash' at the foot of Fore Street. Having enjoyed excellent support at the December market the town's Gateway Community Interest Company (CIC) anticipated resuming on the first Friday in February and monthly thereafter

The initiative is benefiting from funds awarded by Cornwall Community Foundation's Howton Solar Farm fund and is launched under the banner 'I shop for Saltash'.

Local home bakers, brewers or allotment holders with a surplus to sell, as well as smallholders or other local small businesses are all invited to participate. Gateway CIC is also in discussion with Cornwall College and [saltash.net](http://saltash.net) academy to encourage young people into experimenting with retail development of their own products in an established local facility.

Increasing membership of CIC is also being encouraged following a doubling of the numbers over the Christmas period and particularly during the town's Christmas festival when the premises were packed with people including parents of the children visiting Father Christmas

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## Rowan House Facilities are Available to Non Residents

Those who are living in their own homes, perhaps with assistance from the Rowan House domiciliary care team, are always welcome to visit Rowan House to enjoy day care. The facilities, meals and entertainment offered at Rowan House can be enjoyed along with the other residents.

Door to door collection and return transport can be organised so that day visitors can take advantage of the assisted bathing, hairdressing and chiropody services available. They can also enjoy hot meals prepared by professional chefs and relax in the dining rooms and lounges some of which overlook the Tamar. Overnight respite care for visitors can also be arranged subject to room availability.

The feast of entertainment alone is enough to attract many people but especially those who spend a lot of time on their own. This ranges from live music from professional entertainers, to warmly anticipated visits from 'Wayne' the rescue donkey sponsored by Rowan House residents. A wide range of craft activities, jig-saws, memory therapy, card games, bingo and the very popular pamper sessions help fill a packed programme.

So popular are the residential facilities at Rowan House that owner Mike Westmore plans this Spring to start work on an extension which will increase capacity to 27, which he considers to be 'a nice friendly number'. Watch out for further details in your Observer, which will include full information on the anticipated grand open day when the management and residents will throw open Rowan House, welcoming all to see the extended facilities.

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## Ella is the Apple of Granny Smith's Eye

Residents and staff have been delighted to welcome Ella Grace Moore to the Rowan House family.

Her arrival on 25th January, weighing in at 8lb 2oz was cause for special celebration as her mother Jessica is Rowan House Duty Manager, and father Alex's mother Joanne Gerry is also Duty Manager. Her other grandmother Sharon Smith is Manageress, so we could say Ella Grace is the apple of Granny Smith's eye. As the first baby for Alex and Jessica and first grandchild for Sharon, Ella Grace is especially welcome and is already a much loved member of the extended family who shares the life of Rowan House.



## Police Plan Parental Presentation on Drug Awareness

Parents of a child of any age are invited to learn more of the dangers of drugs, legal or otherwise, in a public presentation by local police.

The aim is to enable parents to identify drug use while raising their awareness of illicit substances and the growing danger of legal 'highs'. PCSO Kirsty Down is organising the event in February with full details to be confirmed in school newsletters, twitter and other local media.

This follows a Christmas and New Year period that saw crime in the Saltash police area more than halved from the same time in 2012/13, continuing a welcome downward trend. There were 46 reported crimes as against

106 the previous year. These included six assaults of which five were domestic and one in which the parties knew each other. There were three criminal damage offences to property and six to vehicles. There were three offences of Class B drug possession and four public order offences.

Police warned of a growing trend in South East Cornwall of theft of metal gates to fields. While these did not relate specifically to Saltash residents particularly in the rural areas were asked to be on the lookout for such offences.

## Buffalos Still Seek Toc.H Room

A long derelict public hall will be completely renovated, at no expense to the local community, and be made available again as a community facility, the Essa Lodge of the Order of Buffalos is promising.

As previously reported in your Observer the Buffalos are anxious to take over the former Toc.H rooms at Warraton. They have recently confirmed to the Town Council that they remain keen to do so. If they are granted the Council owned property at a nominal rent they will completely restore and maintain the premises. As well as being a meeting place for the lodge they will be made available to other local organisations.

