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New Roundabout at Carkeel Completion Date Brought Forward

The original completion date for the new roundabout at Carkeel was April 2018. As work progressed, that date was brought forward to December 2017. Drivers will have noticed that the new traffic signals at the roundabout were turned on in the beginning of October, and Cornwall Council has now announced that the scheme will be completed by the end of October. The Carkeel roundabout improvement scheme has been led by Cornwall Council, designed and built by CORMAC, which is a company wholly owned by Cornwall Council, and supervised by the construction design company Currie and Brown. Costing £6.135 million, the scheme is designed to support the economic regeneration of Saltash as the town increases in size.

Councillor Geoff Brown, Cornwall Council's Cabinet Member for Transport, paid tribute to the organisations involved for completing the work ahead of schedule and with minimal disruption, saying: "CORMAC worked extremely hard in Coverack to repair the flood damage and ensure the roads could be re-opened earlier than originally anticipated, and now the Carkeel improvement works are being completed ahead of schedule. CORMAC is building an impressive track record."

All parties are pleased with the way work has progressed, with Jeremy Edwards, Highway Management officer for Cornwall Council, saving: "Thanks are due to CORMAC and the site team for their collaborative working with the community."

The state-of-the art traffic lights are linked to an array of sensors that will intelligently route traffic. It may take a while for the sensors to learn the patterns, and towards the end of October night-time lane closures will be in place to allow anti-skid treatment to be laid, but very soon Saltash will have a roundabout that will provide better access and improved journey times for residents and visitors.



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altash is now doing its bit to reduce the plastic waste that is increasingly polluting our land and in particular our oceans. Around 7.7 billion single use plastic water bottles per year are used by adults in Great Britain but 65% of users surveyed confirmed that they would be happy to use tap water refills if they were freely available.

Now Saltash Environmental Action (SEA) have brought the town into a nationwide practical tap water campaign known as ReFILL. Over a thousand businesses in Britain, largely cafes and hotels are welcoming all to refill water bottles for free and with no requirement to make a purchase.

Mayor Councillor Mrs. Jean Dent was invited by SEA to the launch of ReFILL Saltash. 'I am proud that SEA has brought this national initiative to our town, she announced in Fore Street on a Saturday morning, before joining a group of SEA supporters to the fine local businesses that are piloting the scheme in the town. They can be identified here, as elsewhere, by a blue sticker in their windows. Mrs. Dent placed stickers in the windows of Oggy Oggy, Petit Pain, Jennifer's, Caffe Corradi and No 4 Fore Street. Other businesses are welcome to join. Participating businesses can

by also be identified downloading Google and searching the ReFILL app.

Supermarket '106' **Monies Available**

There is £48,000 for the Town Council to spend on town

centre improvements before June 2019, this money having been given by Waitrose supermarket, the money was made available under a 'Section 106 Agreement' whereby a developer, as a condition of planning permission, has to give funding for the enhancement of the locality - in this case it is for the town centre area which includes from Victoria Gardens to the Waterside.

Other monies from Lidl's under a similar section 106 agreement which have been allocated to three local schemes has not been spent or has been under spent and must be sorted out by next January 2018, the council was told.

This includes money allocated to 'pop up shops' in the town. Of £7,975 only £1,000 has been spent to date and the council needs to know if the balance is still required or can go back into the public purse.

The station purchase and renovation still has £65,000 unspent but it was confirmed that this is committed and will be spent within the time line.

Other monev was allocated to a 'virtual war memorial' intended to include online details of all Saltash's war dead.

The genealogist who was to be appointed to oversee this has pulled out and the council agreed that the project could not now go ahead and the money should go back into the pot.

Any future plan for a virtual war memorial would have to start with new funding.

There were three other projects seeking funding from the restored Section 106 monies and these would be considered in due course by the town's Section 106 committee.





The Kalan Gwav Festival on Saturday 4th November on Warfelton Green celebrates apples and our Celtic heritage.

