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Memorial to Lost Boys is Raised Again

Twenty-five boys who lost their lives hereabouts when aged between eleven and fifteen were remembered at St. Stephens church with the rededication of a fallen and forgotten memorial. The stone dedicated to the 'homeless and destitute' boys who died serving on the industrial training ship 'Mount Edgcumbe' while anchored in the Tamar off Saltash was found by Saltash Heritage's Vice Chair Bruce Hunt to have collapsed. He reported this to Saltash Town Council who organised a skilled team of monumental masons to raise it and make it safe.

A short ceremony was conducted by the Reverend Bob Munro, in the presence of flag bearers from the Royal British Legion, as the boys were remembered and the memorial rededicated. Bruce Hunt spoke of the background

of the boys buried thereabouts before Mayor Hilary Frank laid a wreath to them.

The Mount Edgcumbe, a wooden three-master, became a training ship in 1877 and remained off Saltash until

1920. The boys received there had been found to be 'in need of care and protection', being found begging, truanting or just 'found wandering'. They received a sound and disciplined training

on board and played a part in the Saltash scene, their band in particular playing at local festivities and their rowers competing in regattas. Many went on to lead distinguished naval careers while one, Adam Smith, became a trawler man and led the Brixham fishing fleet to participate in the evacuation of Dunkirk in 1940.

Sadly, often as a result of an unhealthy upbringing, some were to die of such illnesses as pneumonia and tuberculosis, and it was they who were remembered this

October in St. Stephens's churchyard.

See more on *TS Mount Edgcumbe* on page 12



Photos by kind permission Bruce Hunt



Memorial being levelled



Memorial as found

It's No Go for Tesco

After several years of doubt over the plans for a Tesco superstore at Carkeel, the supermarket giant has withdrawn proposals to serve Saltash.

Controversy surrounded plans for the garage site adjoining the South-East side of Carkeel roundabout before planning permission was granted in 2012. There followed lengthy negotiations between Tesco and Cornwall Council concerning changing the road layout to accommodate increased traffic to the store.

Since then falling profits forced Tesco to shelve plans for around fifty new stores across the country. The company however assured Saltash that the town was unaffected and that the town would still have its Tesco between its Waitrose and its Lidl's. Meanwhile the garage site fell into decay and weeds grew.

Now a final decision has been taken that the supermarket will not be built and the site is to be sold. This means that over two hundred jobs, which were promised, will not materialise.

Whether this is good or bad news may depend upon point of view.

It means a loss of promised new jobs, though many of these would have been low wage and part time. It also means that a substantial sum of 'Section 106' money which Tesco would have had to pay Saltash and which could have been used to improve the town centre will not be forthcoming. It does however remove what many considered as threat to the town centre shops.

Peter Ryland, Chairman of Saltash and District Chamber of Commerce and Industry told the Observer, 'This offers an opportunity for the community of Saltash to consider what alternatives could be available'.

Tesco has promised to clear the site and demolish the former garage, hopefully by the New Year.

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Protect the Long Stone

Protection for the long stone after which Longstone Park is named should be a priority should planning permission be agreed to demolish the garage into which it is built and to create a new driveway.

A planning application to create a new eco-house at the rear of a property in Callington Road, adjacent to the Park, has given concern to Saltash Heritage since it could affect one of the two surviving boundary stones from the old borough of Saltash. One stone is in a stream just above Combe Creek. The other is the one built into the Callington Road garage. Heritage has already applied to English Heritage for both to be listed, with priority to the Longstone Park one, and Cornwall Council is supporting this.

Other concerns over the proposed new home came from a neighbour who queried the proposed drainage to the eco-friendly house planned for the rear of the existing home, and especially how drainage might affect a listed tree and the line of trees in the park.

The town council after some discussion agreed to defer the application until satisfactory information on the proposed drainage system had been supplied. They added a requirement to provide a written statement confirming that there would be adequate protection for the long stone.

Chamber Chairman Peter Ryland keeping us Updated...

October saw the A.G.M. of the Chamber and, for my sins, I was once again elected Chairman. I was enthused by the support from the members present for my daughter-in-law, Rosie, to be Secretary as Danielle Frith, the owner of Truly Scrumptious is taking on a role as Communications and P.R. Officer for the Chamber. It is acknowledged that the Chamber has to communicate more with its members and encourage new members to join an organisation which is the voice of businesses in Saltash.

We had two new members join at the A.G.M., Speedy Prints and Logic Accounts who have sponsored the Pumpkin Carving event. The Chamber is proposing to arrange other events throughout the year to help the businesses of Saltash and if anybody has any ideas then do not hesitate to let Danielle, at Truly Scrumptious, know them.

Talking about ideas, with the news that Tesco is no longer going to build a store at their site at Carkeel Roundabout, what would the people of Saltash like to see there instead. Obviously any other use would need to be with the owners approval and would need planning consent but I think it is the time for the people of Saltash to be proactive and let their voices be

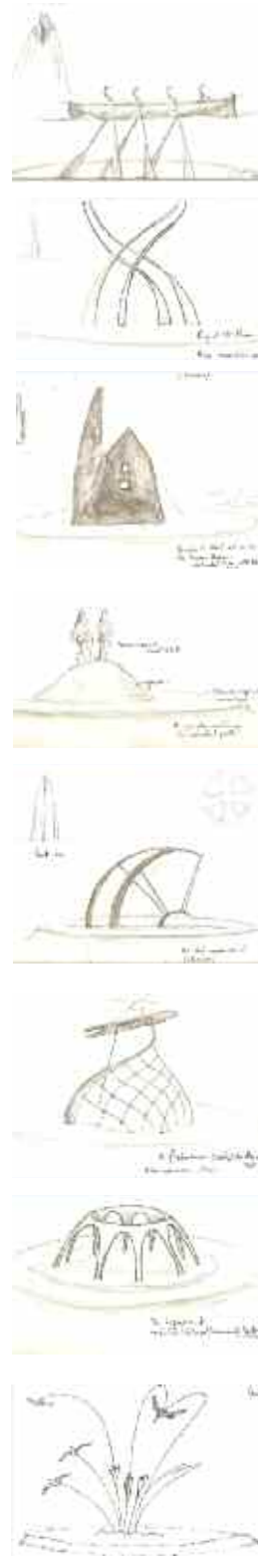
heard. If you have any ideas please let me know through the Chamber website/Facebook or tell your councillor.

During the last month, I had the pleasure of meeting the delegation from Urayasu in Japan who visited Saltash on a fact finding mission re. the up and coming Olympics in Japan. I met the President of their Chamber of Commerce who explained that their chamber had 800 members, if only I could achieve the same membership in Saltash. In speaking to some of the younger members of the Saltash Chamber there was a suggestion of twinning with them but I suspect that such was only because we could then justify a fact finding mission!-the town is next to Disney Japan, perhaps an ulterior motive.

However, on a more serious note, Christmas is soon to be on us and for many businesses this a key trading period so I call upon the people of Saltash to shop local and put their pounds into the local economy. Don't forget if you park for 2 hours or more in the town centre car parks you can claim £1.60 back from many of the retailers in the town against purchases. Support your local economy and save money.

Your Ideas Welcome!

These are sketches for the ideas we have so far for one of these to go on top of the Carkeel roundabout. The thinking behind this is that this roundabout is the first roundabout visitors will see as they emerge from the tunnel, their first taste of Cornwall! Therefore it is essential that we get this right. So I am looking to all of Saltash residents to come up with any other ideas that they may like to see on the roundabout. We have to bear in mind the safety issues that are required by Highways England.



