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RECYCLING CHANGES TACKLE TEETHING TROUBLES

The sidewalks of Saltash were ablaze with colour as residents struggled to work out which of the various colour coded bags and bins were for which variety of recycling.

The new scheme which is County-wide is expected to save council taxpavers £4 million in the first year of operation in contrast to following the various arrangements of defunct district councils.

However, confusions have been caused that an extra 28 receptionists have been drafted in to Cornwall Council call centres specifically to handle recycling and "rubbish" calls, added to the sixty or so already so employed.

initial The teething problems, Saltash Town Council was advised by their

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County Councillors, result from the new vehicles being utilised and which require a specific licence. Most existing licence holders come from the former Carrick District of Cornwall which was operating a similar scheme, highly successfully Councillors were told, for many years. The Carrick drivers however, were unfamiliar with local roads and it might take them several collections to get used to them.

regulations. Councillors were told, require householders to place bags for collection on the pavement or within a limited number of paces inside their property or they will not be collected. Special arrangements can be made for those physically unable to put their bags out for collection but they must request these to be made.

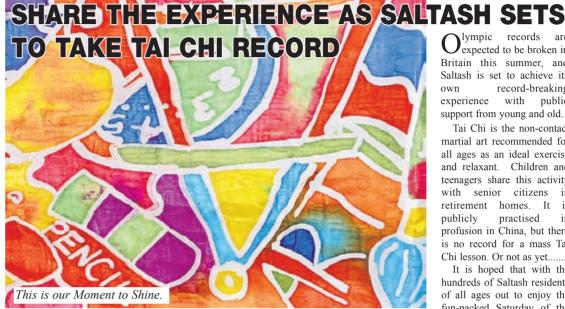
Immediate concerns over new recycling arrangements included those over storage of the new bags

and bins for residents living in smaller properties, and the weight of the box. Concerns over general rubbish reflected the new requirement that it be put out by 7 am. This effectively means that black bin bags must be placed in front of homes for collection the previous evening, ready to be opened by seagulls, cats and foxes, with rubbish strewn over the pavements before the bags are

It was also noted with disgust that litter bins and worse, 'dog poo' bins were not being emptied and that several weeks worth of malodorous refuse was piling up in and alongside them.

Local householders are assured that once the new system has settled into place they will be as satisfied as Carrick residents have been during the years that it has operated in that district of Cornwall

Quote ref no HRSO54





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Station Garage



Any moneys allocated to Saltash from Tesco as a condition for granting planning permission for a supermarket at Carkeel should be prioritised for Town Centre regeneration. The other main priority should be employment space, while a small part might be put aside for community purposes.

Saltash This. Councillors, decided, would be their reply to Cornwall Council as to how any "Section 106" money, ordered to be paid as a prerequisite for planning permission, should be utilised.

They emphasised however, that there is no current planning application from Tesco under consideration, and that their views were without prejudice to any such planning application if and when submitted.

Previously moneys paid by Waitrose upon granting of permission for a supermarket extension were allocated entirely to Town Centre regeneration.

Accordingly, monies subsequently paid by Lidl's when they were allowed to build at Carkeel were distributed 70% to Town Centre regeneration and the remainder equally divided between employment space other and community benefits.

It was also emphasised that the monies would not be likely to come direct to the Council but regeneration agencies who could submit bids for it for community benefit.

Saltash is set to achieve its record-breaking own experience with public support from young and old. Tai Chi is the non-contact martial art recommended for all ages as an ideal exercise

Olympic records are expected to be broken in

Britain this summer, and

and relaxant. Children and teenagers share this activity with senior citizens in retirement homes. It is publicly practised profusion in China, but there is no record for a mass Tai Chi lesson. Or not as yet.. It is hoped that with the

hundreds of Saltash residents of all ages out to enjoy the fun-packed Saturday of the Olympic Torch Relay, plus hundreds more coming to share the fun from towns through which the Relay will not pass, a thousand or so adults and children can be persuaded to gather at 5pm in Longstone Park, venue for the day's music festival. keen young Air Force Cadets have volunteered to act as stewards and Bill Hollister of Tamar Tai Chi has agreed to give a 30-minute lesson in this ancient, non-contact martial art.

If enough take part not only will they have been given a grounding in a healthy and relaxing life-skill, but also Saltash will be listed by the Guinness World Records as having set a World Record. As the catchphrase for the Olympic Torch Relay says this is our Moment to Shine

Poppy Appeal

Earns Award

The generosity of Saltash residents during the annual British Legion Poppy Day Appeal has been recognised by a special award to the Town.

While those who carry out the collections have long been recognised, local Poppy Appeal Organiser Bill Dent believed that the areas in which people especially support the annual appeal for ex-servicemen and their families should receive a mark of appreciation.

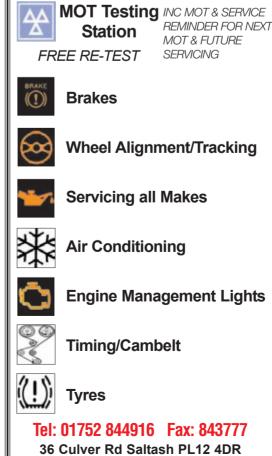
Following the success of last November's Poppy Day collection Mr Dent had written to the British Legion head office to advise them of the support he receives in Saltash.

They responded by sending a framed Certificate of Appreciation which Mayor Cllr Colin Oakes was proud to accept on behalf of the Town, from Mr Dent at the April Town Council meeting.



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Essa Files

his May marks many important events in the Saltash Calendar - not least the Olympic Torch Relay and Mayor Choosing. It also however marks both five years since the last town council elections (doesn't time fly when you're having fun?) and one vear until the next set. The 2013 elections, and future Town Council elections, also coincide with Cornwall Council Elections every four years.

It is a good time therefore to have a think about whether you might fancy having a go at either of these. The very fact that you are reading this column means that you are interested in what the councils get up to, or else related to me. If you also have ideas about what the council could do differently, or do better, then you should definitely give it some serious thought, particularly if you like

getting involved in the community, want to help people and possibly (dare I say it?) are a little opinionated.

