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Saltash Christmas Festival  
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Last year's festivities were generally acclaimed to be the best, as well as the best supported, ever and most of the favourite entertainments and activities will be repeated, by popular request, with more added, mostly on the pantomime theme.

Following the morning procession of Santas on Bikes visitors townsfolk will be able to visit all of our shops, fully prepared and many decorated for Christmas, and perhaps see the spectacular Christmas Tree Fair in St. Nicholas Church as well as visit Elliotts time capsule shop and Saltash Museum, both specially opened for the occasion.

Then from when the Christmas Market opens at 4.30p.m. the fun really begins. The street will be enlivened by entertainers including pantomime characters on stilts.

The pantomime theme will also be borne out in the first ever Saltash Pantomime Horse Race, promising loads of fun. Meanwhile a Ten-Minute Panto, written by folk at saltash.net.school will be performed by Burraton Community Players - watch out for it in the courtyard at the Top of Town (4.45 p.m.) and in Keast Mews (6.30 p.m.).

Fun for children of all ages is promised, with fair games and a carousel. Meanwhile adults can wander the stalls lining the streets and elsewhere in the town seeking out seasonal bargains and unusual present ideas as well as Christmas food and drink.

The traditional and much loved Christmas Civic Parade will set off from Victoria Gardens at 5.30 p.m. led by Saltash Town Band and, we are assured Father Christmas himself. This will be followed by the public countdown and a chorus of 'oohs' and 'aahs' as

our Saltash Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year flick the switch that lights up the street in true Christmas spirit.

The shops, with their seasonal stock on display, will be open late so as to guarantee plenty to feast the eyes upon until the Grand Lantern Parade sets off from the Guildhall at 7.00 p.m. with hundreds of children and adults lighting the night sky before the lanterns are eclipsed by the display of fireworks shooting above Saltash, marking the end of the day's festivities but a start of the Christmas Season in Saltash.



## Suggestions Sought on Best Community Use for Belle Vue Building

Having been offered a town centre building as a community asset and to avoid it being sold off into private hands by Cornwall Council, the Saltash Gateway Community Interest Company is eagerly seeking suggestions as to how it could be best used to benefit the town?

The premises at 18 Belle Vue Road have long been home to the Citizens Advice Bureau. The CAB were deeply concerned at the likelihood of having to move out when Cornwall Council proposed the sale of the building as part of its large scale selling of council property.

However after prolonged negotiations Cornwall Council has agreed to pass the premises to the CIC for two years rent free, allowing the CIC to test out whether they can make the building financially viable and of benefit to the town.

One immediate benefit will be that the much-used Citizens Advice Bureau can remain where it is. Now local organisations and individuals are invited to suggest how the rest of the building can be best used.

Ideas put forward already are as a centre for care, health and wellbeing, or hosting any local volunteer organisations working for the good of the community. It could also be used for developing the new Living Well project, which the NHS, Cornwall Council and Cornwall Age UK are about to launch in East Cornwall.

A 'Community Enterprise Centre' of a different type could be possible and suggestions for inclusion in this include a new shopmobility

scheme linked to the Hopper bus, a management of the small business units proposed for the top of Belle Vue car park, grant aided projects for unemployed people or supporting business start up, or private sector use.

'We are extremely grateful to Cornwall Council for working out an arrangement with us to make these strategically placed premises available 'CIC Chair Peter Thistlethwaite told the 'Observer'. 'We also appreciate the support and encouragement of Saltash Town Council. Now we need the support of individual members of the community of Saltash in putting to us proposals for best use of the accommodation that the CAB will not be needing. We will be pleased to consider any proposal that benefits the people of Saltash and the surrounding area.' Any suggestions can be passed into the premises at 4 Fore Street, tel 848348 or e-mailed to: chair@communityenterprisespl12.co.uk



### Notice of Public Meeting

To discuss the future of 18 Belle Vue Road  
**'the Citizen's Advice Bureau building'**

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Cornwall Council

Wednesday 26th November 5pm - 7pm  
Saltash Guildhall

An open meeting, join us any time

Do you want to help keep the CAB in Saltash? What's the best way to use the building for the benefit of the town? Maybe you're interested in having offices in the town centre or your voluntary group needs affordable space to expand. Please come and share your ideas and discuss options to keep this valuable building in community use.

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## Chamber of Commerce Hosts Meeting Advising of More Support for Businesses

Small businesses in Saltash and South East Cornwall can benefit from £19 million of government money with £20 million of local match funding put into Plymouth and South West Peninsula City deal. Patrick Hartop, Head of the deal was guest speaker at a meeting hosted by Saltash Chamber of Commerce and Industry and organised by local Councillor Gloria Challen. Local business people joined with Councillors and Sheryll Murray at the meeting.

An enhanced manufacturing advisory service to help management teams with skills development and additional advice and support to encourage

local businesses into international trade is one of the ways in which South West businesses can be encouraged to expand.

