



Mayor Choosing

Saltash's new Mayor for the next year has been confirmed at the recent Mayor Choosing Ceremony as Councillor Bill Phillips, with his wife Mrs Jean Phillips becoming the Mayoress. Councillor Hilary Frank is the new Deputy Mayor and her Consort is Mr Shojiro Frank.



The ceremony opened on 12 May at the Guildhall with a welcome speech from the outgoing Mayor, Cllr Jean Dent, who then proposed the election of Cllr Bill Phillips to the position of Mayor of the Town. Cllr Derek Holley spoke about Bill's suitability for this key civic role and his longstanding involvement in Saltash activities

and organisations. After declaring his Acceptance of Office, Bill placed the Mayoress chain on his wife Mrs Jean Phillips. The tradition of tossing hot pennies and fruit to children waiting in the street below the Chamber was carried out with much enthusiasm by the new Mayor and Mayoress!

The election of Cllr Hilary Frank to the Deputy Mayor position was proposed by Cllr Bob Austin, who summarised her career and community achievements before Cllr Joe Ellison seconded the proposal and spoke of Hilary's energy and enthusiasm for the wide-ranging public work she undertakes.

Reverend Michelle Parkman has been chosen by the Mayor as his Chaplain for the coming year, and the Mayor's Cadet position has been taken up by Corporal Yazmin Leverton.



WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT? STIG

If you've ever skirted on the fringes of any of the council's working groups or committees, you'd be forgiven for thinking you've fallen down an acronym-filled rabbit hole with names like STIG, SPLAT, DOG and even a PLOP floating around. Over the next few issues of the Town Messenger, we'll be deciphering the acronyms and taking a look at what these groups, and others within the Council, get up to...

We kick off with STIG – aka the Saltash Town Improvement Group, which includes councillors, traders, Chamber of Commerce members, Saltash Gateway directors, local social enterprise and business owners and investors.

The group's main aim is to come up with ideas and put projects in place that make our town centre a more attractive and successful shopping centre. STIG wants more people to visit our fantastic independent shops – from inside and outside Saltash. There really is no need to traipse across the bridge when we have

easy access to such an impressive range of everyday goods, treats, services and food outlets right on our doorstep.

Brightly-coloured hanging baskets and cleaner pavements have helped to enhance first impressions of our town centre. Projects like the Town App (check it out if you haven't already) or leaflet information about what's going on in our buzzing town are making it far easier for more people to enjoy what we have to offer.

Last but certainly not least, STIG initiatives like the Community Cinema and Music in the Street offer enticing reasons to come into town regularly, to feel part of our friendly community and enjoy some shopping and café stops at the same time.

If you have any sparkling ideas to add to the STIG conversation, you can find out more information including monthly meeting dates, minutes and agendas at www.saltash.gov.uk.

MAYOR PROFILE



Cllr Bill Phillips has lived in Saltash for over 30 years, and his children have been educated in the town. He is a founder member and ex-Chairman of the Tamar Trotters running club, and is former President of Saltash Rotary Club. Following co-option onto the Town Council five years ago for Saltash North Ward, Bill has been a member of the Burial Board, Staffing Committee and Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee.

LS: As the new Mayor, what do you consider to be the priorities for the town over the coming year?

Bill: First of all, I'd like to thank the outgoing Mayor, Cllr Jean Dent, for her excellent service to the town over the last year. For me, there are lots of priorities going forward but to single one out it would have to be our aims to set up a programme for youth services within the town.

LS: What do you love about Saltash?

Bill: I love the vibrancy of this town, it's easy to become part of it with the vast amount of social organisations and groups.

LS: What's your favourite place in Saltash?

Bill: It has to be the Waterfront.

LS: What are your hopes for the future of Saltash?

Bill: That we will be successful in our plans to devolve services from Cornwall, giving the town more control over what it wants.

LS: Can you tell us something that not many people would know about you?!

Bill: I won a public libraries art competition when I was 10 years old!

If you have any questions for the Mayor for the next issue of Love Saltash magazine, please email them to us at hello@backbonemedia.org.uk by 14 June.

Deputy Mayor PROFILE



Cllr Hilary Frank was elected to Saltash Town Council in 2010, and to Cornwall Council in 2013. Born and raised in Cornwall, Hilary is Vice Chair of the Governors of Bishop Cornish Church of England Primary School, which both her daughters attend.

As part of a career specialising in Japanese, Hilary has helped deliver an Olympic Games, a FIFA World Cup and a Longmans dictionary. She is currently working with the 2019 Rugby World Cup committee.

Interesting facts you may not know about Hilary are that she was the first non-Japanese person to be asked by the Imperial Household Agency to act as interpreter for the Emperor of Japan, she met her Japanese husband Shojiro at a sumo wrestling match, and they got married in a bright red Shinto shrine in the middle of Tokyo!

What's the story on social media?

"Don't forget the litter pick on Sunday"

The SEA/Saltash Town Council Community Litter Picks have been popular on Facebook

"New meters fitted"

Parking information has been generating interest on Twitter

Join the conversation on Facebook (search 'Saltash Council') and Twitter (@SaltashTC)

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