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As **Trustees of Passmore Edwards Institute (PEI) Hayle** we were extremely upset and disappointed to read the letter in the Oct / Nov 2025 edition of the Hayle Pump regarding the closure of the Hayle branch of the Royal British Legion (RBL). The writer unfortunately was not in receipt of the full facts.

The long standing arrangement between RBL and PEI was for RBL to have exclusive and unrestricted use of a room. Rent was reviewed annually on 1st October and adjusted in line with the Consumer Price Index. On 1st October 2021 rent for the coming year was set at £690 per quarter (£230 per month). As at 31st March 2022 rent payments were up to date.

Unfortunately shortly afterwards the treasurer of PEI passed away. This left two trustees with access and signatory rights to the Institute's bank account. One of the trustees did not have access to the internet and was not in receipt of bank statements. The other was also an officer of RBL.

Records indicate that ad hoc payments of varying amounts were then received up until 1st November 2024 when regular monthly payments of £80 were made by standing order. At no point was the amount of rent being paid by RBL since 31st March 2022 brought to the attention of the trustees of PEI at their monthly meetings.

The apparent loss of rental income became apparent in the spring of 2025. In order to mediate a future position agreeable to both parties the trustees met with the Regional RBL Engagements Officer. A proposal by the trustees for the RBL to pay a room rental of 45% of the average monthly income being generated by two comparable rooms within PEI was declined.

A further offer for the RBL to pay for 3 sessions a week and to open up access

to the room for others to play snooker or use the room for social functions at other times was also rejected.

There had also been a long running issue regarding the RBL's denial of access to the room which was required for regulatory purposes. The vacated room has now been left in a terrible state of repair.

The Poppy Appeal has not operated from PEI for a number of years but is organised from a nearby property.

The trustees are a small group of local volunteers who want to keep the building open for Hayle people but in a climate where new community buildings appear to be the preferred option e.g. the proposed new Town Council Civic building we are concerned for the future of this great Grade 2 listed building.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, The Trustees of Passmore Edwards Institute

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Mayor's Christmas Message 2025

As Christmas approaches, I want to take a moment to wish each and every one of you a safe, peaceful, and joy filled festive season. This time of year, invites us to pause, reflect, and appreciate the people and places that give our lives meaning, and for me, Hayle stands proudly at the heart of that.

We are blessed to live in a town with such a keen sense of community. It shows in the way people look out for one another, the way neighbours support neighbours, and the way we come together in both celebration and challenge. That spirit is what makes Hayle not just a place on the map, but a place we are proud to call home.

To our volunteers, our sports coaches, and the many individuals who give their time so freely of their time, thank you. You are the quiet heroes of this town. Whether you are helping young people find confidence and joy through sport, keeping our green spaces beautiful, protecting the environment, supporting local events, caring for those in need, or simply lending a hand where it is needed most, your efforts shape the very character of Hayle. Our town shines brighter because of you.

And to all the residents of Hayle, thank you for the everyday acts of kindness that often go unnoticed but never go unfelt. A friendly word, a helping hand, a moment of patience or understanding: these small gestures weave together the fabric of a genuinely caring community.

As we celebrate Christmas, I hope you find time to rest, reconnect, and share moments of warmth with the people you love. For those who are facing difficulties, may this season bring comfort and the knowledge that you are part of a community that cares.

Let us continue to look after one another, celebrate all that we have achieved together, and carry this spirit of togetherness into the year ahead.

Wishing you all a safe, peaceful, and very Merry Christmas, and a New Year filled with hope, health, and happiness.

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If you'd like to know more about what's involved, why not come along to one of our Council or Committee Meetings, or feel free to contact the Town Clerk's office or any one of the current, serving members, for an informal chat.

Hayle Terrace Community Garden Project

Hayle Terrace Community Garden project is well underway and is due for completion at the end of November by our appointed, Hayle based, contractors Sharp Country Landscapes. The site was granted by way of a S106 agreement, and we were successful in securing £100K CIL funding. Obtaining the necessary approvals to deal with the contamination was a hurdle, as was securing the site in the first instance, but it will all be worth it when the garden is established! At the most recent meeting of the Full Council, it was resolved to name the garden as the John Pollard Garden, in recognition of the late John Pollard's contribution and service to the town.



