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Saltash Pushed the Boat Out for Ann



The racing gig that proudly bears the name Ann Glanville stood alongside the statue of her namesake. The Town band played,

and flags fluttered as townsfolk and Glanville descendants prepared to pay tribute to a renowned former townswoman.

'We are here to remember a truly remarkable woman', pronounced the Mayor Councillor David Yates as he pulled back the Cornish flag to officially 'open' the Ann Glanville talking bench. 'She was one tough lady - one who left a permanent impression on the town'.

Among his audience were around forty descendants and

their family members, of Ann Glanville. Many still live in Saltash, others had come from Liskeard and Honiton, and best wishes had been sent by a descendant in Melbourne, Australia.

The talking bench was first envisaged around four years ago, said Cllr Bob Austin, as one of the town's community interest company's way of encouraging extra footfall into Fore Street. A company in Norfolk had made it and installed the recording of 'Ann' describing the Saltash of her day. The recording can be changed, perhaps to a

seasonal one for Christmas, or to describe the construction of Brunel's bridge during Ann's era.

This is just one of a number of projects aimed to move Saltash forward, added Cllr. Adam Killeya. Others include the weekend free parking, the hanging baskets and the 'Shop Saltash Week' planned to follow the Christmas event on 7th December with free parking, competitions and entertainment, all aimed at developing a vibrant and prosperous town centre.

Memory Walk a True Night to Remember

It was evidently a night to remember, in every sense, for the 365 ladies who set off from Longstone Park on Saltash's first Moonlight Memory Walk.

The four mile walk through the Saltash night and across the Tamar and back was in support of Children's Hospice South West. Walkers were also invited to remember and to celebrate all those 'special people not with us' and as they forgathered colourful candles shone across the darkened path in memory of particular friends and family members. Holly Day of Pirate FM Radio warned up the crowds as they registered, broadcasting live from the park. Then, half an hour before the 10p.m. start a special 'memory ceremony began with the singing of Cornwall Rock Choir, followed by poetry and memories of the two children's hospices, Little Bridge House in North Devon and Little Harbour in South Cornwall. Two ladies who had been attending there since aged nine spoke of the 'inspiring people and amazing friends' they had met with.

'The hospices where children come together are not sad places but are filled with fun and laughter, while being a lifeline for so many families,' the eager walkers were told. Then after a minute's silence, a countdown began and 365 cheerily chatting ladies set off into the Saltash night.

'It was a really moving experience - and I felt that the community really came together', said organiser Hilary Frank the following morning. 'I would really like

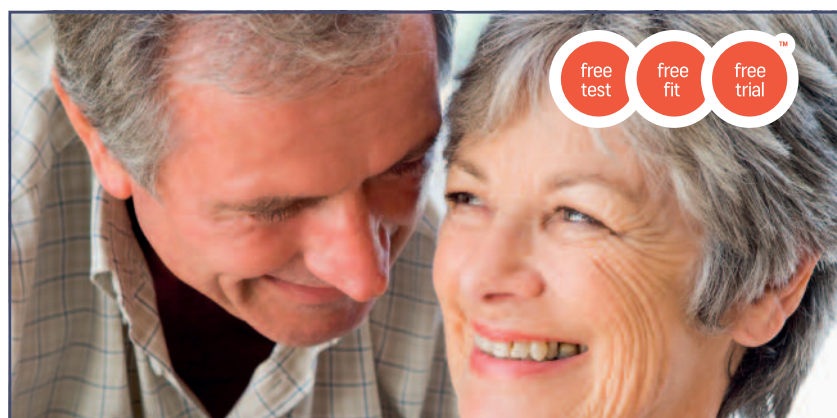


to thank all those ladies who took part, young and old, some in wheelchairs, many with dogs, all up for the challenge. And thanks also to the team of marshals, including Rotary, Lions and Tamar Trotters, who cheerfully encouraged the walkers along and ensured an enjoyable event that went without a hitch.'

The monies raised were still being counted but were believed to be in excess of £30,000.

'I am definitely up to doing it again next year', concluded Hilary

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Residents' Anger at Housing Plans for Green Space

A green space which local residents claim they have paid £23,000 for in order to retain it for the community is now the subject of a planning application for five large houses.

Residents of Dellohay Park expressed their anger at a Saltash Town Council meeting when the application was discussed.

'We have been paying maintenance costs of the open space since 2010 on the understanding that it was to be retained for the benefit of the residents', one local objector stated. 'Planning permission was refused four years ago and there has been no change of circumstance since then'.

The developers came to an agreement with Cornwall Council back in 2007, the residents claimed, that the open space would be retained as a 'Section 106 agreement' whereby a condition of planning permission is that developers give a community asset. There are 26 children in the estate which consists of 47 properties, eleven being flats with no gardens and the homes all having small gardens. The open space is used for 'family fun' including street parties and it attracts wildlife and rare

birds. There are no formal playgrounds in the area, the nearest being at Latchbrook a short distance away via a promised footbridge that has yet to be built - another source of complaint against the developers.

