

# Safe38 Supports UK-Wide Road Safety Initiative

# Bridge Faces Deficit – But No Toll Rises Planned

hile motorists continue to struggle with queues as Tamar Bridge resurfacing work enters its final phase there are two pieces of good news. One is that work is currently well up to schedule and should be completed in October.

Secondly despite dire warnings from the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry management that they are facing a £7 million deficit, councillors have rejected a suggestion that tolls increase by 30% and that the Tamar Tag discount reduce from 50% to 35% to cover this loss.

Instead, councillors have called for the appointment of consultants to prepare a business case for the raising of alternative forms of income as well as the right to increase tolls automatically by the rate of inflation and the retail price index.

Otherwise on present based figures the reserve funds held by the Bridge and Ferry could be exhausted by the end of the

2022/23 financial year and a deficit of over £7.5 million arise by 2024/25.

In addition to the capital expenses incurred in such works as the resurfacing the bridge has been faced with loss of income during the pandemic, with current crossings still only around 87% of pre-pandemic, the ferry usage being around 98%. It is predicted that it may not be until 2025 that crossings equal pre-pandemic level by which time without toll increased the deficit could be

approaching £31/2 million. Although no toll increases are currently proposed they could still be sought following the completion of a new report due to be completed by the end wombob



reptember saw the launch of ProjectEdward Every Day Without A Road Death'

Showcasing road safety activity and sharing

advice for safer road use. The week of action comes

after a spike in fatal collisions on Devon and

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summer. The average number of incidents on Devon and Cornwall roads from June to August rocketed with 21 fatalities according to figures by Vision South West Zero Road Safety Partnership, and 29 critically injured.

Cornwall roads this

The annual Project Edward road safety initiative.

organised in the South West by Vision Zero South West started off with a road trip of emergency services vehicles Sainsbury's from in Plymouth up to Bristol with stops en-route at the Devon Air Ambulance base at Exeter Airport to demonstrate the resources required to attend a serious road traffic collision.



One of the three road trips organised around the country, the road trip partners included Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. National Highways, the emergency services and a host of British businesses including South West Water. The theme for this year's annual road trip was 'Fit for the Road' promoting an evidence-led.

'safe system' approach - the long-term objective of which is a road traffic system free from death and serious injury. Local A38 road safety

> campaigning group Safe38 were invited to attend as they continue to work to raise awareness around the safety shortcomings on the stretch of the A38 this side of the Tamar.

Chair of the group James Millidge said: "Safe38 are delighted to be involved in this vital safety initiative on the A38. Safer roads starts with all of us taking responsibility for our own driving behaviour. Anything that helps raise awareness after a summer with such high numbers of incidents and unfortunately fatalities is an

important part of our work as a campaigning group and we very happy to support our partners in this road safety partnership".

The event will also include details of a new project which will see 170 dashcams given out free to businesses that regularly use our road network to allow them to feed into Devon and Cornwall Police's Operation Snap. The first six months of 2021 saw the force receive more than 700 dash cam submissions. Safe38 will be working with National Highways to find partners to take part in their dash cam project targeting the A38 between Carkeel and Trerulefoot.

## Saltash Leisure Centre **Threatened with Closure** ornwall Council has published a consultation

document where it is recommending the closure of Saltash and three other public leisure centres in Cornwall. It comes as GLL, the not-for-profit organisation that manages public leisure centres on behalf of Cornwall Council, has informed the Council that financial pressures mean it can no longer afford to run all 13 Cornish centres. The consultation document's statement that if Saltash were to close, any existing demand would be absorbed by provision in Plymouth has angered many Saltash residents.

The consultation will run until the end of October, with Cornwall Council's Cabinet taking a final decision on the fate of the four leisure centres in December.

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# News from Saltash Town Council Konsel an dre Essa



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The last few weeks really have started to something see approaching normality and it was great to have the return of the Saltash Regatta during the first weekend in September. Several people commented along the lines that it was their

first taste of freedom since the beginning of the lockdown. The well planned event was a huge credit to the organisers and was enjoyed by many, the cardboard boat race attracting a large number of spectators, as in previous years. Prior to the race, I thought I had spotted the boat that was most likely to sink first, but to my surprise, it stayed the course for a reasonable amount of

time. The Ashtorre Rock welcomed many visitors over the Regatta weekend, where Saltash Rotary Club were in attendance, selling pasties, sticky buns and home made cakes, which were all sold out by closing time on the Sunday. All profits made by the Rotary Club will benefit various charities.

