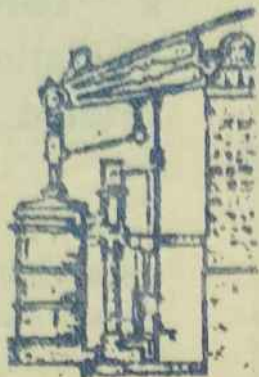


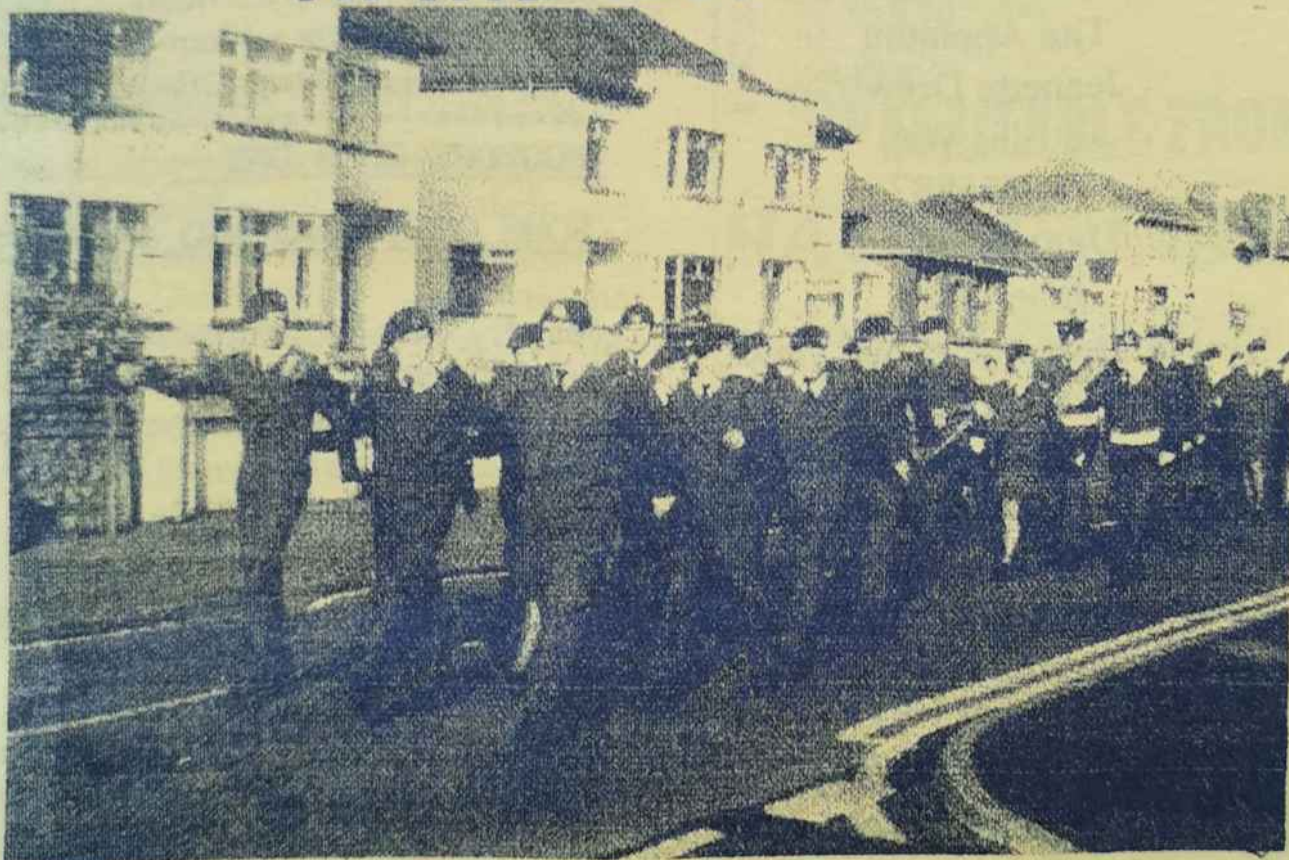
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# **HAYLE PUMP NEWSLETTER**

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## **AIR TRAINING CORP**

Traffic came to a standstill in Hayle recently when representatives of Penwiths Air Training Corp (ATC) paraded through the streets to celebrate the founding of the Corp in 1941.

