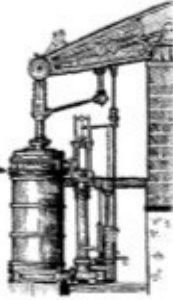




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We are so grateful and wanted to thank people for their kind support.

I would like to say a big **thank you** to the people of Hayle.

Helen Williams.

Mayor's Message

I am delighted to say that despite fighting Covid 19, the town of Hayle continues to operate with many of our council staff working from home on advice of experts. During this period I would like to thank all essential workers for their service.

I have spent the majority of the time in my house but am glad to have a garden and garage to tend and upkeep, I don't know how I would have coped living in a high rise flat with no garden.

This period has given me new skills, including talking to my sons through social media, playing games with my grandchildren through Playhouse, we have held Zoom meetings at Council and had a Zoom meeting with our



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twinned town of Pordic in Brittany, as well as making the family bread.

I am aware of many people volunteering to provide medicine, food and meals to the vulnerable and isolated and I thank them, including my neighbours who regularly ask us oldies if we want anything.

In many ways this pandemic has bought our community together.

Every indication is that we are coming to the light at the end of the tunnel and hopefully soon we will return to normal, but while we wait for that day be careful and stay safe.

Best wishes

Clive Polkinghorne

Mayor of Hayle

Council Corner

July and August 2020



Coronavirus and the Council

We want to send the community the council's best wishes. We also wish to thank all residents for your patience and support during these difficult times.

The town council has resumed its regular full council meeting schedule and is meeting virtually, via Zoom, on the first and third Thursdays of each month (excluding August). Meetings are live streamed via a webinar and members of the public can register to speak during the public participation prior to the meeting. All details and links can be found on the council's website. Previously, councils could not meet remotely but the government reviewed this and has passed legislation to allow this to occur so that business can be formally conducted.

The council's administrative team has continued to work throughout the pandemic, although it has mostly been remotely from the safety of their respective homes and as facilities are opened and services are resumed, all other staff have recommenced in some capacity, depending on their roles and the risks involved.

We are aiming to open the Library on Monday 6th July, for a simple click and collect service only; people will be able to reserve books online and



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collect from the Library foyer for the first phase of the re-opening plan. Initially the opening hours will be reduced (Mon, Wed & Fri, 9.30am – 1.30pm) and the Information Service will be limited to signposting only; the staff will not be able to process payments or assist with form filling at all. We are currently fleshing out the plans and details will be published on the council's website and the local Facebook pages.

At the time of going to press the Community Centre and Swimming Pool remain closed and so far there is no firm date or guidance for opening. The play park remains closed but the maintenance team has made the most of this time and given the play equipment a much needed overhaul during this time. It really is looking good.

The skatebowl is now officially open as are the playing courts at the Hayle Recreation Ground. Some of the public toilets are open and it is hoped that the others will be too, after some careful reconfiguration, in the next week or so.

All of the Council's activities and services are regularly reviewed and will either be re-introduced or enhanced as when the Government give the go ahead and when we can assure safety and minimal risk to users and staff.

The Council has also worked with Cornwall Council, Chamber of Commerce and representatives of Hayle Business Breakfast to formulate a re-opening the Town Plan. Grant funding was provided by the Government and advisory

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Annual Council Meeting and Election of the Mayor

Normally, it is a legal requirement for the Council to hold an Annual Council meeting and to elect a Mayor for the forthcoming year in May or June however in light of the pandemic a new, temporary law has been passed and there is now no need to hold an Annual Council meeting until May 2021. Members of the Council considered this and it was agreed to defer holding the meeting and electing a new Mayor until May 2021. The Council felt that it was important to maintain a sense of stability and maintain the status quo at this time and agreed the current Mayor, Councillor Clive Polkinghorne, and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Steve Benney, should continue in the roles for a third term.

Council Vacancies

Sadly, Councillor Nick Farrar has resigned from the Town Council. Nick has served on the Council for many years and was Mayor from 2016 – 2018. He now wants to focus on his family and work commitments, and we all wish him well and thank him for his positive, pro-active and often humorous contributions during his

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time as a councillor.

Consequently, we now have a vacancy in both the Hayle North Ward and the South Ward and we will shortly be looking to fill both vacancies by co-option, (assuming an election is not called for in the North Ward). Details of the co-option process will shortly be published on the council's website and Facebook page. If you would like to get involved and take an active role in shaping the future of Hayle please contact the Clerk, details below, to have an informal chat to find out what is involved.

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**Hayle
in
Bloom**



As some of you know, in March, following guidance from the Royal Horticultural Society (R.H.S), the South West in Bloom organisation decided to cancel this year's main competitions due to the coronavirus pandemic. This decision has been mirrored in all parts of the country, and means that, sadly, there will be no R.H.S judging in July this year. (We are not alone).