Kalan Gwav

A stunning 29-page booklet telling the stories behind Kalan Gwav will go on sale in The Bookshelf, Saltash, in October. Featuring winning recipes from the Apple Bake Off, it is brimming over with images and community stories. All proceeds from the sale will be directly invested in to organising the Festival, so your purchase will help the volunteers fund this community event. Go and buy your copy now.



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Peter Ryland Chamber Chairman – Keeping us Updated...

Bray no Chairman may no longer be the of the Chamber. This article is being written before the AGM on the 2nd October. I have now been the Chairman for the last 2 years and in the 60 + year history of the Chamber it has been normal for, on average, Chairmen to remain in office for 2 years but the previous, Bill Cotton, managed 15 years. I will be offering my resignation but would be willing to carry on if there are no other nominations

If I am re-elected I look forward to an exciting year for business both on a local and national level. Locally, we will be running the Car Park Refund Scheme and organising the Christmas Festival on the 2nd December. For the latter we are still looking for participants to take stalls and provide activities that will make the festival as good as possible.

On a national level, the Chamber is an affiliate of those in the offering is Jacky

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the time you read this I Cornwall Chamber and Devon Chamber, this means we are kept in touch with matters affecting the national economy and can relate these to the local economy. Obviously Brexit is an important issue at the moment but other macro-economic issues, such as exchange rates and political instability can have outcomes which filter down to have local/micro-economic effects.

Further to my article last month, the planning application has now been submitted for the site at Carkeel roundabout. The good news for Saltash is that 150+ iobs will be created and the Chamber is in discussion with the developers to ensure that town centre traders do not suffer from the development and also that the development does not cause traffic chaos

At our Chamber meeting in September we welcomed three new members and have another couple of prospective new members in the offering. One of

Swain of CEG, developers for Broadmoor Farm who gave the members present a small insight into the proposals by explaining the outline role or negotiations to date with Cornwall Council. It is hoped that a formal presentation will be made in due course when all members, and the business community in general, will be able to attend. I have also been looking at the

Draft Neighbourhood Plan for Saltash and there are some interesting facts therein. The main one that strikes me is that according to the survey done for the plan 84% of Saltash people are satisfied with their local area as against the national figure of 79%. This gives me encouragement that decisions made by councils in the past have been worthwhile. But we also have 21.7% of the population who are 65+ and this is about 25% greater than the national average. Saltash is, obviously, a good place to retire. However, the plan also shows

that, at 5%, we have a higher percentage of unemployed 16-24 vear olds than the South West. So we do need to provide more jobs in Saltash or ensure that we make opportunities available for people to get qualifications that enable them to gain employment. When you have the time take a look at the Neighbourhood Plan as its proposals are those that will affect Saltash into the foreseeable future. Finally, YOUNGSTERS, don't the PUMPKIN forget CARVING competition. Get your parents to buy a pumpkin at the Community Market for you to carve and take back to the market for judging. There is a prize for the best carved pumpkin.

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Cornwall Update - with a difference...

Cllr Hilary Frank shares her perspective on the workings of Cornwall Council...

We asked...

You are one of the 4 councillors representing Saltash on Cornwall Council, but you are also Vice Chair of Cornwall Council. How did that happen?

Well, including the 4 councillors from Saltash there are 123 councillors on Cornwall Council. Our first meeting after the recent local elections was the Annual General Meeting in May. At that meeting, a councillor from Penryn, called Mary May, was nominated as Chair and I was nominated as Vice Chair. All the councillors voted... and Mary and I were both elected unanimously. It's a massive honour - a bit like being Deputy Mayor of Cornwall

Oh. So does that mean you spend a lot of time in

County Hall in Truro? Not in my role as Vice Chair, actually! The Chair and Vice Chair are civic, ceremonial heads, you see. We preside over the meetings of Full Council to make sure that business is carried out efficiently and fairly, but a lot of our time is spent attending events, representing the Council in a non-political role.

