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Having dedicated much of her working life to the care of young children and her spare hours to the care of service and ex-service person, Councillor Jean Dent has now assumed the chair of office of Mayor of Saltash. Her husband Bill, a familiar figure in the annual Remembrance Day parade and service and equally active in promoting ex-serviceman's charities is her consort.



Cadet...Michael Larkin

In proposing Councillor Dent at the formal mayor choosing before invited local mayors, representatives of local organisations and other guests, retiring Mayor Councillor David Yates referred to his successor as 'one with an inimitable ability to look ahead. She is patient, looks at detail – she is the real thing!' In seconding her Councillor Adam Killea joked that her ability at coping with tears, and tantrums in the infant's classroom would serve her in good stead chairing in the Council Chamber. It was especially appropriate that a couple with such dedication to service-based charities should be first citizens during a year commemorating the Anniversaries of D-Day and the outbreak of World War 1.

Following their formal election the new mayor and consort donned the civic robes and performed the local custom of tossing warm pennies, followed by fruit, to the children waiting expectantly below. Following an appeal in last month's Observer, unlike in

previous years we were pleased to report a good gathering of around seventy children including orange-capped members of youth drama group 'Page2Stage' and Tamar Troop Scouts.

Among those present, May Fair Princess Ella was celebrating her seventh birthday and the new Mayor led the full

assembly singing "happy birthday" to her.

The relatively new custom of appointing a mayor's cadet followed. This year for the first time a young naval cadet was chosen, Michael Larkin, aged 13, of the Nautical Training Unit. Michael is a Saltash.net student who 'all my life' has yearned for a career in the Royal Navy and

aims on being weapons engineer.

The new Mayor's charity, she announced, will be the Saltash Children's Appeal, a small and relatively little known local charity which is why she selected it. It was set up to help local children and families meet the expenses of ill and disabled children, making small grants for expenses when there is no other



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Our new Deputy Mayor is Councillor Bill Phillips, formally proposed by Councillor Shepherd who said, 'Bill has lived in Saltash for thirty years and seems to know everybody in town. Councillor Jo Ellison endorsed this adding, 'he is a very effective councillor and as the chair of Policy and Resources, a key committee, he has carried this through with

great competence. His wife Jean will serve as Deputy Mayoress.

Following the formal business the invited guest visited Saltash Museum and Elliotts' Shop, specially opened for the evening and both displaying World War 1 exhibitions.

The guests returned to the Guildhall, rearranged to display a sumptuous celebratory buffet.



Pictured Members of youth drama group 'Page2Stage' and Tamar Troop Scouts, amongst others

Retiring Mayor Found All Had a Story to Tell

Succeeding Councillor David Yates as Mayor would be 'A hard act to follow', Councillor Jean Dent admitted. Paying tribute to him at her Mayor choosing she thanked him for his hard work on the Council, various committees, civic duties, building the neighbourhood plan all while working three days a week, which she described as 'awesome'.

He had 'served with dignity and honour, chairing the Council in a quiet manner, knowledgeably and professionally, well supported by wife and Mayoress Stephanie', reflected Councillor Sue Hooper MBE. 'He has defended Councillors when vulnerable been patient and courteous and genuinely engaging and supportive of organisations where he has been welcomed.'

'It has been an astonishing year in which I have really enjoyed myself', replied Councillor Yates. 'Wearing a chain brings out the best in you and makes you more than you were when you started'. Recalling his inaugural speech a year ago he confirmed that he had indeed found that everyone had a story to tell, a point to make, information to offer. 'We are a tremendously proud place', he concluded.

Diary Dates Not to be Missed!

Murder Mystery
Sat 21st June see P3
Bookshelf Book Event
Sat 5th July see P5
Third Annual 'Jamaid'
Sat 12th July see P7
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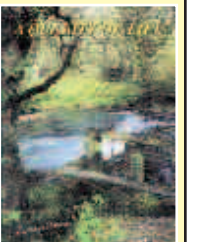
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Essa Files

From the news many of you will be aware that UKIP recently won the European Election poll. Sort of! Actually, if you look at the figures just over 9% of those who could vote plumped for UKIP – 8% each for Labour and the Conservatives and so on.

The winner, by a country mile, was 'didn't bother' with 65.8% of the vote. I find that frightening. Over 7 times as many people didn't vote as voted for the most popular party. Of course if those people stayed at home simply because they were totally happy with everything then that'd be fine. I imagine that is not the case.

People do sometimes complain that voting 'makes no difference' but these figures show this to be totally untrue – if everyone who didn't vote suddenly turned out then they could literally have elected anybody. If they all voted Monster Raving Loony then we could have the compulsory eating of asparagus for breakfast, war on Jupiter and free jaguars for the under-5s within weeks.