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In the words of Vic Verrier, (President of South West in Bloom) "everyone needs cheering up this summer, so I appeal to all you 'Bloomers' out there to enhance the communities in which you live in the way you know best." To this end and despite no competitions, Hayle in Bloom (H.I.B.) decided to plant out the containers, beds, hanging baskets, tubs, troughs and towers with flowering plants, ably assisted by our town gardener, Olivia, and also to continue with our Hayle in Bloom competitions (details to follow). As many of you will have noticed, the planting throughout the town has been nearly completed, and because of the social distancing and shielding issues, our chairman, Richard, his wife, Gill, and her daughter decided to do all the planting themselves in early June. Hayle in Bloom is hugely indebted to them for taking on this task, and Richard would like to express his thanks to Hayle Town gardener Olivia Pelloe for collecting all the plants from Kehelland Nurseries.

We would like to thank Kehelland for making up the splendid hanging baskets you can see around the town and the troughs on the Jubilee Bridge. They look grand.

The details of our summer competitions have changed slightly, so the new details are as follows:

The categories are:

(a) Best residential garden

(b) Best dressed pub;

Judging will take place over the weekend of 25/26 July;

Entry is free, and entry forms are available from the greenhouse

on the King George V Memorial Walk, the Texaco garage opposite the park and McColl's shop at the Penpol Terrace P.O.; Completed entry forms to be handed in at one of these three venues by 7 July.

Thanks go to the following H.I.B. members who have contributed significantly to the floral improvement of the town ; Gill Barber who has painted and planted out the Memorial Boat near the Jubilee Bridge; Paul Clark for painting and planting out the boat near the 'Harbour Master's House' as well as continuing to develop and maintain the Isis Gardens.

Recognition and appreciation, as always, goes to Tony Thacker who volunteers on the King George V Memorial Walk throughout the year, thus helping to maintain and improve the Walk for everyone.

All other members who continue to play their part regularly in small and large measure around Hayle.

Because of Coronavirus issues, unfortunately, we still have no dates for our monthly meetings, but are hopeful that the next one will take place in Passmore Edwards Institute at the end of July (to be confirmed)

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HAYLE FILM CLUB

HAYLE FILM CLUB TO REMAIN OFF-SCREEN UNTIL 2021

With the pandemic still making most indoor activities unsafe, Hayle Film Club will delay reopening until at least early 2021. Sitting in our venue a metre or so apart for several hours, in mask and gloves, without the sociability of refreshments afterwards, seems a bit joyless -- not to mention economically unfeasible. Sadly, our decision jives with 41% of other venues -- including community cinemas like ours -- across the UK, according to a recent Independent Cinema Office survey in which I took part. This segment cited the inability to reopen with social distancing measures in place. For those who are interested, a summary of the survey is included below.

Whenever we do open, please know that HFC memberships will be extended to the equivalent of previous timeframes etc.

And while a short break was welcome after almost eight years of screening films twice a month, we now really miss seeing our audience regulars and meeting new faces -- but mostly we miss sharing our love of cinema with everyone. (If you haven't seen them by now, do catch **Jojo Rabbit** and **Parasite** on streaming or DVD.)

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everyone on the other side, when it's again safe and fun to meet indoors.

From the Independent Cinema Office survey of 22 May 2020:

Despite government suggestions that cinemas could reopen in July, many smaller independent venues are reluctant to open, citing safety of staff and audiences as the main concerns.

They feel pressure from the commercial sector and the industry as a whole to open when it is not actually financially viable, practical or even safe to do so.

Given that a significant element of cinema experience is the collective experience of watching a film together and the sustainability of operating budgets rely on crowded auditoriums, for many it does not seem realistic to expect that this be able to happen again before at least September 2020.

This feeling is exacerbated by the demographic for independent film audiences skewing older people and therefore the most at risk from the virus; this is also true for volunteers without whom many providers would not be able to run.

While 59% said they could enforce socially distancing, 41% did not think they could enforce these measures in their venues and therefore would be unable to open. The practicalities of the venue and the need for large audience numbers to remain financially viable are the two reasons cited for this.

While some think they may open in July or August, more think September, and a significant number don't expect to reopen until next year.

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There is a huge amount of uncertainty around reopening from independent exhibitors, from Health and Safety, cost of PPE measures, audience willingness to return, availability of content. Many operators find it very hard to see the way forward.

We will use the responses from this survey to advocate for a reopening strategy for the independent sector that makes the right decisions at the right time, for the safety of staff and audiences. We will lobby for financial support for cinemas whilst they are closed, and for support to open safely and sustainably.

**Donna Anton, Chair
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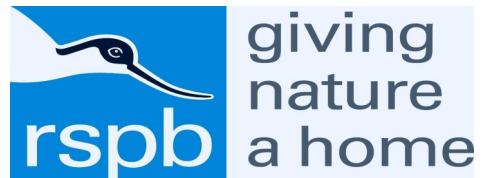
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RSPB Warden Jenny Parker
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safe, Thank you!