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I've just attended the opening of the Tate Gallery in St. Ives, for example. And at the invitation of the Lord Lieutenant I'll be attending the Trafalgar Service in Penzance. Closer to Saltash, I attended the Civic Service of Torpoint - which was a very special occasion. But the occasions I've enjoyed most are when I've been able to meet with young people in Saltash. Last month, I was with the medal winners at Junkyard Skatepark, and this month I was with the youngsters at the Fun Run at Saltmill. So if the Chair and Vice

Chair are ceremonial roles, who makes the policy decisions?

That's the Leader and his Cabinet. At that same Annual General Meeting back in May, the councillors elected a fellow councillor called Adam Paynter, from Launceston, as Leader. Perhaps the best way to describe it is to say that Adam has similar duties to a Prime Minister, and Marv and I have similar duties to the royal family! At the AGM, the councillors also elected a Deputy Leader. Then the Leader and Deputy Leader chose 8 other councillors to form a Cabinet. Each Cabinet Member takes on a 'portfolio'

of work. Sally Hawken, for example, is the councillor for Liskeard East, but she has taken on extra responsibilities as the Portfoloio Holder for Children and Wellbeing.

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more people represented by

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deficit'. If the proposal to

reduce council size goes

ahead, then it's likely the

Saltash will be cut from 4 to

3. They may well be asked to

cover some parishes outside

Saltash, too. That'll mean

councillors. Cornwall already

has fewer councillors per

residents than many other

areas of the country. Any

reduction in number will

make that situation even

worse. Plus: I passionately

believe that for any council to

be representative of the

people it serves, councillors

should come from a wide

range of backgrounds and be

of differing ages. And I'm worried that the increased

workload that will come with

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of

executive decisions, what do the other 113 councillors do? Oh - there is plenty for us to get stuck in to! There are 5 Overview and Scrutiny Committees, for example, which review and challenge range of committees, covering a topic as varied as planning, harbours, the Tamar Bridge and licensing. Not forgetting, of course, the most important aspect of being a councillor, which is representing the people who live in your electoral division, being their 'champion'. For councillors who throw themselves in to it, council work takes up loads of time. As well as being Vice Chair, I'm a member of the Families and Scrutiny Overview Committee and a few other committees. And I have two

reduced number of councillors will stop some people from wanting to stand as a councillor - it's hard enough already for someone with a young family to invest time in council work! Being a councillor isn't particularly financially attractive, either. A councillor's allowance is about 1/5th of an MP's basic annual salary... and on top of that MPs receive expenses to cover the costs of running an office and having somewhere to live in London! MPs get a pension, too, which we don't. number of councillors to You've got to be committed

to be a councillor in Cornwall! No, actually, I don't. First,



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If it's the Leader and Cabinet who are taking the

> the decisions taken by Cabinet. Then there is a whole Children & young children! So I've had to learn how to juggle things! Presiding over meetings with 123 councillors must be a tough job, too. You probably welcome the proposal from the Local **Government Boundary** Commission to cut the



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Mayoral Matters What Do They Do

With Our Money in Saltash

At the grass roots of our democracy, far removed from those corridors of power in Westminster, are the local councils including the sixteen elected members who serve the town of Saltash. Unpaid (though entitled to claim certain expenses) they are taking on increasing responsibilities, for the town's services and for maintaining and improving the quality of life within our Yet many local town residents have little knowledge of what the Town Council Saltash actually does for Saltash, and the Mayor Councillor Mrs Jean Dent asked the Saltash Observer to describe some of the projects in which the town council is currently involved.

