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CRYING OUT FOR MAY FAIR

A "Clamour of Town Criers?" A "Clarion" of Criers? Whatever the collective noun may be Saltash resounded on May Fair Saturday, to the cries of "Oyez" from thirteen visiting Town Criers, who, some with partners and one with a young boy, certainly added to the colour of the occasion in their picturesque attire.

From throughout the South West they had come, at the invitation of our own Town Crier, Brian Whipp to participate in the Towns' first and cry out for Saltash. Boys May Fair Town Crier competition. As host Brian was himself exempt from competing in the cry-off which was won by the Town Crier of Bodmin, with that of Ilfracombe being runner up. The Town Crier of Truro won the prize as best dressed.

In the afternoon it was our to proclaim Claire Jones of local childrens' turn to put on Burraton School the winner the miniature criers costume with Jack Baker of St Stephens the runner up. While and girls aged 7 to 9 they were given awards all the representing five local schools competitors received well rang their bells, introduced deserved prizes. themselves after an 'Oyez', and doffed their hats with a courtly bow. After discussions the professional criers made the difficult decision, given the quality of all competitors,



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Saltash Goes True Blue **New MP for South East Cornwall**



Sheryll Murray seen here at the Saltash May Fair with Giles most of those centuries Chichester MEP for SW England and Gibraltar, son Andrew and Saltash was represented by team members who have been at her side throughout this very successful campaign

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altash goes true blue, Sheryll Murray won retiring MP Colin Breed's South East Cornwall seat (with 45% of the vote) for the Conservative Party after a close fought contest with Karen Gillard.

There were also Labour, Green, Mebyon Kernow and UKIP candidates.

This election made local history in giving Saltash, for the first time in its centuries of parliamentary representation a female member of parliament. For

two MP's just for the borough, most of them had however little or no involvement in Saltash and were elected by a handful of

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Town Council, The Hearing Rooms



fun family day. From 10am - 4pm ESRAD 2010 will give visitors the opportunity to meet Emergency Service personnel, as well as witness live demonstrations in the main arenas.

WE WILL PROVIDE AN ACTION PACKED DAY OF DISPLAYS.

RNAS Culdrose. Air Ambulance and the police will all be landing helicopters throughout the day.

The event aims to raise awareness of the dangers which are faced on Cornwall's roads, while also raising funds for the Cornwall Air Ambulance.

To highlight the link between the emergency services Cornwall Air Ambulance and road safety, the ESRAD committee have arranged for Motorcycle clubs from across the Southwest to ride in and support our day, for more information visit the event web site at: www.esrad.com

The Hearing Room Saltash are pleased to give up their front page space to support this very worthwhile Awareness Day



MAY FAIR MOURNS VICE CHAIRMAN

hose involved with the organising of May Fair had been saddened a week before the event to hear of the death of May fair Vice President and former Caradon and Saltash Councillor Graham Syass.

Known to many as the Martins' manager of newsagents Graham had been proud to serve as a local councillor and to involve himself fully in local affairs.

The crowning point of his civic career came when he served as deputy mayor to Mayor Joyce Mepsted during the Golden Jubilee Year 2002-2003. "I was proud to have Graham as my very helpful deputy." Joyce told the Observer during this year's May Fair. Retirement from civic life

left Graham with more time to help ensure that each year's May Fair should be a success. In his opening remarks on the Saturday morning May Fair Chairman Peter Stephens suggested that this year's May Fair should be in memory of him. It was nice to note that his family was keeping up the May Fair involvement, his young granddaughter Katie being one of the Princess's attendants.

Our condolences go to Graham's widow Teresa and other family members.

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TOWN CLERK RETIRES

After seventeen years of service to Saltash Town Clerk Marilyn Small is leaving to spend more time with her husband John who is already enjoying retirement.

She has resigned from her duties as of the end of April, though she has agreed to stay on through May pending the appointment of a replacement.

Her long service to the Council was recognised by Mayor Cllr. Sue Hooper MBE by the presentation of a floral watering can complete with Easter flowers and some gardening tokens. It was understood that she looked forward to spending more time cultivating her garden.

"I have enjoyed the years, though I am glad to have the opportunity not to be working from eight in the morning through to ten at night.' Marilyn responded. She added that she was not keen on the new Cornwall Council.

Advertisements for a replacement Town Clerk have been placed in the local press including your 'Saltash Observer.

