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## SALTASH.NET COMMUNITY SCHOOL A LEVEL RESULTS

This summer has seen saltash.net community school celebrate its best ever A Level results. This is especially pleasing given the high level of competition for Higher Education places in 2010. Almost 100 students sat their A2 examinations this June, resulting in 276 entries, which in itself was a school record. The overall percentage pass rate was an excellent 99% and the overall A-C percentage was 73%, 5 percentage points higher than last year. In addition, in a year when the spotlight also fell on the new A\* grades, saltash.net was delighted to be able to report that 12 A\* grades were secured across the range of subjects.

There were a large number of stunning individual successes, most notable and remarkable of which was James McTavish who achieved 3A\*s and 3 A grades in Maths, Further Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Music and General Studies. These results mean that James has secured his place at Downing College, Cambridge University to read Maths.

Other exceptional

performances came from twins David and Michael Boulton who each got an A\* and 2A grades, David achieving his in Media Studies, Psychology and Biology and Michael in ICT, Media Studies and Art. Head Student, Ben O'Driscoll, achieved 4 A grades in Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Biology, and Joe Ronayne and Kerri Walsh also achieved all A grades.

One particular student who deserves special mention for achieving outstanding results in challenging circumstances is registered blind student, Louis Jameson. One of the first students in Cornwall to attend a 6th Form with the support of a guide dog, Louis secured top A grades in Geography and Business Studies and a C in Government and Politics. These superb results mean that he will be progressing to the University of the West of England, Bristol in September to study Finance and Banking. Congratulations also go to registered blind student Hannah Lindfield who secured

a B grade in Art and Design and will be progressing to Plymouth College of Art in September.

Commenting on these excellent achievements, Headteacher of saltash.net, Mrs Isobel Bryce, said, "I am so pleased that our A Level students have secured such high levels of success this year. They were a wonderful year group who not only committed themselves to their academic studies but who also contributed a great deal to the school and local community."

Head of 6th Form, Nick Scantlebury, added, "The results certainly reflect the hard work of the students but they also demonstrate that the quality of teaching and levels of guidance and support given at saltash.net are extremely high. I would like to say

'well done' to all the students, teachers and support staff involved and also to thank parents for their involvement and commitment."

### GCSE Results

It has been another record breaking year of results for GCSE students at saltash.net community school. 84% of Year 11s achieved at least 5A\*-C (9 percentage points higher than last year's figure of 75%), an outcome which will enable these young people to progress effectively to Level 3 courses either in the school's own 6th Form or at a college of further education. 53% of students achieved 5A\*-C including English & Maths which is 5 percentage points higher than last year's figure of 48%.

There were, once again, a very large number of high performing students who achieved excellent results across the range of subjects. These students included Sam Dando, Oliver Tamblin, Letty Atkinson, Hannah Burtwell and Dan Palk who secured a fantastic 53 A\* and A grades between them!

Equally deserving of praise are the students who have faced difficult circumstances and have found their courses extra challenging. Abdul Zafari, from Afghanistan, joined the school at the start of Year 10 with virtually no English. Through sheer determination and hard work he has successfully achieved 6 A\*-C GCSEs and will be

able to progress into the 6th Form to undertake his chosen A Level subjects.

In keeping with the school's philosophy of a commitment to lifelong learning, French teachers, Gwenn Yvinec and Robert Green each took a GCSE this summer in subjects they had not previously studied. They were delighted to learn they had been successful alongside the students, Ms Yvinec securing an A\* in Italian and Mr Green an A\* in German!

Commenting on the excellent achievements of the students, Headteacher Isobel Bryce said, "The school would like to congratulate all the students not just on their wonderful GCSE results but also on the vocational course successes. We are proud of the curriculum on offer to students at our school and are delighted that the vast majority of young people have met or exceeded their targets. Well done to them and their teachers!"



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For Observer readers

From Councillor Derek Holley

Pill Ward Saltash

For the benefit of newcomers either to Saltash or to this Observer newspaper may I briefly explain about the two councils that affect you. Firstly there is the Town Council based at the Guildhall, Lower Fore Street, tel. 844846.

This ancient council has a Mayor, a relatively small budget, 16 members (see website or notice boards) and deals with some of the day-to-day running of the town and is influential in (amongst other things) planning, town centre regeneration, the civic environment and cemeteries and is a most important lobbying group on the town's behalf. Local matters are mostly what is discussed but any of the councillors or the Guildhall staff should be able to help you with a range of issues. Then there is the Cornwall Council, an enormous monster with a £1.2 billion budget, bigger than some small countries I am told, and increasingly and sadly based in Truro or at least an increasing distance from Saltash. This council absorbed, minced up and digested (not very well) the old District Councils which are now dead and gone. It deals with children and schools, fire, social services, adult care, bins, recycling, planning and highways amongst other things. It has a grand website which is not user-friendly, in my opinion (try finding a planning application), but does have an huge range of information there if you have time (lots), patience (more than me) and two degrees. I think I am going to get into trouble for this. Then there is the useful One Stop Shop, an information and help point based at the Library. I am a Cornwall Councillor and along with two out of three other colleagues sit on the Town Council as well. We four (the Cornwall Four) seem to spend a good deal of our time trying to get a fair deal for this extremity of the county. I am writing all this because at the recent Saltfest two local couples and one small group who initially wanted to know my role in the event seemed to be confused about the council differences and I had to explain. You will have noticed that planning is dealt with by both councils, Cornwall making the ultimate decision but the Town council having an increasingly influential role in the process.

Enough of that ! I helped with the recent Saltash Waterside Music Festival (Saltfest) because I was the ward councillor. Despite variable British weather it did what it said on the tin, providing the experience of quality live music at a variety of venues and there is a write-up and photos elsewhere in this issue. However I will say here thanks to the Air Training Corp, the Fire Cadets and Saltash Environmental Action (SEA) who were all very helpful in the running of the event. By the way don't miss SEA's major "Saltash in Transition" event which should still be continuing when this paper is delivered. I would like as many of you readers as possible to back a campaign which Saltash Town Council and now Cornwall Council is running to try and keep our Member-of-Parliament boundaries intact and not to have at some time in the future an MP whose constituency covers some of Cornwall and some of Devon. This crackpot idea is actually a bill coming before parliament and which wants nipping in the bud. You can help by writing to or emailing the Boundary Commission and your MP, names and addresses from the Guildhall or One Stop Shop. Tell them how difficult such an arrangement would be for MP's and constituents and how we are the County of Cornwall and wish to remain one body.

