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New Carkeel Crossing in Brunel Bridge Style

A safe crossing at Carkeel for walkers and cyclists will be built in the style of the Brunel's iconic Royal Albert Bridge and Saltash residents were offered a choice of colour. The bridge planned back in 2008 and shelved is now back on target as part of government plans to improve circulation at the roundabout and boost local economy, Alexis Field of the Highway Agency told the Town Council.

The work, which was due to commence in January, had been targeted for early March to be completed by May, however it was subsequently put forward to January again when parts for the bridge became available early and work is already under way, to be completed by spring. It also includes an additional lane for traffic approaching Carkeel

from Plymouth and clearance work for this has already started. There will be lane reductions and a speed restriction to 30 mph while work is done and there will be around five overnight closures of the road while the bridge is placed.

The illuminated handrail will be white but the main structure could be grey, green or blue and

Town Councillors were offered the decision on this. They agreed to seek public opinion on this while holding their monthly 'meet the people' session in Fore Street. The people's preferred option proved to be olive green.

"We looked at the portfolios of scrapped schemes and this was one chosen to be put back on the programme", explained Ms Field. It will fill a long felt need to connect Waitrose and the industrial estates to the town from which they have been isolated for pedestrians and will also improve access to the proposed thousand home estate at Broadmoor.

Following completion of work by the Highways Agency, Cornwall Council intends carrying out its own improvements in the area, particularly on the Callington Road north of the roundabout. These are likely to commence later in the year, around September

Good Hearted Players Support Heart Research

The Heart Foundation was the latest charity to benefit from good hearted regulars and visitors to the 'Ploughboy Inn' when a cheque for the excellent sum of £120 was handed to Hayley Pollard, Assistant Manager of Plymouth's retail charity shop.

The money was raised by ongoing charity nights organised by the Ploughboy Euchre team. The twenty teams from the Saltash and District league have been coming together at The Ploughboy for fun evenings raising money for charity largely through fun forfeits and other schemes to boost life-saving medical research. They were now set to raise money for Prostrate Cancer Research.

Hayley Pollard, thanking the 'Ploughboy' and their visitors for the cheque, advised of the many ways in which much needed funds are raised for research into heart disease. Currently running in their Plymouth Store is a special Valentine event called 'Love Notes' whereby anyone wishing to remember a loved one, friend or family member on Valentine's Day can, for a fee to charity, place a card in the window for all to read the name.



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Tesco Still Coming to Town

While Tesco are closing forty-three branches nationwide and forty-nine planned stores, including one already built in Cambridgeshire will not open, that planned at Carkeel, Saltash, will go ahead, Tesco Chief Executive Dave Lewis has advised.

"Performance as a business has fallen and tough decision have been faced", he advised. "But I can reassure that it is our intention to open the planned store in Saltash. We continue to believe that this will provide a valued service and know that many people keenly anticipate this. It will bring many new jobs to Saltash".

He could not yet confirm the planned opening date but promised to keep the Council informed.

It is anticipated that the store will pay half a million pounds to the town by way of "Section 106" money, to be

spent on community projects, as well as provide around a hundred jobs".

"We should be proud of the town, we are very lucky to have Tesco opening here and seeing Saltash as a good business prospect when they are actually closing elsewhere", said Councillor Bob Austin.

Other Councillors, led by Councillor James Shepherd disagreed as to whether the store would be of benefit to Saltash and a vote as to whether the Town Council should write welcoming the fact that Tesco is coming came down against this seven votes to six. "I am concerned as to the effect on town centre businesses" said Councillor Shepherd.

It was however agreed that Tesco should be asked to tidy up the site and keep it tidy pending commencement of the development. The car showroom and other units on the site have been standing empty and are prone to vandalism, presenting a poor image on the approach to the town.

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Essa Files

Occasionally I meet a statistic that blows my mind: the fact that in 1998 37,048 British people were hospitalised due to accidents with their slippers is an old favourite (to put that into context, it means roughly 11 people in Saltash). This month however my attention was grabbed by this one: the average British woman has 22 items in her wardrobe that she had never worn. 22 things.

This column though is not aimed particularly at the ladies – I am not that brave – the above is just one example of a common phenomenon and chimed with a recent purchase of my own. After several years of resistance I finally bought myself a smart phone. Like most people who make the leap I already wonder, after 10 days or so, how I managed without it. The truth is though that, useful thought it is, it's mostly solving problems that didn't exist until Smartphones were created: the expectation of instant replies to emails and amusingly original 'selfies' for example. I like having it, and I'll probably continue to use it, but I don't really need it.

Added to that I just spent the last hour or so tidying my house (that time of the month again) and observing just how many random items there were that I'd managed to forget and somehow survive without (my vegetable juicer for instance, and my cocktail shaker).

All of which brings me to the point: don't we all have just a bit too much stuff? I'm not saying it's wrong to make the odd self-indulgent luxury purchase, or to have a few items you only use occasionally, but given the amount of poverty, the amount of landfill, and the amount of environmental problems in the world (and the UK, and Cornwall, and Saltash), are we all, me included, taking our material possessions a bit too seriously?

By Adam Killeya

Sweep My Street

Leaves that fell last Autumn are still piled in Yellowtort Road, blocking drains and causing a tripping hazard when wet, one resident complained during the Town Council's public question time.

Street sweeping has been one of the victims of enforced Cornwall Council cuts, it was noted. While there used to be two men sweeping Fore Street and adjoining roads now one has been re-allocated and only Fore Street is regularly swept.

