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## Library and Registry Office Plan Merger

The Saltash Registry Office is planned to close and its services move into the adjacent Library. The town's four County Councillors met with Cornwall's assistant Head of Registrar services and digital needs to hear details of the proposed future service. The registrar services are keen to perform the move, as it will enable them to cut staff by 50% from two to one since library staff will be present to supervise the office. It will also save £11,000 per annum currently paid for the present building.

Saltash Registry Office currently hosts 28 marriages per year. There were 210 births registered there last year, though parents of children born in Derriford's maternity ward are usually advised that it is easier to register the birth in Plymouth. It is however possible for the Saltash office to write out a declaration that a child has been born in Plymouth but

registered in Cornwall. There were 254 deaths registered, again eleven of these being 'declarations' when the death took place in a Plymouth hospital.

The intention is that there would be one room made available in the Library for registry services and this would be open just one day each week, probably on Tuesdays. There would be no waiting room; those waiting would have to do so in the library.

There would be no function room for wedding ceremonies to be performed. Town Councillors considered whether this might be an opportunity to reconsider seeking a licence for the Guildhall to be a wedding venue, as was previously discussed a year ago.

The move would mean that the health centre, which is in the same building as the

present registry office, might be able to expand into it and offer an enhanced service to the expanding population of Saltash.

One Councillor, Councillor John Brady, was angered at the proposed move, stating that the facilities in the library would be 'just not good enough' for the town's need.

The majority of Councillors however were clearly relieved at the news of the proposed move.

They had feared that the alternative was to be the closure of the registry office and the need for Saltash residents to travel to Liskeard to use the facilities there. It was also believed that this was good news for the future of Saltash Library at a time when library closures in Cornwall are being seriously considered.

## Parking Charge Changes Proposed

Increased charges for short term parking in Saltash but a decrease for long stay parking is proposed among tariff alterations for Cornwall's 2016 parking order.

The current fifty pence charge for one hour would be raised to sixty pence, bringing it into line with general charges in Cornwall. The £1.60 for two hours would remain the same and the three hour charge be reduced from £3.20 to £2.90.

Saltash Town Councillors were unhappy at the proposed changes, described by one as 'a thinly veiled excuse for raising the parking fees in Cornwall to the detriment of the town centre.' They promised a 'robust response' during the consultation process.

Saltash shoppers can of course still benefit from the scheme whereby the two hour ticket of £1.60 is refunded in various local shops displaying the appropriate sticker in the window when a purchase made therein for £5.00 or more.

It was however noted by members of the Town's Chamber of Commerce that a banner facing the Tamar Bridge advertising two hours free parking is misleading some visiting motorists. Some of them read this as meaning that they do not need to purchase tickets in the town's car parks for stays of up to two hours, and they can thus be subject to financial penalties if caught without a ticket on display.

## A Feast of Fun for all Marks Ashtorre's Silver Jubilee

In the quarter century since that St. Piran's Day when Saltash Waterside saw its Ashtorre Rock centre joyously opened by well loved Cornish folksinger Brenda Wootton, the centre has played hosts to many events and attracted many thousands from Saltash and beyond down to the Waterside.

For its Silver Jubilee celebrations centred around St. Piran's Day, March 5th 2016 a packed programme is aimed to ensure that Ashtorre continues to be a centre of fun and entertainment for the Waterside and wider community of Saltash and beyond.

Celebrations begin on Thursday 3rd March at 7.30p.m. when the much loved Larrick Lads will give what sadly is announced as being the last opportunity to hear these fun loving lads sing songs of the sea and elsewhere in harmony together. The following Friday night is traditionally the Lions Quiz Night and a special evening is anticipated as part of the celebrations, come and take part as an individual or a team.

On the actual anniversary, Saturday 5th March in honour of St. Piran, while Ashtorre Rock's archive of photographs will be on display all day, there will be live entertainment from Jim and Maureen on guitar and accordion as well as a showing of a video recording of the history of the centre from its beginning. A fun sing-a-long will culminate in the cutting of the anniversary cake at 3.30p.m.

On the Sunday the theme is to be 'Looking to the Future' and the next twenty-five years. Young people and parents are

especially welcome with face painting, craft table, storytelling, music and more all day for 10a.m. to 4p.m. In addition famous children's entertainer Nutty Noah will be performing at 11a.m. and again at 2p.m.

