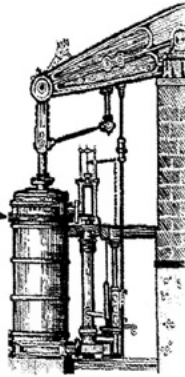




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## IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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Due to a steep rise in paper prices the cost of producing the Pump has gone up sharply. Regrettably we need to raise our income from advertising in order to meet these costs.

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### A note from our treasurer

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## HAYLE SUPERMARKETS “PENALTY SHOOT OUT”

In a setting not unlike a giant production of the DRAGONS DEN, four national companies sought to promote their respective planning applications to residents and the Strategic Planning committee at Hayle School on Wednesday (19th January). After individual presentations the meeting then opened up for questions and concerns to be voiced so the decision makers could glean a feel of the “local” overall situation.

Due to practical and time constraints answers were not available at the time but are now available on the Cornwall Council website (good luck with

that). It is not for the Pump to offer comments on individual applications but the two areas of interest are split between Foundry (**Morrisons & ING**) and Hayle Retail Park (**Sainsbury & Asda**). An overall common concern was the potential traffic situation at all locations with added concerns being raised with regard to flood water problems for Angarrack, with heritage and visual aspects a very strong issue at Foundry.

It is quite clear that there is popular support for a food store/supermarket to compliment the existing outlets, but not at ANY price. The relocation of the Rugby Club and its effect on the situation was also a feature of some questions but did not appear to be an overriding concern.

The following evening the Town Council had their meeting (This time at Bodriggy School to enable more seating) to debate the applications, take questions from the public and then vote on the respective applications. As this was a genuine two way process between the public and the Councillors with added input from a Cornwall Council planner the ensuing evening was both lively and informative with some light hearted banter and heckling.

The Town Council vote is used to inform Cornwall Council of the opinion and possible concerns of the Town Council and will be conveyed to the Planning meeting at Truro on the 3rd

February as an input of the local interest. The Town Council voted as follows: -

**Morrisons, ING** (South Quay) and **Sainsbury** Objected to Application

**ASDA** No Objection

Various comments were added to the applications as to the reasons for the decisions.

All the input from both the above meetings will now go before the Strategic Committee on the February 3rd meeting at County Hall. The committee will be informed about the Material Planning Issues relating to the applications in a report before the meeting and can then either take a vote or defer an application as seen fit.

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Members of the Public are admitted to these meetings so they can observe the proceedings first hand.

Information on the above also available on [www.hayle.net](http://www.hayle.net) and [www.hayletowncouncil.net](http://www.hayletowncouncil.net)

For those with with a sense of humour, nerves of steel and the ability to try to understand what’s going on in Hayle, Google in HAYLEONLINE and sit back for stirring debates!

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John Passmore Edwards, the newspaper owner and philanthropist, died on 22 April 1911. To mark the centenary of his death there will be a programme of activities by the many organisations and localities that benefitted from his generosity throughout Cornwall and the whole country.

The Hayle Passmore Edwards Institute, opposite the War Memorial on Hayle Terrace, provides a meeting place for many of Hayle's organisations and we are teaming with the Hayle Archive to produce a display about Passmore Edwards and particularly our building in Hayle. We are also hoping to host the Cornwall Family History Society in September where you can come and do some genealogical research and, we hope, add some more detail to the Passmore Edwards family tree.

Also, Dean Evans, an officer of the Passmore Edwards Society, will be giving an illustrated lecture at the Institute on the 6th of May hosted by the Hayle Old Cornwall Society. They welcome non-members.

Keep an eye out for signs and banners around the Passmore Edwards Institute in Hayle and come in and see our exhibition - and the renovations that have been carried out over the last four years.

*John Bennett, Hon. Treasurer,*  
*www.hayle-pei.org.uk* **01736 753184**

## A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE GODREY TEAM

No! The Godrevy Team doesn't play in the local football league. It is the Godrevy Team Ministry founded in 1996 and made up of the parish churches of St Elwyn, St Erth, Gwinear, Gwithian & Phillack. The five churches are bound together as a team to offer each other mutual support and to tackle important social and spiritual questions together.

The captain of the team in the Team Rector Martyn Trembath and the vice captain is the Team Vicar Elizabeth Foot.

### The churches offer the following services each week:

<b>Sunday</b>	Phillack	9.15am
	Gwithian	11.00am
	Gwinear	11.00am
	St Elwyn	9.30am
	St Erth	8.00am, 9.30am & 6.30pm
<b>Monday</b>	Phillack	6.30pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	St Erth	9.00am
<b>Wednesday</b>	St Elwyn	9.00am & 10.00am
<b>Thursday</b>	Gwinear	9.00am
	St Julia's	11.00am
	St Erth	6.30pm
<b>Friday</b>	Gwithian	12.00 noon

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a new orchestra/ensemble plus interest groups such a – the monthly reading group which has just read Patrick Gale's 'Friendly Fire.' As the saying goes **'Why not come and join us?'**

The Team produces a monthly magazine called 'The Godrevy Light' and it is available in all the churches and will tell you lots about us - so go in when you are next passing one of our churches and get one. We are also online at [godrevytm.org.uk](http://godrevytm.org.uk) so why not look us up?

