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Campaign Against Bridge Tolls Gains Momentum

s the toll increases at 33% for all users of the Tamar Bridge were approved by both Cornwall and Plymouth councillors there have been renewed calls from both sides of the river for tolls to be abolished altogether.

The increases of £. 50 to £2 for cash payers and from 75p to £1 for Tamar Tag users are now likely to come into force subject to the approval of the Secretary of State. It is open to the public who have an interest in the matter, including bridge and ferry users, to submit objections to the increase in writing to the Secretary of State for transport. Full information is on the web at www.tamarcrossings.org.uk/to 11-revision

Meanwhile a number of candidates in the Plymouth city elections are campaigning on a promise to seek to have the tolls abolished altogether, claiming that this would bring economic growth to South East Cornwall as well as Plymouth. Cornish Councillors too. including the Mayor of Looe Armand Toms are seeking that Highways England should take over the Tamar Bridge and do away with tolls, as they have recently on the two Severn Bridges.

The difference is that Highways England

always had responsibility for the two Severn crossings, whereas the Tamar bridge and Torpoint Ferry have never been part of the national highway system but are owned by the two local authorities. Torpoint residents in particular, would be concerned if the bridge alone were taken over by Highways England since there would have to be an extensive hike in ferry charges were that crossing no longer subsided by the Tamar bridge users.

A campaign group based in Saltash, Tamar Toll – Crossing Action Group, has been organised to seek to act as a pressure group on behalf of bridge users in Saltash and beyond.

the However joint committee responsible for the bridge and ferry is adamant that the crossings are operating at a loss and the toll increase, the first since 1990 is vital to ensure that essential maintenance and improvement work can be carried out without too much eating into

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Singing their Hearts Out

Children from Brunel School ioined with voungsters from other schools in the East of Cornwall and sang with enthusiastic joy in a massed choir at the Cornwall Music Education Hub's annual celebration of singing, Songfest.

In April, over 1200 students from 78 schools across Cornwall performed in 8 organised and managed by the Cornwall Music Education Hub, which is led by Cornwall Council.

Songfest aims to retain the energy and passion for singing in schools; not only do children get to experience the thrill of working collectively, but they also inspire other



children and adults through their joyous performances. "It was a fantastic opportunity for

our choir at Brunel to show off our skills", said Lily from Year 6. Choir teachers, Mr Jane and

Mrs Swabey, added that they are so proud of all the hard work and commitment shown

Council, detailing Lizzy's

inspirational volunteer work at

Saltash Heritage Museum and

as the Chair of the South-East

The British Empire Medal

was established in 1917 by

King George V as a military

honour, and revived for

civilians in 2012 for the

Queen's Diamond Jubilee to

recognise the dedication and

hard work of volunteers who

make a real difference to their

communities. Overall, the

achievements of 1,148 people

were recognised in the Queen's

New Year Honours List,

including people as diverse as

Southgate and the British

divers who rescued a boys

football team from a Thai cave.

Lizzy is just one of 358 people

nationwide and 7 in Cornwall

who were awarded a British

Empire Medal. Proudly

wearing her shining medal,

Lizzy said: "It has been a

delightful occasion - very

dignified but with a lovely,

warm atmosphere. The medal

has my name on, but I feel like

I'm accepting it on behalf of

the wonderful team of

volunteers at the Museum. I'd

like to thank my family, too,

for all their support and

Councillor Frank, who lives

in Saltash, said: "British

Empire Medal investiture

ceremonies are always truly

special, but being able to

honour a resident of Saltash

gave this occasion an extra

significance. I am in awe of

Lizzy's achievements and

encouragement."

Palin,

Gareth

Michael

Cornwall Museums Forum.

by the children in learning the music and lyrics over the previous months.

New

Councillor

is in

Training

not busy with civic affairs,

will be in hard training

preparing to do an overnight

walk in London in aid of

Mrs Julia Pegg, who was

elected unopposed for the vacant Saltash North ward

also lists among her interests,

singing for the Rock Choir as

well as actively supporting

Married and with two adult

children she has lived in

Saltash for 28 years and her

husband has his own business

here. She has recently retired

from her own business and

stood for council as she

wishes to "truly make a

Noting that Saltash council

has itself become a multi-

million pound business Mrs

Peggs told the Observer, "I

have 32 years experience in

business of my own so have

the qualities and good

common sense to help

manage some of the town's

projects in an efficient and

timely way to the benefit of

As a supporter and now a

volunteer of Livewire Youth

Project she adds, "It is

imperative to support our

encourage their involvement

and

local youngsters

in local projects"

Saltash residents".

difference".

local events and charities.

breast cancer charities.

most

member of Saltash

Town Council, when

Lizzy is Awarded the British Empire Medal

n a special ceremony held at County Hall, Truro, Lizzy Sharpe-Asprey was presented with a British Empire Medal on behalf of the Queen by Colonel Edward Bolitho, Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, in recognition of her services to museums in Saltash and South-East Cornwall.

