



## Interview with the Mayoress of Saltash, Jean Phillips

### Have you enjoyed your year as Mayoress of Saltash?

I have enjoyed the year very much! It is a supportive role and my life will change as a result of the many people we have met, and the many groups of people we have had contact with.

### What have been your highlights or proudest moments?

There have been so many memorable moments... but some of them were: watching Youngstagers in their production of 'Colour my World' in May 2015; we had a lovely time when we attended Bishop Cornish school at the Grand Opening of their Railway in June 2015 and also the opening of the KS1 Adventure playground at Burraton School in November 2015; and we spent a very memorable day at HMS Raleigh for lunch and a passing out parade in the company of Captain R.J. Bellfield and guests. We have also had many 'musical' memories of our year, such as Saltash Ladies choir,

RWindband, 'Annie' the musical at saltash.net community school and then it was Christmas time... when we enjoyed meeting and sharing time with many residents in some of the residential and nursing homes in Saltash.

### What do you love about Saltash?

I love the different places that make up Saltash, the fact that just a 5-minute walk from the main area of the town will take you right out to the middle of beautiful open countryside or riverside, we are truly spoiled!



## SALTASH CITIZEN AWARD 2016

Each year our council, in conjunction with the Rotary Club, selects a Saltash resident to receive the Saltash Citizen Award. This is a prestigious award, which goes to a man or woman who has served his or her community in some special way. It could be an outstanding one-off contribution to the wellbeing of the town or it could be someone who has given a period of service to the town. The benefit to the town doesn't have to have happened in the last year, but the person must still be active in the interests of the town and cannot be an employee or member

of Saltash Town Council. There is also a similar award for the Young Citizen, who should be under the age of 21 and living in Saltash. Nominations for this year's awards are now open... Each recommendation should be sent with a note specifying the reasons for the suggestion, along with contact details.

*Nominations should be sent to the Town Clerk, Mr Ray Lane (at the address bottom right of this Town Messenger) or by email to [reception@saltash.gov.uk](mailto:reception@saltash.gov.uk) by Monday 11th April, 2016.*

## A message from outgoing Mayor, Cllr Bill Phillips

Well, my year as the Mayor of Saltash is drawing to a close, another chapter in my life so to speak, and probably the proudest chapter. It's been a hectic year and I believe I have made a difference to the council and the town – it's been a learning curve but then I like to learn something new every day! I'm a firm believer that anything you do must be done well or not at all. So as my year ends, I must thank my fellow Councillors, the Clerk and his staff for all their hard work, all the residents who I have met on my travels, but most of all to my wife, the Mayoress Jean, who has made sure I was always where I was supposed to be throughout the year!



In returning fully to my Councillor role in the coming year, here are a couple of thoughts on how I started and what it's meant to me...

My inspiration to be a Councillor came from Martin Gee. I first met Martin when he was the council rep on the Mayfair committee. So when I was looking for a new chapter in my life I remembered Martin.

My proudest moment as a Councillor has to be when I was elected Mayor. As I said before, I came to live in Saltash 33 years ago with my young family through work, and to be honest I thought myself very lucky – so by serving as a Councillor it's giving something back.

## Flags and Bunting Celebrate Community

The Saltash Commonwealth Flag was raised on Monday 14th March, at the bottom of Fore Street at 10am, along with many towns across the country and the world... The Commonwealth of Nations (formerly the British Commonwealth) is an intergovernmental organisation of 53 member states that were mostly territories of the former British Empire. The synchronised raising of the flag represents a shared view of good local international community relations and values.



The Town Council has also decked out Fore Street in bright red white and blue bunting. This is to celebrate the 90th birthday of the Queen, but also to celebrate our thriving town centre community. Remember to Buy Local to Grow your Community!



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