One of the most visible concerns of Saltash Town Council, and one which the recent Neighbourhood Plan consultation showed to be one of the two leading concerns of residents, is the purchase and enhancement of the railway g station site. Saltash railway station building over the years has been a sorry advertisement for the town as it continued to deteriorate while in private hands.

been working quietly for years seeking to acquire the building and was delighted when negotiations were concluded successfully earlier this year. The council's station subcommittee under the guidance of Cllr Richard Bickford is currently negotiating with a number of bodies for finance and is now confident of putting together a package that will ensure a station building that will be an attraction to visitors as well as a pleasant venue for townspeople and rail passengers and, hopefully a source of revenue. As has been reported in recent 'Observers' consultants have been appointed to consider how the building can best serve the town. A waiting area and toilets are our priority but hopefully a cafe area with a historic display relating to Brunel's iconic bridge can be included in the plan, as well as possible

The town council had

offices to let. The other main concern of residents proved to be the Waterside area from the Sailing Club to Salt Mill, sometimes described as the jewel in Saltash's crown but also sadly left to deteriorate as Cornwall Council budget cuts bite. The town council is currently in the process of acquiring much of the waterfront area as part of Cornwall's planned devolution. Already improvements may be seen as the town council takes

over maintenance. This is

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One property the town council is negotiating with Cornwall Council to acquire includes the garages at Longstone Park with office space above. These would serve as ideal workshops for the town and waterfront wardens to have. They would also be a good home for the van and trailer. recently acquired by the town council second hand, at a good price for transporting machinery and items for repair by the wardens.

Cornwall Council at one time threatened to close all of the public toilets in the town. Anxious to avoid this

inconvenience the town council has acquired them and ensured the restoration of those on the Waterside, Belle Vue and Longstone Park. They have also recently reopened the long closed facility in Alexandra Square. These all supplement the 'Community toilets' which the council negotiated for public use at Baker's Cafe in Fore Street and the Cecil Arms Inn at St, Stephens.

Another anticipated acquisition is the Victoria Gardens, the attractive public venue at the head of Fore Street, together with the Maurice Huggins Room. Again negotiations are under way to acquire these from Cornwall Council, the town council hopes to append designed disabled friendly toilet to the Maurice Huggins room, and will welcome suggestions as to how the room itself, in its ideal central location, can be best used as a community asset. The park itself could be used for such activities as a community market.

Other newly appointed duties of the Saltash town council include taking over responsibility for roadside weeding. A further major acquisition for the town. currently under discussion with Cornwall Council, is the public library, with the information centre. Cornwall is anxious to devolve all of its libraries, Saltash Town Council is equally anxious to see it maintained as a community hub. There are clearly busy but also exciting ahead as town days councillors increase their responsibilities and continue to ensure that they offer Saltash citizens the services and facilities which they can enjoy while continuing also to provide the best value for the council tax payers' money.

Town Mayor

Longstone **Store Acquired** for Town

Saltash Town Council as devolution strategy is acquiring the garage and store with office space

The Town Council agreed to accept the terms put forward which include a lease for six years, with a further two years probable if required.

The Town Council will will total around £9,000.

Waterfront and Wardens.



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be responsible for the considerable work required to bring the building up to standard. However the cost of this will be offset against the annual rent which will be a nominal £1 per year for the first two years on the basis that repaid costs The property is looked on as ideal to house the

towns recently acquired van and trailer and other equipment. It can also serve as a base for the town's newly appointed Town

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Back for the Second Year - KALAN GWAV

The fun-filled family festival celebrating apples and the beginning of Winter returns to Warfelton Green on Saturday 4th November. Starting at 2pm, the programme of events includes live music, bouncy castles and plenty of warming food. Entry to the event is free.

The Festival is being organised by a team of volunteers – all of them keen to celebrate our Cornish heritage and give residents of Saltash a firework display. Wendy Child, one of the organisers said: "The scarecrows will be judged between 28th October and 1st November – so we're hoping to see plenty of scarecrows appear in gardens around Halloween!"