We had some fantastic

feedback and will be acting on

many of the great suggestions

in the coming months to make

small improvements and

changes. The exhibition was a

great success and was one of

the busiest exhibitions that

form part of the Drawn to the

Valley week, with good sales

for the artists and therefore

decent commission for the

town council. This all bodes

well for my intention that the

building not only drives

footfall to the town, but

generates income to support

future maintenance. I am sure

we will be hosting similar art

Councillors Bullock, Yates

and myself are busy putting

exhibitions



Another event that finally happened after a long wait was the Mayor Making Ceremony, something that usually occurs within six weeks of a Mayor taking Office, but for me the wait was thirteen months, due to the pandemic. Never let it be said that I don't do things differently! A huge thanks to the Church of St Nicholas & St Faith for allowing the Ceremony to be held there, also to the Saltash Social Club where a buffet and drinks were served afterwards

# **More Events Planned for** the Station Building

s the mayor mentioned, we opened the doors of the station building, now called Isambard House in late August to form part of the Drawn to the Valley – Open Studios event. We worked closely with the five Saltash artists to bring you this event as the first of what we hope will be many similar events

> together a programme of interesting events. If you are looking for a unique venue for an event, please get in touch if you would like to discuss the possibility of using the station

building. I would also like to add my condolences to Brad Hines family, having worked with Brad on a number of projects, I know what a great professional and man he was, he will be missed.

Richard Bickford, Deputy Mayor of Saltash 2021-22

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# Christmas Lights in Saltash

At the Full Town Council meeting held on 2nd September 2021 Saltash Town Council resolved to appoint a company to carry out the Christmas decoration works for 2021.

The lights will be the same as installed for Christmas 2020 and the works will be completed by the end of November 2021

It was also agreed to install a 20ft Christmas tree at Victoria Gardens and at the Waterside.

The Town Council Service Delivery team will do this inhouse

Saltash Town Council were saddened to recently hear the news of the passing of Brad Hine. Brad was responsible for the

The Passing of Brad Hine

Memorial Peace Gardens, a place where many go to reflect and enjoy the floral displays. More recently Brad and his brother created the borders that surround the WW1 pebble memorial. Brad's work with Saltash in Bloom directly contributed to the town winning horticulture awards.

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town to the Mayor who then

endowed his wife and fellow

councillor Brenda Samuels

Deputy Mayor Richard

Bickford spoke briefly on

some of the town council's

recent projects including

setting up the Waterside

Coastal Community Scheme,

Council and local residents.

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1. Cllr Richard Bickford

In recent years Brad and Didge have continued to support the horticulture work across the town, often as volunteers, ensuring Saltash has been awash with colour through the planting of floral beds, boats, gardens and roundabouts.

Brad loved Saltash and he has left a lasting legacy through the flowers we all enjoy every year.

Our thoughts are with Brad's family and friends at this sad time

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Successful Art Exhibition

Saltash Station recently

opened its' doors to a

successful art exhibition,

commented on how the

whilst providing a light and

airy interior. But I will not

elaborate on that, as Deputy

Mayor Richard Bickford has

a column in this months

Observer and I feel sure he

will have much more to tell

I'll be back next month

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# Mayoral Ceremony In Historic Civic Chapel

vic history was made, Mayor Peter Samuels informed his guests in St. Nicholas Church, by him being the first ever serving Mayor to wait thirteen months for his Mayor Making Ceremony. This was one of many events which had been postponed and the fact that it could now take place with civic dignitaries from other towns joining local councillors and members of the Saltash community in celebration was another sign of normality returning to the community. It was fitting that the ceremony took place in the church which, as Prebendary Brian Anderson reminded all, was the Mayor and Corporations private chapel until the 1880's.



With the aid of grant funding consultants have already been appointed to review possible enhancements to the area.

Councillor Sarah Martin then spoke on plans for further devolution which could include the town acquiring open spaces and play areas from Waterside out to such areas as Pillmere and Latchbrook.

The Mayor then formally

appointed as Mayor's Cadet explorer scout, 16-year-old Lowenna Carvell (who is also part of your Saltash Observer's hard working delivery team). Her first duty as Mayor's Cadet was to present bouquets to the Mayoress and Deputy Mayoress Sarah Bickford.

After the ceremony the Mayor carried out the traditional tossing of fruit and all.

warm pennies to children gathered in Alexandra Square.