No matter whether you would be interested in standing for a political party or as an independent it is in everyone's interest for there to be a good choice of candidates - indeed filling enough places at the elections rather than co-opting later is one of the criteria for the Town Council getting more powers.

If you are interested then have a chat to a current councillor, and pop along to one of the meetings at the Guildhall to see what it's all about - Full Council is the first Thursday of each month, and committees are the second Wednesday and third Tuesday (except August) all from 7pm. We'd love to see you

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& our PL12 Community For: Observer readers From: Councillor Bob Austin

Essa (South) Ward, Saltash

Olympic Torch

Cornwall, and particularly Saltash, is now counting down to the arrival of the Olympic torch on Saturday 19th May. The Torch will be starting its 8,000 mile journey at Lands End where 99 torchbearers will bring the torch up through the county and arrive in Saltash around 7.15 pm, eventually finishing in London for 27th July It will be travelling down Callington Road and Fore Street before it makes its way to the Tamar Bridge and Plymouth. This will be a great chance to cheer our local torch bearers and see the entourage sponsored by Coco Cola, Lloyds TSB, and Samsung. During the day, as advertised in this Observer, there will be all sorts of sports and cultural activities going on, all with the Olympic theme. For all the latest information on the torch please check the

www.saltashcelebrates.org.uk

Cornwall Rail Strategy

It is the Government's intention to re-tender the First Great Western franchise in 2012, devolving some responsibilities for local rail services from central government. This has given Council opportunity to set out the key objectives for a new rail service in the county. From May to August 2012 rail companies are invited to lodge their tenders with the Department of Transport, a decision will be made by December 2012 and an appointment made. The new service will commence in April 2013. This paper has clearly identified the way forward, commencing with the intention to start as the service is now and then improve with a higher frequency of main line trains. There will be a reduction in the number of stops, thus making the journey time faster from Penzance to London. To balance this there is a request for an

increase in the number of local trains with a larger passenger capacity. It has also been suggested that the sleeper service be extended to seven days a week

St Stephens Spar Shop

been Residents have complaining to me that the lorries delivering to the shop cause disruption and damage their property. I therefore arranged for the road to be widened in order that the lorries can drive into Mulberry Road and offload. This was paid for by the Councillors Highways Allowance.

Rubbish!

Well that's what everyone is shouting about and quite rightly so!

Phone calls and emails to me on this subject have been relentless since 1st April, and my fellow councillors have experienced the same volume. Changing to a new service provider has been quite an undertaking by Cory

250,000 houses Cornwall. Each of the six old been districts have rationalised so that everyone will have the same service throughout the County; I believe we have to give them time to settle down. There have been lots of mistakes made and people have been missed, but Cory are trying to achieve the most efficient way of collecting our rubbish as they can. I know they were working all over the Easter holidays and even Sundays to try and clear the backlog of rubbish/dog bins and trying to keep as close to their schedule as possible on the rubbish recycling. Inevitably the garden waste programme has had to slip behind, therefore many of you will experience late deliveries of the new garden bins and for that Corv does apologise. If you have collections please email refuseandrecycling@cornwal l.gov.uk or tel: 0300 1234

Celtic Cross on Target for October

fter prolonged delays work now is **A**proceeding apace on the giant Celtic Cross to be placed alongside the Tamar Two information boards will soon be placed on site giving full information on ongoing progress.

"Volunteer Days" in Elwell Woods have proved highly successful with local residents and air force cadets clearing rubbish and undergrowth. Now contractors are busy landscaping the woodland and laying down pathways to open up access.

The Cross is on target for being brought in for erection on the site in October.

Though bidding for the construction came in at above the anticipated cost the shortfall has been met from Cornwall Council Leader's

Plans to uplight the Cross. presenting a dramatic night sight to those approaching the Town from the Devon side, have been put on hold as there is no current funding for this.

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Picnic Party and Bound Beating in Jubilee Celebrations



altash will join the nation in celebrating the queen's diamond jubilee with a right royal picnic in the

It is planned as part of the Nationwide Big Lunch Out, a community event intended to bring streets, villages and towns to a picnic and socialise together. Cornwall's own Eden

Flowers Spring Up in Saltash

The Olympic spirit will be alive in Saltash after the torch has disappeared across the Tamar. The flower bed by the Brunel Statue overlooking the bridge will be planted out with marigolds in the theme of Olympic rings it has been

The hanging baskets of Fore Street meanwhile it is suggested should have a red, white and blue theme to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The baskets will be more prominent than last year, being larger and hung lower and also should require less watering.

Sponsorship from Roger Young Landrovers should ensure the tidy landscaping of the Latchbrook roundabout. being Sponsors were requested to take on the roundabout at the top of Pillmere Drive while discussions are ongoing with Highways Agency concerning planting on the bypass roundabout at Carkeel.

Observer Telephone Numbers 07971484872 or 01579 345699 **Email your copy to:** marye.crawford@virgin.net Project has been promoting the big lunch over several years and the jubilee weekend has been selected as the ideal opportunity to bring Saltash together in the heart of the town at Longstone Park. Entertainment for all the family is promised starting from 2pm on Sunday June 3rd. You are asked just to bring food and drink, family of all ages and just yourselves.

The following day will see a repeat of the beating of the bounds last experienced three years ago. It will again be led by Saltash Observer reporter Martin Lister with Peter Clements. This will give a rare opportunity for all to discover the footpaths and lanes that link the old boundary stones making the ancient borough of Saltash, and since boundary of the borough was largely water there will be an comlete the day with an evening cruise down the beautiful River Lynher from St Germans. Tickets at £10.50 include a bus from Alexandra square to the start of the walk at Carkeel, bus also from the end of the walk at Notter Bridge to St German's quay and the boat trip back to Waterside. The walk is fairly easy but good footwear, as well as food and drink supply is recommended. Advance booking from Saltash Guildhall is essential and judging by the popularity of the 2009 Bound Beating early booking is recommended. Buses will leave Alexandra Square from 11.30 on Monday 4th June (a bank holiday) or walkers can come directly to the Waitrose car park at Carkeel by midday. Return to Waterside is anticipated by around





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From The Mayor's Parlour...

column as Mayor, I will try not to miss any of the events that we have been involved

Once again, the month been a varied, interesting and enjoyable one, meeting Guildhall. people and seeing what goes on in this busy town of ours.