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warrant officers from 1900 d/f Hayle, 1900 d/f Penzance & 1900 Sqn St. Ives marched from Commercial car park to St Elwyns Church for a celebration service. They were led by Hayle Town Band, and a reception was held afterwards at the Drill Hall.

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### FOUNDRY GALA DAY -

### SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Foundry Gala Day? Never heard of it.** Do try to keep up with local affairs! It's been held for the past three years on the Wednesday before the annual Summer Carnival, as part of the Hayle Heritage Festival.

**What's Foundry Gala consist of ?**

Steam Organ, Steam Engines, Bouncy Castle, Street Market, Live Music, Face Painting, Archery, Flypast by the famous RED ARROWS (honest!) Etc. Etc. You get the picture.

**Sounds fun. Why's it in the news?**

There won't be a Foundry Gala Day this year.

**Why not ?**

The day is almost entirely funded by the local Foundry traders, some of whom got "stroppy" last year for several reasons, for example, the disruption to their business during what is the busiest week of the year. The Foundry Gala Day Association, which

organises the event, held a referendum last November and found that only 11 of the 32 Foundry traders who voted were in full support of a continuation of the event this year.

Didn't I read in this very magazine that the Hayle Heritage Committee receives several thousand pounds of public funds every year?

Quite right- so you do take an interest after all, particularly when the ratepayers money is involved!

So why didn't the foundry Gala Day

Association ask for their fair share of these big bucks and add it to their own dosh, in order to plan a stonking great Foundry Gala Day 1997 to impress the punters and doubting traders, that kind of thing?

Your'e way ahead of me; they did exactly that last November, just as soon as the result of the referendum became apparent.

I'll bet the Hayle Heritage Committee



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## And they said?

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## Which had meant in practice?

Foundry Day Gala received a total of £145 in it's 3 year existence, and even that was handed over with an extremely tight fist.

Sounds like a bit of a nightmare- wouldn't you have to be a tad insane to sign-up for a gig like this?

Funny you should mention that- a very prominent member of the Hayle Heritage Committee "allegedly" used their official minutes to describe one of the Foundry

Gala Day organisers as being "several bricks short of a full load". ( Impossible to confirm since the Hayle Heritage Committee minutes are more zealously guarded than those of M15)

**Hayle Heritage Festival. On no account to be confused with?**

Golowan, St Ives Arts Festival, Trevithick Day.

**Hayle Heritage Committee most likely to say?**

Shame about Foundry Gala Day, still, nothing WE could have done about it.

**Hayle Heritage Committee least likely to say?**

Here's a grand of the public money, chaps- get out there and put a top-hole Foundry Gala Day!

(submitted by Goudie Charles)

Pictured below:- Kelvin I. Jones  
Celtic story teller at the Amphitheatre  
Foundry Gala Day  
1996.



## 1996 Kernow Search & Recovery Club Prize Giving and Social Night

In December we held our first Prize giving night combined with a social do. The competition for the finds of the year shields given that we are a young club was fierce to say the least!

In the coin of the year category were the following; a gold 400Ries Portuguese piece, two Roman Cornish copper mine token, a William love token sixpence, an Elizabeth 1St Sixpence and a Henry 3rd cut penny.

The gold 400 Ries coin from

Portugal dating to the 1700's was found on Marazion beach, was the winner easily, taking a huge majority of the votes.

The finder was Graham "Goldfinger", Dyer fast becoming a star in our club with a gold Noble from the same beach the year before. This coin only just made the competition winning the last monthly contest in November and it was found Eyes only on the way back to his car for a quick fag with his detector over his shoulder. Considering that the coin was only the size of a new 5p this is amazing!