Throughout the lockdown, following the government's social distancing advice, our nature reserve's visitor facilities were closed, including the car park and bird hide at Ryan's Field. We are sorry for any inconvenience this caused. We are pleased to announce that these facilities have now been reopened plus you can still enjoy viewing the wildlife on the estuary during your daily exercise from the public footpaths that pass through and around the nature reserve but please do stay 2 metres apart. We hope that connecting to nature will help visitors to relax and rejuvenate and look forward to reopening our visitor facilities as soon as possible. If you are unable to make a visit to the nature reserve but have a garden or live near a local green space, take this opportunity to watch and listen to the wildlife all around you from the blooming Mayflower (Hawthorn) to the blackbirds busily collecting worms for their young. A daily dose of nature watching can lift our spirits and give us strength for what the day brings. You could join the RSPB's #BreakfastBirdwatch on social media too. Tina has been doing just that in her garden in Hayle...

Meanwhile, my garden has given me untold pleasure during this unprecedented lockdown. Apart from the plants, the birds have definitely visited in greater numbers. My thrill of the month was a bullfinch, sitting on the gate in brilliant breeding colours. I last saw a bullfinch as a child, many years ago. The colours on the recent bird were magnificent, and despite the

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or in demand of more currants, appearing as if by magic whenever I set foot outside my door. It is a privilege to be trusted by a wild bird. There have been many other avian visitors at my feeders and bird baths, but none as exciting as that bullfinch.

I can only add to Jenny's message, and mine, by wishing you well in these strange times. Make the most of it – you will probably never experience it again!

Cheers

Tina Morgan

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Friends of the Towans

Did you know the towans are actively protected by many local organisations? A forum called the Towans Partnership includes Hayle Town Council, Gwinear/Gwithian Parish Council, the National Trust and Cornwall Wildlife Trust, which work together with many of the local tourism businesses. However, the Towans Partnership is not a registered charity and does not have a bank account, so it is not well-placed to seek grants or execute projects.

Five years ago, to make it easier for

local people to lend a hand and get involved in protecting and conserving the towans, a new group was formed, called the Friends of the Towans. Now developed into a charity, this group has a bank account and is ready to seek grants, large and small, to conduct research and conservation.

Volunteers undertake practical habitat management work throughout the year. The main focus, however, is during autumn and winter, when scrub vegetation, such as gorse and brambles, is removed from the grassy areas to improve the natural environment. We normally have a bone-warming bonfire, sometimes with baked potatoes too!

Other activities include litter picking and beach cleaning, but we also carry out wildlife monitoring and guided walks to help us all learn more about the towans' wildlife, flora and history. For example, a marvellous botany walk with Ian Bennallick, in July 2019, resulted in a list of 180 plant species – including Viper's-bugloss, which adds a striking blue splash to parts of the towans in July and August, especially



around disturbed ground like rabbit burrows.

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here, including the Skylark, Linnet and Stonechat, and the dunes also provide home

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including Godrevy Warren, is another SSSI – Godrevy Head to St Agnes. Two other important sites – Gwithian Green and St Gothian's Sands – are designated as Local Nature Reserves (LNRs). All of these sites are also classified as County Wildlife Sites, a non-statutory designation given to habitats considered to be of at least county-importance for wildlife.

If you are interested in the towans, love nature and want to get involved in learning and conserving, contact the Towans Ranger, Martin Rule, on 07854 123877 or ranger@friendsofthetowans.org.uk. Our website is at friendsofthetowans.org.uk.

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Hayle Gig Club Wins Open Water World Championship!

With all rowing cancelled and the much loved World Pilot Gig Championship cancelled on the Scilly Isles this year the Hayle Pilot Gig Rowing Club did not let that stop them from rowing and putting their winter training to some use.

The team of five with a mixed age

range of Andrew Cornwell, Andy Flewitt, Chris Harvey, Matthew Robbins and Sam Norton all got on their own home Ergo rowing machines and entered as a Hayle Gig Club crew into the 2020 World Ergo Challenge.



Chris Harvey Men's captain powering his way to 400,000 metres.

The World Ergo Challenge attracts 701 crews from all over the World, and is a competition run by Concept 2 in which competitors row as far as they can on rowing machines between the 15th of March and the 15th of April. The team entered a very competitive section called "on water" which had members of between 2 and 5 rowers. Hayle crew rowed themselves to first place in a field of 71 international crews. In the overall rankings, looking at all the rowing sectors in a field of 701 teams, Hayle came a very credible 203rd given some of the teams had a huge number of contributors, the winning team had over 400 members rowing for them. The Hayle rowers completed a total of 1,407,603 metres which was an average per Hayle rower of 281,521. Adjusting the figures overall and

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averaging it out Hayle would have finished 50th overall from all the 701 Teams competing.

A great team effort by Hayle made even more impressive by the fact they could not see each other but used social media to encourage each other on.

When we get back in the sea proper who knows what Hayle Gig Club will be capable of now!

Anyone interested in giving gig rowing ago would be more than welcome to join Hayle Gig Clubs free taster sessions once we are through these odd times.