Reverend Jonathan Budd... Welcome to Saltash

My name is Reverend Jonathan Budd. In September I became the minister at Saltash Wesley Church, along with having other responsibilities as Superintendent of the local circuit of Methodist Churches. I arrived with my wife and three daughters from Mid Devon where for seven years I had worked in small rural communities. Saltash sometimes seems like the big city!

It has been good meeting many people already and receiving a warm welcome. Settling in to life and work here on the other side of the Tamar is going well though there is much to learn about the rich heritage of the county and the local area.



It is exciting leading a vibrant church like Wesley. It gives me opportunities to work with all age ranges, baptising infants, dressing up for the holiday clubs, sharing with groups for older people and so on. There are few dull moments in the round of activities that go on.

If you do spot me, do say, 'hello'. Gradually I'll begin to recognise a few more faces. Meanwhile I'm glad to be here and I look forward to what the next few years hold for us, for the churches and the Saltash community.

Toilet Opening Times Confirmed

While Cornwall Council is restricting the opening times of some public toilets which they control, those in Saltash will maintain their existing hours.

The toilets at Longstone Park will continue to be open daily in Spring and Summer, from Easter to October, but at weekends only for the rest of the year. Those at Belle Vue car park will remain open all year. The other conveniences, on Waterside, are now controlled by Saltash Town Council and will continue open all year.

Baker's Coffee House has now joined the community toilet scheme. The public may use the facilities there as well as in the Guildhall, The Brunel Inn, The Leisure Centre and The Cecil Arms without necessarily patronising these establishments.

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Spike In Crime but Saltash Is Still Getting Safer

While there has been a recent increase in the number of anti-social behaviour incidents reported in and around Saltash, local crime figures have been falling consistently since 2005 residents have been reassured.

The December crime figures showed 68 offences reported in the town, and a further nineteen in the rural area around.

Those in the town included twelve assaults, twenty criminal damage, sixteen thefts, seven drug offences and three burglaries. There were also forty incidents of anti-social behaviour reported. The majority of these were reports about groups of nuisance youths around the town, Neighbourhood Team Leader Sergeant Angela Crow advised. Some were complaints about vehicles and litter, other were neighbour disputes. The police were working hard to identify those currently committing anti-social behaviour, some at

least of whom are believed to come from outside the town.

"All told New Year's Eve was successfully enjoyed by everybody and new police dispersal powers were used to remove ten potential trouble makers from the town centre", reported Sergeant Crow.

Information on crime and anti-social behaviour in a non-emergency situation can be reported to police on 101 or email: 101@devonandcornwall.police.uk

It can also be reported to Cornwall Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Team at www.safercornwall.co.uk In an emergency the 999 line should be used.

Local MP Says Dairy Producers Need Greater Price Protection

Local MP Sheryll Murray has been very concerned about the most recent crises to hit the Dairy Industry in South East Cornwall and welcomed the enquiry by the EFRA select Committee of which Sheryll is a member.

Local Dairy farmers make an important contribution to South East Cornwall and so many have invested heavily in expanding their businesses. Trewithen Dairy is an example of a business which processes milk which is sourced from many surrounding farms. They, the Cornish Cheese Company who produce Cornish Blue and Cornish Gouda are just some examples of the fantastic dairy related businesses within the constituency which have invested recently in growing their businesses. The EFRA Select Committee visited Cornish Cheese Company last year to hear for themselves how the business has expanded.

In a statement Sheryll said, "Frequent, sharp and unpredictable fluctuations in milk price are driving dairy farmers out of business every week. The volatility of worldwide and domestic milk markets is making financial planning and investment impossible for small-scale producers unable to hedge against changes beyond their control. The vast majority of dairy farmers fall outside the protection offered by the Groceries Code Adjudicator (GCA). She can only investigate complaints involving direct suppliers to the big 10 supermarkets and retailers, and as most milk production is small-scale, that excludes most dairy farmers.

"The EFRA Committee thought that was wrong when the GCA was set up in 2013, and events since then justify our view that her remit should be extended to include small-scale suppliers, whether or not they have a direct relationship with the ultimate seller of their produce.

"Farmers have faced deep and rapid drops in milk price in the past six months, arising from a drop in worldwide demand, a Russian trade ban, and international oversupply following high milk prices in 2013. Protests have resulted at some processing plants, and farmers have been leaving the industry, bringing the total number of UK dairy farmers below 10,000 for the first time.

"This can't go on and I hope the Secretary of State will recognise the problem and extend the remit of the the Groceries Code Adjudicator."



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For: August 2013 Observer readers

From: Councillor Bob Austin

West Ward, Saltash



Affordable Housing & New Legislation

Affordable housing is one of the council's highest priorities, during the last two years Cornwall Council helped to deliver over 1500 new affordable homes despite the economic climate. Housing need in Cornwall is high particularly for the rental market. The council and its partners have approved a challenging housing investment plan to meet an ambitious new target of delivering 1,000 affordable homes a year within Cornwall.

The current housing need for Saltash stands at around 700.

The coalition government recently has changed the law so that developers building 10 or less properties no longer have to provide any affordable houses.

In Cornwall Lib Dem councillors have been fighting for more affordable housing so this new legislation will reduce the number of housing that the council is targeting for. The Portfolio Holder for Planning Edwina Hannaford is about to take this to the Portfolio Advisory Committee this month and to join with other councils to form a judicial review against this decision.