Small businesses can be signposted to support on a wide range of topics via the Growth Hub which works in partnership with a number of business support agencies. There is a wide range of expert advice facilities, services and support packages to which small businesses can be referred and Mr. Hartop advised that 250 businesses across three counties had started up with new business ideas, a £3 million grant scheme and produced five hundred jobs. Investment in improving the skills and

confidence of young people to better equip them for the world of work had helped pilot 750 young people into business careers, while a youth mentor scheme helped 121 into work.

A particular concern of South East Cornwall businesses represented in their combined Chamber of Commerce and Industry is encouraging prospective customers and investors into the area. It was suggested that as many business people as possible representing each South East Cornish town should write to the Highways department and reaffirm that the quickest, fastest route to South East Cornwall from Exeter and beyond is down the A38 and over the Tamar Bridge. It is misleading to offer only the A30 via Bodmin as the way to Cornwall and adds pressure and congestion to that route. There have been complaints that people misled by signage at the end of the motorway have gone to Bodmin and been forced to back track down the winding Glynn Valley route to reach South East Cornwall towns including Saltash.

## Letter to the Editor



If Cornwall's Councillors were in any doubt at all over the strength of feeling of the people of South East Cornwall over the proposed Broadmoor Farm Development, Tuesday's Public Meeting at Saltash School could have left them in no doubt whatsoever.

The vast majority of those who attended approximately 100 individuals were vehemently opposed to this New Town proposal being foisted upon Saltash. Those few in favour, in some cases understandably, had vested interests such as the Residents of Carkeel Village complaining of the traffic passing along the A388.

That road has been an "A" Class road for decades, shutting it off as "access only" will only serve to exacerbate the already intolerable traffic flow along the A38. In truth the so-called solutions (putting in roundabouts) to the attendant

problems that currently exist are at best laughable and cannot be the sane suggestions of a truly aware planning department looking into the future.

Lets be quite honest this proposal is a dead duck. A sensible number of social housing / shared equity schemes elsewhere or to the East of the site- Yes OR as someone else also suggested a small science park sympathetically landscaped. However any business setting up west of the Tamar would have to factor in the additional expense of travelling costs including the bridge, the worsening traffic experience at Saltash and the already abysmal transport links. It is also delusional to suggest that jobs would be created, we cant fill our existing Industrial Estate capacity so why build another. As for the houses, Builders big enough to take on Broadmoor would use their own workforces anyway.

Chris Cansfield  
Landrake

## Broadmoor Thousand Homes Given Go-Ahead by Council

A vast new community of up to a thousand homes together with new school, shops, care home and employment area, was given a guarded go-ahead in principle when Saltash Town Council recommended outline planning permission be granted for Broadmoor.

Plans include a hotel of up to 80 bedrooms, a care home of up to 80 beds or sheltered housing of up to 50 units, a neighbourhood centre of one hectare including convenience store of up to 4000 square meters as well as village square, and a new primary school. The developers have also undertaken to contribute to enlargement of the town's Secondary School.

'Do we need it', queried Councillor John Brady. To which Councillor Jo Ellison replied that Saltash had been given a government quota of a compulsory number of homes it had to have built and this development would see them all included in the same area and fulfil the quota. The local councillors had already seen the quota somewhat reduced, added Councillor Derek Holley.

The council was especially concerned to see that promises of new employment facilities were fulfilled and that the

infrastructure of this and of the new school was phased in at an early stage. There was also assurance sought as to the transport structure and that all through traffic to and from Callington and the A388 would be routed from Roods Cross, near the 'Cardinal's Hat' hotel, around Carkeel and Broadmoor, connecting with the A38 at a new roundabout at Stoketon Cross, by the Trematon turning. The entire transport network would require further consideration with so many more vehicles entering it from the new estate. Plans also include a new roundabout off the A388 at Carkeel, a pedestrian bridge over the A38, a network of footways and cycleways, and natural and semi-natural green spaces being retained.

After lengthy discussion a majority of Saltash Town Councillors voted for outline planning permission to be recommended with two voting against.

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Saturdays - Sat 15th 5 and Dime Sat 22nd XLR Sat 30th TBA

## December 14

Tuesday's - Tues 2nd Martin Dale Tues 9th Jazz Trio Tues 16th

Louise Tues 23rd Blue Trane Tues 30th Jazz Messengers

Christmas Eve Wednesday 24th Wireless

Friday's - Fri 5th Hungry Beans Fri 12th Organisation Fri 19th Penguins

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## All Children Invited (and parents too!)

Children, don't miss Santa and his little helpers who will once again be setting up a grotto in the Community Market at the bottom of Fore Street. Our bearded friend is very busy so he's with us for just the evening, from 4.30pm till 7pm. (Then he's got millions of other children to see before Christmas Day). Every child will get a small gift to take away.

While you're telling Santa how good you've been this year, mums and dads are welcome to join the volunteer team for a warming Christmas tippie and mince pies. They can also hear about all the good things being done by the Community Enterprises PL12 team, like the SALTASHCARD, Hopper Bus and Volunteer Service. Of

special interest at the moment is the future use of the Citizen's Advice building in Belle Vue Road, following Cornwall Council's intention to dispose of it. Anyone with good ideas is especially welcome to share them with us. The Community Enterprises PL12 project is run entirely by volunteers and is always looking for new members, so do call in and say hello if you're interested in getting involved.