The following weekend an illustrated historical talk on 'The Changing Face of Saltash' will be given by Bruce Hunt, Vice Chair of Saltash Heritage at 7.30pm on Friday 11th March. Admission is free with any donation going towards our town's Heritage centre.

Then the following night, Saturday 12th March, celebrations will wind up with a grand Nostalgia Evening as Chris Batten helps the audience

to recall the 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's with a fun recollection of television, film, advertisements, lifestyle and more - the ticket price of £4.50 to include a jacket potato (bring your own drink)

Throughout from 20th February to 31st March there will be an Ashtorre 25 Exhibition featuring its proud history from The Vision, and original creation, through the many local events and people associated with them, through to the present day and beyond.

For full up to date information on the full programme see the Town Council's website [www.saltash.gov.uk](http://www.saltash.gov.uk) and visit the events page.

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## Christmas Celebrations and Welcome Party

Once again Rowan House hosted a fabulous Christmas party, with a great turnout for its Residents, staff and visitors, including residents' families and the team from the Saltash Observer. We now eagerly await a new year filled with exciting events and activities both within and outside the home which will be sure to entertain the happy residents.



The Rowan House Christmas event is locally acclaimed. Everyone enjoyed the sumptuous buffet, participating in a grand raffle and being entertained by a local children's choir as well as regular entertainers Pat and Dave.

This year's Christmas celebration was special as it doubled up as a welcome party for new manager, Karen Palmer. Owners, Mike and Chris were delighted to welcome Karen into the Rowan House community. Karen has over 30 years' experience of working within Health and Social care and has a great depth of knowledge that she can pass onto the team at Rowan House. Karen has fitted into the team extremely well with her bubbly personality and

conscientious work ethic. Mike and Chris are also pleased that their daughter, Anna, has recently joined the team. Anna is already playing an active role in administration whilst working towards qualifying for her Diploma level 5 in Health and Social care.

Caroline will now be working with Elisabeth to plan and coordinate activities with the residents, designed to encourage them to keep physically and mentally active. Regular in house activities include; quizzes, bingo, memory games and scrapbooks and a huge range of arts and craft activities. Residents are encouraged to work on window boxes and create floral displays, and already have plans for an Easter Party which will include an Easter Bonnet Competition.

The team also arrange outings for the residents, to the local garden centre for a cream tea, a shopping trip or a trip to the local beach. Trips can be organised for groups as well as one-to-one excursions tailored to individual's needs.



To help accommodate the demand for rooms within this locally popular and prestigious home from home, Mike and Chris have, over the last year opened an extension with beautifully appointed modern rooms alongside the traditional ones in the Victorian home. Some of the rooms, new and original, enjoy superb views down the river Tamar. A new modern lift providing easy access to all floors has also been installed, making day to day life easier for the residents and carers. The eight newly opened rooms brings the total to twenty-four which Mike considers to be 'a comfortable friendly size'.

Rowan House is renowned for its warm, friendly atmosphere and residents' friends and families are welcome to visit at any time. Rowan House enjoys a high occupancy level, however, if you require a room for a loved one, short term or permanently, please contact one of the friendly members of staff who will be more than happy to assist.

### A Professional Eye and a Friendly Face from a Caring Team

Many in our local community are happy in their own homes and are eager to remain there for as long as possible but have increasing difficulty in caring for themselves and performing day to day tasks. Others appreciate a friendly face regularly calling in and perhaps taking them out.

Rowan House has built up an enviable reputation for its outside domiciliary care and care co-ordinator Sandy Ferris is always pleased to discuss individual needs and prepare a care package to suit. This can be for the increasingly elderly and frail, or for the less able bodied of any age. The services include personal care, cleaning and shopping amongst other things. A freshly prepared two course meal, direct from the Rowan House kitchen can be delivered to the client's home either on a daily basis or as desired; perhaps a Sunday roast as a weekly treat. Whatever the client requires, families and friends can relax knowing that one of Rowan House's twenty or so qualified carers is keeping a professional eye and providing a friendly face on a regular basis.