Trailer for Sale or Rent

Saltash has a town trailer, purchased from the former Caradon District Council and intended to promote the town. It has been used at such events as the Mayfair, Regatta and Christmas Festival.

It was also intended to hire it out to other local authorities in South East Cornwall and to such organisations as Rotary and Lions. Since 2013 it has brought in £500 income from hiring charges but has not been the subject of planned marketing.

To make it more attractive at such events and promote Saltash as the Gateway to Cornwall it was intended to decorate the white trailer with a 'vehicle wrap' to include photographs and graphics relating to Saltash, the town's services committee was informed.

The committee agreed that the trailer remains a useful resource for the town. It put forward the alternatives of seeking to sell it if possible, to retain it for town events but spend no further funding on it, to refurbish and decorate it as previously suggested, and to actively market it for rental.

It was agreed to obtain a list of potential councils and organisations that might be interested in hiring the vehicle, and meanwhile to clean it 'in house'.



CORNWALL COUNCIL & our PL12 Community For: November 2016 Observer From: Councillor Bob Austin, West Ward, Saltash Email: baustin@cornwall.gov.uk

The "Core"

Thank you, Derek H, for your comments on the "Core" Youth Centre at St Stephens in the last Observer. I have been on the Management Committee for as long as I can remember and I must say a big thank you to Charlotte Carpenter who has taken all the challenges that have been thrown at her on board, from the time when CC decided to devolve all youth services, building and all, in 2012. During the time I have been involved I have not seen such a fast-growing club as now, increasing club activities and a wonderful restaurant which is open daily, to which members of the public are most welcome. There is a very close relationship with the college that seems to be working very well. A Halloween film night is being arranged, and a new young people management committee has evolved and is becoming very popular. Charlotte has visited all the schools to advise them what activities are available. Please join our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/TheCoreSaltash>

Community Interest Co (CIC) - Hopper Bus Derriford

The CIC have now acquired a new bus via Cornwall Council and is making steps to try and start a Derriford run on a regular basis from early December, alongside of the services it already supplies via the CIC shop at the bottom of Fore Street. We have had numerous requests from Saltash residents to try and get this service up and running, so please support it if you can. This will be for staff at the hospitals, outpatients, visitors, also anyone who is working at the science parks in the area. Details have not been finalised yet but the current intention is to have the first bus arriving at Derriford at 7.45am then having about seven services a day including weekends. This is a big ask. To do this we will need more volunteer drivers, so if you are interested then please contact Mike Finch 07905795256.

Brexit & Cornwall

Now that we know the UK will be leaving the EU, Cornwall Council is taking urgent steps to ensure that the UK Government protects Cornwall's position in any negotiations. We will be insisting that Cornwall receives investment equal to that provided by the EU programme which has averaged £60m per year over the last ten years.

Tesco

As you probably have heard, Tesco's have pulled out of developing a store at Carkeel, much to the disappointment of many residents of Saltash. They have stated that they intend to clear the site by the

end of the year - watch this space!

Thinking of becoming a Cornwall councillor?

The fourth of May 2017 (Election Time) is looming and Cornwall Council is already preparing the way for the newly elected councillors. I know there are a lot of people in Saltash who would make brilliant councillors, who just need to take that step forward and put themselves up for election. If you have been thinking that you can make a difference in Saltash and have the time (believe me you will need it!) to become a councillor, then please contact myself or any of my colleagues for more information, no matter what your political beliefs are. We are all after one thing which is to improve our living space and the area of Saltash - so come on, you know you can do it! baustin@cornwall.gov.uk

Devolution - Capping Town Councils.

Cornwall Council is committed to delivering double devolution; which is transferring the powers from London to Cornwall and to local communities and citizens.

The Government is now in a consultation period to debate the capping of Town Council's precept, Saltash along with many other TC's have increased their precept to adjust their budgets to cope with the devolution of a variety of projects from CC. e.g. toilets, waterside & pontoon, Maurice Huggins room etc., so if this capping does get inflicted on the TC then we must be very careful how we devolve future projects. This will probably not happen till 2018. if at all.

Carkeel Roundabout

Work is going to schedule and I hope this is not causing too much congestion. The roundabout itself will not be complete and ready for the top dressing until June next year, so in that light I am in discussion with Cornwall Highways to see what sort of design we can place there which will confirm to visitors that they are now in Cornwall! We are still open to suggestions; our artist Chris Wells has come up with some ideas and we must decide which one we are going for by the end of the year.

Saltash Registry Office

Most of you, by now, will have realised that the office has now moved into the Library, which again is part of the Devolution activities from CC. The good news is that an agreement has been reached that the Surgery can now take over the old registry office, giving the Doctors much more space in the Health Centre which will further improve the quality of service they provide for Saltash residents.

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In this month of Remembrance, it is appropriate to emphasise that Saltash is proud of, and humbled by, its current and past connections with the Armed Forces. The poppies that flower in the town's Memorial Peace Garden are poignant dots of red symbolising the sacrifices that have been made by Saltash families over the years defending the country. The moving service that was held at St. Stephen's Church at the end of October to bless the stone honouring 24 boys who died serving on Training Ship Mount Edgumbe was another reminder of our town's longstanding association with the Armed Forces. TS Mount Edgumbe was anchored off Saltash between 1870 and 1920 and was licensed for 250 boys. During the Great War her Captain Superintendent, Captain H. Wesley Harkcom, claimed proudly that not very many ships in the Royal Navy were without one or more of his old boys on board. Find out more about TS Mount Edgumbe at Saltash Heritage Museum, which



worked with the Town Council to restore the TS Mount Edgumbe stone, or view the stone itself in St. Stephen's Churchyard.

One of the regular sights for the boys on TS Mount Edgumbe would have been the ferry that linked Saltash with Plymouth. In October it was precisely 55 years since the last ferry crossed the Tamar, but for the greater part of her 700 years of service the Saltash ferry was the most important in the west of the country. Sadly, in recent years our waterfront area has suffered from neglect, but this looks set to change as the Town Council is now in the final stages of negotiations with Cornwall

Mayoral Matters...

Council to refurbish the pontoon and take over management of the area. The Town Council will soon be advertising the role of Waterfront Warden, a job of 25 hours per week that will start on 3rd January next year.

In another move that should help light up the area, literally and figuratively, the Town Council is working on extending the string of lights that festoon part of the waterfront. At the other end of the town, meanwhile, Tesco has announced that it will not be building a new store by Carkeel roundabout. The Town Council is extremely disappointed with Tesco's decision, but don't forget that we still have an excellent shopping offer in our town centre. Try the small bags of vegetables – chopped ready just for one person – available at the Community Market at the bottom of Fore Street and help Grow Your Community! Not only will spending locally help boost our local economy, but by buying from a local butcher, baker or greengrocer, it is likely that a decent percentage of the produce has had a short field-to-fork journey, meaning the food is likely to contain more nutrients and have less packaging.

Against a backdrop of decline in the prosperity of high streets all round the country, let's make sure we in Saltash remember to shop locally.

Cllr Hilary Frank Town Mayor...

Town Must Use or Lose £180,000 by 2019

There is around £183,000 available for Saltash to use for local regeneration. But this must be committed over the next three years or it will be lost forever. This was the message to Saltash Town Council regarding the 'Section 106' money that businesses have to make available to the community as a result of being granted planning permission for major development.

Lidl's agreed in 2008 to make £200,000 available for town centre regeneration and other community and employment benefits to the town. There remains £147,000 of this which has to be committed by 2018.

Waitrose agreed on paying £300,000 towards the enhancement and regeneration of Saltash town centre and the remaining £36,000 must be committed by 2019.