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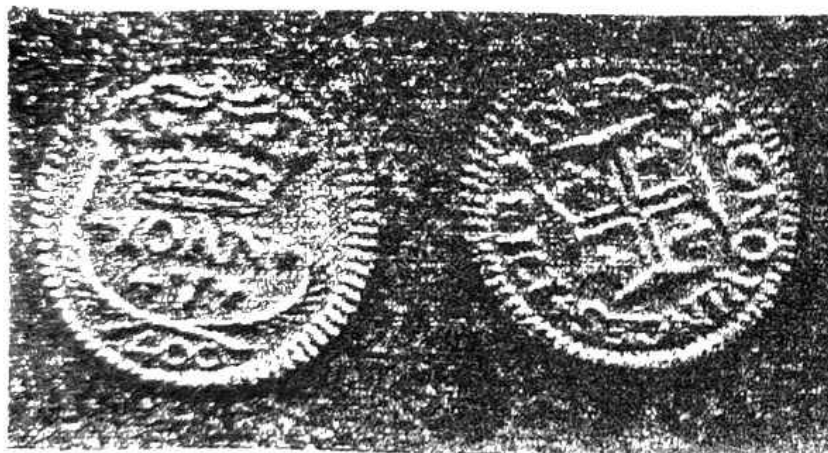


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From the above scan of the coin you can see it was nearly mint, the scan cannot do this justice.

The artefact of the year was not as hotly contested as the coin shield. The entries were a Bronze age axe head, a Victorian Shire horse shaped brass, a gold and diamond wedding ring and a 22ct very heavy

wedding ring, and to finish off, a Frankish coin pierced to make a nice pendant.

The Axe head was my personal favourite winner right back in June when it won find of the month, Mick Guest was the finder of this nice Early Proto winged and stopped palstave bronze age axe-head. This was submitted to the local museum for recording, it was they thought, an import from Ireland and one of a small number recorded in West Cornwall. This has led to a good relationship with the local County Archaeologists at Truro. The Axehead was drawn and photographed for the County records. I went back to the site with the finder but nothing else of age turned up.

After this, we had the light hearted awards donated by myself. The first of these went to Derek "any old iron" Murray for his contribution to removing most iron nails from the Cornish soil. The Cup of Gold Nails will come an annual award with the winner adding another gold painted nail to the cup and the choosing his own recipient for the cup.

Then the next award was the No Gold Award. This tiny cup was for finding not even one gram of Gold in 1996. This cup was awarded to me the chairman for such a paltry effort in recovering gold from

Cornwall.

The last award was for the Item the Chairman would like to steal from the awards table. This only could have one winner, for me the axe head won it hands down.

After that we had a Cornish pasty supper good an' tastie too. This was followed by rolling the 10p's for a full bottle of whiskey, hunt the treasure wreck map and a jolly good raffle. All in all we raised more than £60.00 for club funds. Next year with more planning we hope to have more members present as a few had other social events clashing with ours, including one member who went and raided a trophy from the Pembrokeshire club Greg "the D-m Yank" Dyer was still a member of that club, so he won the best outside of Pembrokeshire find. He started 1997 with a gold inscribed posy ring and a full gold Stater from the East Midlands area. He found this coin twenty minutes into a session on a new farm he had never searched before!!

Details of the club by sending a stamped addressed envelope to me Paul Frost, Jungle Herberts, Beatrice Ter, Hayle, Cornwall.  
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Thanks to Mrs. Sylvia Thomas and her helpers, another evenings entertainment with a concert and a pasty supper was held on Friday 14 March, with Mrs Rosewarne, who gave everyone a good laugh, and music by the Helston Accordion Band, whose conductor got the audience going with a "sing-a-long".

The Cornish pasty was very tasty and just about the right size, and the cup of tea was very welcome.

It was a full house, and once again our Town Mayor and his wife were supporting it.

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## SWANNING AROUND

We had a bit of excitement in Hamilton Close one Sunday afternoon in March. One of the young adult swans from the Foundry Pond had apparently been shooed from the nest by its parents and crash-landed into my neighbour's garden. It waddled across the upper level of the garden, flopped down the steps to the patio, and after walking alongside the bungalow it came to rest in the middle of the front lawn. After a short rest it waddled up the road to inspect the bungalow under construction by Anfield Builders, where it decided to rest once more. I rang Paradise Park for advice on what to do, and in 5 minutes they sent round a warden, David Woolcck and his assistant, Kirsty Jenkin. It was interesting to see how quickly the warden was able to mesmerise the bird by drawing circles in the air above its head, then quickly lunged at it and managed to pick it up. No mean feat, as it was so big. The warden then took the swan to join others behind Leo's carpark<sub>1</sub> where, it is hoped, it met the love of its life, and lived happily ever after!