## A Socially Stimulating Day Out...

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Each week the specially adapted mini-bus, equipped with wheelchair-lift, collects local clients from their homes and takes them to the town's SHADO day centre. The centre provides clients with the opportunity to get out of their homes and socialise with others in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. This is especially beneficial for people who spend a lot of time alone or who are unable to get out and about. It also provides respite benefits for the clients' carers.

The day always includes lunch, either a two course meal delivered from the Rowan House kitchen or, a meal out or picnic, when on a trip. Various physical and mental activities, suitable for a wide range of ages and abilities, are on offer. The mini-bus is used to take clients on trips, perhaps to the local beach for an ice cream, a visit to the garden centre or, having a picnic at a local beauty spot or another outdoor venue. Clients will experience a socially stimulating day in friendly company under expert supervision.

### A Well Deserved Break for Full Time Carers

The facilities and activities available to the permanent residents at Rowan House can also be shared by those living in their own homes, either as day visitors or, if a room is available, for a long or short term respite stay. The latter is especially valuable for full time carers, who can enjoy a well deserved break, or perhaps a holiday, knowing that a cherished family member is in capable and professional hands.

While at Rowan House these visitors join the permanent residents for a traditional, home cooked, two course meal. As well as having the opportunity to join in with a whole host of different daily activities and events.

Those who normally live alone can also share in the entertainment taking place in the comfortable and spacious lounge which includes live professional music as well as memory therapy, card games and the highly popular pamper sessions. An equally comfortable and relaxing quiet lounge offers an alternative for those who prefer to read or take in the views towards the river Tamar.

*Pictured - Geraldine Lamb Dance School Edward Nicholson Playing the Violin*

## Essa Files

Last weekend I had the dubious pleasure of doing something I hadn't done for 14 years: I had to sit an exam – not a true or false 'were you paying attention in this training session?' test, and certainly not one of those 'which politician / harry potter character / teledubby character would you be?' internet quizzes, but a proper actual exam. We, by which I mean about 50 teachers, had to switch off our mobile phones, sit in rows of regimented desks, fill in our candidate numbers and then spend two hours trying to access chunks of knowledge scattered around our brains and regurgitating them into some kind of sensible order on the exam paper.

Naturally in the last 14 years I have seen many exams, helped many students prepare for them, and indeed often given the little stirring 'remember how much you know' speech at the start. However I had forgotten quite how different it is to be at the business end of one – how pressurised and how artificial an environment it is. It's not even that I haven't sat exams before – I sat many back in the day – but time lends distance. My main memory of my university finals – where we had to wear full academic dress – is how useful a pencil case an upturned mortar board makes and which colour carnation you're supposed to wear for which exam (white first, red last, pink in between for anyone taking notes).

All of which may sound a little obvious – watching it, or doing it fourteen years ago, is no reliable guide to what it's actually like to do it, and yet we all regularly make this mistake: we assume that we

can appreciate exactly what something feels like, how complex and involved it is, just because we've seen it happen – whether that be an exam, or struggling on benefits and needing to use a foodbank, or dealing with mental illness. Even worse if we've ever actually experienced those things ourselves we tend to assume that we know for ever-more what it's like for everyone else.

It's something I experience from the other end as a town councillor where people tend to assume it's very simple and straightforward because they watched a council meeting once and all we did was talk and occasionally stick our hands up to vote, whilst even ex-councillors have also been known to do the same. My point however is not a plea for sympathy, but rather that the next time any of us comes across someone who is suffering exam stress, or financial difficulties, or mental

health issues, or any other of life's series of challenges, we should try to be a little more empathetic and understanding. Until we've experienced that ourselves, and often not even then, we can't really know what it's like for them.

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## A Ferryman's Dream Brought Music, Fun and Friendship to Waterside

An impossible dream – this was the attitude of the local press at the time, and of certain councillors when a former Saltash ferryman and his fellow 'Tide watchers' first mooted the idea of a community centre for former Watersiders and visitors to the Waterside.

Twenty-five years ago this St. Piran's Day the dream became a reality as popular Cornish folk singer Brenda Wootton opened the 'Ashtorre Centre' in an evening of music, fun and laughter that has characterised its future history, and so popular did it prove that a decade ago it rose again, another storey.

Today it stands proud below our iconic Royal Albert Bridge, itself a lasting symbol of achieving what might seem impossible. Atop the Ashtorre a Cornish Piskie makes its own comment on those early pessimistic citizens of 'up the town'.