Town Councillors agreed that they still support the Buffalos proposal.

## Bus Jams in Church Road Narrows

The new Citybus service to Saltash is resulting in jams on a busy but narrow section of Church Road, the Town Council heard. With the 5 and 5A running every ten minutes and in opposite directions around the town they frequently meet in the narrow section between St. Stephens Road and Fairway. This is already busy, particularly at school times, and reversing is often required.

While Cornwall Council has considered possible road widening the Town Council is suggesting altering the routing to one way for buses, possibly using Barkers Hill for travel the opposite way. Barkers Hill was made a one way street in order to accommodate a bus service of First Western that was thereafter withdrawn.

Negotiation with Citybus continues.

## 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 In Pantomime whose father was Mustafa the Tailor? (7)
- 2 What name is given to Chicken breast stuffed with seasoned Butter? (4)
- 3 What name is given to the open grasslands of South Africa? (5)
- 4 What term was used to describe Cromwell's cavalry troopers in the English Civil War? (9)
- 5 In Lady Chatterley's Lover what is the lady's first Christian name? (9)
- 6 Which River is spanned by Britain's longest Railway Bridge? (3)
- 7 Who was the creator of the cartoon series Peanuts? (6)
- 8 Which is the largest Brass instrument in an Orchestra? (4)
- 9 What word is used to describe an animal that eats both plants and meat or fish? (10)

Answers on page 7

## Sweet Music Made at Ashleys

Seasonal fun is always shared by clientele of Ashleys hairdressers as they enter into the Christmas spirit by joining in the annual sweet wrapper art competition. For around twenty years Mary of Ashleys has been challenging her customers' creative spirit to put used sweet wrappers together on a theme which this Christmas was 'music'. There were over a hundred highly imaginative entries from which last year's winner, Gail McManus, decided upon Elaine Bailey as winner and Phillip Dolley as runner up. The winner will have the honour of switching on the 2014 Ashleys' Christmas Lights! Meanwhile Mary and her staff dressed in a 'von Trapp Family Singers' theme to serenade all customers.

More importantly the fun raised funds of over £240. This was divided between Diabetes UK, a cause relevant to a member of staff and several customers, and Saltash Childrens' Appeal. This second cause was selected as a local charity which in small ways helps a large number of our more deserving youngsters.



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## Shirleys Surprise Special Wows The Ploughboy



"A true night to remember", "the best fun event of all time", these were two of the many exuberant comments heard following the celebrations held for Shirley's surprise party at the Ploughboy.

Shirley Thompson, daughter of landlady Joan, thought she was going out for a special family dinner as she entered the 'Ploughboy' on her fiftieth birthday. Instead she was greeted by her two sisters who had travelled with all their families down from Manchester for the occasion, together with a large crowd of other family and friends.

Joan and Mike had laid on a superb spread together with a mixture of disco and karaoke music to ensure a lively evening of fun and laughter.

Mike and Joan are always pleased to help ensure that any party goes with a swing and can organise their function room to accommodate anything from a formal dinner to a lively disco for friends and family to celebrate any event.

We on the Observer would like to add our own congratulations to Shirley, and thank all for a superb evening, and wish Shirley well in her forthcoming venture as she takes over as landlady of the Queens Arms in Tamerton Foliot.

## A Stalwart Supporter of his Footballing Family and The Saltash Observer

A proud Saltash grandfather, supporter of Saltash United Football Club for whom his grandsons played in junior teams, and a Saltash Observer stalwart passed away suddenly over the Christmas period.

Terry Martin was a good friend to many and a special friend to us on the Observer, for whom he had delivered hundreds of papers each month with his teenage grandson Josh.

His own early years were largely taken with newspaper delivery, he having been born in Otterham, North Cornwall, and later raised at Davidstow where his parents ran the village store and newsagents. From hence he moved to Launceston and worked firstly on the railway, later in the Ministry of Defence Police until retirement in 2001.