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Hayle Community Action Group

We know it's been a while but we're back! Lots of positive stuff has been going on behind the scenes. The group temporarily paused meeting due to waiting for a response from the Charity Commission.

Unfortunately, the application for charitable status was not accepted. However, during the re-launch meeting on 12 November the HCAG members agreed to become a Community Benefit Society (CBS) as a pro-active, viable alternative.

Hayle Community Action Group is positive, proactive, and works collaboratively with Hayle Town Council to improve the town. HCAG is: About improving our town, Positive and proactive, Action-focussed, Apolitical, Inclusive and open to all, By the community, for the community, Creative, innovative, and fun!

We are inclusive and open to everyone – businesses, residents, community groups, and anyone keen to have a go who are interested in getting involved and making things happen in Hayle so if you or you know someone that can make that difference please do come and bring them along too! You can commit as much or as little time as you like. Keep an eye on our website and social media posts for further info and dates of meetings: The next meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 14 January – keep an eye on social media and notice boards for confirmation to venue and timings.

Christmas

The council is pleased to confirm that this year it has ordered Christmas



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Trees for the Library, St Julia's Hospice, Angarrack, the Recreation Ground and one for the new garden at the soon to be named John Pollard Garden, on Hayle Terrace. They will all be in place in time for the Christmas Lights switch on in the town on Friday 28 November.

The town council services will close on 24 December 2025 and will resume on 2 January 2026. Any issues relating to the public conveniences or open spaces should be reported to the town council in the normal way but during Bank Holidays or out of normal office hours please contact CORMAC via 0300 1234 100 or 0300 1234 222.

Please check our website and the social media pages for any updates and opening times for the Library.

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As mentioned in the last Pump, the results of the South West in Bloom (SWIB) judging 2025 would be announced in early October and, indeed, they took place in Torquay on what turned out to be an exciting day for Hayle in Bloom (HIB).

The event, held at the Riviera Centre, commenced with a welcome speech by John Wheatley, chairman of SWIB and was followed by a brief talk by Barbara Lewis, Mayor of

Torquay, welcoming all the delegates to the city. John then introduced Mark Wasilewski, the manager of St. James and Richmond Parks in London and his talk proved to be very enjoyable and interesting about the flower beds at Buckingham Palace and in the Mall. Chris Collins then talked to us about community gardening, with some good ideas on how to help school age children enjoy gardening.

As has been mentioned before in these pages, HIB were entered, this year, in the Champion of Champions competition competing against regional winners (2024) from all over the UK. This was a 'tough ask' and we did not 'place', however HIB were delighted to be presented with a Gold award overall for standards achieved in Hayle!

The majority of our individual entries were rated as 'Outstanding' (Level 5) or 'Thriving' (Level 4) within the 'It's Your Neighbourhood' (I.Y.N.) judging and is something for all

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The IYN awards were presented by Lady Emma Fellowes, patron of SWIB and projects were recognised as Outstanding (Level 5); Thriving (Level 4); or Advancing (Level 3).

Lady Emma was accompanied on the Presentation platform by Barbara Lewis, Mayor of Torquay.

From Hayle, the entries judged as Outstanding were as follows:

- King George V Memorial Walk
 - Isis Gardens
 - Hayle W.I. Penpol Beds
 - Friends of the Towans
 - Cornwall Independent School Harbourside Flower Beds
- Entries judged as Thriving were as follows:
- Pentewen Allotments
 - Save Our Sands
 - Catholic Church and Library Gardens
 - Phillack Allotments
 - Hayle Academy Lighthouse Bed
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Other notable awards to be made at the presentation ceremony were as follows:

- Community Champion Awards were presented to both Angela Berry and Salvatore Corrienti for their respective contributions to Hayle society and especially to Hayle in Bloom. Congratulations to both of you!
- Best Business in Leisure and Tourism 2025. Paradise Park. Gold Award
- Hayle Academy won the Cup for the Best Youth Project.

