

Town Messenger



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A Message from the Retiring Mayor

Dear Residents and Friends (One and All)

This is my last message to you as Mayor – as I come out of office in May and Mayor Elect Councillor Adam Killeya will be in place by the time the next messenger is on your door-steps. May I therefore take this opportunity of thanking all the community of Saltash for making my time in office (ably assisted by my dear husband/consort John) such an enjoyable year.

We have met so many wonderful people at all our events – far too many to list in this message – but they include – schools, churches, uniformed organisations, concerts, charity events, Saltash Town Regatta, (May Fair to come), Special Anniversaries/Birthdays, presentations, grand openings and much more; not to mention our Civic and major events in other towns and cities. We have been welcomed with open arms by all – and it has been once again a most humbling experience.

We live work and play in a marvellous town and all share the gifts of friendship and generosity – and I pay tribute to all those who play such an important role in organisations (including youth) to provide a platform to those who greatly benefit from so many local associations.

I would like to take this opportunity too of thanking our local Councillors who have been so supportive in every way – likewise – all the staff at Saltash Town Council who have helped me in my day to day duties.

Our Town Clerk Mrs Marilyn Small is leaving after 17 years of Service to the Saltash Town Council to pursue pastures new – on behalf of the Council and the town may I thank Marilyn for her dedicated services and wish her all the very best for the future. We are having a “Bit of a Do” for Marilyn in April and I am accepting donations for her farewell gift – I am sure there will be many out there who may wish to contribute – you can do so by taking them into the Saltash Guildhall (reception).

I would also like to thank the Mayor's Chaplain the Rev. Alan Butler for his kind services to me and the Council over this past year.

You will be well served by our new incumbents Councillors Adam and Merryn Killeya (Mayor and Mayoress elect) and Councillor Colin and Marilyn Oakes (Deputy Mayor and Mayoress elect). Adam and Merryn have been outstanding support as deputies and I have every confidence in them for the ensuing year. May I wish all four every success in serving this wonderful community of Saltash.

Without my dear husband's 100% commitment to his role as Consort – I would not have been able to do the work bestowed upon me as Mayor – so I thank John from the bottom of my heart for his dedication and support to me – not only as Mayor but all that he does to help me in every way 24/7 in our community work.

The Mayor's Charity Big Band (and Glen Miller) Swing buffet supper is on Saturday 24th April at the Saltash Working Mens' Club 7.15 pm – tickets £22 – if you would like to come pop into the Saltash Guildhall and get your tickets now as they are limited.

See you all around and about Saltash – Sue Hooper MBE – Mayor of Saltash 2009-10

Town Council Agrees Priorities

Saltash Town Council has trialed a 'strategy process' to agree priorities for the next 3 – 4 years. All Councillors were asked to give 'priority points' to a list of everything the council might choose to do, and from this the council met to agree high, medium and low priorities, as well as non-priorities. These were then used to help set the budget for 2010-2011 and consider staffing needs for the future.

The Council intends to review these priorities once a year, as well as to carry out the process again fully after the next elections, and would welcome any feedback on the high priorities it has set.

The Council has also picked a Councillor, or group of Councillors, to take the lead on each high priority, to ensure that it gets moved forwards.

Top priority

The regeneration of Fore Street, in partnership with Saltash Gateway Community Interest Company, Saltash Chamber of Commerce and others

High priorities – in no particular order

Providing grants for Community Groups

Subsidizing Local Economy Initiatives e.g. Saltash Card

Flower Beds / Beautification outside of Fore Street- Phase IV of the environmental works

Funding local festivals

Allotments

Employing a Town Council 'Roving Blue Collar Worker' for work within the town - initially a pilot scheme

Renovating vacant shop space in Fore Street, without buying it

Investigating the possibility of acquiring and managing shop space on Fore Street

Environmental and Fair Trade initiatives

Crime Reduction including Community Action Through Sport, supporting clubs and projects etc.

Approximately 40 other items were agreed to be 'medium priority', 13 'low priority' and 8 'none-priority'

St Stephen's Cemetery Extension

The project for the cemetery extension at St Stephens is moving forward and to date we have secured:-

Planning permission, purchase of the land, habitat test, tree survey, trial holes – satisfactory, 27 allotments— secured.