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(Lack of space requires that the following show the text of the memorials but not exactly as shown on the memorial itself)

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*No current memorial on the 2nd bench

* Shirley Anne Beard (nee Hart) 1927 -2006 Treasured memories of happy times spent together RIP and Pat Hale nee Hart 1.6.1924 – 19.11.2017 Fond memories of our walks in Hayle Forever in our thoughts

* Florence 1927 – 2007 Much moved and never forgotten

* Doreen Dell 1930 – 2009 Mack Dell 1928 – 2015 Together again

* Mitchell John Gilbert 1.3.90 – 29.7.15 Taken far too young Missed dearly by your wife and children* The Murphy "Girls"

* In loving memory of Laura May Catterall 7.4.1915 – 6.1.2014 Missed by her family but still walking this way in spirit

* In memory of Archie and Nelly Trevillion

* In loving memory of Joy Lane 1921 – 2008

* Next bench – no current memorial

* In memory of Elizabeth Williams who loved this walk 1930 – 2010

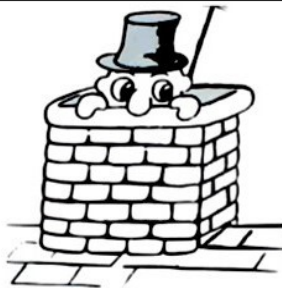
* In loving memory of Denzil Corrigan 1944 – 2017

* In loving memory of John & Dorothy Churchman (located by one of the fish ponds) *

In loving memory of Lionel Irish A very proud Cornishman of Hayle and his beloved wife Kathleen Mary Always in our hearts (located in the recessed nature garden area)

* Marjorie Roberts Town Mayor 2003 – 2005 (by the greenhouses)

* Frank Ramsden & Marion Ramsden 29.3.1920 – 25.5.2018 & 14.8.1923 – 31.1.2008 "Do not grieve that we are gone, be happy that we were



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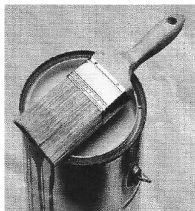
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Who loved this walk *
 In memory of Reggie and Annie Smitheram

* Freddie & Doreen Martin Forever walking their whippets

* Hayle Rose & Cabbage Club 1970 – 2012 (at Lido end of walk)

I hope the above will bring back more memories to many who use The Walk. Genealogists will especially benefit from names & dates shown. (Contributed by David Windsor of Connor Downs)

Millponds Update

(April/May)



I am wondering how the historians will sum up the events so far in 2020. We had already endured what is now being regarded as evidence of climate change, only to have it followed by a modern version of the Great Plague which has seen the British population forced into voluntary quarantine.

The drakes were just beginning to return to the ponds if they hadn't found a mate and the turtles would just be making use of their basking log on the Swan Pool. Regrettably due to the coronavirus I haven't been able to enjoy all the beauty of the Millponds and the Rope Walk as the

daffodils and cherry trees bloomed and the birds began to nest.

One can only hope that someday soon we will be able to visit the ponds again and enjoy the wildlife of this very special place once more.

May/June

With the arrival of the Summer Solstice the lockdown on Parks and Gardens has been eased, but visitors will have missed the spring flowers in the woodland and gardens except for the special display on Duck Island of the yellow iris and the purple blossoms of the ponticums which are exclusive to the Island itself.

The turtles are awake and our larger fish are fly-hunting. We also have a single duckling, the only one to survive of the five which were hatched in mid-May and it is a lively little bird. I am told there are another four on the River, and there signs of badgers at Hallan Kean so our wildlife seems to be thriving which is good news. Please help us keep it that way.

Thank you for keeping the site tidy and free of rubbish.
Keep well, my friends and take care of yourselves.

Georgina Schofield
Volunteer Wildlife Warden

Letter to the Editor

It was upsetting to hear from some residents of Millpond Avenue that the seagulls have eaten all the ducklings at the Hayle Millponds. No ducklings this year.

Robin Phillips (Hayle Old Boy)



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Thank you to everyone who came along to our Fish Supper in March, helping us to raise over £530 for the RNLI. Special thanks to the Turnpike, Connor Downs, for hosting and cooking the most delicious fish and chips, those who donated raffle prizes and to all of you for coming and helping to make it a great night.

We were so lucky to have held it when we did. Take care everyone and hope that we will be able to invite you to further fundraising events in the future.

Thank you.

Margaret Clark, Secretary

Hayle Twinning



Plans had been made throughout the year in order to host a group of visitors from Hayle's twin town of Pordic in Brittany. Until this year hosting the French visitors in May and visiting them in August/ September has been an uninterrupted annual event since 1997.

Unfortunately like many other events the Covid crisis made that impossible this year. Using technical zoom skills developed during lockdown we were able to have a virtual meeting called by one of our members, Maureen Mason.

Following an introduction from chairman George Daniel, Hayle Mayor Clive Polkinghorne was able to give a virtual welcome, the Mayor of Pordic gave a response in perfect English and this was followed by their president Claudine Misson. Then the whole group were able to renew friendships made over the years.

