

Town Messenger



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Message from the Mayor

Happy & (more importantly) Healthy New Year to you all.

I hope you have all had a marvellous Christmas and managed to avoid all the nasty bugs that seemed to have affected a lot of people in Saltash over the holiday period. Jackie and I have not been free of the odd cough and sneeze but luckily it didn't stop us performing our civic duties. We enjoyed ourselves immensely when we attended various events over the festive period. I was particularly impressed with the quality of the Christmas productions put on by the primary schools we visited. It was obvious that a lot of hard work and dedication, both by staff and pupils, went into each production to end up with the quality of performance they all managed to achieve. One comment a teacher made was that "in spite of the new Government regulations on producing school nativity plays the school made no excuses for putting on a full nativity play to celebrate the birth of Christ" – being a committed Christian myself I fully endorse those sentiments.

The council had their first sub committee meeting of the Civic Amenity Panel in 2008 and one of the items on the agenda was the Civic Carol Service. I have received two emails with some adverse comments on the proceedings, which the committee have taken on board so that we can improve the service in 2008. One thing I was very impressed with was the number of people who managed to turn out on such a bitterly cold evening and we thank you for that. One of the disappointments was the number of shops that did not stay open during the evening. Some councillors and I will be visiting the shopkeepers soon to find out why they made that decision and we will discuss with them what can be done to encourage them to stay open in future.

The festivities are over now and we look forward to a new year and all that it might entail and already the council are thinking about how the new unitary authority is going to affect Saltash and its infrastructure. There are many unanswered questions at the moment, a lot of shifting sands, moving goal posts and a lot of "what ifs"! Between now and May 2009 (when the new unitary authority kicks in and Caradon District Council will be no more) Saltash Town Council have to decide what would be viable to take on from Caradon and possibly County. For instance, who is going to look after the parks? The waterfront? The toilets (what's left of them!) The CAB building? The sports grounds and leisure facilities? It has been suggested that a sub committee be set up, in conjunction with Saltash Gateway Community Interest Company, to look into all these issues and others. We all want what would be best for the town and wish to improve the quality of life that we all enjoy.

So, as you can tell, we have rather an exciting 2008 ahead and I will keep you up to date with developments.

Councillor Bob Austin, Mayor of Saltash

Saturday February 16th ... note it down now... SALTASH SHOWCASE!

Over 40 organisations on display in the Guildhall, Lower Fore Street. All sorts of groups that YOU can join.

Demonstrations throughout the day!

NEW TO SALTASH? This is for you as well – find out what's going on. All under one roof 10.00am – 4.00pm.

WANDER AROUND – NO CHARGE – refreshments – parking only 10p per hour as usual (less with a Caradon Card).

YOUNG CHILDREN ? This is for you – come and see what is available for them.

GETTING OLDER? This is for you – come and see what there is for the quietly inclined or the activity seekers.

Whatever you do – note the date now –

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16TH at the SALTASH GUILDHALL

BONUS ... Do you have a civic question? Councillors and Town Clerk on hand all day.

Saltmill

After more than seven years of partial completion, the new all-weather Pilgrim Pitch at Saltmill opened officially on Thursday January 10th . This is the last major UK development under the Spaces for Sport programme by principal funders Barclays Bank, who have invested £500,000 in the new multi-purpose pitch and changing rooms on the Saltmill car park. Other principal funders include Sport England, Groundwork, Caradon District Council, and not least Saltash Town Council – our £38,000 enabled the final completion of the project.

We now have the finest all-weather, floodlit facility in the South West, which is available for hire at most competitive rates to local sports clubs and community groups, even to individual groups who just want to hire one of the three five-a-side pitches – shower and changing facilities are included in the hire fee. For all enquiries, contact the new site manager, Alex Haste on 01752 848804.

Bookings for clubs on a regular basis are already filling up the timetable, mainly from Saltash based sports clubs. Plymouth Argyle’s Football in the Community programme is taking the initiative in providing football coaching at Saltmill for the next three years, which is great news for the Town and the loyal Argyle supporter base. Organised courses are as follows :

Friday 18th Jan for 10 weeks - Police On-Side Programme 7.00-9.00 pm Free of charge – just turn up !