The development plan for luxury four bedroom houses is 'ill thought out' councillors were told, with inadequate parking for the extra cars on the estate accessed by a sharp steep turn used by children on bicycles, scooters and skateboards. They added that a report shows a high concentration of arsenic and nickel on the land, an environmental concern, and that there is a danger of land slippage towards the brook below.

Town Councillors were clearly sympathetic to residents' concerns. They agreed after discussion to defer the matter in order to further investigate any past applications or agreements and to prepare solid grounds for recommending refusal.

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Broad beans are sleeping in a blanket bed... Last month I was lucky enough to be in the congregation when the children at one of our primary schools in Saltash sang this song, very enthusiastically, at their Harvest Festival service. Their joy as they gave thanks made me feel thankful, too: times are tough financially, but my 2 kids have food to eat and they are healthy.

Financial doom and gloom Times are tough financially at Cornwall Council, as well. Central government grant funding has been cut by over a quarter in real terms between 2011 and 2015. By 2019 the Government will have cut our budget by half what it was in 2009. At the same time, central government is introducing fundamental changes to the local government finance system with reforms to business rates and council tax benefits. To complicate matters, we have a rising population of elderly and disabled people needing increasingly more support and complex care. These latest cuts will jeopardise the whole point of what local government does in relation to our services and our communities.

Number crunching Cornwall Council has managed to make £170m of



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For Observer readers

From Councillor Hilary Frank
Saltash South



savings over the last 4 years. Going forward, we still have to find new ways of delivering public services while also maintaining what's best for Cornwall as well as for the people who use our services. It is a grim time to be a councillor. Cornwall councillors, town councillors and the community will need to work together to rise to the challenge and preserve what is important to Saltash. You can have a direct say in this, too. During October an online budget simulator called You Choose will be available on the Cornwall Council website at www.cornwall.gov.uk/budget. Have a go at balancing the budget. Make suggestions about where to spend the budget, how to bring money in and how to save money. All suggestions will be considered, I assure you.

Food, glorious food But I want to finish on an upbeat note and tell you that Cornwall's innovative healthy food programme has been recognised as a national

example of good practice. So we will actually be receiving funding to develop it further! With this new funding Cornwall Council will be expanding its existing programme to work with retailers, growers, caterers, schools and communities to promote healthy food, gourmet food and food tourism, to use local food as an economic driver, to tackle food poverty and to promote food as a medicine. This should in turn help provide jobs and improve wellbeing as we work together to consistently promote local, healthy, affordable food. With the proactive Saltash Environmental Action Group (SEA) growing herbs in Victoria Gardens and vegetables in Fore Street flower beds, with top quality Saltash beekeepers and apple growers, and with the local food markets in the Community Market at 4 Fore Street we have the potential here in Saltash to be able to use this initiative to boost our wellbeing. We plough the fields and scatter...

Publication of Flood Insurance Clauses in the Water Bill Welcomed

Local MP Sheryll Murray has welcomed the news that Conservative Minister, Richard Benyon MP, has published the draft Flood Insurance clauses to the Water Bill. The purpose of these new clauses is to secure availability and affordability of home insurance in areas of high risk.

Crime Falls but School Damage Causes Concern

Crime in the Saltash Police area has fallen by almost half over the previous month, PCSO Tom Cornwell told Saltash Town Council. There were 61 crimes reported as against 109 during the equivalent period the previous year.

There had however been further damage to Brunel School. Anyone seeing children on the premises outside normal school hours was asked to contact Saltash Police.

Among other offences reported was a shoplifting at Lidl's, with an arrest made, and criminal damage at a public house. The latter had been dealt with by 'restorative justice', with the offender agreeing to make good the damage caused. There had also been several arrests made after a mass brawl in Fore Street.

Anti-social behaviour reported in Grassmere Way, Pillmere, had decreased since Police had 'spoken to' one male person in his twenties.

The Thursday Police Surgery in the library was proving popular with up to seven visitors per session.

Following the Summer's successful 'litterpicks' organised by the Police, children aged eight to fourteen were invited to join another in the Summerfields area during the half term holiday with the promise of a visit to the cinema as a treat to follow.

The Government explained, "We are publishing the clauses and accompanying commentary in draft form to inform public debate. The draft clauses reflect our working assumptions at this stage and are subject to further development in light of public consultation and discussion with key stakeholders."

The Government said, "Our aim is to provide the legal framework for new arrangements following the expiry of the current voluntary agreement on flood insurance between Government and the insurance industry. The legal framework aims to establish: a) a levy-funded reinsurance pool for high risk households (known as 'Flood Re'), and b) reserve powers to regulate the insurance industry by requiring insurers to each insure a certain share of a list of high flood risk properties (known as the 'Flood Insurance Obligation'). These fallback powers are needed in case Flood Re proves unworkable and if pricing in a free market proves to be unacceptable. This provision is intended to provide reassurance to households at risk that they will be able to secure affordable flood insurance in future, one way or another."

Sheryll commented, "I have been pushing for a long time to get a workable solution for those in peril of flooding. I have seen right across South East Cornwall the devastation flooding can cause and I am keen the Government acts."

"I welcome the announcement by the Minister Richard Benyon MP and the fact that the Ministers are willing to listen further on this.