He enjoyed all sport especially football, supporting Argyle as well as Plymouth Argyle Disabled and South West Cerebral Palsy for whom Josh played.

Terry leaves a widow Jean, married in 1964, daughters Joanne and Donna, six grandchildren and a great grand daughter. The family wishes to thank the staff of

Penrose ICU Derriford Hospital, Pengelly Funeral Services, the clergy of St. Nicholas and St. Faith and all those who attended the funeral and who sent cards of condolence.

## Tamar Commuters Crossing Westward

Whilst slow moving lines of traffic across the Tamar Bridge into Plymouth have long been a feature of local life, increasing number of Plymothians are crossing to work in Saltash and South East Cornwall.

While crossings have reduced in total, causing the bridge authorities to increase revenue, they have recording a rise in those coming into Cornwall between 8 am and 10 am and returning in the early evening.

## SHERYLL MURRAY MP WRITES...



Since returning to Parliament there has been much focus on Private Members Bills.

The EU Referendum Bill successfully passed through the House of Commons without amendment. It then moved on to the House of Lords. Lord Dobbs is steering the Bill through the Upper Chamber and the Bill successfully completed its second reading earlier this month.

On Friday the Bill returned to the Lords for its Committee Stage. I am really disappointed that a very large number of amendments were tabled.

What is disappointing is that many Liberal Democrat and Labour Peers seem determined to cause the Bill to fall. This is all the more surprising because the purpose of the bill is to allow British people to have their say in a Referendum. I believe that we should have a referendum when such an important constitutional decision is taken. I have to ask myself Why do the Liberal Democrat and Labour Parties seem to have such an apparent lack of trust in the British people that they want to deny them a democratic say.

This Bill is not about whether we stay in or leave the European Union, that is for a later date when the

question is put to the electors through a referendum, this Bill will simply allow the question to be asked.

I really hope that South West Peers will show they support a democratic vote on this matter and support the Bill as it progresses through the House of Lords.

My own Private Members Bill, the Deep Sea Mining Bill, completed its Report stage and Third reading in the House of Commons on Friday.

I am particularly pleased that Baroness Wilcox of Plymouth has agreed to lead the debate on my Bill in the House of Lords. We have much in common because we both come from Cornwall and also have a background in fisheries. I know that my Bill is in good hands as it progresses through the various stages in the Upper Chamber.

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**Memorial Award Presented to Outstanding Sports Personality**

A new award has been introduced at saltash.net community school to recognise sporting excellence. Donated in memory of his wife, Pip Miller, the award has been initiated by one of the Academy Trust's directors – Ken Martin. As someone who enjoyed and excelled at sport, Ken knew Pip would have approved of an annual award being given to a student at saltash.net who is deemed to be 'Sports Personality of the Year'.

The first student to be given the Pip Miller Memorial Award is Year 13 student, Sam Church. Sam has represented the school at rugby on a regular basis. He is also a Level 3 Sports Leader and an Advanced Level PE student.

However, Sam's main sport is golf and he has represented the school and the county of Cornwall at U14, U16 and U18 levels. Last year, Sam qualified to play in the European Junior championships in Spain. Past winners have included Justin Rose and former number 1 in the world for his age group, Luke Donald. 50 of the best young golfers in Europe competed for the title. With some truly outstanding play, and, at times, nerves of steel,

Sam won the boys' tournament, joining ex-student, Sammy Giles, who won the girls' tournament, as Saltash's first ever European Junior champions in a sport.

*“ We are very proud of Sam and his achievements. Through dedication, discipline and hard work he has developed some excellent skills not just on the golf course. He has developed into a top student at saltash.net. He is a great role model for all the youngsters and a worthy sports personality. Well done, Sam. Head of PE - Rob Hawkins ”*

*“ I am delighted to present his award. Pip was a great believer that excellence at all levels and in all*

**Teach Young Not to Litter**

The amount of litter on our streets, especially around litter bins, is a disgrace and the young in particular need to be encouraged to use the bins or take litter home with them. Town Councillors expressed strong views on this, though others denied that children and young people were especially to blame.