What else is going on at County Hall apart from the swingeing cuts the new government is going to impose on the basic grants which help run the county (our council tax provides only a minor share of the budget needs) ? From my point of view I am still fighting a fairly desperate rearguard action to keep parking charges down whereas county seem to think that the baleful presence of Plymouth and its huge "draw" on shoppers is of no consequence. I continue to serve on Pensions, no news there which these days is good news. I am part of a group which is overhauling, with some success, the different planning systems inherited from the late District Councils. Planning is really important to us all and especially so to those putting in or objecting to planning applications so why don't you have a look at the website and see if you can find your way through to the Planning Procedures Panel and have a look at the action, past and future. Lastly feedback: I would like some feedback on the Cornwall Council website and also on the telephone numbers you have to ring for Cornwall Council services, and on the service you get. Can you help please? Thanks.

## KEEP OUR CONSTITUENCY CORNISH

Saltash voters could find themselves electing a Plymouth based MP in future General Elections if current plans of the Parliamentary Boundary Commission go ahead.

In a bid to ensure that each parliamentary constituency includes as far as possible the same number of voters, 75,000, it has proved that Cornwall will have to 'lose' some of its electorate in order to retain five parliamentary seats.

The answer, anticipated from the Boundary Commission, is to merge parts of South East Cornwall, including Saltash and Torpoint, with a Plymouth Constituency, probably Moor View currently held by Labour's Alison Seabrook.

Saltash Town Mayor Cllr. Adam Killea is spearheading a campaign to prevent this from happening and to retain the South East Cornwall seat gained by Sheryl Murray for the Conservatives in this May's election. Mrs Murray has promised her support in seeking to retain her all Cornish constituency.

The Mayor has written protesting against the proposed changes to the Boundary Commissioners, the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and

to all Cornish MP's, County Councillors and Parish Councils, seeking their support. He has also set up a Facebook group.

"We are gravely concerned at the possibility that Saltash might be split off from Cornwall for parliamentary seats," the Mayor told the Observer. "The issues that face Saltash are very different from those that face Plymouth."

It is hoped to persuade the Boundary Commission to agree that an exception can be made in Cornwall's case to the minimum number of electors in each constituency being 70,000. Six Cornish seats could be retained, each with an electorate of slightly under this figure, avoiding the need for South-East Cornwall to be merged with part of Plymouth for parliamentary purposes.

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## INNER WHEEL CLUB OF SALTASH

Our speaker for our June meeting was Gerry Palby, a Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Tavistock who told us about REPOD which stands for Rotarians Easing Problems of Dementia.

REPOD was started three years ago and developed a web site which contains information on many issues including legal and financial. Memory cafes have been set up where both sufferers and carers can meet and share experiences.

Our final social event of the year held jointly with the Saltash Rotary Club was a '50s' style night held at The Ashtorre Centre when great food, cocktails and dancing were enjoyed and fun was had by all. The food was provided by Carol Couch and her committee. Many wore fancy dress ranging from '50' style school uniform to Teddy Boys to Elvis Presley. The ladies outfits were equally good and reflected the fashions of the '50s'.

Last year's President Maxine Stoyel will continue as President for the next few months. After that the Presidency will be shared by Pauline Skinner, Carol Couch, Ann Potter and Janet Underwood.

Next year will be the 50th anniversary of our Charter and our July meeting was spent planning this special celebration.

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## SALTFEST

Saltash Waterside Music Festival 2010



The first Waterside Music Festival took place over the weekend of the 20th to 22nd August and despite the worst that our lovely summer weather could throw at it was a very successful event. The whole point of the event was to give local people the experience of good quality live music being performed by (mostly) local performers and free at the point-of-use. Saltfest also wanted to help the Waterside local economy and the event proved a boost there too.

Saltfest was only possible because of grants: Saltash Town Council gave from their festival fund and "Feast" which is Cornwall's channel for Arts Council funding gave a grant as well. Spinnaker, one of our local manufacturing companies (they make electronic cash protection systems and are the market leader) and Waitrose both kindly helped with sponsorship of different sorts.

Sixty different groups and performers took part over the weekend and events took place in Ashtorre, The Union, The Boatman, Livewire Youth Music Project and the Sailing Club. All sorts of music and some workshops took place ranging from jazz, folk, rock, choir and blues. Outside events took place but were curtailed by the weather a little on Friday and Saturday. Visitors were able to wander in and out of venues sampling the music.

Unfortunately the stalls on Waterside Green were cancelled by the organiser fearing bad weather but as it turned out would have been well supported, particularly on the Sunday when it was a lovely day until later in the evening. A selection of buskers and singers played outside on both days. Sunday proved a popular day and at any time on Sunday there were 300 to 500 people outside and well supported venues inside.

The only ticket event was a visit by international stars "The Damned" who are a punk rock band with a dedicated nationwide following, so much so that every ticket was sold, mostly months ago. Their performance was described by their fans as "brilliant" and "one of the best we have been to because we were so close to the band"!

What happens next year? If the event goes on (and this depends on funding if it is going to go on as a free festival) then much has been learned this year especially in the need to put on more outside (marquee) events for younger audiences.

The organising committee were Chairman Tom Anfield (a luthier, that is a builder and repairer of guitars and similar instruments), Secretary Judy Bradley, Treasurer Keith Mason, Andy Rance from Livewire, Ruth Mason from SEA, Dave and Lucy Morris, Beryl Bond, Jane Lamerton and Derek Holley, councillor for the waterside. Sue Hooper gave invaluable advice and Liam Bradley much background support.

Over the weekend the Air Training Corp and the Fire Cadets were very supportive and Saltash Environmental Action (SEA) now renamed SIT (Saltash In Transition) manned an excellent stall and ensured that recycling took place. Many thanks to all of them.

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## FROM THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR...

This month I would like to introduce to all of you our new permanent town clerk Ray Lane who started on 6th September, succeeding Marilyn Small who left us at the end of May.

Ray joins us from Chippenham Town Council where he was the Head of Service Delivery. Ray brings a great deal of experience and expertise to the Council, and we feel lucky to have him. At Chippenham he was directly responsible for the delivery of many diverse services from cemeteries to community centres and river routes to roundabout displays. Ray's previous career includes working as a Manager with Trust House Forte, Assistant Clerk at Hatfield Town Council, and 5 years as a Radio Operator in the Navy. Ray and his wife are hoping to live in Saltash and I'm sure you'll all make them very welcome.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to Debbie Ashton, who has covered the clerk role for over three months, as first part-time and them full-time Town Clerk. Many thanks are due to Debbie for her hard work, expertise and commitment, and the best of luck for her, no doubt very successful, future career. Thanks also to our excellent staff for coping so well during this tricky period, and to everyone who took part in the new clerk recruitment process including Observer Reporter Martin Lister who kindly took each candidate on a tour around the town to give them a break after facing our questions!

August has been a quiet month for engagements, though I can assure you that I have not been idle, apart from a week camping on the Lizard. I have been particularly engaged in working on the threat that Saltash may be joined with parts of Plymouth or Devon for Constituency Boundaries - I've set up a campaigning group 'Keep Cornwall Whole' and we are doing our very best to defeat these proposals, with support from Cornish MPs, Councils, Organisations and individuals.