Julie Cook

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## MORE TALES FROM THE "TRIO"

Apart from the "Trio" itself, my father owned a motor boat about fifteen feet in length with an inboard marine engine. Later this engine was removed and an outboard one substituted. The boat was designed for such an engine having a double stern-board. In this craft we often went fishing in the bay, mostly for mackerel, but occasionally pollock were caught. We trailed two lines behind the boat, each with a hook and shiny metal spinner on the end. The far more efficient method, using dyed hen's feathers was not general practised at that time. My father was never happier than when he sat at the tiller of this boat, and would sing at the top of his voice; I suspect with more gusto than melody. My mother was less enthusiastic and could not stand the sight of the mackerel flapping their lives out in the bottom of the boat. On the occasions when she did accompany us, she confessed to having to justify the catch by reminding herself that Our Lord Himself went fishing. Often she would remain on the "Trio" and Father would say, "Don't buy anything - we'll catch what we need." Sometimes we did, but on



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other occasions, returning empty handed, he had to submit to the use of the can opener.

Another pastime which aroused the spirit of adventure in us children was the exploration of the adit of the defunct Wheal Lucy Mine at Mexico Towans. For this, we armed ourselves with torches and candle lanterns. These escapades caused my mother no little anxiety. Not unnaturally perhaps, she pictured rock-falls and yawning mineshafts down which we were likely to slip. The entrance to this adit is nowadays sealed up, but at that time it was open to exploration. My brother was older

and less easily controlled. I was sometimes, but not always, withheld from taking part, to my infinite chagrin. The passage, cut through the rock, led eventually to a hewn chamber, quite lofty, where, if one shone a torch upward, a dark shaft could be seen, which had been capped at the top. Above ground the site of this shaft is not difficult to recognise. From the rocky chamber below one or two passages went off, but none for very far,

The batteries for our torches were purchased from the ironmongers on Penpol Terrace which once bore the name Hodge. I recall my parents meeting Mr. and Mrs

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Having a torch which was unreliable and likely on that account to have a parental veto placed upon a further exploration of the adit, my brother and I took our troubles and our torch to Mr. Biggleston and so plagued that poor gentleman's patience that he eventually exclaimed in exasperation, "I'm glad your torch is going and I'm glad you're going.

Now please don't come back again today". Very many years afterwards I joined a great many others in Hayle Methodist Church in paying last respects to Frank Biggleston. This little incident came back to me and I could not help wondering whether he too had remembered it.

To be continued...

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Fairy Liquid, Dandinni, Buttons worked their socks off to get the audience going, and a very big thank you to the male member of the audience, who was picked out by Dandinni, to go up onto the stage. He was a great sport, and really enjoyed himself.

Here's hoping that H.A.D.S. will be

able to continue to put on many more shows of great entertainment.

A big thank you also to the many Helpers behind the scenes and to Ted Beckerly who once again travelled all the way from Chester to play the organ.

So please all you good folks of Hayle, keep up the support for all those who work so hard for your entertainment.

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## BOILING WELL MINE

This is in response to Mrs. Hall's enquiry about the whereabouts of Boiling Well Mine in Issue 12 of the "Hayle Pump".

The site of Boiling Well Mine was later covered by the National Explosives Works. There were five Shafts, the sites of four of which can still be seen, running across the Towans in an ENE-WSW direction. Syrett's lies very close to the Hayle- Gwithian road, its flattened burrow beneath the garden of a bungalow called "Glantorfaen". Austin's Shaft is about 120 yards to the West, close beside the track that runs behind the bungalows. It

was clearly used by the explosive works and is marked by a circular collar.

To find King's Shaft, go through the main entrance to the works, heading towards the surviving chimney stack. Before reaching it there is an electric pole on the left and the shaft lies near it amid the gorse. Engine Shaft is 100 yards to the west- south west and still shows as a hollow among the ruins of explosive building. There are two 60 inch pumping engines on the mine, one built by Harvey and the other by the Perran Foundry. One of them stood on Engine Shaft and the other on King's, but I don't know which was which: I would be grateful if someone could enlighten me. Both engines and a steam winding engine were offered for sale in the "West Briton" dated 9th. September 1859.

Kenneth Brown.