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Essa Files

As part of a unit I teach on parenting I do a lesson on 'compromise', looking specifically at parents and teenagers, and it usually gives some interesting insights into the old saying 'a good compromise leaves everybody mad'. I particular remember one students whose idea of a compromise between a parent who wanted him to help with the washing up, and his own feeling that he shouldn't have to, was that the parent should buy a dishwasher.

I had to explain that if you get everything you want then it isn't really a compromise. Similarly I have met one or two councillors in my time (not in Saltash), whose idea of a democratic decision is where everyone votes to agree with them. Neither of these examples are typical but there is perhaps a part of all of us that thinks that compromising or accept the majority decision is mostly what other people should have to do.

These thoughts have been particularly in my head for two reasons this month. Firstly we have been finalising the town council's priority setting process where we decide on our top, high, medium, low and non-priorities going forwards. The critical stage was a town council meeting where we took all the views from the public, young people and councillors and tried to come up with a final list that left everyone more or less equally (un)happy. One or two councillors were particularly unhappy that the council decided not to take over the public toilets from Cornwall Council at this time but equally there were other results that I disagreed with – for example I would personally have liked an event to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of World War One and the 70th anniversary of D-day to be higher than a 'low priority'. Equally I'm very happy that projects to continue to develop the town centre came out as the top priority. That's life, democracy and compromise.

On a similar note I have heard several concerns expressed about the new 'talking bench' – some of which are factually incorrect (it really is a very good likeness of what she looked like, Google her or look at the picture in the

Guildhall if you don't believe me!) and some of which I sympathise with, such as the cost. In fact I voted against the talking bench when it came up, and I would again, but I certainly wouldn't remove it for one simple reason – I made my arguments, I had a fair hearing, and I lost the vote. Others felt that it would provide a talking point, increase footfall and give positive publicity. They won the vote. That's life, democracy and compromise. *Adam Killeya*

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From The Mayor's Parlour...

The Neighbourhood Plan: Planning for the Future.

In my last article I said that I would talk again about the Saltash Neighbourhood Plan later in the year. Now, rather earlier than I expected, I am able to do so because Cornwall Council's Saltash Town Framework Plan Update Document is available and, together with the Cornwall Local Plan Strategic Policies Document, it can be seen via links from the Saltash Town Council website ("paper copies" are also available on request for viewing at the Saltash Guildhall).

The Cornwall Local Plan lays out policies and requirements on a number of subjects.

Those of most interest are the provision of jobs and houses. In the future more jobs will be needed and more homes will have to be built in Cornwall, and in Saltash in particular. The Neighbourhood Plan is designed to ensure that the number, type and location of homes being built meet local requirements and that the appropriate infrastructure and job opportunities are provided at the same time.

As far as Saltash is concerned the key targets and overall strategy are aimed at "strengthening the role of Saltash as a gateway to Cornwall through economic growth along the A38" and "supporting town

centres, housing renewal and regeneration".

Overall the targets for Cornwall between now and 2030 are for an increase in jobs of over 50,000 and for an extra 42,500 homes to be built. For Saltash the figures are for about 500 jobs and 750 houses, although as over 160 houses have already been completed or have planning permission the future build requirement is only between 550 and 600.

The overall requirement for Saltash is that 40% of these new homes should be affordable.

Of these affordable homes 70% should be owned and/or managed by affordable housing providers and 30% provided for rent or sale.

The Neighbourhood Plan has to look at both the interests of existing residents and those of our children and grandchildren. While there is an understandable wish to protect the green spaces and landscape we have now this should not be at the expense of those who will come after us.

The key to producing a successful Neighbourhood Plan is consultation with the public.

Please look at the information provided in the Town Council Website. We will shortly be setting up a number of public workshop events to gather information on what the priorities are for Saltash in the future and the results of these workshops will help to determine the content of the Neighbourhood Plan. This will be refined by further public consultation before the proposed plan is reviewed by an independent examiner and then subjected to a public referendum.

Please take part in these consultations as your views can help direct the future development of our town.

Cllr David Yates Mayor Of Saltash

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Macmillan Coffee Morning...



Once again, a handful of saltash.net staff spent a Thursday night putting to good use their culinary skills in preparation for the World's biggest Coffee Morning on Friday 27th September which raised funds for Macmillan Cancer Care.

A selection of Cakes and Biscuits were sold to students and staff at breaktime raising a massive £125.61 in just 20 minutes!

The Ploughboy Raise £350 for Macmillan

A Macmillan Coffee Morning organised to take place at the Ploughboy on Friday 27th September was a great success. Lots of generous people came and donated cakes, there were so many choices, to name a few, carrot cake, chocolate fudge cake, rocky road, coconut loaf, chocolate brownies, biscuits, red velvet cupcakes, muffins and more!!!

Mike & Joan supplied the tea and coffee with all of the money going to charity plus they also gave a generous donation. A total of £350 was raised! Totally chuffed!

Extra Parking Proposed for Toilet Site

The former toilets at the top of Belle Vue West car park should be converted to extra parking space following demolition, Town Councillors agreed. There was however a debate as to whether they should be made public or leased to the owners of adjacent flats for residents' use.