During August Merryn and

I attended the Saltash Parent Forum Fun Day at Warfelton, the Annual Friendly Match between the Town Council and Saltash Bowls Club, the Churchtown Farm Action Day and the Opening of Saltfest. A particular well done must go to all of those involved in this inaugural Saltfest - as organisers, helpers, performers or audiences. Merryn and I enjoyed a great range of music at Livewire, Ashtorre, The Union and The Boatman. I also cut the turf to mark the start of work on the extension to the town cemetery, which should be finished in December.

Many thanks to our Deputies Colin and Marilyn who very kindly attended the St Anne's Residential Home Birthday Party. Colin also nobly represented me at a cream tea tasting with the Lord Mayor of Plymouth, where to Devon's dismay and our lack-of-surprise, the Cornish Cream Tea was judged to taste the best. Merryn and Marilyn have also been involved with the Observers 'Come Dine with Me' and are hoping to match the first class hospitality given to them by Colin Brown and by former Saltash Mayoress Jackie Austin.

This month, as trailed in last month's column, and in our advert on page 5 sees another new Saltash festival 'Making Saltash Greener'. Please come along to enjoy one of the many events - you should have received an event card with the 'Town Messenger'. I am particularly involved with organising the Saltash Freeboot which is like a car boot sale except you swap instead of buying and you don't even need to organise a stall. Instead you get one 'Saltash Shilling' just for coming, and an extra one for each item you bring along. Each shilling can then be swapped for anything else, and lots of items that would otherwise be chucked out get a loving new home. Come along to Alexandra Square on Sunday 12th September at noon...

## FLY-TIPPING LETTER "OFFENSIVE" TO RESIDENTS

Residents from Killigrew Avenue attended in force a meeting of the Town's Burial Board to object to a letter sent to them regarding alleged fly-tipping and tree lopping.

They claimed the letter to have been insulting and to have caused them considerable concern over false allegations against residents living close to the cemetery by St Stephens Church.

The letter had been written and circulated without her knowledge and approval, the currently acting Town Clerk Mrs Debbie Ashton explained. She blamed the consequences

of councillors and staff dealing with recent staffing changes for the inadvertent mailing of the letter which resulted from a much earlier Burial Board meeting and was no longer relevant. The acting Town Clerk apologised to those present and it was agreed that she and the Mayor would send a written apology to all concerned.

The residents took the opportunity to speak of vegetation in the cemetery. They were advised that many of the works mentioned were already on the Groundsman's schedule and that they were entitled, if they wished, to cut back any vegetation overhanging their property and return it to the cemetery's green waste pile.

It was agreed that the residents' had raised useful issues and that further meeting between the Burial Board and those living by the cemetery would be helpful.

## SKIES LIT UP FOR FRIENDS OF HOSPITAL

The night sky lit up for those who came on the boat trips organised in support of St Barnabas Hospital League of Friends.

On both nights of the National Firework Championships a packed boat left Saltash pier and spectators enjoyed an evening cruise up the River Lynher or Plym and around the Sound before, as the darkness fell, taking up position off Mount Batten for a grandstand view of the firework displays.

Including generous donations and a raffle a profit of £1,278 was made. This will go towards purchase of new specialist instruments for the recently refurbished operating theatre. This now provides a day surgery for minor general surgery including urology and podiatry. Our community hospital also possesses a rehabilitation ward, many outpatient clinics and provides Saltash with an enviable asset saving travel to Derriford and making available a minor injuries unit with its own specially trained nursing staff.

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We need volunteers to help on the day, as well as donations of good quality bric-a-brac, cakes, and raffle prizes.

If you can help in any way, or would like more information please contact [louiseconium@orange.net](mailto:louiseconium@orange.net) or [arnoldfamilyfp@talktalk.net](mailto:arnoldfamilyfp@talktalk.net) or telephone Faye on 0797 932 6467

This event is being organised by the local community as part of our fund raising attempt to improve facilities on the playing fields. Two play park companies will be present on the fun day with ideas & plans for people to comment upon - please come & give us your opinions.

## CHERRY PIE STILL FORMS A VILLAGE FEAST

For the Victorian era children of St Mellion whose parents worked for the Pentillie Estate (almost the entire village) the annual Cherry Feast was an eagerly anticipated Summer treat.

Now the estate is no longer the village's major employer and only a few gnarled boughs remain of the cherry trees that provided these former feasts. St Mellion to most people is briefly glimpsed while speeding between Saltash and Callington. Yet St Mellion Cherry Feast continues to bring pleasure and fun to today's children and their parents including many visitors who come to share this highlight of high Summer in the Tamar Valley.

Cherry Feast was established through the benevolence of Miss Charlotte Coryton of Pentillie Castle to mark the fruiting of the tree that the Corytons encouraged their workers to grow as an additional source of income.

Early photographs show tables lined up outside the castle with excited children in their Sunday best eagerly enjoying the cherry pie and cream.

The Coryton family still resides at Pentillie and indeed Ted and Sarah Coryton were pleased to perform the official opening of this year's Cherry Feast, now held in the spacious grounds of the rectory.

The crowds came and fresh picked cherries and home made cakes were soon snapped up while a variety of plants, books and bric a brac remained for later bargain hunters. Entertainment was provided by Wreckers Morris and by the Laira Youth Band. Children thrilled to Emazdad the magician while children and adults proudly paraded their furry friends for the dog show.

The church had its own displays showing the work of the village school, the history of the village, the Victorian homes and model-making, anything from a rope-making machine and antique garden tools to a pair of Victorian bloomers.

Meanwhile throughout the afternoon there was a constant queue at the refreshment tent as children and parents waited to enjoy tea with cherry pie and cream. Miss Charlotte Coryton died in 1897 but her renowned cherry feasts live on to delight fresh generations a world away from the era of the Victorian squirearchy in which they began.

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## FORE STREET RESTAURANT RECOMMENDED

A Town Centre restaurant, with its own patio able to provide outside tables in the heart of Fore Street, could be a real bonus for Saltash, a majority of town councillors agreed.

They were discussing an application for a change of use from retail to restaurant/café for the premises occupied by 'Fire Power' before they recently crossed from the North to the South of Fore Street.

There were concerns that the town had enough catering businesses and this would mean a loss of a retail unit to the Town.

"With twelve per cent of Fore Street shops vacant there is no pressing need to limit for

retail," said Councillor Derek Holley. "A restaurant could draw people into the town."

"A sit down restaurant where people can sit outside for a good drink and a meal is something Fore Street could use," added Councillor Bob Austin. "The take up rate for shops is still slow though some interest is being shown."

By a majority vote the town council recommended in favour of change of use to a restaurant.

## Funding Boost for Burraton Community Association

Burraton Community Association has received a £36,200 funding boost from SITA Cornwall Trust to provide for the re-roofing of the Burraton Community Centre in Saltash.