All then adjourned to the Saltash Social Club for drinks and a splendid and beautifully arrayed Cornish buffet (including strawberries dipped in chocolate beautiful) prepared by Julie Turner Cakes and Catering of Tideford, enjoyed by one and

Following requests from members of the public, the toilets located in Longstone Park will be open throughout winter between 8.30am – 4.30pm Monday - Sunday. The summer opening hours of all toilets managed by Saltash Town Council will be extended until October half term to coincide the seasonal daylight savings

**Public Conveniences** 

but in the meantime, take care and stay safe. Kindest Regards Cllr Pete Samuels

Mayor of Saltash 2021-22

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Cllr Pete Samuels

Cllr Richard Bickford

Deputy Mayor.

# Chamber Chairman Sarah Martin *Keeping us Updated...*

constantly amazed at quickly the how summer holidays go, and we're back into a new school year again! Talking to traders in the town, the summer pickings have varied with some faring well, while others are considering their options after struggling to entice their customers across the Bridge into the town from Plymouth. Many I'm sure are counting the days down to the resurfacing works finishing so the town can return to some kind of normality.

#### Tamar Bridge resurfacing project

Anyone travelling across the Bridge can't fail to notice that half of the main deck is now completed, and work on the other half has started. The bus lane on the Plymouth-bound cantilever at the toll booth plaza is now complete, too, with a new red surface. Despite the new surface the use of lane remains the same which is both a bus and tag lane. With the works still expected to be completed by the end of October, we will all breath a collective sigh of relief.

#### Fore Street resurfacing

There have been some fraught conversations in past weeks with town traders who'd heard rumours about works to begin on resurfacing Fore Street straight after Bridge works have finished. The works to Fore Street have been in the pipeline for a while and

s a Mum of two, I'm anyone who has driven over the bump outside the Coop or looked at the state of the bus bays can see why it's important to get the works done, but coming so soon after the chaos by the Bridge caused resurfacing works, and in the middle of the important pre-Christmas retail period, it is understandable that town traders were feeling frustrated. After appealing to our Cornwall Councillors, the works scheduled for November have thankfully been postponed until Spring next year. Work to remove the humps from the bus bays, which were installed to add space on the pavements during lockdowns, will go ahead in November, however without the need for a road closure. The only section of road that will need to be closed during the day will be the Belle Vue Road between the Belle Vue car parks and Fore Street. Access to the car parks will still be maintained, and we have been promised that any disruption will be kept to a

## Totally Locally is back!

minimum.

After the success of the Totally Locally event in June, the FiverFest is set to return for a second time in Saltash in October as we start to move our focus to Christmas! The Fiver Fest is part of a nationwide celebration of independent businesses, and will be the 9th-23rd October 2021

The £5 special offers across

fferry crossings that ended on October 196 Friday, 22 October - 7.30 pm Bruce Hunt will talk Saltash Ferry Tales. Come and hear how we crossed the river at Saltash for over 900 years before the Tamar Road Bridge was built Tickets £3.50 to include tea and ferry 'fairy' cake **Restricted numbers** 

Saturday, 23 October - 10.00 am - 4.00 pm Exhibition of photographs, oral history, film (courtesy Saltash Video & Cine Club), farry footage, ferry memorabilia, etc. Free

Saturday, 23 October - 7.00 pm - 11.30 pm Celebration event: Bar, Buffet, live music with Waterside boy, Bern Stewart (Dave Hankin Band), and poignant tribute to the last ferry sailing, 60 years ago

Tickets £8.00 - Advance bookings only; no admission on the night. Restricted numbers

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Ashtorre Rock is right beneath the bridge at Salmsh Waterside, Old Ferry Road, PL12 4GT

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the town from our wonderful independent shops, cafes, and businesses will be listed on the Totally Locally Facebook page and on www.bimble.com. If you want to help organise this event in the town, or you're a business wanting to take part, then please contact the Totally Locally Saltash team via the Totally Locally Saltash Facebook page.

#### **Community Stage now** available for hire!

Chamber took over this community asset from Saltash Town Council earlier this year, and it is now available for hire for community events. The trailer offers the perfect little stage venue for any type of event, most recently being used at Tincombe for the Tea Party and the Saltash Regatta on Waterside Green. It can be hooked up to electricity, and will be delivered and set up ready for your event. We hire it out for a nominal fee per day to cover insurance and maintenance. Get in touch if you are interested in using the trailer for your event.