Among the projects on which moneys have already been spent are the community shop '4 Fore Street', hanging flower baskets, free Christmas and weekend parking, Ann Glanville 'Talking Bench' and the recent 'blue plaque project'

Three further applications for Section 106 funding were discussed by the town council. These included firstly the Community Interest Company's proposed bus service to Derriford hospital. With the second bus due to arrive in September councillors agreed to recommend the award to the project of £5,000 to put the bus on the road and set up the service, and a further £5,000 which hopefully would not be needed, to underwrite any losses during the pilot period of running the service.

A town event's co-ordinator was the second project for which £60,000 was sought to include the first two year's salary. It was proposed that a

person be appointed on behalf of local businesses to co-ordinate existing events in the town and organise further such events, it being proven that such events increase footfall and spending and create the impression of a lively and vibrant community encouraging businesses to invest. This project was discussed and referred back to the Saltash Town Improvement Group (STIG)

The third application discussed was £41,000 towards revamping the Waterside. Of this £21,000 would cover the salary of a part time warden who would collect mooring and other fees once the town council takes over management of the Waterside later this year. It is hoped that after the first year his job would be self supporting. A further £20,000 was sought towards refurbishment of the pontoon which is now barely usable.

Of the £55,000 needed to repair it £35,000 has been found but unless the shortfall is provided this valuable facility attracting visiting yachtsmen to the town could be lost and would cost several thousand pounds to replace. It could also mean the end of gig racing and Saltash Regatta. After discussion, during which it was suggested that a pontoon could be hired just for regatta, the application was deferred to a future meeting.



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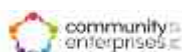
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Waterside a Winter Wonderland

The festive fun with which Saltash greets the Christmas season this year will continue for the full weekend, with the focus shifting on Sunday to the historic Waterside.

The Saltash Town Council is this year sponsoring a large Christmas tree to be placed in the heart of Waterside on the green outside the Union Inn and to be lit and decorated in collaboration with the Saltash Waterside Residents Association (SWRA).

On Sunday 4th December at 7pm, following the festive events 'Up The Town' on Saturday, it is hoped that the Waterside community will come together with those from throughout Saltash for the grand switching on of the Christmas lights. As well as the tree lights, this will include an extension of the festive lights erected along the Waterside and formally inaugurated last summer. Our own young talent from Page2Stage will lead the community carol singing around the tree in a service led by the Mayor's Chaplain.

And a very special visitor is promised. Father Christmas has agreed to attend in the Saltash Rotary Sleigh and to distribute presents to all good children. Parents of such deserving children are asked to contact 'Just Be' wine and coffee lounge to arrange for suitable gifts to be on Santa's sleigh.

Storybook Dads
www.storybookdads.org.uk

Get Involved in Festive Fun

As the Christmas festive event grows each year more volunteers are required to ensure its success. Being a part of this, one of the main and best-loved features of the Saltash year, can be fun in itself as well as a worthwhile contribution to the community.

Ways in which one can help include marshalling the Lantern Parade, or manning the information stall.

In particular, volunteers are always needed to rattle the collecting bucket around the town and to sell raffle tickets. Any profits from the Festival always go to the Mayor's Charities, which this year are Girlguiding Saltash and Storybook Dads.

The fine work done by the guiding movement nationally and locally over the past century needs no introduction, and we are delighted to report that the movement remains as popular as ever in Saltash, adding to the lives of a new generation of girls.

Storybook Dads is a less well known charity but one that also helps transforms lives. Saltash residents Sharon Bery and Rev Bob Munro have been active in building this organisation through which parents undergoing prison sentences maintain contact with their children through reading and recording stories for them. This not only lightens the lives

of the children but is proven to be effective in reducing reoffending.

So those who could consider giving a few hours of their time on Saturday 3rd December are invited to contact the Guildhall in the knowledge that they will be supporting two extremely worthy local and national causes.

Registry Office Sale

The former Registry Office adjacent to the surgery in Plougastel Drive is being sold subsequent to the Registry Office having moved into the nearly library building.

Several bids have been received, including one from the surgery which wishes to expand into its rooms. Local Councillors selecting the successful bid, the Town Council was told, are not only noting the highest bid but must look beyond the value at the wider value to the community of these bids.

Japanese Ties Strengthened As Ties Exchanged



Links between Saltash and the Japanese city of Urayasu were strengthened by an exchange of gifts following a lunch at Saltash Rugby Club.

A delegation from the city, including its Mayor and Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce had been welcomed to Saltash and entertained in the Guildhall the previous day by our town Mayor, representatives from the Chamber of Commerce and local organisations.

The delegation was invited to lunch at the rugby club prior to watching the afternoon's game and Mayor Matsuzaki determined to buy one of the club ties on sale. However when the meal was concluded they had been locked away.

Sensing disappointment their host, Rugby Club President Bill Ryan gave the Mayor his own tie and other committee members gave

theirs to members of the delegation.

When Saltash Mayor Hilary Frank visited Japan shortly afterwards she met again with Mayor Matsuzaki who presented her with a host of ties for their Saltash Rugby Club hosts. There were special Disneyland Japan ties, this major visitor attraction being situated in the city of Urayasu.

'We were overwhelmed by the strong community spirit of Saltash and of Saltash Rugby Club', Mayor Matsuzaki told Mayor Frank. 'We are building our own rugby club in the city, to cater for the growing popularity of this sport in Japan, and we would hope to model it on that of Saltash.'

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Walking the Blue Plaque Trail Follows Royal Opening

Following its official opening by Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester, a number of Saltash residents and visitors to the town took a guided walk along the new Saltash Blue Plaque Trail. They were led by Martin Lister and Peter Clements of Saltash Heritage who paused at each of the seven plaques to outline a brief history of the seven local characters commemorated.

These include a Victorian Town Sergeant renowned for arresting mutineers and for his head butt, a Waterside publican who had won an early VC in colonial wars during a seafaring career, a famous Victorian oarswoman who led Saltash ladies to victory on both sides of the English Channel, an artist who portrayed the old waterside, a pioneer in early radio communication and an officer who won his VC in World War 1's secret 'Q' ships. There is also a plaque to a former mayor, who wrote plays performed in the West End and which were made into movies.

Now the trail can be enjoyed by one and all with the aid of a free leaflet available in the town museum and elsewhere. A small compass is also available to add to the fun for families navigating the trail while a full book on the trail gives fuller details on the personalities involved as well as other points of interest along the trail.

Remembrance Service Sunday 13th November 2016

Remembrance Service - 13th November 2016. The Annual Remembrance Day Parade and Service will be held on Sunday 13th November 2016 at Wesley Church, Callington Road (use postcode PL12 6LA for directions) commencing at 14:00.

After the Remembrance Service, at approximately 15:00, the parade will form up and march from the Wesley Church down Fore Street to the War Memorial at St Nicholas and St Faith Church. Once the wreath laying is completed the Mayor, guests and Councillors will reassemble outside Specsavers, and take the salute from the march past of the Armed Services, Veterans, Cadets and other organisations

Peter Sings to Help Save Lives at 'Love Saltash' Festival



There's a war on! Debbie and Andrew team doing their bit for the war effort, serving lunch during Saltash Arts Festival.