The intention is for the disabled toilet to be expanded for general use. The owners of the Brunel Heights flats next to the car park have expressed an interest in acquiring them for tenants who currently have to park on the street or pay for public car parks.

After some discussion the majority of Town Councillors favoured the extra spaces being added to the town's public parking facilities.

Meanwhile Saltash Town Council is now ready to take over management of the Waterside conveniences following modification by Cornwall Council to bring them up to the required standard.

Have Fun & Stay Safe this Halloween!

Saltash neighbourhood team will be out in the next few weeks with some leaflets and posters which will give children simple steps to keeping safe this Halloween. Posters will be displayed in local shops and leaflets given to Primary Schools to place into children's book bags.

Police are encouraging parents to talk to their children about having fun safely and sensibly but also in a responsible manner.

We wish you all a happy and safe Halloween.

For more information please contact PCSO Kirsty Down 30557 of Saltash Neighbourhood team on 101

Town Councillors to Issue Food Bank Vouchers

Saltash Town Councillors will join those who are qualified to issue vouchers from food for those in need.

This follows the announcement that staff in Cornwall's One Stop Shop at the library are withdrawing from the scheme. 'It involves a straightforward judgement, listening to a claimant's story and acting upon it'. Councillors were told. They were warned, 'clients are often embarrassed, often hungry and on occasions quite angry'. Dealing with applications involves occasionally, not often, saying 'No'.

As described elsewhere is your 'Observer' claimants can exchange a voucher for food supplies to help the individual, or the family, over a three day period.

The Mayor agreed to organise a system whereby Town Councillors would be available to participate in the scheme

Police Notice

Two concrete Urns complete with Bonsai Trees were stolen from an address in Higher Port View, Saltash. This occurred between 1900 on 25/09/2013 and 0900 on 26/09/2013. Due to the size and weight of the urns, they would have required a vehicle to take them away. Both bases were left however. The urns are estimated by the owner to be worth £200 for the pair. Should anyone have any information please call in on 101 quoting crime reference BS/13/852.



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Timebanking lets someone exchange an hour of their time for an hour of someone else's. All time is equal so an hour of babysitting would be as valuable as an hour of gardening or an hour of decorating. The time given is 'banked', to be exchanged when you need a little bit of help from someone else. No money is involved; it is based on the principle of 'reciprocity', the idea of doing a favour for a favour and being credited with the time taken.

The exchange system is being managed by a 'time broker', who keeps a record of hours given and received and encourages members to share their skills.

Community Hub Volunteer Lynda Burden, who has been involved with setting up the Saltash scheme, said "It's a good way of meeting new people whilst providing a service that benefits the wider community, and perhaps a fantastic way of swapping what you like doing for what you hate doing! Timebanks place value on neighbourhood action; there are so many positive benefits to the scheme it should be a real asset to the whole community of Saltash."

Saltash Timebank is the latest initiative from the Saltash Gateway Community Interest Company (CIC), which also runs the Saltash Card, Hopper Bus,

Community Market and Hub.

There are over 250 timebanks across England - there are already five in Plymouth and seven in Cornwall. All are part of Timebanking UK, which provides online support and services. The Saltash Timebank is hoping it will achieve the success of others across the country.

Anyone who would like to know more can contact the Hub at the Community Market at 'For Saltash' 4 Fore Street, Tel 01752 843848 or info@forsaltash.co.uk

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SALTASH TOWN BAND



At their recent meeting Saltash Town Band were delighted to accept numerous offers to perform at various events in 2013 and 2014

The Band gladly accepted numerous engagements to perform in Saltash Fore Street from the Sue Hooper Charitable Foundation - Saturdays October 5th, 19th and November 16th, and 23rd -

the band will be playing between 10.00 am and 12.00 pm.

In addition the Band will be playing at the town's Festival of Remembrance on October 26th at the Saltash Wesley Methodist Church.

December engagements again include playing in Saltash Fore Street - December 1st, 7th, 8th, 14th, 15th and 21st

Both the adult Band and the Junior Band are going from strength to strength and continue to be very busy playing for local events and bringing much joy to their listeners.

Both bands are currently working hard rehearsing for the South West Brass Band Championships - and are delighted to be in the confident position to enter competitions again under the batons of their accomplished musical directors Chris Spreadbury (junior band) and Marcus Alleyne.

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Conundrum Corner

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

- 1 The remnants of which ancient forest lies between the Lee and Roding Rivers in Essex? (6)
- 2 In the TV comedy series Porridge what was the Christian name of Fletcher's regular cellmate, Godber? (6)
- 3 How many semi-quavers are there in a semibreve? (7)
- 4 Which is the smallest of the North American Great Lakes? (7)
- 5 In the Raymond Briggs story The Snowman what is the name of the little boy the Snowman takes to Santa Claus's party? (4)
- 6 Where was the highwayman Dick Turpin hanged in 1739? (4)
- 7 What name is given to an Alpine Primrose with leaves shaped like a Bear's ears? (8)
- 8 Which fruit, discovered in the 1800s, is believed to be a Raspberry/Blackberry hybrid? (10)
- 9 Which fictional creature is featured on the cover of a UK passport? (7)

Answers on Page 7

Babywearing Resource Opens in Saltash

A new baby sling library, Upfront Saltash Babywearing, has been launched at Saltash Children's Centre. Local Cornwall Councillor Hilary Frank cut the ribbon at the opening event watched by local Mums, Dads and volunteers. The group aims to help promote the use of slings and baby carriers, and offer parents guidance on the wide range of carriers on the market.