Sadly we have had to put all exchanges on hold this year, but hope to resume next year and anyone interested is welcome to contact the chairman George Daniel on 01736 333236



Making Waves in Copperhouse

In April, we planned on opening up a relaxing welcoming coffee shop called Copper Waves in Fore Street Copperhouse. We're both friendly and chatty people and with Rachel's coffee shop experience we thought it was a great spot for a café, as there was seemingly no other offering at this end of town.

Rachel has spent years perfecting her coffee skills in Australia and travelling around Asia, and during this time, also seen and loved the healthy trend of smoothie bowls, a blended fruit and granola bowl (super tasty!) So we thought this would be a great opportunity for a coffee shop.

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That's our main goal, but obviously that can't happen till it is safe to do so!

Chris and Rachel Jones

Bees Go Quackers!!

Scientists using highly sensitive vibration detectors have decoded honeybee queens' "tooting and quacking" duets in the hive.

Worker bees make new queens by sealing eggs inside special cells with wax and feeding them royal jelly. When ready to emerge the queens quack - but if two are free at the same time, they will fight to the death. So when one hatches, its quacks turn to toots, telling the workers to keep the queens , still quacking , captive. The queens responding to each other can be plainly heard.



It has been assumed that the queens were talking to other

queens - possibly sizing one another up vocally to see who is strongest but there is another explanation.

Tooting, it has been found, is a queen moving around the colony, announcing her presence to the workers.

The quacking is from queens that are ready to come out but are still captive inside their cells.

The queens are not talking to each other but communicating




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between the queen and the worker bees, an entire society of tens of thousands of bees trying to release one queen at a time.

Quacking queens are purposefully kept captive by the worker bees - they will not release the quacking queens because they can hear the tooting of the queen

When the tooting stops, that means the queen would have swarmed [split the colony and set out to find a new nest] and this triggers the colony to release a new queen.

All decisions are group decisions, it's the worker bees that decide if they want a new queen or not

Pollinating insects face numerous threats, including from pesticides, habitat loss and climate change. Beekeepers, and the hives they provide, are crucial for honeybee survival in the UK so please protect them by leaving some of the wild flowers and weeds in your garden.

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Helloooo....just because I'm a Senior Citizen doesn't mean that I am automatically mentally challenged, so I told him just what his fast-talking salesman told me last year—that these windows would pay for themselves in a year. Helloooo.....it's been a year, so they're paid for I told him.

There was only silence at the other end of the line, so I finally hung up. He never called back. I bet he felt like an idiot.

This account of one young man's education in Hayle was sent to us by Caroline Jackson, who thought it may be of interest to our readers.

Biography: Geoffrey Harvey 1907-1993

Geoffrey Hext Harvey was born in Penzance on 19 November 1907, the son of a local solicitor, Arthur William Hext Harvey, and Gertrude Maggie Gibson Henderson - always known as "Daisy".

He came from an old Penzance family, who are believed to have come originally from the farm called "Maen" which still exists at Sennen on the road to Land's End. She was a Londoner and her parents lived in Wimbledon. Arthur and Daisy lived at "Stanmore" in Alexandra Road, Penzance, and he founded the firm of solicitors which came to be known as A.W.H Harvey and Son, based at 49 Morrab Road, Penzance.

On 27th December 1914 Daisy died of "tetanus and heart failure" according to the Death Certificate. She had very recently given birth to a daughter, Rhoda. Arthur Harvey was devastated by this and according to my father wandered the house calling for Daisy. He did however eventually marry again - this time to the nurse who came to look after Rhoda. My father was hit equally hard, having been very attached to his mother.

He went to Hayle Grammar School, a very poor place which he later described in an essay. His principal interest was bird watching and he was very much a loner. He left school early, perhaps about the age of 15, and eventually became articled to his father, and passed all the examinations to become a solicitor in his father's practice.

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In 1930 he married Doris Caroline Boase, daughter of a local businessman, and eventually had 5 children with her, of whom three survive.

In 1942 he was called up and joined the army. He first served in the East Yorkshire regiment but the army soon realised that it had a very reluctant warrior on its hands and he was transferred, on making application to do so, to the War Office Selection Board. The purpose of the Board was to improve the quality of officers, mainly by the application of psychiatric and practical tests. Although not a psychiatrist himself GHH rose in the hierarchy of the Board (known as "WOSBY") and took part in the follow-up of those selected through the new procedures to see if they had

led to an improvement. By 1945 he was a Major and left the army with that rank and returned to work as a solicitor in Penzance.

In October 1990 Doris Harvey died and a few months later my father married Betty Smith, his former secretary. She looked after him until he died in 1993, and died herself in 2014. Geoffrey Harvey was a very shy man. He didn't go to University but he was highly intelligent though mainly self-taught. My abiding memory of him is seeing him sitting at the kitchen table studying German. He had a good sense of humour. He loved reading, walking - he was a great walker - bird watching and playing golf. He didn't like the law, and always said that any half-way intelligent person could do for themselves the sort of work he had to do in conveyancing and probate. He was one of those whom the war gave a chance of experiencing an intellectual world from which his poor education would otherwise have shut him out.