**Want to make contact over the telephone? Then ring Martyn on 759394 or Elizabeth on 757151. God bless you one-and-all,**

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Membership for adults is £10/year and £2/meeting and for students £5 and £1. These fees cover the running costs of hiring the meeting room and essential insurance costs.

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**Peter Channon will be showing some of his "OVER HAYLE" images and anyone wishing to attend can join in our forum afterwards that may be able to assist you in getting more from your camera "Digital or Film". Everyone is Welcome so why not come along.**

**HAYLE CAMERA CLUB**

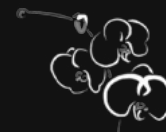
Hayle Camera Club is in need of new members, the club has been running for over 20 years and unfortunately over the past few years the membership has dwindled with our young members moving away to university and most of the remaining members now of retirement age.

We have been fortunate in the past in obtaining a Lottery Grant to enable us to purchase an excellent digital projector, computer with Photoshop editing programme, printer and scanner for the use of members. If you are interested in photography either as a beginner or more experienced and would like to share

and discuss camera skills, and digital imaging why not join us?

We are a friendly group who also enjoy the social company of the members. Our meetings have for the past few years been held at Passmore Edwards Institute, which was recently upgraded and is, with the screen provided by a donation from Hayle Town Council, ideal for such events.

We meet monthly during the winter, but, would consider meeting fortnightly if the membership was sufficient. We hold competitions between the members and have in the past entered the Cornwall Alliance annual competition which represent many of such clubs in the County, and of which we were members.



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Thanks to Stuart Noall who has put up some set-pieces while we have been sleeping! Also thanks to Nick Farrar and Phil Burton who have been out with me in the evenings putting trees in holders and connecting them up so that we have some lights. However, this cannot continue and if more help does not come forward, we will be

back where we were ten years ago (no lights). We will decide in June if we are to continue. Please get in touch if you can help in any way.

Richard Horwell (Chairman)  
01736 752597

### HEYL ST PIRAN SINGERS

After our very successful and enjoyable trip to Holland the choir ended the year with two successful Christmas concerts; one at Ventonleague Methodist Chapel, and one at St. Elwyns Church. Earlier we had performed at the Tuesday Club at Camborne Community Centre.

Rehearsals resumed on Thursday 6th January and we are now enjoying learning new songs for our repertoire. If you enjoy singing and would like to join this friendly ladies choir please contact Ann Birch on **01736 752335** or Geraldine Maas on **01736 755162**.

We also have our own website;  
**www.heylistpiransingers.co.uk**  
where you can browse our gallery,  
look up future engagements,  
or contact us.



### Thank you....

from Phyllis Blewett to her family for her 80th birthday party. Thanks also to all who donated money to the RNLI - £100 was raised. A Happy New Year to all from Phyllis.

## Hayle **U3A**

### U3A Social Events for February and March.

**February 3rd** – Ann Foreman:  
Galloping Granny

**February 17th** – Peter Robinson:  
Musical Journey (across the Rockies)

**March 3rd** – Cll John Pollard:  
St Ives, The artists and the community

**March 17th** – Pam Luker:  
The Bowen Technique

**March 31st** – Jacky Spiers:  
Handbell Ringing

Meetings at 2.00pm in the Annexe at Hayle Day Care Centre. All welcome. For more information, or to find out about the other U3A groups in Hayle, please telephone Bob Mims on **01736 757910**.

### PANCAKES AND COFFEE 10.00am TUESDAY 8th MARCH

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## Help Shape the New Heyl Fest

Heyl Fest is Hayle's annual community celebration held each summer in the large marquee on Hayle Recreation Ground. Over the years, various events have been staged including all-day activities such as the community market, St Julia's Hospice fund-raising day and modellers day - and children's events, fun dog show, band and choir concerts. It has also hosted the end-of-Carnival celebrations featuring the famous German Oompah band and provided the venue for Hayle Churches Together Songs of Praise.

This year the Heyl Fest committee is looking to broaden its membership to include groups and individuals who are not Heyl Band members. We are also seeking ideas from within the community for events and activities that you would like to see included.

We want this year to be the best ever and we need your help and input. If you have ideas, let us know. If

you want to help in any way from proposing and leading a new activity to helping us park the cars, contact us. Join in Hayle's traditional summer event and be part of a fun team.

John Whear, Heyl Fest Chairman,  
**01736 754804**  
john.whear@talktalk.net

John Bennett, Hayle Mayor,  
mayor@hayletowncouncil.net

John Pollard & John Coombe,  
Cornwall Councillors.