While serenading the coffee drinkers and diners and those passing through The Courtyard during the 'Love Saltash' arts festival local singer Peter Mancini was also eager to collect funds for a local good cause. And amongst his audience were two who especially appreciated how good this local life-saving cause can be. Mike Turner has been co-ordinating the regional Cavitron Fund for the neuro-surgical treatment at Plymouth Hospitals since 1982. Margaret Nash of Saltash who would not be alive to enjoy her

eleven grandchildren joined him and seven great grandchildren were it not for the equipment acquired at Derriford through the fund. When Margaret was firstly diagnosed with a tumour in 2005 surgeon James Palmer treated her with the Stereotactic machine provided through Cavitron as a result of which she was out of hospital the same day. When the tumour returned in 2011 it was not considered possible to use the same machine a second time and she underwent a fifteen hour operation with 40% of the tumour remaining. However shortly after it was

found possible to use the equipment again, once more she was treated within a day and has felt fit and healthy since then. 'I would not have survived long enough to undergo the second op without Cavitron - and it would have been a slow and unpleasant death', the 73 year old great-



Mike Turner and Margaret Nash.

grandmother told us. She is now one of Mike Turner's keenest fundraisers, having raised over £900 from a cream tea and draw at her home.

'When I started in 1982 Plymouth had one of the least equipped neuro-surgical departments in Britain,' said Mike Turner, 'Now it has ten



Singing in the sunshine - Senior Moments pause for breath between gigs in the Saltash Arts Festival

of the finest surgeons in the world and is a world renowned centre of excellence pioneering new life saving surgery'.

It is through such as those who showed appreciation of Peter Mancini's music in the 'Brunel' and the Courtyard that Cavitron continues to save lives such as Margaret's.

Children Lay Paper Cranes for Peace



Colourful paper cranes created by the children of Bishop Cornish school were carried through the town's Peace Garden by children of year 6, aged around 11, where they read the moving story of Sadako, who had died aged 11 as a result of the atomic bomb explosion over Hiroshima.

The occasion was United Nations World Peace Day and Mayor Hilary Frank and her Japanese born husband and consort Shojiro had previously visited the children, who are studying World War II. They had explained to the children how a number of men women and children equivalent to ten times the population of Saltash had died instantly when the bomb exploded, with many more dying from radiation sickness over the following years.

One such victim was Sadako who was aged two when the bomb fell and suffered from leukaemia as a result of it. There is a Japanese tradition that if one folds a thousand paper cranes then one's wish will come true. Sadako set out to do so and to wish for world peace. After she died her friends completed the thousand and each year on the anniversary of the bombing Japanese children come to lay a thousand paper crane by her statue. This story was read out by four of the Bishop Cornish pupils in the presence of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Councillor Sue Hooper MBE who had proposed and organised the Saltash Peace Garden.

Mayor's Chaplain Rev. Michele Parkman who lead prayers and asked the children what they understand by peace addressed them. On the day after the world had been shocked by an attack upon an aid convoy in Syria a girl replied, that to her peace is 'when everything is calm and there is no conflict'

The children, together with Councillors, teachers and your Observer reporter all placed cranes that the children had made on the wild flower garden as Michele Parkman challenged them to see if they could make a difference for peace, as eleven year old Sadako had done.

Fresh Fears for Hospital's Future

News that the National Health Service in Cornwall must drastically reduce overspending and modernise its approaches have given concern to Saltash Town Councillors and to Community Enterprise PL12.

An anticipated Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) is bound to affect service provision in Saltash, a Community Enterprise report anticipates. In particular plans to transfer treatment from hospitals to homes could be a threat to our much loved St, Barnabas Community Hospital.

Town Councillors commented that they fear all hospital treatment in South East Cornwall may be

focused on the modern hospital at Liskeard which is currently underused. They agreed to be proactive in inviting the Kernow Clinical Commissioning group to meet with Councillors and other concerned parties.

Public engagement in the plan has been promised and the Community Enterprise PL12 will support involvement by the Patient Participation Groups in the town's two surgeries.



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Sat 24th **Hi Jack** (Bar)

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Saltash Shops Sparkle with Gift Ideas

Saltash will sparkle as ever with pre-Christmas cheer during the town's very special Christmas Festival this year to be held on Saturday 3rd December. As the short December day draws to a close the lights will shine over a Fore Street lined with our own Christmas Market, promised to be better than ever this year.

With the street closed to traffic but packed with seasonal fun and entertainment, what better time to explore our lovely local shops and discover what our hardworking and enterprising local shopkeepers have been stocking up on for you this Christmas.

Christmas shopping need not consist of traffic chaos, excessive parking fees in packed car parks and forcing oneself through crammed supermarkets all selling similar stock. Nor need it be the soulless clicking of a computer to buy unseen products from a far off mega-retailer.

In Saltash we are fortunate enough to be able to rediscover the traditional joy of Christmas shopping where we can park close to the wide array of friendly, locally-owned and managed stores. Or else save the environment and travel on our frequent local bus services to the heart of the town.

During our Christmas Festival, and throughout the run up to Christmas, our local shopkeepers are proud to offer a wide and varied range of seasonal food, drink and ideas for presents perhaps that bit different from the standard stock in the megastores. Here you can buy direct from local traders who know their wares, and are ever anxious to go that extra bit further to offer a quality of friendly service unimaginable in a big city store.

And by shopping locally you are assisting the local economy and keeping your money local - so everybody wins.

So this Christmas, and throughout the New Year, support Saltash shops, and shop locally.

Santas on Bikes. Will ride up Fore Street Sat 3rd Dec 2pm. On their way to the Children's Hospice. Some riders will return at 4pm with collection boxes.

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Christmas Market Coming to Town Saturday 3rd December

The tradition of a Christmas Market, where children can enjoy and adults recapture the excitement of the anticipatory atmosphere of the Festive Season, has spread from the continent to many of our major cities. Now here in Saltash we can share in the fun during our town's Christmas Festival on Saturday 3rd December. This year, following recent changes to legislation, Saltash is again able to host a Christmas Market, with an unlimited number and variety of stalls lining its pedestrianised Fore Street. All charities and businesses are welcome to book a stall space, but to boost local business it has been decided that while outside businesses will be asked to pay £20, there will be no charge to town centre retailers. The street will be closed to traffic in the early afternoon to allow stallholders to place their own table, gazebo and lighting outside on the street.

The only traffic then allowed on Fore Street will be hordes of Santas, who will ride up Fore Street around 2pm on their way to deliver presents to children at Little Harbour, the hospice near St. Austell. Some of their jolly helpers will return at 4pm, when the Christmas Market officially opens, to spread good cheer and collect money for Children's Hospice Southwest. It is anticipated that there will be a wide variety of Christmas-orientated stalls selling traditional and perhaps quirky gift ideas, as well as festive food and drink. The market will remain open until after the fireworks conclude at around 7.30 p.m. Those who wish to set up a stall are asked to contact Diverse Events, who are taking on the work of accepting bookings and managing the market. They should be contacted by Monday 21st November on info@diverse-events.com, by phone on 0131 463 8368 or via the website www.diverse-events.com

Lantern Parade to Light the Night

For many of our younger citizens the highlight of our Saltash Christmas Festival has to be the Lantern Parade. Through the streets, illuminated by our special strings of festival lights, our youngsters, and some of the older generation, proudly bear their illuminated paper lanterns, the result of much hard work and skill. Once again all of our local primary schools will be participating in the Parade, and the eager youngsters will set off from the Guildhall at 7 p.m. as a finale to the Christmas Festival. At the top of Fore Street they will assemble as the town enjoys a short firework display marking the end of the event - and the start of the Christmas festivities for 2016.

A lantern workshop is being organised in the Guildhall for 10.30 on Saturday 26th November, at which all will be welcome, children to be accompanied by an adult please. A contribution of £3 per lantern is being asked of those attending. Places must be booked in advance by contacting the Guildhall.