Caroline Jackson (Harvey) - his youngest daughter

My Life, by Geoffrey Harvey

From April 1920 to July 1924 and from twelve to sixteen years old I was a pupil at Hayle Grammar School and travelled to and fro each day from Penzance by a twenty minute train journey. Hayle was and still is a breezy town of past industrial prosperity and is built round an estuary on Cornwall's north coast.

The school was housed in part of a large middleclass dwelling-house. One of several in a row overlooking

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the railway station. It was housed in one dark downstairs room at the back of the house from which room a few steps led up into a large, well-lit wooden shed and these two structures, the downstairs room and the upstairs shed – the latter purpose-built in the house backyard – were the classrooms.

Most pupils were lower middleclass, the children of farmers or of small tradesmen or of holders of minor administrative jobs. Some, by fine distinction, could be placed, like me, in the middle middleclass but none came from dress for evening dinner homes, all had high tea parents, or parents who were supper people.

Historians would probably recognise the type of schooling. I do not have specialised knowledge, but would guess it was late Victorian. At this point I introduce the headmaster, William Wagner an MA of Trinity College, Dublin and I introduce him near the beginning because he was the school.

He founded it, I believe, and owned it and ran it exactly as he pleased; no-one else counted for anything at all except “BOSS”, as he was known to all pupils.

Boss, then in his mid-sixties, I should think, was a very big man, in fact a giant every way you took him. In one of Kipling’s Mulvaney stories, there is a character who shared Mulvaney’s idea that strong men should pummel each other into insensibility. This seems to have been masculine behaviour to which other ranks in the Victorian armed forces were much given. Anyway this character was described as being seven feet high, four feet wide and three feet thick.



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Just like Boss and with it Boss had a close-clipped white beard and gave a general impression of being a rather irritable lion. He sat at a table near the junction of the upper and lower rooms and only his great paws were restless.

Boys from Penzance and St Ives were known as 'down-train boys'. Those from Camborne and Redruth were 'up-train boys. There were boys

from Hayle and neighbourhood, of course, and there were some boarders. We, the 'down-train boys, arrived last and missed prayers, which were said daily before we clocked in. This strikes me as odd, since Boss had a firm allegiance to some form of Christian worship, for the story goes that he once took exception to the way a Sunday morning service was being conducted and forthwith gathered his little flock of boarders together and marched them out and away.

The school was divided into forms and each form had to be examined on its homework, so the day's lessons could not begin until the down-train boys had at last arrived. Then there would be announcements: "Form 1 to Mr Harrison", one of two assistant masters, poor fellow.

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“Form 2 to Mr Jones”, the other assistant master and another poor fellow,
“Form 3 to me”.

Then there was marching and counter-marching, ending in three semicircles of boys standing round their designated examiners. The hearts of those with the privilege of being examined by Boss sank for he expected rapid answers. “Who did Henry the V111 marry after Anne Boleyn”? Pause. “Next!” “Next!”, then, “Next, Next, Next, Next!” a burst of machine-gun fire in which it was difficult to find a place for, “Jane Seymour, Sir”. Result. “All returned. Stay in and come to me after school” which would probably meant missing our train. Perhaps Boss relented, or heard us again in school hours. Did we never have any maths homework which could not fit into such a system? I have a vague recollection of struggling at home with sums in an exercise book, as opposed to a slate, of which more follows. We certainly had geography and history homework and there was a book with all manner of “tables”, kilderkins and the like. Did we use this homework system for religious knowledge?

Or for spelling in junior forms? It has gone from me, but I have an idea there were six forms, so that a second round of examinations in homework took place.

The rooms were packed. It was a squash, especially in an area of small desks where young boys were huddled in a junior ghetto. I was in the lower room where one of the assistant masters presided. The other assistant was in the big shed. Boss was conveniently placed where, from his

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table, he could preside over the shed and occasionally peer down into the lower room. Talking was forbidden. There was no hubbub or any semblance of it. Occasionally that rule of silence was broken and Boss would make a sudden foray into the line of desks, knocking innocent lads out of the way until he reached the culprit

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and set about cuffing him round the ears. The victim covered his bowed head with hands and arms until the storm had blown itself out and then surfaced again, somewhat dishevelled but not much damaged. Boss usually roared when he was making these sallies. It was all very alarming at first but one got used to it. The average boy accepted the various indignities and boredom which the adult world heaped on him. Do they have to do so still? Not to the same extent, I hope.