A message from our former Treasurer, Barry Connor, now living 'up-country', will give readers

a flavour of the awards ceremony: *"Wow, what a day supporting Hayle in Bloom at the SWIB awards in Torquay! As usual, the representatives from Hayle celebrated 'loud and proud'. The Bloom won a selection of awards, predominantly 'outstanding and/or gold.'"*

A quote from our Chair, Nigel Powell, *"I want to congratulate all Bloomers on their efforts this year. You deserve all your success. I have never before seen the town look so colourful at this time of the year. Well done!"*

And a few words from Nick Reynolds, deputy Chair. *"Well done to all the Bloomers, and Hayle has so much more potential."*



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There is no meeting in December, so the next regular meeting is Monday 26 January 2026 at Paradise Park (cafe) at 7 pm, (courtesy of Nick and Ali Reynolds). Meetings thereafter will be the last Monday of every month. Advance notice is hereby given of the AGM to be held on Monday 23 February 2026 at 7pm at Paradise Park in the cafe near the main entrance. Free parking is at the rear of the Bird in Hand pub.

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It's a wonderful time of year!

Christmas preparations seem to begin earlier each year! I'm half convinced the elves are popping up the fairy lights before I've put away my summer sandals. I confess that I'm a bit of a puritan and - shock, horror! - I don't put my tree up until the Advent calendar gives a polite cough, as the last few Advent windows beckon to be opened!

Friends love to tease me: "Michelle, you always leave things until the last minute!" And they're not wrong. But I also love to cherish the twelve days of

Christmas that begin on Christmas Day itself.

So, does it matter if you're decking the halls in October or scrambling for tinsel on Christmas Eve? What matters... isn't the timing of your tree. God, you'll be glad to know, doesn't keep a checklist of who hung their baubles first.

What matters is that we celebrate the JOYS of Christmas, and make time to share with family, friends and neighbours. What matters is at this wonderful time of year, we turn our hearts and minds to that first Christmas, when the Light of the World came into being, quietly in a humble stable God's strength

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Christmas may only come once a year, but God's timing is always perfect—even if ours is a bit wobbly.

How ready are you? Is it time that you welcomed God into your life, trusting that He arrives precisely when we need Him most?

Have a wonderful Christmas, full of the warmth of God's love—whenever your festivities begin!

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Nature Story

I am writing this Nature Story in far off New Zealand. I am reuniting with friends made when I lived here.

As well as the reunions, I have enjoyed beautiful weather and visiting some beautiful places. The New Zealand bush, as they call forested areas, has magnificent trees of great age and magnificent proportions, awe inspiring to see. The bush is protected, not only to conserve

the trees, but to provide safe habitat for native birds. Rats and opossums are controlled to aid this.

I visited an island called Tiri Tiri Matangi, off the coast of Auckland. This island was previously farmed and had a lighthouse to aid shipping. The keeper lived on the island with his family, and his children would have been pupils of the Correspondence School. When the lighthouse was automated, the island was taken over by the Department of Conservation. Thousands of native trees were planted by volunteers, and now the island is covered with trees. Rare birds have been

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There is no denying that NZ is a beautiful country, green and lush, glorious beaches, mountains and hill country. I am enjoying my visit!

'Til next time,
Tina Morgan



Poppy Appeal 2025

Can I just say a massive thank you to the volunteers who kindly gave up some of their time to help me with the Poppy collecting at Asda and Lidl's.

To Sqn Ldr Simon Jose and the Hayle cadets who collected at Marks and Spencer.

To all the businesses who had a box of poppies on their premises. My heartfelt thanks to you all.

Josephine Powell
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to do just that. Siblings get the special support they need to help them through these days. The sick children are encouraged to have as much fun and laughter as is possible making their stay at Little Harbour something to look forward to a return visit. The end-of-life care never stops for as long as the families need them Little Harbour is there. Hayle Friends would like to extend their most grateful thanks to all who have supported CHSW through 2025 and wish you all a Happy Christmas and Healthy new year. Thank you to the Pump for their continuing support.

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At the moment we are in the very early stages of our next production, which I am pleased to announce will be SINBAD, lots of swashbuckling fun as Sinbad and his crew set off in search of his lady love, the beautiful Ankara, who has been kidnapped. Will Sinbad succeed in his quest!!! who knows, you'll have to come along on the 4th 5th or 6th of April 2026 to find out. Times of performances are yet to be confirmed.

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days. Do come and join us.

Hayle Memory Cafe meets on 1st and 3rd Monday afternoon each month at Hayle Rugby Club, Marsh Lane, TR27 4PS, 2-4pm, except for Bank Holidays. Come and join us for a fun and friendly afternoon with a cuppa. It's free but donations are always welcome. For more information contact us on 07513 221066

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HAYLE PUMP SUPPORTS NEW CRIME PREVENTION INITIATIVE

St Erth Hayle has launched a Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Scheme to prevent crime and fear of the crime in the village with financial support from the Hayle Pump magazine for street signs and bin stickers to promote the initiative.