Leila Caunter, one of the lead babywearing peer supporters said, "Wearing your baby is one of the loveliest ways of having your baby close. It's also great from a practical point of view to have your baby near you and have your hands free! Parents can come and try out a variety of slings and gain a better idea of which ones best suit their needs."

Naomi Hale, fellow lead on the group added, "A baby sling is a great accessory at any age from baby to toddler but can be especially useful for parents with pre-term babies where keeping them close is especially important."

The group, an offshoot of the not-for-profit Upfront Breastfeeding Support Group at Saltash Children's Centre, was set up using funding secured through the Waitrose Community Matters project which supported the group in March this year.



Hilary Frank, Cornwall Councillor declares the Upfront Saltash Babywearing group open with Amanda Smith, Children's Centre representative, volunteers and supporters.

Four peer supporters from Upfront Saltash and Up Front Callington are now trained to advise on all aspects of babywearing, with plans to be able to hire out slings and carriers in the near future.

Hilary Frank, Cornwall Councillor said, "It was great to be here today to help launch this group. Raising children is a costly business so having this kind of resource available to help parents make the right purchase will prove invaluable to the families in Saltash and the surrounding area. It's clear the volunteers are very enthusiastic and passionate and have worked really hard to bring the new group to fruition. I wish them all the best of luck with their new endeavour."

The next sling library will be on Thursday 31st October instead of the Wednesday and will run fortnightly on Thursdays from then on at the Children's Centre in Saltash from 10 to 12pm, and all are

welcome to attend. For further information, please contact Saltash Children's Centre on 01752

847419 or contact the group via the Upfront Saltash Babywearing page on Facebook.

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Shoppers Asked to Aid Saltash Families in Crisis

Shoppers busily filling their baskets or trolleys have been asked to help local people in crisis by adding an item or two in order to support Saltash Foodbank.

Already over eight hundred local people, of whom over a third were children, have been aided since the foodbank started issuing food parcels in March 2012. It was started by Saltash Churches Together, with help from the Trussell Trust, when local need became increasingly apparent. One recipient recently commented "the foodbank is a God send", adding "we would have been so stuck as have no support around".

The Saltash Foodbank serves town and country within the PL12 area. Those in financial crisis can make contact through the CAB, Children's Centre, Job Centre, Health Centre or other local agencies which can issue a voucher. This voucher entitles the individual or family to three days of balanced healthy diet. Only three vouchers per crisis are permitted.

With Christmas fast

approaching organisers are especially anxious to build up reserves of healthy and substantial food and hot drinks. Donations are welcome through the drop in centre at Saltash Wesley Methodist Church which is open each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2p.m. to 4p.m.

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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.

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Bliss Beauty Fundraising Evening Helped Toddler with Unique Disorder



A young local lad with a unique medical condition, the results of which cannot be diagnosed, has been aided by a charity evening at 'Bliss Beauty'.

Beautician Paula threw her premises open to benefit two year old Zack, son of her friend Hannah Witts. A goodly crowd flocked to support her at her Top of the Town beauty parlour, and to enjoy a wine and buffet supper. Male guests were 'invited' to participate in a leg wax, their 'friends' paying to the charity for the privilege of stripping off the wax.

Zack has a duplication of genes on chromosome 8 and deletion of genes on chromosome 8, being the only known child with this rearrangement. Since

doctors do not yet know what every gene is responsible for, they cannot be sure of long term effects. Zack does have global development delay and severe learning difficulties and the fund raising is intended to make life easier for him and help research into his condition.

An astounding £1,600 was raised that evening with money still coming in and encouraged by this success Paula is now considering a fund-raising sky dive for next year. She wishes to thank all who came to support the event and especially Zack's Aunt Georgia Witts and her fiancé Adam Keith for organising it. A collection is continuing in 'Bliss Beauty'.

Cleaning Ann's Headstone

The arrival of the Anne Glanville talking bench in Fore Street has created increased interest in this renowned Saltash oarswoman.

As a result significant numbers of visitors have been visiting St. Stephens' churchyard to see her grave. The town's burial board has agreed to clean it of algae so that it is once again legible.

The board also noted that work had been completed on the Saltash Fire Fighters' memorial, dedicated to the Saltash men who lost their lives during the Plymouth blitz.

A plaque is also to be placed in the adjacent 'murderer's plot' to mark the resting place of a murderer who cut his own throat following his crime in the Saltash Waterside of 1915.