All the money raised during the evening will be used donate craft materials to Little Harbour Children's Hospice.

Don't forget to visit the Friday Food Market on the day before the Lights Festival as it will have an especially festive flavour. The regular food producers will be bringing the best of their seasonal fare including specially selected hampers, turkeys and ducks direct from the farm, a variety of vegetables, fruit, eggs, fish and much more. Greengrocer John is taking orders for Christmas trees from 1st December (he'll deliver them if you wish), and will have some to take away during the Saltash Christmas shopping week 6th to 13th December. Look out for his festive wreaths and mistletoe too.

### Children In Need

Have no fear, on Friday 14th November Fore Street will be protected from pesky villains by the superheroes of bloom™ hearing specialists and Saltash Audiology Centre. So don't be alarmed if you see them running through the street donning capes and clad in lycra – please feel free to throw a few pennies in their buckets to help the superheroes raise lots of money for Children In Need.

After they have completed their mission the superheroes will return to base to share cupcakes and refreshments, so please come and join them!



## Chambers New Committee has High Hopes for the Future

New Committee members will, it is hoped, bring new life into the town's Chamber of Commerce and Industry. There were fears for its future after longstanding secretary and Treasurer Peter Dickerson announced his decision to stand down. However Danielle Frith agreed to take the role of Secretary at this year's Annual General Meeting, and a volunteer for treasurer has been found though he was unable to attend the AGM.

Chairman William Cotton agreed to continue in his position or to stand down if anyone else wished to stand. Nobody did so, and he remains in the Chair.

The new Secretary Miss Frith, who has been highly active elsewhere in the town, soon showed that she is brimming with ideas to increase membership and increase the Chamber's profile.

The Chairman in his annual report looked back over a busy year during which the Chamber had continued to oppose what it considered to be planning applications detrimental to local business. It would continue to oppose out of town retail development. The Chamber has lobbied

successfully for better signage and toilets and had supported member Mrs Jill Male is the recent and successful Arts Festival, for which the Chairman congratulated her. The major development of the year however was the amalgamated South East Chamber of Commerce with a united voice for local businesses and which had recently held a crowded and productive meeting in Saltash. The Chairman looked forward to a year in which the Chamber would be seen as a positive voice for business in the town and South East Cornwall.

## Santa's Bikers Bring a Vroom Factor to Festivities

Not with a 'Ho! Ho!' but with a 'Vroom Vroom' Santas will be storming through Saltash on the day of the town's Christmas Festival.

An early start to the action-packed day and a preview of the festival fun to come, around two hundred Santa's on motorbikes will be roaring up Fore Street at around 11 a.m. Although forsaking sleighs for bikes they will be filled with seasonal spirit as they bear gifts for children, in this case the young residents of Little Harbour Hospice at St. Austell.

Local residents can also seek to help these children that same evening by visiting Father Christmas in his grotto at the bottom of Fore Street. The terminally ill children at the hospice derive great pleasure their 'Messy Art Room' and proceeds from the Grotto will be used to donate arty items such as pens, paints, paper, crayons or glitter that can be put to good use at the hospice.

Our own Freewheelers will be seen around town during the festivities.

They are the bikers who save lives by rushing urgently needed blood and other medical supplies through Cornwall and they will be out and about to publicise the vital work that they do and help raise funds to ensure its continuance.



## Christmas Festival

Jingle Bells! Jingle Bells! Jingle all the way! bloom™ hearing specialists and Saltash Audiology Centre are once again entering into the festive spirit with gusto. Pop along to the bloom™ shop and see the beautifully decorated window but can you find the Pantomime Character hiding in the display?

On the list of things to visit, make sure you go to the Saltash Audiology Centre where they have a festive stand with all sorts of treats and goodies to warm your cockles and set you up for an evening of fabulous entertainment.

You can keep up to date with all the events from bloom™ on their website [www.bloomhearing.co.uk](http://www.bloomhearing.co.uk)

## From The Mayor's Parlour...

Bill and I have had a busy month out and about. Every mayor says that you don't realise how many societies and clubs there in Saltash are until they are invited to visit them. We have found this to be very true recently.

I have spoken to a scout leader in Huddersfield on short wave radio, seen knitted squares going to Africa, had lunch at The Saltash Rugby Club, visited The China Fleet Club and seen the fabulous new extension at the Saltash Sailing Club!

The production at Ashtorre centre of The Gift of Years was fantastic. A group of stories and poems about a group of soldiers in World War 1 was very powerful and beautifully portrayed. By the end there can't have been a dry eye in the house, I know I found it difficult to speak at the end.

The Saltash Festival of Remembrance which launches the Poppy Appeal in the town took place last Saturday. Great music from the Saltash Lady Singers, The Burraton Male Voice Choir and the Saltash Town Band made for a very successful evening. The short service at the end was as moving as ever.

Last week saw the meeting in Saltash.net concerning the Broadmoor Farm planning application. Many different views were expressed and listened to by The Cornwall Council planning group.

