



Saltash Remembers

A new and innovative Saltash Town Council War Memorial and Peace Garden is to be opened in Alexandra Square on Sunday 22nd November at 3pm. The Garden, which is believed to be the first of its kind in the South West, is dedicated to those who have lost their lives in war and conflict.

Both the First and Second World Wars will be commemorated by two specially designed wrought iron benches. There will also be a large circular bench made from recycled materials, with a cherry blossom tree at the centre. The flower bed spaces will be filled with beautiful blooms – one in the town colours of red, white, blue and yellow; and the other with blue and white bedding plants depicting waves and surrounding a sailing boat. Both beds will be planted with poppies in Spring, creating a poignant environment for reflection.

Notice boards will include rare historic photos of troops departing for WW1 from Saltash Railway Station and Saltash Ferry and being waved off by their loved ones (pictured here). Other photos on display will show



DEPARTURE OF TROOPS FROM SALTASH, SEPT. 1914.

scenes from WW2 and the Blitz devastation, as well as a photo of Saltash Auxiliary Firemen (some of whom were killed in action in an air raid).

The opening event will comprise a short outdoor Memorial Service and a dove release to symbolise peace. The Memorial is to be opened by Mr Barry Brooking as a representative of the families of Saltash who lost relatives. Barry served in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Commando and is the grandson of Francis Brooking, one of the six Saltash Auxiliary firemen killed in the Blitz in Plymouth in 1941.

Councillor Mrs Sue Hooper, who initiated the project and leads the Working Party on behalf of Saltash Town Council said: "Saltash has always had a strong sense of community and history. In the last few years we have celebrated our Cornish identity with the Cornish Cross, a talking sculpture of Ann Glanville – one of our famous daughters – and even a representation of a First World War trench from a passageway at the Saltash Heritage Museum. This Garden will help ensure we do not forget those who made the supreme sacrifice and we can remember them and hope for peace in the future in a quiet and pleasant environment."



TROOPS LEAVING SALTASH FOR THE FRONT, NOV. 1914.

Thank you to Saltash Heritage for the photographs shown here.

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT? CO-OPTION

A Town Councillor Vacancy has been announced in the Saltash East Ward. If you live in the East Ward and would like an election to be able to vote for who fills this role, write to the Returning Officer of Cornwall Council at the Council Offices, St Austell One-Stop Shop, 39 Penwinnick Road, St Austell PL25 5DR. Ten or more written requests are needed to fill the vacancy by election, otherwise the Councillor position will be co-opted - meaning that Council members will recruit, following an interview process of those who've put themselves forward for the role.



MAYOR'S QUESTION TIME

Cllr Bill Phillips, are there any recent issues you would like to raise awareness of? Yes, this year we have had a spate of graffiti, which I believe is an eyesore we can well do without. It's vandalism, the same as damaging other residents' property and I might add fly tipping... It's totally unnecessary, and can I ask if anyone notices any such activity to report it immediately to the Police on 101.

On a more positive note, what do you love about Christmas in Saltash? Our Saltash Christmas Festival – this popular event follows the success of past years with Cllr Hilary Frank's continued enthusiasm to provide a good outcome, including a brilliant Lantern Parade again... If you feel you can help don't hesitate to get in touch through the Guildhall.

Every year the town's elected Mayor has a charity that benefits from donations made at civic events – what's yours? My charity this year is the Little Harbour Children's Hospice, which I had the privilege of visiting before it opened. I am full of admiration for the service they provide for local families.

Email your questions for the Mayor to hello@backbonemedia.org.uk.

What's the story on social media?

"If your community group/organisation would like to have a free stall at the Saltash Christmas Festival on Sat 5 December, forms can be collected from Saltash Guildhall". This post is attracting a lot of attention on Facebook – join in the conversation (search 'Saltash Council') and you can also follow @SaltashTC on Twitter.

Councillor Focus

Your chance to find out more about the dedicated volunteers who represent our interests in the town. This month we talk to two councillors in the North Ward.

JOE ELLISON



What project or initiative are you most proud of being involved with since becoming a Saltash Councillor? I was elected to Town Council in May 2002, and my big project since then was to lead the team that won the Lottery bid for £500k to transform Elwell Woods and build the Cornish Cross. My proudest moment was when the Cross was lifted in to place in the middle of a cold Saturday night in April 2013!

What do you love most about Saltash? I love the vibrancy and friendliness of Saltash – it's big enough to have aspirations, but small-town enough that you know and talk to half the people you meet on Fore Street.

LEE RUSSELL



Why did you want to become a Councillor and what do you enjoy most about the role? Initially I hadn't thought about becoming a Councillor, as I was already and still am performing a number of roles in the community. However, after a chat with one of the Councillors, it sounded appealing as it would allow me to be involved in so much more and in turn support the community even more.

Do you have a special area of interest in the town? I've always enjoyed sport and fitness, whilst at school and when serving in the Royal Navy. Having since worked in leisure centre management, and recently opened a fitness centre myself, I believe that a town of our size should have a wide variety of sport and leisure facilities. My aim is for all sport, fitness and leisure providers in the town to work together to encourage the population of Saltash to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle.

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