The inaugural meeting on October 24 was attended by six scheme co-ordinators from the village as well as Steph Good, NHW Community Project Manager for Cornwall, PC Joe Magurean of Hayle Neighbourhood Policing Scheme, and Cornwall Councillor John Martin.

The scheme, which covers most of the village centre, aims to foster a greater sense of neighbourliness to reduce crime and bad behaviour through

community co-operation. It will also share crime prevention advice with residents, get involved in community projects working closely with the parish council, St Erth Residents' Association and other local groups.

It was formed following the annual parish meeting earlier in the year where concerns were raised about an increase in anti-social behaviour and a desire to integrate newcomers to the village more effectively.

Francesca Peterson, co-ordinator for St Erth's Lanuthnoe NHW Scheme, who organised the set-up meeting said: "We were delighted and grateful that the Hayle Pump was able to help us get off the ground as a new organisation by funding these promotional materials. We hope to get the street signs up as soon as possible and will support this with a leaflet campaign about the new scheme. We also have plans for a community event to enable residents to come and chat with us about what we want to do and

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Francesca added: "St Erth is a lovely village to live in - and we want to keep it that way for everyone. Looking out for the people who live here, their homes, and the facilities we have here, is what has brought us together.

"The enthusiasm from the new co-ordinators combined with backing from the police, the councils at local and county level, as well the county organiser for NHW, plus financial support from both the Hayle Pump and the Cornwall Community Chest, bodes well for the scheme's future."



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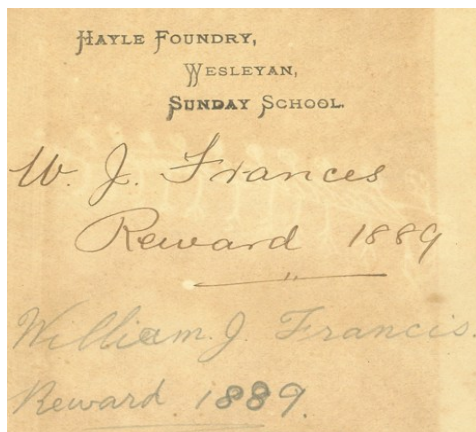




Whilst Hayle Heritage Centre remains closed for a major refurbishment,

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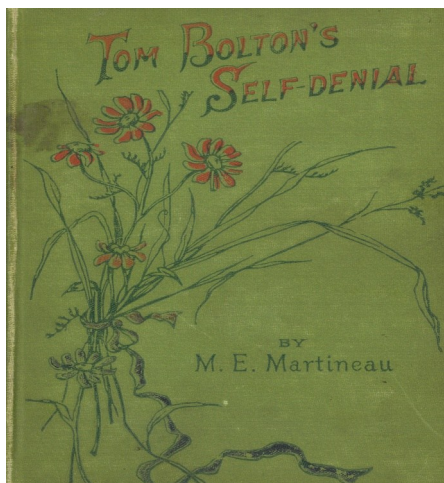
- A beautiful collection of children's books given to William Francis in 1899 to celebrate his high attendance at Hayle Foundry Wesleyan School. William has signed the books with a charming, child-like signature: his name within a tree branch.



- Paperwork and artwork relating to the establishment of the Foundry Playgroup, founded by Barbara Bromley and Jill Holtaway in 1982, as well as examples of Barbara's sketchbooks and drawings from her time at Central St Martins.

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Mill and Ropery structures, and in raising the funds to landscape the area and create a valuable community asset: Millpond Gardens. In the decades that followed, Barbara was involved in preserving and redeveloping several historic buildings in Hayle, bringing them back into community use and, in 2013, was a key figure in opening Hayle Heritage Centre.

- A 1963 cinefilm of a family holiday in Hayle.
- And on long-term loan (intended for permanent display within the museum), an 18th century grandfather clock made by Roger Wearn of St Erth showing high tide at Hayle.


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Someone from Homegroup offers help to people with physical health needs and/or disabilities every Wednesday from 1pm-3pm. They can help with housing applications, form filling, budgeting & Debt management, support to access GP & health referrals to name just a few.