A new addition is the 'Cider Stomp' concert at 8pm on 4th November, featuring local band Barebones. "Advance tickets are just $\pounds 2$ – so I hope plenty of people will come along, especially as the concert is an important way of securing income for the Festival", said Steve Morley of Saltash United Football Club. Updates can be found at

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Wassail

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Waitrose Bus

As many of you will know the Waitrose contract with Stagecoach has now been terminated. Community enterprises PL12 are now in negotiations with Waitrose. If successful we would look to undertake the routes which was part of the Waitrose set up with Stagecoach. Costs and fares are also under review during these negotiations but a charge for this service unfortunately will be inevitable because there is now no financial support from Waitrose. Any service we set up for Saltash will include access to the town centre which we are keen to promote.

Age Concern Bus Again we are in negotiating

Again we are in highlight mode with the Age Concern bus committee which is at a very early stage and we will report back in the next edition.

Raising the Standards for Society of Service

decades of dedication given to Saltash townspeople by members of Saltash and Burraton Toc H were celebrated in Saltash Museum and Local History centre by Saltash Heritage members. They had recently had the local Toc H banners, which had been presented to them. professionally refurbished, and to mark their return to the town former Toc H members were invited to a day of celebration, while local children of all ages were invited to design and colour their own banners to go on display.

Heritage Chairman Bob Munro welcomed the Mayor Councillor Mrs. Jean Dent to open the event 'Raising the Standards' and to view the exhibition based on Toc H history including the banners. 'This tells the story of willing volunteers and what they do so professionally for Saltash', the Mayor said of Saltash Heritage. 'To know that they keep us safe and hold our history is wonderful'.

The event was being filmed by a crew from the Heritage Lottery Fund which had financed the refurbishment of the banners. 'We are filming here today as a demonstration of the value of local heritage and the local museums that safeguard it.' The Observer was told. 'Hopefully the film



should be out in the New Year.

Among those present was Phil Rundle MBE formerly of Saltash Toc H whose father was banner bearer and who brought Phil up always to treat the banner 'with reverence'. Phil had with him his great grandson Oliver Elford (aged six and a half) who joined in the children's' banner designing.

designing. Also present was Mel Coomb who was invited by the late Fred Partridge RN to come along to Toc H one evening in around 1946 when he was in this teens and remained a member of Burraton Toc H until it disbanded around five years ago. While in his late teens he was 'Job Master', organising members for the many tasks they carried out for the local community. He recalled early days when Burraton Toc H met in Frank Partridge's parlour and in Snells' Butchers shop before they acquired their hut from the fire service.

He also donated a number of

documents including those

relating to the opening and

dedication of Burraton Toc H

room in February 1955. Other documents included programmes from the coronation year's Festival Hall and Westminster Abbey Toc H celebrations. These included songs which Heritage members Sharon Lambert and Martin Lister sang with gusto at the request of the film crew for their recording.



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quarter century of service to the young people of Saltash by a voluntary organisation that has been recognised by royalty was celebrated with the cutting of an anniversary cake.

It was on 9th September 1992 that the Mayor at that time, Mrs Sue Hooper MBE, brought together representatives of the various youth groups within the town, uniformed and otherwise, and proposed the setting up of a Saltash Youth Council.

Twenty five years later Mrs Hooper was to welcome a number of the past and current members of the Youth Council to the Guildhall where displays had been set up to show some of the work carried out for the town's young people over the decades.

'The aim and objectives were to provide a forum for all the youth council of Saltash to communicate, support and coordinate when applicable youth activities sharing and resources', Mrs. Hooper recalled.

All who were present then welcomed the idea, since when the council has been meeting quarterly under a number of chairmen, some of whom were present at the anniversary. It has worked closely with Saltash and the former Caradon funding Councils. its authorities, and has provided financial support to virtually every youth organisation in the and to numerous town individual young people. In particular it has been able to fund Spring and Summer holiday activities including sports, creative and performing arts, and Mrs Hooper paid tribute to the current joint chairs, Ffion Stanton and Camille Smith who 'inspire us all with ideas and fortitude in



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A major triumph was having the new formed Saltash Town Youth Council recognised by the queen and being awarded the Queen's Commendation for playing its part in service in its locality and to the nation. The award has been housed in the library for the past 25 years and Mrs. Hooper concluded by asking if, in its anniversary vear, the award might be rehomed in the Guildhall.