*Editors note.*

*The above information was apparently written for entry in the 13th. Issue of the "Hayle Pump", but appears to have been mis-laid/lost. We offer our apologies to Mr . Brown and would like to thank him for re-writing the article for everyone's benefit.*

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# THE CINNAMON TRUST

by

**FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR:  
MRS AVERIL R JARVIS**

The Cinnamon Trust moved its administrative Headquarters into Foundry Square in Hayle at the beginning of July 1996. The Trust is the only specialist national charity for elderly and terminally ill people and their companion animals.

Founded in 1985, the Trust recognises the inter-dependency of vulnerable people and their much loved pets. It also acknowledges all the benefits of pets to elderly folk which have now been internationally recognised to measurably improve the quality of life. If one accepts all the positives of pet owning in later life, one also has to accept the drawbacks. The Cinnamon Trust addresses the drawbacks and neutralises them.

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The Trust maintains a Pet Friendly Care Homes Register which lists nursing homes, residential homes and sheltered housing schemes nation-wide that accept residents and their pets. Do you know of a pet friendly care home? Let us know so we can add it to our register of some 800 establishments.

The Cinnamon Trust helps, on average, 3,000 people a year and many have more than one pet. We employ five people at Headquarters and four at the Sanctuary, which is managed by a fully qualified veterinary nurse. We always need more volunteers. The Trust costs £11,000 a month to run - all of which comes from donations and legacies. We receive no State or Local Authority aid. We have a membership scheme and look forward to

many more Hayle members! Why not pop in to our offices for further information, to make a donation, to become a registered volunteer or to offer a life long foster home to a dog or cat or have a coffee morning, jumble sale or sponsored event for us.

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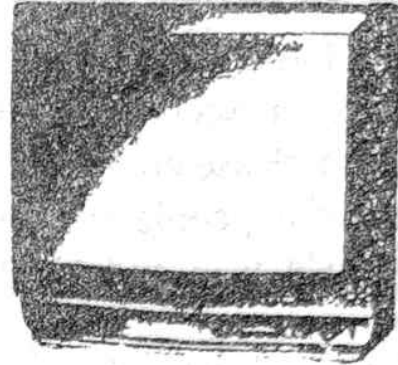
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The party consists of committee members and wives a junior football team from Hayle AFC with committee members and four musicians the extra musician is a committee member Charlie Allen Hayle Town Mayor.

The group arrive back in Hayle about midnight on Easter Monday. Our thanks go to the Landlords of two local hostelries The Cornubia and Cornish Arms for the use of their mini buses.

The Pordic group arrive in Hayle on the 9 May their group consist of committee members Pordic RFC who have a Rugby match against a Hayle team and friends who wish to visit. The final signing takes place that weekend.

Our thanks also go to Mrs P Darlow who prepared our two copies of the Charter. one will remain in Hayle the other in Pordic.

Anyone interested in taking part in exchange visits or letting their children do so between the ages of 12 -18 please contact Maurice Trathen, Chairman of the Twinning Committee on 01209 714505. these exchanges would take place during school holidays, also any older person or couples with a little

understanding of French willing to exchange with Pordic residents with a little knowledge of English please contact the above number. This would probably take place around September, our committee is also looking for a few more members, a secretary, would be helpful so please come and help us. to help the people of Hayle and keep Hayle well and truly on the map.

I look towards to seeing you.

Maurice Trathen, Chairman.

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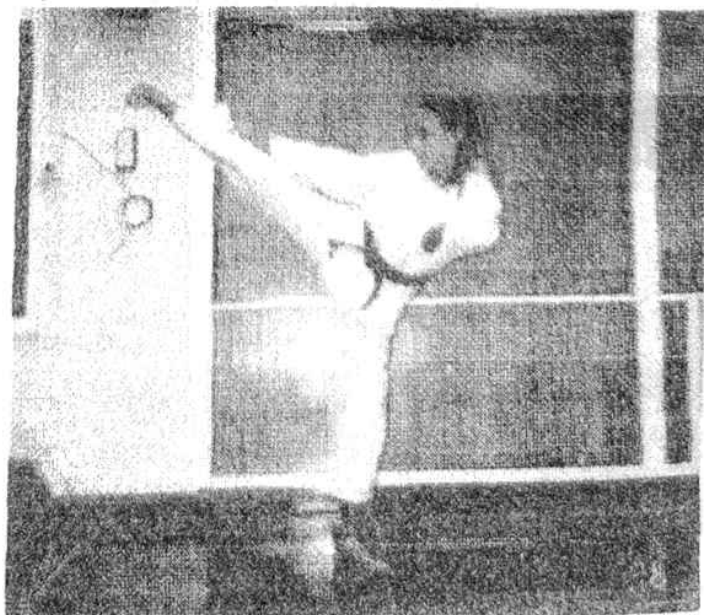
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Members of the Global Taekwon-Do Federation based in St Ives gave a stunning display of patterns, kicks and board breaking to potential club members and their parents. Also inviting them to take part in some simple exercises and ask questions about the sport.