Now a packed programme of entertainment planned to amuse

all ages as well as to inform all of the past, present and intended future of Ashtorre, will take place around the weekend of the anniversary as you will see elsewhere in your February 'Observer'.

We of the 'Observer' team have a special affection for Ashtorre, where over tea and hot chocolate we have enjoyed frequent relaxing meetings planning out features for future Observers while chatting to the friendly volunteer servers and fellow visitors. We have also enjoyed attending a variety of events here including our own Charity fund raiser.

Over the anniversary year we will be featuring the history of the Ashtorre Centre, the struggles involved in its founding and further development and just some of the more prominent celebrations and events which we have enjoyed sharing with the wider Saltash community over the past quarter century down on the Waterside.

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For: September 2015 Observer readers  
From: Councillor Bob Austin  
West Ward, Saltash

### Budget

Cabinet have agreed to recommend a Council Tax Increase of 3.97% for 2016-17. 2% of this will be ring fenced for Adult Social Care. Even with this increase there will be a £6 Million deficit this year - because despite promising fair funding, Central Government have cut the repayments to Cornwall more than they said and with the diversion from rural councils to urban (one hidden in the Autumn Statement) this has left a big hole in the budget. The Council's solution is to use reserves and so there will be a "balanced" budget, although we are building up problems for the coming years. In addition to this will be the police share, which will be 1.99%, the Town council proportion is still to be agreed. For more details, check out the CC website.

### Are you between jobs and claiming Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)?

● Cornwall Council, and also the Town Council, are becoming very interested in helping those people who are looking for jobs.

● Out of our population of 16,419 (2011 census) 63.4% of us are of working age

● 2.8% (337people) unemployed compared to 3.3% Cornish average

● 5,258 people work in Saltash.

● The amount of people claiming JSA in Saltash is lower than the Cornish average by around 1%.

● During 2015 there were 732 job vacancies in Saltash, mainly in the lower paid sector.

'Inclusion Cornwall' is an organisation within Cornwall Council and one of their many functions is to support the jobless in the county and Saltash TC is debating to work alongside them to hopefully reduce this figure.

So if you are claiming JSA and would like to get involved please contact me for further information.

Please check on their website  
<http://inclusioncornwall.co.uk/>

It is my view, and that of many of my colleagues on council, that Saltash needs a much higher standard of industry than we currently have. This is one of the main reasons why we are actively seeking new high quality businesses to come to the town, possibly on the Broadmoor Farm development. Although the average numbers of job seekers are low they are still not acceptable and we must aim to reduce this.

### Update on Carkeel Roundabout

Saltash Cornwall Councillors had a meeting last week with Cornwall Highways, Cormac & Curry & Brown (main contractors). They are still at the contract and design stage. They have to coordinate with six service providers to organise the underground works to suit the new roundabout. Because of the delays they do not intend to start work until September 2016 (after the school holidays) and complete by Christmas 2017.

It was also agreed that Saltash Town Council could put forward ideas for the design of the top of the roundabout as this is one of the most prestigious roundabouts in Cornwall, being the first one that tourists will meet on entering the Duchy.

Helpful links from:-  
CORMAC Potholes, Road salting, road safety over this winter period.

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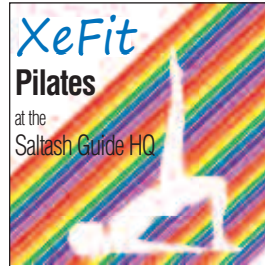
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### A Motor Sport Enthusiast Since the Age of Ten

Your MOT examiner Ben Cockerill, a motor sport enthusiast since the age of ten, started competitive moto-cross racing on his 60 cc bike. Ben is from a well-known local family of motor enthusiasts, and is delighted to play his part within the Moorland Auto Solutions team.

After ten years of moto-cross Ben moved on to superbikes, spent each weekend as a top contender in the R6 Cup featured on Eurosport competing against superbike champions including Tom Sykes and Cal Crutchlow. Now a family man and proud father of twins, Ben



Ben Cockerill

Having spent twelve years establishing and building up Regional Hearing Services, now known as Bloom Hearing Specialists, into one of Saltash's leading businesses and major employers, Andrew Carmichael, while continuing as consultant, has returned to his first interest – the world of automobiles. It was in 2010 that he helped found Moorland Auto Solutions and he is delighted to be back working in what he aims to ensure will remain a prestigious local business, offering top quality service to all.