#### **BBC Radio Cornwall focus** on Saltash

Listen out for a week of coverage for Saltash by BBC Radio Cornwall as they take an in-depth look at the town and its businesses and community. Their roving reporter will be in Saltash the week before half term and will be on the lookout for willing contributors as they uncover those try and interesting and quirky facts about the town. As always, I'm happy to hear

from businesses and retailers alike - email me at Chair@saltashchamber.co.uk

Last Ferry Will Be **Commemorated On Anniversary** 

ixty years ago this October Saltash was to change forever as the ferry that had served the town for nine centuries ran for the last time. The following morning the Tamar Bridge opened and hastened in a new era for the town. bar and buffet and a special

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poignant event at 11pm,

recognizing the exact time

that history was made with

The events are being

organized by Lynn Marsh

Chair of Ashtorre Rock with

Challen, Admission is by

advance ticket only and

For tickets and further

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Descendents of those who

worked the ferry or who have

memories of it will be

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information contact Lynn on

numbers are restricted.

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especially welcome.

Councillor Gloria

the leaving of the last ferry.

The anniversary is being celebrated in fitting style at the Ashtorre Rock alongside the former ferry ramp.

On 22nd October Bruce Hunt of Saltash Heritage will be giving an illustrated talk on the history of the ferry.

On 23rd October the actual anniversary of the last ferry there will be a display of old photographs, film, oral history and memorabilia, open to all from 10am - 4pm.

That night the commemorations will climax from 7.30pm with live music from local man Bern Stewart who sings with the Dave Hankin Band. There will be a

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We have a fab team of

volunteers who handle the

bookings, publicity and

Cornwall and Devon.

# 911 20 Years On

🕇 altash Observer took time out this month, along with millions around the world, to remember the victims and the remarkable team of helpers and families who were affected in the 9/11 New York event 20 years ago. In mid-1985, as he explored North America, Ian Robinson photographed the iconic twin towers of the World Trade Center from Brooklyn Bridge, never envisaging the ultimate sad enormity of their fate.



exhibition to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the last sailing of the Saltash Ferry. Ten years ago, at a similar event, we featured a working model of the ferry, made in the 1960's by John Lavens of Saltash. This was very popular at the time and will be making an ideal centrepiece for this year's exhibition.

## Volunteer Drivers Urgently Needed

The volunteers at Community Enterprises PL12 have been initiating & managing community-led projects for the past 15 years, and especially throughout the Covid crisis.

Now that the restrictions have eased, we've resumed our Community Transport services, with numerous day trips planned over the coming months.

years, and have 4-5 hours a These trips are keenly anticipated, especially by the month to spare, we'd love to older generation who have hear from you. We have 2 spent much of the last 18 mini-buses; a 16 seater, or an months in isolation, not going 8-seater (the size of a transit out and often not seeing van). Full driver training will be given. anybody from one day (or You would be joining a week!) to the next. The trips

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The sun shone out of a cloudless sky upon fleets of boats flashing across sparkling water cheered on by the crowds ashore. Crowds of happy Saltash residents and visitors sat in the sunshine to enjoy non-stop musical entertainment in two open air venues, wandering the lines of stalls linking them. Yes, it was Regatta weekend, everyone was enjoying the late summer weather, and Saltash was again Saltash. We lost count of the number of times we heard people say "isn't it good to see everyone out again".

On the Jubilee Green stage bands entertained the masses who were enjoying al fresco drinks by the river as the bars and the ce cream vans did a roaring trade. Many got up to dance, including a retired farmer and County Councillor with apparent boundless energy. More mellow tunes echoed from the Waterside Green stage to put one and all in a relaxing, late summertime mode. When they weren't paddling or building sandcastles on the newly made Saltash Riviera, children rode the inflatables

and wondered at the magic of Billy Wiz.



# **Essa Voices**

Dublic sport and leisure unique offer, ranging from swimming lessons for primary school children and surf lifesaving training through to exercise programmes for people with long-term health conditions. These services are often outside the scope of what a commercial gym offers.

duty for local authorities to conditions that can be confidently over a distance of provide public sport

and leisure services,

there is no statutory, legal duty. This means that with paltry funding from central government, leisure centres are often one of the first services to face closure when burden on the NHS and social finances are tough.