Even if it were true that 'they are all the same' (and really – just look at what they have to say about the EU to disprove that one) then voting could still clearly change things. If you personally didn't vote, and

think that everyone else who doesn't vote agrees with you, then stand for election yourself – if you're right then you're going to win by miles.

I don't make it a secret that I have my own party political beliefs, but in this debate they take second place – I'd really rather you voted for someone else, or stood yourself (or went to vote and then spoilt your ballot on principle), than read that nearly two-thirds of you didn't express a preference at all.

Now it is fairly likely that if you are one of those who regularly reads this column then you are much more likely than most to vote already – anyone who has no interest in politics is unlikely to put up with my ramblings for long – but even then: if you already vote then please make it your personal mission to get one other person to also vote. If they won't then challenge them to stand! At the very least an election with 500 candidates could be interesting...

By Adam Killeya

Station Building Plans – Comments Sought

A draft design for the redevelopment of the derelict Saltash Station building was submitted to Saltash Town Councillors for comment six months ago, said the building's owner.

The developer Mr. Darren Bennetts asked, during the Town Council's public question time, when he might hope to hear the comments and feedback on the design.

In reply Councillor Richard Bickford stated that since the design submitted seemed in the nature of detailed plans councillors were in difficulty in commenting on them. To pass comment at this stage might appear to pre-empt the planning application and preclude councillors from considering the actual application when it was considered. He did promise that a working group of councillors would formulate a response whether they felt able to pass comment or not.

The deteriorating state of the building, the 'Gateway to Cornwall' for rail users, has caused considerable concern to rail passengers and to Saltash residents disturbed at the image it gives to the town. The plans which Mr. Bennetts has for it are awaited with eager interest.

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From Councillor Joe Ellison

CUTS IN CORNWALL FRONT LINE SERVICES TAKE EFFECT

It is scarcely a secret that Cornwall Council faces tough times – before the budget for 2014/15 was set, nearly twenty meetings were held throughout Cornwall to keep local councils informed of the intentions, and the Hobson's choice of the Cornwall response to Government cuts in funding.

Now the effects on the ground are becoming apparent:

● Our Saltash library and One Stop Shop, like all others throughout Cornwall, has lost a further day, and will be closed from June on Fridays (statistically the least busy day).

● The Youth Service has suffered swingeing cuts. The effect in Saltash is reduction of financial support for K3 staff, and for Livewire on Waterside, total withdrawal of funding for the incomparable Andy and Julie Rance, after 20 years of previous support. Both voluntary groups are urgently considering alternative means of funding whilst continuing to provide their invaluable services to young people from SE Cornwall (and Plymouth).

● Weed killing on Saltash streets has been discontinued, and grass will be cut less frequently in parks and on roadside verges.

● On the positive side, most of the worst potholes around Saltash have been efficiently filled after the deprivations of last winter's weather – yes, I know everyone will point to exceptions, but believe me (I'm a Cornwall Councillor!) it's true.

● Cornwall has made it's own efficiency savings already – our new Chief Executive, Andrew Kerr, is paid significantly less than Kevin Lavery, and he has reduced the number of highly paid Directorate chiefs from eight to three. Consider that once, Cornwall Council employed 20,000 staff – now it is just over 6,000.

I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but further cuts in front line services are inevitable in coming years as in order to meet government targets and balance the budget (a legal requirement), Cornwall Council must save a further £190 million before 2019. There is no possibility of raising a great deal of money from increases in council tax, as the government imposes a cap – so we are between a rock and a hard place. With one hand, the government reduces regional funding (and so far refuses to listen to complaints from rural counties about the scandalous inequality of funding given to metropolitan areas). With the other, it prevents the significant raising of income through council tax, in the name of forcing local

authorities to keep costs down!

So the whole difficult and painful process begins again now, to culminate in a proposed budget for 2015/16 and future years at the November Council meeting. During October, consultations will take place around the county with local town and parish councils – given the low attendances last year, I urge everyone to make their views felt.

Where will the effects be felt next year? We Cornwall Councillors genuinely don't yet know, as the first stage is preparation of a set of recommended options by officers. One thing is probable – a reduction in the staff establishment of up to a third, which means that we will lose some good and experienced officers, indeed it's happening already at Cormac.

The problems of an increasingly ageing and rurally dispersed population aren't going to go away – already the Health and Adult Care budget accounts for 30% of the entire Cornwall budget of £505 million. Cornwall will focus upon getting more bang for it's buck, and will be focussing on several themes including:

● Optimum use of the last four years of European funding, including, I'm pleased to say, more assured distribution in North and SE Cornwall, unlike the last eight years.