[You don't have to be called John to join in!]

## The Godrevy Singers

The Godrevy Singers have been raising funds for various charities for over twenty years.

Once again they have proved what a powerhouse of charity they are. On 19th November donations totalling over four and a half thousand pounds were given to three charities during a concert at the Hayle Day Care Centre. The Handstand Appeal, which

supports toddler Marshall Janson who lost both his legs and hands through meningitis, and the Macmillan Cancer Support received

donations of £1,500 each while the day Hayle Day Care Centre received well over £1,400.

The singers with the help of Cornwall farmers also presented Marshall with his very own tractor.

The Godrevy Singers would like to take this opportunity in thanking everybody who has made this possible by their support and donations. Once again, many thanks from all the Godrevy Singers.

Hamilton Hawkins.



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Was tattooed the prices of ale  
And for the sake of the blind  
On her behind  
The same information in braille.

Anon.



Dear Editor

My wife, who was Carol Hay before we married, is very keen to contact an old school friend - Pauline Batty - who she last saw at our wedding nearly 50 years ago.

The last location we know for her is Hayle where we believe she lived until about 2008. Have you any information you can give us to help us make contact with her?

Any contacts or suggestions will be most welcome.

Peter Raby  
[peter.raby@gmail.com](mailto:peter.raby@gmail.com)

## Hayle Local Vocalz

The choir has had a fantastic start to the year and we now have 63 members.

A waiting list is in operation for ladies. We still need more gentlemen though! Perhaps you are a member of a male voice choir who would like to step out of the traditional comfort zone of male voice repertoire and try something completely different? Over 50% of Local Vocalz sing with other local choirs and this is positively encouraged! Why not come along and give us a try? Rehearsals take place on Monday evenings at 8.00pm at the Passmore Edwards Institute in Hayle, £3 per session.

We have now started learning some new repertoire and have recently started learning a selection of music by Howard Goodall as well as an eclectic mix of music including medieval madrigals, show tunes, popular melodies and big band standards, such as New York, New York.

In addition to getting our voices into shape, members of Local Vocalz are getting our bodies into shape this month ready for a sponsored swim at Carn Brea Leisure Centre to raise money for new music and folders. The choir is now welcoming invitations to do concerts and performances.

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*Due to an email hiccup, the following  
item did not appear in the last Pump.  
Below is a brief account, but the full  
version written by the choir can be  
read on our website "Extras" page.*

*Editor.*

## **PRAZE HAYLE MALE CHOIR AND THE HEYL ST. PIRAN SINGERS HOLLAND TOUR**

After a long journey, starting on 8th  
October, the choirs performed a  
successful Saturday afternoon concert  
in Schagen, in North Holland, followed  
by a very well received performance at  
the Westerhout Chapel.

After rest and recreation on Sunday  
the choirs met their Dutch hosts, the  
Koor ann't Ij ['Koor' meaning 'Choir']  
for a shared meal and informal  
rehearsal before travelling to the Het  
Zonnehuise, for the evening concert.

**All three choirs performed singly  
and, at the conclusion, together,  
making a combined mixed choir of  
almost 90 voices. Quite a sound!**

On Monday the journey home from  
Alkmaar began, but was interrupted  
by a fascinating stop at the Cruquius  
pumping station near Haarlem where a  
gigantic steam driven pump {the largest  
in the world} formed the centrepiece of  
the station which was commissioned  
in 1849 and stopped working only in

1932. The pump played a major part  
in the draining of one of the largest  
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thrill to see the highly polished name  
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shining proudly on the front of this  
unique machine.

The choirs arrived home on the evening  
of Tuesday 12th. This excursion was  
a wonderful experience and a great  
success. The choir members extend  
sincere thanks to the organisers  
from within the choirs and to Oates  
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### Free Net Library Audio books

Cornwall Library Service members can download the audio book to their PC or portable listening device by going to the Cornwall Council website and following the libraries link to the audio books page. Whilst there, library users can access dozens of other audio books including non-fiction and books for children. It's all free and you can keep it for as long as you like. "Fill in the online registration form and you will have access to Cornwall Libraries eCollection content. You only need to register your details the first time.

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are all equally welcome. The pace of the choir is very relaxed and we enjoy pleasant afternoons of music making and a warm friendly atmosphere. Details **01736 759944**. The choir website can be found at **www.cornwallcommunitychoir.co.uk**

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## PLANTS ON THE TOWANS No 27 - COMMON BUTTERBUR

So here we are in that quiet time of the annual cycle which is of course just as important as the spring, summer and autumn. We seem to live our lives independent of this cycle and no politician is elected without promising perpetual growth (SPRING). However we are beginning to see that this constant clamour for growth has its pay back time.

Meanwhile there is one plant flowering now on the Towans: the fabulously fragrant Common Butterbur (*Petasites hybridus*).

You can find her up behind the old power station and around the cricket club at this end.