The impact of Covid has left many providers in situations that are ruinous financially. Estimates suggest that as centres nationwide face the threat of closure. And now Helping Us Live With GLL, which manages Cornwall's public leisure centres, has told Cornwall centres, one of which is Saltash

Cornwall Council is asking residents to respond to the consultation that has been launched about the future of public leisure services, but I urge you also to contact our England were overweight, MP asking for government to properly recognise the social value and public health outcomes of public leisure services, and prioritise government funding to make it possible to deliver People on lower incomes or inable investment in public sport and leisure affordable public leisure, ervices that Cornwall can be giving public sport and leisure

proud of. Here are some points you could raise: Better Health, In Body And

Mind services provide a Regular physical activity is shown to reduce the risk of serious illness and disease. The risk of a hip fracture, for example, is reduced by up to Learning To Swim In 68% with regular physical activity, and exercise leads to a reduction of up to 20% in River Tamar, swimming and depression. Reducing The Burden On

The Nhs And Social Care But although there is a moral There are 20 chronic all children can swim

Leisure Centre Facing Closure

prevented by regular physical activity, so investing in public sport and leisure services is an investment in ill-health prevention, reducing the care services. Research conducted by APSE shows that public leisure services nationwide deliver annual savings of £5.2bn in many as 100 public leisure healthcare and £1.7bn in social care. Covid

Standing on the steps of No. 10, Professor Whitty told us Council that without an extra that regular exercise is the £750,000 they will need to best way to build up resilience close four of Cornwall's to Covid, but it will also support recovery for the 376.000 people nationwide Covid, helping us learn to live with Covid Reducing Obesity

In 2018, 63% of adults in and of these, half were classified as obese. Public leisure centres are key to reversing this trend. Levelling Up Across

Inequalities And Cornwall unemployed depend on

services a critical importance n addressing inequalities. And the disparity across Cornwall, with three of the four Leisure Centres identified for closure being east of Bodmin, clearly needs to be addressed.

# Cornwall

Bordered by the sea and the water safety are vital lifeskills. The government requires schools to ensure that at least 25 metres

before they leave primary school. Yet

#### a report in June states that the impact of Covid means that by 2025/26, an estimated 1.2 million children will have left primary school unable to swim the statutory 25m. Ask the MP how the government can help with the extra costs that will be incurred by schools if children

swimming lessons **Contributing To Net Zero** Targets

need to travel further for

Cornwall's ageing leisure facilities are energy intensive and should be a priority for decarbonisation programmes, helping Cornwall achieve its carbon neutral aims. Urge the MP to take a look at St Sidwell's Point being built by Exeter City Council, which is who are suffering from long set to be one of the world's most energy efficient leisure centres and a jewel in Exeter's

And finally: remind the MP of Boris Johnson's words in July when he said: "...we won't level up when so many people are sick, or off work because they are stressed, or because they suffer from obesity or problems with their mental health'

Councillor Hilary Frank cllr.hilarv.frank@ cornwall.gov.uk

Hosting the Regatta's river-based event was our local Caradon Gig Club, who had eight crews of their own rowing. Nine visiting clubs from throughout the South West, from Bristol and Lyme Regis down to Mounts Bay, were in fierce but friendly competition. Caradon Gig Club committee member Kate explained to your "Observer" that there were not so many visiting teams as usual as due to ongoing Covid restrictions it was by invitation only.

"It is so good to be back racing, so nice to have normality", she told us. However much we train it's still good to have friendly competition."

# Fun For All at Sea And on Shore

welcome return of favourite fun events on the water is always matched by some novel attractions dreamed up by our hard-working Regatta committee. This year was no exception as on the Saturday Lone and all lined the Old Ferry slipway and the pier for what was proclaimed as the "first ever Saltash Regatta Paddleboard Relay". The teams set out to paddle around a marker and back with one crew member aboard, then with two, building up to crews of five attached to each paddleboard with much



ducking and overturning. The proud winning team was More Core Gym, closely followed by a Royal Navy team "The Oddballs".

Later, at high tide forty-five intrepid wimmers took part in the International Wild Swim to England and back. Closely marked by a safety boat, they had to land briefly in England, and "do a dance or something" before swimming back to receive a medal.