● Better coordination and communication with volunteer groups and local councils to devolve assets and deliver local services – Saltash experience of this process has been abysmal so far (look at the toilets, the CAB building, allotments on Grenfell Avenue for instance). However, there are plenty of successful joint schemes elsewhere in Cornwall to learn from. One may be a model for a solution to the closed play area on Pillmere). Cornwall is determined to improve the service provided by its localism team, and cut delays and red tape.

● Public sector integration of resources, particularly with the NHS

● A focus on supporting local businesses and industries, partly through EU money, to create jobs and better paid jobs, and generate income from business rates for instance.

● Invest in Cornwall's unique natural resources – one suggestion is investment in footpaths, but I'll believe it when I see it.

Finally remember that each of the Cornwall Councillors has the magnificently generous sum of £2,195 as a community chest for use by worthy community led projects – again less than last year, but heigh-ho, why should we be exempt from cuts!!

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Council Comes Closer to Community on Social Media

Improved communication, especially with younger people and those unable to visit the Guildhall, should result from improved use of social media, the Town Council has agreed. Accordingly Saltash Town Council is to use its own facebook page and open a twitter account.

This could potentially expand into use of a blog, allowing individual Councillors to post personal projects and views, and Googleplus. Meanwhile the Council will consider the use of podcasting and a youtube channel.

As well as providing an alternative way for techno-savvy residents to communicate views, issues and questions this should promote tourism and provide positive publicity for the

town, its organisations and local events, it is believed. In future Town Council meetings might be 'podcast', increasing 'attendance' and awareness of used under discussion.

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New Mayor Foresees 'A Year of Endings and Beginnings'

Many changes to Saltash are inevitable and the Town Council, with its Mayor, must seek to ensure that Saltash retains its much loved character during the inevitable expansion, Mayor Councillor Jean Dent pronounced in her inaugural speech. 'We are lucky to have so many local groups to help ensure retaining its character and I look forward to meeting as many as possible'.

In predicting a year of things ending and beginning the Mayor looked forward to the Royal Albert Bridge emerging from its plastic cover and once again featuring as the wonderful creation of Brunel. As to beginnings, a new supermarket may well at last appear at Carkeel and we are likely to see the start of what will be a huge building development on the edge of town. 'We have a good Town Council with an excellent acumen and business ability as well as valuable IT skills which will protect our local interests,' she felt assured. There was also an excellent background staff so, 'To quote the Beatles I'll get by with a little help from my friends.'

Councillor Dent is a relative newcomer to the Town Council having been co-opted in November 2012 and having been formally elected on to the Council later the following year. She and her husband and consort Bill do however have a long tradition of service to the town. Through 'A Plymouth Maid' Jean has lived in the town for over a quarter of a century and both of their children, now adult, attended local schools. She has taught infants in various Schools in Saltash and Plymouth.



It is however for their service to needy service and ex-service personnel that Jean and Bill are best known. Bills is President of the Saltash branch of the Royal British Legion and Chair of the Cornwall branch. He is a familiar figure collecting for service charities and leading the Remembrance Day Parade and Service. Jean is equally involved with the Legion, having served as Vice-Chair of the Cornwall Branch, and chair of the Welfare Committee for Cornwall, helping to resolve

social problems. They are also both busily involved with the Royal Navy Association and were pleased to support the profile of our newly formed Nautical Training Unit by appointing one of their number, thirteen year old Michael Larkin, as Mayor's Cadet.

Livewire Youth Organised Own Musical Project Against Cutback

Saltash young people came together to stage a musical day of protest against council cuts that threaten the future of the oldest, and one of the liveliest, youth clubs in Cornwall.

Livewire has been a force for good, changing young people's lives for the better since it was founded as Saltash Boys Club in 1946.

Now Cornwall Council is diverting funding which means that the full time professional youth worker has been force to be made redundant and the operating hours the council pays for are being drastically reduced from 86 hrs a week to nine.

As a result the young people themselves stage a day of non-stop live music on the theme 'stop the cuts', seeking to draw attention as well as to raise funds for the club. There are currently over 1400 members of Livewire, many more who use its facilities and countless thousands have benefited from its services over the decades. As it is internationally renowned for

its unique facilities, especially for those wishing to innovate, play and record their own music, local bands were pleased to lend their support.

One of the bands 'Haunt the Woods' was formed through Livewire and lead singer Jon Stafford, aged 20, was one of the prime organisers of the all day music session. 'I have had a passion for music since aged five and about ten years ago I became involved in the music scene here while struggling with my own emotional issues', he told the Saltash Observer. 'I needed advice and help which I got through Livewire and I went on to help build the band which recently got to number three in the Amazon UK Charts'. 'Haunt the Woods', a folk-prog band, had also released a single on the day of protest entitled 'Ask Yourself' with its lyrics inviting the listener to consider social-cultural issues including the current cuts. Profits from its sale go to the club and it can be downloaded on Amazon or hard copies obtained from Livewire or via www.facebook.com/hauntthe woodsofficial.