Lizzy is one of the founding members and the driving force behind the Saltash Heritage Museum, where she still serves as Honorary Secretary. It was Lizzy's hard work, tenacity and boundless that energy transformed a rundown building on Lower Fore Street into the vibrant heritage centre that exists today - one of Saltash's greatest assets.

Members of Lizzv's family. including her children and grandchildren, as well as members of Lizzy's Museum family were present to hear the Lord Lieutenant describe Lizzv as 'one of Cornwall's finest, one of the nation's finest', and

listen as the citation was read out by Councillor Hilary Frank, Vice Chair of Cornwall



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Carkeel Development

The developers have built a very good retail site at Carkeel roundabout and have worked closely with Saltash Town Council and Cornwall Council in the development and construction side.

We have all been aware, of the popularity of the site and its occupants coupled with the success of Lidl going forward, could possibly impact on traffic flow. In this case we have noticed quite an impact which could affect the site adversely. Saltash Town Council, Cornwall Highways and Highways England met recently to discuss the situation.

It was agreed a traffic data survey would be put in place early May providing traffic movement data with all stores open. The information from this study will hopefully be used to reconfigure traffic movement.

Saltash Town Council hope to achieve a viable and permanent solution for the success of the development and Saltash going forward.

We continue to monitor the site closely and hope we can resolve the current issues soon.

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Meet Your Councillors

Eager to promote itself as an open and receptive local body, Saltash Town Council seeks to take all available opportunities to meet with towns people and listen to

To this end Saltash Town Councillors decided to make their presence felt at May Fair with their own stall, and it is hoped that a good number of our readers will have observed this and perhaps called by to chat to councillors.

It is anticipated that there will be a similar presence at Saltash Regatta in June and of course there is a regular 'Meet Councillors' opportunity in Fore Street on each Saturday following the full town council meeting on the first Thursday of each month.

at May Fair Sheila Lennox-Boyd boyd@cornwallcouncillor.org.uk

their concerns.

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Saltash Town Council Schedule of **Meetings for**

May/June 2019 Members of the public are

Policy & Finance Committee: Tuesday 14th May at 6:30 p.m.

Committee: Tuesday 21s May 6:30 p.m.

Burial Authority: Tuesday 4th June 6:30 p.m.

June 7:00 p.m.

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The town of Saltash has now formally taken control of the town's library for the benefit of its residents, as you may read elsewhere in this month's Observer.

A number of library users joined town and Cornwall councillors at the official handover, and experienced the demonstrations which showcased the activities currently on offer in the community owned building.

Now we can move forward in order to ensure that Saltash Town Council offers the services and activities that local residents wish to see in their own library. Currently constructive public comment is being sought on what Saltash wants of its library.

Those who, regularly, rarely, or at present never use the library are encouraged to call in, look around, and fill in one of the questionnaires available at the desk to show what they would like to see available, how the Town Council could improve the library, and add any useful comments that might contribute to the local library

Deputy Mayor is Businessman and Radio Deejay

lthough a relative newcomer to Saltash, our new Deputy Mayor is married to a true Cornishwoman and in his Leight years in the town has become deeply involved in its community and in local charitable work.

Peter Samuels is a Londoner who spent much of his life in the New Forest, before moving further West and finding his home in Saltash. His wife and fellow town councillor Brenda, who is now Deputy Mayoress, is from Redruth and they have three

Beside his profession as businessman and MD of a local company Peter greatly enjoys life as a radio presenter, hosting "The Vinyl Decades" playing music of the 50's to 90's on Hampshire based Forest FM and online ABC Oldies.com

Peter and Brenda are both extremely active Saltash Rotarians, Brenda being past president, and through this have become much involved in local charity and other organisations.

"As Deputy Mayor I am looking at being supportive of our new Mayor", Peter told the Observer. "I aim to support an open and inclusive town council where opinion of all members are important and valued.

Gloria as Mayor a "True Saltash Maid"

true, "Saltash Maid" who has traced her family's history back to the age when the Black Prince held Trematon Castle, our new Mayor Councillor Gloria Challen is delighted and honoured to be chosen as first citizen of the town in which she was born and raised.



Raised on Saltash Waterside where her proud mother still lives, Gloria's interest and involvement in the community, and in particular local youth facilities, date to her own youth when, as a member of Saltash Boys Club (which by then welcomed girls) she keenly supported the club rowing teams. She was also a keen Majorette.

After attending local schools Gloria's astute business sense enabled her to establish a succession of local businesses She is anxious to support local businesses and to maintain a vibrant town centre, having been actively involved in Saltash Chamber Commerce.