Crohn's and Colitis UK at the Ploughboy

The local branch of the charity Crohn's and Colitis UK (East Cornwall, West Devon group) held a Quiz at the Ploughboy on Wednesday evening last week. An enjoyable and entertaining evening was enjoyed by all, with the quiz winners - The Ravishing Raspberries- taking home prizes of wine and chocolates to continue their celebrations. The losers, who shall not be named, received a healthier but no less appetising bunch of bananas.

The evening raised over £200 to aid research into, and support for sufferers of, these debilitating diseases, hence the group would like to praise and say thank you for the generosity shown by Mike, landlord of the Ploughboy, who allowed the group to use the venue for the event and provided excellent refreshments in the interval.



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Football Fanatic



saltash.net student, Kirsten Procter, has been involved in the FA Football Future Mentor scheme (for ages 14-24) since the start of the year (January 2013) and has fully immersed herself in accumulating hours in the local community within football all in her own time. She has now achieved over 75 hours and has been awarded certificates for the milestones she has achieved. Mrs Gue, teacher of PE, said 'Kirsten has clearly laid great foundations for a future in coaching/teaching and is only at the start of this exciting journey. We are all very proud of her.'

Netball Selection



Budding netball player Emily Lambert of saltash.net community school has been selected to join the 2013/14 West Devon Netball Satellite Squad. This is a great achievement and should stand Emily in good stead to become a full county player.

SHERYLL MURRAY MP WRITES...



When we return to Parliament after the conference recess, we will be discussing the Privatisation of Royal Mail.

Many concerns have been raised with me about this move and I felt it would be appropriate to reassure my constituents about some of them.

Some people have raised the matter of increased costs. Royal Mail's stamp prices for the universal postal service will continue to be regulated by Ofcom which has a duty to ensure that they remain affordable. The prices of Royal Mail's non regulated services will be subject to competitive pressures.

There were also concerns about reduced Services in Rural Areas. Regardless of ownership, Royal Mail will still be the UK's designated universal service provider and will continue to provide deliveries to all UK addresses - rural and urban - on a 6 days a week basis. Royal Mail will remain regulated by Ofcom and will have to comply with quality of service targets set by the regulator.

People have expressed concerns about the perceived impact on elderly and socially isolated people. Regardless of ownership, Royal Mail will be the provider of the universal postal service. That service is protected in primary legislation - the Postal Services Act 2011 and the Government has no

intention of downgrading it. Six days per week delivery and collection at uniform and affordable prices are requirements protected in legislation. In fact, the Postal Services Act 2011 makes it harder for the level of the universal service to be downgraded: only Parliament can change it. I will continue to monitor this and fight to ensure that we maintain a universal service.

Furthermore this government was the first to make services for the blind one of the minimum requirements of the universal postal service. We did this in the Postal Services Act 2011 because of the importance we attached to these services. Only Parliament can decide to downgrade these minimum requirements.

There have also been concerns raised about the loss of the freepost service for British forces personnel. I can assure you Freepost to the armed forces does not depend on Royal Mail remaining in public ownership. These free services are available to service men and women who are undertaking operations such as those in Afghanistan. The Ministry of Defence fully reimburses Royal Mail for provision of these services.

Finally, Royal Mail is required to meet service standards which are set by Ofcom. This will still be the case whether Royal Mail is owned by the government or privately.

I hope this clarifies some of the matters. If anyone has any other concerns they wish to raise with me, please email: sheryll@murray.com and I will try to provide the answers. Where I do not have the immediate answers, I will obtain them from the Minister.

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Community Spirit Ate my Goal!

The one thing you can be sure of when you discuss politics, is that the talk will inevitably turn to education.

Everyone has a view on it, "Drizzle cake" Drewery and and of course, experience of it. Recently I was speaking to a mother about her fifteen year old daughter, the changes to GCSE's and the rise in the school leaving age. It has meant yet more change for our schools and colleges as well as the ever shifting sands in funding and regulations.

Not that such changes are necessarily bad, speaking to the Head Teacher and the Chairman of Governors of Saltash Community School they told me about the real difference the pupil premium has been having on the school and how they have used some of that money to provide a breakfast club which has made a real impact on improving concentration and commitment to morning subjects.

I suspect also the quality of the teaching has also something to do with it, but it is nice to know that politicians can get it right sometimes!

But for me a critical part of a good education is leading by example. Which is why I was so very pleased to be able to join the school as they raised funds in their annual football match between teachers and parents called "Eat my Goal".

The teachers had entered into the spirit of the event by calling themselves suitable nick names such as Mr

"Drizzle cake" Drewery and Adam "the cat" Killeya (I think that was because he liked to have a nap in goal every so often!). Other teachers and parents provided commentary and sold pasties and hotdogs. The children had a great time and there was a real community spirit about the place.

But one thing struck me beyond everything else, was who the kids cheered for in the match.

You might expect it would be for the parents, who normally beat the teachers and provide the pupils with an opportunity to see the dreaded maths teacher fall flat on his face in a pool of mud.

But you would be wrong, the overwhelming support, was for the teachers, every good pass was clapped, every shot at goal was cheered enthusiastically, and every goal (the teachers won 3 - 1) was marked by the kids jumping and shouting for joy.