Other bands supporting the session included 'Land of the Giants', and 'Sound of the Sirens', bands respectively voted best act and best acoustics at the South West Music Awards.

The club, which welcomes junior members aged 9 to 13 as well as seniors 14 to 21 has attracted tremendous support from such famous names as Mick Jagger of the 'Stones', Pete Townsend of 'Who', Phil Collins and Brian Johnson of AC/DC who is patron. Local supporters include Sir Richard Carew-Pole, Lord Teverson, also a patron, and Councillor Sue Hooper MBE.

'We love this place, it has changed my life in so many ways', one of the young people present told us.

David Woods, a trustee, added 'We are happy to support the young people in this protest. We have always been grateful for Cornwall Council's support and are seriously concerned at the diversion of funds. They used to pay half of our running costs, this stopped three years ago and we have been paying them ourselves. We have to pay a professional musician to teach as well as all other costs to keep going'. If the cuts go ahead all paid professionals will go and the club will be entirely dependent on volunteers and on its own fund raising to continue to offer support and musical facilities to the youth of Saltash and district.

Deputy Mayor Anticipates Busy Year



'I was told that as Deputy Mayor there would be not so much to do but engagements are already filling up,' newly elected Deputy Mayor Bill Phillips commented on being formally elected as Deputy Mayor for the coming year. His wife Jean will serve as Deputy Mayoress, Councillor Phillips went on to thank his fellow Councillors for putting their faith in him, "a faith which we will seek to justify."

Though a Man of Kent Councillor Phillips has lived in Saltash for over thirty years. During this time he has come to know very many of its citizens through his involvement in particular with Tamar Trotters and Saltash Rotary Club of which he is a past president.

He is retired from a career in engineering and he and the Deputy Mayoress, have three adult sons, all educated locally.

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As in previous years, a £5.00 ticket includes a free pasty to refresh the audience while they exercise their little grey cells in unravelling the complex mystery and discovering the murderer or should that be murderers?

An important event will take place in the interval when the players make their annual charity donation drawing on the proceeds of their most recent pantomime, Mother Goose.

The society has chosen to present cheques to two local organisations this year:

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Another Great Year for saltash.net 'Students' Behaviour is Outstanding

Ofsted and Theme Day Co-incide

The OFSTED inspectors who gave such a glowing report of the academic side of saltash.net school also had the opportunity to share its lighter side. Their visit co-incided with the 'Murder mysteries, hats through history' Theme Day, from which the inspectors were able to gain the impression of a vibrant and exciting learning community.

Many of the school's students were away that day visiting Bristol where they focused on such diverse challenges as how to reflect history and origins through art by visiting the Banksy trail, understanding different forms of power through the @Bristol Science Museum and SS Great Britain, and reflecting on human exploitation at the museum of slavery. Sixth Formers meanwhile were at Exeter University visiting the Higher Education Fair or experiencing a day of life skills.

There was still plenty happening at the school, however, with students enhancing their modern language skills through a unique murder mystery



challenge performed by staff in appropriate costumes. Other costumes were on show in the students' 'fashion show', which concluded the history department's story of how hat wearing has changed through the years. The geography

department, meanwhile, was taking students on a creative project enjoying the outdoor environment at Mount Edgumbe and Saltram. Older students, participating in a Business and Enterprise activity, seeking creative ways of improving the school environment, were surprised by a visit from a BBC 'Apprentice'; Claire Young, finalist in 2008, gave tips on the presentation of ideas.

'Inevitably there was an element of risk in proceeding with our planned Theme Day when the OFSTED inspection was taking place but students and staff demonstrated so well what makes our school such a great place to learn.'

'Students' behaviour is outstanding. They are proud of their school; they are polite, courteous and keen to achieve well.' These were among the conclusions of the OFSTED inspectors who visited saltash.net community school this spring and who also noted, 'teaching as typically good with a significant amount which is outstanding'.

'Following this year's excellent OFSTED report which confirmed the high expectations and relentless drive for improvement of the head teacher, governors, leaders and managers, our future plans for progress lie very much in continuing involvement with our partner schools', head teacher, Mrs Isobel Bryce, told us. 'We are sharing much more by way of good practice between fellow members of Saltash Association of Schools.'

This spring saw the launch of the Saltash Multi Academy Regional Trust (SMART) with a training event held at saltash.net school. Transatlantic rower and ardent adventurer, Debra

Searle, was the keynote speaker. The training day followed the conversion of Landulph Primary School to Academy status on January 1st and also acknowledged the close partnership that has built up over the previous eighteen months with Burraton Primary School.