Her involvement in local community and charitable organisations has included the regatta, Christmas Festival and, as a Saltash Lion, the May Fair. She and her husband Neil saved the local Lions from folding and losing their charter, helping to rebuild them into a highly active organisation. She was also involved in the Brunel 150 Anniversary celebration. Saltash Youth Day, Saltash.net academy celebrations, Saltash Memorial Peace Garden and most recently, the highly successful World War I Centenary Commemoration committee. She also chaired Saltash Town Youth Council for two years.

Elected to Saltash Town Council six years ago Gloria has served on numerous council sub committees and working parties including services, policy and resources, staffing, anti-social behaviour, and civic regalia. She has just completed a year serving as Deputy Mayor before being elected by her fellow Councillors, unopposed as Mayor for the year 2019 -20.

Gloria has been married for 28 years to Neil who is also her business partner and has two adult children both educated in

"My aim is to work with the community in which I have spent my life and continue to serve it. I am immensely proud to be chosen as Mayor and will seek to use the role to bring council and residents together, Gloria told the Observer.

Unauthorised Signage to be Removed

Tow that the various business premises occupying the Carkeel retail park are occupied Saltash Town Council is anxious to ensure that the area is an environmentally attractive credit to the town.

To this end the council has taken steps to ensure that all of the unauthorised signage around the area is removed and not replaced. Highways England share the concern and the town council has accordingly ensured that Cornwall Council enforcement officers will during May remove any such signs promoting businesses or events and will ensure that in future only signs granted planning approval will be retained.

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invited and welcome to attend the following Committee meetings to be held in May at the Guildhall:

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Pictured Sheryll and Bob in front of the fireplace in the Speakers House

MP Sheryll Murray recently married her partner Bob Davidson at Westminster. The ceremony took place in St Mary Undercroft Chapel, it was followed by a reception at the Speaker's State Apartments. Guest came to celebrate the wedding from all around the country including Cornwall and as far away as Australia.

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Chamber Chairman Peter Ryland – Keeping us Updated

t last month's Chamber meeting we had a presentation on the Superfast Satellite Project. The speaker, Andy Williams gave the members an update on how, with the use of Goonhilly Earth Station, Superfast broadband, without fibre, can be brought to businesses in the rural community. This can be of particular importance to businesses in the wider PL12 area who do not have broadband access. The connection being by way of one of the 3 satellites that they have.

It was interesting to see that Goonhilly is still providing a communication role because it part of the communication used to bring back pictures of man's first landing on the moon. The site at Goonhilly also now houses a deep space antenna which is helping with the knowledge of our galaxy and beyond.

During the month I attended the VIP evening at the new Costa Coffee on Saltash Retail Park. There is no doubt this and the other retail outlets on the site will have an impact on traffic flow in this location and although the Chamber referred to such previously, the highways experts were of the opinion that no material changes were necessary. Only once the development is fully open, and trading has settled down, will it be proved one way or the other. The benefit to Saltash is the S.106 payment made by the developers to be used to bring more vitality into the town centre.

I was also due to attend a meeting in Bodmin relating to town centre initiatives held by the Cornwall Chamber, to which the Saltash Chamber is affiliated, but, unfortunately, due to an accident in the Glynn Valley, could not get there. However, one of the members was able to attend and we look forward to his report.

The copy date for this report is before the Chamber's May meeting which was brought forward to the 29th April due to the 1st Monday in May being a bank holiday, and the May Fair, which was organised by Chamber

these in my next article. Finally, I hope you were able to enjoy the Easter holiday sunshine and wasn't it good to have a short spell of time without the word 'Brexit' being mentioned in the press.

members. I hope to report on

Scrapstore Bunting

Did you spot the bunting in town centre shops at May Fair? It was lovingly created by children from Saltash primary schools in a series of workshops funded through a grant from Cornwall Councillor Sam Tamlin.

Led by Jenny German of Saltash Scrapstore, the workshops taught children about environmental awareness and used scraps of fabric that have been donated to Scrapstore to create unique, colourful bunting that will be used for decoration at Saltash festivals, like May Fair and Regatta, for years to come.

"I was so proud of the collaborative effort all the children put in to making the bunting", said Jenny. "They worked hard as a team drawing around templates, cutting out the pennants and carefully measuring the spaces to attach flags. Well done to all the children of Saltash! Hope you'll enjoy looking for the bunting you made!'

New Mayor is Saltash Born and Bred

Councillor Jean Dent who spoke of her "dedication to the town of Saltash, qualities needed to be a good Mayor, proposed Councillor Gloria Deputy Mayor over the past year," She was the sole nomination, and was seconded by Councillor Bill Phillips.

In thanking her fellow councillors for nominating her Councillor Challen described Saltash as "my home town where I was educated and raised a family and the town I love. I have served Saltash to the best of my ability over the past twenty years supported by my husband and family who totally continue to assist me in my endeavours". As well as her council work she has been committed to voluntary service for an International charity support the Saltash community and she concluded, "It will be my great pleasure to continue my work on behalf of Saltash and its citizens".