New Bridge for Carkeel Roundabout

I feel I have to give some additional information about how the Highways Agency was persuaded to build the bridge. The Town Council has been in discussions with them over the building of the foot bridge for a considerable period of time, we have lobbied by letter, meetings on and off site meetings, hundreds of emails and telephone calls over the past years. Ever since I joined the Town Council in May 2005 one of

my fellow councillors, Peter Clements, (who retired at the last election) was responsible for constant personal lobbying for the bridge and I would like to personally, and on behalf of the Town Council, thank Peter for all the hard work he did over the years which eventually led to a successful conclusion – the start of construction work.

Tesco's - is it or isn't it?

Bit like Marmite love it or hate it! Rarely a day goes by without someone asking me if they are coming to Saltash or not both from the love and hate sector. It seems like there are far more people for it than against so it's worth reporting back.

No doubt most of you heard the news about Tesco nationally on the 8/9th January where the announcement was they were unable to proceed with 49 new stores (including one already built but not opened) and close a further 43 unprofitable stores.

In a letter to Andrew Kerr (Chief Exec Cornwall Council) from Dave Lewis (Chief Exec Tesco) I quote "I would like to reassure you that it remains our intention to open our planned store in Saltash. We continue to believe that the store would provide a valued service to the local community and we know that many people are keenly anticipating the opening. We are looking forward to bringing new jobs and investment to Saltash"

The reason I am excited about this is the fact that above all the projects and shops that are closed or cancelled within Tesco, Saltash comes up trumps like a phoenix out of the ashes and shows us that this is a great town to invest in, this will bring jobs, and expand on our shopping possibilities.

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Youth Speaks Teams Excel in Rotary Run Competition

The annual Saltash Rotary club 'Youth Speaks' competition took place at saltash.net community school on the evening of Wednesday 28th January. Teams from Sir Robert Geffery's school and Burraton Primary school participated in the Junior competition, whilst saltash.net took part in the Intermediate challenge. Everyone present was in agreement that the standard of the Youth Speaks competition this year was higher than ever, giving the Rotarian judges an even harder job with the judging. Teams progressing to the next round of the competition, to be held in Callington on 11th February, are Sir Robert Geffery's team comprising Taylor Passmore (Chair), Josh Hawkins (Speaker) and James Sutton (Vote of thanks) who



Sir Robert Geffery's School & Burraton Primary School

addressed the issue of whether the voting age should be lowered to the age of 11, and saltash.net's team comprising Freddie Brasher (Chair), Amy Donovan (Speaker) and Harriet Hunt



Saltash.net School

(Vote of thanks) whose choice of topic 'Raising Awareness of Mental Health illnesses' gave everyone much to contemplate. President of Saltash Rotary Club, Mr Gerry Stevenson, praised all of the students

who had taken part, congratulating them on demonstrating such high level spoken English skills, and presented them with certificates and awards in recognition of all they had achieved.

Your Observer Fun Charity Quiz Promises a Night to Remember

All we need now is Your Help...

Your local community newspaper the 'Saltash and District Observer' which over its 23 years of serving the Saltash community has also organised a variety of fun events bringing local people together in support of local charities is now keen to raise money locally for a national campaign.

Almost all of us will have been touched by the effects of Cancer through a friend or family member. Fortunately modern research means that increasing numbers are cured of the disease and hopes are high that with sufficient funding within decades most sufferers will be survivors.

As you may read elsewhere in your 'Observer' Mike of the 'Ploughboy Inn' is, together with his Euchre team, electing Prostrate Cancer support as their current charity. We have agreed to support him in this, bringing awareness to men subject to this form of cancer, these suffering it already, and the pain and suffering of families left in bereavement over prostate cancer. However we wish to extend this to cover those suffering from all forms of cancer.

To this effect we are now planning a Charity Quiz Night and hope to fill the function room at the 'Ploughboy' for this event. A date this Spring should be announced shortly - watch your 'Observer' for details - meanwhile we are asking for your support in ensuring what should be a fun night to remember as well as building a bumper sum to help

alleviate the curse of Cancer.

So please start now thinking about forming a team of four - or if you are a twosome or threesome we can help bring others together to form teams. Teams from clubs, societies, or just families and friends, all will be made welcome. And if you can help in any way, perhaps donating gifts for prizes, cash offerings, practical help, or just turning up to cheer on the event, please get in touch. To show your interest or ask for more information as it becomes available you can email: marye.crawford@virgin.net or call Mary on 07971 484872.

There is a lot more to tell about what is going on...we will tell more in the next issue, meanwhile we look forward to hearing from what we know to be our kind hearted, fun loving charity and community minded Observer readers.

It's will be a great night - not too be missed!

From The Mayor's Parlour...

Good to know that our plans with the grit bins has, so far, kept the snow away!

At the last full Council Meeting we were given an update on the footbridge and the Carkeel Roundabout. The work should now be commencing for the footbridge imminently, to be finished by May. We were offered a very short time frame to suggest what colour we would like it to be. We put this out on social media, used our stint on the Saturday 'Meet the Councillors' on Fore Street to ask the passers-by and used a survey for councillors' opinions. The most requested colour was mineral green, a pale green. The shape includes an arch to match that of the Royal Albert Bridge.

The latest estimate of the work on the roundabout is that it will commence in September to go to the following May...so please forget all the dates that I previously gave you!