The training day saw 170 teaching and support staff come together and listen to an introductory talk by executive head, Mrs. Bryce, in which she celebrated the many advantages of cross phase partnership working, proclaiming 'Together we are stronger' for the young people of Saltash. This



was endorsed by guest speaker, Debra Searle, who drew on her experience of single handed Atlantic rowing after her husband, Andrew, has been forced to 'abandon ship'. She urged all to 'stand firm

in the face of challenge and adversity and draw on support from the team around you'.

Burraton head teacher, Lisa Tambyln, speaking at the end of the training day, concluded, 'Today we

have seen three schools come together on a day of joining together, supporting each other and learning from one another in order to create the best conditions for learning that we possibly can.'

'Make Your Mark'

'Politics is everybody's business' is clearly the belief of students and staff at saltash.net school who have not only met with and questioned leading national and local political figures but have debated vital issues and even put their views across as part of a national project that will end up in parliament. The UK Youth Parliament is running the 'Make your Mark' project for young people to choose the issue they feel strongest about with the most popular choices being debated by the full Youth Parliament at Westminster.

Harry Samuels, MYP for the Plymouth, visited the school to explain to students their options and encourage them to consider standing for the Youth Parliament. He collected over a thousand ballot papers from the school, which he noted included a broad range of opinions within the student body. Adam Killeya, head of politics, commented, 'It's great for the students to have the chance to give their views and know that they will be taken very seriously and even debated in parliament.'

This was in a school year that saw visits and discussions with national figures including the Speaker of the House of Commons, John Bercow, and local parliamentary candidates including current member Sheryll Murray, MP. William Dartmouth,

include German culinary delights. In addition a thriving French exchange programme has also been taking place during the Spring and Summer terms with students from Brittany experiencing life in Cornwall and students from Saltash enjoying a return visit with extremely hospitable host families in France.

Commenting on the variety of political speakers who have visited the school Mr. Killeya added, 'Students specifically requested a contrast of speakers - they appreciate getting a variety of ideas and views and not just those that you agree with.'

Following what Mr. Killeya described as 'the most coherent and detailed debate on the subject that I have ever heard' there was a clear but not overwhelming majority for remaining in Europe.



Saltash.net Students Chosen to Meet with International Ministers...



Heads of Industry and even Royalty

Few twelve and thirteen year old students are invited overseas to meet with International Education Ministers, school leaders, heads of industry and even royalty in order to present ideas, judge awards and launch a worldwide student leadership project. 'I

still find it amazing that from the whole world the four children chosen were from saltash.net school,' said headteacher, Mrs Bryce, following the return of two boys and two girls, accompanied by four teachers, from the Microsoft Global Forum for Education in Barcelona.

The school is one of only 23 worldwide to be awarded the highest accolade by Microsoft Worldwide Partners in Learning, and students were recently thrilled when Microsoft marked the special relationship by the donation of 25 Microsoft surface devices as part of the school's World Tour School Status.

The visit to Barcelona followed the four school Microsoft Office 365 experts, the 'Offperts', impressing the industry leaders during their tour of the Microsoft

headquarters in Britain.

Reviewing their meeting with International Heads of Education, schools and industry in Barcelona Stuart Ball, Manager of Partners in Learning Programme for Microsoft UK, said of Amy, Rowenna, Jack and George: 'They not only talked in great detail about their project but they talked with passion and enthusiasm for their learning. Their reputation is now truly Global.'

In 2004 the school was awarded Specialist School with combined Science, Mathematics and Computing Status. The great selection of facilities and services available includes Office 365 being rolled out to students and staff ensuring full time access to resources from any computer with a dedicated IT support team on site to support all users.



saltash.net Continues to Make its Mark Internationally

Saltash.net school continues to make its mark internationally. As well as four of its younger students travelling to Barcelona to talk with heads of industry and education, the school has been pleased to welcome overseas visitors.

This year they have included nine teachers from Croatia keen to find out more about the reputation saltash.net has for innovative use of new technologies. The school recently acquired full International School Status for a further three years to 2016.

Deputy head teacher, Mr. Dan Buckley, recently travelled to Qatar for the WISE ('World Innovation Summit for Education') conference attended by delegates from almost every world country. As

a result the school hopes to host visitors from the conference as well as pursue new connections with schools in Uganda, Kenya and United Arab Emirates.

Students, too, enjoy travel opportunities and having hosted 39 students from Germany and sharing activities including making Cornish Pasties, saltash.net students and staff were eager for the return visit to

May Ball Memories...

A beautiful sunny May evening provided the perfect backdrop for Year 13 students from saltash.net as they arrived for their 6th Form Ball at 'The Duke of Cornwall Hotel' in Plymouth. Organised on an annual basis by a 6th Form student team, ably assisted by Sue Briggs, Administrator, and Head and Deputy Head of 6th Form, Nick Scantlebury and Laura Wilkinson, the Ball marks the end of the students' time at the school and gives them a chance to relax with friends before their final A Level exams commence after the May half term. Students were treated to a delicious three course meal and then it was time to dance the night away in



the Duke of Cornwall's grand Ball Room. saltash.net's Design and Technology Technician, Darren McDonald, was on hand to provide a photographic record of the hugely enjoyable event.