Saltash Community School clearly does what it says on the tin and it was a pleasure to spend an evening in that community. Just not sure about how one goes about consuming goals though, surely that would lead to indigestion..... *Phil Hutty Lib Dem Prospective Parliamentary Candidate*

Record Breaking Results for Gig Club



Caradon gig club are celebrating record breaking results this month when the club managed to qualify three crews to row in the final of the mens county championships at Newquay – a feat that has never been achieved before. The competition was split over two weekends when poor weather led to the cancellation of the second day on the 15th September. On the first weekend the club fielded a huge 5 crews, including an 'E' crew of junior rowers, all aged 16 or under. This crew had a strong race in the first round in tough conditions, finishing 4th in their heat – placing them at 51st place out of 90 crews.

The 'D' crew, made up predominantly of veterans, with one junior rower finished in 44th place – narrowly missing qualification to the second round. Following an incident which led to the capsizing of a gig on the first buoy turn and poor weather forecast for the second day – the decision was made to

postpone the remainder of the competition a fortnight. This led to several crews losing team members due to other commitments but Caradon were fortunate to only lose one rower, with junior Hayden Fraser stepping up in to the C crew. All three crews had strong races in the quarter and semi finals to qualify for the final 6. This is a huge achievement for the club – showing great depth of their mens squad. Caradon 'A' pushed their rivals Falmouth all the way round the two laps of the course, with skilful buoy turns from coxswain Naomi Kent helping to keep the men in contention. The final soon became a two horse race with eventual winners Falmouth having to work extremely hard to keep Caradon behind them. The 'B' crew put in a great performance to finish in fourth place behind Newquay mens A crew, with Mounts Bay in fifth. The B crew contained 5 of the mens veterans, who had won the world championships earlier in the season, along with junior Luke Thomas – rowing in his

first mens championships. The 'C' crew, including two rowers under the age of 18, finished the race in 6th place, exceeding all expectations prior to the event. This set of results shows the potential for the future with many young rowers experiencing their first taste of a mens championships final.

Ladies Squad

This great set of results adds to the success of the ladies squad earlier in the month – with the club fielding three crews in the equivalent ladies championships. The weekend in early September saw very rough seas on the first day making for difficult conditions for the crews. The ladies C crew finished in 50th place after taking on the choppy conditions in the first round, narrowly missing out on a space in the second round. The ladies B crew finished in 23rd place with a relatively new crew who had spent limited time training together. The ladies A crew equalled their result from the world championships, finishing in third place in the ladies final

race after a consistent regatta season which never saw them out of the top three.

Junior Section

The junior section also did the club proud in 2013, with the under 16 'A' crew being crowned champions back in August, the 'B' crew finishing 5th and the under 14 crew finishing in a brilliant 4th place at their event on Hayle pool. Caradon also took 4 out of the possible trophies in the 'Tribute series', winning the ladies A and B, Mens B and junior championships, with the mens A finishing in 2nd place. This means that the club have won the overall series this year, which will be presented at the Cornish Pilot Gig Association dinner in November. The club will now take a break for October, with boat maintenance on the agenda before getting back in to training for the 2014 season this winter.

Conundrum answers...

Answers: 1 Epping 2 Lennie
3 Sixteen 4 Ontario 5 James
6 York 7 Auricular 8
Loganberry 9 Unicorn Nine-
letter word: Jealously

Saltash Old Cornwall Society Follow in Saintry Footsteps

For their first meeting of their new season Saltash Old Cornwall Society members were taken, through an illustrated talk, on a pilgrimage which was followed through Cornwall from over a millennium ago and still practiced since its rous te has been recently revived.

The Saints Way from Padstow to Fowey, a popular cross-Cornwall footpath, is but a small section of one of many routes which led the faithful from all over Europe to the tomb of St. James, John's brother, at Santiago de Compostella, explained Lynn Goold. The many routes lead to one end much as do the marks on a scallop shell, as born by pilgrims through the centuries as a badge of office.

Saltash, and more especially Landulph, were also once busy ports of embarkation for pilgrims to Mont St. Michel, Bordeaux or Vigo, intent then on walking to Santiago on the far north-west corner of Spain. However most, including those from Ireland who crossed Cornwall to avoid the treacherous seas of Lands End, sailed from Fowey. Here they would await a ship. Ms Goold described and illustrated the stripping and restoration of an ancient house in that town that proved to be a medieval pilgrim's rest home.

While no longer garbed in cloak and tall hat, bearing gourd, staff and scallop shell many pilgrims continue to follow the ancient route.

The next meeting will include a talk by Miss Ursula Davey on 'The Romans in Cornwall'. It will be in St. Nicholas Church Rooms on Monday 28th October at 7.15 p.m. and guests are welcome.

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SALTASH PROBUS CLUB

After a recent meeting many of our members went over to the Celtic Cross where photographs were taken before the group adjourned to The Ploughboy for lunch. Regretably this also marked the departure of our ex-treasurer John Parsons (second right) who has moved with his wife Pamela to York. John, who was also Chairman of Saltash Heritage, gave a farewell talk at the meeting about aspects of his career in medical physics.