Elected as Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming year Councillor Peter Samuel Samuels whose wife and Deputy Mayoress, Brenda is also a town councillor.

Parker described him as "articulate, calm, collected and professional. He has his own successful business and is his own man with his own thoughts and ideas.

In accepting the nomination

The newly elected Mayor of Saltash is a true "Saltash Maid" who traces her family's association with the town back to the time of the Black Prince.

Challen, who has served as

In proposing Councillor Samuels, Councillor Mike

Councillor Samuels stated "it would be fair to say that our new Mayor Elect and I share the same vision for Saltash and also the same concerns for this council. We need to re-engage with the residents and rebuild our relationship with them. We need to re-establish their faith in their council". He confirmed that "The Mayor Elect and myself are committed to work together to provide the stable leadership this Council needs throughout the coming year".

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Spotlight on Cornwall Councillors in Saltash

Bold Move for Public Health Nursing

amilies receiving support from Health Visitors, School Nurses or Speech and Language Therapists probably won't have noticed any difference, but from 1st April all public health nurses in Cornwall changed employers from the NHS to Cornwall Council. "This is the beginning of an exciting programme to integrate education, children's community health and social care services" said Cornwall Councillor Sheila Lennox-Boyd, who is a member of the Cornwall Council committee that has been supporting this transformation. She went on to say: "Cornwall Council is experiencing increased demands as austerity puts greater pressure on families. We hope that by bringing school, health and social care services together we are better placed to meet

Public health nursing offers universal health promotion, guidance and development reviews for every young child. These services will continue to be delivered by the same professionals as before - but they will be working for Cornwall Council instead of the NHS. Cornwall Councillor Hilary Frank, who is also a member of the Cornwall Council committee that has been supporting the move, said: "The transfers of responsibilities for public health nursing from the NHS to local government in 2013 and 2015 were some of the most significant extensions of local government powers and duties in a generation. Since then, Cornwall Council has been commissioning public health services from the NHS, but this ambitious move bringing public health nursing in to Cornwall Council itself gives us a unique opportunity to change the focus from treating

sickness to actively promoting health and wellbeing. It also means we can develop a shared understanding of local needs, risks and resources." This move is an important step at a time when public health outcome indicators identify Cornwall's children significantly worse than the national average for excess weight and readiness for education when starting primary school.

To enhance the potential, Cornwall Council's children services have been brought together under a new directorate called Together for allowing for multidisciplinary teams to be set up under a single line management and a single IT platform, making it easier to share information and helping to ensure that education, health and social care practitioners are able to work together to support children and families without the obstacles of organisational boundaries or referral systems. These changes have been introduced following wide consultation with professionals, families and councillors in Cornwall, which delivered a clear message that people want support delivered at the right time, in one go and with one single point of contact.

The Saltash Public Health Nurses are based in St. Barnabas, along with over 70 professionals from other disciplines. "Getting my head around the new IT system has been a challenge, but I'm excited about the opportunities to build community capacity," Gibbons, said Kate Community Nursery Nurse, who is one of the staff who has transferred from the NHS to Cornwall Council and is working from St. Barnabas.

Cornwall Council says the next stage in improving varied outcomes for children and young people is to set up a Local Development Partnership in each of the 6 localities across Cornwall. The LDPs will work together with schools, the police and doctors, and take a multi-agency, multidisciplinary approach, building on what is working well, identifying concerns and finding local solutions. At a time when figures from the National Children's Society show that just under 21% of children in Saltash are living in poverty, bold measures such as these are essential to enable children's needs to be identified early,

purposeful

proportional,

delivered.

support to be successfully

Past Pleasures Rediscovered in "Granny's Attic and Granddad's Shed

Attic and into Granddad's shed", the theme of their 2019 exhibition gives Saltash Heritage the opportunity to display a wide range, including many more quirky and eccentric items, not previously shown from their substantial collection. There are also many exhibits on loan from local

The main museum area is filled with memorabilia of distant and not so distant past which will cause many visitors to recall "my family had one of those once" while younger visitors will be amazed at items which

residents, some with their

own tales to tell.

for granted. Younger and young will be especially intrigued at the toys and models of yesteryear, as well as the exhibits relating to hobbies, stamp and coin collecting and others. There is a display of historic needlework and lace making tools from the collection of a committee member's late mother, Mrs Edna Lister, as well as some of her needlework, while elsewhere is a Christening robe and a wedding dress worn by family members of museum supporters.

At the rear of the

'Granddad's shed" "Granddad" was clearly a railway enthusiast and a model maker, with his own model ship and working model railway amid his tools and other items of nostalgic interest.

The museum will now be open through to November on Wednesdays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays and Bank Holidays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with extra summer openings from July on Fridays from midday to 4 p.m. Admission is free, though donations to the volunteer run museum are greatly appreciated.