HEALTH **FIGURES SHOW WEIGHTY** PROBLEM

Almost a third of those aged over 16 in the Saltash and Torpoint area of Cornwall are registered as

unhealthily overweight. Figures released by the Community Intelligence Team in partnership with NHS Cornwall and Isles of Scilly show 30.7% locally to be overweight as against 34% in the County overall. of these

43% are male, 57% are female. Figures show that the number of people overweight rises by age group, the majority being aged over 55. There are less smokers in

Saltash and Torpoint Community Network area than elsewhere in Cornwall. 14.5% being recorded by their doctor's as current smokers as against 17.6% in Cornwall overall. Here figures show the

number of local smokers rises up to the 25 - 34 age group before falling away again into middle age. Overall life expectancy in Saltash town is shown as 79 in

the Pill and Essa Wards of the town, falling to 78 in the Burraton area but rising to 80 in St Stephens and up to 81 and 83 in the villages around. 83 is the highest in Cornwall, the lowest in the county being 75.

Figures for smoking and unhealthy weight were taken 2009 statistics. from Childhood obesity data is currently being processed.

Celebrations in Culver Road, as Footpath is **Finally** Installed

ocal Cornwall Councillor Bryan Preston. Town Councillors Richard Bickford and Bruce Reid and Saltash Rotary member David Wood celebrate with a glass of champagne after a new footpath over the railway bridge in Culver Road is finally completed.

Richard Bickford who is Chairman of the Saltash Rail Users Group contacted Councillor Preston over two years ago with a proposal for a footpath over the bridge to improve safety and stop car drivers parking across the station exit, making it

the

Restoration Fund and the

Ladies Choir's Charity for

2010-2011, which is Help for

The audience appreciated

the strong sound of the Truro

Male Voice Choir. Over 50

members had come to sing a

varied programme of popular,

classical and church music.

The traditional air, 'An Rosen

Wyn' ('The White Rose') sung

in Cornish was particularly

beautiful. The Choir's lively

rendition of 'There is nothing

like a Dame' by Rogers and

Hammerstein was spectacular.

their Musical Director, Linda

Eastlake and Accompanist

Carolyn Varcoe had a very

enjoyable evening. 'A Man of

Sorrows' by Phillip Bliss and

Burney Lane was a new piece

for the choir with some lovely

harmonies. Linda Eastlake

was the soloist. Pam

Hensman was the soloist in

'Panis Angelicus' and Cicely

Saltash Ladies Choir with

between

Heroes.

Church

impossible for people with mobility problems or families with pushchairs to leave the The project unfortunately missed the funding window in the first vear and then faced a series of delays as the negotiations with Network rail dragged on. Finally after persistence by and а

determination that the footpath would be provided it is now installed. Improving access to and from the west bound platform for the increasing number of people who are using our station due in no mean part to the efforts of SRUG

CHOIR SINGS FOR CHILDREN'S CHARITY

n 18th April at a splendid concert held in St Nicholas and St Faith Church, Saltash Ladies Choir presented a cheque for £1,643 to Shirley Scott representative of the NSPCC.

The City of Truro Male Sharp sang 'Star of God.' voice Choir with their Musical Director Paul Triggs and Paul Triggs and 'What a Wonderful World' made Accompanist Martin Davies were guest of the Ladies famous by Louis Armstrong; and then conducted Truro Choir. The Rev. Alan Butler welcomed everyone to the Male voice Choir in a rousing Church. The popular compere finale. The Mayor of Saltash, for the evening was Ray Councillor Sue Hooper MBE Shaddick formerly of BBC gave a vote of thanks. Radio Cornwall. The Concert Saltash Ladies Choir have raised over £634 to be divided

moved their Wednesday night practices to St Nicholas and St Faiths Church Hall and are always learning new music. New members are very For further welcome. information please contact the Secretary Cicely Sharp on 01752 842686.

Future Concerts:

Saturday 5th June - 7 p.m. and The Riviera Singers.

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For Observer readers From Councillor Bryan Preston Burraton Ward Saltash

YOUNG DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Cornwall Council Road meeting people in our own Safety Unit presented a town. The four Cornwall Young Driver Education Programme at Cornwall well together and remember College, Saltash. In 2008 there were 562 car and motorcycle casualties aged 17 to 24 in Cornwall. Five of these young car casualties occurred in Saltash. Young drivers in the 17 to 24 year old age range are a very vulnerable, inexperienced group, involved in a disproportionately high number of collisions on our roads

Of the 562 casualties in this age group 185 were car passengers. Passengers can be distracting to all groups of drivers because of movement, noise and general disruption and the collision risk for young drivers is much higher when carrying passengers. The presence of friends in cars can encourage young drivers to drive in a more dangerous way and the collision risk dramatically increases with each additional passenger carried.

The Young Driver Programme Education highlights these issues and makes young drivers more knowledgeable about the risks and hazards they face on the roads and how to combat them

The programme aims to alert students to the dangers of driving and enable them to take responsibility for their own and others safety by making informed decisions about driving safely.

Our town

One of the great things about being a local Cornwall Councillor is nothing to do with the machinations that go on in far off Truro, but enjoys a well-earned rest.