Sunday began with a paint party resulting in many highly coloured regatta revellers. However, the most popular event, drawing the crowds back to the Waterside by Ashtorre was, back by popular demand, the Cardboard Boat Race, hosted by Saltash Redeemer Church. No less than fifteen boats entered this year, with such diverse names as "Snap Crackle and Sink" and "Re-Gatta Win". There were sinkings capsizings and some sabotage before the proud winners the Roval Navy's "Sexy Seamen" were first to cross the finishing line, followed by "Captain Birdseye" There were prizes for the Most Impressive Sinking and for the Best Eco-Creative Design, won by "Timmy The Turtle" which was created and rowed by members of the Core Youth Group

After the award eremonv the crowd drifted away from the slipway but most remained to relax in the late afternoon sun. enjoy the live music, and above all enjoy the experience meeting friends and coming together as a community once more









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Summer in Saltash... The Crowds Return to Waterside as Regatta is Back...And it was Amazing...

rganising a Regatta in an ordinary year is more like trying to brave rapids in a leaky canoe than a leisurely punt in a Venetian gondola. And this was no ordinary year In the week before, the volunteer organisers were still trying to source toilets and funding, work out how to remove soggy cardboard from the river after the Cardboard Boat Race, and find enough people to help sell raffle tickets. Regatta Chairperson, Karen Lilley, was even visiting building sites asking for spare toilets. But the Saltash community rallied round, as they always do. "We have such a great community spirit here," said Karen. "Local company We Dump 4 U got rid of our soggy cardboard, and the Royal Navy Engineer students from Submarine Qualification South, who came over from Plymouth to help us, were fully engaged, helpful and professional

at every stage. But I want to give a particular shout out to our fabulous Regatta Crew – the local young people who gave willingly of their time to carry out tasks like monitoring road blocks, pushing rubbish bins and helping traders set up. Under the direction of Diverse Events CIC, our partner in delivering Saltash Regatta. the crew of local young people went above and beyond. It is thanks to them that the event went so smoothly."







#### ollow us on Face

Unfortunately we could choose only a few of our favourite photos to go into the Observer from our summer in Saltash collection to see nore go to our Facebook page: Saltash Observer

We will be updating the page with unused news that didn't make the pages due to deadline dates and unused photos from our summer



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It seems as if the children are only just out of school Look at what you've got already

If uniforms fit, don't feel under pressure to spend on new stuff just because it's that time of year. Get the kids involved too teach them savvy shopping and saving skills to set them up for future success.

#### **Outgrown uniform?**

If your kids have outgrown their uniform and it's still in good condition, consider organising a uniform swap-shop. You can bet that lots of other parents will thank you for it.

Remember to check what support you may be eligible for from the council if you're on certain benefits via gov.uk/helpschool-clothing-costs. Make a list

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Whatever needs updating, write it all down and you're less likely to forget something or be caught out by impulse buys. Schools often provide new starters with a list of what's needed, but just check - there may be some things on the list that are nice-to-haves but aren't essential.

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notebooks, pens and pencil cases when you could spend pennies? Often high street stationery stores can be costly and you end up paying for brands or fancy designs, so don't be drawn in. Budget stores often offer a wide range of back-to-school equipment at lower prices. Also, shopping online is a great way to avoid the 'I want this and can I have this?' conversations with the kids.

Label everything Don't forget to add a laundry marker pen to your list of backto-school supplies. Label everything so that lost items will find their way back to your child and you won't have to shell out to replace them.

**Budgeting for school dinners** If you're worrying about how to pay for school dinners for your children, consider packed

lunches. There are some great healthy recipes that you could use and if you plan ahead it could be a cheaper alternative. Check out nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/heal thier-lunchboxes. You may be eligible for free school meals if you're on certain benefits - you can find out and apply through your local council. Christians Against Poverty

(CAP) is a UK charity with over 580 services across the country delivering debt counselling, money management education, job clubs, life skills groups and more. Visit capuk.org to find out more.

#### Saltash Library

**Extend Opening Hours** Saltash Library will extend their opening hours from Monday 27 September 2021. The new opening hours will be 10am - 5pm weekdays (closed on Wednesdays) and 10am -1pm on Saturdays (closed on Sundays). The library has seen a growing number of people using the facility again since reopening after lockdowns. These extended opening hours will allow the facility to be accessible to afternoon customers, groups and after school activities and users

The Computer Man

#### Conundrum Corner

Taking the initial letter to the one-word answers to the following ten questions can vou re-arrange them to make the name of a well-known celebrity? 3,7

1 Which is the World's largest land-locked Country? (10) 2 What was the name of Batman's youthful sidekick? (5)

3 The 19th century Luddite Movement began around which English city? (10) 4 In Australian slang which creature is known as a

Jumbuck? (5) 5 What is the chemical name for the alcohol in Beer and Wine? (7)

6 What, in Paris, is the Sorbonne? (10) 7 Which Scottish city, situated on the banks of the River Tay, is known as the

Fair City? (5) 8 In Rudyard Kipling's Jungle Book stories what type of creature is Kaa? (5) 9 What term is used for the study of Fish? (11) 10 Which is the largest member of the Penguin family? (7) Answers on Page 7

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# Saltash Litter Rangers

C altash Environmental Action (SEA) are celebrating the first anniversary of its Litter Rangers project. Litter Rangers adopt a local street or green open space, and regularly pick up any litter there. The Coordinator, Sho Frank, said: 'We want to thank all Rangers who have taken part in this special project, and invite other residents of Saltash to join them.'