While the weather is still not yet cold and frosty, please keep an eye out for the grit bins that the Town Council have put out around the town. If they need refilling let the Guildhall know. The grit is for pavement and roads so that pedestrians can be safe. Not for your drives please you can always buy your own grit for that!

*Cllr Jean Dent, Town Mayor*

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**Nov: Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Bob South (MH)**  
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Having learned his skills in his home country of Turkey, Yener came to Saltash to live here with his English wife and their two children. Family ties took him away from the area to London for a short period of time.

"I am really pleased to be made to feel so welcome since my return to Saltash and accepted into the Images team," once again he told the Observer. "In a highly professional environment such as this it is vital that everyone works together as a team."

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**Light Up With That Christmas Magic**

There was magic in the Saltash air as the dark December night, already brightened by our newly switched on festive lights, saw a procession of wild and wonderful coloured lanterns wend its way between the crowds lining the street.

Well, this year the Lantern Parade which, followed by a spectacular firework display, concludes the Saltash

Christmas Festival, promises to be even better. Once again two hundred or more children from our primary and secondary schools will proudly bear aloft lanterns created in workshops at school, accompanied by adults who have attended their own public workshops.

The year's pantomime theme has been eagerly embraced by local community based groups who aim for the

spectacular, with the aid of Saltash-based artist Jill Hudson. We have been told in particular to look out for a Goose with a golden egg created by residents of St. Anne's together with help from Saltash Guides and Brownies and a Puss in Boots created by folk at The China Fleet Club.

With so much going on in the street last year the crowds turned out in their thousands and the anticipation as the Lantern Parade approached, was electric - and we have every reason to believe that this year should achieve or surpass the same atmosphere.

And once again the day will 'end in fireworks', as the procession reaches Victoria Gardens and the skies light up with a spectacular display to prove once again that the Christmas spirit is present in Saltash and the great day is truly on its way.

**FATHER CHRISTMAS LEADS THE WAY**

As darkness falls on the early December evening Saltash Town Band will strike up and the Civic Parade will set off from Victoria Gardens down Fore Street lined with lively Christmas Market stalls, the procession led by Father Christmas himself in a sleigh kindly lent him by Saltash Rotary. He will be followed by the Mayor and other civic leaders parading to the music of the Saltash Town Band, a talented and vibrant group of musicians with an enthusiastic following.

Following them will be the Saltash Community Christmas Chorus, an assembly of young and old singers with mixed musical experience, but all eager

to raise their voices together in participating in Saltash. The Chorus will be directed by Neil Bailey, well known in the town for his work with youth

drama and music groups.

As they reach the centre of Fore Street, which this year will be the focus of the Festival, the procession will halt by the rostrum and the countdown will begin to the switch on of the Christmas lights. The town's Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year, Elsie Edgcombe and Alex Hirst, will be invited to press the switch which will illuminate the street with its glittering lines of lights, creating a spectacular sight leading up to the resplendent tree in Victoria Gardens.



**Window of Opportunity for Local Traders**

Friendly rivalry and competition is already hotting up, we hear while visiting our friendly local traders who are already determined to go the extra mile in their Christmas window display.

The magnificent Chamber of Commerce Cup has been up and down the street over the years, greatly cherished for twelve months by the business chosen as having the best decorated shop window.

Last Christmas Cornwall Air Ambulance was the winner with its unique living model Mother Christmas knitting her Christmas presents in the window.

This year participants are encouraged to participate in the 'Pantomime' theme though this is not compulsory.

Entrants have until 4th December when judging will take place. Once again it will be judged by a group of children from our local primary schools and we can advise that last year as they walked round with their clipboards, they took their responsibilities extremely seriously.

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**TIMETABLE FOR SALTASH CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL Saturday 6th December 2014**

10am - 8pm	Christmas Tree Fair (St. Nicholas & St. Faith Church)
11am - 2pm	Elves' Workshop (Maurice Huggins Room)
11am	Convoy of Santas on motorbikes (Town Centre)
2pm onwards	Elliott's Time Capsule Shop & Saltash Heritage Museum (Lower Fore St.)
4:30 - 7:30	Pedestrian Haven and Christmas Market (Fore Street)
4:45	10-minute Panto (Courtyard at Top of Town)
5pm	Great Pantomime Horse Race (Fore Street)
5:30	Civic Parade (from Victoria Gardens to Wesley Rd.)
5:45	Ceremony to switch on Lights & Civic Carol Service (Wesley Road)
6pm - 7:30	Santa's Grotto in For Saltash (bottom of Fore Street)
6:30	10-minute Panto (Keast Mews)
7pm	Lantern Parade (from Guildhall up Fore Street)
7:20	Firework Display (Victoria Gardens)

**The Stakes are High on the Grand Pantomime Horse Race**

Fore Street will echo to the sound of pantomime horses' hooves, with the odd pantomime cow and even a reindeer joining the fight to the finishing line in Saltash's Great Pantomime Horse Race.

Already five teams have volunteered to gallop up the street as part of the fun at Saltash Christmas Festival. At the starting line at 5 p.m. teams will include Burraton Community Players, Tamar Trotters, The China Fleet Club and The Town Council. The ancient Italian city of Sienna has its annual Palio, a historic horse race around its main square, now Saltash will rival it in its Pantomime Palio.