#### Andrew and Co-founder Ian – working together

Andrew is delighted to be working alongside his long term friend, business partner and co-founder Ian Aquilina who also has had a lifelong interest with cars. As a local man whose family was raised and educated in Saltash Ian is pleased and proud to be part of a prestigious and successful local business that he has assisted to build up over the past five years. Employed in Devonport Dockyard many of his colleagues have been pleased to join the expanding band of Moorland's satisfied customers, Ian also spends as much time as possible each day and on Saturdays in the Saltash workshop.

The business prides itself on supporting and being very much a part of the local community in which it has grown. Since he has been in business in Saltash Andrew has been actively involved in supporting and sponsoring a variety of local sports teams, and since his workshop off Moorlands Lane is around the corner from Saltash Rugby Club, it is fitting that Moorland's is the main sponsor of that club.

#### A Highly Experienced and Qualified Team

Andrew and Ian are joined in the workshop by an eager team of highly experienced and qualified auto mechanics and technicians. The workshop team comprise of four full time mechanical staff, experienced at every aspect of work carried out to include full servicing, mechanical repairs, MOT test work and minor cosmetic repairs.

Equally important to the team is Donna Yearley known to so many local motorists as the friendly face and voice on the telephone with whom they first make contact. Donna and Marise Carmichael between them both over the years, have built up a formidable experience of administering the growing success of Moorland Auto Solutions and literally keeping the wheels turning.



Andrew Carmichael

## “Motoring Basics” Free Open Days

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Marise Carmichael

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In this work the professional and experienced team of mechanics and technicians employ the latest of computer and specialist software, all of which are utilised in the diagnostics including auto electrical, also one of Moorland Auto Solution's specialities.

Their work on servicing of all makes and models of cars and light commercial vehicles also extends to

camblet replacement, fitting of tyres, air conditioning re-gas, as well as full and interim servicing. The team regularly carried out common and more complex work including clutch replacement and full engine rebuilds, all at competitive costs. As well as the more popular makes of vehicles the team's experience includes work on motor homes and camper vans. They are also pleased to help maintain and keep older vehicles on the road; this includes specialised fabrication and welding.

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the Saltash area and customers can book courtesy cars. While more minor work is carried out

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The Team

## Paul has Built up a Successful Car Sales Business with an Envious Local Reputation



Paul Sweet

Moving his highly successful business of specialising in sales of one owner fully serviced quality cars back to his hometown of Saltash has been a long term dream for Paul Sweet of Moorland Car Sales.

Paul has been associated with Andrew Carmichael since their sons played for Saltash United Juniors

Under 10's (they are now 30yrs old!!), then both working for Hidden Hearing, where Paul managed the fleet of over two hundred vehicles. Paul and Andrew had, in the past, discussed running their own businesses alongside each other, each specialising in the field of the motor trade business, which they love.

Having built up a successful car sales business with an enviable local reputation over at Lee Mill, last April Paul realised his long-term plan and transferred the business to Moorlands Lane Saltash, alongside Moorland Auto Solutions.

Paul is already a well known resident of Saltash,



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bom and raised here with a son Jamie who has now joined him in the business. Paul is especially known for his lifelong work for charity both local and national and in particular his breaking of two Guinness world records. These were when, two years ago, Paul was in the team that, at the town's 'Cecil Arms,' set up a world darts record after over forty hours of continual competitive darts doubles. This he followed up by a marathon singles competitive darts session of fifty hours; all raising many thousands of pounds for Parkinson's Disease and Cancer research.

While still heavily involved in charity fund raising Paul now dedicates his working hours to building up the business of sourcing and selling quality used cars to discerning motorists. He is fortunate in being able to acquire many ex-fleet vehicles that he has selected to purchase personally, and has since personally maintained and serviced them, and therefore being well qualified to offer the twelve-month guarantee that he attaches to most vehicles that he sells. Some vehicles are ex-demonstration models, most are one owner only, and all have been thoroughly checked over and serviced before being offered for sale. The majority are around three years old and usually with a history that Paul can personally verify.