Three issues that most concern people in Cornwall, according to a survey, are anti-social behaviour, litter and dog mess. All three issues are created by local residents are preventable. Litter cleaning in particular costs Cornwall Council tax payers much money in these cash-strapped times 'Bring back Mrs Baggitt', one Councillor was heard to murmur

*areas should be recognised and we believed there was a gap in sports recognition which this trophy fills. I am personally very pleased that Sam has won it having coached him in his early rugby days, along with his dad.*

**saltash.net Academy Trust Director – Ken Martin**

Understandably, Sam's current priorities are in the classroom as he is in the middle of his final year of A Levels. On being presented with the award, he said, "I am currently only practising golf every so often as I am trying to focus on my school work and exams. I hope to get back into competitive competitions when my exams are done. Hopefully, I will get back to competing at a high level once again. I am really pleased to be the first recipient of this special award."

**A Pheasant's Footslog Through Residential Roads**

The shrill sound of a pheasant followed the sign of one fluttering above the wintry fields is a familiar sight in our local countryside.

Hillside Road residents were however surprised to see a fine cock pheasant purposefully striding along their road at midday on a winter Sunday, far from the open fields.

Did it regain its pleasant pheasant pastures, or end up as a late Sunday lunch? We would be interested to know.

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**Building Bridges**

A few weeks ago, I, along with many others, took a trip to the Methodist church to see the proposed Broad moor farm development.

In case you didn't know the details, it is proposing 1000 new homes, some industrial development, improvements to the surrounding roads, oh and a bridge over the A38.

The developers are still in the consultation stage and are yet to submit detailed plans, so it still may change quite a bit.

Never the less those present, were given the opportunity to see artist impressions of the site, along with maps and various bits of information about the impact on the area, together with potential Job opportunities.

On hand were a number of experts, who talked us through various points raised and listened to suggestions about how it could be improved. I focused on the impact it would have on Saltash and beyond as was impressed with the way they seem to listen to my concerns.

For example, the suggested road layout is a particular issue. As it stands, a number of extra roundabouts would need to be created in order to accommodate the extra traffic in the area and I can envisage more potential delays for commuters, as they negotiate at least one, possibly two, extra roundabouts, depending on

which way they travel.

**The environment**

The developer's had clearly spent a lot of time thinking about the environment and is proposing a new village green for Carkeel and a suggested park, that appeared a lot less tokenistic than I had seen on some new estates. Still, having seen lots of artist impressions before, I would need to ensure further that if homes were built, changing demands doesn't lead to less green space becoming part of any adapted plan.

Or course, some may question why so many new homes need to be built at all. I personally would need to be assured that this would meet real need in the town and that it didn't just become a commuter estate for Plymouth. It will also need to be offer real local work and assure, that a fair

proportion of the homes are affordable for locals to buy or rent.

But don't worry just yet if you didn't have your say it will be a while yet before the first homes are built and I know that I for one will certainly be keeping a close eye on this proposal.  
*Phil Hutty, Liberal Democrat Parliamentary Candidate*

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# Support for Broadmoor Farm Development

The majority of visitors to a public exhibition for a proposed development of up to 1,000 homes at Broadmoor Farm on the outskirts of Saltash (10th/11th Jan) said they supported the latest proposals with 63% voting overall in favour of the plans.

The scheme includes proposals for a primary school, employment opportunities, a community hall, care home, public sports fields, improvements to the existing highways routes and a pedestrian and cycle bridge across the A38.

Economic benefits include a construction investment of £125 million, around 400 construction jobs, between £13 - £15 million annual spend\* in the locality by residents plus up to 1,000 jobs created via the new employment opportunities.