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Teams Stand in Tribute to War Dead

The last home game of the season for Saltash United began with a brief ceremony of remembrance for the dead of World War I with footballers and men from Saltash especially remembered.

The teams, together with the most junior of the United club members, stood for a minute's silence, opened and concluded with the referee's whistle, before the kick off against Callington.

Club Chairman Colin Phillips, had previously introduced players and supporters to Barry Brooking, a member of the Saltash World War I Commemoration Committee. which continuing to be active until June, which will mark the centenary of the Treaty of 1919. Versailles which concluded the war. Two of the magnificent carpets of poppies, prepared by various groups in the town, had been laid out in front of the teams and Mr. Brooking spoke of the many commemorative activities organised over the past year including the making of the carpets

"Football had a part to play in the war," he reminded those present "and whole teams sometimes joined up wanting to serve together. Captain Neville of the East Surrey Regiment distributed several footballs to his company to kick towards the enemy lines when they went over the top that must have been the hardest game ever played."

The brief ceremony, in which all joined to stand in silence was followed by an evenly matched game until Saltash found fine form towards the end to beat Callington 3 - 1.



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Funding Available for Festivals and Community Groups

The Community Chest and the Festival Fund, both of which are administered by Saltash Council who can make grants to local organisations at their discretion, are to continue as two separate funds

It had been proposed that the budget for the two funds should be merged. The Chairman of the town's policy and resources committee Councillor Bill Phillips asked that this merger be considered to avoid funds being used from one budget and not the other. However after consideration the council committee resolved to keep the budgets separate and to be utilised between the community chest and festival fund with the committee's approval.

They also agreed that the availability of grants from the two funds should be advertised to the wider community

The Community Chest Fund can award grants of up to £1,000 for local organisations which have a specific project deemed to improve the local environment and/or the local economy, or strengthen the organisations and sports clubs have been among the most frequent recipients.

The Festival Fund can provide up to £1,500 per day, maximum £3,000 for two days, for any local event that is open to the general public with free admission, and likely to attract large numbers of people for a duration of several hours. Popular annual events such as May Fair, Regatta, the Autumnal Kalen Gwav and the Christmas Festival have all benefitted from this, as have various one off' events

Forms of application for both funds are available through the Guildhall.

A request to the same council committee for £300 from the festival fund towards the Cornwall International Male Chorus Festival was rejected on the basis that any benefit to Saltash did not justify the sum sought.

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Museum Opens with Music and Award Winning Celebration

The official opening of the 2019 exhibition in Lord and Lady Boyd, patrons of Saltash Heritage, was a special celebratory occasion for the team of volunteers who proudly maintain and run Saltash Museum and Local History Centre.

Officially welcoming and introducing Lord and Lady Boyd, Town Mayor Councillor John Brady referred to the exhibition as having been achieved by "sheer hard work of the management team which is an absolute credit to Saltash". He then went on to announce that Saltash Heritage had been successful in coming first to

win a Cornwall Heritage Award, this being for "Project on a Budget". It comes with £500 prize money to be put to further enhancement of the town's history centre. "This indicates that the Saltash Heritage Centre is the best in Cornwall, perhaps in the South West", concluded the Mayor.

Viscount Boyd, in his official opening of the exhibition on the theme "Out of Granny's Attic and into Granddad's shed" mentioned his first awareness of Saltash being when he was aged around 12 and overheard his father, then Minister of Transport,

discussing

of the road bridge that was to so transform the town. Since then he and his family have become very much a part of the local community and he added, "I congratulate all of you for what you year after year put into the Heritage Centre. As a special celebratory

event Heritage Chair Bob Munro then announced a unique musical entertainment. Well known local resident Mr. John Hooper had discovered in his attic a violin made in Germany in the early 20th century and last played by his uncle, from around 1911, in the Palm Court Orchestra and during the showing of silent movies. Mr Hooper had the instrument restored and it was to be given its first public playing in eighty years.

Professional violinist Lindsay Endean, was delighted to play a short medley which she had arranged specially for the event. Lindsay has a background of and management performed on tour as far away as China as well as with her own chamber group in Bath. She is recently arrived in Saltash and is currently cultural producer for the Mavflower 400 commemorations. She was delighted with the restored violin and commented on its

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ornwall Councillor and Portfolio Neighbourhoods Edwina Hannaford envisaged an enhanced and busy future for Saltash library as she attended the official handover of the building to Saltash Town

"Saltash Town Council should be congratulated for showing strong leadership and ambition," she stated. "If other devolved libraries across Cornwall are anything to go by, I am sure we will be seeing increased opening hours, a vibrant programme of activities and achieving the 15% increase in book borrowing we are seeing in The libraries run by town and

She had commented on the number of people of all ages attending the handover, "Libraries are very important to communities, the services that are housed in them are group. much appreciated especially by the vulnerable, young and old.