SITA Cornwall Trust provides funding through the Landfill Communities Fund. Funding is available for community and environmental groups to carry out a range of improvement projects.

The funding allocated to Burraton Community Association will enable the association to proceed with the reroofing of its community centre which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary with a fortnight of presentations and events highlighting the range of regular activities held in the venue.

Work on the project, which is being carried out by Mitie Tilley Roofing, began on the 9th August and is scheduled to take some 4-6 weeks depending on the vagaries of the Cornish summer! Local residents can be assured that every care will be taken to ensure a minimum of disruption and can look forward to a centre that will open for business once more in early September.

Burraton Community Association are grateful for the generous support of both Viridor and Saltash Town Council which has ensured the work will go ahead: Viridor have provided £36,000 and Saltash Town Council have donated a further £1,500.

Many local organisations enjoy the facilities of the centre which is occupied and in use virtually all day, every day from Monday to Saturday and chairman Brian Carter said,

"It's great to see this project about to start. The centre is a real hub of local activities and this improvement to our facilities is sure to make it even more attractive to the many who use it. We're sure those pioneers who built the centre in 1960 would approve!"

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**SALTFEST  
SUCCESSFUL FREE  
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Glastonbury it was not. But, by contrast, no mud, no appalling sanitary conditions and (with one exception) no charge, Saltfest, Saltash's very own, very first free music festival was adjudged a great success by its organisers and by those who enjoyed its variety of musical experiences.

Our own Livewire youth club is building an amazing reputation on the national music circuit and, following a sell-out gig by the Hoosters earlier this year attracted another nationally renowned band as lead attraction for Saltfest. "The Damned", the first punk rock band to release a record back in the seventies (yes, pre Sex Pistols) still retain some of their earlier line-up and some of their early groupies who followed them to Saltash. "Still a good company after all these years," Fan Cooke told the Observer after following them for twenty-four years. Proto-punks and tentative teenagers were enraptured as the iconic middle-aged maestros strutted their stuff.

Meanwhile, those of other musical tastes could wander between venues as the music led them. Cornish folk in the "Boatman" vied with bluegrass and classical in the "Ashtorre Centre." Jazz and blues emanated from the open door of the "Union" as acoustic airs drifted from Saltash Sailing Club. Buskers busked, budding musicians had workshops to sample, and the heady spicy scents of downtown Mumbai mixed with the mist that drifted from the Tamar to envelop the fast food outlets on Waterside.

"Really brilliant, exceeding expectations," commented Livewire Youth Club leader Andy Rance whose music contacts had helped bring Saltfest together, "We can now set to building on the line up for future years."

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**NEW  
COUNCILLOR IS  
UNOPPOSED**

After ten of the Town's electorate in Pill Ward called for an election to replace Cllr. Fran Knight on the Town Council an election duly had to be called.

However only one candidate chose to stand and accordingly Councillor David Adams was elected unopposed.

An ex-Royal Naval serviceman, now a MOD civil servant David was put forward by the local conservatives but stresses that he is there to serve all of the Pill electorate. Married to wife Jessie he has been in Saltash for four years following 26 years in Torpoint.

Asked why he stood he told the Observer, "I felt I wished to do something for the town and the council seemed the best place to do it." One of his main concerns is pursuing a safe pedestrian crossing over the Saltash by-pass at Carkeel.

**Stop Press!** Having attended one full council meeting David Adams resigned from the town council. This is believed to be a record for the shortest term of office served. A further election will be called, at further expense to the public purse, if ten of the Pill electorate seek it, otherwise another Pill councillor may be co-opted.

**Letter to the Editor...  
Bridge Tolls  
Scandal**

You may have reported this already but I've just noticed that the minimum Top Up for my Tamar Tag is now £30 which means that we now have to pay for eight weeks tolls up front (assuming that you cross five times a week (and I don't).

Not content with hiking up the prices by 50% they now want 50% more to bank so that the interest in their account piles up.

There is nothing on their website and I haven't seen any notices on the bridge

Kevin Proctor  
Saltash

**BRUNEL BRIDGE  
FESTIVITIES  
PHOTOGRAPHS SOUGHT**

The hundreds of Saltash citizens who came together last year to join in the celebration for Brunel's Bridge's 150th birthday took, between them, thousands of photographs.

Now they are asked to pass copies of these pictures to those who organised the memorable celebrations which lasted throughout much of 2009 and which culminated in the spectacular fireworks display and subsequent Victorian Fun Day.

Unfortunately, a computer malfunction means that the organising committee have no photographs of their own to commemorate the magnificent result of their efforts.

They are requesting the pictures for their own records and also for a projected exhibition later this Summer.

Photographs sought include all events which began with the Victorian Childrens' Christmas Concert in 2008 through to the Brunel Bridge

art classes and exhibition with which the celebrations concluded at the end of last Summer.

Especially sought are those of the May bank holiday weekend which so many will remember from when the crowds started to gather on the Waterside on the Saturday of the Firework Display through the dawn walks over the Royal Albert Bridge and the entertainment on the Sunday Victorian Fun Day to the re-enactment of Prince Albert's opening of the Bridge on the Monday.

Receiving just some of the pictorial memories of that memorable year would really delight Lyn Marsh of the organising committee who have nothing at all to recapture the fun and excitement as well as the hard work that went into creating so much pleasure for so many.

Anyone with any pictures of any of the events is asked to e-mail them to Lynn on lynsmarsh@aol.com. giving name, telephone number, and confirming whether the pictures may be reproduced in a public exhibition. For those without e-mail facilities it would be greatly appreciated if they could put pictures on to a CD and drop in into the Ashtorre Centre, the heart of last year's celebrations, on the Waterside immediately under the celebrated Royal Albert Bridge. Please note that the CD's unfortunately, cannot be returned.

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## A transition festival Making Saltash Greener

**Fashion Shows, Late Fore Street Opening and much much more**

Saltash's first Environmental Festival is almost upon us – Making Saltash Greener, generously supported by Saltash Town Council: a chance for you to do your bit for the Environment and see how enjoyable it can be!

Launch Meeting **10:50am on Saturday 11th September** by the bridge office (Plymouth side). Wear Green and help bring Green into Saltash. Children very welcome.

### Late Night Opening On Friday 17th September

over 20 of our wonderful Fore Street shops have kindly agreed to stay open until 7pm! Many are also doing excellent green-themed window displays for

the whole Fore St. Lots of superb local goods will be available. Bring your Saltashcard too and enjoy discounts in several of the shops.

There will be live

entertainment in Fore Street too, including music from Wurlitza (an eclectic mix of original and cover music) and Judy Whitlock (Blues and Jazz Singer)

At 7pm, move into the newly re-opened Brunel Pub to enjoy a drink and our Green prize pub quiz. Fore St is very supportive of the environment, so let's support Fore Street back!