Commenting on the success of the evening, Nick Scantlebury, said, 'The evening provided a great "send off" for the Year 13 students who, along with the staff also present, all seemed to have a most enjoyable evening. The food, company and atmosphere were excellent and the glorious weather simply added to the undoubted success of the evening.'



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£10,000 Raised for Charity

Caring for the wider community and compassion for those in need throughout the world have always been a major feature of saltash.net school's ethos.

This year the school has raised over £10,000 in the first two terms alone, for charity at home and abroad. These range from support for the Philippine victims of the typhoon, to breast cancer care for which £1169 was raised by a non-uniform day, sale of cakes baked by staff, and a student v staff rowing machine challenge.

The highlight of the year, however, was Sport Relief day, which raised over £2,000. Much of this came from the after-school fun event a 'Sponsored Musical Mile' which featured not only students and staff, but a staff member's new baby and his dog.

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SHERYLL MURRAY MP WRITES...



On Thursday 22 May, many of us in South East Cornwall cast our vote for new Members of the European Parliament.

As a sponsor of the EU Referendum Bill, I firmly believe that the British people should have a say about our continuing membership of the European Union, which is a very different organisation to one the UK originally joined. This is why I was so disappointed when Lib Dem and Labour Peers chose to oppose the EU Referendum Bill. Their behaviour shows that both of those Political Party's do not trust the British people to make this constitutionally important decision. The result of the European elections clearly show that many people feel the same as I do.

I believe it is vital that the British people are trusted to take the decision, through a referendum, of the UK's continued membership of the EU. Regardless of his clever words, the UKIP leader cannot deliver the Act of Parliament necessary to ensure this referendum takes place. Holding a referendum is not contrary to EU Law. Indeed, many nations have the principle of a Referendum enshrined in their constitutions. This reminds me of a case that happened many years ago which demonstrates when a Conservative Government stood up to the then European Economic Community.

I believe that the EU in its present form has gone too far but I also realise that great speeches and strong words in the media will not be enough. It is essential that we have a referendum to allow the British people to make the decision about our future EU membership. The UK Government under Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, changed UK Law once before to protect our fishing waters, including our waters around the coast of the South West, from the influx of Spanish Trawlers. The Merchant Shipping Act 1988 is an Act of Parliament passed by the Conservative

government of Margaret Thatcher. It aimed to prevent foreign fishing fleets from fishing in British territorial waters. Then came what has been disastrous Factortame ruling. The case produced a number of significant judgments and was the first time European courts held that they had the power to restrain the application of an act of parliament pending trial and ultimately to dis-apply that act when it was found to be contrary to EU law.

Many of my generation remember headlines in the national media like "Roger Cook And TV Crew Beaten Up By Spanish Fishermen" (Daily Mail)

Others will remember the case of the Spanish fishing vessel "Estai" as far back as 1995 when Canada arrested this vessel for flouting regulations concerning Turbot often known as Greenland Halibut.

This is why I sponsored the EU Referendum Bill and this is why I am pleased that we have elected two Conservative MEPs like the hardworking Julie Girling and Ashley Fox on 22 May. They can work with the Conservative led Government to deliver that Referendum. They have both worked with me on many issues. It is essential that we have joined up working between Westminster and the European Parliament.

Liberal Democrats and Labour have already shown they don't trust the British people to make the decision about our future membership of the EU through a referendum. UKIP do not have a single MP in Westminster and they often don't turn up at the European Parliament.

My past work for British fishermen has taken me to all the institutions in Brussels, from the UK Rep to Commission, to the European parliament. I remember the National outcry over the Factortame ruling. I will work hard in the next year for you and I get our say over this important constitutional decision through a credible and recognised referendum.

Football Foundation Grant for Saltash United Juniors



The grant will allow Saltash United Juniors to develop its older age group teams and allow them to progress into adult football. This has been an area of concern nationally where players have left the sport at 16, we now envisage being able to offer a range of pathways for young players, which is sustainable and will promote football participation for all.

The Premier League and The FA fund the Grow the Game scheme with £1.5m, which is delivered by the Football Foundation, the nation's largest sports charity. The scheme is designed to increase participation in our national game by helping clubs to meet the essential costs of starting new teams.