Additionally, the team that organises the regionally renowned City of Light Parade in Truro has offered Saltash the chance to purchase some of the special lanterns that have lit their city's event. Please contact Saltash Guildhall for more information on sponsoring a large lantern. Saltash Town Council is once again pleased and proud to be funding our town's lantern parade.

Festive Fun on Fore Street. 2pm: Santas ride through on bikes. 4pm-7:30: Pedestrian Haven. 5pm: Civic Parade leaves from Victoria Gardens. 5:15: Christmas lights are switched on. 5:20: Outdoor Carol Service at bottom of Fore Street. 7pm: Lantern Parade leaves from Guildhall. 7:15: Fireworks. Plus Performances of Dance, Song & Pantomime throughout the evening.

Feast of Fun at Festive Event

As the customary Christmas crowds flock to enjoy the feast of stalls lining Fore Street at our town's Christmas Festival there will also be a feast of entertainment on the stage, set at the foot of Fore Street, and throughout the town.

The full programme of continuous live entertainment will include a wide variety of local talent from the youngsters of Youngstagers as well as the more mature musical talents of Brunel Harmony Chorus, while Geraldine Lamb's Dance School will also be performing for your delight.

A White Christmas cannot be promised but snow on 3rd December is guaranteed! The snow cannon proves popular each year and this Christmas Festive evening there will be two, one at each end of the street, thanks to funding by the Saltash Chamber of Commerce. In addition, there will be street entertainers among the crowds showing off their stilt jumping and fire eating skills.

And we must not of course forget Father Christmas himself! Saltash Rotarians are providing him with their sleigh so that he may meet his many young fans and discuss their Christmas wishes.

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Grand Parade Leads to Carolling for Christmas

While the timing and the programme for the Saltash Christmas Festivities has changed over the years, what is for many the main event of the evening has remained constant over the decades. Christmas would not be Christmas in Saltash without the Grand Parade culminating in the official switching on of our wonderful Christmas lights, followed by communal open air singing of carols. Only rarely has the weather forced the carol service into the nearby Wesley Church.

This year's Parade will set off down Fore Street, leaving Victoria Gardens at 5 p.m. led by the town band whose music will set one and all in full Christmas mood. The Mayor with her Consort and other VIP guests will follow, joined of course by that most important guest Father Christmas himself, waving to all from the Saltash Rotary Sleigh.

At the foot of Fore Street our Citizen and Young Citizen of the year, Marilyn Grose and Jack Phelan will be invited to push down on the golden handle that will make Fore Street an array of lights.

The President of the Chamber of Commerce will be awarding the Saltash Chamber of Commerce Cup for the Best Dressed Window. Based this year on a generic theme of 'Christmas', this

will have been judged on the previous Thursday afternoon by teams of children from local primary schools who, we can assure all, take their responsibility extremely seriously.

This will be followed by one and all being invited to give voice to familiar Christmas carols, led by Mayor's Chaplain Rev. Michele Parkman and accompanied by the town band. With newly acquired loudspeakers in force it is hoped that the sound will ring out along our Fore Street.

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Saltash Rotarians Seek to Stop Dependence on Swamp Water

After serving for two years as volunteers in an African primary teachers' training college, two Saltash Rotarians are hoping that when they return to Uganda they will be able to see the installation of a rainwater harvesting system that will avoid trainee teachers and children depending upon unhealthy swamp water when the taps fail.

Keith Halsey and Sally Alexander are seeking to raise funds through fellow Rotarians, and other donees for a clean water supply as well as better toilets to ensure a healthy environment for Uganda's trainee teachers. While they were at the college, Sally specialising in teaching art and special needs, Keith woodwork and metalwork they discovered that global warming caused a reduction in water supply from the mountains and that the college's 460 students and fifty staff were frequently forced to collect swamp water for washing, cooking and even drinking.

They have been giving talks to such organisations as Saltash Sailing Club, as well as other local Rotary Clubs, explaining how massive roof mounted water harvesting tanks could benefit the college community, at a total cost of £30,000. Sally

and Keith were among Rotarians attending the beer festival at the 'Union Inn' and hoping that a share of the proceeds might be directed towards their own pet project.

Ideally they are hoping that when they return from Saltash to Uganda in December for another six months they will be able to see the project through. For further information they can be contacted via sallyandkeith2z@gmail.com

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Teenagers Told Duchess how Livewire Changes Lives

During her visit to Livewire on the Saltash Waterside Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester heard from two teenage members of the youth project just how much Livewire meant to them and how vital its continuance is to the young people of Saltash.

Eighteen year old Mitch had been a very confused eleven year old when he joined Livewire, over seven years, he explained, he had through the club and its workers, developed as a person and come to realise how dreams can become possible realities. The 'Jewel of Saltash' as he described it, continues he said 'to help so many people feel part of a real family'. He followed his talk with a 'freestyle rap' that he composed and which was warmly applauded.

It was three years ago that her youth worker following a series of personal problems involving severe depression and self harm introduced Nicole, now 19, to Livewire. Since then she had been persuaded to take up the guitar and sing on stage. 'I have now been to Music College and am now off to University - none of this would have been possible without Livewire', she concluded. She then sang to the assembled through accompanying herself on the guitar.

The Duchess of Gloucester listened attentively before circulating through the packed hall, pausing to talk to youth workers, and some of the teenage members including Mitch and Nicole.

The Duchess had been 'handsomely entertained', she pronounced before departure, and congratulated all of those at Livewire who do change lives. After unveiling a plaque to

commemorate her visit and the seventieth anniversary of Livewire the Duchess was presented with a photograph of her husband the Duke of Gloucester opening the extension to the club, then known as the Saltash Boys' Club, thirty-six years ago.

SALTASH U3A

At their October meeting members welcomed John Boon who had agreed to deliver a talk on The Wildlife of Ford Park Cemetery. Whilst most people in the area know of Ford Park Cemetery, few would realise that it occupies 34 acres in the heart of the city.

The land was purchased in the 1840's to create a cemetery outside the City's walls. Plymouth had 2 council cemeteries and the inner city was overcrowded. It was planned that Ford Park Cemetery become a garden cemetery and it proved to be a profitable business. It wasn't until after World War II that cremations became popular. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission maintains their contract with Ford Park cemetery.

In 2000 volunteers took over the care of the grounds which are now managed by the Ford Park Cemetery Trust and, with community support, the site is being improved.

John spoke about the diversity of flora and fauna to be found and he illustrated his talk with beautiful photographs of the plants, insects and birds that can be seen. The Trust recognises the importance of this much loved urban wildlife refuge and manages it for the public benefit and for the protection and propagation of its wildlife. John's photos highlighted the changes that take place as the seasons change and the problems encountered with invasive weeds.

A bat survey was conducted prior to the restoration of the Victorian chapel in 2009 and a roosting colony of brown long-eared bats and pipistrels were found. The bats were moved to another safe roost but they clearly preferred the chapel rafters and have moved back!

Christmas Lights

Switch on
Sat 3rd Dec

Saltash Christmas Festival
&

Waterside Lights

Switch on
Sun 4th Dec

Carol Singing
Everyone Welcome

Foodbank's Feeding of the Three Thousand

A total of 2002 adults plus 1235 children who would otherwise have gone hungry have been fed through the efforts of the volunteers at Saltash Foodbank with food donated by local individuals and businesses.

During the four years of the foodbank's existence an amazing total of 28 tons of food 'more than enough to fill this council chamber', has been handed over, explained Mark Hawker of the Saltash Foodbank during a presentation to the full Town Council.