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at our weekly surgery at the

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library, Saturday mornings

10 to 12. Like me, my

councillor colleagues, Bob

Austin, Derek Holley and

Colin Riches are involved in

other organisations and

groups in the Town. For me it

is Livewire Youth Club, our

Community School, St

Barnabas Hospital League of

Friends, Saltash College as

well as reporting to Residents

Associations and other organisations. Bob, Derek

and Colin do just the same

and we are always remarking

on two things, one is what a

friendly place Saltash is to

live and the second is how so

many of our citizens give up

their time and volunteer to

keep the myriad of

organisations that serve

And a message for those

organisations, don't forget

that each of us has a small pot

of money to distribute to

around the town. We have

just got this years allocation

so if you missed out last time

contact one of us for details.

A good piece of news, this

year's application forms are

much shorter and easier to fill

And a final word of thanks

to Marilyn Small our Town

Clerk who is retiring. Can I

wish her well for the future

and thank her for her help

and guidance when I was

Mayor of Saltash. Not an

easy job at times I hope she

in. So get in touch.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR.....

Dear Residents of Saltash When Editor In Chief Mary and ace reporter Martin tells me that I have one more column to write before I officially finish – I don't argue - I just get on with it!! - So despite me thinking last month was my last it wasn't - this one is! - So here goes!!

Since my last message to you all – where I gave my official vote of thanks then – much has happened in the community where consort John and I have been present by special invitation.

I opened the Saltash "Pastimes" Heritage exhibition and we had a most enjoyable and fun time with one and all – I do implore you to go and have a peek at the exhibition and see what we have all got up to over the past years (you will see some of my past exhibited there too - when I was 100 years younger)!!

We visited dear Eric and Audrey Preston and Eric and Joyce Watters on their Diamond Weddings - and met many of their friends and relations – it was really super to see them celebrate such a wonderful occasions; may I wish them many more happy years together.

We attended Richard Water's marvellous evening of with Chamber Music Richard's new ensemble "Arnold Camerata" – what an amazing evening that was !! -There were many celebrations/applause for this most talented group - well done Richard and all in his outstanding musical group.

I opened the Saltash Bowling Club's season of bowling - the weather was brilliant and we all had a lovely time – what a marvellous thriving club we have here in Saltash - thanks to the excellent committee and members.

It was a really useful experience to attend the Rotary Club's stroke awareness day at the Hearing Room – both John and I was ok with our blood pressure (surprisingly)!! - but I gather a few had pressures on the upper limit and was drawn to their attention for their benefit - what an excellent facility for the community – our sincere thanks to Rotarian Mary and her Rotarian colleagues – and of course Boots and The Hearing Room for the perfect setting and facility.

My dearest friends Saltash Ladies Choir who invite me to every one of their superb concerts gave a most enjoyable concert recently at St Nix with the Truro Male Voice Choir wow! – What an evening that was - one of the best yet for John and I, as far as concerts all have a look at the Club it is go - talk about last choirs really super down there. standing they were all brilliant.

We were delighted to visit Bea at Cresta to celebrate her 50th year as a valued member of the Mother's Union – the MU does incredible work with needy families and we learned a lot of their work within local and International communities.

I helped Town Crier Brian Whipp to draw out the order of



contestants for the Town Crier competition recently at the Saltash Leisure Centre - all was lovely – the children were delightful and I was offered a chip from virtually every table (no wonder my waist line has forsaken me)!! - I was made very warmly welcomed by Brian and Monica and all the staff and customers at the Centre – marvellous time was had by all!!

I attended the AGM of the Saltash Town Band - and am very pleased to report that they seem to be on the up these days - they played at the end of the meeting - and have 6 new youth members – super evening – how lucky we are to have such a talented band in Saltash!

My Mayor's ball went with at the Saltash a Swing



Workingmen's Club - almost £800 was raised for H4H and local charities - my sincere thanks must go to Phil and Tina and their hard working and dedicated team (and family) of workers for the whole occasion. So too to the committee and members who despite the inconvenience of using the club on their night were in the main most generous and welcoming. The food and hospitality given was outstanding and I thank them all from the bottom of my heart for their charitable attitude. I believe new members enrolled from the do – plus a good turnover at the bar on the night - I am pleased about that for the Club. I do recommend you

Likewise the Saltash Lions 38th Charter Dinner was a roaring success! - we were made very welcome by Lion King - President John Wood and all the Lions within the circuit – it is most refreshing to see the Saltash Lions resurrected again - well done to the small team who's great efforts have resulted in the Saltash Lions still in their den!!