We have had a letter from Tesco saying that they still have an interest in opening a store in Saltash, but cannot give us a starting date due to the present adverse financial situation that they find themselves in. We shall see..... We have requested that they keep the site tidy and secure.

Earlier in the month we visited an open afternoon for U3A, and what a wonderful surprise it was, what a hidden gem. Did you know that they have groups for the most remarkable things...hill walking, painting, genealogy, history, visiting the theatre, how to use your Ipad, speaking German and French and many many more? Who could possibly say that there is nothing to do in Saltash.

The Saltash Neighbourhood Plan is moving on apace with the appointment of consultants to support the next stages. *Cllr. Jean Dent*
Town Mayor

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Many such businesses are coming together for the Fair at Saltash Social Club on Sunday 8th March from

11am until 4pm. Entry is free to all, with those who have wedding plans in mind or school leavers planning a prom outfit especially welcomed. The event is promoted by Saltash and District Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in support of local businesses, and have been organised by its secretary Danielle Frith.



Truly Scrumptious Wedding Cart

Anticipated to attract especial interest is the wide selection of pre-loved vintage and designer prom and wedding gowns on display by Cornwall Air Ambulance, each adding a unique

ambience to the big event. These are suited to all from bride and prom queen to bridesmaids of any age.

For the men folk local men's fashion boutique VanEssa will show off some of their selection of suits for hire to prospective grooms, best men and page boys of any age as well as boys aiming to strut their stuff while cutting a dash at the school prom.

Special Cakes

Danielle's own business "Truly Scrumptious" will have as a centrepiece its eye-catching beautiful candy-cart, a main attraction at any event.

In addition Jennifer's Delicatessen will feature an array of special cakes and confectionary that can be made to order for that individual touch. Other displays will include chair covers and sashes specially prepared for the grand reception, floral arrangements covering everything from buttonholes and bouquets to room decorations, and it is hoped (subject to bookings on the day) to show off the vintage coach, ideal for wedding groups, locally owned by Cottons and recently featured on National Television.

To get ready for the big day Lisa of "Glow" will be showing off her manicure, spray-tan, hair and beauty treatments. "Mrs Marvellous" meanwhile will



Cakes for all Occasions by Jennifer

be featuring her unique hen parties – come along to learn more.

Live Modelling

For early arrivals there will be free glossy magazines distributed while stocks last and with an all day programme of live modelling and hair and beauty demonstrations it is well worth allowing plenty of time to spend.

Your Saltash and District Observer is proud to be a

sponsor of this exciting event designed as a lively and friendly social gathering welcoming one and all while promoting many of the town's independent traders and businesses.

Any more businesses wishing to participate should contact Danielle on 07580 083 083 – the fee for stall space includes annual membership of promoters the Saltash Chamber of Commerce.



Formal Hire from VanEssa

Hearing Centre Bloom-ing Out for Comic Relief - Friday 13th March

A little extra colourful fun is always guaranteed to be added to our vibrant Fore Street by the Bloom Hearing and NHS Centre team when charity fundraising time comes round.

Now, with the bi-annual Comic Relief Red Nose Day almost upon us they are busy deciding how to surprise Saltash shoppers, bring a smile to their faces, and hopefully persuade them to spare something for a good cause. Since its launch in 1988 vast sums have been raised to help people living tough lives across the third world and at home in Britain.

Whatever else they plan we can be sure that the Bloom Hearing and NHS Centre staff will be offering their usual tasty home made cakes and other goodies with tea and coffee throughout the day, of Friday 13th March. Just look out as you pass through the town to see what else is happening. And, they say, it would be truly wonderful if anyone was interested in joining them to make this a very special day either by organising an event or just coming in to help raise funds and help make it the best year ever in Saltash. All they need now is your support.

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Three Saltash men came close to a hair-raising experience when confronted by Janine of 'Genuine Beauty' brandishing a cut throat razor.

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Sweet Paper Art Raises Charity Funds at Ashleys

The seasonal spirit is ever in evidence among customers and staff of Ashleys' Hairdressers, and the monies raised by this year's festive fun has now been donated to Brain Tumour Research.

For over twenty years Mary of Ashleys has been holding her famous sweet-paper art competition. The end results, put on display, showcase the brilliant imagination and ingenuity of eager participants who this year had to turn their sweet wrappings into a sculpture on an 'Old Fashioned Christmas' theme.

The winner was Ryan from Salon Concepts with his super snowman and he will have the honour of switching on next year's Ashleys' Christmas Lights and judging the competition. Runners up were Liz Ward and Gina Harris.

This year's lights were switched on by last year's winner, Elaine Bailey, on a festive evening when Mary and her staff were dressed as Santa's Elves. Mary wishes to especially thank Paul who made the costumes, complete with bells and curly toes, as well as all of her staff and customers who entered into the spirit and helped to raise over £200 for this year's chosen charity.

Next year's theme will be decorations to add to the Christmas Tree going on the salon wall and there is plenty of time to gather the sweet wrappers and design an artistic masterpiece to add to the 2015 Christmas fun at Ashleys.

Tamar Tolls Four Year Price Freeze

Tolls for crossing the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry will remain as at present for at least the next four years as long as current crossings continue to increase at the predicted rate.

An annual growth of one per cent of traffic crossing into Devon will ensure that drivers continue to pay £1.50 per crossing for cars, or the current price of 75 pence for users of the Tamar tag. With crossings having increased by 3.8% over the last year, following a decline in use since the recession, this should be achievable, the bridge and ferry committee believe. This is despite capital projects for this period including a new two-storey office building with improved IT technology on the Plymouth side of the bridge costing over £3 million, as

well as changes to access to the tollbooths and to management.