Many children have volunteered to go out with their parents to tidy their Sho continued, streets. 'without the help of all these people, we could not keep the streets of Saltash clean. Rangers are passionate in their fight against litter, even though they are so busy in their own life. They make Saltash a safer and more pleasant town. Some Rangers do not stop at cleaning only their own street, but also take

care of other streets and public spaces. Saltash is grateful to them all.' Sho said that many other

people pick up litter, 'But by joining the Litter Rangers you feel part of a team. Also, Rangers have safety guidelines, and access to loans of equipment, including hi viz jackets for safety, as well as grabbers, hoops and bags.'

Now SEA is asking Litter Rangers to feedback information on roughly how often they pick up litter, and suggest any improvements. Also, if anyone has stopped using the equipment loaned to them, please return it so someone else can use it.

The Litter Rangers organisers have produced a 'How to do it' guide, which has already been adopted elsewhere including Torpoint. Sho enthuses everyone:

'Show your courage and educate your children and grandchildren. You are the model for the next generation. Give your friends and family the gift of this clean, lovely town where you live. Let's make Saltash the cleanest town in the UK!'

Scrapstore, Babcock, Biffa, Clean Cornwall, Keep Britain Tidy, National Lottery Community Fund, Saltash Town Council and Cornwall Councillors have funded the Rangers equipment.



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# The Passing of Brad Hine Send Shock Waves **Through Saltash**

ributes led by former Mayor, Sue Hooper on Saltash social media have been flooding in for Saltash man Brad Hine, with hundreds of comments of condolences posted on Face Book

did and took pride in every

project and made them his own.

for so many reasons, and his

numerous and beautiful floral

schemes will be lasting tributes

blessings go to Brad's wife,

Lorraine and all his family and

Mary Crawford, editor of the

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"There is nowhere around

"When driving around

Saltash that does not bear the

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Saltash, I often saw Brad

working on roundabouts, public

gardens, parklands and parks,

the results of his green fingers.

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to his talents and creativity.

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"Brad will be sorely missed

Brad lost his battle most untimely, with a challenging illness bravely borne on September 4th, and his passing has sent shock waves through Saltash, and in particular for those that knew, loved and worked with Brad establishing flower beds and improving the local environs on Saltash Fore Street, roundabouts, woodlands, gardens memorial and footpaths.

Sue said: "I have had the honour of working with Brad on many environmental projects on behalf of Saltash for over 30 years

"Brad was commissioned to create planting schemes on behalf of Saltash in Bloom (SIB) over 30 years ago, and when SIB members retired. Brad took on their work from Saltash Town Council, when the Council adopted the group's environmental projects.

"Brad also created other planting schemes on behalf of the Council and WW1 and WW2 Committees, Saltash Lions and Saltash Waterside residents' Association; which included creating flower boats, flower beds and borders and tree planting and his creation of the Saltash Memorial Peace Garden in Alexandra Square.

Brad was a most talented landscape specialist and took pride in all he did, together often with his brother Didge as part of the Hine Brothers team.

"Brad was a most modest and gentle man, and loved what he



# Long Awaited Footpath Moves a Step Closer

arkeel residents may not have to wait much longer for a footpath on the East side of the A388 between Carkeel village and Avery Way roundabout. This would link in with the footbridge over the A38.

A recent meeting between Carkeel resident and former Saltash Mayor John Brady and Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth. ward Saltash, councillor for Trematon and Landrake, has highlighted even more the need for a footpath on the East side due to high traffic volume on this road and no safe crossing for pedestrians. With the road works due to complete in late October 2021 it was felt that it is the time to put in

the long-awaited footpath before the house building in Treledan commences. As long ago as 2014 developers promised to introduce traffic calming measures and a footpath on the East side when their application went to

friends at this most sad time of Cornwall's strategic planning committee, says lasting tribute by adding: "I and and I had the greatest admiration for his dedication to

extremely saddened to learn of making Saltash such a beautiful place to live, work and visit. was such an "We at the Saltash Observer environmental icon in Saltash; send our deepest condolences he was loved and admired for to Brad's widow. Lorraine and his outstanding horticultural indeed, to all his family and work all around Saltash and

friends. Saltash Town Council has agreed for a tree and a small plaque to be placed at the Saltash Memorial Peace Garden in memory and gratitude Brad; to acknowledging the outstanding work that he undertook in its creation.