Fashion Show **On Thursday 23rd** saltash.net will host the Green Fashion show (7-10pm). Well known environmental speaker Tracy Smith will emcee, local DJ Peter Gunn will man the discs and provide live music, and local models will show how good you can look in recycled and second-hand

clothes (courtesy of the very generous CLIC)

Tickets on sale from Piglets, A and N Health, CLIC Sargent, or on the door if any left! – just £3 each, under 12s free! Refreshments available and clothes for sale afterwards.

Also... Pedal Parade, Green Church Services, Freeboot Sale, Green Transport Fair, Transition Tales, Saltash stitch-up, Tree-planting, Green Film Festival, Speakers from Diggin' It and a Bring and Share Community Picnic with Art Workshop. Other music in Fore Street includes Peter Gunn (Sinatra and Rock and Roll era) Becky Brine (Blues and Jazz singer), 4 Flutes (flute music for all occasions), Tote Ensemble (early wind band) and the Brunel Ladies Harmony Chorus.

The full timetable went out with the Town Messenger, but it's also on display in posters in many shops, and on the town noticeboards. We also have a window display in the old Marianne's shop and John Forster's 'Paint the town Green' posters around town.

## NO RESPONSE ON NHS DENTIST

There has been no response to enquiries about the NHS dental surgery that Saltash residents were promised would be opened in the town in Spring of this year.

"Now Summer is coming to a close and there is no sign of the surgery that was promised to provide a service to those unable to afford private practice once the town's only NHS provider went fully private last Autumn."

"I have written twice to the primary care trust's chief executive querying the position on this promised service but have received no reply to either letter," Councillor Peter Clements told the town council.

The council is now to write a formal letter querying when the service promised to be in operation around five months ago will be provided to Saltash and also seek to clarify the number of dentists and the number of Saltash children and adults who will be able to register for NHS treatment.

## TOWN HALL STAFF GO ON WEB

Town hall employees may have their profiles joining those of town councillors on the Saltash Town Council website.

It was agreed that those Saltash Town Council staff who are willing should be shown on the website with brief details as to their duties and their length of service in Saltash. The website will be extended to cover this following the arrival of our new Town Clerk Ray Lane in September.

## SILVER FOR BRASS.

The Sounds of Brass programme broadcast on BBC Local Radio on Sunday 5th September 2010 marked 25 years to the day that Phillip Hunt broadcast the first in the weekly series back in 1985. First broadcast on BBC Radio Devon the programme is now carried by 9 BBC Local Radio Stations in the West of England, as well as world wide on the BBC iPlayer and is still presented and produced by Phillip.

To mark the Silver Anniversary of Sounds of Brass Phillip was joined on the lawn of Broadcasting House in Plymouth by The St Austell Band, conducted by Aaron Harvey, for a special Anniversary Broadcast, the first time that a live band has been featured on the Programme. They were joined by vocalist Alison Harvey, whose beautiful soprano voice is already well known to Sounds of Brass's many regular listeners."

Speaking on behalf of St Austell, Rob Faro, the Band Manager said, "We were delighted to accept the invitation to join Phillip and the BBC in celebrating the 25th Anniversary of 'Sounds of Brass', it was a great honour to support Phillip, who for the past 25 years has promoted the brass band movement in the South West with his radio show which most of the band have grown up listening to on a Sunday evening."

The band was conducted by their Musical Director Mr Aaron Harvey, who said "I was very excited to be taking part in this broadcast, it was a challenging time for the band, however with such a talented group of both young and experienced musicians we were sure BBC listeners had lots to look forward to".

As Secretary of The South West Brass Band Association Phillip was asked in 1993 to present a monthly Brass Band Diary Date spot on BBC Radio Devon. This carried on for

several months before the Station decided to record some Brass Band Concerts in the County and him if he would present the resulting programmes. Several twelve week series followed which he enjoyed presenting alongside his full time job. Things went so well that in September 1995 he was asked to present a programme every week on BBC Radio Devon to be called Sounds of Brass, which went on the air on 5th September 1985. Apart from a couple of summer breaks in the early nineties it has continued every week since then, each one presented and produced by Phillip.

A major highlight came in 2004 with the composition by Cornish Composer, Kevin Ackford, of a signature tune just for the Programme, which he called not surprisingly, Sounds of Brass.

The aim has always been to appeal to a wide range of listeners, not just Brass Band enthusiasts, by playing "tuneful and familiar music" and, whilst there has naturally been room for the more serious original Brass Band compositions, lighter pieces, including plenty of solos, have formed the backbone of the Programme. The mix has been well received over the years and with the continued support of the BBC, the listeners, and the Bands, Sounds of Brass hopes to be on the air for a long time to come.

For any further information contact Phillip Hunt on 01752 843919.

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## CALL FOR EVIDENCE – YELLOW TOR LANE

Saltash Town Council is applying for recognition of a footpath in Yellow Tor Lane. The council believe that the path has been used by members of the public, on foot, for over twenty years. The path has recently been brought into question by obstruction, and therefore the council has decided that the situation should be resolved.

The Town Council is applying for the path to be added to the Definitive Map, making it officially recognised as a Public Footpath. The evidence will be collected and then independently reviewed, and all interested parties will be able to comment.

If anybody has used this now obstructed part of Yellow Tor Lane at any time in the past 20 or more years they can add their evidence to that already collected by the Town Council.

They should contact: The Town Clerk, Saltash Town Council The Guildhall 12 Lower Fore Street Saltash PL12 6JX Telephone 01752 844846. e-mail: townclerk@saltash.gov.uk or any Saltash Town Councillor. They will then be asked to complete a form and map.

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## MAKING SALTASH GREENER

### Programme of events

**Friday 10th – Setting the Scene** – Music, Town Crier and Stall in Fore St

### SATURDAY 11TH

**11.00am Opening Ceremony** following march across the bridge led by the Saltash Town Band

**11.30-1.30 Music in Fore St and Stall**

**12 noon Pedal Parade** Meeting by Alexandra Square

### SUNDAY 12TH

Many Church services will include/have a 'green' emphasis

**12.00-3.00pm Free Boot** Alexandra Square Car Park Like a car boot sale but exchanging not buying! Bring things to exchange and get Saltash Shillings to spend!

### MONDAY 13TH

**7.00-9.00pm Transport Fair:** St Stephen's School Greener ways to travel! Learn more about train and bus travel, walking, biking etc + bike maintenance

### WEDNESDAY 15TH

**7.00-9.00pm Steph Bradley's Transition Tales** Ashtor Rock. Steph is walking the British Isles on foot visiting Transition Towns. Through storytelling she provides connections between all involved in these towns.

### THURSDAY 16TH

**7.00-9.00pm Saltash Stitch-Up** The Brunel Pub, Fore St Bring your sewing, knitting, weaving etc, learn from others and chat as you stitch!