Saltash Cub Scouts Have Fun in Museum



Saltash cub scouts entered into the fun of making their own banners when they enjoyed a pack visit to Saltash museum and local history centre.

Saltash Heritage volunteers firstly encouraged them to sample the World War 1 experience, peering out of the (artificial) rat infested trench behind the museum through a periscope at 'enemy lines'. Inside the museum they could wonder at the toys of a pre battery-driven age, as part of the 2017 exhibition based on the contents of bygone Saltash shops. Most intriguing for many was dialling on 1950's telephone with a real dial. They also experienced ringing the telegraph of the last ferry to Plymouth between Saltash and England. Others enjoyed donning Victorian costume from the dressing up box.

Upstairs the young visitors cut out, designed and coloured their own banners - part of the Heritage celebration to mark the restoration and return to Saltash museum of the town's historic Toc H banners.

Carkeel Housing Refusal Recommended

Dans for four new homes with access onto the busy Callington Road just north of Carkeel have been recommended for refusal by Saltash Town Council. They were to be on open land to the East of the main road near the Tamar View Garden Centre.

There had been numerous objections as well consultative reports submitted to the Town Council who site was in a critical drainage area and no flood risk assessment had been carried Highways

Management East of Cornwall Council had objected on the grounds of highway safety. The Tamar Valley Area of decided in particular that the Outstanding Natural Beauty authorities had also raised many concerns.

The Town Council voted to refusal Cornwall planners but fourteen votes to nil with one

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Conundrum Corner

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

1 There was an old man from . . . is a typical first line from which type verse? (8)

2 Where is the smallest Cathedral in England found? (6)

3 In which musical would you meet Bullseye? (6) 4 Which ship was Captain James Cook in command of when he was killed by Hawaiian natives in 1779? (10)

5 According to legend who killed Helen of Troy? (5) 6 What is fermented to make the Japanese drink Saki? (4)

7 St. Wenceslas Square is in which European city? (6) 8 Which is the largest living Antelope? (5) Answers on Page 7







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Funding is Coming in for Station Restoration Project

estoration of the long derelict station building to become an asset to the town is well into the planning stage as the necessary funding package is coming together. A firm of consultants, RIO (Real Ideas Organisation) is being appointed to undertake an options appraisal and feasibility study. The firm has much experience with this kind of project and is particularly keen to involve youth in its varied projects.

On the ground the car park has been cleaned up and is being used as parking space for the Town Council's newly acquired van when not in use. Once work is under way the parking area will be needed by the contractors and hopefully the van will be stored in a newly acquired garage at Longstone.

A 'shell cost' survey for the basic refurbishment showed a costing of around £340,000, Chair of the Station Property Sub-Committee Richard Bickford told the Town Council. To date £220,000 has been committed - an additional £100,000 has been applied for from GWR and Councillor Bickford, following a meeting, believed that there was a good chance of getting it. The Railway Heritage Trust is committed to helping the project and a bid for up to £25,000 is being put in to the ARRIVA community fund. Further money is also promised from the Town Council's own 'Section 106' funding paid in by Lidl's.

A social media page is to be established so that those interested can keep up with progress and a presentation to key stakeholders will be considered once the architects have drawings in place.

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Sixth Formers To Meet With

Town Councillors

'Councillor Panel' of town and Cornwall councillors to meet with sixth form students has been sought by the head of sixth form at saltash.net academy Mr. Adam Killeya, himself a former town councillor and Mayor.

Such a panel met some years ago with questions and answers to make students more aware of local community issues, how councils work and how they can become involved. It proved highly successful and the school now wishes to repeat the experience with its current year 12 and year 13 students.

to liaise over possible dates and to put forward members to take part.