Mayor's Ball 2010

The Mayor's auction in aid of Help for Heroes was well attended – and virtually all the prizes were bid for – we raised in the region of $\pounds 1,700 - it$ was un-believable – all the bidders were so generous may I take this opportunity of thanking every business and individual who kindly donated gifts for the auction which were numerous!! - and indeed to Sheila Butler who was the principal mover and shaker in this marvellous venture – ably and kindly supported by Rachel Butler (Sheila's daughter) and Julia Angear our receptionist at the Saltash Guildhall - and deputy Mayor and Mayoress - Adam and

Merryn Killeya (Adam was the capable auctioneer – and consort John was chief washer upper)!!! A huge thank you to all who kindly came and supported the auction and

spent lots of money on the prizes for the charity. The Mayfair was most enjoyable! – And the weather was reasonably kind to us !! -We enjoyed very much every aspect of the Festival and applaud Peter Stephens (chairman) and all who were part of the organising committee and volunteers. It took John and I - 5 1/4 hours from top to bottom to make our way through the crowds we spoke to all on our way to each charity stall. We reached the Regatta stall just in time to see Chairman of the Regatta Joe Ellison packing his car after a very successful day we do apologise if we missed a stall (if they had packed and gone by the time we got there) - in particular we missed Livewire and feel very sad

that they had gone by the time we got to the top of the town. Sincere and warm congratulations are in order for the citizens/young citizens who won various awards (you will note elsewhere in this paper).

It was extremely sad to learn however, the news that Graham Syass had sadly passed away in the same week. Graham was Vice Chairman of the Mayfair and a former Saltash Town and Caradon District Councillor he was also a past Deputy Mayor of Saltash, Our condolences and sincere regret I convey to Teresa and her family – our thoughts are with them at this very distressful time for them.

Last month I paid tribute to Joe Ellison and his SWRA team/partners for their successful Elwell

Woods/Celtic Cross project – I would like to add to those tributes by offering recognition to the team that originally instigated the idea of a Celtic Cross 10 years ago. The committee of the Saltash Cornwall 1998/99/2000 Festival – which I founded as



the 3 year project. That committee thought up the idea in association with Saltash Churches together the idea of a Celtic Cross. That particular project under the management of the Festival; and was project led/employed by the late Councillor Pip Miller and was voluntary assisted by the late Steph Rees/Phipps as the secretary. The project went through various stages and through public consultation and a final selection/judging process. The project fell due to planning issues and funding pledges were removed due to planning/site difficulties. The Celtic Cross chosen was the one that SWRA took on board for their project. I know that all those that had worked



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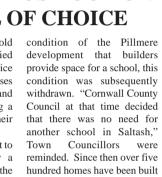
CHILDREN LOSE OUT ON SCHOOL OF CHOICE

Pre school four year old children are being denied places in their first choice Saltash School, in some cases their second choice, and sometimes not even getting a place at a school on their parents' list of choices.

This was an allegation put to Saltash Town council by a concerned parent during the April meeting's public question time.

'Many disgruntled parents have been complaining,' she stated. It had, she claimed. been alleged by parents that three schools were over subscribed by twenty, fifteen and five places respectively. "Is this because these schools are more popular or more children live in their areas?" Councillors were asked.

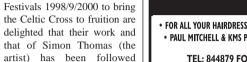
Pillmere was promised a school but this failed to materialise, it was stated. Councillors responded that



in Pillmere, many of them for young couples, and the number of children approaching and reaching school age has rocketed. Which begs the question, put to Saltash Town Council, "What will happen when, in six or seven years, these children are needing places at secondary school?"

Town Councillors agreed to raise these issues with Cornwall Council's Education Department and to seek especial information regarding contingency plans for the future especially regarding Pillmere.





through by SWRA - I feel

certain that when the opening

of the Cross takes place that

there will be some recognition

put so much of their time and

energy into the Cross project

(in particular the late Steph

Rees/Phipps and Pip Miller) -

they would have been so

pleased to see this marvellous

vision that they strove so long

Thank you once again to

Adam and Merryn for all their

help and support during our

year in office – I know they

will have a super year with you

See you all around and

for- come to fruition!!!

past 40 years or more.

Sue and John Hooper

Yours sincerely,

all – bless!!

One of the most successful and talked about May Fairs in the region."

ay day dawned with a dampness in the air, disappointing after weeks of April sunshine. It was however not sufficient to dampen the spirits of those Saltash citizens eager as ever to enter into the May Fair spirit and indeed the day was to remain mainly dry if cloudy and chill. As May Fair tradition demands the day began with our young people assembling in Victoria Gardens before following the opening civic procession through the town in the Parade of Youth. Colour and clamour was added to the procession this year by the brightly clad thirteen visiting town criers with consorts and children. The pageantry and colour were much appreciated by the crowds already gathered to gain some early bargains from the chains of stalls that lined the pedestrianised Fore Street.