To add to the excitement local businesses will, in the run up to the big day, be participating in the Saltash Sweepstakes and taking bets on

the winner. All proceeds will go to the Mayor's designated charity, The Saltash Children's Appeal. The Appeal is a hardworking local charity helping local carers of ill or disabled children meet expenses, so please be generous with your bets!

And win or lose, all punters will be eligible to win two tickets to the Plymouth Pantomime at the Theatre Royal, 'Jack and the Beanstalk', thanks to the Theatre Royal management's kind support for our pantomime-themed Christmas Festival.

**Hark! The Saltash Angels Sing...**

One and all are invited to participate in this year's Civic Carol Service (5:45pm, Saturday 6th December) by raising their voices together as part of the Saltash Community Christmas Chorus.

No previous musical training or experience is necessary and you don't need to be able to read music. Any child or adult who would like to sing out familiar carols to the community is asked to attend just one rehearsal, to be held on Friday 21st November at 7p.m.

The rehearsal is free but participants are asked to register in advance at the Guildhall (01752 844846).

The Chorus will be invited to join the Civic Parade, behind Father Christmas, the Mayor and Saltash Town Band, to leave out familiar carols to the Victoria Gardens at 5.30 p.m. on Saturday 6th December, when the town centre will echo to the sound of carols as Saltash comes together to herald in the festive season.

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Entry is free. Children: please bring an adult with you!

**Paint a Pantomime Picture**  
Enter a painting on a pantomime theme and you could win One of two £25 vouchers to spend in a Saltash shop. And remember to vote for your favourite painting! Voting boxes will be in participating shops. Winning pictures will be published in the Observer. Bring your painting to the Guildhall by 4pm on 11th December

**Christmas Photo Competition**  
The Town Council and Saltash Camera Club are organising a competition so you can show off your favourite Christmas photo! Certificates and prizes will be awarded in 3 age groups: Years 1-6, Years 7 - 10 and Years 11 and upwards. Send your Christmas photos to: ianb55@btinternet.com together with your name, your school's name, year group and title of photo

Closing date - 4pm on 11th December  
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Saltash Shopping Week 6th – 13th December

Our friendly Saltash shops with owners and staff who are ever eager to please and cater for local needs are a pleasure to visit at any time of the year. It is however at Christmas that they really come into their own. Away from the busy city stores one can relax in a festive atmosphere and examine a myriad of ideas for special gifts for loved ones, stocked by shopkeepers who know their stock and can offer helpful suggestions and advice.

## Fabulous Prizes in 'Petit Pain' Raffle for Town's 'Jewel' Facility

Saltmill is no longer the 'forgotten jewel' in Saltash's crown' as increasing numbers are coming to appreciate what a marvellous sports and leisure facility we have overlooking the Tamar estuary with its fantastic views across the river.

As well as its superb sporting facilities for all ages it is ideal as a place to relax and enjoy the open air with its fine vistas and wildlife spotting opportunities.

Now the people of Saltash have the opportunity to enhance the facilities while having a good chance to win one of many fabulous locally donated raffle prizes.

For just £1 for five tickets the Grand Raffle for Saltmill is now open and will continue to be so until and including Saturday 6th December, over Saltash Christmas Festival,

when the prizes will be drawn. Tickets are available at 'Petit Pain' cafe by the Brunel in the middle of Fore Street. Profits will go towards improved facilities at Saltmill to include a new barbecue and picnic area with full seating.

Prizes include: 1st Prize Family of 4 Tickets for Argyle, Food Hamper Tin of Chocolates Tin of Christmas Biscuits, Shambala Watch Gift Set Friut Basket Van Buck Designer Tie £10 Voucher for The Little Black Dress, Be My Bear, Saltmill Training Centre for Private Function & more...

Prizes donated by Petit Pain & staff, VanEssa Menswear Mandy Lock, The Little Black Dress & Saltmill Park.

Saltmill management wish to thank Sue and Geoff of 'Petit Pan' and their staff for all their support.

## Road Closures for Christmas Festival



Saturday 6th December 2014

Sorry, but we will need to close off Fore Street for our Christmas festivities.

Between 15:00 and 20:30 public transport will be diverted from Fore Street on to North Road and the following restrictions will be in place:

■ Fore Street will be closed to all traffic.

■ King Edward Road will be one-way heading towards the roundabout from the junction with Victoria Road to Fore Street, and one-way heading the opposite direction from the junction with Victoria Road to Essa Road

■ There will be no parking down one side of Glebe Avenue

■ Victoria Gardens will be closed to the public from 6pm to ensure safety during Firework Display

Parking will be free in all town centre car parks every Saturday in December.