### FRIDAY 17TH

**5.30-7.00pm Late Night Shopping** in Fore St A chance to shop after work in your own town! Lots to see and do plus Street entertainment

**7.00-9.00pm Green Pub Quiz** at the Brunel Pub, Fore St

### SATURDAY 18TH

**10.30-1.00pm Stall and Music** in Fore St

**Pm Fruit Tree Planting** in Tincombe or Longstone

### MONDAY 20TH

**7.00-9.00pm Film Evening**, The Guildhall, Lower Fore St. The evening will showcase the results of the 'Green Film Competition' and present the prizes

### THURSDAY 23RD

**7.00-9.00pm CLIC CHIC Fashion Show** saltash.net community school. In conjunction with CLIC Sargent. Tickets £3. Hosted by Tracey Smith, entertaining environmental speaker and author of *The Book of Rubbish Ideas*

### FRIDAY 24TH

**7.00-9.00pm Diggin it!** Ashtor Rock Gardening, Beeking and other tales from 'Diggin it'

### SATURDAY 25TH

**10.30-1.00pm Stall and Music** in Fore St

and....**OUR FINAL CELEBRATION**

**12.30 Bring and Share Community Picnic** – Brunel Green. Bring food (preferably local and home cooked!) and share your picnic, chat, enjoy live music and join in the Art Workshop run by a local artist – all are invited to try their hand at creating a work of art using recycled materials. A creative end at the start of Transition!

### SUNDAY 26TH

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Keith Tozer and Andrew Carmichael had been friends since attending the same infants' school. As they bussed to work together while Keith was an apprentice at Turnbolls Garage and Andrew a trainee accountant at Mumfords Garage they fantasised about starting a garage business together.

Subsequently Keith devoted his life to building up knowledge and experience of the motor trade while Andrew followed his father into the family business of helping the hard of hearing but through their marriages and raising of families they remained in contact. Andrew went on to establish the nationwide business 'The Hearing Room' with its base in his home town of Saltash but he always retained his keen interest in mechanics. Meanwhile while water-skiing twenty years ago Andrew met with Ian Aquilina and found that they not only shared an interest in things mechanical but they also both knew Keith Tozer.

All three remained in close contact when what were evidently the ideal premises for a spacious and fully equipped garage became available on the edge of Saltash earlier this year. Keith, Andrew and Ian seized the opportunity to acquire them and fulfil their long held ideal of offering a unique service to the motoring public.

All three directors of Moorland Auto Solutions have their own individual experience to offer the enterprise. Ian has been working at Babcock Marine on the development of a new super yacht, Andrew has developed his working life creating and expanding a Saltash based nationwide business and Keith has a lifetime of experience encompassing every aspect of mechanics and motor cars. Moorland Auto Solutions is now fully opened and, its three directors proudly believe, is able to offer an experience of service to the motorist unique in the area.



Andrew Carmichael  
Director



Ian Aquilina Director



## A Considerable Achievement for Moorland Auto Solutions... MOT Testing to Include "Class 7" Larger Vehicles

For a newly established business to satisfy the demanding requirements which result in its being granted authority to carry out full MOT testing is a considerable achievement. Moorland Auto Solutions have not only done so but have extended this to include the full range of "Class 7" larger private and commercial vehicles.

Moorland Auto Solutions have, in a few short months transformed a spacious former factory unit into a garage which amazes all who see it, including a 'greatly impressed' AA man who recently brought in a crashed vehicle. It's many services already include MOT testing of all vehicles extended to cover long wheelbase transits, 4 x 4's, motor homes and up to 3 1/2 tonne trucks. The highly

qualified staff aided with the latest of diagnostic equipment are among the few in the area to offer such service to such a full range of vehicles.

It is well worth a visit to Moorlands Lane (off the Liskeard Road, near the 'Ploughboy') to examine the sumptuous premises that three businessmen have recently opened as the town's latest commercial enterprise.

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Moorlands Auto Solutions currently employ three full time experienced and qualified staff alongside their three directors. Already interest in the business is



such that they are anticipating taking on additional qualified staff and offering an apprenticeship, aiming to boost local

employment opportunities as a new and flourishing Saltash business.

## High Quality Used Cars

An ever expanding range of high quality used cars will be on offer as Moorland Auto Solutions build their business on the edge of Saltash.

This is the aim of its three directors and already they have seen a steady turnover from the wide range of family and sports cars that they have been proud to display in front of their newly adapted premises.

They intend the range to include commercial vehicles and top of the market 4 x 4's as well as the family runabout.

Whatever the range all vehicles will have in common that they have been fully inspected and brought to the peak of mechanical perfection by the experienced and qualified Moorland Auto team before being offered for sale. As a result extensive sales warranties will be offered on each vehicle, together with MOT warranties which the sales staff will be pleased to discuss. Sales staff will also be pleased to discuss



Keith Tozer Director

arrangements for part exchange if so required.

Already the interest shown indicates that there will be a fast turnover so it will be well worthwhile making regular and frequent visits to Moorland Lane to check out what is currently on offer and, if interested, request a full examination and test drive.

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## FINANCIAL HELP AND ADVICE AVAILABLE

Cornwall Council is offering a variety of affordable loans to those on low incomes to help them repair and improve their homes.

Cornwall Council was successful in a bid for government funding to set up and offer interest free loans (subject to availability and eligibility) to low income households to help them carry out essential repairs and basic improvements to their homes. The purpose behind the loan scheme is that all loan repayments will be recycled to help build a self sufficient, recycled source of home improvement funding for future necessary lending that becomes less and less reliant on public funding.

There are a number of loan schemes on offer (all subject to availability) including:-

Healthy Homes loans are interest free and available to low-income householders of any age for essential repairs and some energy efficiency improvements.

First-time buyers loans are interest free to help local people buying a property that has been empty for longer than 6 months, to carry out essential repairs and improvements to return the dwelling to use.

Landlord Assistances includes 50% loans are available to private landlords to help them carry out essential repairs, fire safety precautions, improve security measures and energy efficiency. Landlord assistance also includes loans towards conversions of larger houses into family units or flatlets to address a particular local housing need. We can also offer financial assistance in bringing empty properties back into use for private rental. This scheme in particular will result in good quality affordable long term accommodation being made available as, in return for the loan, the owner must let the property at Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rates for a period of 5 years to tenants

nominated by the Council. The nomination rights are used for people that the Council are likely to accept as statutory homeless; who are unable to financially secure accommodation themselves; or to prevent homelessness and the possibly of being placed in temporary accommodation. It also allows the team at the Council to build good working relationships with much-needed, responsible, landlords.

Houseproud loans are available to the over 60s (or households with a disabled person) who are in receipt of a means tested benefit, for repairs, improvements and adaptations. Interest rates apply.

Home Health Energy Efficiency Grants are available to help install loft insulation, cavity wall insulation, and other energy efficiency measures.