The thirty-second annual Saltash May Fair was formally opened by the Mayor Cllr Sue Hooper MBE who promised all a "Fun packed weekend at one of the most successful and talked about May Fairs in the region." She thanked her guard of honour, young members of the Tamar Trotters, before making some formal awards.

Citizen of the Year. honoured for 21 years service to St Johns Ambulance, much of it spent training cadets, badgers and adults, was Elaine Smith. After declaring herself "speechless" with surprise Elaine, who is also Carers and Befrienders Service Co-ordinator told the Observer, "I am surprised and delighted, I certainly never expected this.'

Year 12 saltash.net.school student Conor Brady was chosen as young citizen of the year. He has been already selected as young volunteer of the year for Community Action through Sport and had been recognised for his contribution to helping others achieve through sport at his own school, at Landrake school and at Saltash Rugby Club.

A new award this year, that from Saltash Rotary Club for the youth organisation with outstanding citizenship was awarded to Livewire. "I am delighted for our young people who thoroughly deserve this," Club Leader Andy Rance told the Observer

The Peter Stephens Award for the entertainers who had most delighted the current Mayor was awarded to Saltash Girls Choir by Mayor Sue Hooper who noted that during the year these hardworking girls had performed at least five times before her. She also gave an award to the best turned out organisation in the Parade of Youth to the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers jointly. "All looked really lovely," she proclaimed.

There was a final presentation, a cheque from "Community Waitrose's Matters" Fund used to fund the dresses for the May Fair princess and her attendants the cheque was donated by Waitrose Manager John Parker and Community Projects Organiser Sophie Jarvis. The May Fair Photographic competition was

won by Warren Evans. Then, with the Fair fully open, the crowds turned to the brightly decorated stalls which gave Saltash the appearance of a traditional market town. Many, as always, were manned by local organisations keen to promote their activities as well as raise through raffles, funds competitions, and the sale of home made produce and bric a brac.

There was a steady stream of pedestrians throughout the day shopping, meeting with old friends, or passing through between the three centres of entertainment. In the arena at

the foot of Fore Street, Wreckers Morris gave a lively performance sometimes enhanced by the addition of 'volunteers' from the audience. The arena was hosted by Heart F.M. Radio's 'Heart Angels' and many of our young people enjoyed and participated in energetic forms of modern dance with Beat-Breakers Entertainment.

Other young people enjoyed the festival atmosphere of Longstone Park where once again our own Livewire club members presented 'Rock in the Park.' And a third entertainment zone, Victoria Gardens was to host such varied entertainment as our newly augmented Saltash town Band, a Teddy Bears' Picnic and a Punch and Judy Show for the young and the young heart.

Meanwhile clowns and stilt walkers mixed with the crowds in Fore Street, our May Fair princess Corina Roissetter with attendants Maxine Denton and Katie Syass toured the stalls, as did our Mayor ensuring that the merry

true

month of May was welcomed in Saltash style. It's all fun at the May Fair

right: Rotary President Brian Stoyel, looking rather nervous as he helps out at The Fruit Machine bottom right: The Wreckers Morris make another spectacular

appearance



Town Crier Competition





Rotary's new Wishing Well



or a curtain-raiser to a festive weekend and to get all into ▲ a |May Fair mood Saltash Video Club has, for thirty-one years delighted their audience with a variety of images of May Fairs and other events of Saltash Past.

This year as ever the eager movie-goers, who included the Mayor and Consort Susan and John Hooper, had a feast of moving pictures for their delight. They began with last May's beating of the bounds, in which Observer Ace Reporter Martin Lister, who led the walk, found himself featured. He returned home to await the call from Hollywood (it could be a long wait, the Mayor's consort warned.)

We were then taken further back in time to revisit the pomp, pageantry and pleasures of the town's memorable 60th VE VJ Day anniversary celebrations.

By way of contrast there followed a fascinating feature film on the discovery and restoration of a local piece of motoring history. A Rolls Royce,, converted into a World War II ambulance and which

spent fifty years at Antony Passage, was discovered to have been an experimental 1923 Silver Phantom owned by Sir Henry Royce himself. It was fascinating to watch this legend brought back to its original glory.

After a break for refreshments the audience enjoyed once again last years regatta, recaptured on film, and finally the grand combined May Fair and Royal Albert Bridge anniversary celebrations concluding with that unforgettable firework display.

thanks of all members of the group who work so hard to record each and every highlight of Saltash life to enable us, and our descendents, to recreate past pleasures.

The Mayor voiced the







Thunder of feet reverberated up Fore Street

placing of the half marathon

runners started to spread. At

last a single figure was spotted

rounding Victoria Gardens and

picking up the energy for a

A record entry of 255 keen athletes assembled at the foot of Fore Street on May Fair Sunday morning ready for what is renowned as one of the country's most gruelling half marathon courses. The overcast skies and chill winds made for good



record entry of running conditions though 255 keen athletes were less comfortable for assembled at the the spectators lining the Fore Street on May street to see them off.

