

LOOKING BACK AT MY MAYORAL YEAR – BY COUNCILLOR RACHEL BULLOCK

(Outgoing Chairman’s report to be received after the election of the 2026-27 Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Saltash)

As the saying goes “Time flies when you’re having fun” and what a fun year I have had.

There have been too many highlights to mention, but I have had a fantastic year, meeting lovely people and many great, a reminder of the lovely town we live in.

This past month I have been out and about making the most of my final engagements: The Memory Box Café 10th birthday party, the Saltash Heritage Exhibition Opening, the Rotary Railway Exhibition, the Sue Hooper Charitable Foundation 25th Anniversary Carlton Big Band Concert and the Firefighters Graves 85th Anniversary, which was a beautiful, moving service.



Memory Box 10yr birthday



Rotary Model Railway Exhibition



SHCF Concert – Carlton Big Band

On 25th April I held my final mayor’s charity quiz, based on the 1960s. The quiz was a great success raising another £526 for my chosen charities, Memory Box and Saltash Youth Network. Had I known at the start of the year, that my charity quizzes would be so successful, I would have squeezed more in during my year. During the quiz, the Rotary Club of Saltash presented me with a payment of £500 towards my mayor’s charity, so a massive thank you to them for their support too.

I have hosted five quiz nights during the last year: A Halloween themed quiz, a 1960s themed, 1970s, 1980s and 1990s. The total raised for my mayor’s charities over the year is £3620.89, with over half of that raised from the quiz evenings. I have offered to host quiz evenings for Councillor Stoyel next year, as people seem to enjoy them and it’s a great way to raise money.



Halloween Quiz



70s Quiz



90s Quiz



60s Quiz

My final mayoral weekend: What a busy weekend it was! On Saturday 2nd May my husband Matt and I attended Saltash May Fair along with the Mayor Elect Brian Stoyel and his wife Maxine. The weather started off ok, overcast, but dry, following awards and the official may fair opening, we enjoyed watching a fun performance of maypole dancing by Page 2 Stage followed by Saltash Rock Choir with their superb singing. Matt, Brian and I then walked up and visited the many, lovely stalls, the Youth Village and Longstone Park.

It was very busy, a well-supported event - so far so good. But then (as you all know) then weather changed! Several hours of heavy rain did put a bit of a dampener on what was a fantastic event, however the blue skies eventually came out in the evening for the party in the park, which was fantastic as always.

Sunday 3rd May was the Tamar Trotters Saltash Half Marathon/5k and Fun run. This running event has been part of the May Fair Sunday tradition since the early 80s. For the last few years, I have run as the back marker for the half marathon and my husband is one the lead cyclists for the race, which we both really enjoy. But this year the mayoral duties took over, and I had the honour of handing out medals and trophies to the runners, along with the Mayor Elect Brian Stoyl. It was a pleasant morning, which we both enjoyed. I'm glad to say the rain held off too. Hats off to the organisers of the May Fair weekend.



Monday 4th May – our final mayoral engagement. Matt and I spent an enjoyable morning at St Stephens Church coffee morning, where we were given the difficult task of judging the children’s best handwriting competition. There were many, superb entries over three age categories, and it was very hard to choose between them all. Following this we had to then judge the adults Victoria Sponge competition, which consisted of judging the cakes by the

look, texture and most importantly the taste. It was a tough job having to taste every Victoria sponge, but someone had to do it! A lovely last engagement to finish off a great year.



My final mayoral engagement, St Stephens Church coffee morning

Finally, I'd like to say a big thank you to my fellow councillors, residents, organisations, friends and family for all the support they have given me over the past year. Also special thank you to my husband Matt who has been the best consort ever! I now hand you over to our new Mayor, Cllr Brian Stoyel. I know Brian will be a superb mayor, he has experience, knowledge, commitment, passion for our town and most importantly, he is fun to be around. Along with our new Deputy Mayor Cllr Brenda Samuels, the pair will make a great team.

So in the words of Bugs Bunny, "that's all folks"

From your former mayor, Cllr Rachel Bullock x

Here is a look back at some of my mayoral engagements from last year:



Saltash Camera Club awards



Bodmin Mayor Making



Truro Mayor Making



Liskeard Mayor Making



Saltash Regatta



My Mayor Making



St Austell Mayor Making



Launceston Mayor Making



The Core Summer BBQ



Mag 7 running race



Summerfields Park opening



Forder Fete



VJ80 memorial service



Saltash Foodbank Coffee Morning



Library Poem Competition



Saltash Utd Juniors



Sailing Club J24 event



High Sheriff Autumn Gathering



U3A Showcase



Captain's Lunch – HMS Raleigh



Beating the Bounds



Kitchen opening at the Brownie hut



Falmouth Civic Service



St Stephens Service of Remembrance



Remembrance wreath laying



Remembrance procession



The Poppy Train



Landulph School library award



Saltash Christmas Lights Switch On event



Ginkgo Tree Planting – Cornwall Council



High Sheriff service, Truro



Lantern Workshop, Burraton School



Churchtown Farm celebrations



Brunel School Lantern Workshop



RBL Meeting



Livewire AGM



St Stephens School Lantern Workshop



Floral Art Club



St Stephens Nativity



St Petroc's Carol Service, Truro



Santa Run



Sailing Club Xmas Meal



Age Concern Christmas lunch



St Anne's Christmas Lunch



The Elms visit



Christmas Carols at the Masonic Hall



Rowan House Christmas party



Scouts award presentation



Opening of the MDAS Festival



Sailing Club Cadet awards

St John's Ambulance awards, Truro

My Mayor's Civic Service



St Piran's Day – To England and Back walk

Brunel Guiding Lights Project



Audrey Miller Exhibition, Saltash Library

Civic Awards and Shop Your Town event



Captains Lunch – HMS Raleigh