Robin Duff Chairman, said: "We are delighted that the Football Foundation has recognised the strength of our bid which will go a long way towards improving facilities and coaching standards. We have some excellent young players, having become County Champions at under 15 and under 16. We have a team of committed and enthusiastic coaches and have upwards of 80 players in our under 11 development teams. We will be using this grant to further develop access to football in Saltash and the South East Cornwall area. Working alongside Saltash United and Saltash Youth, Saltash is currently an exciting place to be and at the forefront of football in Cornwall"

Conundrum Corner

- Taking the initial letter to the one-word answers to the following nine questions can you re-arrange them to make the name of a Town or Village in our locality?
- 1 In the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk which instrument did Jack steal from the Giant? (4)
 - 2 In which Ocean is the Java Trench, at over 25,000 feet in depth, found? (6)
 - 3 Which member of the Camel family has no hump? (5)
 - 4 In which Country did the battle of El Alamein take place? (5)
 - 5 In which English County is Laurie Lee's novel Cider with Rosie set? (15)
 - 6 What line on a weather map joins places of equal atmospheric pressure? (6)
 - 7 The famous Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway runs along part of the coast of which County? (4)
 - 8 Which hexagonal accordion-like musical instrument was invented by Sir Charles Wheatstone? (10)
 - 9 How are Herrings and Mackerels which have been salted, smoked and cured known? (8)
- Answers on P7

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Phil Enjoys a Bacon Sandwich



As an aspiring politician there are a number of things you should avoid. I think kissing babies is one of them and apparently also "on the list" should be eating bacon sandwiches; at least if recent pictures of Ed Milliband are anything to go by!

But I am a brave soul, and I rather like bacon, so when my wife Rachel and I went to the Food and Drink Fayre in St. Stephen's church recently we decided to "risk it" and order a bacon sandwich in the cafe run by the church volunteers.

You will not be surprised to hear that it was delicious and packed full of freshly cooked bacon at a really reasonable price. A real treat, as was the homemade cake we were "forced" to buy at the same time.

Sometimes when you have worked really hard in a campaign knocking on doors and delivering leaflets in the rain, you think, "Why am I doing this?"... Well the answer could be found in that church that Saturday.

I have always loved listening to people - I guess that's how I ended up in with a career in Social Work and why I hope to become an MP. So it was rewarding to hear stallholders and locals tell me about their concerns and aspirations, their thoughts and visions of the future.

There are no two ways about it, these past four years have been particularly hard and, as one stallholder told

me, it had been difficult to keep going at times. This is not an unusual story as I hear it all the time. Of course I could put my political hat on and blame other parties or individuals but that would be missing the point of this article because what I found at St Stephen's were people looking to the future, wanting to grow their businesses and make their way. I also witnessed a great local community, looking out for each other and taking the time to listen to each other and spend a little time with each other. I get a real sense that things are starting to get better; there is more work around but not yet higher wages.

As I tucked into my bacon sandwich, I looked around me and thought about the future and what a privilege it would be to serve this thriving community.

*Phil Hutty
Parliamentary candidate for the Lib Dems*

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'JAMAID'

Live Music Charity Event at the Rising Sun Inn, Botus Fleming near Saltash

The Rising Sun Inn, Botus Fleming near Saltash is the venue for the third annual JAMAID live music charity event which takes place on Saturday 12th July 2014.

As in previous years numerous talented and dedicated local musicians will entertain the indoor and outdoor audiences with a wide range of music. All have agreed to perform for free throughout the afternoon and evening. Entry to JAMAID is free, everyone is welcome and the funds raised on the day will be donated to Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research and Ovarian Cancer Action.

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Organiser Chris Speed explained "While the primary acts we have booked will perform to a set schedule indoors, anyone who wants to demonstrate their singing or musical talent will have the opportunity to perform on the Marquee Stage. Music of any genre from Classical to Rock and anything in between is welcome".

In addition to the live music from 2pm until 11.30pm there will be a barbeque offering freshly cooked food until 9pm and a prize draw. Draw tickets will be sold throughout the day. All proceeds from the draw will be donated to the two charities.

JAMAID is also billed as a family fun day as it has always been enjoyed by families and people of all ages. There is picnic space and there will also be children's face painting and entertainment.

The first JAMAID took place in the Summer of 2012. It was organised by Rising Sun Inn regulars in support of James Morris and his family after James was diagnosed with Leukaemia. Besides entertaining everyone with live music the previous events have also raised a considerable sum of money for charity.

Thankfully James made a full recovery and as the first JAMAID was such a success the event was re-run in the summer of 2013. After a second successful event last year organisers are now going for the hat-trick.

Any organisations willing to donate draw prizes, provide relevant support, or anyone wishing to help promote the event by displaying an event poster should contact Chris Speed telephone 07929028675 or email Chris at chris@newhomessouthwest.com.

Conundrum answers...