The Mayor Cllr Sue Hooper sounded the Klaxon and the thunder of feet reverberated up Fore Street and out along the hilly lanes of Trehan and Trematon.

Immediately Lower Fore Street filled once again with eager runners, most of

them children and family groups, ready for the less demanding Fun Run. Fancy dress runners were alongside more serious minded Tamar Trotter juniors as once again the Klaxon sounded and smaller feet pelted up the street and around the Babis Farm estate.

Surprisingly soon the first fun runners were reappearing, their energy apparently undiminished as they managed a final sprint down Fore Street encouraged by enthusiastic spectators.

All were winners and collected a medal as well as a welcome drink at the finishing line.

Then it was a longer wait as rumours of the

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final spurt to the finish. He proved to be last year's winner Hayle Runner Peter Ellis who managed an excellent time of 1 hour 16 minutes. Second home was Saul Rodgers, closely followed by Alan Ryder of Erme Harriers first female runner home was Ann Luke. The May Fair Princess and her attendants, who had been bravely shivering for much of the morning, were soon busy passing the medals to closely bunched runners breasting the finishing banner. Thirty-three adults and children with a few dogs chose a more leisurely way of seeing

the Saltash Spring countryside that afternoon as they assembled by the 'Ploughboy Inn' to commence Harding's Hike. Observer ace reporter Martin Lister traditionally leads this and each year tries to select a different route by which to enjoy the plethora of paths

and flower banked lanes on the Town's doorstep.

This year's walk led by Wadgeworthy Farm and Forder, up a steep wooded path to Trematon Castle, then on lanes and footpaths around Trehan to Winstone Beacon the highest point with its fine views, then back along paths and ancient green lanes to Latchbrook. Late primroses and early bluebells blended with a mass of wild flowers. the threatened rain held off and the sun put in an appearance. The walkers could congratulate themselves on completing just under five miles, while the youngest and enthusiastic walkers Gabriel, Fred and William probably scampered double that distance.



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Saltash & District Observer - May 2010 - Page 5 TRULY A CONFERENCE TO REMEMBER



The Falmouth Beach Hotel was the venue for the 2010 Rotary District Conference. Representatives of Rotary Clubs from Plymouth, West Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly met for a weekend of business and fun and the Saltash Rotary Club had a healthy contingent of 18 members and partners.

The theme of the conference was "Thanks for Life" and special guests were David Fowler President of Rotary in Britain and Ireland (RIBI) and his wife Daphne and Charlotte Juliane Mori with her husband Dieter who represented Rotary International President John Kenny.

Speakers on Saturday included Brian George Jones OBE, who co-piloted the Breitling Orbiter Balloon successfully around the world, Brian Seage OBE, from the Peninsula Medical School, Baroness Dean of Thornton-le-Fylde who spoke on the history and traditions of the House of Lords. Saturday afternoon saw local speaker Ursula Davey speak on archaeological discoveries at Lostwithiel proving that the Romans had a major presence in Cornwall. On Sunday we heard about Rotary projects such as The Jaipur Limb Project, the GSE Team, and the National and

International scene from our special guests. The morning culminated in what was for many the highlight of the conference with the young people from Plympton Ridgeway School choir. They sang a selection of songs from the musical "Les Miserables" plus a number of popular songs excellent with solo performances the set leaving few dry eyes in the audience. All of this was laced with and splendid food entertainment including the Java 5, Emma Staples, Elizabeth Jane Baldry and Tank Sherman. Truly a conference to remember.

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REVELRY AT MAYORS BIG BAND EVENING



Rotary Senior Vice President David Brown and his wife Mary enjoyed the Mayor's Ball, amongst friends.

here was the sound of revelry by night," as in Byron's 'Eve of Waterloo', though it was Saltash and not Brussels that had gathered "her beauty and her chivalry" for the social highlight of the Civic year, the 'Mayor's Buffet and Big Band

Nearing the completion of her forth term as Mayor Cllr Sue Hooper MBE with husband and Consort John, was pleased to welcome various visiting civic dignitaries including the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Plymouth and civic heads of Torpoint and Callington, as well as many Saltash Town councillors and citizens keen to share of a glamour memorable night. For the

first time the Saltash Working Men's Club hosted the event, the Mayor having elected to support this popular town centre venue.