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This month I have been thinking a lot about diversity, for a number of different reasons, but mostly because an organisation I am heavily involved with did a diversity survey of its members, and the results were fascinating. I discovered that those of us under the age of 45 (still quite a bit under in my case!) make up less than a quarter of the membership, that almost exactly half had the same answer for occupation which was 'retired', and that around two-thirds had

a university degree. In many ways this is protest at the closure of similar to when I was on the council - in addition to a predominance of male councillors, and a lack of racial diversity, around half having to travel to Plymouth. the council was retired from work, and I was, when I 'retired' from the council aged 35, still its second youngest member. Indeed, I served no less than three spells as the 'baby of the council'. For some people this is not a problem - they may feel that the demographic often make-up of the council is irrelevant, or that we should simply 'choose the best people for the job', but I have several problems with this. Firstly, and I in no way mean this disrespectfully to my former colleagues or to anyone else who matches these characteristics, but I refuse to believe that almost all of the 'best people for the job' are white, straight, university educated, and over 50. Lots of well qualified people are, but there are surely a lot of people out there who don't match those characteristics but, for whatever reason, are not

putting themselves forward. Secondly, it's very hard for a body to represent people when its makeup is unrepresentative. We can of course use empathy, but it is human nature to see most strongly the point of view that best matches your own experience. I recall very clearly an occasion when the council, myself included, made a relatively muted

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Letter to the Editor... Dear Mary I read with interest in the

latest edition of the Saltash Observer that the new Broadmoor development is to be named 'Treledan'. Quite how this has been decided I do not know but I have

always believed the name Broadmoor, in this instance to descriptive: 'Broad' he referring to the extensiveness of the land and 'moor referring to it being a marsh or wasteland.

Although I do not speak the Cornish Language, having used a Cornish-English-Cornish dictionary online I find a better name for the development might be 'Efanhal' (efan meaning broad/vast/plainly, and hal meaning marsh or moor)

Perhaps if there are any Cornish speakers in Saltash they might like to challenge this decision? Or my use of the dictionary!

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If anyone can explain how these decisions are made and why Broadmoor, which is written on historic maps as such, with indicative marks to describe a boggy area, should be carefully erased and turned into Broad Farm, I am sure readers will be very interested to hear about it. Historic references to landforms and natural features are incredibly useful and informative. Broad farm, whether written in English or Cornish has little or no meaning.

Rebecca Pearce, Saltash





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'Spotlight' TV Correspondent **Addresses Community Enterprises Meeting**

The economic future of Saltash and the South West generally was discussed by BBC Spotlight's business and industry correspondent Neil Gallacher at the annual general meeting of Community Enterprises PL12.

Neil is himself a 'Saltash Boy' who attended what now is Brunel School and Saltash Comprehensive before opting for a career in journalism. He disclosed that his grandfather Town Clerk as he was reminisced on local businesses before the age of industrial estates and out of town shopping.

The relative poverty of the area will continue, he believes, while wages lay below even other parts of the South West. Indeed the pay gets lower the further west one goes with the average weekly wage, East Devon at £419, Exeter £391, the South Hams £389, Plymouth £385 and down to £362 in South East Cornwall, and lower still further west.

Vast sums invested in Cornwall over the decades by Brussels and London have done little good and for this he blamed geographical reasons. However he queried whether we would really want to develop an infrastructure similar to South East England. Mr Gallacher answered questions as well as talking informally to members and guests over refreshments.

Community Enterprises PL12 Chairman Peter Thistlethwaite reported on a year of good progress which saw a new enterprise launched, Dementia Voice PL12, with a

weekly drop in cafe and fortnightly veterans group. There is also training available for would be 'dementia friends' in local businesses.

The year also saw the arrival of a second mini-bus and a third is now anticipated. The 'Saltash Hopper' buses are breaking even despite losses on the Derriford service, which is now picking up and will continue at least to the end of the year when it will be evaluated.

