

**Chairman's report**  
**July and August 2026**

Mayoral Engagements Councillor Brian Stoyel

| <b>Date</b>             | <b>Location</b> | <b>Information</b>                              |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday 5 July 2026      | Saltash         | Saltash Rotary handover afternoon tea           |
| Saturday 11 July 2026   | Saltash         | Trematon garden fete                            |
| Sunday 12 July 2026     | Saltash         | National Ski Race prize awarding                |
| Tuesday 14 July 2026    | Saltash         | Trelawny Plate awarding event                   |
| Friday 17 July 2026     | Saltash         | Ukrainian evening                               |
| Saturday 18 July 2026   | Saltash         | St Anne's summer fete                           |
| Sunday 19 July 2026     | Falmouth        | Falmouth Sea Sunday                             |
| Tuesday 21 July 2026    | Saltash         | Costa Coffee scone event                        |
| Wednesday 22 July 2026  | Saltash         | Saltash Ex-teachers meet up                     |
| Friday 24 July 2026     | Saltash         | Memory box summer concert                       |
| Saturday 25 July 2026   | Saltash         | Saltash Regatta Civic Parade and opening        |
| Sunday 26 July 2026     | Saltash         | Saltash Regatta cardboard boat race judging     |
| Tuesday 28 July 2026    | Saltash         | Pebble War Memorial unveiling                   |
| Friday 31 July 2026     | Saltash         | Radio Cornwall interview on jam vs scone debate |
| Wednesday 5 August 2026 | Saltash         | Abbeyfield 70 <sup>th</sup> anniversary event   |
| Saturday 8 August 2026  | Saltash         | Saltash United FA Cup fixture                   |
| Sunday 9 August 2026    | Saltash         | Forder village fete                             |
| Tuesday 18 August 2026  | Saltash         | BBC interview on security at the Waterside      |
| Saturday 29 August 2026 | Saltash         | Saltash Foodbank coffee morning                 |
| Saturday 29 August 2026 | Saltash         | Tincombe Tea Party                              |

Meetings attended

| <b>Date</b>         | <b>Location</b> | <b>Information</b>                  |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Friday 24 July 2026 | Saltash         | Churchtown Farm partnership meeting |

Deputy Mayor Engagements Councillor Brenda Samuels

| <b>Date</b>             | <b>Location</b> | <b>Information</b>                    |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Saturday 18 July 2026   | Saltash         | Oaklands Community Centre summer fete |
| Saturday 25 July 2026   | Saltash         | Saltash Regatta Civic Parade          |
| Tuesday 28 July 2026    | Saltash         | Pebble War Memorial unveiling         |
| Saturday 29 August 2026 | Saltash         | St Anne's Cornish Festival            |

**End of Report**  
**Mayors Secretary**

## **Chair's Report**

**10<sup>th</sup> July** – a momentous occasion the reopening of our Saltash Library after much refurbishment and design changing. A very good attendance showed appreciation of the hard work and enthusiasm over many years from Councillors and supporters to give our residents of all ages an all purpose educational facility for many years to come.

## **Trematon Garden Party 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

A beautiful summer Saturday afternoon - when we arrived the marquees were up being filled with homemade food to make your mouth water, colourful sunshades dotted around, chairs grouped underneath the trees and a single entertainer unpacking his gear (helped by his little son).

- a truly family/community affair courtesy of Ros & David Ruby who had opened up their garden for the event.

We spent the time chatting to all & sundry and, as usual, more than one person introduced themselves as having known us way back in the past!

As the sun went down and the evening cooled, races were organised for the youngsters. Do you remember? - egg and spoon race, three-legged race, sack race. The children had a whale of a time. The Mayor was still there, looking forward to presenting prizes to the winners and those who tried hardest - a most enjoyable task. Then at the very end of the day came the 'Tug-of-War'! Grandfathers coaching Grandsons, brothers and sisters

flexing their muscles, one two three HEAVE!!!! All fall down.....????

LOOK! some grown ups are joining in ..... and the Mayor .....! One, Two, Three HEAVE!!!!!! All fall down!!!!!!\*\*

Sweets and Medals for ALL!!!

A great afternoon, thank you everyone.

**14<sup>th</sup> July** – At the Parish Church of St. Nun, Pelynt in the presence of the Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff, The Trelawney Plate was awarded to Ross Williams MBE for his outstanding contribution to the arts and culture of Cornish Life. The plate itself originally belonged to Bishop Trelawney, who was arrested and imprisoned in the Tower of London in 1688. A colourful occasion with Cornish spoken words and hearty singing.

## **Ukrainian Concert – St Anne’s – Falmouth Sea Sunday**

On Friday evening, **17th July**, at the beginning of a busy weekend we attended an **evening of music at Hatt House**, courtesy of Hugh & Fiona Simmonds. Performing were the excellent Ukrainian Singers & musicians we had already heard at St Stephen’s Church. The open air did nothing to deter from their lovely sound and enthusiasm.