A sumptuous buffet was enjoyed as well as a surprise item organised by the Mayor when guests were thrilled by the massed



drums of the sailors of HMS Drake. A raffle and auction helped raise funds for the

Mayor's chosen charity 'Help for Heroes.' The big band sounds of the 1940's as recreated by the Elaine Davis band soon has one and all on the dance floor as, to quote Byron again, "Music arose with its voluptuous swell and all went merry as a





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MAYOR THANKS MARILYN FOR LONG SERVICE AS TOWN CLERK



Saltash is like joining a new business every four years, learning to work with a new council and new ideas, Town Clerk Marilyn Small told an assembly of former Mayors, Councillors and other guests.

Town Mayor, Councillor Sue Hooper MBE had organised "a bit of a do" in the Guildhall to mark Marilyn's departure from her post of Town Clerk after seventeen years of occupying that post. Many of the Mayors whom she had served attended, together with current councillors, to join in giving thanks to her for her service to the town and wishing her well for the future.

The Mayor, in giving her own thanks, gave also a bouquet of flowers in the colours of the Town Crest. In reply Mrs Small

In reply Mrs Small confirmed her appreciation of so many former mayors coming to attend the event. She added her public thanks to her husband John, who often unnoticed has attended almost every civic event with her. A majesty of Mayors? Ten of the Mayors of Saltash with whom Marilyn Small has served were pleased to join in wishing her well after seventeen years service as Town Clerk.

"usually just being asked to hold things."

"I am looking forward to new opportunities opening up," the Town Clerk told the 'Observer' "I have not liked the new One Cornwall and this seemed a good time to open doors to other occupations." She also had a major family wedding to look forward to. "I will miss the people and the many friends I have made," she concluded, "I will not miss the 8 a.m. start and, when there is a council meeting, often working through until 10 p.m.."

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Maybrook/ Casitemead areas. If you are interested please call Mary Crawford on 07971 484872 or 01579 345699 had kindly made available. A the substantial team of fully rai qualified paramedics with sta trainee assistants ensured that Sa none had to wait long before having their blood pressure tested and, in most cases, Ol being sent on their way lik knowing that they were safely th outside the danger zone. an Seventeen per cent however, ag were advised to visit their general practitioners while M two were referred urgently to ar

hospital. Among those who took advantage of the service offered by Saltash Rotarians as part of a nationwide campaign were the Mayor and her Consort, Cllr. Sue and Mr John Hooper, and the then Deputy Mayor and mayoress elect Cllr Colin and Mrs Marilyn Oakes.

"John and I were delighted to take part in Stroke Awareness and pleased to know that we were fine," Cllr Sue Hooper told the Observer. "I would like to thank Mary Crawford and her fellow Rotarians for giving the public the opportunity to raise awareness of the risk of strokes. I hope that as many Saltash citizens as possible took part."

ANDREW'S

AIM AS

A STAR

"Youngstager" has been short listed from over a thousand

auditioned to play a part in a

national production of "The

Andrew Deacon started his

performing career aged ten as

"Youngstagers", the youth

drama group from which local

lad Josh Fedrick went on to

star in the West End as "Billy

Now twenty-one year old

Andrew who has also

performed with PlymKids and

taken the lead with

Plymouth's TR2 in 'West Side

Story' and 'Guys and Dolls,'

has justified the hopes of

utilising his performing arts

diploma to achieve a

He is now busy raising

funds in order to attend a

residential course for the final

selection for "The Beggars'

Opera." An application to the

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Saltash Rotarian and Observer Editor Mary would like to thank all who helped this potentially life-saving annual event take place once again. In particular Yvonne at Boots and Andrew and Marlise at The Hearing Room, are especially thanked, together in particular with Abby, on reception in The Hearing Room, for her continuing help and enthusiasm throughout the day. The team of qualified and trainee paramedics under organiser Tristan Henderson were always enthusiastic and willing to help and their giving up of their time and skills was especially appreciated.

Look out next April for what is now a Saltash tradition of health care in the community run by our community conscious local Rotarians.

ARTISTS ABOUND FOR WATERSIDE WORKSHOP

 H^{idden} artistic talents are being discovered at a free drawing workshop held on the Waterside.

'Art at Ashtorre' has been

open to all budding beginners

and experienced artists. Over

thirty artists of all abilities

took advantage of the offer of

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helping young local people in

the arts will, it is hoped assist

him in this and the band in

which he also plays, "The

Undescribables" is also

helping the fund-raising.

Anyone willing to help

Andrew achieve his ambition

is invited to contact his father

Phil on 01752 248122.

Saltash Area, buyer collects Telephone 07834 353 984 free materials together with expert tuition from local artists Richard Allman and John Forster.

The eager sketchers were soon positioned all around the Waterside selecting subjects ranging from ships and swans to boats and bridges. Richard Allman explained, "at the first session we are encouraging our artists to carry out a number of different drawings which can be developed at a subsequent session. There is so much variety of subject here with different textures and reflections, artists can zoom in on detail then build up their drawings into a larger composition."