My duties actually began across the Tamar when I was invited to attend the memorial service for those who lost their lives during the building of the Tamar Bridge. There is now a monument to remember them by, at the Tamar bridge

Towards the end of March, Marilyn was laid low with a flu virus for several days and was unable to attend three events. The first, being the 10th.birthday of the Cornwall Wildlife Trust. I received a warm welcome from the Friends of Churchtown Farm and had the honour of cutting the birthday cake at the Cecil Arms before everyone went for a walk in the nature reserve.

Secondly was the Sport Relief walk at Saltash.net, where everyone turned out in fancy dress and we all had a great time. It was fantastic to see so many students and teaching staff taking part and enjoying themselves.

Finally on the same day as the two events above, was the Youngstagers show at Saltash.net, Alice in Wonderland. It was a wonderful performance and it was apparent how much effort and commitment had been put in by everyone



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As this is my last Observer involved. I really enjoyed the performance.

Marilyn recovered, it was back to work as we welcomed 26 children and 4 staff from our twin town of Plougastelmost Daoulas in Brittany, to our

> After a drink and many biscuits, we gave them some information about the history of Saltash and then they all tried on the Mayoral robe and chain, which they really enjoyed. The children were delightful and it was a real pleasure to talk to them. I must thank Cllr Martin and Maggie Gee, Mayor and Mayoress Elect, for all their help with the visit and I know they enjoyed it as much as we did.

> We also attended the Scout's presentation for Cubs at Latchbrook and it is always a pleasure to see young people achieving awards such as these.

> We were invited to the opening of two exhibitions, the first being the Camera Club, at the library, which was very enjoyable and incredible some photography. The second was this year's exhibition of communications at the Saltash Heritage Museum. It is a fascinating display and well worth a visit this season

As you probably know by now, we like a party and this month has been no exception.

We were invited to the birthday lunch St.Georges Day Care Centre at the Ploughboy, which was The Easter delicious. judging St.Anne's, no easy task but great fun, the 101st birthday of Albert Rogers (who loves dark chocolate, must be how he keeps so well!) and the Diamond Wedding of Sheila and Brian Evans at their home. We were warmly

welcomed by everyone and it was an absolute privilege to be with them all.

It hasn't been all eating and partying though, oh no, we have also had some exercise. We joined the bell ringers at SS Nicholas & Faith church for their Friday evening practice, our apologies to anyone who heard us having a lesson and also bowled the first wood at the opening of the Saltash Bowls Club for the Summer season

We are now looking forward to the Saltash Ladies Choir concert, Mayfair and a presentation evening, of the Chief Scout's Highest Award of the Silver Wolf, to Maureen Carvell, for her exceptional services to Scouting Congratulations, Maureen and well deserved.

Our Mayor's Ball was probably the biggest event that we have organised this year and we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported us, those of you who attended and those who donated raffle prizes. We raised £1615.00 evening for the Mayor's Charity fund and we were absolutely delighted.

It now remains for us both to thank you all, most sincerely, for your support during our Mayoral year. We have met so many wonderful people and received such a warm welcome wherever we have been, which has made our year such a special one.

We will miss you all but I know that Cllr.Martin & Maggie Gee, Mayor Mayoress Elect and Cllr. David & Stephanie Yates, Deputy Mayor & Mayoress Elect, are looking forward to their term of office.

Saltash is an amazing town with so many community groups, volunteers, carers, traders and residents and it has been an honour to serve you. Thank vou.

Cllr. Colin Oakes Mayor of Saltash 2011-2012

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Meet the Law in the Library

Dolicing and general law and order issues can be informally discussed in Saltash Library with a Police Community Support Officer.

An officer makes himself available at the Library each Thursday morning between 10 am and 11.30am. Since the public desk at Saltash Police Station has been closed this is the only guaranteed opportunity for local citizens to raise concerns with a police representative.

Transport Minister to Visit Town

The issues of a safe pedestrian crossing at Carkeel roundabout and an enhanced rail service to Saltash will be considered by Minister of State for Transport Theresa Villiers when she visits the Town in June

She has three times made plans to come to Saltash and three times had to postpone them due to parliamentary business. However, Sheryll Murray MP has promised that the next date fixed is when parliament is not sitting and Mrs Murray hopes that she will be able to introduce the Minister to Town Councillors at the Waitrose car park and discuss issues concerning the by-pass and the roundabout.

From there they will move on to Alexandra Square and to the train station. There the Minister will be shown the considerable drop between trains and the platform. She will also be advised on local views concerning the renewing of the First Great Western rail franchise and the stopping of cross-country services from Cornwall to the Midlands and the North at Saltash.

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Local crime continue to fall, Saltash Police report, with 76 crimes reported in March as against 87 during the same month last year. This year there had been three burglaries to dwelling or garages and one attempted burglary. Twenty-three other thefts included a pedal cycle, a trailer, wooden grave boards from St Stephens cemetery, a mobile phone, recycling bags, plant pots, garden ornaments a highways sign, a track

There had also been eleven assaults reported, ten criminal damage to vehicles, eight other criminal damage to property, two thefts from shops and one drink driving offence. There had been four offences of harassment and three of making off without

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SHERYLL MURRAY MP WRITES... barrow and a notice board.

Over the recess, I took the opportunity to attend the monthly meeting of Saltash Town Council. It is always good to take the opportunity to keep in touch with our hard working Town and Parish Councils. Whilst the Parliamentary calendar does not allow me the time to visit every one, I try to ensure I get to at least some of them over the recess periods.

The Agenda contained a number of questions that had been submitted by the residents of Pillmere who have had a longstanding battle over the adoption of their roads and the open spaces on the estate.

I had spoken to Steve Ewing from Cornwall prior to the meeting, following up on a number of conversations with my office in Liskeard on this matter

I was really pleased to learn that Pillmere Drive and Grassmere Way would hopefully be adopted in the very near future and once this had happened, the branch roads would



also be adopted.