The Club has had an active programme over the last six months including an impressive guided tour of the

Princess Yachts premises in Stonehouse where members saw luxury yachts at different stages of production. We enjoy regular lunches, outings and theatre visits, often inviting ladies and guests and next month plan to visit the Classic Aircraft Museum at St Mawgan.

At our regular meetings at 10am on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at Saltash Guildhall, we have had some very interesting talks including Pamela McGill on "Westcountry Curiosities", George Beeson on "The History of the Post Office", and local registrar David Dunn gave a talk titled "I marry a different woman every week." More recently Councillor Derek Holley updated us on the Saltash Local Plan, Tim Bliss spoke

about his charity work educating children in Ethiopia and member Chris Manning told us of some of his experiences in aviation.

Saltash Probos Club, founded in October 1991, is one of a nationwide chain of clubs for retired professional men or businessmen originally founded by former Rotarians. The Club has over 30 active members but would welcome a few more. Interested persons who would be suitable for election to membership should contact the Secretary, Bruce Crowhurst (Tel. 01752 846835 or Email bruce.crowhurst@talktalk.net

Also we are always looking for new speakers and would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to give a suitable talk.

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Saltash Ladies Choir Sung for Hospital

The League of Friends continues to celebrate fifty years of their support for our well loved St. Barnabas Hospital with events each month of their anniversary year.

A concert in St. Nicholas Church proved a highly enjoyable evening with the Saltash Ladies Choir, performing a wide programme of songs sacred and otherwise. 'Sing' as written for the Queen's diamond jubilee and performed recently by the Ladies Choir together with the Essex Police Choir received its Saltash debut. Other songs ranged from the shows including 'Sister Act' and 'Jesus Christ Superstar' to John Rutter's 'The Lord Bless and Keep You' and Strauss 'Nuns Chorus'.

Musical Director Linda Eastlake also sung two solos including 'Climb Every Mountain' and she introduced choir member Gwyneth Cummings whose fine soprano voice was perfect for an Ivor Novello song and the traditional 'He walks through the fair' sung unaccompanied. By contracts choir member Marion Ellis raised laughter with two recitals of poems by Richard Stilgo, highly suitable for a concert in a church in aid of a hospital, on the themes of church flower arranging and hip replacements.

An arrangement of 'Swing Low' and 'When the Saints' for full choir and full audience resounded from the roof of the ancient church and added to the pleasure of a highly successful concert.

Victorian Voice Speaks of Saltash Past for Passing Shoppers

A long gone resident of Saltash has returned to the town and is attracting much interest as she tells tales of the town in her era, a century and a half ago. Renowned Saltash oarswoman Anne Glanville who rowed market produce down the Tamar to Devonport, gained fame as her team of lady rowers travelled throughout the country and to France, to compete in races, being unbeaten by any other ladies and seldom by men. She met many of the era's notables including it was said, Queen Victoria.

Now her effigy sits in Fore Street and Anne is once more a pioneer, being it is believed, the only inhabitant of such a 'talking bench' in Britain. At the press of a button she will describe in broad Cornish the Saltash of her era and something of her own life. The speech was prepared by Saltash Heritage.

The statue of hard fibre glass cost around £10,000, this sum being provided by local developers as 'Section 106' money, it being a condition of planning permission that they put funding towards promoting the town centre.

The talking bench, it is hoped, will create an extra attraction for the town centre, and help promote tourism. As well as entertain it will be passing the history of Saltash to both young and old alike for generations to come, and it presents a good photo scene.

'Since Anne Glanville has been back, and especially since the extensive television and radio publicity that she received plenty of people have been coming into the town who would not otherwise do so', County

Councillor Bob Austin, who promoted the talking bench, told us. 'I am aware of people who have come from outside the town to see and hear her and who have gone on to spend money in our local shops. This is achieving the object, attracting people to the town and it is what Section 106 money is all about.'

So far there has usually been a gathering around enjoying listening to Anne's proper Cornish reminiscences. Adults mostly seem to enjoy her and children love her, though some have admitted to finding her 'scary'. A local taxi driver has confirmed that while driving up Fore Street late at night the lonely figure

looks somewhat ghostly. Does she, we wonder, when Fore Street is deserted, wander down to Waterside and wonder at the changes thereabouts since her Victorian heyday?

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Saltash Leisure Centre

October Half Term

Activities 2013

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

Wed 30th October Ghosts and Ghouls Art Attack

4-7 yrs £4 1pm - 3pm

Come along and get messy creating Halloween themed goodies to take home using lots of recycled materials.



Thurs 31st October Halloween Spooktacular Party

4-7 yrs £4 1pm - 3pm

An afternoon of frightful fun! Come along in your best fancy dress for scary stories, games and more!

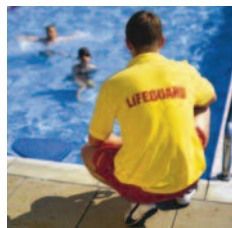
Please bring a drink.

Friday 1st November Wet n Wild

All Ages £3.50 10am - 12 noon

Body boards, balls, super soakers and great music make this session great fun for all ages.

Please note that all children under eight years must be accompanied by an adult and under fours will still be charged the full price due to a restriction on numbers in the pool.



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