Culpepper wrote "It is under the dominion of the Sun and therefore a great strengthener of the heart and cheers the vital spirit."

During the middle ages Butterbur was used to treat plague and fever. In the 17th century its use was noted in treating coughs, asthma and skin wounds.

The common name of Butterbur is attributed to a time when the large leaves, which come after the flower were used to wrap butter in warm weather. These days Butterbur is effectively used in the treatment of

migraine and hayfever. The root of the plant is used but it should be noted that there is a complex extraction process to remove dangerous alkaloids and on no account should it be taken by pregnant or breastfeeding mothers or those with liver or kidney problems.

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## Hayle Canoe Club

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If you are interested in having a go at kayaking why not come to one of our winter pool sessions which are held at Redruth School Pool. The next one is on 12 February; juniors from 6.00 to 7.30pm £3, adults from 7.30 to 9.00pm £5. All equipment is provided. If you would like more information on the pool sessions or courses in general please contact our training officer Paul Bashforth on **07976 901510**.

We will be running the new season of introductory (one star) and two star courses from the Spring. Details to follow soon.

This year we were awarded ClubMark status which is a prestigious National award recognising our interaction with the local community and commitment to welcoming participants of all backgrounds and abilities.

The club has participated in RNLI fundraising activities – Porthleven Harbour day, provided cover for triathlons and the recent Roadford lake charity swim in aid of hospice care, provides fun days for holiday makers and locals and has also organised events for schools, scout groups and young farmers.

Once you have passed the introductory course you can become a member and then a whole world of kayaking will become available – further qualification and courses, sea kayaking, canoe polo, surfing, fun days, river and sea trips and an annual canoeing holiday for members. Try it, you might like it!



## Railway Siding and Historic Sand Drag Restoration Project

The weather gods smiled on Sunday, 9th of January and the Hayle Harbour Trust's project to clear up the footpath from Hayle Terrace to the railway station and uncover the historic sand drag got off to a great start. Geoff Henwood did an amazing amount of clearing using his tractor and flail and Chris Lello sent along a JCB, driven by Ian, and accomplished feats that a dozen volunteers would have been unable to do. On top of this, a good turnout of helpers enabled us to clear the footpath near the station where machinery could not go and we uncovered and cleared a lot of the sand drag by hand. We completely filled a huge skip provided by the Green Waste Company and were able to fill another skip provided by Jago Skip Hire with refrigerators, tyres and some other unidentified, but unrecyclable items.

ING RED UK (Hayle Harbour) Ltd. gave us a licence to do the work,

our risk assessor, Clive Polkinghorne, to ensure we had everything under control.

The pathway is now wide but very muddy. We hope to fix the path soon and to continue to clear up the area. In removing some of the young wood growth we will have removed some wildlife habitat. We deliberately left a lot, though, and we will plan to provide sustainable planting in the future that will support a wide range of animal habitats.

Keep an eye on [www.hayleharbourtrust.org.uk](http://www.hayleharbourtrust.org.uk) for future plans and make sure you let your Cornwall Councillors know that you want this land brought into public ownership in accordance with the planning agreement between ING and the Council.

**On behalf of the Hayle Harbour Trust, thank you to all of our volunteers, supporters and corporate donors.**

*John Bennett, Chairman, Hayle Harbour Trust, Ltd.*

## Railway Siding & Historic Sand Drag Renovation & Restoration Project

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## St. Erth Concert Band

**St. Erth Concert Band's New Look**  
The Band has members from West Cornwall, including St. Erth and Hayle and chose the Carol Service at the St. Erth Methodist Church on 12th December, 2010 as the first occasion to wear the new Purple Waistcoats and Black Ties, and use the new Stand Banners, all displaying the Band logo.

The Methodist Church Hall has been the home of the Band for many years. Research into the history of the Band in the village revealed that the St. Erth Band played at the village celebrations of the marriage of Queen Victoria and Prince

Albert on 14th February, 1840. In the 19th Century the Band played each Sunday for the Services at the Parish Church and the Methodist Church.

The Band is planning to repeat this for one Sunday only and is in the process of making arrangements with both the Churches. In the 19th Century the Band would have played

whatever instruments were available so it would have been very different from a photograph of the Brass Band in 1908 with an all male membership. The photograph taken 102 years later on the 12th December, 2010, is very different with more females than males and again a greater variety of instruments since the change to a brass and woodwind group twenty years ago.

The search for funding involved Sylvia, the Band Secretary, in making three successful grant applications.



The support of Cornwall Community Foundation Grassroots Grants, Cornwall Councillor Community Grants Scheme, supported by Councillor Ray Tovey, and Hayle Area Partnership Small Grants, was very much appreciated by the Band. The Band also received help and support from Handley Band Uniforms of Leeds.

New members are always welcome and to join the Band or Learners Group contact the Musical Director, George Lawry, on **01736 755512** for further information. To book the Band ring Sally on **01736 850297**.