I must correct the impression of chaos. There was a weekly timetable, We all knew what we were supposed to be doing and when- last period on welcome Friday afternoons we were engaged in geometrical drawing using a book which contained picture of something called "The Mystic

Pentacle". But I have forgotten whether there was one time-table for all – surely not – or one for each form and I am distressingly vague about how the various subjects were actually taught. There were various educational items that I met in no other school and I already had experience of three establishments. Each desk had a slot for a slate and an actual slate was issued and a slate pencil or pencils. These slates were used for arithmetic and algebra and after one had completed sums allotted by reference to one's arithmetic or algebra text book, one queued to have the results passed or commented on or corrected by, for me, the assistant master in the lower room. There must have been some explanation in these and other subjects, some verbal teaching, but I



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cannot remember any of it. What I do remember is Boss's instruction in French when he had the whole school, or most of it, chanting, "Je pense à vous. I think of you". He also demonstrated the solar system by standing up (for our benefit in the lower room) and holding upright a round ruler which he moved in a large circle, at the same time twirling it in his fingers and intoning, "Day and night, day and night, seasons". But when there was a total eclipse of the sun, visible at Hayle and on a sunny day too, he made no reference to it and certainly did not conduct the whole school, armed with bits of smoked glass, to some coign of vantage (or even into the back yard) to observe it. Was this an astonishing piece of Philistine insensitivity or did he fear any excursion with several pupils who had carelessly blinded themselves? Missing the eclipse and the great shadow leaping across the landscape is the only grudge I bear him.

About those slates. Some of the rougher elements – there were degrees – cleaned them by spitting on them and rubbing the result with a grimy cloth or a coat elbow, but most had small bottles of water of the kind that had contained hair oil and a cloth to go with them. Incidentally, boys then, or at any rate boys from Hayle Grammar School, used to wet their hair with water and comb it straight back off their foreheads. The style was reminiscent of the pre 1st World War "knuts" or of subalterns in that war. Lacking, of course, those toothbrush moustaches, I mourned my inability to follow this fashion owing to my hair being wiry and unmanageable.

Other items in the education were copy books in which we copied or



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essayed to copy lines of unexceptionable sentiments in copper plate, We also had columns of figures to add up and these were called “ tots”. I think one escaped survivals like this in the higher forms and certainly did so if one joined, as I did, the select band, small in numbers, who took the Cambridge Junior and Senior Local Examinations, in successive years. Here are some of the things we did not have. No educational equipment unless you include mere furniture like a blackboard. No labs or workshops. No organised games, only playground games in the daily breaks. No school societies of any kind. We just got there in the morning, received the instruction that was available and left in the afternoon on the words of release from Boss: “Down-train boys, go”. Whereupon we left precipitately to catch the 4.10 train. Those playground games of our own included “fly” and “blackbull” and “pumbarino”, but I am not going into details about them. All are no doubt described in the specialised literature of the subject.

We did not have proper lavatories and washplaces, either. There were three tiny outhouses under one roof. One was a washplace, another a urinal and the third was a lavatory, toilet or loo. The only one of these we could not escape was the urinal which was such a stinking hole as might be provided by a backward, third-world state in a programme aimed at breaking the morale of feared and hated prisoners. How many clients for the urinal? Near a hundred boys. The crush was both fearful and awkward.



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Boss consumed assistant masters and the process usually took two terms each. They came and after two terms they went. I assume they discovered in the first term that this was not a good place to be and then worked out a required term's notice. Why did they leave so regularly? I do not really know. Perhaps they found that sharing a workplace and a dwelling with an elemental force of nature was too much.

My four years or so in this school included one dramatic incident. Some boy, probably in his early teens, persisted in playing truant. Minching we called it. He was ceremonially beaten by Boss, presumably with parental consent or even by parental request, Held face downwards over a desk by the assistant masters he was laid into with, I believe, the hickory

shaft of a golf-club. Boss roared, the lad howled, one of the assistant masters was reported to have turned white and to have shaken. I say reported, because we in the lower room were out of sight of the event, unless we moved along to the ends of the forms, so as to look up into the higher room and even then one missed some of the finer points. That is what I remember most about the whole primitive affair. Not the roars, not the howls, these diminuendo as the wretched boy stumbled towards the lavatory. None of these, but only the swift movement of almost everyone in our room to one end of the long forms with a rush and a slide like beads on a sharply-tilted abacus. Terrible inhumanities have been committed down the ages – are still being committed – but this is the only

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one I have witnessed. Or did I witness it? I think I refrained, as did one or two others, but refrain or not, I certainly felt the shaming urge to see.

The school gave most parents what they hoped to get, gave them what they considered value for their money, namely a boy who could read, write legibly and do elementary arithmetic. Many, perhaps most, left school as soon as the compulsory minimum age was reached. They would also have acquired a smattering of history, geography, English grammar, algebra and geometry. French? Did they acquire a smattering of French? I certainly did and Latin, too, but the last was exceptional. I would think that most of these smatterings were soon forgotten as if they had never been. It could not be said that all parents valued learning. Sometimes a boy was kept away to work on a farm and then Boss would roar "Call this education!" The curriculum in some subjects was restricted. I did no history, except the couple of hundred years between the battle of Bosworth Field and the hasty departure of James 11.

Before and after this period, everything was without form and void. During my last year, I had finished with examinations and was just freewheeling until it was time to start becoming a solicitor, a prospect I viewed without enthusiasm.

Actually, it was a year in which I began to educate myself, but ever so clumsily, for I had no guidance.