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For more details call in or ring Alan Hodgkinson on Penzance: 796713.

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## EXPLORING WEST CORNWALL

Cornwall, a land of contrasts, from the Atlantic winds and seas buffeting the coastal cliffs and rocks and the heathland and moors of the Pendeen area to the leafy overhang of trees around Godolphin House. I didn't believe I was in the same country! A tour of the Lizard area, with its inlets, coves and creeks brought home to me that I am living in a mysterious and magical country. Flora and fauna abound, for example, the red Campion and the Grammasow. I have tasted sloe berries off a bush. Around every corner there is something different: a burst of sunlight, a sudden downpour, a double rainbow.

Oohs and aahs issue from me as another aspect of West Cornwall unfolds. "Settling in?" ask people. Never " I reply. Well, yes, I am making friends, acquaintances but "settling", never. I have so much to sort out (most of the nitty gritty was done prior to the move but there still remains the aftermath, there are items to be culled; painful memories to be gone through I love Hayle and Cornwall. But I have come across some people who have moved here and do nothing but grumble and moan. Can they not accept another

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culture, another way of life for what it is?

Since I last wrote in the "Hayle Pump" I have developed my craftwork/artwork to exploring the shapes and colours and mysteries of West Cornwall. I am becoming a little more educated now instead of being a naive, enthusiastic Emmet. I am flying the Canadian and the Cornish flags. I chose to come here. I am glad.

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Knowling Lentier

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**A THOUGHT FOR LENT**

I think that he hadn't, because I have read  
He died in the Garden alone.

For all of his friends and disciples had fled,

Even Peter, the one called a stone.

But I am sure that a little black dog, With a heart so tender and warm, Would never have left Him to suffer Alone,

but creeping right under His arm, Would have licked the dear fingers

In agony clasped,

And counting all favours but loss, When they took Him away would

have Trotted behind,

And followed Him right to the Cross.

*Remembered and read many years ago by Dorothy Cook.*

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## INTRODUCING JULIE COOK

I have been asked to introduce myself to readers of The Hayle Pump, as a new member of the editorial team, and will include my husband, Jim, as well.

We are newcomers to Hayle and live in Hamilton Close, which is a new road tacked onto the right hand corner of Mellanear Close, which is off Mellanear Road.

As a legal secretary in a large firm of solicitors off Fleet Street, I commuted to London every day from Dunstable. My hobbies were mostly sedentary ones of many forms of craftwork, reading, and playing the piano, although I did belong to a London-based choir and, after brushing up on my grammar at evening classes, I eventually joined a German Conversation group. (Does anyone know of a German conversation class anywhere in the district?)

Since our move to Cornwall my husband and I, on our retirement, have had time to enter into local activities, and are now staunch members of the Old Cornwall Society (which meets once a month at the Passmore Edwards Institute). We also attend the meetings at the Lelant village hall to learn about Lelant and its past.

After a talk given at Lelant's

St. Uny Church on its history, we answered an SOS for volunteers to learn bell-ringing on Saturday mornings. We have also recently introduced ourselves to the bellringers at Phillack Church, and the Captain of the Tower, Mike Smaldon has offered to give us private instruction before their weekly practices on Tuesday evenings for which we are most grateful.

We attend the fortnightly social afternoons of the U.3.A, held at the Philip Smith Annexe alongside the Day Care Centre, where they have very interesting speakers on subjects of local interest.

My husband is the Co-ordinator of the birdwatching group attached to the U3A, and we meet at the Griggs Quay Cafe every other Friday morning. We are all very much beginners at birdwatching, but are helped greatly by the knowledge of the proprietors of the cafe, John and Barbara Gray.