A problem had occurred with the adoption of some of the open spaces due to the fact that there was no bond in place to cover these areas Cornwall Council had subsequently said that they are unable to take on the maintenance of these areas

I understand however, that the residents had made an application for a grant from the Town Community Chest to purchase a sit on mower which they would then use to carry out the grass cutting. They had been advised that this would not be possible because it was not possible to obtain the required Insurance cover.

I am now urging the Town Council to look into this matter and try to source the required insurance. The Localism Act Councils the General Power of Competence. That is to say that they can do anything an individual can do within the confines of the law which should give them the power to do this.

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be a never-to-be- The Olympic Flame will musicians "Rubber Band," forgotten day in start its run from Burraton renowned for their Cornish

climax in the Olympic Torch Town Band as it passes piece 'Footlose' as the

being borne through the down Callington Road. As it Olympic Flame crosses over

Town. Not only is Saltash reaches Fore Street it will be the Tamar Bridge on its

fortunate to have been heralded by a popular local journey to Devon and

through which Saltash for the Tamar Bridge, the famous puppet Giant

the Torch will be crossing the bridge over the Tavy will then lead the way

carried in a A38 by-pass to join the slip down the hill to Waterside

hand-to-hand road. Here, the Mayor will be where a full evening

Relay, it will also joined by the winners of the programme of entertainment

be the 'first and competition to design a torch will ensure the excitement

last' town: the last for Saltash and the well- continues well into the night.

Newell's

community festivities, will serenaded by the Saltash the



Saturday May 19th 2012 will be an historic day for Cornwall as the Olympic Flame starts its journey to the Opening Ceremony of the London Olympics. Saltash is particularly fortunate as it is one of only 20 communities in Cornwall where the Torch will be taken out of the vehicle convoy and passed through the streets in a hand-to-hand Relay

The Torch Route

The first Torchbearer will set off from the Burraton crossroads at 19:15. The Torch will be carried along Callington Road and down Fore Street. It will cross the bridge over the A38 before going over the Tamar Bridge at 19:30.

Come and line the Route to cheer on the Torch! There are also plenty of other ways you can join in...They are all FREE and you do not have to book in advance:

Be a Torchbearer! (7am to 7pm)

Students at Saltash.net Community School have designed our very own Salt Torch. Carry it aloft on a lap, or two, of Saltmill Park.

Passport to Sport (10am to 4pm)

Various venues throughout town are offering taster sessions in a sport. Free Passports will be available at all the venues. You'll get a stamp for each session you've completed, and the first 50 people to fill their passport will receive a specially-commissioned Olympic coin.

Help Saltash set a World Record for the world's largest Tai Chi lesson

Be in Longstone Park at 5pm and be counted as Saltash attempts to set a World Record. The teacher will focus on breathing techniques in this 30-minute Tai Chi Qi Gong lesson, so anyone of any age or any physical ability can participate. You do not need any prior experience of Tai Chi and you do not need to register in advance.

Cultural Festivities

A day brimming over with music and arts starts at 10am in Longstone Park. Local musical talent will be showcased, and there will also be sessions to reflect the cultural diversity of the Olympics, such as Japanese Taiko drumming and a Tango dance workshop. An energetic Cornish bluegrass band will play in the final slot until 6:45 to get us in the mood to cheer on the Olympic Torch. The entertainment focus shifts to the Waterside after the Torch has gone with a stunning outdoor theatrical performance, followed by more musical entertainment hosted by the Union.

Something for everyone

With a football tournament and inflatables at Saltmill, a Toddler Games at the Waterside and an Alternative Games for people with limited mobility at the Wesley Church there really is something for all ages, abilities and tastes. And don't forget to go to the Church of St. Nicholas and St. Faith to see the winning entries in the competition to design a Torch.

All events were correct at the time of going to press, they are subject to change.

Please visit the Saltash Town Council events website for the latest details: www.saltashcelebrates.org.uk

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town at Longstone Park. The programme will start at 10am and continue until 6.30pm, shortly before the Torch is due to be run alongside the Park on its way

through the Town. Amanda's Pop Kids will open the proceedings, expected to entertain all but especially those of primary school age.

The atmosphere will be raised a notch by the Cornish

band with a huge fan-base in its native town of Penzance. A showcase of local talent is up next, featuring winners of voice. Livewire Youth Project Music to welcome the Torch.

eing the last town to share the Showcase will follow this before the first day of the Olympic Flame's Festival goes international once more

A Latin American collaborative extravaganza between the band Tango Sonoro and dancers from Tango So throughout the day local musical Southwest will bring the colour and talent will be showcased alongside a drama of South American dance to wide variety of international musical Longstone inviting couples to dance tango on the grass.

Up to a hundred children from local schools will take from local scripping to the stage next in a joint choir specially formed for the occasion. The audience will then all be invited to participate in a world record beating mass Tai Chi lesson, with a thousand or more asked to take part. Finally, reflecting the international spirit of the Olympics, there will be a dramatic performance of Japanese Taiko drumming by the internationally

bluegrass band 'Flats and Sharps', a renowned Kagesmusha Taiko. More used to performing in venues like the Royal Albert Hall and the O2 arena Kagemusha Taiko is delighted to be the Town's own Festival and Talent coming to Saltash as it gives them the Shows. They will be followed by the chance to link up with the Callington swinging gypsy jazz trio Hamer and Community College Taiko group who Isaacs, whose French vocalist Rosie they trained several years ago. The Corlett will entrance all with her soaring drums will reverberate across Saltash

Amanda's Pop Kids

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Flats and Sharps

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Livewire Youth Project Music Showcase

Let's Tango!

Latin American collaborative extravaganza featuring a dance performance from Tango Southwest accompanied by the Tango Sonoro band

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100 Voices Celebrate

Joint choir from local Primary Schools

Attempt to set a World Record for the largest Tai Chi lesson

Led by Bill Hollister, Founder and Chief Instructor of Tamar Tai Chi Qi Gong Organised by the Saltash Air Cadets

youngest can enjoy toddle

games on the Waterside with

podium finishes every hour from

Den bus with soft play area

parked there until 2pm. Those

of limited mobility are invited to

an alternative games at Wesley

Above all, those of any

ever

Church from 10am until 4pm.

ability and any age are

urged to be in

Longstone Park at

5pm to participate

in an attempt to

set the record

for the world's

skills

largest

no

10am to 4pm and the Drakes

6pm - 6:45 Japanese TAIKO drumming

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press, they are subject to change.