You can check out the Band on our website at [www.sterthconcertband.co.uk](http://www.sterthconcertband.co.uk)

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# THE SLAG BLOCKS OF HAYLE - Part 2

## CLASSIFICATION OF BLOCKS

There appear to be three main types of block. Variation of size outside these classes would seem to be the result of partly-filled or over-filled moulds, thus producing non-standard blocks. The three types (see drawing) are:

**Type A:** A mitre-shaped block or coping stone, use mainly for decorative purposes or topping-off walls. The base is 18 inches (45.7cm) and the sides are arcs of circles with a radius of 14 inches (35.6cm). The standard thickness is approx. 6.5 inches (16.5cm), but many 'A' blocks

appear to have been formed in a double or extension mould making a block of twice the normal thickness.

**Type B:** The standard building block, widely used and produced in thousands. Average dimensions are 18 inches x 12 inches x 12 inches (45.7cm x 30.5cm x 30.5cm), but short-filling of moulds has resulted in a large number of blocks averaging 18 inches x 12 inches x 10 inches (45.7cm x 30.5cm x 25.4cm). One side of the block is of a rough pock-marked appearance, this being the surface of the molten slag when poured, and is usually hidden on the inside of the wall when laid. A random type 'B' block when weighed by the writer in 1973 (using bathroom

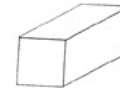
scales!) was approximately 2 cwt. (101.6kg), but a more recent (1994) analysis of samples taken from Hayle blocks by Dr Ferguson would indicate a higher reading of near 2.75 cwt. (139.74).

**Type C:** An unusual block measuring 24 inches x 18 inches x 6 inches (61cm x 45.7cm x 15.2cm) This could be an experimental size, of which very few were made. It probably proved too unwieldy for practical use.

by Brian Sulliavn



Type A



Type B



Type C

## HAYLE SAMBA

A new committee has been elected at a recent meeting of the reformed Hayle Samba Band. The new chairman Martin Cuichard-Wheatley along with the band leader Simon Thorpe, are very keen to expand the profile and repertoire of the band.

New flyers to promote and recruit new members, are being designed and the band members are re-designing the band logo. Meanwhile the existing website, [haylesambacommunityband.com](http://haylesambacommunityband.com) is also being brought up to date.

If there is anyone out there who is interested in joining the band, don't be shy, come and give us a try.

**Band rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings 7:30pm to 9:30pm and are still held in the room to the rear of The Royal Standard public house, Hayle.**

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**Supermarket Applications** - At the time of going to press the Council is preparing to consider the supermarket and associated applications. Hayle Town Council will have considered all of the applications on 20 January 2011 and forwarded its views to Cornwall Council prior to its meeting to determine the outcome on 3 February 2011. Please see the website for the latest information.

**Allotments** - Work on the cemetery extension and allotment site at Phillack is nearing completion and, even if we say so ourselves, is looking rather good. Although slightly behind schedule, due mainly to the weather, we trust the finished product will have been worth the wait. Those that are high on the list will shortly receive tenancy agreements and will be invited to select plots.

**Hayle Walk for St Julia's Hospice Appeal Supported by the Mayor and Hayle Town Council** - We can now confirm that the total raised was a fantastic £5,124.47. Thank you to everyone who participated, sponsored walkers and/or volunteered on the day. The Mayor has tentatively put Sunday 11th September 2011 into his diary for the next event. Please put the date in your diaries and look out nearer the time for more information. Let's aim to raise even more!

**Hayle Town Guide** - The Council has recently taken receipt of 5,000 copies

of the 2nd Hayle Guide. A concentrated effort to distribute these around the town will be made prior to Easter but if you would like copies to give to visitors or guests sooner please feel to collect them from the Clerk's office or the TIC in Hayle Library.

Once again, thanks go to Mr Peter Channon who let us use his aerial photographs to showcase the town and to members of the Council who supplied written and photographic material.

**Small Grants Awarded** - During its final meeting of the 2010/11 financial year the Resource Committee awarded three more grants to Hayle organisations. This time the Model Boat Club, Art Society and Canoe Club were the successful recipients.

The Resource Committee considers grants quarterly; the next meeting is scheduled for 14 April 2011. If your group is in need of funding please contact the Town Clerk for an application form. Completed application forms to be returned by 6 April 2011.



**Further information on the above or any other issues can be obtained from the Council website.**

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This was the terminus of a GWR link that ran from North Quay along what is now the King George V Memorial Walk. Having crossed Black road and Lethlean Lane the line then branched left across Loggans Leat (bridge remains still there) and then proceeded north of Loggans road to the platform.

Although the Towans works had been producing "nitro" based explosives for years (in what was the most efficient plant in the country) it was the government Cordite contract that required the addition of the railway link for wartime use.

When the Great War ended so did the requirement for the Hayle product and with a production process that had been specifically altered to produce cordite in quantity it was not economic to revert back to dynamite production.