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Mr. Brady who spoke at that meeting. Since then there has been no further progress and Cormac contractors advised Nr. Brady that their current work programme includes no such footpath.

Meanwhile another Carkeel resident claims that prior to lockdown around one in six vehicles adhered to the 30 mph limit through the village, since which this has fallen to one in ten with especially motorcycles regarding it as a speedway.

"I and many Carkeel residents would love to walk into Saltash but will continue to use our cars to ensure that we are as safe as we can be", Mr. Brady has told Councillor Geoff Brown, Cornwall Cabinet member for transport.

Now that a  $\pounds 250$  million emergency active travel fund has been identified Cornwall is waiting to see how much will be allotted to the county and are drawing up plans to identify schemes that can be delivered quickly once the funding has been agreed. The funding is for schemes to boost greener, active transport such as a pop-up bike lane, wider pavements, safer junctions and cycle and bus corridors. principal Transport Officer James Hatton has advised. Following the meeting

between Mr. Brady and Cornwall Councillor Worth Mr Brady described it as constructive and confirmed that the Cornwall ward councillor was intending to push for the footpath. He also seeking was to introduce traffic calming measures in Carkeel and for a speed reduction to 20 mph if residents so wished.

#### **Conundrum Answers:** Sue Perkins.

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## Saltash Captain Hosts Hoe Merchant Navy Day

erchant Navy Dav recognised each year on 3rd September, anniversary of the first merchant navy sinking, the unarmed passenger liner SS Athenia on the day that war broke out in 1939. It is always a solemn event on Plymouth Hoe and this year was hosted by a Saltash ex-mariner Captain Colin Brown.

Colin was featured in your July "Observer" when, following his presentation with the Merchant Navy Medal for Meritorious Service by the Princess Royal, friends and neighbours held a surprise welcome home party for him in Forder.

On Merchant Navy Day Colin was once again joining distinguished company and he welcomed the Lord Mayor of Plymouth, Councillor Terri Beer with her consort Colin Beer to the ceremony on the Hoe and

# Host a Child - Prolong a Life

aking a welcome return at Saltash Lregatta was Vanessa with her team from the Chernobyl children's charity. While Britain and the rest of the world appear slowly emerging from the Covid pandemic those children living within a substantial area of the former USSR continue, and will continue indefinitely, to suffer health issues as a result of the nuclear reactor disaster in 1986. Yet just two weeks holiday in the healthy Cornish air can improve their health and lengthen their lifespan.

Vanessa organises visits each summer and hope to resume these in August 2022. Host families are needed always to accommodate and feed the children who are taken out on a variety of excursions and activities each day. Anyone willing to consider offering potentially life prolonging hospitality to a child next summer is asked to contact Vanessa on belarusness@hotmail.co.uk or visit the website www.ccll.org.uk

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introduced her to the people representing the various seafarer's organisations. The solemn and moving ceremony including a parading of standards and a service conducted by Reverend Joe Dent, Rector of St. Andrews Church and Chaplain to the Merchant Navy Association Plymouth. Letters received from H M The Queen and the Prime Minister were read before singing of "Eternal Father" the Exhortation "They shall not grow old ....." and the laying of wreaths



# Saltash Scrapstore Too

# agle-eyed **"Too Good An Opportunity To Miss**" have spotted a

new store in town, nestled between the cafe at No 62 and Nicky's Glow Beads.

'Saltash Scrapstore Too' has been created in the empty 'Smoky Joes' shop, just in time to light up Fore Street's Christmas shopping. The long abandoned unit has been refreshed and redesigned to create a bright and sparkling seasonal destination. The new outlet is an offshoot of the very successful Saltash Scrapstore across the road, and will concentrate on selling Christmas crafts, decorations, gifts and small electrical items - all of which have been donated locally.

Scrapstore Trustee Rosie Waters said: "The vacant unit directly opposite our shop was just too good an opportunity to miss.

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Saltash Scrapstore is a local charity and has been running for nearly three years. It aims to

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