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Music and Drama will End Exciting Olympic Evening

Flags Form a Festival of Colour

All Olympic festival spirit by creating seventy-six colourful themed flags. These will line the route through the Town as the Olympic torch bearers

speed through, with the eyes of the world upon them. Children of Brunel Primary

Academy can be especially proud as the flags they made will line their school

The flags were made on high quality Japanese silk following the Indonesian

batik method, which ensures that the vivid colours are quick drying and

permanent. Following their popular reception and success in organising the

lantern workshops before Christmas, resulting in the childrens' lantern parade

being a highlight of the Towns' Christmas event. Alex and Jan of Toozalii were

taking place in local schools, youth clubs, the Wesley Church, Ashtorre Rock and

SHADO Centres, St Barnabas Hospital and the Guildhall. This ensured that all ages

from 2 to 82 could participate, and even those initially reluctant or doubtful of their

artistic skills were soon sharing Alex and Jan's enthusiasm and creating their own

designs to add to the festival excitement. From floral, pasty and football themes to

Celtic, Jubilee and of course, the Olympic Sports, all were proudly coloured, completed,

and set out to dry ready to be admired by the crowds of residents, visitors and media

anticipated to be following the Torch's progress as it completes the first day of its

dramatic journey from Land's End to the Opening Ceremony of the London Olympics

The project was funded by FEAST and Saltash Town Council, with workshops

playground, which is on the route of the Torch.

nvited back to organise the flag workshops.

I ages from pre-schoolers to seniors have already been getting into the

he Olympic Flame will cross the Tamar Bridge to end an exciting day in which the Olympic spirit is expected to light up Cornwall. But that will by no means end the festival of fun of a day when Saltash, along with the anticipated crowds of visitors, will be invited to celebrate in style.

As the Flame disappears across the Tamar the traditional Cornish band 'Rubber Band' and super-puppet Giant Tavy will lead the way down to the Waterside where Saltash is to be favoured with one of a limited number of dramatic performances by Kernocopia. The performance is designed to showcase Cornish sporting heroes and heroines, and features our very own parswoman Ann Glanville. Come and cheer on Saltash Rugby team as they pull the gigantic boat stage on to Waterside Green.

As the evening progresses the renowned band 'Land of the Giants' promises to be a big attraction at the Union Inn. Meanwhile, the glory of past Olympics can be relived in historic film footage to be shown at the Ashtorre Centre.

WATERSIDE TIMETABLEAll events were correct at the time of going to press, they are subject to change.

Saltash's

history

number of Cornish towns

selected as one of the limited band R'Wind.

town to feature on

the very first day

10am - 4pm Toddler Games on Waterside Green Podium finishes on the hour every hour

8pm Kernocopia on Waterside Green Theatrical extravaganza celebrating Cornish sporting legends

8:30pm Saltash Open Mic competition winners at the Union Inn

Land of the Giants band at the Union Inn



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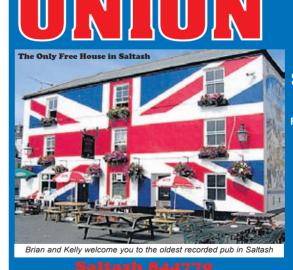
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Sporting Fun For all the Family

Il will have the chance to be a torchbearer, sharing the action by carrying our very own Salt Torch Athe action by carrying our vol, community created by students at Saltash.net Community School on a lap of Saltmill Park. The Salt Torch Relay will run from 7 am to 7 pm with one and all welcome to

As Saltash shares the Olympic dream, opportunity will open up for those of all ages to try out new sporting activities, and as they do so pick up stamps upon their free Passports to Sport, distributed at all participating venues. Activities range from canoeing. sailing and rowing on Brunel Green to tramping the treadmill at Saltash Sports in Fore Street. the Rugby Club are among

Archery is on offer at the Air Cadet HQ, or you could have a go at climbing the new, acclaimed climbing wall at K3. Tennis at the tennis club. trampolining and gymnastics at Zero Gravity, bowls at the Bowling Club, badminton at Wesley Church and tag rugby at the activities already promising to welcome young and old a new sporting experience. The variety will be

www.saltashcelebrates.org.uk. Young footie fans will be enjoying their own under 11's tournament at Saltmill, where inflatables and catering units will add to a day of family fun.

Climbing Wall at K3

9:15pm

Trampolining & Gymnastics at Zero Gravity

Tennis at the Tennis Club

Treadmill at Saltash Sports on Fore Street

Tag Rugby at the Rugby Club

Zumba at the China Fleet Club

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Ten Years On – Pillmere Residents Seek **Speedy Solution to Roads**

he Pillmere estate has been in existence for ten years or more but residents are still subjected to improperly surfaced roads and lack of infrastructure due largely to the bankruptcy of one of the major developers and Cornwall's refusal to adopt the road system.

The main spine roads of Pillmere Drive and Grasmere Way should soon be up to standard for adoption, Sheryll Murray MP advised members of the Pillmere Residents Association at a meeting of Saltash Town Council.

"The hold up has been caused by the spine road which was covered by a bond following the bankruptcy of the developers," Mrs Murray "The bondholders advised. said that they would finish the job themselves and have done most of the work required. They have been asked to complete the tidying-up works and once these are done the main spine road through the estate can be adopted. I understand that the separate developers working on the branch roads have nearly completed work on them so they can be adopted soon after the spine road."

One problem concerns a street light over steps not put in as part of the original requirement by Cornwall Council. This could delay the adoption of 'The Gallops' and

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Saltash Town Councillors suggested that they could insert the light themselves.

Drainage has already been adopted, residents were advised. However, there are problems over open spaces on the Pillmere estate and footpath access to the Town centre. A bridge over the ravine which was to have been built by the developers now in administration seems unlikely to materialise. The developers now concerned here are unwilling to take this on, nor will they continue to maintain the open spaces as they have done to date as a gesture of good will.