Now a registered charity affiliated to the Trussell Trust, Saltash Foodbank previously was based in the Wesley church with food stored in a warehouse on the industrial estate. Since the opening of 18 Belle Vue Road to local enterprises earlier this year Foodbank has relocated to these premises where it can offer a three day supply of food on three occasions to those in need. The organisation works closely with social agencies who supply vouchers, exchangeable for food and it depends for this food totally upon the generous Saltash community, including in particular Saltash Churches Together and local food stores.

It also has two outreach centres, one at Saltash Baptist Church and one recently established at St. Germans where already 108 adults and 35 children have received food relief.

There are many reasons for those in and around Saltash to find themselves unable to afford food for themselves and their families, Mr. Hawker explained. The principal reason is delays in receiving benefit, followed by low income and by changes in benefit. Other causes include debt, homelessness and sickness. There are many referral agencies, most coming via the Saltash Children's Centre and others referred on by local doctors.

Christmas can be especially hard for those unable to afford even basic foods and Saltash Foodbank is always pleased to brighten the season for known needy families by providing special Christmas hampers.

While many applicants are embarrassed at having to apply they are soon reassured at the total confidentiality of their application.

Community Shop Caters for Those Living Alone

A special service for those who live alone and wish to eat healthily is now offered by the Town's community shop.

The volunteer helpers at the Community Interest Company's No 4 Fore Street who sell fresh fruit and vegetables were asked by one elderly lady to cut up a swede for her as her hands were unable to perform this task. Having done so one volunteer, Averil Pinkney came up with the idea of preparing to order small bags chopped and frozen vegetables suitable for one person, having realised that those living alone create a demand for such a service which is not generally met elsewhere.

Local organisations benefit - to the value of £750

Two Saltash Youth organisations have recently benefitted from Saltash based charity the Sue Hooper Charitable Foundation.

Livewire Youth Project and Youngstagers were delighted to receive funding towards the young people that they represent, towards their individual projects.

Livewire received £500 towards music lessons for the club members who are inspired by, and are learning music in all disciplines.

Youngstagers received £250 to provide professional theatre workshops for the children; which proved to be a wonderful experience for them all.

The Sue Hooper Charitable Foundation founder and Chairman said today: "The Foundation was founded 16 years ago in aid and support of the promotion of music, drama and the performing arts.

"Both Livewire and Youngstagers fit perfectly into our criteria for funding.

"The Trustees were unanimous in their agreement to fund two outstanding organisations, benefitting young people who develop educationally, artistically and socially within the arts.

"The Foundation has proudly donated many thousands of pounds to worthy beneficiaries over the past 16 years, and many have advanced to musical careers at National and international levels."

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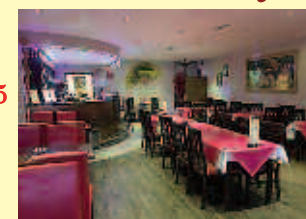
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A rare specimen of 'Black Gold' was put on view at Saltash Guildhall on Wednesday evening. After the torrential rain on Monday evening it was perhaps fortunate that the Saltash Community Flood Forum had arranged to hear a talk from local resident, Dr Rebecca Pearce, who lives in the only zero energy eco house in the town, and researches extreme weather events at the University of Exeter. Around 30 members attended the meeting chaired by Town Councillor Sue Hooper MBE. Rebecca gave a thought provoking talk on building flood resilience in Saltash and what the whole community can do to protect the area from exposure to flooding and the longer term consequences of climate change. Rebecca revealed that the rare exhibit was actually a jar of rotting leaves, which, if left on the land, act as a sponge, soaking up the rain and slowly rotting into the ground capturing carbon and encouraging earthworms which aerate the soil, enabling penetration from the rain that would otherwise run across the top, which is the likely outcome in places where poorly managed soils are compacted by the use of heavy machinery or regular footfall.

Rebecca explained that there is ample legislation designed to protect the health and well-being of communities and the environment through sustainable management of water. However, enforcement is patchy due to the paring back of public services and the limited workforce that the planning authority and Environment Agency are able to field to monitor housing development and alterations to existing buildings and infrastructure.

Flooding

Saltash is not only vulnerable to coastal flooding and flooding from the Latchbrook but also surface water flooding caused by changes in road levels, illegal farm drainage, blocked drains, and the sudden emergence of springs due to poor land management. The remedy Rebecca suggested was for all residents to green their homes, gardens, and garage and shed roofs, in line with the recommendations of the Committee on Climate Change in their 2017 risk assessment which highlighted the need for an increase in green spaces, trees, and planted roof surfaces, to soak up rainfall and generate a cooling effect as background temperatures rise. She also appealed for garden owners to be a little less tidy, as allowing plant material like leaves to compost down on site would help to create the thick layer of organic material on top of the soil that is so badly needed and

driving garden waste to the tip was adding carbon dioxide to the atmosphere unnecessarily. There was an upside to the discussion because even the laziest gardener can help by leaving things to rot down naturally, wildlife will benefit



The plants on green roofs hold onto rainwater and allow between 60 and 80% to evaporate back up into the atmosphere rather than running down the drain.

and over time, the general greening of the town will make it a very pleasant and clean environment, rich in flora and fauna. There was a twist in the tale however. At present, blocked drains are a nuisance and sometimes dangerous but they do inadvertently provide temporary holding areas for quite large quantities of water. Whilst Rebecca urged people to do their utmost to clear the town of litter which in the main is blocking up drains and ditches, and to take individuals found littering to task, she also appealed for discussion within the community to identify areas of land that could be allowed to

flood periodically to relieve pressure downstream.

Sea Level Rise

The issue of sea level rise of a minimum of one metre was discussed and it was agreed that in the future, some homes may

Solutions

The Forum discussed the possibility of speaking with insurers to try and agree potential solutions in advance of problems arising. A lot of properties are listed as being in flood risk areas and their owners quite understandably are not keen to discuss this with their insurers and so some exploration in this area perhaps through impartial intermediaries would be beneficial now while the problem of home abandonment is not imminent.

Repeated Failure

Members raised their concerns over the repeated failure of sewage pumping station number one at Forder and the fact that people's gardens and the river are regularly flooded with effluent. The cost of alterations and defences to prevent this are unknown and the Forum looks forward to hearing from a representative of South West Water on this.

consider their vulnerability. The cost-benefit analysis done to inform decisions on which communities will benefit from flood alleviation schemes may result in homes at risk being considered a sacrifice worth making to allow money to be spent in larger, more affluent towns and cities.

Rotary President Seeks to Serve Lesser Known Local Causes

Helping with local good causes, as well as overseas ones, and especially doing little things for a number of lesser known organisations, is among the aims of Saltash Rotary President Brenda Samuels, whom we met over a drink outside the 'Union' at the Rotary sponsored beer festival.

She was also eager to welcome more members to Saltash Rotary with an assurance that each member is now encouraged to do as much or as little as time and other commitments allow. 'We no longer expect that every member should attend every weekly meeting - that has all changed', she explains. 'We accept that most of our members are busy people and we welcome those who make the occasional meeting as much as those who are there each week'.

Among the local projects in hand was the forthcoming presentation of a defibrillator for Saltash Fore Street as covered



elsewhere in your 'Observer'.

The next public event will be a Quiz Night in Saltash Guildhall on Saturday 29th October starting at 7.30 to which all are welcome. This will be in aid of one of Brenda's lesser known local organisations', Plymouth Sugar-Zappers! This small

group is set up to help families of children suffering type one diabetes, especially in defraying the often prohibitive costs of such equipment as blood testing cassettes. Brenda is also keen to continue Rotary support for such vital local organisations as Saltash's Livewire now, as we have reported, celebrating seventy years of service to youth in Saltash. And all too soon Rotary will be dusting down Santa's Sleigh and sending that cheery old man around the streets of Saltash with his message of seasonal goodwill.