encouraging a lifelong love of reading in our children." Councillor Hannaford had

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community groups."

cut a ribbon to mark the transfer of the library jointly with Town Mayor Councillor John Brady who commented on the amount of hard work by the Saltash Town Council team with Cornwall Council to achieve this. "I look forward to the future of the library as a community hub for the town", he concluded.

library showcasing to the many who attended the variety of activities which it offers including David the Music Man with his toddler group, colouring for adults, scrabble and lego clubs and the popular "Knit and natter"

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Community Minded Citizens Honoured in Civic Service

altash residents who have helped to make the town a better community were recognised with awards at the town's civic service in St. Nicholas Church conducted by the Rev. Cathy Sigrist.

as an eager environmentalist

who dedicates his time to

helping keep Saltash clean

and tidy. He participates in

almost all local litter picks as

well as doing his own and is a

"recycling fanatic" spreading

the message around his

The adult Environmental

Citizen of the Year also could

not be present but was named

as Marianne Beale, a guiding

Environmental Action (SEA).

She has helped initiate many

projects including the popular

growing of vegetables for

public use in the town's

planters ("Veg in Beds"). She

was described as "always

"The West End came to

Saltash" this year, claimed the

Mayor, in naming the

production to receive the Best

Performance Cup for 2019.

He cited saltash.net's whole

school adaption of "Grease"

especially as the students

themselves had done so much

of the work behind it. The

award was accepted by

assistant director Richard

Tolman who is himself

leaving the school this

summer to attend drama

In looking back over his

year of office the Mayor

commented on having met

community. Having lived in

the town for 47 years I had

thought that I already knew

all about the numerous

organisations in Saltash. How

wrong I was", he concluded.

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Mayor Councillor John Brady read the lesson and gave a short address in which he thanked in particular Councillor David Yates for his work over the past year in progressing the neighbourhood plan, and Councillor Richard Bickford for his work on the acquisition and renovation of the station building.

The Mayor then announced this year's Citizen of the Year and gave the award to Shirley Evans, who has been leader of the blind and partially sighted club for over twenty years. nominator commended her work for over thirty members. including the organising of holidays and varied social In accepting the events. award Shirley declared "honoured and herself surprised and so, so, grateful"

The Young Citizen of the Year could not be present as he was away at Cub Scout camp. The Mayor described year old Ben Goldsmith of Brunel School

Conundrum Corner

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

- 1 What substance do Bees collect from flowers and turn into Honey? (6)
- 2 Lake Como is in which Country? (5)
- 3 What is the main ingredient of Borscht Soup? (8) 4 Which character aids and
- abets Juliet's marriage to Romeo in the Shakespeare play? (5)
- 5 Which musical group might you find in a Desert? (5)
- 6 What name is given to a low cart without fixed sides used for carrying heavy loads? (4)
- 7 In which Country did the Battle of the Boyne take place in 1690? (7)

8 In Pickwick Papers which County is described as being the home of Apples, Cherries, Hops Women? (4)

9 Which major British river rises in the Lowther Hills?

Answers on page 7

Safety of School Children and Residents Targeted in **Road Changes**

and improvements in and around Saltash are amongst those given the go ahead as part of the Cornwall Gateway areas networks community highways scheme.

Long Park Road in particular has been targeted as priority due to high volume of school traffic, speeding vehicles, with cars parked on kerbs and mounting pavements, all a safety issue especially with a nearby primary school. The removal of a barrier and erections of a new path as well as safety bollards if possible, is anticipated within six months.

Essa Road is also a problem with a pinch point in the centre and cars frequently parking partly on pavements Deliverv at both ends. vehicles cannot get through and pedestrians are forced into the road. Yellow lines to restrict such parking are planned within the next nine months.

Safety of local residents and in particular children using a play park and green space in Old Ferry Road, adjacent to Brunel and Jubilee Green, is endangered by the 20 mph speed limit stopping short of this area on the narrow Tamar Street. The solution of extending the 20 mph limit along this road and installation of speed cushion is hoped to be realised within the next twelve months.

School students particular are at risk outside the entrance to saltash.net academy in Broadwalk as a result of daily congestion with busses and parents' cars using the road as a setting down and collecting point for school children. There are currently no road markings or specific speed restrictions and concerns have been raised about safety for residents as well as the school students. It is now intended to install a speed table and speed cushions. Mark out bus stop markings and signs, and restrict parking through yellow lines within the next twelve months

Other parking restrictions

SHERYLL MURRAY MP WRITES...

The week before

Easter I was pleased to spend some time in my Constituency Office. It is always good to be able to catch up with local issues. Spending time in the Liskeard Office also allows me to see just how much help my constituency team give to constituents who call upon us to help. Whether it is Housing matters or some other matter relating to the local Council or a query with a Government Department, Lisa, Nick and Isla are there to make enquiries on behalf of Constituents.