Cornwall Council has adopted some open spaces, others are currently without anyone legally obliged to maintain them. Cornwall Councillor Colin Riches confirmed that he was willing to use his Community Chest budget for machinery to maintain this. Local residents had already been granted Town Council Community Chest Funding to buy a

mower and strimmer but had been advised that they could not obtain insurance to use these on 'unowned' land.

Other problems raised by Pillmere residents concerned fly tipping, they having been told by Cornwall Council that the Council cold take no action if the land on which tipping took place was not adopted by the Council. County Councillors advised that this was not the case and they should go back to the Council's Public Health Department.

Oueries had also been raised concerning trees and residents were hedges reminded that they could cut back trees and hedges overgrowing their land. returning the overgrowth cut, unless there was a tree preservation order on the tree or hedge. Some of Pillmere subject to preservation orders in which case the County Tree Officer's permission was required to do any pruning.

Conundrum Corner

Taking the initial letter to the one word answers to the following nine questions can you re-arrange them to make a nine-letter word?

1 What would you be doing if you took part in Tauromachy? 2 What name is given to a cut of meat between an animal's Pelvis and Ribs?

3 What name links a breed of Hunting Dog, a Bird of Prev and a vertical take-off fixedwinged Military Aircraft?

4 Which German city has a name which means Home of the Monks?

5 In which Jane Austin novel does the heroine have the surname Woodhouse?

6 Which Channel Ferry port in France was the departure point of Julius Caesar when he set out to invade England? What term is used to describe the five parallel lines on which music is written?

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Youth Club Outreach to **Unemployed Young People**

Work Club, where young people can come and get help from youth workers regarding CV's, job search applications and interview techniques is the latest development in Saltash Youth Club K3's targeting of local 'NEETS,' young people not in education employment or training. the Work Club, run in partnership with Job Centre Plus, meets once a week.

K3 seeks to help in particular, young people who need extra support with their after-school drop in sessions as well as opening just to provide an activity or venue for young people who might otherwise be going home to an empty house.

The latest developments in our busy Youth Centre were outlined to the annual Town meeting by Cllr Hilary Frank

The Club opens each day from 9am to either 3pm or 5.30pm offering a range of drop-in advice information services.

These include housing employment, benefits and sexual health. A café serves cheap, healthy food. The Club has also carried out partnership work with Saltash Childrens' Centre staff in their Young Parents Group, become a Cyber school for young people working with worked

CONNEXIONS. Cornwall Counselling service and the Brook Agency.

Evenings see four open access youth work sessions for young people aged eleven to twenty including an evening boxing class, in addition to Saturday morning within boxing Saltash Amateur Boxing Club.

A long felt need has now been met with a Saturday night project being established with the help of Saltash Town Council and Councillors.

The biggest success of the last year was undoubtedly obtaining National Lottery funding for the K3 Climbing Wall, as reported in your 'Saltash Observer' December. It is now well used by club members. community groups, corporate events and families, with the aid of twelve full trained climbing instructors.

Good Friday Cross was Borne Through Town

The Cross was held high through the heart of Saltash on a sunny Good Friday morning as a procession of witness followed the cross through the Town.

Members of all the Town's Churches join together on one of the most solemn days of the Christian year, gathering together first in the Wesley Church for a brief service.

Most shops were open despite the bank holiday and busy shoppers paused to glance at the cross and its followers bearing the banner of 'Saltash Churches Together' as they passed down the street, pausing at the first station of the cross half way down Fore Street for a prayer and a hymn. They continued to the second station outside St Nicholas and St Faith Church where a similar pause was made before continuing to the Baptist Church where the service was continued with a reading of St John's passion concluding with Christ's death upon the cross.

before preparing to return to their churches on Easter Sunday to celebrate the glorious resurrection.

Plant a Tree for Jubilee

Saltash schoolchildren and environmentalists will be encouraged to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year by planting a tree.

The Town's four junior schools and saltash.net.academy are being invited to plant an oak, a silver birch, or a flowering cherry tree within their grounds to commemorate the Jubilee year. The trees are to be funded by Saltash Town Council.

A sixth tree is to be planted in the public area of Victoria Gardens, at the top of Fore Street, by Saltash Environmental Act (SEA) who favour a crab apple tree.

Refreshments

served all day







Saltash Rotary Young Writer Of The **Year 2012**



The presentation for the winners of the young writer competition took place at Saltash Library The competition was organised by Saltash Rotary Club in conjunction with Sarah Warwicker at Saltash Library. All the junior winning entries were from Sir Robert Geffery's VACEP school. Jamie Williams aged 10 won the overall best entry winning a book token, books and a framed certificate. He also won the best junior poem. Megan Foster from Sir Robert Geffery's won best Junior prose and went on to win second place in the Rotary District competition. Charlie Potts (runner up) Megan Quinton (highly commended) and Alice Burrow (highly commended). Intermediate prose was won by two pupils from saltash.net community school, Caitlin James (Winner) and Megan Furlonger (runner up)

Olympic Dreams

by Jamie Williams (aged 10) Every single value is needed to be shown for the spirit,

The backbone of the games

Your dreams keep you going through the day,

For you can taste victory,

Standing proud on the podium, merrily waving and saluting to the crowd

You grit your teeth on the blocks, the crowd roaring.

Adrenaline surges through your body,

Tensing your muscles for the big race,

Pounding your fists in your palm to settle your nerves, Butterflies prance in your stomach while the starter loads the

A single deafening shot and you are off, Speeding down the track, your legs a golden blur. Thrusting your arms to and fro to fulfil your maximum speed, The crowd is screaming encouragement for all, As you leap over the first hurdle, far ahead of the others, You can hear athletes crashing into hurdles. The crowd sighs as someone pulls out of the race, Other athletes struggle to keep up.

For you are storming down the track.

Pushing to the limit and you are nearly there, You thrust your chest forward to improve your time.

You suddenly burst over the line, so you are full of relief. Slowly to celebrate with your team and wave to all.

