

So, on the 28th of September this year 50 or so residents met at Waitrose for a five-mile hike "beating the bounds".

You might wonder what that is all about? It's an ancient tradition where the people of Saltash walk the boundary stones, bouncing little boys on their heads on the stones! However, these days, and in recent times it's the Mayor that's been bounced three times on the stones, but thankfully not on the head!

Martin Lister, a local historian led the walk from Waitrose down to Botus Fleming and on to Modinham quay where barges came up the Tamar from Plymouth, with their wares of fruit and vegetables, also horse dung scraped off the streets of Plymouth to be used on the fields around our town.

There were many interesting facts given to us along the way about the pubs, Botus school, and various houses and the uses. At one such house Martin was telling us about the history of the cottage much to the amusement of the residents who had just moved in and had no idea about the history of where they were living.

If you have not visited Botus Flemming church it's well worth a visit, they still have the stocks that they used to put the local villains in, and inside the church there is a memorial to a crusader and another to a pirate. We were also welcomed by the members of the parish with delicious cake and tea.

We then had an amble up to the Croft and then were ably escorted across the busy road by members of the Rotary Club. Then over the fields around the back towards Notter bridge. There, buses took us to Saint Germans railway station, where we boarded the train to Saltash and had a delicious cream tea at Isambard House (railway station).

It wasn't a hike, but more of an amble, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves including the dogs.

It was so popular, and people were so enthusiastic and interested in the history, that we will probably try to make it an annual event.

All Members of the Town council are busy at the moment, working on our budgets, ready to set next year's precept (Saltash's portion of your council tax). A huge amount of work goes into this process, not only for the staff, but for all councillors trying to do what is right not only for people's budgets, but also for the good of the town.

Please remember that all Town Council meetings are open to the public. You can see the meeting dates on the Town council website. Agendas are usually published a week in advance. If you would like to ask a question, you can put this forward 24 hours in advance.

I'm out so much at the moment, Mr P has decided he'll see me in December, when it's a bit quieter (he wishes)

Warmest Regards to you all

Councillor Julia Peggs

Mayor of Saltash 2024-25



Councillor Sarah Gillies, Tamar Ward.

As a member of Saltash Town Council for Tamar ward and long time resident of Pillmere, it is great to see the work of the Service Delivery Team in the area and the redevelopment of the play parks on Grassmere Way and Honeysuckle Close.

I am also Vice Chair of the Town Vision Sub Committee and it has been a real privilege to work alongside the Chair, Town Clerk and Committee to bring together the first Business Plan for Saltash Town Council. The plan incorporates and puts at the heart of our decision making six key strategic priorities. The areas, that I am particularly interested in seeing develop are climate emergency strategies, and Health and Wellbeing, especially the mental wellbeing of the community, part of which is the introduction of Chatty Benches around the town providing a safe space and sources of support.

In addition it is great to participate as a member of the Friends of Victoria Gardens project and see the ongoing progress that is being made to this jewel in the Town Centre.

It was exciting to be member of the connectivity working group, seeing the huge success of the transport trail day and the ongoing success of the Saltash Ferry to Royal William Yard, creating a waterway network from Saltash to Cremyll.