No doubt the existence of Nobels (ICI) factories in Scotland was a good excuse for the decision to remove the Hayle plant as a future competitor and

it was systematically destroyed and the equipment scrapped. The rail link that was so important to support the war effort was used to remove the surplus materials and then closed, with the works own tank engine being sold on to South Wales (only scrapped in the mid 60's) Such was the complete destruction of the works and eventual complete removal of the rail link that there was nothing left to resurrect when another requirement for cordite came along in 1939, oops!

Although explosives production had ceased forever some of the storage magazines were used by ICI up until the 1960's and then they themselves were destroyed when no longer needed. The Towans platform is

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probably the only intact structure in its original state and therefore of some historical significance on a site that was an important part of Hayle's history for many years.

*P Channon*

**Recommended reading for Railway history around Hayle (Footloose In Hayle) can be accessed on the Town Council Website.**

## Praze Hayle Choir



The choir successfully completed its Christmas programme with the annual carol service at Ventonleague Chapel on

December 12th and a carol concert St Elwyn's church, in conjunction with the Hayle Lions Club on the 19th.

Finally, members of the choir entertained residents of Blackwood House, Camborne, on Tuesday the 21st.

After that... a well earned break! Rehearsals resumed on January 4th in preparation for the choir's participation in the Crowan Feast celebrations on Monday January 31st at Crowan Parish Church. As always, an invitation is extended to anyone interested in joining our choir to come along to one of our rehearsals and see-and-hear what we get up to.

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## HAYLE MODEL RAILWAY CLUB & DUTCHY RAILROADERS

Hayle Model Railway Club & Dutchy Railroaders have moved from Pratts Market to Unit 5, Praze an Beeble Business Park, Praze an Beeble (The Old Farmers Market building) where they have obtained a Lease by the kind offices of Mr Bose of the White Heart PH.

Anyone who may be interested to visit the Club or become a member would be very welcome to visit the Monday or Thursday Club nights between 7.30pm and 9.30pm.

Please contact Bob Mims on **01736 757910**.

## Millpond Update - "Silver-White Winter"

It seems that those cold weather visitors back in early November were telling us something after all, but I don't think we ever thought that we would see temperatures barely above freezing for nearly a month. Ice returned to the Swan Pool again, but mercifully the Inner Pool stayed virtually ice-free.

The woodland along the Rope Walk and the surrounding hedgerows and gardens were visited by birds which we haven't seen for quite a while. Siskins and Blackcaps were visiting the bird-tables and two Richard's Pipits paid a rare visit to Millpond

Gardens. Snipe have appeared on the river and our Egrets were paying their afternoon visits accompanied by the Spoonbill. This was a first for us and a new entry was added to our continuing Wildlife Survey.


Returning for the winter we have Little Grebes, Tufted Ducks, Teal, Gadwell, Water Rail and Cupid, our Little Coot, together with a friend. A Merlin has been hunting over the fields, and Redwings and Fieldfares are still with us. Since the arrival of the really cold weather a number of rabbits have been seen along the Rope Walk.

On a sadder note, one of our little Pied Wagtails fell prey to Scruffy the cat. It seemed such a shame to travel such a long way, survive the journey, but lose

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out to the "Grey Menace".

A new group has been set up to put together a possible work programme to be done around the ponds to improve their general health and appearance. The first task has already been undertaken with the removal of the deal tree from the Swan Pool. This, together with some weed removal, will

give more open water for the Model Boat Club. We need to take some silt from the Inner Pool and remove any rubbish as well.

Whoever threw the dustbin into the Swan Pool before Christmas is obviously running out of ideas! During the really cold weather "Cornwall Today" magazine took pictures around the site and Millponds will feature in their February issue as "Garden of the Month".

Winter probably hasn't finished with us yet. January can be a very untrustworthy month!

**Bledhen Nowydh da!**

*Georgina Schofield*  
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## THE MINES OF HAYLE – MELLANEAR MINE

The Mine operated in the ground around what is now Tolroy Motors. Until the Hayle bypass was built, there were several mounds of waste or 'burrows' to give them their local name. Even today there is still a shaft in the waste ground opposite the garage.

The mine probably started in the early years of the nineteenth century – there are records of copper ore output from 1815 and 1816. After this period the mine seems to have closed until 1866, when it was reopened on the 'Cost Book' system. The adventurers in a mine would pay any costs on an amount per share basis and would pocket any profits in a similar way. The disadvantage of the cost book system was that as profits over costs were given out, the mine was starved of any development money. This often led to the premature end of a mine as happened in this case.

Mellanear Mine was reopened again in 1876 on a limited basis. It remained open until 1889 during which time it had reached a depth of 150 fathoms (900 feet) from surface and produced around 66,000 tons of 6% copper ore as well as some zinc ore, known as 'Black Jack'. It was hoped that tin might be found in the bottom of the mine but this was not the case and

so the mine closed down in 1889 when the price of copper fell to a very low level. It has not worked since although the dumps of waste rock may have been picked through for any remaining ore.