Congratulations to the other athletes as they finish behind you, And you proudly wave the Union Jack.

And you are full of happiness, the proudest moment of your

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Youngstagers Led Down the Rabbit Hole to Wonderland

brought their blend of early Spring sunshine to Saltash this year not as usual through a home-written musical production. Instead they led their audiences down the rabbit hole following a fine and fittingly flustered White Rabbit into the weird World of Wonderland.

"Alice in Wonderland's" Disneyfied score ensures the Youngstagers' guaranteed feel good factor is added to Carroll's sometimes disturbingly imaginative tale.

changes following appropriate blend

to be broken Tweedledums with identity flowers issues, with superiority complexes and a laid back Caterpillar with attitude, but above all the full cast of all-singers and all dancers brought once more the delight that we have come to expect of our exuberant Youngstagers.

conclusion. themselves

The Gasman

Cometh - This

Summer

Major roadworks for gas main renewal in Fore Street has been put back until July. Councillor Colin Riches advised Saltash Town Council that since he wrote his column for the April 'Saltash Observer' the schedule for major works in the Town had been amended. The amendments meant that major traffic disruption in the Town Centre was anticipated for the Summer months, not the ideal time

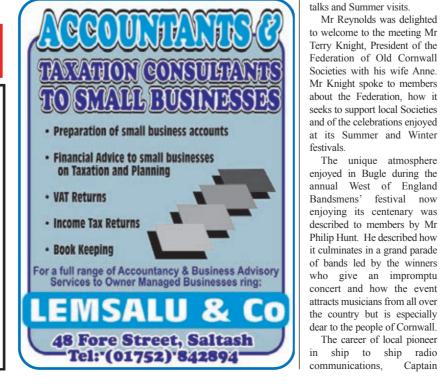
Work around Burrator Cross, likely to cause traffic disruption, was planned to commence in mid April and finish within three to four weeks, by mid May Residents in Taylor Road designated as 'access only' were likely to have to tolerate their road being used as a 'rat run' once again for a limited period.

Oaklands Road was also to be disrupted by major gas mains road works in July. This being deliberately programmed for when the schools would be on holiday and disruption minimalised.

Our talented Youngstagers

Alice's bewildering size Disneyfied sampling of a 'magic cookie' were covered by casting three differently sized Alices, each of whom brought to the character the bemusement and acceptance of her topsy-turvy world. A cast of around twenty-five young people from tots to teenagers, most multi-roling, played the full Wonderland world of characters plus a few intruders from the Looking Glass. A zany Mad Hatter and March Hare, a tempestuous Oueen of Hearts with her diminutive King all added to the wonder of Wonderland. The colour, costumes and choreography were as ever superb especially in the luminous butterfly ballet. And if the tale deviated from Dodgson ("croquet is so nineteenth century") well, that's life in a world where rules are made

"Every year I ask, will they beat this next year," Mayor Colin Oakes said at its "But this year they have really excelled



Mentor Support Helps Saltash Boxing Club Secure £2,100 Sported Grant

altash Amateur Boxing Club (SABC) has been Club (SABC) nas been awarded a grant of £2,100 from sported. The grant will be used to towards coach education of young people, so they can become coaches at the club, and to purchase new training equipment so more young people can join the club.

With the support of sported. Mentor Adam Birnie, Saltash ABC has produced a three year development plan outlines their long term vision of creating sustainable boxing opportunities, training young people to become coaches and offering more opportunities for young people to become involved in the sport.

Iulian Wills sported. Regional Manager South West said "Adam has been an excellent Mentor, and has supported the club in producing a sustainable business model, that will really leave a legacy of the



2012 games. The club will link with key agencies in the community, targeting some of the most disaffected young people, and providing them with inspirational boxing opportunities. Who knows future Olympic boxing coaches could be born out of this project"

Saltash Amateur Boxing Club is based at the K3 Young Peoples Centre, Saltash; juniors start at age 11 and seniors from 18+, running sessions on Tuesday evenings

Henry Jackson was outlined by

John Parsons who invited

fellow members to visit this

exhibition 'From fire beacons

to fibre optics' especially

featuring historic items relating

to Captain Jackson as well as

the recently locally acquired

the basis of the recollections

from her ninety-one year old

mother read by Diane Shann,

describing the somewhat laid

back attitude in the villages

around Saltash when a doctor

or midwife might or might not

decide to call on a lady in

labour. 'Just stay in bed for ten

days, then carry on' was the

policy but Mrs Harvey still

raised four healthy children

day was the June day of 1953

when Ernie Reynolds attended

on parade as a nineteen year old RAF serviceman in the

soggy streets of London. He

still recalled the brilliant good

humour and mood of the

crowds of spectators as the

young queen's carriage passed

by en route to her Coronation

and Mr Reynolds proudly

showed the medal he received

Vividly remembered to this

through it.

for that day.

'Call the midwife' formed

Saltash ferry telegraph.

Museum

year's Saltash

Music Midwives and

Coronation Recalled to

Saltash Old Cornwall Society

guardsman were among the subjects of talks given to Saltash

Old Cornwall Society by fellow Society members.

The annual 'members'

evening' when instead of

having a guest speaker the

Society members are invited to

give short talks on subjects of

Cornish or general interst

always follows the Society's

At the business meeting

President Ernie Reynolds,

Secretary Martin Lister and

Treasurer Sylvia McKenzie

and all other committee

members were unanimously

thanked the committee for their

hard work and members for

their continuing support. Mr

Lister noted that membership

numbers remained constant

and that attendance had been

high for the excellent range of

to welcome to the meeting Mr

Terry Knight, President of the

Federation of Old Cornwall

Societies with his wife Anne.

about the Federation, how it

seeks to support local Societies and of the celebrations enjoyed

at its Summer and Winter

The unique atmosphere

enjoyed in Bugle during the

Bandsmens' festival now

enjoying its centenary was

described to members by Mr

Philip Hunt. He described how

it culminates in a grand parade

of bands led by the winners

who give an impromptu

concert and how the event

attracts musicians from all over

the country but is especially dear to the people of Cornwall.

communications,

The career of local pioneer ship to ship radio

festivals.