The Christmas Festival on 6th December will mark the beginning of a week packed with competitions and fun for the Saltash shops. Customers making a purchase in a participating shop will get the chance to pull a Christmas cracker – some contain vouchers for Christmas goodies in Saltash shops! Children will love hunting for Pantomime characters (entry forms available from participating shops), or take them along to the Elves' Workshop where they'll be able to write a letter to Santa and make their own Christmas decorations. And don't forget the Painting Competition. Create a masterpiece on the theme of Pantomime, bring it along to the Guildhall by 4pm on December 12th and you could win one of 4 fantastic gift vouchers to spend in a Saltash shop. The winners will be the paintings that get the most number of public votes – so make sure you vote for your favourite! You'll find the voting boxes in the Bookshelf, Evans and Truly Scrumptious.

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competition so you can show off your favourite Christmas photo. The pros from the Camera Club will carry out the judging in January, with certificates and prizes being awarded in 3 age groups: Years 1-6, Years 7-10 and Years 11 and upwards. Send your Christmas photo to [ianb55@btinternet.com](mailto:ianb55@btinternet.com) together with the name, school name, age group and title of the photo. The closing date is 4pm on 11th December ... giving you time to send in a shot of your favourite shop window, perhaps, or a happy memory of the Christmas Festival.

Whether it is during the day of the Christmas Festival, Saturday 6th December, during the Saltash Shopping Week from 6th to 13th December, or at any time during the run up to the Big Day, search out the Saltash shops, avoid congested streets, inflated parking fees and packed pavements, and rediscover the joy of Christmas shopping in a traditional town centre where customers are made welcome. And remember: if every adult in the Saltash area spent £5 per week in a local shop instead of online it would mean at least £3 million per year going to our local economy. Shop local this Christmas.

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A recent barbeque organised by Mike and Vi White with the help of family and friends, Roger and Maggie Pascoe who were treasurers, Ted and Kath Parr who ran the tombola, raised a sum of £907.50. Having served with the Light Infantry for 30 years Mike said I have an affiliation with Help for Heroes, they do a sterling job for the forces. A big thank you to all who attended.

Firstly I would like to say thank you to all of those who supported Vi & Mike at their BBQ. Help for Heroes has achieved a great deal in the seven years since it was founded supporting wounded servicemen, women, veterans and their families both as individuals and at our four

Recovery Centres one of which is at Devonport offering direct and practical support here in the Southwest.

The work goes on and there is still a lot to do as our boys and girls return from active service. Their time in Afghanistan may be coming to an end, but many will carry both physical and

psychological scars with them for years to come. We truly appreciate the generosity and support of the public without whom we would not be able to Help our Heroes.

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Since my last column, I was able to attend the Craft Fair at St Stephens Church in Saltash. The Craft and Gift Fair was open from 10am-2pm and there was a wonderful array of traders with a large variety of products. This event provided a chance to source some unusual Gifts as well as supporting this beautiful Church. I would like to praise the fundraisers and local community who support the events organised by the friends of St Stephens Church and the local residents who attend and support them.

I was pleased to take part in the Saltash Moonlight Memory Walk. I would like to pay tribute to all the people who supported this event which raised funds for Children's Hospice South West. I would especially like to mention Saltash and Callington Lions Clubs and Saltash Rotary Club who provided the Marshalls for this event and Cornwall 4x4 Response who provided their vehicles as extra safety support.

One of the duties of a Member of Parliament is to sit on a Bill Committee and scrutinise a Bill that has gone through the second reading in the House of Commons.

I am presently a member of the Committee that is scrutinising the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill.

This Bill takes forward a range of Government commitments which are intended to ensure that the United Kingdom continues to be recognised globally as a trusted and fair place to do business and open up new opportunities for small businesses to innovate and compete.

It will strengthen the current system and deliver the UK's G8 commitments to introduce new rules requiring companies to obtain and hold information on who owns them, with a view to increasing trust and encouraging investment and growth within the UK. It will also give the Treasury a power to require public sector workers to repay exit payments if they are re-employed in the

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public sector, tackle misconduct by directors and unfair employment practices.

The Bill also provides for reforms to increase the efficiency of the Employment Tribunals system and further reduce the burden on small businesses and ensure a strong regulatory regime for those that administer insolvencies.

Some of the legislation included in the Bill allows for cheque imaging which speeds up clearing times for cheques and other paper instruments by

sending an electronic image, it makes provision for the introduction of a Pubs Code and Adjudicator and exempt schools from having to register separately with Ofsted before taking two year olds.

I also managed to speak to the Transport Secretary and ask him when work would start of the improvements to the Carkeel Roundabout and the much needed foot bridge across the A38. I have been re assured that this work would be complete by 31 march 2015.

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Saltash Leisure Centre Callington Road Saltash PL12 6DJ





## Mike and Joan Bring more Seasonal Magic to 'The Ploughboy'

It will soon be the third Christmas which Mike and Joan have enjoyed at the "Ploughboy Inn". The ancient Burraton hostelry, which until recently was bedecked with such flowers as to win it an area award for the second year in 2013 as "Pub in Bloom" will soon be similarly bedecked inside with decorations to include the renowned Ploughboy Christmas tree. "I absolutely love Christmas and always go mad with the decorations" Joan admits.