Monday 11th Feb to Wed 13th Feb for 3 days - Half Term soccer course for 7-14 years Cost £45.00 for 3 days

Further details from Richard Trewin as detailed below

Plymouth Argyle in the Community are holding football coaching sessions at the Pilgrim Pitch, Salt Mill, Saltash, on Saturday & Sunday mornings

From 10.00-11.00am in a five-week block from Saturday 19th January to Saturday 16th February and from Sunday 20th January to Sunday 17th February (Ages 7-11 on Saturdays and 12-14 on Sundays)

THE CHILDREN WILL BE COACHED BY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY COACHES COST: £20 FOR FIVE WEEKS
To book a place, please complete the form below and return to Richard Trewin, Argyle FITC, Home Park, Plymouth, Devon, PL2 3DQ, along with a cheque for £20 made payable to: PAFC Football in the Community. Contact : Tel 01752 562561

ALL OUR COACHES ARE UEFA QUALIFIED AND CRIMINAL RECORD BUREAU CHECKED

NAME OF CHILD:DOB:..... AGE:

ADDRESS:
.....POSTCODE.....

TELEPHONE NUMBER:.....EMAIL :

ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS:
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CONSENT OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

I DO NOT agree to the treatment of any injury of my son/daughter by a Plymouth Argyle Football Club appointed coach.
I DO NOT agree to my child having his/her photo taken or being video-recorded for our website/ programme, local newspaper, etc.
I DO NOT agree to relevant information, such as Soccer Schools, being sent to me by Plymouth Argyle Football Club (please tick the box)
You will need to bring your kit, football boots, trainers, shin pads, packed lunch and plenty of drink.
Plymouth Argyle Football in the Community does not accept responsibility for any loss or damage to personal belongings.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

Pilgrim Pitch and Pavilion, Saltmill Park

The full size floodlit pitch has a state of the art 3G rubber crumb and sand filled surface which is suitable for football (matches and training), rugby and hockey (training only). The Pilgrim Pavilion houses two 16 person changing rooms, two officials changing rooms, disabled changing facilities and an office. All changing rooms are fully equipped with showers, lockers and toilet facilities.

To date, 15 local clubs have booked the facility. The pitch can be hired as a whole or in thirds, between 9 am and 10pm on 7 days a week. To book call Alex Haste on 848804 or 07816 841127. To view availability or to find out more about the facilities visit www.saltmill.org.uk. Hire charges (including VAT) are full pitch £36.40; full pitch with lights £46.35p; third of a pitch £17; 3rd of pitch with lights £20.

The Messenger Saltash Walk No 2

St Stephens, Forder, Shillingham, Wivelscombe, Elm Gate - Antony Passage as an option. Distance: 5 miles

Start at St Stephens Church, go past the Cecil Arms Public House then down St Stephens Hill to Forder. Through Forder, passing a Bridleway up Scannel Close and the Footpath going uphill behind Trematon Castle. Take the Antony Passage Road straight ahead to the stile on the right just past what was once Forder Methodist Chapel. Follow the well defined Public Footpath up the steep hill to a stile and into a field: continue uphill across the field, crossing another Public Footpath, to a granite post at the top of the hill: then downhill to a stile in the far left-hand corner of the field that leads onto a track, over a bridge, across the railway, onto Shillingham Road. Turn right, going uphill along the road: passing a Public Footpath to your left.

[Or for a shorter walk: use the stile onto that Public Footpath to go over the brow of the hill, to a stile, then down steps, to a tunnel that goes under Isambard Kingdom Brunel's original but abandoned railway track. Turn left to follow the path between the abandoned railway and the St. Germans or Lynher River to the Quay at Antony Passage: returning to Forder by quiet country roads, that go past the remains of a tidal Mill Pool and an old Water powered Mill].

Or continue uphill along the road to Shillingham Railway Bridge passing the 'Private Road' leading to Shillingham Manor on your left.

At Shillingham Railway Bridge use the steps to climb over the gate onto the well defined, fenced in Public Footpath that initially goes alongside the railway, then the edge of the field; to a stile leading into woods. Continue through the woods, along the well defined and yellow arrow way-marked Footpath path, to a Footbridge.

From the Footbridge go up the steps to another stile into a field. Keeping to the left of the field go on to a gate leading onto the road at the entrance to Wivelscombe. The entrance to Wivelscombe is private: the Public Footpath continues through the Field-gate to the right of that private entrance (to confirm you are following the Public Footpath look for and follow yellow arrow Way-mark signs). Continue on through two more Field-gates, immediately after the second of those gates turn right, through another Field-gate and continue along the right hand edge of the field to the next Field-gate then go across the field to another Field-gate into a track leading to houses at Greeps. Just before Greeps go through a Field-gate to the left then turn right and follow the Footpath to a gate leading out onto the Ince Castle road.