Mr Reynolds was delighted

talks and Summer visits.

Mr Reynolds

re-elected.

annual general meeting.

century of Cornish brass band music, midwifery in

the bygone Saltash countryside and recollections of

Coronation 1953 as experienced by an RAF

and Saturday Mornings. The costs are as little as £1.50 to attend. Young people will have the opportunity to participate in boxing For information about the clubs activities, please contact Micky Northfield on 077725

Boxing Show in Saltash

Saltash Amateur Boxing Club has grown over the past two years and is now bringing a Boxing Show to Saltash - the first for over twenty years. The show will take place on Thursday 24 May 2012 in the Saltash Working Men's Club Function Suite with bouts commencing at 8.00 pm

Advance tickets can be Micky obtained from Mick Northfield on 077725 65761

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When Wireless History was Made in Saltash

Heritage Exhibition highlights local Pioneer

arly experimental equipment used in the first successful ship to ship radio communication has been returned to Saltash where this pioneering work was first achieved. The equipment kindly loaned to Saltash Heritage Society by HMS Collingwood at Gosport is a highlight at this year's Saltash Museum Exhibition's on the theme of Communication, 'From Fire Beacons to Fibre Optics.'

A Saltash resident, Captain Henry Jackson, carried out that early work on HMS Defiance, then moored of Wearde Quay. 'Defiance' was subsequently absorbed into HMS Drake and Captain Chris Saxby of 'Drake' was pleased to attend the opening of the exhibition featuring his illustrious predecessor.

Captain Saxby was welcomed by Museum Trustee Mrs Sue Hooper MBE who also welcomed the Mayor and Mayoress, Cllr Colin and Mrs Marilyn Oakes, inviting them to open the exhibition. "I hope you enjoy looking in amazement and enjoy the exhibition at your leisure," she enthused.

The Mayor commended Saltash Heritage volunteers for all the hard work carried out



behind the scenes to put on yet another stupendous exhibition. "I congratulate you all," he concluded.

Another highlight is an irreplaceable piece of local history rescued by Saltash citizens after being almost lost to the Town. The ship's telegraph used on the Saltash Ferry until its demise in 1961 is for the first time back in the Town. It is believed to be unique in being marked not "forward" and "astern" but "Devon" and "Cornwall."

Saltash Heritage has as ever

drawn upon is extensive collection augmented by generous loans and donations to present a comprehensive history of communication from the earliest times with especially fascinating displays of early telephone, wireless and television equipment. From pigeon post to early postcards, wartime home guard communication station to Victorian Valentine, it sets out the scintillating story of human communication. Children and adults are welcome to sample the naval speaking tube and to

send Morse messages. All of this is alongside Heritage's permanent display of the Town's rich history and a display on the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

The Museum in Lower Fore Street, opposite the Guildhall, will be open until November. Opening hours are Saturdays and bank holidays from 10am to 4pm and Wednesday from 2pm to 4pm with additional Friday opening in the Summer. Admission is free but donations towards the costs of the voluntary organisation running it are very welcome.

Technical Training Needed

South East Cornwall contained the highest number of high wage earners in the County brining in salaries in excess of £40,000 or more. This is the good news in a County where wages of around £20,000 or so trail well below the national average while housing and other living costs remain high.

The less good news is that many of those living in South East Cornwall and in Saltash in particular have to commute to Plymouth to enable them to enjoy such incomes.

The other bad news is that while industry is keen to invest in Cornwall, Cornwall Council has been informed that South East Cornwall is not targeted by industrial entrepreneurs. The reason entrepreneurs. they give is that this part of the County does not have the appropriate educational standards and does not produce the appropriate prospective employee with technical, maritime scientific skills.

"Give us an innovation centre in South East Cornwall, preferably Saltash, to train our young people up to the technical standards these prospective employers require," said Cornwall Councillor Colin Riches in putting these facts to the Town Council.

Parental Parking and Village Speeding Concern Safety Committee

Anti-social parental parking and provision of safe bus stops at Notter Bridge are two of the many issues pursued by Saltash Area Road Safety Committee, Cllr Derek Holley reported to the Town Annual Meeting.

The quarterly meetings of local town and parish councillors from surrounding villages are also attended by police and fire and rescue service representatives. The public too are welcome to attend. Site meetings where problems are arising are held when necessary.

A major issue over the previous year had been dangers to children caused by parents parking in an antisocial manner outside junior schools in Saltash and Landulph and this takes up much police time.

Concerns over speeding had been addressed in Carkeel and Hatt and within Saltash in New Road, Long Park Road and Beatrice Gardens and other areas. Safety at the turn into the garden centre at Carkeel and the lack of a safe pedestrian crossing of the Saltash bypass at Carkeel were concerns which the Road Safety Committee was continuing to pursue.

Saltash Hopper Bus Ready for Service

The sixteen seater, or six wheelchair carrier Mercedes Sprinter minibus with its distinctive 'grasshopper' logo now has a quota of volunteer drivers and potential routes are being explored.

The bus was acquired by the Saltash Gateway Community Interest Group following a transport needs survey seeking to identify the needs of those within the PL12 postal area without current access to bus services. The elderly, disabled, young and the vulnerable were especially considered and as a result the community transport project was set up.

Outlying villages with limited or non-existent bus services such as Botus Fleming, Landulph, Cargreen and Pillaton, previously served by the Caradon Hoppa buses of the 1990's should be prioritised, Cornwall Council's transport planners have advised. Under

the minibus operation permit all prospective passengers must be registered within the Volunteer Cornwall System. Membership forms are available for completion by pupils or students, the disabled, seriously ill and their carers, and members or prospective members of Saltash Gateway CIC. For information on Volunteer Cornwall visit www.volunteercornwall.org.uk.

Fourteen drivers have volunteered of which ten have so far completed the requisite minibus driver awareness scheme. This includes not only driving abilities but the skills to use the wheelchair lift fitted to the vehicle

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Lunch Menu available from 12noon-2.30pm Mon-Fri Evening Meals available from 5pm-8.30pm Mon-Fri Saturdays & Sundays from 12noon-8pm

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