Our Rhyme-time session is every

Wednesday morning at 11.15am, Storytime is now on a Friday at 11am. This involves a story and sometimes a craft activity.

Our Lego club is every Saturday morning at 10.30am. All our children's activities are free.

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We will be running community hub funded workshops throughout the year

so keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details.

Our current opening times are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.30-5pm and on a Saturday morning from 9.30-12.30pm

Our Christmas opening hours are:

- Christmas Eve – 9.30-12.30pm
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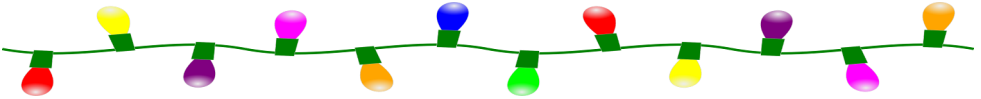
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Hayle Christmas Lights



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got some other minor jobs done. It's all looking good for Christmas and the two large Christmas trees are up with their own new lights!

But there's one problem: it's always the same few volunteers doing all the work. We rarely get any new people coming along. The lights are for the town after all. Hayle is a growing town and we need new help and people to take an interest in the lights. People are quick enough to complain on Facebook when there's a single bulb out! Come

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- * Paul Lello for transporting the trees for us
- * Christopher Roantree for all his years of hard work, dedication and technical expertise
- * Anyone else I've missed

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Thanks to everyone who has come along this year to Friends of the Towans (FOTT) Art Club it's been a lovely year, as new people have come to join us to draw and paint on our beautiful Towans. We have been there from the first day of British Summertime at Mexico to the height of summer at Godrevy for sea views, seaweed, dune flora and sunsets, the Summer Solstice, Autumn Equinox and a lunar eclipse and our ever-popular opportunity to draw at Paradise Park, thanks Nick Reynolds. Thanks to archaeologist Jacky Nowakowski for her enlightening sketchbook walk on the Warren and to Tracey for her support with our hiring of lovely Gwithian Church Hall.

We drew on the eve of the Harvest Moon and held our annual Big 'Dune'

Draw at the Passmore Edwards Institute thanks to the Trustees and David Everett as we celebrated Halloween and our wonderful dunes with tea treats and a Workshop celebrating this year's official theme 'drawn together'.

Thanks to Rosi Jolly, Sally from Budding Nature, Peter Brinton Chair of FOTT, Drym farm for their generous Pumpkin donation and Hayle Town Council for funding us!

The Friends of the Towans AGM, took place with an illustrated talk by Trustee Rosie Lewis and included FOTT's Art Club annual fundraising event with original postcard artwork by members - Great for Christmas gifts. Donations went entirely to our Charity Friends of the Towans. Thanks everyone. Do pop into Paradise Park where you can see more Art Club artworks for fundraising.

In November we met at Gwithian Church Hall for a Christmas Card printmaking workshop, thank you to Hayle Town Council for funding this.



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Please bring the following if you have them:

- Board and A3 or A4 watercolour paper, masking tape, watercolour or gouache, tubes, pans or travel sets
- Red, yellow and blue, also white if using gouache.
- Brushes, two water jars and a mixing palette or plate. Newspaper, Kitchen towel, an old shirt or pinny.

I will also be bringing paper, paints and some materials you can use. Dressing up and the wearing of a Christmas hat optional. We will supply tea, coffee, milk, mince pies, mulled

wine and our annual Art Club Christmas 'Pass the Parcel'! Places are still available and this is a marvellous way to meet us and find out more about what we do and what we have planned for the year ahead. This is a free event but we welcome optional cash donations for the workshop, but if you would rather the Friends of the Towans website now has a donate button!

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If you would like to come along (most of our free events are limited to 15 places), please email to book and/or for more information

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For all of our sessions Art Club have a limited supply of art materials for you to borrow but do bring your own if you have them.

With our thanks to our Sponsors this year Hayle Town Council and Little Parc Owles and the support from our charity Friends of the Towans.

We all send you warm wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

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“Jingle bells, jingle bells”—**Hayle Lions** would like to say, please come and visit **Santa with his sleigh**. On **December 13th, 20th, 21st, 24th** at the Asda store will find Santa waiting outside the door.

