



Board Report

Date 22.1.26	Chair's Report to Saltash Town Council
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The last couple of months have been a busy time for the CIC, either side of the Christmas break.

This year marks the 20th year of CEPL12, with our 20th anniversary falling on 3rd July this year. As part of this we are celebrating the various groups and activities we conduct each at or near their own anniversary. Yesterday (21st Jan) saw the celebration of the 6th anniversary of "Do You Mind If I Sing", the singing group run as a part of Memory Box. This took the form of a concert with invited guests. We were pleased to welcome the Mayor Cllr Bullock, and Cllr Peggs. The event went well and was well received by all. A buffet lunch was rounded off with a birthday cake and a round of Happy Birthday.

At the end of 2025, after some 19 years of service Peter Thistlethwaite has retired as a director of CEPL12. At the volunteer evening held in December, a small presentation was held and Peter said a few words remarking on the changes he has seen over his time and how rewarding his time has been. We will miss his sage advice at the board meetings and would like to publicly record our thanks to his contribution over such a long and distinguished period. We wish him well in his 'retirement'.

The shop continues to perform well, and has had a good Christmas. The Kitchen noticed a downturn over Christmas, partly as a result of volunteers' other commitments and the poor weather. January has seen this pick up nicely. Now that we have made changes to both premises, we are looking to capitalise on these and make some further operational improvements, although our immediate focus is to recruit some further directors, and volunteers who would like to undertake either admin or supervisory roles.

Chris Bailey.

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