I would like to thank who everyone has completed and returned my survey about the traffic on the Roundabout at Carkeel. If anyone would like a survey to complete and return to my office free of charge, please contact sheryll@sheryllmurray.co m and I will be happy to supply one.

I have recently visited the new McDonalds at Carkeel and was pleased to see how busy it was. I know that the owner is doing everything he can to ensure that visitors to the Restaurant are also made aware of what else Saltash Town Centre can offer to the visitor.

I have had concerns raised about the traffic at Gilston Road and have already requested a site visit with the director of Highways at Cornwall and Council local Councillors to discuss what can be done.

are planned at Pillmere where there is reported dangerous parking on junctions and roundabouts and on Kingsmill Road in the industrial estate where cars parked in legal but obstructive positions impedes HGV movements, especially at junctions and at access to industrial premises. Changes parking to restrictions are planned for these areas.



Since my last column, I married my partner Bob Davidson. I will still be known as Sheryll Murray for political purposes because it is much easier for people to be able to contact me if they want to make points known or ask for my help.

I visited the Cat's Protection in Mitcham recently. This is a Charity very close to my heart. Bob and I asked for donations to this Charity in memory of our beloved Bosun who passed away in January of wedding instead presents. I am pleased to announce that £1.400 was raised with a further sum taking the figure beyond £1,500 through the Gift Aid scheme. It is always worth remembering that vou can increase the amount of your donation to a Charity if you are a UK taxpayer and tick the Gift

I was also pleased to visit Notter Bridge Holiday Park and see the fantastic plans they have for The Holiday expansion. Cabins and Caravans are all for personal use and this park is in a beautiful secluded area on the banks of the River Lynher set in 11 acres with direct access to the River Lynher and private fishing lakes (licensed Salmon and Sea impressed with the way in which the owners are ensuring that they are the ensuring natural woodland habitat is respected and have created a pond which they have stocked with small fish.

A private slipway for canoes and dinghy's gives access to miles of waterways. It is a haven for species of birds all including Buzzards, Kingfishers, and Herons, and there is even the occasional visiting otter to be spotted around the park's beautiful and private woodland walkways.

Let us Spray

Saltash's roads and verges should be kept weed free more frequently and at lower cost following the town council's decision to purchase a vehicle adapted for the job.

An all terrain wheelbase vehicle, with which one man could cover all the weed spraying in Saltash, could be purchased for around £6,500 the town council was told. Since the town has been paying Cornwall Council £13,500 per year for three annual sprays it should soon pay for itself. It can also be utilised for watering the town's hanging baskets and with the equipment removed as a general utility vehicle. There is also the possibility of hiring it out to other local authorities.



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Large Hotel Plans Given Go Ahead

development major including a fifty-six room hotel with full facilities just outside Saltash has been recommended for approval subject conditions

A meeting of Botus Fleming parish council was packed and around seventy members of the public came hear the discussion regarding development of "The Cardinal's Hatt", at Hatt. Enquiries indicated that around half of those present favoured the plans which should bring in visitors and offer employment opportunities. The remainder opposed, or were uncertain about such a large building closely adjoining a scheduled area of outstanding natural beauty.

The issue had previously been debated by Saltash Town Council who, when learning that a public meeting was scheduled for the following week, decided to defer making comment.

After some discussion and adding conditions such as relating to highways access, Botus Fleming councillors decided to recommend approval of the plans to Cornwall Council's planning

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Bishop Cornish Pupils Perform Easter Play with Passion

The citizens of Oberammergau are famed for performing their world-renowned Passion Play every ten years since 1634. Saltash, too, has a tradition of a Passion Play, performed every two years by all students in the top four years of Bishop Cornish School. While not so famous or historic as its Bavarian counterpart, the Saltash children surely exceed it in the joy and enthusiasm that they shared with an entranced audience while telling the greatest story ever told.

The pews of the church of St. Nicholas and St. Faith were packed with parents and friends one evening in the last week of Easter term as the performance opened with three disciples walking down the aisle discussing the amazing events of the previous Holy Week. Then it was back to a full cast of over a hundred excitedly awaiting the arrival of Christ in to Jerusalem, and the familiar tale began to take on a new sparkle with words and music from children who truly appeared to be living that miraculous week. The choruses of joy and of despair contrasted with excellent solos, including a poignant song of wonder from Mary Magdalene and a song composed by teacher Ryan Hill to suit the voice of Caiaphas the High Priest. Those playing Christ and Peter well played their complex roles as well as their songs, and all were wordperfect in their parts.