Another odd boy out, such as I was, lent me Palgrave and I discovered Swinburne, but one goes off him later. I left the lower room during the

closing months of my school time and sat at a desk near Boss's table, He suddenly said once, and I can quote him fairly accurately, "Look at him! He's watching everything that goes on. He's going to write it all down some day".

And now I have, some of it.

After Boss died the school was carried on by someone else for a time, but I do not know anything about the changes that will have been made. Later still, perhaps fifteen or twenty years ago, the house was empty and I prowled around peering through windows at remembered rooms. It all seemed very dead. The last down-train boy had gone for good.

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Hidden Words Quiz 151 On The Water

Mr L Fleming of Angarrack has sent in this quiz, very many thanks to him.

1. Stephen Hawking's reasoning, I guess, did not ring true for everyone.
2. Who would have thought that Ingrid or Yasmin would have gone for a chap like Brian?
3. Down on the farm Derek and Peter's cull of badgers was highly controversial.
4. A bicycle is fine, but a moped alone still has only two wheels, albeit with an engine.
5. Get those lettuces cut, Terry yelled at his workers, they won't cut themselves.
6. It was raining cats and dogs, but Henry's mac kept the worst of the weather off.
7. It was Tuesday, so Yvonne and Sandra went off to the market. Chloe, however stayed at home with a jigsaw.
8. At the Helston Air Show, and flying a Tiger Moth, his loop the loop went down a storm.
9. Cor, a clear day exclaimed Bob to Harry, now we can go sailing on the lake.
10. At the Vicarage village fete, Alice's tea mercifully went down well,
11. When Keith, Bill and Mike joined the RAF, training to be a pilot was more difficult than they thought.
12. At the fancy dress party, Bob found that wearing a tutu got him a lot of attention.
13. Let's paint the shed red, Gerald suggested, but his wife thought it should be blue.
14. Terry liked the motorbike and made Ryan a good offer, Ryan however wanted the full asking price.

15. While reading Shakespeare's Macbeth Tracey realised that every page contained a pun. Tracey was very impressed by this.

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CROSS... Hybrid, Mongrel, Irate, Traverse, Testy

BUN... Yeast, Yeast, Sticky, Chelsea, Iced, Currant.

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Lockdown Days

Most of us will be familiar with tales of the war, and how that brought out both the best and worst in people. It is very probable that generations yet unborn will have to listen to stories about the war with the Great Pandemic of 2020. When the virus arrived it seemed as if we were not quite certain how to fight it. Suddenly new concepts had to be grasped, and just as we were getting our head around those our Leader spoke. On March 23 the nation was in Lockdown and so was Hayle. The first striking difference was the silence. Traffic through town reverted to 1950's levels. The T1 and the T2 still rumbled along empty roads with no passengers and ghost trains occasionally rattled over Foundry Square. There was nowhere to go. Pubs and cafes were all closed and even the churches. As we got more accustomed to self-sufficiency some of that war time spirit inspired us to make our own bread which meant flour and yeast disappeared from the shelves of Asda and Lidl closely followed by pasta and tinned tomatoes.

It seemed the Mediterranean diet had come to Hayle.

People were allowed out for an hour of exercise. Joggers, many of whom were clearly not members of the Hayle Running Club were bravely giving it a go. Two wheels took over from four. Not just the Lycra brigade, but families wobbling along on bikes rescued from the back of sheds and garages. Hayle Cycles - one of the few shops permitted to remain open - reported a surge of interest in this form of transport. King George's Walk was busy with socially distanced (another new concept) walking couples or Family Units (yet another) and attentive fathers, now unusually spending enforced time at home, shepherding flocks of small children on tricycles or scooters.

Perhaps the Pandemic helped us to appreciate how lucky we are to have such easy access to natural beauty as we thought of those cooped up in High Rise Flats in cities. Those with gardens if not exactly Digging for Victory were certainly putting their shoulders to the spade, the rake, the shears and so on. At least it was possible to take a break from gardening to escape to the cool of the beach. In the first few weeks it was not permitted to sunbathe so the vastness of the beach as far as Gwithian was the preserve of a few local walkers and a few hard-core surfers who seemed to be unaware of the restrictions applying to the more conventional members of society. To walk past the Bluff in blazing sunshine at Easter Weekend and gaze at a deserted beach was a surreal experience. So now the beaches became crowded and without Lifeguards there were inevitable tragedies. Visitors were returning and for once Cornwall didn't want them. Some of the less admirable War Time characteristics manifested themselves. Whereas our Grandparents suspected every stranger of being a Fifth Columnist or a Nazi agent dropped in by Parachute, we now had paranoia amongst some that Second Home Owners were secretly sleeping in their properties or Surfers skulking overnight in their Camper Vans.

One could even queue for pasties again and the sun kept on shining. . One day, we assume, the Pandemic will pass but it is possible its effects will not. Perhaps we will be fitter, healthier, more environmentally aware; kinder to others. Or perhaps within a few months we will be back to Fast Food; back in our cars and back to two weeks in Majorca. The Britain of 1945 was quite different from the Britain of 1939. Will life in Hayle will ever be quite the same again? We shall see.

D. Jones