Mellanear Mine had 6 recorded shafts including Gundrys which was the main shaft. This was vertical for 600 feet and then at an angle for another 300 feet. It measured 16 feet by 7 feet. The mine was notable on two accounts.

1) It was one of the wettest mines in England for its size – 1,100 gallons of water a minute needed to be drained by a second hand 76 inch engine.



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(This was originally built by Harveys in 1824 for the Wheal Vor Mine near Godolphin.)

2) It was the second largest copper producer, after Devon Great Consols, in the 9 years after 1879.

Eventually the ore reserves ran out and the company went into liquidation. At its height it would probably have employed 200-300 men and women. It is very unlikely that Mellanear will ever produce anything again.

*Marshall Hutchens (reprinted from Hayle Pump issue No. 6, October 1995.)*

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# Angarrack Angle

Fat and Full that's me, even after escorting many visiting friends at least a dozen times up and down both of the Steamers and Hatches hills in order to show off the Angarrack Lights display. It was yet again another fantastic series of sights enjoyed and shared by the visiting hundreds or should I say thousands that came by car, mini bus and coach, many of whom were simply blown away with the new latest addition '12 Drummers drumming'. With the pleasure gained over the festive

season we offer a big well-done and thank you to the Lights committee and all of those willing helpers. Of course one delightful reward for walking up both of these hills is that you have to walk past the Angarrack Inn, or the 'lamb' as it was once called up until around the mid 1870's, I say 'walk past' but I really mean 'walk in' and taste the friendly village atmosphere, the roaring fire and of course a selection of fine wines and excellent food. During one of my ordeals to get near to the fire I bumped into Colin Pay who, with his wife Sheila, has lived close by to the Inn for over 40 years. Colin was telling me that when they first moved into their 18th Century cottage it was actually two dwellings but later on was converted

to the one idyllic residence that we now see. Colin, with his colleagues Mike and Ruth, run the superb 'Colin's market garden' shop which is situated at Pratt's Market in Foundry square where you will find not only a fine selection of local fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Free range eggs, a large variety of Cornish potatoes but also, and so important, a friendly face, the time for a chat, and an honest smile, items which tend to go amiss at some of today's 'car conveyor' lines of tills situated in some of the larger establishments. It is wonderful to see and hear that the local people of Angarrack and Hayle continue to see the importance of supporting their local traders so that we may keep the Cornish culture alive and kicking. Well, take care, and a Happy New Year to you all.

'Chelsyboy'.

## Corrections

Two of our readers have been in touch regarding the Angarrack Angle in issue 94. One told us that the bridge mentioned didn't, in fact, previously carry the railway and the other that Mike Trewartha's cottage is built on the site of the original Grist House. Many thanks for taking the time to get in touch with us. Chelsyboy is grateful for your support and hopes you continue to enjoy his articles.

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## Hayle & District Lions Club

We would like to thank everyone who came to our Celebration of Christmastide Concert at St Elwyn's Church. The evening was a great success and raised **£500** for St Julia's Hospice build a vision campaign.

Our Father Christmas Sleigh Tour of Hayle streets was once again a great success and it was fantastic to see so many children and adults come out to see Santa. Thank you also for giving so generously to our bucket collection which raised a massive total of **£702.97** (this will all be going back into the Hayle community - helping individuals and groups.)

The Male Voice Choir Concerts will be taking place in St Elwyn's Church, so please come along and support us and have a very enjoyable evening with tea/coffee and biscuits at the end of each concert.

Each concert starts at 7.30pm and the cost of admission is **£5**. The church is wheelchair friendly and all are welcome.

We are always looking for new members to come and join us, raising monies to benefit Hayle, having fun and making new friends at the same time. We meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday evening of the month at 8.00pm in the Passmore Edwards Institute, so please come along and see for yourself.

## Concert Dates;

**Sunday 27th February** -  
Loveny Male Voice Choir

**Sunday 27th March** -  
Mousehole Male Voice Choir

**Sunday 24th April** -  
Mevagissey Male Voice Choir

**Sunday 29th May** -  
Marazion Apollo Male Voice Choir

**Sunday 26th June** -  
St Stythians Male Voice Choir

*Maureen George - Club Secretary*

## gr8@school Hayle School

### Fancy dress fund-raising fun!

At the end of last term the PE department from Hayle Community School organised a fund-raising event for the Matt Upsher foundation. Mr Upsher was a highly regarded PE teacher at our school whose life was lost during a tragic surfing accident last September. A lover of music, his foundation is a music and song writing charitable initiative for young people.

During PE lessons pupils were asked to run one mile laps around the school gaining sponsorship for every lap completed. Everyone who took part could wear ANYTHING they wanted

and I mean anything! There were students dressed in tutus, as fairies, superman and we even had a Smurf - and yes, he was blue! It wasn't just the pupils who dressed up, the PE staff outfits ranged from Father Christmas to Captain America.