December 14th is the date that Santa visits Lidl, oh my I cannot

wait.

The first week in December in ten local pubs you will find Hampers being raffled filled with all Christmas goods. Please support all you can—remember all monies raised goes back into Hayle. Just contact us IF there is a funding preference or knowledge of a local issue.

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Ho! Ho! Ho! We proclaim that Santa and his sleigh will be leading the Hayle 'Light Parade' on **Friday November 28th** starting 4:40pm from Hayle swimming pool. Then parading down King George Memorial Walk to Hayle recreation ground where Santa will be waiting to distribute sweets etc: to the children. So come one and all pixies, elves, Santas and reindeer to join in the festive fun.

Happy Christmas to everyone for all support during 2025 from Hayle Lions

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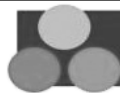
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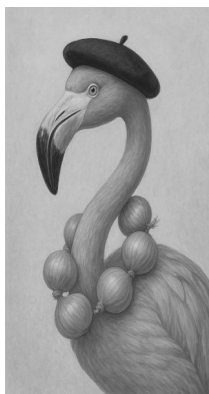
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Mobile: 07919 473555

Provisional Details: Saturday 27 June 2026, Coach only (return trip to Dartmouth): £27 Coach to Paignton + Steam Train + Ferry to Dartmouth: additional £24. Total for full package: £49 (Prices TBC)

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All of us at Paradise Park would like to express our sincerest thanks to the public, and both the local and national media for their assistance in the search for Flamingo Frankie.



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Aganton, on the north coast of France! This sighting was reported on the French national citizen science portal for nature. This all became apparent on 9th November when a further set of photographs of Frankie looking fit and well, and who was now along the coast at Plage de Keremma, were forwarded to us.

Between 2nd and 9th November Park staff were out at all times of the day and night, in all weathers, following up on potential leads in order to try and retrieve Frankie. When the confirmed sighting of her in France came to our attention on 9th we immediately knew it would be unlikely that we would be able to return her to the park for the

reasons shown below.

It was never our intention for Frankie to end up in the wild. There are a number of reports of similar situations where flamingos have lived for many years and thrived, including over European winters, so while we will continue to worry about her it is a position we have to accept.

We are confident that her movements will be observed and logged in France by the citizen science members and feel relieved to know that she has shown the resilience and skills that will serve her well as a "wild" flamingo. Frankie's parents and the rest of the flock at Paradise Park continue to do well.



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Christmas Quiz 183

General Knowledge

- 1.What plant is traditionally hung in doorways at Christmas for kissing?
- 2.What popular Christmas carol features the line "Fall on your knees"?
- 3.What date is St Nicholas Day celebrated in many European countries?
- 4.What carol demands you "bring us some figgy pudding"?
- 5.What is the name of the Grinch's dog in How the Grinch Stole Christmas?
- 6.What Christmas movie is set at the Nakatomi Plaza?
- 7.What actor played Scrooge in A Muppet Christmas Carol?
- 8.What is Santa Claus called in France?
- 9.What is the traditional Christmas greeting in Spanish-speaking countries?
- 10.What was banned in England under Oliver Cromwell in the 17th century?
- 11.Who wrote A Christmas Carol?
- 12.What British monarch popularised the Christmas tree in the UK?
- 13.What is the name of the mischievous Christmas creature from Iceland?
14. What is Mrs. Claus's first name often believed to be?
15. In the poem A Visit from St. Nicholas, what is Santa's belly compared to?

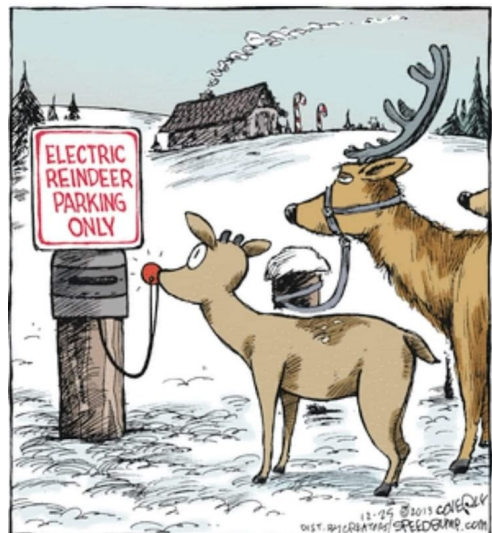
16. What is traditionally hidden inside a Christmas pudding?