Paul is able through his many reliable contacts in the

business, to source almost any car of any make and model for any customer. This includes light commercial vehicles as well as camper vans, motor caravans, and the more unusual and exotic vehicle of any age or pedigree. As with all vehicles sold, expert and professional mechanics give full attention to detail before being sold, and Paul's reputation for guarantee quality and perfect mechanical order is already growing among his many satisfied local customers.

Paul Sweet and his friend and colleague Andrew

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Carmichael have for many years discussed how their combined knowledge and experience in associated fields could achieve two successful businesses running alongside and complementing each other. They, their professional staff, and their growing number of loyal customers are delighted that this has proved to be the case and that Moorland Auto Solutions and Moorland Car Sales are two growing, Saltash success stories.

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- 2 Which is the largest and heaviest organ in the human body? (5)
- 3 "I felt the knife in my hand and she laughed no more" is a line from which Tom Jones song? (7)
- 4 Which mountain range forms the barrier between Asia and Europe? (5)
- 5 What was the name of Lady Penelope's chauffeur in Thunderbirds? (6)
- 6 Calvados is a type of Brandy made with which Fruit? (6)
- 7 What is the capital of the Shetland Islands? (6)
- 8 Which Enid Blyton character lives in his House-for-One in Toytown? (5)

Answers on page 8

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## Firemens' Memorial – Decision 'Not to Mess with History'

The highly emotive issue of whether the names of two of the Saltash Firemen who died fighting in the Plymouth blitz and who are buried at St. Stephens with their four colleagues should be added to the St. Stephens War Memorial was debated at length by Saltash Town Council.

While the other four firemen are named on the St. Stephens memorial, Bernard Jasper and Leslie Tibbs are omitted. The reason appears to be that they were 'Saltash boys'; whereas the other four were St. Stephens parishioners and the two communities were far more separate in 1946 than they are today.

Councillor Mrs Sue Hooper, who had been promoting the cause of adding the names to those of their fellow fire-fighters, commented that it appeared an anomaly that all of their names appear on the memorial by St. Nicholas Church but not where they were buried together. Since the matter came to her attention she asked the local press, including the 'Saltash Observer', to draw the issue to public attention and also to see if any members of the Jasper and Tibbs family were in the area. Members of both families came forward and all confirmed that they would like the names of their heroic forbears added to the memorial.

The argument against amending the memorial was put by Councillor Mrs. Jean Dent who had contacted the War Memorials Trust on the matter. They had replied that while there were no hard and fast rules, which memorial names were included depended upon that was 'deemed appropriate at the time' seventy years ago and the families would presumably have been involved in the decision at the time. The Trust encourages 'historic integrity' and is not keen on names appearing on more than one memorial.

After arguments were put forward on both sides the council came to vote and by a close margin of seven to six came down against adding the two names at St. Stephens. 'We should not mess with history', it was stated.

The matter first came to the attention of Barry Brooking when he, as grandson of another of the firemen to perish, was preparing a speech for the opening of the Saltash Peace Garden last November. 'I felt that the two men were colleagues of my grandfather who died with him', he told the Observer. 'I can see that there is an intellectual and logical argument that there must have been good reason seventy years ago for omitting the two names. The alternative argument is more sensitive and people centred. All other memorials in Saltash and Plymouth include all the names and this seemed to me an anomaly, a wrong to be righted. At the opening of the Peace Garden each and every relative of the two men who has come forward following press coverage was passionate in the way that they would like the names added. I felt duty and honour bound to pursue the matter and on balance feel that it is a shame that the intellectual view prevailed - a more personal view would have shown Saltash as a caring Council'.

## SHERYLL MURRAY MP WRITES...



The RNLI volunteers and life boatmen provide a fantastic service to keep us safe. Whether we are sailors or anglers, beach users who swim in the sea or professional mariners or fishermen, the RNLI are there for us. This is why I am always keen to support their fundraising.

It is also why I was pleased to support the RNLI in their campaign to keep commercial fishermen safe, with figures showing 88 people were injured or killed in deck machinery incidents on fishing vessels in UK waters over the past five years.

Deck machinery can be really dangerous, especially older equipment. Extra care should be taken while operating it and I'd encourage all fishermen to watch this new safety film and also take up the offer of grant funding for replacement of old equipment.