Grants are available to help disabled people with adaptations required to their homes and government funding is available for Warm Front heating grants.

Free advice and information is available to all householders on how to improve and maintain their homes.

Cornwall Council cabinet member for housing, Mark Kaczmarek, said: "The aims of the various schemes on offer are geared to improving the quality of homes in Cornwall. That can mean helping a household reduce health and safety risks; help people return to their own homes after a stay in hospital; improve energy efficiency to bring down heating bills, right up to bringing empty properties back into use to provide good quality and affordable rented accommodation.

I urge people to contact the Council to find out if they can access advice or a loan to improve their quality of life."

Further information is available on the Cornwall Council website, search Grants and loans for private housing

## EMILY PICKED TO TRAIN WITH PREMIERSHIP CHELSEA

Having completed her GCSE exams at saltash.net community school, sixteen year old Emily Sleeman is eagerly anticipating advancing her career in football by spending two years training with premier ship club Chelsea.

Having began her soccer playing with her younger brother and his friends when aged around seven, Emily soon found herself initially the only girl picked for the Saltash Youth under nines Boys' Team. Other girls were to join her before, at the age of 12, she moved on to a Plymouth team where her coach also coached Argyle and Emily was invited to play for the Argyle reserves team.

With GCSE's and subsequent sixth form courses beckoning Emily decided this May, to apply for training with a premier ship team. She was offered trials with Chelsea and soon after received an e-mail inviting her to pre-season training this August and a two year academy course starting in September. Practical football training will be linked to a B-Tech college course including sports performance. She is told that top Chelsea

players such as John Terry, Frank Lampard and Ashley Cole come to watch the youngsters matches on the training ground and hopes to impress them.

"This year a new super-league has been started which will be giving girls a chance to go fully professional," Emily enthuses. "To join the reserves and ultimately the first

team would be my ideal." Otherwise she would look forward to a career passing on her soccer skills and enthusiasm for the game to future young players.

"I have mixed feelings, excited but a bit nervous about moving away," Emily told the 'Observer.' "Luckily one of my best friends, Hayley Fowle from Liskeard has also been accepted by Chelsea on the same course so I will have one familiar face there."

Father Marcus and step-mother Sally as well as mother Lynn and step-father Joe are all pleased and proud and will be watching her progress with interest, as is younger brother Ben, 14, himself a keen all-round sportsman.

"Everybody I know is hoping to get up there and is asking if I can get them tickets for first team matches at Stamford Bridge," says Emily.

She adds, "I would like to thank all those family and friends who have supported me and in particular Mr Reynolds, P.E. Teacher and football manager at saltash.net.school."

## SALTASH FERRY FINISHES

The Saltash pier to Plymouth Barbican ferry service has been cancelled by Sound Cruising.

This comes as the South East Cornwall Community Network Group is seeking to encourage an increased water ferry and taxi service in the Lower Tamar to carry commuters and shoppers as well as tourists between Saltash, Torpoint and Mount Edgcumbe on the Cornish side, and Devonport and Plymouth, with extensions to the service upriver especially in the Summer Season.

Another company, Tamar Cruising, has been approached by local Councillor Richard Bickford to see if they have any plans to run a similar service. The Town Council would be pleased to encourage such a service and possibly a connecting bus service to Waterside.

## Local MP appointed to Environmental Audit Committee



Sheryll Murray, Member of Parliament for South East Cornwall, has been appointed to the Environmental Audit Committee which sits in the House of Commons.

The remit of the Environmental Audit Committee is to consider the extent to which the policies and programmes of government departments and non-departmental public bodies contribute to environmental protection and sustainable development, and to audit their performance against sustainable development and

environmental protection targets. In the previous Parliament (2005-2010), the Committee's programme included inquiries on climate change and environmental fiscal measures ('green taxation'), as well as sustainable development and environmental protection. Unlike most select committees, the Committee's remit cuts across government rather than focuses on the work of a particular department.

Upon her appointment on the 26th July, Sheryll Murray said, "We only have one environment and it is our duty to look after it during our tenure for future generations. I want to look right across the sphere of government to see where we can make the biggest improvements."

For further information please contact Sheryll Murray's office on 07950 176990.

## ECO-KIDS MAKE GUILDHALL ECO-FRIENDLY

A team of youngsters from Burraton School carried out an eco-examination of Saltash Guildhall and put forward positive suggestions on saving money and saving the environment.

The eco-kids were pleased to note that town council staff already use the reverse side of paper as scrap. They also approved of the 'Stubbies' used in the town for cigarette ends and chewing gum.

However, the guildhall could do better, they decided, and suggested a number of measures to save on power and water.

They also suggested a 'Walk to Work' day which councillors are considering implementing, for their October Council Meeting. One councillor living at Forder sounded less enthusiastic than his town-centre based colleagues.

Councillors agreed however on the youthful enthusiasm of their Burraton School visitors promising well for the future. "We were appreciative of their interest in the town and in the council," said Cllr Mrs Sue Hooper MBE. "We want to encourage this in young people and could well take a leaf out of their book."

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## MAYOR DID DOGGED DUTY AT AWARENESS DAY

"A really important asset to Saltash" was how the Mayor described Churchtown Farm Nature Reserve while opening the Awareness Day and thanking "all for coming on a truly wonderful day."

He had previously been called upon to perform what he described as one of the oddest duties of his Mayoral year to date, the official opening of a dog waste bin, as a dog walker stood alongside ready to use it.

Mayor and Mayoress, Adam and Merryn Killea were two of several hundred townfolk who took the opportunity of coming to discover what Churchtown Farm has to offer the Town. "To many it is a place to walk the dog, but it is so much more than that," said Bob Austin, Chairman of the Friends of Churchtown Farm.

The Friends who had organised the Awareness Day also organise monthly guided walks, usually on the second Saturday of each month, on a variety of themes from 'Spring Birds' and 'Winter Waders' to 'Tracks and trails' and 'Wild food foraging.' Details are on the Reserve's noticeboards.

Family attractions at the Awareness Day highlighted a spectacular falconry display while children could also enjoy face painting, mask making and a scavenger hunt.

There were a variety of stalls to attract one and all and a series of walks were organised for those still unfamiliar with the magnificent variety of wildlife habitats so close to Saltash.

## GIVE YOUR VIEWS ON ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Those with concerns over crime and anti-social behaviour are encouraged to attend public meetings with councillors, police and other professional which are held regularly in the town.

With a view to encouraging public participation the format and timings of these meetings are being changed. Instead of six daytime meetings a year two evening meetings, when the public are more likely to be able to attend, are planned, with four continuing during working hours.

The evening meetings will be 'themed' on issues currently concerning the town which could include car crime, particular areas of the town where problems are arising, or whatever else may be an issue at that time.

Young people in particular are to be invited including representatives from saltash.net.school, Saltash College and the town's two youth clubs.

