

“Beating the Bounds”

A report from the working group – Pete Samuels, Brian Stoyel, Julia Peggs, Rachel Bullock and Martin Lister.

I think we can all agree that last year’s “Beating the Bounds” event was a success. Tradition states that this event should be carried out in the year of a jubilee or coronation. The “Beating the Bounds” working group have decided to hold the event on the bank holiday Monday following the Coronation of King Charles III and the Mayfair.

Key facts:

- The date of the event is Monday 8th May
- People will meet at the Waitrose car park side of the Waitrose bridge at 10.30am
- The walk will take approximately 3 hours passing through Moditonham Quay, Botus Fleming, Hatt and Notter Bridge. The walk is approximately 5 miles.
- For those wishing to take part, but are unable to walk the route, a bus will be available to drive those passengers so they can still participate, like last year’s event. The bus will be waiting in Waitrose car park at 10.30am.
- There are 5 boundary stones in which the walkers will pass. At each stone there will be a blessing before Mayor and other members of the walk are “bounced”
- At Notter Bridge the walkers will stop for a brief rest, a picnic or a drink/snack in the pub if they wish. The Notter Bridge Inn will be informed of this event like last time. We will suggest to participants that they take a picnic and plenty of drink for their journey.
- At 2.30pm will be collected from Notter by the Saltash Red Bus. The buses will transport us to St Germans for the final leg of the trip. The 3 buses hold 45 people in total and are hired for 4 hours, so they can go back and forth to St Germans if more than 45 people attend the event.
- At St Germans we will then catch the 3.29pm train back to Saltash.
- The day will end in Isambard House with a scones and cream for the participants. Brenda has kindly offered to make scones like last time.
- The Saltash Red Bus will be on standby for anyone wishing to return to Carkeel after the event if need be.

Event costing:

The hire of Saltash Red buses is £75 per bus for 4 hours use. = £225.00

There will be no costing prior to the event. Saltash Red Bus are happy to invoice the council after the event.

Ticket prices:

As this is a STC event which isn't a regular occurrence, it would be nice to have as many people involved as possible. Also due to the current economic climate, the working group decided tickets would be sold at £5 per adult, under 16s are free. This means that the event could potentially run at a loss. The tickets will be sold from the Guildhall and the Library.

We have 2 options:

- 1) Charge £5 a ticket and any losses can come from our events funding.
- 2) Charge more for the tickets so the Council does not incur any expenses. This could mean that less people would attend the event.

I would like this to be decided at the FTC meeting.

I am also seeking permission from the council to use the town seals in the advertising of this event. The town seals are on some of the boundary stones, so I think it is only right that we use them on the posters.

Expenditure Log 2022 – Jubilee Beating of the Bounds:

<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Afternoon Tea	£52.98	55 tickets sold @ £5 per ticket	£275.00
Saltash Red Bus	£195.00		
Total	£247.98	Total	£275.00
<u>Surplus £27.02</u>			

Risk assessment:

A risk assessment was created for the event last October. This risk assessment can be used for this same event, subject to the Service Delivery Managers review and Town Clerk approval.



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"BEATING THE BOUNDS"

Monday 8th May - 10.30am

Meet at Waitrose foot bridge – Waitrose car park

Beating the bounds is an ancient custom which is still observed in some English and Welsh parishes. The custom dates from Anglo-Saxon times.

A group of old and young members of the community would walk the boundaries of the parish to share the knowledge of where they lay.

This walk will be approximately 5 miles and will take you to the boundaries of Saltash - Moditonham Quay, Hatt and Notter Bridge. At these boundary markers the mayor will be "bumped" on the boundary stones, (see photo below) something not to be missed! A bus will also be available to drive the route for anyone wishing to take part but are unable to walk this distance.

From Notter Bridge a bus will take everyone to St Germans where a train ride back to Saltash will confirm the boundaries of the river. The day will end with a cream tea in Isambard House, Saltash Station. Please bring a packed lunch and train fare.

Tickets cost £5 per person

Under 16s are free

The ticket cost includes the walk, bus transport to St German's and a cream tea at Isambard House

Pictures will be taken on the day and used following the event. If you would prefer your photo not to be taken please inform Cllr Bullock

Please review the Risk Assessment prior to attending the event

Well behaved dogs on leads are welcome!



Tickets are available to purchase from:

Saltash Library or Saltash Guildhall. Tel: 01752 844846

Photo gallery from last year's event





The History of BTB – taken from Saltash Heritage

Beating the bounds is an ancient custom which is still observed in some English and Welsh parishes. In England, the custom dates from Anglo-Saxon times, as it is mentioned in laws of Alfred the Great. It was often followed by an ale feast which guaranteed its popularity.

A group of old and young members of the community would walk the boundaries of the parish, usually led by the parish priest and church officials, to share the knowledge of where they lay, and to pray for protection and blessings for the lands.

There are records of Saltash Beating the Bounds in 1871 and in 1890. The first photographs I could find were from 1934. It was the custom for both the Mayor and Town Clerk to be bumped on the first and last stone.

Since WWII Beating the Bounds has been carried out a number of times including 19th July 1951, 18th Sep 1971 and 24th March 1974

Although an annual event in many places Saltash seemed to ‘Beat the Bounds’ on special occasions like in 1974 to commemorate the ending of Saltash Borough Council and the start of Saltash Town Council. John Bryant became first Town Mayor.

As the Rivers Lynher and Tamar are part of Saltash’s boundary, in 1951 the participants completed the trip round the town boundary by boat.

After a long gap it was revived in 1977 for the Queen’s Silver Jubilee and lead by Vic Harding.

In more recent years the ceremony was carried out on the 4th June 2012 with Mayor Martin Gee for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and October 2022 for the Queens Platinum Jubilee with Mayor Richard Bickford.

The last two occasions were led by Martin Lister.

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Cllr Bullock