My late husband Neil was a commercial fisherman. In 2011, he tragically lost his life when a toggle from his oilskin jacket got caught in deck machinery on board his boat Our Boy Andrew, drawing him into the net drum.

I don't want to see other fishermen's children suffer like my children have. That's why I'm supporting this campaign and encouraging fishermen to take action to make sure their vessels are as safe as possible.

We had the Second reading of the Energy Bill recently. The Conservative Manifesto read, "The Energy Bill contains provisions that aim to complete the work started in the last Parliament to implement the recommendations in Sir Ian Wood's review into UK offshore oil and gas recovery and its regulation". It also was introduced to deliver manifesto commitments on ending new subsidies for

onshore wind and allowing local communities to make final decisions on planning for new onshore wind farms.

A constitutional milestone will be reached in the House of Commons as English MPs get the chance to vote exclusively on the Housing Bill. During the final stages of the Housing and Planning Bill, the labour Party tabled a new clause 52 of the Housing and Planning Bill. I can assure my constituents that I did not take the decision to vote against this clause without careful consideration as to what was said during the debate.

As the Minister confirmed in response to the opposition amendments, of course we believe that all homes should be of a decent standard, and that all tenants should have a safe place in which to live regardless of tenure, but local authorities already have strong and effective powers to deal with poor quality and unsafe accommodation, and we expect them to use them."

I should point out that I have a share in a small modern property in Millbrook which I let to a young local family. This property was purchased mainly for my son after my late husband's fishing vessel was sold following his fatal accident. It is managed by an agent and I instruct them to carry out repairs that are brought to my attention as soon as I can like any responsible landlord would.

I have referred cases of poor housing both privately and publicly owned to Cornwall Council over the past five years when they have been brought to my attention and the Council do indeed look into my referrals.

I hope this explains the matter and would like to reassure constituents who have concerns that my staff and I continue to offer assistance in these matters as we have for the past 5 years

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**No Tamar Toll Increase Foreseen**

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The Bridge and Ferry Authority has already experienced an increase in income over the year 2015/16 and is confident that this will continue for the remainder of the financial year and for the years to follow as far as can be predicted.

**Bus Changes**

Major changes in the Citybus services to and through Saltash result in services being lost, reduced, or in some cases altered to serve areas previously without a service.

Instead of a 10 and 10A service between Plymouth, and the outlying estates of Saltash, one running from Fore Street to Latchbrook, St. Stephen and back to Fore Street, the other following the same route in reverse, the 10A service is now lost. Citybus town services no longer serve the Callington Road and Latchbrook, there is now just a half hourly number 10 service between Plymouth and Spencer Gardens/ Churchill Walk via St. Stephens Road, Stagecoach services will continue to serve Callington Road and Latchbrook but Maybrook Drive, Fairway and Barkers Hill no longer have a service.

Oaklands Drive however now has a Citybus service as the No 11 half hourly service to Liskeard is diverted onto this route. New numbering means that alternate buses to Liskeard will continue to Padstow as the 11A service offering a direct route from Saltash to this attractive fishing port close to the Atlantic coast.

**Cornwall Manufacturers Group Donate  
3D Printer to saltash.net**

Saltash.net community school was thrilled to receive a 3D Printer which had been donated by the Cornwall Manufacturers' Group to further enhance Engineering and Design and Technology provision.

The school has already invested in one 3D Printer during the school year 2014-15, but it was proving so popular, especially with students studying for their GCSE and A Level exams, that Head of Technology, David Jolly, began liaising with local businesses and manufacturers to see if a second one could be sourced.

Ex-governor, Ken Martin, Secretary of the Cornwall Manufacturers' Group, was able to support the school in its quest and at the end of the Autumn Term a second printer

arrived in school.

Commenting on the difference the 3D Printer would have, David Jolly, said, "Being able to use a 3d printer and its software is an industry level skill. It gives our students the confidence to talk to and work with local future employers, which adds value to their education."

Ken Martin, added, "Manufacturing/engineering is a wonderful career and is so much different than it used to be. It is vital that young people see the exciting developments such as 3D printing which can help influence their work and study choices. Manufacturing in Cornwall is vibrant and pays well and we want to let young people know about it so are delighted to support the school in this way."