Visitors completed a feedback form which comprised a series of questions regarding the project. In addition to the general support for the development (63% for, 17% don't know and 20% no), a resounding 82% said they welcomed plans for a new roundabout at Stoketon Cross and 73% thought the proposed roundabout at the Carkeel eastern site access was a good idea. The highway proposals

will be put to the Highways Agency and Cornwall Council Highways for their approval as part of the planning submission.

Concern was expressed about the timing of construction for the Stoketon Cross access route and as a result, the company behind the development, Commercial Estates Group, has decided to bring this element of the scheme forward. This means that construction will take place in an early development phase rather than four to five years into the development which was originally planned.

Alterations to the existing Carkeel roundabout on the A38 will further improve traffic flow.

Directional improvements are planned for Hatt Junction which, together with traffic calming and pedestrian crossings through Carkeel, will help people crossing the A388 and encourage traffic away from the village. Matthew Tunley, development manager, CEG, said: "We're

still starting to build on the eastern side because it makes sense to create a route through to the school site in the initial stages.

However, we listened carefully to people and are pleased to be able to adjust the timescale for Stoketon Cross," he said.

In addition to highways matters, 82% said they supported the types and range of open spaces suggested and 71% liked the site's mix of uses including employment, affordable housing, small number of convenience shops, a care home, hotel and restaurant or public house plus a community centre, allotments and extensive green spaces.

"We were really encouraged that 800 people attended this second exhibition indicating how committed the local community is to helping us get it right and that the vast majority believe this is a positive step for Saltash and the locality," said Mr Tunley.



Helen Hocking, chair of the North and Middle Pill Neighbourhood Association, said Broadmoor Farm was the preferred site as far as her members were concerned. "The site represents a deliverable and sustainable option for meeting all of Saltash's mixed development needs over the next 20 years," she said.

"We believe it presents the most appropriate option to benefit the town as a whole and we would urge Saltash residents to support this development."

\* Study commissioned by Planitherm Glass (2012) provided the data for how much the average person spent on goods and services within 18 months of moving. The total retail and leisure spend by residents was calculated using the 2011 ONS Family Spending Survey.

## Youth Speaks Success at saltash.net



The annual Rotarian Youth Speaks competition was held at saltash.net community school on Wednesday 29th January 2014. Teams from Sir Robert Geffery's primary school and from saltash.net community school delivered high quality, entertaining performances, much to the delight of the audience which had turned up to support the young people taking part.

Progressing to the next round of the competition, to be held at Callington on the 12th February, were the Sir Robert Geffery's team comprising Dan Queally, Owen King and Lila Courts, whose talk on 'Is a pig an essential ingredient of learning?' considered the role of pets and farm animals in education, in an informed and humorous manner.

Joining Sir Robert Geffery's school in the area finals will be saltash.net's Intermediate Team. Coached by English teacher, Rachael Millar, the students delivered a very well researched and informed exploration of the topic of 'Surveillance'. Congratulations go to Freddie Brasher, Main Speaker, Kaley Gibbs, Chair, and Harriet Hunt, Vote of Thanks.

All teams were presented with certificates at the end of the evening and the winners also received Book Tokens, kindly donated by the Rotary Club of Saltash.

Concluding the event, Rotarian David Willcocks praised all of the young people who had taken part for giving such high quality presentations: 'The students are developing lifelong skills. Speaking in public can be a daunting experience for adults as well as children. Youth Speaks helps to give young people the confidence to succeed at future interviews and in the work place.'

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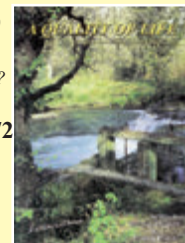
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1pm - 3pm 5 - 7yrs £4

**Wednesday 19 February**  
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1pm - 3pm Stage 5 + £10.80

**Thursday 20 February**  
**Art Attack**  
1pm - 3pm 5 - 7yrs £4

**Friday 21 February**  
**Wet n Wild**  
10am - 12 noon All Ages £3.50 per person

Centre Opening Times  
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Sun-7.30am-7pm

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