Answers to the 182 Quiz

The winner drawn at random for Quiz 182 is Tony Clifford



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| 1. Edam | 2. Emmental |
| 3. Cheddar | 4. Feta |
| 5. Yarg | 6. Manchego |
| 7. Boursin | 8. Tilsit |
| 9. Derby | 10. St Paulin |
| 11. Stilton | 12. Cheshire |
| 13. Ricotta | 14. Goats |
| 15. Raclette | |



Club Listings

To appear on this page see page 2

Beachfit Outdoor Fitness on the beach in Hayle. Every Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri mornings. 07814 352945 beachfitcornwall.com for timetable.

Bodriggy Mental Health Group
Weds 1-4 pm, Day Care Centre Annexe

Bridge Club Every Mon. Carbis Bay Memorial Hall 2-5 pm. £2 inc. tea & biscuits. Graham 01736 762512

Cornish Crochet Corner first Friday of each month 2pm-4pm at Cornish Arms. No experience required. 01736 753237

Cornwall Penwith Guild of Weavers Spinners and Dyers meet at St Erth Church Hall every third Sunday 1.30pm - 5.30pm

Cornwall Scale Modellers 2nd Wed of month, Hayle Day Care Centre, 7-10pm. friendly club, talks & display current models, tea/coffee, £2.30

Friends of The Towans Most Tues 10am-2pm with occasional weekends sessions. Sara Dowler, Volunteer Coordinator. 07393 522875.

Fun Bingo 2nd Wed of the month, 7pm Connor Downs W.I. Hall Rosemary Smith 07817 078520 roandrod@hotmail.com

Hayle in Bloom. Last Mon of the month (not Aug & Dec) Passmore Edwards Institute 7pm. Find us on Facebook

Hayle Amateur Dramatic Society
Hayle Day Care Centre, Mon eve 7.30 - 9.30. Call Ken on 07733 156530

Hayle Breezers Group Thursdays. 1.30pm Passmore Edwards Inst. April Hogarth 07813 76707, Bob Scales 01736 751735

Hayle Art Society Passmore Edwards Institute on Tues 1.30-3.30 & Wed 7.00-9.00 Chris 01736 757720 or Penny 01736 756445

Hayle Christmas Lights last Thurs of a month (except Dec) 7pm at Hayle Day Care Centre Annexe. New volunteers are always welcome. haylechrismaslights@gmail.com.

Hayle & District Bowling Club.
1pm Mondays. Short Mat bowling indoors in winter, Outdoors Wed 12.30 07766 662 908

Hayle Friends Group for CHSW Hospice meets informally once a month under the chairmanship of Mary Trevarthen 01736 754342

trevarthenmv@uwvclub.net

Hayle Fundraising Group for Cornwall Hospice Care. Meetings held quarterly. Please contact Sue 07551924697 or Janet 07780 355225 if interested in joining our friendly group.

Hayle Harbour Users Association
1st Mon of month, 7.30pm. Royal Standard Pub, R Lello 01736 757632

Hayle & District Lions Club.
2nd Tuesday of month, 7.30pm Passmore Edwards Inst. Contact David Girling 01736 753811, 07766 662908, davidgirling60@gmail.com

Hayle Local Vocalz
Mondays 7.30pm, Hayle Methodist Church taylor.jane.london@gmail.com

Hayle Memory Café 1st & 3rd Mondays 2-4pm at Hayle Rugby Club Christine 07513 221066

Hayle Methodist Church (Chapel Hill) Morning Worship 10:30 every Sunday. Coffee morning 10-12 2nd Saturday monthly. Pastor Sarah Flowerday 07739 547434

Hayle Messy Church Methodist Church Hall (Chapel Hill) 3:30-5:30pm 1st Sunday of month. Inc. free meal, no need to book. Pastor Sarah Flowerday 07739 547434

Hayle Model Boat Club Weds 7-9pm & Sunday mornings 10-12 noon, meeting at green chalet by Hayle Swimming Pool. 01736 755516, or Les on 01736 754254

Hayle Old Cornwall Society. First Friday of month, Oct to May, at Hayle Day Care Centre 7.30pm. Trevor Smitheram 01736 756793

Hayle Nutty Knitters Thursday 1pm at Cornish Arms 01736 762418

Hayle Penwith U3A at Hayle Day Care Annexe, Chair Joy McClean 07818 074469 hayle.u3asite.uk

Pilot Gig Rowing Club Rowing out of Hayle Harbour most Tuesdays and Thursday evenings
chair@haylegigclub.co.uk

Hayle Probus Club White Hart Hotel 2nd Thurs of month for lunch 1 p.m.