Anyone interested in discovering more about local Rotarians is invited to their new site www.saltashrotary.org or to attend one of their weekly meetings at the China Fleet Club on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.

Local Cop is Top Tweeter

Our popular local PCSO Kirsty Down is up for a national award as among the best in the country for utilising the social media of tweeting to communicate with the public.

The Town Council were pleased to send their congratulations and best wishes to her.

However the Town Council also criticised local police for failing to keep them updated with local crime figures, none having been received since July. They asked that this situation be rectified.

Kirsty was put forward for a Police Twitter Award by voters participating through email and the social media - The overall winners will be chosen by a panel of experts including police officers and the public.

From Barrows to Crematoria Funeral Rites Over the Ages

The churchyard is at the heart of many a town or village in Cornwall as elsewhere and is where the history of the families who have been a part of the community over the generations may be discovered. In the first talk of the new season to Saltash Old Cornwall Society director of Pengelly Funeral Services Mr David Fowell outlined the history of burial rites from AD 752 when Archbishop Cuthbert was recorded as marking out boundary walls of a churchyard to keep out evil spirits, as well as describing the duties of a present day funeral director.

Churchyards proved inadequate during visitations of plagues and epidemics and in 1832 the first cemetery site was acquired in Kensal Green London, with other to follow in major cities such as Plymouth's Ford Park.

Around three quarters of deaths now result in cremation, first introduced privately in 1882 followed by the Cremation Society constructing a crematorium in Woking in 1885.

In his vote of thanks Society Secretary Martin Lister noted how the burial mounds and barrows of Bodmin Moor and Dartmoor record how over thousands of years our dead have been solemnly interred with respect and dignity, a tradition which those such as Mr. Fowell are maintaining today.

Waterside Warden will Receive Revenue from Boat Owners

Two Waterside and Town Wardens, are to be appointed by the Town Council, each to work twenty-five hours a week largely supervising the boats calling in the Saltash Waterfront.

Their main duties will include management of the Waterfront assets which the Town Council is taking over from Cornwall Council. They will supervise the pontoon, soon to be restored, and collect mooring fees. While they will be partially funded during the first year from 'Section 106 monies', given to the town by developers as a condition of planning permission, it is anticipated they will be self-sustaining from the revenue earned by better management of the boat park and pontoon.

One Councillor, John Brady, suggested by email that the part time positions were insufficient to properly police the Waterfront in summer and that a full time presence 12 hours a day 7 days a week was needed from April to October.

However the Councillors present agreed unanimously to recruit for the two part time positions and to provide a hut on the waterside from where the new wardens could operate. The post commences in January 2017 and will initially operate on a year's trial.

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Audience Absorbed by the Clues

A packed Burraton Community Centre saw The Burraton Community Players in action on Saturday October 22nd. The occasion was their seventh "Murder Mystery" evening, entitled "MURDER IN THE READERS CIRCLE". A cast of twelve actors — five of them making their debut on the Burraton stage — presented the tale of the demise of Emily Christie, chair of the Trehan and District Ladies Reading Circle and the subsequent investigation carried out by Inspector Roger Roughly with the assistance of PC Dixon. Staff at "The Bishops Beret" provided sustenance to police and members of the circle who were attending their regular monthly meeting.

As the evening progressed members of the audience were invited to ask questions of the characters involved in order to ascertain who was the culprit. Pasties provided by Polnoon pasties also sustained them and the cast.

The audience were thoroughly and passionately absorbed by the clues and motives and red herrings offered up by their delight, to say nothing of the two twists at the climax of the evening.

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SHERYLL MURRAY MP WRITES...



It was a real privilege to attend Party Conference in Birmingham this year and to be in the main Chamber to listen to Theresa May's first Conference Speech as the Prime Minister where she outlined her hopes for the country following Brexit. I felt it was a really good speech which showed real optimism for our country and set out details of her vision of a country that works for everyone.

She said that our society should work for everyone, but if you can't afford to get onto the property ladder, or your child is stuck in a bad school, it doesn't feel like it's working for you. She went on to explain that our economy should work for everyone, but if your pay has stagnated for several years in a row and fixed items of spending keep going up, it doesn't feel like it's working for you.

The Prime Minister outlined that the government had achieved a lot over the last six years to tackle this: the deficit down, more people into work than ever before, the lowest paid taken out of income tax, a new National Living Wage, one and a half million more children in good or outstanding schools, 3 million new apprenticeships.

It was also good to be in the main Hall at Conference to listen to the debate from the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs where I work as a Parliamentary Private Secretary. Andrea Leadsom gave an excellent speech as the Secretary of State.

As well as the main business of Conference it allowed me to catch up with many charities so that they would update me on the work they are currently undertaking. It was good to hear about the important research being undertaken by the British Heart Foundation. I met with one of the Ambassadors from

Macmillan Cancer Support to listen to the fantastic work they undertake. I met with Chris Theobald from the Guide Dogs organisation. He was able to outline their campaign to get all new buses to be Talking Buses, with audio visual next stop announcements on board. I also met with Action on Hearing Loss so they could update me on their work.

It was also interesting to learn how Cancer Research UK are undertaking their work. Figures show that today, 2 in 4 people survive their cancer for at least 10 years. Their ambition is to accelerate progress so that within 20 years, 3 in 4 people survive their cancer. It was also good to hear updates from Parkinson's UK and The Alzheimer's Society.

Conference also allowed me to catch up with old friends in the fishing industry. One such friend was John Ashworth who has been leading on the 'Fishing for Leave' organisation. It was good to hear his views on how Brexit is progressing.

It was not just Charities I met with at Conference. I was able to meet up with Dairy UK, the organisation that champions the dairy industry which of course is of great importance in my South East Cornwall constituency. She was able to give me an update on their industry and their concerns following Brexit.

I was pleased to catch up with our Police & Crime Commissioner Alison Hernandez. Alison was able to outline many issues and plans which relate to South East Cornwall and I am keen to continue to work closely with her to ensure we get the best possible policing in the area. I would be very pleased to take any policing concerns any residents have back to Alison and would welcome correspondence on this.

Conundrum Corner

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

- 1 What type of creature is a Skink? (6)
 - 2 What type of pet was Dennis the Menace's Gnasher? (3)
 - 3 Cape Vert, the Western-most point on the Continent of Africa, is in which Country? (7)
 - 4 Which Children's TV programme featured Jeffrey, George, Zippy and Bungle? (7)
 - 5 Iraq's invasion of which Country, in 1990, led to the Gulf War? (6)
 - 6 Which Jelly is used in the preparation and garnishing of savoury cold dishes? (5)
 - 7 Which is the only United Kingdom City with a three-letter name? (3)
 - 8 Who was the only survivor of the shipwrecked Pequod in the novel Moby Dick? (7)
- Answers on page 12

If you have enjoyed this little Quiz each month why not get together with a few friends and take part in the Saltash Town Quiz in aid of our local Scout Group? Full details can be obtained from Len Maddock on 651885

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www.bmmotorssaltash.co.uk****Essa Files...***Coming to us from Athens...*

After several years writing for the Saltash Observer I am used to doing one column a month, but as I write this month's offering I've just done several dozen columns in one day. That is to say, I have been looking at rather a lot of Greek columns today, since I'm spending half term in Athens.

Athens particularly interests me as a politician and teacher of Politics since it was the birthplace of democracy where up to forty times as a year all of the free male citizens would gather in the public forum and debate and vote on laws and proposals which would then be carved in stone and displayed for everyone to see. 6,000 citizens were needed in order to make a vote valid which struck me as it is, roughly speaking, about the number who vote in Saltash in the average election.