A repaint will also be required within the next four years. The new buildings, are sorely needed to replace those which were placed there as "temporary" when the bridge was built in 1961 and have been there ever since. "The budget for this has been agreed with Plymouth City Council and Cornwall Council and plans will be going in front of Plymouth City Council within the next few months," advised bridge and Ferry Committee member Councillor Bob Austin.

Old Cornwall Hear of When Horse Power Ruled in Cornwall

The coach and four galloping along the highway may be looked on as a relic of the distant pre-railway age. However in Cornwall horse drawn coaches were the local public transport well into the 20th century.

This was one surprise from the talk 'Working Horses in the West Country' given by Mr. Gerald Williamson to Saltash Old Cornwall Society. He took members back in time to the 1830's, the peak of perfection for the stage coach, then to the 1860's when the golden age was coming to an end and coaches were sold off to the gentry who formed the 'four in hand club' of amateur drivers. However as late as 1881 the 'Falcon' established a new coach route from Bude to Boscastle, not being replaced by motor coach until the 1930's.

More locally the 'Advance' coach began its route from the Bedford Hotel Tavistock to Webbs Hotel Liskeard in 1876 and Mr Williamson read a thrilling account from the 'Cornish Times' of an early ride, with cock horse and drag brake applied for the steep hills around Gunnislake. The fare for the three hour journey was three shillings.

The importance of horse power in the South West was demonstrated in the illustrated talk by such varied examples as the post chaise which rushed the news of Trafalgar and the death of Nelson from Falmouth to London. By contrast pictures showed the hundreds of horses which worked in Devonport Dockyard, some commuting daily via the Torpoint ferry until the 1950's.

Now they have all given way to the motor leaving us, as Martin Lister noted in his vote of thanks, with just some old coaching inns and roadside marker stones to remind us of more lively coaching days.

Martin Lister

Pantomime Horse Race Stakes for Childrens Charity

The Grand Pantomime Horse Race, which added to the fun of the Town's Christmas Festival, has also added to the ability of a local charity to help needy Saltash children.

The money raised by Saltash Air Cadets during the Christmas festivities was donated to this year's Mayor's charity. She has chosen the Saltash Children's Appeal and was delighted to hand a cheque for £240 to Treasurer Peter Hunkin.

Inner Wheel

The Inner Wheel ladies have been very busy in the past three months, firstly preparing for the Christmas table of goodies for sale but collecting the various items for overseas projects and not forgetting the Saltash Foodbank and helping with food for the Plymouth Soup Run.

We also decorated a Christmas Tree in St. Nicholas & Faith Church in their Christmas Festival of Trees, helping the Rotary with their sleigh and Father Christmas at various locations and also having a Bran Tub and Name the Teddy Bear Stall at the Saltash Christmas Festival of Lights which was great fun and hoped we help make a memorable night even more special.

A group of ladies, family and friends attended the Plymouth Musical Activity Club Concert which was a very enjoyable and entertaining evening including the mince pie and cup of tea, everybody went home with a smile on their face and a tune on their lips and the musicians went home knowing they had performed to the best of their ability and should be so proud of their achievements.

The January meeting was on a wet and very cold night and therefore those that were getting over the usual coughs and colds did not venture out, but those who did have started to make plans for the coming year. So this year we hope to entertain and try some different ways to raise money for local and projects further afield.

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Housing Plans Would Endanger Walkers Residents Claim

A highly controversial housing development close to an area of outstanding natural beauty and a Cornwall Wildlife nature reserve attracted almost a hundred written objections. Local residents had packed a meeting in the "Cecil Arms" at New Year to protest against the proposed 25 homes on Churchtown Farm, St. Stephens.

Those who walk along Farm Lane to the nature reserve, many with children and dogs, discovered notices from the objectors warning that the well walked narrow lane with no sidewalks would be the access route to the proposed new estate, endangering these walkers. Other objections were the loss of spectacular views across Forder Creek and the

River Lynher and issues over sewage disposal.

The Town Council had previously recommended refusal for a similar scheme on the same site and after discussions decided that the reasons for their refusal had still not been addressed.

To the evident relief of St. Stephens residents this further application was similarly recommended for refusal.

Conundrum Corner

Taking the initial letter to one-word answer to the following nine questions can you re-arrange them to make the name of a Bird?

- 1 Whose Mother is Widow Twanky? (7)
- 2 In which Ocean do the Seychelles lie? (6)
- 3 What is the name of the Sugar found in Milk? (7)
- 4 The wreck of which German World War II battleship was located on the sea bottom in June, 1959? (8)
- 5 In the Charles Dickens story A Christmas Carol what is Tiny Tim's surname? (8)
- 6 What is the capital of the Orkney Islands? (8)
- 7 In which sport in the Olympic Games do all the events take place over 2,000 metres? (6)
- 8 Which is the lowest voice in Male singing? (4)
- 9 What type of animal is a Briard? (3)

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Phil Welcomes Calls for Cornish Powers

Liberal Democrat Parliamentary candidate for South East Cornwall Phil Hutty has welcomed the growing momentum and debate about real powers for Cornwall.