The Pop Up Shop has operated well as is on the verge of taking up its own tenancy, which is seen as a success. The premises at 18 Belle Vue Road have been a great success with all rooms now let, Citizens Advice kept within the town and the Food bank based there. The organisation is also involved in Health and Social Care and organising response to NHS consultations on its future

plans The Chairman concluded by reminding those present that the organisation is run almost entirely by a large body of volunteers ranging from directors to those who handle admin, the dementia cafe, drive the buses and give up time for many other vital tasks. 'The town should be grateful and very proud of their efforts', Mr. Thistlethwaite concluded

Yellow Lines Salt Mill in Welcomed Sad State

Residents of Hillside Road and Glebe Avenue have welcomed the short stretch of double yellow lines recently painted onto Hillside Road near the intersection, County Councillor Derek Holley reported to the town council. Local residents now feel safer driving hereabouts especially in the evening. The recent traffic regulation

orders that have been put into effect were instigated and funded by Saltash Town Council.

future А concern, Councillor Holley believes, should be Essa Road near the junction with St. Stephens Road where the access situation appears to be worsening and this could be added to a future list of proposed yellow lining. The current timescale for the making of such orders is between three and four years.

inadequate

public question time. urgently needed. This had been the work would be done. Recent damage to floodlights repair, it was reported.

There are around ten areas in Saltash that are targeted for improvement subject to funding, it was stated, including some that the Town Council intends to take over as part of Cornwall Council's devolution plans.

Blood Donor Sessions Stopping

for her 49th session of blood donation was informed that the next session, on 2nd January 2018 will be the last in the town. After that local residents will have to drive to Derriford and pay to park there, or take two busses, if they wish to continue helping save lives.

This was brought to the attention of Saltash Town Council during public question time. The question was raised as to why St. Barnabus Hospital could not be utilised for such sessions

The Town Council agreed to pursue the issue and seek to ensure that blood taking sessions continue to be held

Hearing Tests

2-Week Trial

Money Back Guarántee

Salt Mill Park has been allowed to deteriorate, with frequent flooding caused by drainage, boardwalks in need of repair and public art work vandalised. This complaint was put to

The property belongs to Cornwall Council and the Mayor agreed that work was reported to Cornwall Council and there was a promise that on the all -weather football pitch cost around £500 to

rom next year those who volunteer to save lives by donating their blood will no longer be able to do so in Saltash. A local resident who attended the Baptist Church

within the town.

Saltash Town Council during

Wet and Muddy Fun on a **Misty Morning**

lot of wet and muddy fun was had on a misty Sunday morning in Saltmill Park in September when over 100 adults and children took on the Obstacle Fun Run Challenge, which included crawling under cargo nets, clambering over the spider web and sloshing down the very popular slip 'n slide

The free Fun Run was hosted by Groundwork South, which manages the Park on behalf of Cornwall Council, working to improve green spaces for community benefit and to reconnect people with nature. Burns. Jacqueline

Programme Manager with Groundwork South, said: "I was worried the wet weather might dampen people's spirits, but it actually seemed to add to the fun. It certainly added to the amount of mud!"

The Fun Run obstacles and challenges were delivered by Plymouth Sports Charity, which was set up in 2010 to deliver fun and accessible sports activities in Plymouth and Saltash. Dan Pengelly, founder member of the charity said: "We've done a lot of work

with Saltash groups over the Pavilion or call Pete Densham years, and I've always been on blown away by the energy of the local community. We are delivering fitness sessions and free qualifications at The Core in Saltash at the moment, and

the people who come to them have such enthusiasm." Buoyed by the success of the Fun Run, Jacqueline and her team are planning more fun activities for Half Term, including Autumn Colour Bombing on 24th October and It's a Knockout on 26th October. further For information about the October programme visit Saltmill

01752 846463 or 07710392072. Groundwork obtained

funding from both Awards for All (National Lottery) and Tesco Bags of Help to pilot this programme of activities to bring all ages together to take part in joint activities and to stimulate more community based life in the park. Saltmill Park, which overlooks the Tamar, has a skate park, an all weather floodlit pitch, bird watching, sculpture trail, barbeques, picnics and a playground for younger children



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