This system was naturally far from perfect: women and slaves were both excluded, and it didn't prevent either some periods of dictatorship or some rather dubious decisions. Socrates for example was imprisoned in a cave (which I visited today) and then executed, essentially for asking too many awkward questions, encouraging young people to do the same, and being a general pain in the backside which, as a teacher and politician, is pretty much

how I spend most of my time.

Equally our modern democracy is far from perfect. It takes up a lot of time, not everybody feels engaged in the process, and we can hardly claim to get every decision right. However, and despite several thousand years of trying, no one has yet managed to invent a better system, and despite its weaknesses democracy is the only way we should think of doing business. Given that, and given that a lot of recorded, history is built on conquest, dictatorship and general unpleasantness it's rather nice to visit the awe inspiring Acropolis, gander at the incredible buildings, carvings and sculptures, and reflect on the fact that democracy did this. Whilst Saltash Town Council isn't planning to build a Parthenon on Fore Street, hopefully we can get most of our decisions right too, and leave a positive legacy for the future.

*Adam Killeya***Station Sale Not Agreed -
Compulsory Purchase Sought**

Negotiations for the Town Council to purchase the dilapidated station building with a view to renovating it as a visitor attraction have broken down.

The Town Council's working group obtained two independent valuations and appointed an external negotiator to deal with the property developer who owns the building and who had confirmed that he was willing in principle to sell.

However after six weeks of negotiation the working group has reported back to the Town Council that the maximum sum they were prepared to offer, based on their own acquired valuations, had been rejected as too low by the owner.

The Mayor stated, and councillors agreed, that since public money was concerned the offer should not be increased. The sum offered, she added, would have provided a substantial investment upon the sum that the owner paid.

The Town Council therefore agreed that Cornwall Council should be asked to proceed with ongoing enforcement action requiring the owner to improve the property, widely regarded as a public eyesore at the rail gateway to Cornwall.

In addition the Town Council is to proceed with investigations as to the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order whereby the owner would be compelled to sell it at a price held to be reasonable. A budget of £5,000 has been set

aside for investigations on this to go ahead.

Town Councillors agreed unanimously to proceed in this way.

**Portable Beacon
Will be Bought**

A portable gas beacon to be used at civic events is to replace the millennium beacon on Waterside.

The new millennium was seen in at Saltash by a crowd of several thousand as the current Mayor, Mrs Mona Tomerzemska-Honeywill, lit up the beacon, the light of which reflected upon the Tamar. Since then it has remained unused and when your Observer reporter asked the Town Council whether it could join the other beacons lit across the country to mark the seventieth anniversary of VE Day it was ascertained that it was no longer fit for purpose.

Accordingly the Town Council has decided to spend up to £500 on a portable gas beacon to be used at civic events and to refurbish the fixed beacon sign up to the maximum value of £300.

A quote had been sought to remove the existing beacon but had not been received, it was agreed therefore to leave it for the present.

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TS Mount Edgcumbe

Originally dubbed the 'Anchorage for Orphans', the Training Ship, Mount Edgcumbe was anchored in the river Tamar, off Saltash from 1877 until Dec 1920. The ship was, originally, H.M.S. Winchester and renamed the Mount Edgcumbe in 1877, when she was used to serve as an Industrial Training Ship for Homeless and Destitute Boys. The training provided by the Mount Edgcumbe, like other training ships was in seamanship, tailoring, shoe making.

The Industrial Schools Act, 1866 allowed any person to bring any child under the age of 14 years before a magistrate. If the child was found to be in need of care and protection, he could be committed to a certified industrial school for as long as was considered necessary, but not beyond the age of sixteen years. The child might be sent to any school on shore (or a training ship) which had space and agreed to take him. The training ships were probably favoured for the more unruly cases as they were run on naval lines and the discipline was considered to be stricter than that at other schools. The register books give the reasons for committal, which include; 'found in the company of known thieves', 'begging and associating with thieves', 'truant', 'beyond control', 'non-attendance at school'. A frequent entry was simply 'found wandering'. In such cases it might be expected that an adverse entry on the character of the parents would be recorded, yet terms such as 'sober' or 'steady' frequently appear. Although children under the age of 12 years charged with a prisonable offence could also be sent to an industrial school, children in such schools had not been convicted.



The intake to Mount Edgcumbe was not restricted to boys belonging to the surrounding district, many boys coming from other parts of the country particularly the London area, (in 1896 out of 68 boys admitted, 51 came from London).

It is interesting to know that although those who lived at Saltash Passage accepted the boys, Saltash residents initially feared, suspected, and shunned them until the owner of the Saltash Gazette, Mr. Dingle, reassured them that the boys were well-behaved. They had to be; they were strictly disciplined.

A boy sent to the Mount Edgcumbe would have found himself drawn into a way of life which was certainly a marked contrast to his previous existence. While his personal needs of food, clothing and shelter were provided, the very full daily routine occupied all his working hours from 5:50am to 8pm at night throughout the year. Of this time about one and a half hours would have been spent at meals, three hours each at 'housekeeping' duties, 'school' and seamanship, etc., and the remainder at recreation. There were numerous other duties which boys took turns at. In winter activities could be restricted by bad weather and there were times when the waters in Saltash Passage were too rough for any of the ship's boats to be operated. Home leave seems to have been rarely granted, although a few boys were allowed home at Christmas. There was however greater opportunity for shore leave



during the summer months, especially for the ships band which was invited to play at local fêtes. Relief from the confines of the ship was also given by the ample experience in small boats which was provided by the Mount Edgcumbe's fleet of craft which included the 107ft brigantine Goshawk.

Many of the boys joining the ship were in poor health, under nourished and underweight, some having to go straight into hospital on arrival in Saltash until they were fit enough to join the ship. Although life on board was tough it was

fair with many of the boys remembering their days on the ship with affection.

The causes of death of the 25 boys buried at St Stephens were mainly common illnesses that could be easily cured today. They included pneumonia, TB, infections from cut and flu. There was no heating for the boys, cloths were often damp. They were always barefoot, with cold and numb hands and feet, quite serious cuts and abrasions would not be felt.

As all water had to be brought from ashore it was a precious commodity. Boys were allowed a bath once every two weeks, the bath water was changed every twentieth boy.

Bruce Hunt Saltash Heritage

Entries Open for Music and Speech Festival

The Saltash Music, Speech and Drama Festival will take place at the Saltash Wesley Church from 23rd January to 4th February 2017. This will be the 27th such festival in Saltash and over the decades it has gained great prestige in the world of performing arts.

As in previous years, the committee are looking forward to an exciting festival, with a wide range of classes, involving all age groups and providing an opportunity for all performers to receive positive feedback from our Professional Adjudicators, Marilynne Davies (Vocal), Edwina Lloyd (Speech) and Elizabeth Childs (Instrumental)

Sessions will be held on most days during the two weeks of the Festival and details of classes, entrance forms and fees can be found in the official syllabus, free of charge, which is available from Saltash Wesley Church and Saltash Library, both in Callington Road, Saltash and also The Bookshelf and Piglets in Saltash, Fore Street, Saltash. The event is open to

everyone who is interested in the arts and it is always advantageous for entrants to perform to a larger audience.

If you are unable to attend but would like to support the festival and become a friend, and annual donation of £10.00 per person, would entitle you to your name in the programme and free entry to the festival daily (not including the Gala Concert).

The Festival will end with a Gala Concert on Saturday 4th February at 7 p.m. showcasing the winners of many of the classes. Entrance to the Gala Concert is £5.00 for adults, Children free.

The committee and those involved look forward to welcoming you to the Festival.

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