**Safe Driving**

Over three thousand vehicles were monitored by local community speedwatch volunteers in 2015 Saltash Police confirm.

At a variety of locations around Saltash and also in Polbathic of 3070 vehicles noted, details were taken of 210 exceeding the local speed limit.

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## Sleeping Beauty Returns for Silver Jubilee Panto Production

A quarter of a century of plays, pantomimes and murder mysteries has passed since the Burraton Players first trod the boards of their own community centre. They began back in 1991 with a production of 'The Sleeping Beauty', and to celebrate their silver jubilee they mounted a production of 'The Sleeping Beauty'.

Many familiar figures including three original cast members played their roles as the players cast their 2016 audience back not a quarter century but a full hundred years to a Saltash ruled by King Richard and Queen Isabella of Tincombe Palace, played by David Yates and Mo Kent, Leigh Hughes as Mrs Hudson the cook, he having played more dames than his character has cooked hot dinners. Alongside were Royal Butler Carson and Royal Page Parker, acted by Sue Court and Matthew Coot. Another original stalwart Christine Woolcock as

Queen Christiana presided over six youthful Latchbrook fairies bringing bounteous gifts to the infant princess. By contrast an eminently hissable Wanda the wicked fairy (Diane Swallow) was ably assisted in her mischief by a welcome return from young Harry Collicott as Harry the Herald.

As romantic leads the teenage Princess Dawn, Mia Stearn, was sent to sleep for a hundred years by the prick of a gramophone needle, to be awakened by Gavin Prince, scoop reporter, (Helen Roper) accompanied by another old Burratonian Jill Price in a cameo role as camera operator. Jill also directed as well as wrote the script together with Leigh Hughes and Christine Woolcock.

The audience as always revelled in the fun and humour, the local allusions and the cast audience repartee, as well as participating in a fairy game of charades. And of course all ended happily, even the wicked fairy underwent therapy to emerge with Harry as new age hippies. The castle and its inhabitants wakened to a new century and the players appeared prepared to entertain Saltash for at least another quarter century.

### Conundrum Answers:

Re-arranged the letters spell  
Apples 7 Lerwick 8 Noddy.  
Delilah 4 Uralis 5 Parker 6  
Answers: 1 Hawk 2 Liver 3

## Poppy Appeal Strikes Gold

The collecting tins collected in by the Royal British Legion following this year's poppy appeal yielded as ever a goodly sum of money from the public of the Saltash area and a gold ring.

It appears to be a wedding ring and organisers are wondering if it slipped off accidentally when a donation was inserted and whether its owner is concerned at its loss.

If the owner wishes to have it returned please contact Bill Dent of the Royal British Legion on 01752 303008

## Plymouth Club's Funday Supporting Observer's Cancer Charity

Plymouth Life Centre Indoor Bowling Club promises a fun day out at Plymouth's amazing new Life Centre while helping raise funds for the Chestnut Appeal, the Saltash Observer's current charity, on Saturday 19th March.

The Club, with a membership of over eight hundred, attracts many members from Saltash, especially when our bowling green is closed during the winter season. It includes special facilities for partially sighted or disabled, including wheelchair bound, members.

On 19th March between 9.30am and 5.30pm the doors will be opened to all

with free admission and the opportunity to view the superb eight rink all weather green, and maybe to sample a game.

The Grand Charity fund raising and fun day will also include a table top sale, raffle with fabulous prizes, and excellent food.

All profits will go to The Chestnut Appeal, our local charity supporting prostate cancer victims. Many of our readers will have participated in our own activities in support of this worthwhile cause over the last year including our mega-quiz in the 'Ploughboy Inn'. The Plymouth Bowling Club

has kindly agreed to put their own funds raised towards ours at a special presentation evening - watch for details.

Anyone who would wish to help by, selling raffle tickets or to contribute a prize or cash donation is asked to contact our editor...

**Mary on 01579 345699**

**M: 07971 484872**

**E: marye.crawford@virgin.net**

You can also purchase raffle tickets or make a donation at the Ploughboy Saltash or Petit Pain Café on Fore Street Saltash.

Come and Join us on 19th March, we would love your help; every penny counts to help save another life.



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### The Saltash Observer is back on board raising money for The Chestnut Appeal for Prostate Cancer

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