The road towards Ince Castle is private (the gardens are open to the public on Sunday 16th March; Saturday and Sunday 12th and 13th April (in aid of Bishop Cornish School); Sundays 13th April, 11th May and 20th July). From Greeps go uphill along the road to the Elm Gate cross road junction. Turn right onto the Bridleway that leads to the private Wivelscombe entrance. (Follow the blue arrows – Bridleway's way-marks are blue).

From Wivelscombe retrace your steps: via the Footpath to Shillingham Railway Bridge (then, if you still have the energy, go via the Public Footpath via the Quay at Antony Passage) returning via Forder, St. Stephens Hill, the Cecil Arms and St Stephens Church.

Date for your diary – Thursday 20th March at 7 pm at The Guildhall, Saltash. This is the Annual Parishioners Meeting with the Town Council where a resident may ask questions of the Councillors. This is in addition to the 15 minute period at every Town Council meeting.

Meet your new Councillor – Colin Oakes

I made the decision to move to Saltash with my wife, Marilyn and our three sons in 1986 because we knew the Town well and felt that it was the right choice for us with a young family. As our boys grew up, we were actively involved with the Tamar Youth Marching Band, Saltash Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and the Saltash Twinning Association and have been fortunate to make many friends and acquaintances.

I was delighted to be elected to the Town Council and as I run my own Painting and Decorating business, I am able to afford time to put to my new role, which I feel is a benefit. In my opinion, our town has so much to offer and it is therefore important to me to ensure that it stays a safe and happy place to live.

As a newly elected Councillor I have much to learn but I believe that it is vital to take a proactive role in issues that affect our town. As part of the team of Councillors, I will endeavour to be a good listener and to understand the needs of everyone in this town. Personally, I would like to ensure that we maintain a safe environment within our town, not just for young people but also for the elderly, to decrease anti-social behaviour and provide our children with safe parks in which to play. I will do my best to ensure that the development of our town will benefit all of us who live here and ensure that the heart of our town remains.

I am looking forward to my new challenge with great enthusiasm and will do my very best to make a difference and give something back to our town.

If you are over 60 are you claiming your full entitlements?

Saltash Citizens Advice Bureau can look at your income and maybe help you claim some extra income that is available to you. This money cannot be used for anyone else, and has been set aside to help you maintain a healthy and independent lifestyle. We are here to help with calculating your entitlement and to help with the form filling. Please ring 01752 848626 and ask for Jane. This is a completely confidential service and could make such a difference to you.

Were you a good citizen of Saltash?

Well done to those people who had a go at the self-assessment exercise in a previous Messenger. The idea was to score yourself on your good citizenship and local knowledge. Several people contacted me saying they had a top score and ought to be on the Council! Well done! Your time will come!

Road quiz answers:

Middle Road became Albert Road. Mill Lane became North Road – the mill was at Saltmill. New Road once extended down to the Waterside and the lower part was re-named Old Ferry Road when the Tamar Bridge was built.

One difficult question. In 1588 Saltash Town Council fitted out and commissioned a frigate to fight the Armada. What was it called?

One easy question. What year was the Tunnel opened?

ELM.... Take three digits from the Armada and add one more.

Don't forget if you have any concerns about the Town, you can contact your local Councillors
(Caradon District Councillors shown in bold)

Burraton Ward

Peter Clements	Tel: 842425
Sue Hooper	Tel: 843073
Colin Riches	Tel: 846843
Neil Challen	Tel: 242931

Essa Ward

Adam Killea	Tel: 848691
Sheila Lennox-Boyd	Tel: 07808164388
Bruce Reid	Tel: 308387
Colin Oakes	Tel: 845207

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
Peter Stephens	Tel: 846597
David Yates	Tel: 843260
Richard Bickford	Tel: 841119

Phil Beamont is a District Councillor only for the Burraton Ward
Tel: 845802

Glen Renshaw is a District Councillor only for the Essa Ward
Tel: 01579 351857

Cornwall County Councillors

Joyce Mepsted	Tel: 845802
Bryan Preston	Tel: 848240
Barbara McTaggart	Tel: 01579 320909

Town Clerk

Mrs. Marilyn Small Tel:844846
E-mail townclerk@saltash.gov.uk
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Town Council Office Opening Hours:
9.30am – 4.30pm Monday - Friday

Date for your Diary ... Mayor's Charity Ball at the China Fleet Club on Saturday 29th March. Tickets from the Guildhall – Corporate tables of 10 available on request.