The Ploughboy's reputation as a seasonal venue has grown over the past two Christmas's and Mike and Joan are anticipating that their third could be the busiest ever. They have prepared a special seasonal menu to cater for all tastes from traditional turkey and trimmings to full alternatives including equally tasty vegetarian dishes. Bookings are already coming in for lunchtime and evening, and the spacious dining room is expected to fill as Christmas approaches with couples, families and work colleagues out to share that special meal together. The two function rooms, available at no extra charge, ensure that larger family groups or parties of fellow workers can socialise in private while enjoying a personally prepared sit down meal or sumptuous buffet at lunchtime or evening. Joan will be delighted to discuss a special menu to suit individual tastes for any party.

Christmas Day itself will once again be a very special occasion at the Ploughboy as Mike and Joan welcome those who have pre-booked a dinner to ensure the very finest of

festive feasts, with no preparation or washing up afterwards. The friendly ambience of these Christmas dinners has ensured that regulars return to share with Mike and Joan, during the build up to Christmas and on the day itself, that very special seasonal magic that the Ploughboy offers at Joan's favourite time of the year.

### A Flavoursome Feast for all the Family

So popular are the family friendly meals, served for extended hours at sensible prices, that the "Ploughboy" kitchen had to be refurbished last winter to help speed service to hungry and eager families.

Now Chef John is well established in his enhanced kitchen and able to ensure that families which appreciate the separate dining area, away from the bar, can receive speedy service from the extensive menu. As well as selecting their own favourite foods children can have fun in a choice of indoor and outdoor play areas. The opening of the restaurant at 5 p.m. on weekdays, with food served until 8.30 p.m. make the Ploughboy a popular choice for an early after school family meal, avoiding cooking at home. Weekday lunches are available from midday until 2.30 while at weekends there is continual lunch into supper service from midday until 8.30p.m. on Saturdays, 8 p.m. on Sundays. Among those regularly enjoying a meal at the Ploughboy are the group of senior citizens who travel in the St Georges minibus many of whom have over the years come to depend upon the Ploughboy as their main source of a nourishing meal! All regular and occasional customers appreciate the freshly prepared and home cooked food, largely sourced from the finest farms in Cornwall and Devon is personally selected and prepared to perfection by John and his busy team to ensure the full family enjoys a flavoursome feast on each and every visit to the Ploughboy.

## Fundraising Nights... Great Benefit to Local Charities

Now actively preparing the "Ploughboy Inn" for what they aim to be its best ever Christmas with a feast of food, drink and entertainment to please all, Mike and Joan can look back on a busy year of supporting the community of which they believe a good local pub should be the heart.

Derriford Hospital's Birch Ward, which has helped some of the Ploughboy's locals as well as family members suffering leukaemia, has been the beneficiary of two major fun fundraising nights at the Ploughboy. There are fond memories of the fun Spring quiz evening when hospital staff were entertained at the Ploughboy, as well as the Mega-summer quiz when the bar was packed with participants looking "pretty in pink".

Those marvellous Macmillan nurses were remembered when the "Ploughboy" took part in the MacMillan coffee morning when Mike supplied coffee and refreshments as well as a substantial donation. Crohns and Colitis sufferers were also remembered this Autumn



when they had their own quiz in support.

As well as organising quiz's and other events including open darts evenings Mike and Joan are always willing to support charity by letting any groups have, with their compliments, of either of two function rooms for use as a fund raising quiz or any other event.

Local sports teams including St. Stephens Cricket team and Saltash Borough Football team have been

supported by sponsorship from Mike who also welcomes youth team members with complimentary post match refreshment. "Many of the sports people I am sponsoring come in with

their parents who remember me sponsoring themselves in their sporting days while I was landlord elsewhere in Saltash" says Mike, "It is good to be helping a fresh generation enjoy their sporting success".

## THE PLOUGHBOY

Liskeard Rd Saltash

Mike & Joan welcome you to join them, for great food and congenial company

### Christmas at 'The Ploughboy' Bookings now being taken!

Don't forget to book for our very popular

#### 'Sunday Carvery'

Sunday Carvery £7.25

Children 12yrs & under £4.95

Enjoy a Sunday Lunch with family and friends

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The Ploughboy is available as a Venue for Quiz Nights

(See Mike & Joan for further details)

### Celebrate at The Ploughboy Private function rooms available

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Look Out for details of our...

### Entertainment at the Ploughboy

Sunday 24th November: Jazz Evening

Jazz Night last Sunday in every month

Saturday 7th December: Total Strangers

Friday 13 December: G Sharp

Saturday 14th December: Short Notice

Christmas Eve : Tues 24th Dec: Clive Price Disco

Saturday 28th December: Dave Rich Disco

New Years Eve :Tues 31st Dec: Clive Price Disco

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Comprehensive Menu with Specials Board

### Choose from Our Varied Menu

Monday to Thursday

Enjoy 2 Home-made specials for £12.00

(Choosing from the home-made special Menu)

All day Tuesday 2 Rump Steaks £13.00

#### Food...

Lunch Menu available from: 12noon-2.30pm Mon-Fri

Evening Meals available from:

Mon-Thurs-5pm-8.30pm Fri-5pm-8.30pm

Saturdays from 12noon-8.30pm Sundays from 12noon-8-00pm

Clubs, Organisations & Coaches Welcome

We are open for Morning Coffee & Afternoon Tea.