Phil was speaking after the launch of the Tyler plan, written by former MP for North Cornwall and Bodmin Paul Tyler, and Nick Harvey MP. The plan calls for Cornwall Council to become a Cornish Assembly with similar powers to the National Assembly for Wales.

This plan follows Cornwall Council's recent 'case for Cornwall' seeking more powers, and many other contributions to the debate from various organisations and political parties in Cornwall.

Phil said "for too long policies that affect Cornwall have been dominated by London, and haven't catered for local needs. Cornwall has a distinctive history, and economy and culture and decisions that affect those areas are best made in Cornwall"

He added "Nobody has all of the answers but every contribution moves the debate on: I now want to see a convention of all parties and interested groups in Cornwall to hammer out agreement on the way forward. This should not be a political football"

Cllr Adam Killea, who convened the cross-party 'Keep Cornwall Whole' campaign to fight a cross-border constituency between Devon and Cornwall, supported Phil's call saying 'I agree with Phil 100%: the best way to get meaningful devolution for Cornwall is for interested groups to work together - all those who support greater powers for Cornwall should get around a table and talk seriously about how we achieve it'.

SHERYLL MURRAY MP WRITES...



At the end of January many South West colleagues and I welcomed George Osborne, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to Plymouth where he gave us a six-point long-term economic plan for the South West - showing what has been delivered, what is underway and what more can be done to support the regional economy in the long-term. The plan set out six commitments to:

Increase the long-term growth rate of the South West to at least the long-term growth rate of Britain. Maintain the current high rate of job creation in the South West, by supporting private businesses, advanced manufacturing and skills.

Transform connections across the South West, and improve links with the rest of the country, through delivering over £7 billion of investment in road and rail infrastructure in the South West. Alongside this we are committed to a step change in digital connectivity.

Support the tourism sector to draw more people to the South West's beautiful countryside and coastlines.

Ensure the world class defence assets and cyber security industry of the South West provide the maximum benefit to the local economy.

Build on the South West's existing reputation in life and agricultural sciences and boost science more broadly, supporting tech clusters, green energy, promoting skills development and an innovative rural economy.

This plan will increase the size of the regional economy by £6.4 billion in real terms by 2030 (the equivalent to over £1,000 per person), create over 150,000 new jobs in the South West and support the

complete dualling of the key roads like the A303 and the full electrification of Brunel's Great Western Main Line.

It's also been announced the Government is exploring the case for a new dedicated Devon and Cornwall rail franchise for the South West to support better timetabling and services designed for local needs. The Chancellor has challenged councils across the region to come together to form a new body like Transport for London or the newly created Transport for the North to deliver improved local services.

Because there are no quick fixes to achieving these important goals, the Conservatives have set out a specific timetable to deliver this over the next parliament and then the following decade. By doing so, we will build a more balanced British economy, with more jobs, prosperity, and a brighter future for hardworking taxpayers and families in the South West.

As Conservatives we know you can't have a strong economy if you don't have a balanced one. Today's plan shows clearly how we will deliver that with a strong South West - and that will mean more economic security and a better future for people in South East Cornwall.

The only way we'll be able to achieve this is by sticking to the long-term economic plan that is already starting to deliver a better future for the South West, with 128,000 more jobs already created since 2010.

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A Valuable Contribution to the Community



Recently St Barnabas has been in the news because of the forced temporary closure of the Minor Injury Unit. I hope that by the time you read this or very soon afterwards, the staffing issues, which led to the closure, will quickly be resolved and the unit open again.

I understand that, whilst there is an argument for centralising some aspects of treatment into one hospital for clinical reasons, we should not lose sight of the valuable contribution community hospitals make, offering a level of support and care not always possible in a larger provision. St Barnabas is a very valuable community asset that must be safeguarded and I would fight any plans to downgrade it's importance further in the future.

Not that I believe everything in the NHS is perfect, I am against the creeping privatisation of aspects of the service, not least of which because I am not convinced it is cheaper or better. Someone I was talking to recently told me that apparently since "outsourcing" to a private company the budget for aids and adaptations has grown by nearly 8 times. But that does not mean that they offer more, instead they are seemingly told not to recycle things like walking sticks and wheelchairs, so

have to buy new every time.

Now of course I can't verify this but I suspect a number of us have tried to return unwanted aids only to find it impossible. Not that everything in the past is perfect. You may know, for example, that through my profession of social work, I have long since been concerned about mental health provision, particularly for young people. For a very long time we have underfunded mental health services starving of resources which has resulted in an acute lack of provision not only regionally but nationally too.

I have no idea how the election will turn out but sincerely hope that all of our parties can agree to more investment that my party and I am committed to delivering. Mental health effects reputedly 1 in 4 of us and has been a blight on our society for too long.

The health service has changed so quickly as new drugs and treatments make the old ways of bedrest and long stays unnecessary. But I do hope that local community resources such as St. Barnabas continue to play an important role in our society and that the future for all areas of the NHS continue to make us all proud.

Phil Hutty
PPC Lib Dem

Carkeel Residents Say No to Crossing and Push for Path

Following our report on the proposed pedestrian crossing at Carkeel on the front page of October's Observer, around fifty residents gave it a definite thumbs down.

This was shown at a meeting of residents with Mr Uglow of Cornwall Highways. Also present were Councillor John Brady, whose opposition to the crossing which he considered a potential death trap led to the meeting, the Mayor of Saltash Councillor Mrs Jean Dent and Ward County Councillor Derek Holley.