Hayle Railway Modelling Club Club Room. Unit 5, Praze Business Park. Praze-an-Beeble. Mon & Thurs 7pm Martin Scance 07977 550051
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Heyl Towans and Tides WI Hayle Day Care centre annexe, first Tuesday each month 7pm. Contact Cheryl Hudson 07891 742280
heyltowansandtides@cornwallwi.org.uk

Hayle Twinning Association Meetings usually 2nd Weds of month, 2-3:30pm, contact Mike Stuckey (chair) 01736 697771 or email

mikeajstuckey@gmail.com or Maureen Mason (secretary) 01736 438462
maureenmason2000@yahoo.co.uk

Heyl Town Band Rehearsals Weds 6:45-8:30, Coffee and a 'blow' session the second Saturday of each month from 10:30 to 12:00. Contact Lisa 07793 214227.

Kernow Petanque Tues 1pm for a few hours at North Quay Bouledrome. Richard Middleton 07936 420306

Kowethas in Harmony ladies choir Church Hall, St Erth, Weds evenings, 7.00-9.00pm. All ladies welcome. Contact Carol for more details on 01736 753496 or 07487 535531

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16 Penmare Terrace, Hayle. Most Thursdays 7.30pm Suzanne Benney 01736 753635

Phillack Tower Bellringing every Tuesday at 7.30pm. Kevin Green 07799 370 558

Quirky Crafters Meets 2nd Wed of month at St Erth Church Hall, 2-4pm. Kathy Tilby 01736 759943

Resurgam Chamber Choir Monday 7-9pm St Elwyn's Church to sing mainly Sacred Music. New members welcome with good sight-reading skills. Sec: Yvonne Bates 07901 704553

Scrabble Club at Connor Downs 2nd Thurs of month at W.I. Hall. 2-4pm £2 for hall & refreshments.
carolinewindsor123@btinternet.com

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Slimming World Tuesdays at Hayle Day Care Centre. 3.30pm, 5.30pm and 7pm. Contact Susie 07813 523072

St Erth Acoustic Singaround meets Tuesdays, Star Inn at 8pm. Contact Dave Cupples on 07732 754394.

St Erth Brownies Mondays, St Erth Church Hall. Julie Wass 01736 762123

St Erth Guides Tuesdays, Scout Hut, Hayle. Caroline Barton 07881 715764

St Erth Concert Band Rehearsals Tues 7.30 to 9.30pm in St Erth Chapel Hall. Enquiries 07394 617127

St Erth Rainbows Tues, St Erth Church Hall

st.erthandhaylerainbows@gmail.com

St Ives Camera Club Monday 7.30pm at St Anta Church Hall, Carbis Bay
stivescameraclub.co.uk

Table Tennis for Fun every Friday 2pm - 5pm Leedstown Village Hall. Info: Robert 01736 753951

West Cornwall Concert Band

Mon 7-9pm at Camborne Wesley Church – email Kathleen Kessell at westcornwallconcertband@gmail.com

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| 21 A E Gardening | 12 Fiona Blinds | 14 Railway Holidays |
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| 19 Ali Sewing | 11 Hayle Cycles | 21 Shiatsu |
| 20 All Aerials | 28 Hayle Day Care | 05 Slimming World |
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| 09 Anchor Support Coun | 44 Hayle Rugby Club | 18 Sweet Williams |
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| 13 Big Pink Tree | 21 Kims Yoga & Pilates | 25 Thurstan Hoskin |
| 13 Biz and Bytes | 07 Lewy's Fish & Chips | 27 Townsend Choir |
| 23 Blewetts Toy Shop | 06 Line Dancing | 35 T J Carpets |
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St Erth Church - 6pm Nine Lessons and Carols

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St Erth Church - 11.30pm Midnight Communion

St Elwyn's Church - 11.30pm Midnight Mass

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Gwinear Church - 10.30am Holy Communion

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