



Saltash and District Chamber of Commerce and Industry



CHAIRMAN PETER RYLAND

I attach the Chamber report for our meeting on the 1st December.

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At our meeting on the 1st December, we started by wishing Martin Lister many happy returns of the day. He has been the Minute Secretary of the Chamber for many years but wouldn't admit to his exact age only that "it is more than three quarters of a century."

Having dealt with the normal formalities the Chairman and Brenda Samuels gave an update on matters that Town Team were dealing with and it was hoped the markets would continue. Lindsay Endean from Saltash Studios informed members that her craft/art market held on the same day as the monthly market had been a great success with many more prospective stallholders than she was able to accommodate. She would be continuing with her market in the New Year.

The next item on the agenda was the Christmas Festival and Hilary Frank explained that everything was in place for the day and that the stallholders had been fully booked since March. Kerry Henwood undertook to help the Chairman by collecting the donation boxes from various shops in the town who had offered to have them on their counter. The money therein and the raffle ticket money would assist in the running costs of the festival.

Members then went on to discuss the Christmas lights switch on event. Pete Samuels gave an explanation as to why the speaker system in Fore Street was not used and hence why everything was through the amplifier and speakers on the Santa's sleigh. Members hoped that, after the success of the event as far as the retailers were concerned, it would continue in future years, and as per this year, we could help in the organisation. It was also thought that the lights were spectacular – thanks STC.

We then discussed whether there is scope for further festival/fun days through the year and it was agreed to look into this further. In particular it was hoped that the town could have an event for St. Piran's Day on March 5th and it was hoped that with STC help this may be feasible. Those members of the Chamber who were also councillors would raise it.

The meeting went on to discuss the idea of a Residents Card. The Chairman had circulated a brief report to members before the meeting and the contents were discussed and it was agreed that, subject to further research on viability it would be worth pursuing. It was noted that Cornwall Council were looking at the possibility of a car parking card to allow discount in car parks and the question would be asked if this could be linked to the Residents Card.

With Christmas wishes to all the meeting was closed and members recessed for a Christmas drink.