A vote by local residents made clear their total opposition to the crossing. They are however anxious to see a safe pedestrian access to the town and the planned pedestrian footbridge over the A 38.

A meeting with Mr. Foster of Cornwall Council was proposed to discuss the creating of a footpath on the East side of the Callington Road, possibly with money provided by the builders of the Broadmoor development under a 'Section 106' agreement.

Local Hospital Loses Casualty Service

The minor injuries unit at St. Barnabas Hospital closed unexpectedly in December and its future is uncertain.

The reason, matron reported, was that a key staff member retired leaving no suitably trained replacement. Unlike at Liskeard hospital there has not been any dedicated staff to deal with casualties. Instead a staff member has been taken off the ward when required.

The Town's Community Interest Company, which is seeking to improve the out of hours service for Saltash patients, described their situation as "currently terrible".

There were complaints that nobody was informed of the closure leaving patients just to be turned away. In particular saltash.com community school only learnt of the closure when a student was referred to the unit only to find it closed.

Mayor Councillor Mrs Jean Dent reported that she had spoken to the hospital Matron who described the difficulty of replacing nursing staff. She said that it may take until April to have properly trained staff enabling the re-opening of the minor injuries unit.

Sports Personality of the Year 2014



Quilters Skills Displayed At Ashtorre

The beauty, skill and hours of craftsmanship lavished by a group who meet weekly at the Ashtorre Centre was evident at the exhibition displayed there by the Riverside Quilters.

The group have met each Friday morning since it was founded ten years ago and now consists of seventeen members and with a waiting list. Some weeks they are joined by a teacher or demonstrator, others they just support and help each other.

The results on display ranged from large and colourful quilts with designs varying to include a Japanese theme to the poem 'The Night before Christmas'. Less spectacular but equally beautiful were smaller pieces including a baby's cot cover on a sheep theme made for a great grandson.

The group also works with Cornwall Council Social Services department to make 'liners', covers for children whose lives are in disarray and who are pleased to have a personally prepared cover to keep and cling to as a symbol of stability in an alarming world. The skills behind all of the pieces on display were universally appreciated by a large number of admiring visitors.

The Sports Personality of the Year for 2014 – 15 at saltash.net community school is Year 10 student, Siobhan Ellyatt. In recognition of her outstanding sporting success across a range of sports, Siobhan was presented with the Pip Miller Memorial Trophy and a monetary award by one of the Academy's Trust Board Directors, Mr

Ken Martin. Mr Martin established the Award last year in recognition of his wife – Pip Miller's - passion for sport and her desire to see all round sporting achievement appropriately recognised.

Head of PE, Mr Rob Hawkins, and teacher of PE, Mrs Emma Gue, praised Siobhan not just for her sporting excellence but also for the first class leadership

qualities she possesses: 'Siobhan achieved a remarkable sporting 'double' in the school year 2013 – 14. She was the only student who played in both the U14 and the U16 County Champion girls' football teams. She is a fantastic role model for other students and thoroughly deserves the Sports Personality of the Year Award.'

60's Band back to Saltash Social

Al (Jumbo) Tout is bringing his 60's band back to Saltash for another Charity Dance. The band will again be performing their brand of the ever popular 60's music at the Saltash Social Club on Saturday 18th April and will be on stage from 9PM.

This year's charity is the "Saltash Children's Appeal" which Graham Clatworthy has chosen for his year as Captain of the Senior Section at China Fleet Golf Club. All money raised will be going to the charity as the Club and the band are providing their services free of charge.

Following last year's success it has been decided to limit the ticket numbers to just 250 as this is the maximum allowed at the venue, so please place your orders for tickets early. Tickets can be obtained from, either Jumbo on 01752 848881 or Graham on 844145.

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Sheryll Murray MP Made Patron of Fair Votes for All Campaign



Sheryll Murray, MP for South East Cornwall, has become a Patron of a campaign calling for English votes for English issues to be introduced into the House of Commons as soon as possible.

Sheryll Murray commented, "I am delighted to become a Patron of the Fair Votes for All campaign. This is a matter of fairness for people in South East Cornwall whose voice in Parliament is currently diluted by Scottish MPs. With more powers being devolved to Scotland following the independence referendum last year, it is not fair that Scottish MPs continue to determine issues that do not affect their constituents. We should be able to decide our own priorities in our classrooms and in our NHS."

Constituents can sign Sheryll's petition today at <http://fairvotesforall.com/>

The petition ends on Friday 20th February 2015.

Graham Stuart MP, Chairman of the Fair Votes for All campaign, said, "I am glad to welcome Sheryll Murray MP as a Patron of the campaign. Sheryll Murray is a fantastic local representative who is standing up for South East Cornwall. As more powers are handed over to the Scottish Parliament, this basic constitutional unfairness cannot be ignored any longer."

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A Level Drama Students Deliver Powerful Performance of 'Who does she think she is?'



Laura Kelly, Flo Bonner, Fiona Snook and Emily Badham, all Year 13 students at saltash.net community school, gave two powerful performances of their Advanced Level Drama production 'Who does she think she is?' to an invited audience of friends, family members and staff, after school on Friday 23rd January.

The original piece of theatre had been devised by the students as part of their Advanced Level examination assessment requirement and they had been working on it for several months, researching the issues explored as well as rehearsing the drama itself.

Focusing on themes of female vulnerability, including anorexia, human trafficking, domestic violence and gender equality in the workplace, the performances had an intense and emotional impact on all of those present.