The detail design is now being carried out and hopefully completed by the spring.

This design has then to be agreed by Saltash Town Council we can then go out for tender by end of April.

Some finances are still to be secured from Cornwall Council and possibly some other commercial grant funding.

Hopefully building work will commence by early summer and be completed by the end of 2010.

ELWELL WOODS UPDATE

As we go to press, we have just heard that the Flagship Lottery bid of nearly £450,000 has been successful.

This is wonderful news for this major town project, which is being led by Saltash Waterfront Residents Association. The award will be subject to planning permission, and nearly all conditions have been met with the exception of a bat survey to make adequate provisions.

SWRA has taken account of the concerns raised during the consultation process, and pledges to improve the quality of the woodland, retain more of the tree cover and to encourage wildlife. The success also means that the Simon Thomas 20 metre Celtic Cross WILL be built alongside the Tamar Bridge slip road. It is believed that this iconic structure at the entry point to Cornwall will really put Saltash on the map for visitors, and bring economic benefits to the town.

Congratulations to the small team that has worked tirelessly for nine months to deliver this major project.

Community Toilet Scheme

The Guildhall is now participating in the Community Toilet Scheme and the facilities are available during normal opening hours. The facilities are suitable for disabled users.

NSPCC

Should you need to contact the NSPCC they can be reached by telephone or via the website.

The national helpline number is 0808 800 5000

The helpline website is www.nspcc.org.uk/helpline

Saltash gains transition town status!

The Town Council has welcomed the news that Saltash has become the latest transition town. Saltash Environmental Action have been working for the last couple of years to raise the profile of environmental issues within the town, including the plastic-bag-free initiative, 'Low Impact Evening' looking at practical ways of reducing our personal impact on the planet, regular music in Fore St and the Gardeners' Question Time and Grow Your Own Question Time events. SEA will now also work as 'Saltash in Transition'.

What is Saltash in Transition

Saltash in Transition recognises the problems of reduced oil and gas supplies and climate change in the near future. It asks 'how can Saltash not only rise to these challenges, but also achieve a happier more close-knit community?'. It looks at energy, food, transport, work, leisure, and every other aspect of our lives, to try to make them both more enjoyable and better for our planet and all living things.

- if we wait for the governments, it'll be too little, too late
- if we act as individuals, it'll be too little
- but if we act as communities, it might just be enough, just in time

What next

SEA is hoping to run a 'transition fortnight' in the Autumn to fully launch 'Saltash in Transition', and get everyone informed and involved.

To find out more

Visit: www.sea.PL12.org.uk Email: transition@sea.PL12.org.uk

Phone: Adam Killeya on 848691 or Louise Austin on 07816 328 526

INCINERATOR SITE AT ERNESETTLE

There is good news for Saltash with the announcement by SWDWP (the Plymouth, Torbay and West Devon Waste Partnership) that Ernesettle is no longer being considered as a possible site for the planned giant incinerator. The German company MVV is now concentrating its bid on the North Yard at Devonport, with full support from the MOD. Viridor is also intending to site an incinerator at Lee Mill near Ivybridge.

The Ernesettle site would have been a blot on the Tamar Valley landscape, and been in full view of about 1,000 homes in Pill Ward. The STIFLE group, set up to fight the proposals, is delighted at the success, but many members will continue to fight against incineration as a method of waste disposal, and will support residents groups at Devonport and Lee Mill.

Major Saltash Events 2010

Saltash Town Council is proud to support and fund:

Saltash May Fair www.saltashmayfair.co.uk

FREE Family entertainment, all day in and around Fore Street

Saturday 1st May 2010

Emergency Services Road Awareness Day www.esrad.com

A large scale event for all on Warfelton Field

Sunday 23rd May 2010

Saltash Town Regatta and Waterside Festival www.saltashregatta.co.uk

FREE Family fun with Gig Racing and Sailing event

19th and 20th June 2010

SaltFest www.saltfest.co.uk

A FREE Music Festival for all on the Waterside

20th – 21st – 22nd August 2010

'Harding's Hike'. On Sunday May 2nd, as part of Saltash Mayfair, there is a 4 plus mile walk in the countryside to the west of Saltash. The walk starts at 2pm near the Ploughboy Inn, Liskeard Road, Saltash. For very many years this annual walk was led by Councillor Vic Harding. The walk is now led by Martin Lister with Peter Clements bringing up the rear as 'back marker'. This walk is suitable for family members of all ages. Dogs, with well behaved owners, are also welcome. Please dress suitably for the weather conditions: the way can be very wet and muddy.