"Meetings have been held since 2007 and in general it has been very successful," said Chairman Bob Austin. "We would like to build on this success in a new format to include more members of the public."

The first evening meeting will be in Saltash Guildhall on September 28th at 7 pm with another scheduled for April 4th 2011. The next daytime meeting is on 29th November at 2 pm, also in the Guildhall.

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## GRIT BINS MAY GO BEFORE WINTER

The salt and grit bins which were much used by local residents during our icy Winter are under review by Cornwall Council.

Those deemed unnecessary may be removed unless the Town Council chooses to take on responsibility for them. Bins likely to be removed are those considered to duplicate others or in areas which are automatically gritted when weather conditions demand. This includes areas round Secondary Schools but not Primary Schools as 'there are too many primary schools' Saltash Council was told.

The Town Council is to liaise with Cornwall Council regarding any bins that is intended to remove. They may, if they deem necessary, offer to take over and to stock these with grit and salt at the Town's expense.

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## HERITAGE SEEK HOME MOVIES

With increasing interest in historic home movies being generated through a television series, Saltash Heritage are asking anyone with footage of the town or the countryside around to let it be preserved for future generations to share.

Footage of the ferries, festivities in and around Saltash, or just the Town itself and the villages around presents a fascinating moving image of a scene, recaptured for ever as the people and places depicted disappear further into the past.

Anyone with cine film that they are willing to share is asked to bring it into the local history centre, above the Museum in Lower Fore Street, on Wednesday afternoon between 2 - 4 pm, Friday evening from 7 - 9 pm or Saturday morning from 10 am to 1 pm, or alternatively contact the archivist on 843427.

Whether it be on the original film, transferred to video or DVD, Saltash Heritage can, if agreed, copy it for their archives and, if permission is granted, for showing, then return the original.

## DON'T BE DUPED BY BOGUS 'CHARITY PUBLISHERS'

Businesses in Cornwall are being warned not to be duped into paying for advertising in charity publications which they have not agreed to, and which often never get published.

The warning comes from Cornwall Council Trading Standards following a spate of complaints from local businesses who have received invoices for adverts in so called charity booklets, magazines, wall-planners, diaries, etc. which they have not agreed to.

"Although responsible traders have raised money for charity for many years by producing publications, recently less scrupulous traders have found this to be an easy way to make money for themselves", explained Cathy Brown from Trading Standards.

Those businesses recently targeted by the scam have all reported receiving an invoice for £149. When they telephone the advertising company

querying the invoice, they have been told that the advert was agreed to back in February.

"We are advising any business that finds itself in this situation to send a recorded delivery letter to the company strenuously denying that any such contract exists and to refuse to discuss the matter further."

"In some instances the bogus advertising company then claim that they have taped evidence of the business agreeing to place the advert to panic them into paying the invoice. Businesses should not be intimidated into sending a cheque by such threats but instead continue to refuse payment."

If any local businesses are considering advertising in such a publication it is advisable to double-check with the charities concerned to make sure the offer is genuine and that the publishers are known to them before agreeing to enter into a contract.

"Trading Standards would advise businesses that it is good practice to ensure that their policy for the placing of orders includes providing an order number as evidence that they have entered into a contract. It is also worthwhile obtaining written details before agreeing to any contract as well as making just one person responsible for placing advertising orders to avoid sales ploys such as 'I previously spoke to your partner who agreed to buy some advertising' to mislead you into agreeing to a contract."

If anyone would like further advice they should contact Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06

## CARKEEL SPEED SIGN ILLEGAL

Carkeel residents concerned that motorists speed through their village have had their beliefs confirmed. A recent speedvisor deployment shows that the average speed is above the legal limit for the area.

Unfortunately, the current 30 mph signage in Carkeel is illegal, being incorrectly made, and is therefore, unenforceable. The police are seeking to have the sign removed and replaced with one that could be enforced.

Local residents are reluctant to see the sign disappear, the Town's Industry, Commerce Transportation and Tourism Committee was informed, possibly because they do not appreciate plans for its proper replacement.

The Committee also heard that a proposed speed camera is unlikely to be placed in Carkeel during current financial reductions.

## KEEP NOTICEBOARDS LOCAL

Town Council noticeboards in Fore Street and elsewhere in the town should not be used to promote commercial bodies, it has been agreed by the Town Council.

A recent application to advertise a dental practice was refused.

They should also be restricted to notices concerning Saltash and the 'PL12' postal area only and not for events in Plymouth or elsewhere. They will be regularly checked, updated, and outdated notices removed.

All notices intended for the boards should be produced on A5 size paper except for Fore Street which should be A4.

Various boards around the Town are currently being repaired or replaced.

## LEAD AND GRANITE GO MISSING

While crime around Saltash continues to fall there have been recent thefts of granite and of lead from roofing. Two men seen driving a blue van are among those whom the police would like to interview in connection with their enquiries into these matters, PC Rachel Short told Saltash Town Council. It has been reported that a school is among those buildings affected.

## NEW DOG CONTROL ORDERS

A dog owner must put his animal on a lead if ordered to do so by an authorised Cornwall Council Officer under a new ruling which came into effect in July.

The officer may order this if he considers the dog is causing a nuisance to the public or to other dogs.

"All dog foul must be removed by the person in charge of the dog" according to another recently introduced Cornwall County order, "at the time it is done on land to which the order applies."

Local residents may spot notices on lamp posts reminding them of this by-law.

The county is currently considering dog orders and their enforcement on the county's beaches and is seeking comments from local authorities with a view to reviewing its dogs on beaches policies.

## FOOTPATH'S MISSING LINK RESTORED

A popular and well used link in the footpath network along the Lynher river close to Saltash, closed off by the landowner some years back, could now be restored.

The footpath formerly linked the end of the county road at Antony Passage with 'Footpath 17,' an undisputed public right of way running up steps, alongside the river estuary and across a field near to Shillingham.

A dispute arose concerning the path that formerly ran along the bank between the road and the steps and the then current owner of an adjoining property closed off the path forcing walkers to scramble over the foreshore, under water at high tides.

The issue was referred to Cornwall Council who, after considering representations from walkers and the landowner, has granted a modification order under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to add to the definitive map a public right of way following the line of the closed footpath.

However, representation or objections to the modification order may be made up until October. If none are made the order will be automatically confirmed. If objections are made the matter may be referred on to the Secretary of State for the Environment for a decision to be made.

## LIONS CELEBRATE FORTY YEARS IN FLOWERS

Saltash Lions turn forty next year and to mark this landmark anniversary aim to display it in flowers.

They intend to plant out the roadside flowerbed near the foot of Fore Street, adjacent to Brunel's bust. The flowers would mark out the Lions' Logo, and the wording "Saltash Lions 40th."

The Town Council has endorsed its agreement subject to the council organising the planting in order to cover insurance issues.

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