1 Harp 2 Indian 3 Lama 4 Egypt 5 Gloucestershire 6 Isobar 7 Kent 8 Concentina 9 Bloaters Re-arranged the letters spell out the Village of Bickleigh

Secretary of State Advised 'Visit Saltash Museum'

The quality of Saltash Heritage museum's World War 1 exhibition has attracted attention in the House of Commons when the Secretary of State for Culture Media and Sport, the Rt. Hon Sajid Javid, was encouraged to visit Saltash and its museum.

During question time local member Sheryll Murray MP invited the Secretary of State to join with her in congratulating both Saltash and Liskeard museums for encouraging better understanding of young people in as to the events of World War 1. She added a recommendation of a visit to Saltash to see what she described as the excellent display on the Suffragette movement, a campaign important at the time and for all subsequent woman members of parliament such as herself.

The exhibition, featuring a sensory experience of a World War 1 trench with full smoke and sound effects, was pronounced as 'going extremely well' by Heritage Chairman Martin Gee, and proving fascinating to visitors of all ages.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Mary Crawford
Saltash is a disgrace when it comes to grass cutting, I am hitting my head against a brick wall. I've complained so many times and getting nowhere. I feel ashamed when we have visitors staying. We keep our garden spotless. All we ask is to have the grass cut at regular intervals, and not to wait until it is two foot tall, which it is at the moment, very sad but I have measured a patch outside my house. What can be done?
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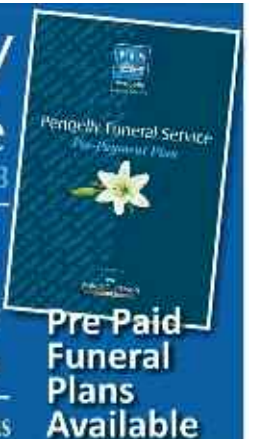


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'We are the champions', rightly claim boys' and girls' football teams of under 16, and under 14. saltash.net school pulled off the astonishing feat of winning the Cornwall County Championships for both boys and girls teams in both age categories, while the under 15s were proud to be acclaimed East Cornwall Champions. 'We will be taking the County Champion teams out for a meal and bowling as a special treat,' headteacher Mrs. Bryce told us.

This concluded a season with students enjoying a wide variety



of outdoor sporting activities, making the most of their all weather pitch in the wet winter.

Students were encouraged, too, by a visit from former student, Ed Buckingham, the first Cornishman to ascend

Everest and plant a St. Piran's flag on its summit. He spoke to students about his challenge to climb the highest peak in each of the world's seven continents. Ed was delighted to be Guest of Honour at the annual

celebrations of sixth form achievements held in the school.

Meanwhile those who wish to pursue a career in sport were assisted by a second annual visit from National PE examiner John Honeybourne who gave three revision sessions for students about to undertake PE Examinations. While the man who sets the questions could not tell them what they were to be, he was willing to share plenty of top tips for examination success.

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Street Parking Problems Under Review

Avery Way on the industrial estate and Essa Road and Beatrice Avenue in the town as well as Burraton Road are among highways highlighted as suffering serious congestion problems. The Town Council is to consider which of them, and which others in the town, could benefit by parking restrictions.

The problems in Avery Way in particular were raised by Councillor John Brady who told the Town Council that with the success of the B & M store together with Waitrose and the busy recycling centre congestion is common, sometimes backing up beyond the roundabout to the main road. The presence of a van selling food adds to the problem and he had recently witnessed a road rage incident

thereabouts.

Problems arise in particular when the recycling centre temporarily closes for changing of the bins, causing queues outside. However the Town Council was told that the system was to change the opening hours lengthened which might help alleviate the problem.

The chances of Cornwall Council introducing parking restrictions were minimal,

Saltash Town Councillors were told. The Town Council could introduce restrictions but at an approximate cost of £5,000 in each case. This included a minimal charge for paint, most of the money going on consultation and legal fees.

It was agreed that all Town Councillors would be invited to put forward proposals for parking restrictions where problems arose in their individual wards.

Local Crime Fall Exceeds Target

A reduction of reported crime over the 2013/14 financial year was almost 10%, in the Saltash Police area. Sergeant Chris Chilcott, neighbourhood team leader, advised that the fall of 9.7% well exceeded the force target of a 2% reduction.

Victim based crime such as burglaries; robbery and other theft as well as vehicle offences had all been reduced. However shoplifting, public order offence and violent crime were on the rise.

Over the previous month through April there had been 47 offences reported. These included 17 thefts, 14 assaults, 2 burglaries, 6 criminal damage, 3 drink and driving, 3 under the communications act, 1 possession of cannabis and 1 public order offence. There had also been an offence of arson in which a waste bin at Longstone Park had been destroyed. In this case the offender had been identified and agreed to pay the £450 cost of replacement to avoid prosecution.

The neighbourhood team had arranged a litter pick for children during the half term holiday at the end of May with children given a treat for their efforts. This has proved to have a positive effect in building good relations between the children and police.

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