The end results will be on display as part of a local art exhibition in the Ashtorre Centre later this Summer. They can also be viewed on thebigsaltashpictureshow.com

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often see our emergency vehicles rush past on blue lights but how often do we get the chance to see them all close up at one event.

Our Saltash Fire Cadets have organised for us a unique opportunity to discover, on Sunday 23rd May, the role of various emergency the services and how they serve the community. In what promises to be a day of fun and excitement there will, in addition to static displays by vehicles from the Fire, Police and Ambulance Services, Dartmoor Rescue, RNLI, Coastguard and Cornwall County Road Safety, be a number of active displays, guaranteed to entertain and thrill all the family.

As well as active displays demonstrating the work of these services there will be three helicopter services flying in from Air Ambulance, Police and RNAS Culdrose.

And for further interest and excitement some of the largest motorcycle clubs from across the South West will be riding in to support the day with a charity motorbike ride. This ride will also highlight



the link between the emergency services, Cornwall Air

Ambulance and Road Safety. This, the first Emergency Services Road Awareness Day is designed not only to give a unique insight into these different life-saving service but to increase awareness of road safety issues for all Saltash citizens of all ages. The event aims to raise appreciation of the dangers

Maitlands



faced on Cornwall's roads while raising funds for one of the County's major life savers, the largely voluntary supported Cornwall Air Ambulance. Our Saltash Fire Cadets all

young people dedicating their spare time to



very first such major and prestigious event. They hope that the action packed programme that they have on offer will attract the substantial number of those of all ages that their efforts deserve. They have been supported, they are grateful to acknowledge, by Saltash Town Council, The Hearing Room, Maitlands Estate Agency and the Co-operative Store.

So for a Family Fun Day out with a difference, Warfelton Field (by the Kimberly Football Stadium) will offer a host of excitement and interest all day from 10 a.m. at the Southwest's largest Emergency Services Road Awareness Day.



SWEET-ART IN THE SALON

Fund raising can be fun and regular patrons of Ashley's hairdressers always look forward to their annual artwork competition using the unusual medium of sweetwrappers.

As a result Mary of Ashley's has collected well over £100 for this year's chosen charity, Cornwall Air

Ambulance. Much imagination and artistic skill goes into the creation of the artworks which are much admired by all when they go on display over the Christmas period. Last season's theme "outfits" produced particularly ingenious creations, this year's theme is to be announced. And the proud winner from last year, Elaine Bailey, can look forward to the honour of

switching on Ashley's Christmas Tree lights as a new array of sweet wrapper art enlivens and adds fun to the friendly salon.

Spend £50 on

groceries online



SHELTER BOX

student antics any together with serious fundraising have provided food and shelter for an overseas family when next disaster strikes.

Fundraising activities ranged from a home made

Waitrose quality

delivered free.

cake sale and a car wash to a zany fancy dress event at which one student organiser Becky Armitage appeared in wacky ballet costume.

Cornish based The Shelterbox scheme sprang to prominence earlier this year when hundreds of instant homes complete with survival essentials were rushed to Haiti following the devastating earthquake. Since then China has been among the needy destinations and Saltash students can be assured that the box which they provided will

be made ready to be sped away as soon as an urgent need arises in any continent where families may find themselves suddenly homeless.

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FELICITY AND PIGLETS DOING WELL

ur resident pig at saltash.net community school, Felicity, was very busy over the Easter Holidays when she gave birth to 8 piglets!

They arrived in a 'rainbow' of colours - ginger, black, pink and silver and even a 'Dalmatian' one! All the piglets are healthy and progressing well. You can see what the piglets are up to live on the school's website www.saltash.net and then clicking on either pigcam or eggcam .



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COLLEGE COLLECTED TO SUPPLY COMMUNITY **MATTERS TO SALTASH MAY FAIR**

The Saltash May Fair Committee has benefited from a cheque for £340.00 the Waitrose from Community Matters scheme. whereby customers in the store are encouraged to vote for their preferred local project.

The money donated will be used to finance the outfits and associated costs of the new Saltash May Fair Princess and her Attendants. Waitrose made a formal presentation of the cheque to Chairman Peter Stephens at the May Fair opening ceremony, conducted by the Mayor of Saltash, in the main arena at the bottom of Fore Street.

Mr Stephens commented: "Obviously the Saltash community is at the very heart of everything concerned with the May Fair, from the Committee, the volunteers who help on the day, the stall holders and everyone who comes on the day itself, and I would like to thank the customers of Waitrose Saltash for casting their votes in support of the event. We think that May Fair 2010 will repay that support by providing everyone with a great day out."

Through the Community Matters scheme the Waitrose supermarket in Saltash distribute £1,000 each month between three local projects, which is split in line with their customers vote.

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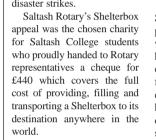


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