Head of Drama, Jo Loyn, who supported the students during their preparation for the assessment, said, 'The final performance was the result of an intense research and rehearsal process which the students have been involved in since last September. Using this research, gathered from speaking to various groups and individuals, and their knowledge and understanding of many different theatre forms and styles, they were able to devise this powerful piece of Drama about the role and treatment of women in society today. We are very impressed with the maturity and standard of the finished result. Their intention was to make the audience sit up and reflect on the stories they were being told and they definitely achieved their intended aim, with many audience members in tears.'



World Innovation Summit for Education

Saltash.net's global reputation as a centre of excellence for its innovative approach to learning with new technologies, saw its headteacher, Isobel Bryce, once again attending the World Innovation Summit for Education held in Doha, Qatar, during November.

Since being shortlisted for a WISE award back in 2010, the school's headteacher has been invited by the Qatar Foundation to attend the world education forum every year. With a successful Ofsted inspection completed earlier in 2014, the time seemed right to once again accept the invitation from Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser Al Missned, part of the Qatari Royal Family. As all expenses were paid for by the Qatar Foundation, the superb professional development opportunity that the international event affords was too good to miss.

With the school's mascot, Sophie Bear, tucked safely into her suitcase, Mrs Bryce set off from Saltash on the 6,500 kilometre journey to Doha, the capital of Qatar, on Sunday 2nd November. Several 'planes, trains and automobiles' later, it was arrival time at the new Doha international airport, part of the city's vision of readiness for the World Cup scheduled for 2022. Building a new underground Metro system is also part of the planning process - a necessity, given the daily traffic congestion on the streets of the capital city - well, with petrol just 12p a litre, this is

probably inevitable!

The WISE event took place in the stunning architectural

conference was the importance of 'Creativity' in education, giving students the chance to experiment, take risks, fail, learn from their mistakes and try again.

Speaking on return from the WISE summit, Mrs Bryce said, 'I would like to thank the Qatar Foundation and the Qatari Royal Family for hosting such a superb international conference and for their incredible generosity, warmth of welcome and hospitality. I have so much still to think about following the event but definitely feel a whole lot 'wiser' after listening to so many inspirational speakers and hearing truly humbling stories from fellow delegates. There really is no better job in the world than doing something which you know will help improve the life chances of students in your care, whether in England, Africa, India, Canada, Australia, the USA, or any other country from across the world.'



space that is the International Conference Centre. Part of the joy and privilege of attending a global forum like this is meeting delegates from all over the world, whether on the hour and a half journey on the coach to and from the hotel, or in the daily seminars, discussions and workshops.

February Half Term activities 2015

Saltash Leisure Centre

Monday 16th February
Dance Academy
 1pm - 3pm 5 - 10 years £5.00
 A High Energy Fun Dance Class with choreographed routines to the latest music. *Please wear suitable clothing and bring a drink*

Tuesday 17th February
Baking Bonanza
 1pm - 3pm 8 - 14 years £5.00
 A Fun Afternoon of Baking & Decorating your Creations with qualified and trained leaders. *Please wear old clothes and bring a drink.*

Wednesday 18th February
Crafts and Games Galore
 1pm - 3pm 5 - 7 years £5.00
 A Fun Afternoon of Craft Activities and games guaranteed to keep your little ones entertained. *Please wear suitable clothing and bring a drink.*

Thursday 19th February
Aquatic Skills Workshop
 10am - 12 noon Stage 5 and above £11.60
 A Fun Water Based Workshop, which aims to build a large range of skills including diving, water polo and synchronised swimming. Please bring swimming kit and a drink.

Friday 20th February
Pool Party
 10am - 12noon £3.50 All Ages
 Body boards, balls, super soakers and great music make this session great fun for all ages. *Please note that all children under 8 years, must be accompanied by an adult & under 4s will still be charged the full price due to a restriction on numbers in the pool.*

Saturday 21st February
Family Inflatable Session
 3 - 4pm & 4 - 5pm 6 years & over (and adults) £4.10 per person FREE to Breeze Learn & Swim/Breeze Active Member
 An inflatable session for all the family to enjoy! Try out your skills on our new inflatable assault course! Great fun for all!

Please Note: All under 8's **Must** be accompanied by an adult, and all participants must be able to swim 25m unaided and be comfortable submerging in the deep end
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 Sun 7.30am - 7pm
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Prime Minister 'apparently has no clue' about Cornish funding

Lib Dem Candidate South East Cornwall Phil Hutty has expressed concern that the Prime Minister is apparently unaware of a delay to Cornwall's EU funding, which is threatening hundreds of Cornish jobs and risking investment.

Stephen Gilbert, MP for St Austell and Newquay, raised the issue at Prime Ministers Questions, eight months after receiving assurance that it would be sorted out, asking the Prime Minister to 'please sort out this pickle'. The Prime Minister did not respond to the question instead referring to other issues about transport, without mentioning the EU funding at all.

Phil said "it seems inconceivable that the Prime Minister would be ignorant about the threat to Cornish

jobs from this delay in funding, and yet when a Cornish MP asked him about it he ignored the question entirely. He apparently has no clue about how serious this issue is. South East Cornwall, like St Austell and Newquay, benefits a great deal from EU funding, and this delay is putting jobs at risk".

Phil added, "I don't know whether our own MP is doing anything about this issue, but I applaud Stephen's efforts in raising it, and like him I call on the Prime Minister to sort out this mess"

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