Also entertaining us were members of the Saltash Ministry church Choirs under their Director Eric Distin on his trusty portable keyboard! - and the pizza van was on side afterwards ..... what a feast!

The next day, **18th July**, we dug out our brightly coloured shirts and reported to **St Anne’s for an Hawaiian lunch**. Audrey Miller joined us outside in the garden, under an awning which did not blow away, and we tucked in to a very good spread put together by the cooks. Residents, families and friends all agreed what better way to spend a sunny Saturday afternoon?

From there we made our way to **Falmouth for ‘Sea Sunday’ 19th July** which is an annual event with parades, services and feasting in support of all those who earn their living from and by the sea. It was a delight to see and hear the sea.

## **Water Ski Racing Saturday 11th/Sunday 12th July 2026**

Having received an invitation to present the prizes at a water-skiing event off Jubilee Green on a Sunday afternoon!

Did we know what to expect? - No! Did we know who was involved? - No!

It was a very warm, beautiful afternoon down by the water, AND, the place was buzzing ..... There were campervans neatly lined up with their occupant’s drinking tea whilst giving last minute instructions. There were power boats readying themselves to give their skier every chance of success....

There were stewards waving their schedules and flags. We were met by a congenial Scot having travelled down from Edinburgh, who gave us an extremely good run down on the TWO-day event.

It transpired we were attending the 2026 UK National Waterski Racing Championships Rounds 7 & 8!!

Competitors came from around the UK and parts of Europe as well. Each race consisted of 4 or 5 skiers teamed up with their boat & pilot, they set off from the pontoon, up the Tamar and out of sight, returning a few minutes later to turn around and disappear again - for as many as 10 laps. Competitor age range 14 – 65.

This was their first visit to Saltash, and they were so impressed they hope to come again next year when it will be the European eliminator rounds - admittedly the weather was fantastic and the scenery at its best - but even so the position and facilities suited their requirements.

Having spoken to local members of our community I realise the event was not widely publicised, even though part sponsored by Tamar Fresh, it would enhance the town’s global reputation. There was a request for a town map, What’s On and places to eat and visit. They believe the visit alone brings £50,000 into the local economy. I will do my best to rectify that by next year and would love to hear from anyone who is already involved.

**21<sup>st</sup> July** - a call came from **Costa** Coffee to try one of their new creations was quite unexpected. Together with Mayor of Kingsbridge, Julia Wingate, we were subjected to deciding what really comes first **jam or cream on a scone**. We know very well - jam - however the Costa creation meant piping jam and cream simultaneously onto a scone. A lengthy photoshoot before sampling the creation. The resulting photos going worldwide plus an interview on Cornwall Radio.

**25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> July** Saltash Regatta a fun packed weekend – good weather brought the crowds to the Waterside with of course the cardboard boat challenge. Although the winning boat took much dismantling at the end it was just strong cardboard. As always STC delighted in supporting such a local event.

**28<sup>th</sup> July** - Unveiling of the refurbished **Pebble Memorial**. How such an innocent thought of a pebble being a lasting memorial is incredible and the young lady who instigated this was present on this day.

**1<sup>st</sup> August** – B Quiz £400 raised for Saltash Youth Network many thanks to Rachel & Matt ---- watch for Quiz A 14<sup>th</sup> November

**5<sup>th</sup> August** - Saltash Ministry Church Choirs helped **Abbeyfield 'Cresta'** celebrate its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Again, an excellent spread and a singalong kept everyone entertained.

**8<sup>th</sup> August** - Visiting **Saltash United** promised a good game after their recent success but sadly that was not the case. Result aside I presented a fabulous, framed sporting cap to Steve Morley for his stalwart 15 years supporting the club in numerous capacities now retiring through ill health.

**9<sup>th</sup> August** - Deputy Mayor Brenda, Consort Pete, Mayoress Maxine and myself attended **Forder Fete** now approaching its 60th year. A beautiful afternoon by the river with town band gustily playing, pin the tail on the donkey, cakes, plants, raffle, BBQ and, as if watching Phantom of the Opera, youngsters from Saltash Sailing Club appeared and came ashore to collect their prizes.

**18<sup>th</sup> August** – SouthWest TV interview on the Waterside to discuss our Waterside Patrol concept. After much chat I suspect the emphasis of the presenter will be focused on anti-social behaviour rather than engaging with visitors to the Waterside and supporting our community.

**23<sup>rd</sup> August** – Saltash & Cornwall Councillors, Family and friends BBQ at home raising £200 for Saltash Youth Network. Glorious weather, good conversation and our dog, Roxie, running off with a baby's ball. All retrieved unharmed, including the baby.

Date for your diary:

3<sup>rd</sup> October – Beating the Bounds

**End of Report**

**Councillor B Stoyel**

**Mayor of Saltash**