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moment as the 10-year-old Christ on the cross cried "Father! In to thy hands I commit my spirt!" and the church fell dark. Yet this was not, of course, the end and the children totally recaptured the happy bewilderment of meeting with the Risen Christ, while the exuberance of their final chorus of "Jesus Christ is Risen Again, Glory be to God!" proclaimed the glorious message of Easter as truly bringing hope to a troubled world. Martin Lister

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The future of a green area alongside Forder Creek enjoyed by local residents and in particular children has been uncertain for the last eleven vears As a result of this Cornwall Council has been censured.

Forder Waits

Eleven Years for

Green Enquiry

An application to grant the land village green status was made over a decade ago by a local resident, supported by around 140 other residents. The landowner opposed this and during eleven years that a decision on the application has been awaited some of those who supported the application have died.

A public enquiry was scheduled in 2014 but was cancelled at late notice. Since then residents have been waiting - and waiting.

Such was the delay by Cornwall Council that Forder villagers have made complaint to the local government ombudsman. The complaint has been upheld and the ombudsman criticised Cornwall Council for the interminable delay.

Forder has now again been promised a public enquiry, this time for this coming autumn.

School Seeks New Governors

A large local primary school is seeking new members for their board of governors. A letter from the head teacher of Burraton School was read at Town Council meeting who were asked if they might have a suitable individual interested in developing new skills as a school governor. The school is seeking extra governors from outside their immediate parent body.

No particular qualifications are required, the letter stated, though a genuine interest in education, a commitment to the community of Saltash and a positive outlook are all useful assets as a governor. Interest in particular from anyone with a background in finance, human resources, the law or education would be welcomed.

Town Councillors who have had experience as school governors agreed that those considering taking on this challenge should be aware that though rewarding it is also hard work and can be very time consuming.

Essa Files

s regular readers will be aware my main hobby, aside from politics and writing for the Observer of course, is travel. My eventual aim, which granted is a touch ambitious, is to visit all 195 countries on earth, but in the meantime my 'big four' have always been China, Russia, India and Egypt. I was lucky enough to have already 'ticked off' the first three of those, and this

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Conundrum Answers:

arranged the letters spell Ireland 8 Kent 9 Clyde Re-Nurse 5 Oasis 6 Dray 7 l Nectar 2 Italy 3 Beetroot 4 Easter I managed the fourth. And it was phenomenal

We started in Cairo, home of the Pyramids and Sphinx, got the overnight train to Aswan from where we visited Abu Simbel, then cruised up the Nile to Luxor and the Valley of the Kings. Everywhere we went there was something amazing to see, and on such an immense scale: both physically (it's all huge!) and historically. By comparison the British Empire, which most of us would see as fairly significant, lasted a couple of centuries; the Egyptian Empire several millennia.

To put it in further context the Battle of Hastings, which you'll grant me was a while back, was 953 years ago. The death of Christ, which we marked last weekend, was 1986 years ago. The Great Pyramids were built 4,500 years ago. Their construction was more years away from the birth of Christ than we are Mind blown.

So, aside from 'visit Egypt: it's awesome' what's my point? My point is that small scale things are important our friends, our neighbours, our town - and we mustn't lose sight of that. Equally we must never make the mistake of thinking that we're the centre of the universe, the centre of civilisation, or the centre of history. There's so much out there, both current and from the past, that we can marvel at and learn from; that we can use to broaden our horizons and appreciate that we're all part of something much bigger.

One of my Geography students once asked me 'what's the best way to learn Geography?' and I replied 'If you can, travel. If you can't, read stuff and watch stuff' Actually those some of the best ways to learn anything.

Further Vandalism at Town's Toilets

he public toilets at Longstone Park, refurbished then closed for the winter, were vandalised within days of re-opening the town's services committee was told. There was similar vandalism in the Belle Vue conveniences where it has been a long running problem.

Since all public conveniences have been taken over by Saltash Town Council to avoid probable closure by Cornwall Council, it is the Saltash council taxpayers who will have to pay directly remedying this treatment, and will continue to pay as long as it continues

A report is to be produced on having the public toilets fitted with stainless steel toilets and fittings which may reduce the capacity for damage. The recently appointed youth workers have been asked to monitor and work in the area. while the town and waterfront leader and grounds and

premises warden will be keeping a detailed log of the damage and the cost involved to feed back to the council.

Customers' Raffle Raises Funds for Easter Hamper

An egg-citing Easter hamper was the prize for a lucky Saltash Co-Op customer this April. Tickets were sold to many of those passing through the checkouts, raising an excellent £400 towards the chosen charity Saltash BAPS (Blind and Partially Sighted)



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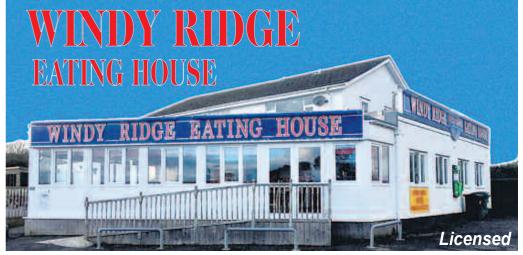


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