Batman and Superman join (Spiderman) Miss Pascoe and Captain America (Mr Irons) from Hayle community school.

Not only did everyone enjoy themselves, in total, over **£700** was raised for a charity that is really close the school's heart. Mr Irons, the Head of PE commented: "Mr Upsher and I were not only work colleagues, we were good friends. Pupils and staff alike feel like there is a huge void at school. The fun helped us all to remember him in a positive way as this was just the kind of activity he would have loved".

More events will be held throughout the year in honour of Matt.

## Busy Bodriggy

Our School, Bodriggy has been very busy over the last term. The football team are 7 a-side champions and they will represent Cornwall at Bristol in March. Good luck boys.



The choir will be performing at the Cornwall Music Festival in Truro. The songs they will sing include; The Chimpanzee and Ciahamba and one of our favourites; You raise me up.

In Bodriggy we have lots of exciting trips. Most of Year 6 and Year 5 and some year 4 our going to London in March to see the Lion King and Wicked.

Also we have entered 3 teams into the Youth Speaks contest organised by Hayle Rugby Club. Good Luck Teams.

*By Myron Stringer and Joanna Nicholas*

# Quiztime

## Hidden Words

Quiz by Cleverclogs

**We are looking for ROCKS - famous or otherwise.**

e.g. Was there a SERPENT IN Eden? (serpentine)

1. In places like Cuba, salt is produced from seawater.
2. As sermons go, & the gift of the gab - Brother Vincent's your man!
3. In parts of India, Monday is a sacred day.
4. "What do you put on top?" "Um... ice cream I'd say"
5. The one mollusc, historically eaten world-wide, is a mussel.
6. After breakfast, net making was the fishermen's wives task.
7. There it was in situ - farther away than we thought.

8. Felicity's late, I wonder what's keeping her.
9. That's her all over, Angela, vague as can be!
10. I see the plumber's got a new diesel van.
11. When the pig ran, it emitted a loud squealing noise.
12. It was only a scratch. A dressing of lint and plaster was enough.
13. You can hear the thuds on the roof as the peacocks land!
14. In the great hall were huge fires to nearly burn our bottoms on!
15. Lasagne is sure to be appreciated for lunch.

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### Thought provoking...

"What a wonderful life I've had! I only wish I'd realized it sooner"

*French novelist Sidonie-Gabrielle Colette*

The answers to the hidden words quiz from issue 92, can be found on the index page. And the winner of the £20 prize voucher was Tony Holman of Hayle, congratulations...



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### Answers for the hidden word quiz from issue 94

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|----------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| 1. Ell   | 5. Mile   | 9. Acre    | 13. Pace    |
| 2. Inch  | 6. League | 10. Bushel | 14. Step    |
| 3. Yard  | 7. Metre  | 11. Denier | 15. Furlong |
| 4. Chain | 8. Fathom | 12. Gallon |             |

# Regular Club Listings

## **Hayle Old Cornwall Society -**

First Friday of each month from October to May, 7.30pm. Downstairs at Passmore Edwards Institute.

☎ Maria Prosser 01736 755072

## **Hayle Library Reading Group -**

First Wednesday of each month, 2.00pm. FREE ADMISSION.

☎ Hayle Library 0300 1234111

## **Hayle Flower Club -**

Fourth Wednesday of each month, 7.30pm. Hayle Day Care Centre, in the conservatory.

☎ For details 01736 757028

## **Royal British Legion -**

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## **W.I. Hayle East -**

First Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm. Philip Smith Annexe, Hayle Day Care Centre.

☎ For details call 01736 753503

## **Praze Hayle Choir -**

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☎ Don Metcalf 01736 757720

## **Hayle Meanderers -**

Every Wednesday, 10.30am. Commercial Road car park (by the Day Care Centre), FREE ADMISSION with contributions to car sharing.

☎ Joan Smith 01736 793631

## **Hayle Camera Club -**

Third Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm. Passmore Edwards Institute.

☎ For details call 01736 753215

## **Hayle Twinning Association -**

Second Monday of each month, 7.15pm. Hayle Community Centre, in Room 7

☎ Mike Stuckey 01736 753755 or email [mikestuckey@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mikestuckey@tiscali.co.uk)

## **Hayle in Bloom -**

Last Monday of each month, except for Aug & Dec, 7.00pm. Hayle Rugby Club. For details visit our website.

[www.hayleinbloom.org.uk](http://www.hayleinbloom.org.uk)

## **Hayle Harbour Users Association -**

First Monday of each month, 7.30pm. Royal Standard Pub. A friendly meeting for any private users of the Harbour.

☎ Rob Lello 01736 757632

## **Hayle & District Lions Club -**

2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month, 8.00pm. Passmore Edwards Institute.

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