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and all enquires...book early to avoid disappointment!

-- Bookings advisable --



### Sunday Carvery is a Weekend Favourite

With fresh usually locally sourced meats cooked to perfection ready for carving and serving alongside a generous helping of seasonal vegetables, it is little wonder that the "Ploughboy" Sunday Carvery is a Saltash weekend favourite. Bookings are strongly advised for those who wish to relax over a Sunday roast without the chores of preparation or clearing up.

Fast becoming equally famous are, the Monday to Thursday "Two for £12.00" meals which can be selected from the home made specials menu. Many local couples are coming to look upon weekday lunchtime visit to the spacious Ploughboy restaurant as a regular outing. And for those who relish a special steak cooked to order Tuesdays continues to be a special day with two rump steaks served with chipped potatoes and peas for just £13.00.

To heighten the enjoyment of any meal there is of course a wide selection of white, red or rose wines served by the glass or bottle, chilled if appropriate. The real ale fan can alternatively have brought from the bar a selection of local ales including Doom Bar, Tribute and Courage Best, poured to perfection. Lager connoisseurs may choose a chilled Kronenbourg or San Miguel. All of the beers and wines can also of course be enjoyed in the spacious bar area alongside a wide selection of ciders and spirits as well as bottled beers from Cornwall and beyond. Mike's many years behind the bar as landlord in Saltash and elsewhere have given him the skills to ensure that every barrel and bottle is perfectly stored, drinks properly poured, all to ensure full customer satisfaction.

### An Exciting Programme of Entertainment

The "Ploughboy" has since Mike and Joan have been building up their contacts in the local entertainment world, presented a wide variety of music, live and recorded, to dance, jive and boogie to, or simply to relax and enjoy.

Christmas and New Year are traditionally a time to get on the dance floor and with this in mind well-known local DJ Clive Price will be presenting music to suit one and all on both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. A selection of every era and style, with requests welcome, aims to ensure that every couple will take to the floor and dance the winter's night away.

It is well worth checking out the programme of entertainment in order to ensure that one does not miss the very special musicians and singers who perform at the Ploughboy.

Check out details of forthcoming events in your "Observer" or on the board outside the main entrance.

Or organise your own night to remember with two function rooms available for private parties where you can provide your own choice of music or other entertainment while relaxing over a buffet or sit down meal. At Christmas or at any time the "Ploughboy" is the place to be for live action on the dance floor or simply relaxing over a top class meal or just a well-earned pint.

### Christmas at...

## THE PLOUGHBOY

### Traditional Christmas Day Lunch

2 Course Carvery + Coffee & Mince Pie £39.50

(3 courses available ask for details)

Special Christmas Optional Menu Available £25.00 per child 12years & under

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### Christmas Party Menu

2 Courses £13.95 3 Courses only £17.95

Available Sunday 1st to Tuesday 24th December

#### Starters:

**HOMEMADE SOUP** - Broccoli and stilton served with a granary roll  
**SMOKED SALMON AND DILL CREAM MOUSSE** - a creamy lemon, dill and smoked salmon mousse, finished with a layer of chopped smoked salmon and dill, served with a salad garnish and melba toast.  
**BREADED BRIE WEDGES(V)** - two deep fried, melt in the mouth breaded brie wedges, served with a cranberry dip and salad garnish.

#### Mains:

**ROAST TURKEY** - traditional succulent Turkey, served with four seasonal vegetables and roast and new potatoes.  
**ROAST BEEF** - Cornish topside beef, served with four seasonal vegetables, roast and new potatoes and a Yorkshire pudding.  
**HADDOCK FLORENTINE** - a fillet of prime haddock, served on a bed of spinach, in a rich cheese sauce and accompanied with carrot and green bean bundles and new potatoes.

**MUSHROOM AND WALNUT HOTPOT(V)** - a crisp pastry case surrounding rich, braised mushrooms and onions and topped with slices of potatoes and finished with chopped walnuts. Served with seasonal vegetables and new potatoes.

#### Desserts:

**CHRISTMAS PUDDING** - traditional Christmas pudding, served with brandy sauce or Cornish clotted cream (must be stated on pre-order)

**WHITE CHOCOLATE AND RASPBERRY CHEESECAKE** - an individual white chocolate cheesecake on a crumble biscuit base, marbled with raspberry sauce.

**ICED HAZELNUT AND HONEY PARFAIT** - this frozen dessert is flavoured with honey and finished with chopped, caramelised hazelnuts and served with Cornish clotted cream.

**CHOCOCLATE BOX** - an all butter shortbread base, topped with an indulgent dark chocolate mousse, surrounding a caramel centre... naughty but nice!

Tea or Coffee, & Mince Pie.

Tel: for a Party menu/planner to be sent out

Call 01752 842861 for bookings

And all enquires...book early to avoid disappointment! Normal menu also available throughout the festive period

Bookings advisable

Check your Observer for further details of Events & Entertainment, during the Festive Season

Liskeard Rd, Saltash Cornwall

Seasonal Greetings