Please help keep Saltash free from Dog Poo!

Cornwall Council is to make an order under Part 6 - Clean neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

The effect of the order will be to allow authorised officers to serve "**Fixed Penalty Notices**" upon those in charge of dogs who fail to remove faeces deposited by the dog.

(A copy of this order will be available to the general public in Saltash One Stop Shop Saltash Library)

It is the intention of Cornwall Council to provide a team of Dog Wardens to patrol highlighted areas of Cornwall which suffer from this problem on an irregular basis. Any person who is guilty of an offence under article 3 shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

People who do not clean up after their dog can be given an £80 fixed penalty notice or a court appearance with a maximum penalty of £1000.

If you see fouling in public areas please report it to one of Cornwall County's Dog Welfare and Enforcement Officers. If possible give contact details of the owner or a description of the owner and the dog.

*dog owners registered blind are exempt from penalties

Saltash Age Concern - Mini Bus Drivers required.

Saltash Age Concern needs a Manager to run the Mini Bus Scheme. Qualifications needed are to be aged between 25 and 70 years and have a clean driving licence and a desire to join the Age Concern Team in Saltash and help transport the more mature members of our community to their activities and outings. The more Drivers Age Concern can call upon to help will mean volunteers are called upon to drive less often and have less demands upon their time. Suitable volunteers would be required to drive the Age Concern Bus on either Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. Volunteer Drivers joining the team will be able to share in the Social Life of Age Concern.

Please contact Mr A Allen on 312813 for additional information.

Quiz

1. Which famous 18th Century author described Saltash as a "poor, little shattered town with a bad ferry-boat"? Clue : the TV series "Lost"

2. There is a gravestone in the cemetery (one of two similar ones) almost opposite the disused public toilets. On it are the names of twenty young boys. Where did they come from in Saltash and how did they tragically die?

Answers to the last quiz

1. What year was the Beating of the Bounds revived, the Bathing Pool built, Ashtor Wharves bought and Warfelton Housing Estate started. In 1935 the bathing pool was built, Ashtor Wharf was bought (and is still well used by rod and line fishermen every suitable tide), the Bounds were Beaten again and Warfelton estate was started.

2. The Bathing Pool is probably unique in the whole of England in how it came to a sticky end. What happened? The first bathing pool was a tidal, concrete pool and was right on the waterside where Brunel Green now stands. It had a short life being closed when the war started and was then unfortunately rammed and irreparably damaged by an out-of-control American Landing Craft in 1943 or more likely 1944. An absolutely unique end! Is it too late to ask the Americans for compensation?

Don't forget if you have any concerns about the Town, you can contact your local Councillors

Burraton Ward

Peter Clements	Tel:	842425
Sue Hooper	Tel:	843073
Colin Riches*	Tel:	846843

Essa Ward

Adam Killeya	Tel:	848691
Merryn Killeya	Tel:	848691
Colin Oakes	Tel:	845207
Bruce Reid	Tel:	308387

Pill Ward

Joe Ellison	Tel:	849340
Martin Gee	Tel:	513306
Derek Holley*	Tel:	845418
Fran Knight	Tel:	847970

St Stephens Ward

Bob Austin*	Tel:	844666
Richard Bickford	Tel:	841119
Peter Stephens	Tel:	846597
David Yates	Tel:	843260

* indicates Cornwall Councillor

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Bryan Preston	Tel:	848240
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Town Clerk

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Town Council Office Opening Hours:

9.30am - 4.30pm Monday - Friday
Website: www.saltash.gov.uk

Meet the People

Councillors will be in Fore Street on the following dates to discuss local issues with residents:

Saturday May 8th 2010
Saturday June 5th 2010
Saturday July 3rd 2010