I have recently been encouraged by a new friend, Dorothy Hodgson, to go swimming twice a week, and we go to Wheal Rodney holiday village, but will use the facilities at Tolroy Manor when it opens up again in April.

Once a week my husband and I join the Hayle Walkers Group meandering around the local countryside. Our leader, Joan Smith, is very

knowledgeable on local history, and enjoys taking us to places of outstanding beauty. We meet every Wednesday at noon in the carpark alongside the Day Care Centre.

So with all these activities, you can imagine how different my life now is in Hayle - and I really prefer a more outdoor life to sitting at a word processor for 8 hours a day, and in the winter never seeing my home in daylight during the week!

My husband is a keen member of the town's model railway club which has a room upstairs at Pratt's Market, where members congregate twice a week building a layout to exhibit at local exhibitions. Incidentally, Jim is also building his own layout in a room in the loft of our bungalow - which fulfils a lifetime's ambition!

I have come to love the town of Hayle with its interesting shops and friendly inhabitants, and would like to help in the community in some small way. Although it took us 7 years to sell our bungalow in Dunstable, it has proved very worthwhile and we are really pleased that we finally chose Hayle to settle in.

Julie Cook

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## HERE'S A THOUGHT

What will Hayle be in 25 or 50 years?

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A cultural town?

A training town?

A teleworking town?

A small manufacturing town?

A craftspeople town/

A farming town?

A dormitory town?

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Congratulations to Mr & Mrs  
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*Letter*

In reply to all those people who asked about the Christmas lights in your last issue, I am pleased to be able to inform everyone, that as in previous years, it was all due to the Hayle & District Chamber of Commerce, with special thanks to Phil Patchet & Peter Beare for their hard work. This year also, the decorated Christmas trees fixed above the shops throughout the town, were given by the Carnival Committee, which added enormously to the overall effect.

Ray Wise.

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*Letter*

Could someone on the Hayle Town Council explain to me and my mates why nothing has been done about a skateboard park. We attended meetings at the Edward Passemore Institute, along with other people to sort this out. Since then nothing seems to have happened. I think my mates and myself deserve to know what is going on. Please reply to this letter through the "Pump" and give us some answers. Thank you.  
From a group of Hayle Teenagers.

Tips to save money  
Cut nylon net curtains into 1 inch wide strips and use as ties and filling for cushions etc

## PENWITH VOLUNTEER BUREAU

Penwith Volunteer Bureau is to open an office in Hayle mid April. The office will be situated in Foundry House, Foundry Square, and will be recruiting and placing volunteers in the Hayle area. Further details in the next issue. For more information, contact Sue Guard on Penzance 330988 or write to the Penwith Volunteer Bureau, 1 Trenderal Gardens, Clarence Street, Penzance TR18 2QD.

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## HAYLE ROSE & CABBAGE HORTICULTURE SOCIETY

In 1972 a group of gardening enthusiasts got together and formed the Hayle Rose & Cabbage Club. 25 years later the club is still going strong, and so this year it will be celebrating its Silver Anniversary.

The committee would like to invite any of the original members to be guests at their summer show and, hopefully, make it an event worth remembering for the next 25 years.

The theme of the show, of course, will be SILVER. If anyone has any thoughts as to how we can incorporate this into the show, the committee would be very happy to hear and discuss their ideas.

If you are interested in any aspect of the club why not come and take part in our monthly open meetings at Phillack Church Hall on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm. We have guest speakers on different subjects concerning the growing and showing of flowers and vegetables, the planning and caring of a garden, and many helpful gardening tips.

The next meeting will be on the 17th April when Mr David Johnson will be giving a talk on the designing and making of hanging baskets and containers. Then on Saturday 17th May you are invited to a coffee morning at Phillack Church

Hall where there will be stalls, a raffle and refreshments (a good place to get your bedding plants).

If anyone wishes to have any further information concerning the club please contact the secretary, Mrs Jackie Aplin on 01 736-752967

### **SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL TRADERS**

An elderly neighbour visited Sri Lanka, and passed away shortly after returning.

Some weeks later, the postcard he had sent us arrived, puzzled, my young daughter said: "Doesn't it look lovely in heaven!"

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### **Summer Song**

The Meadow Lark ascends on high,  
Into the clear blue summer sky.

All nature sings in tones so rare,

The sound of birds, soft fill the air.

The wind goes whispering through the trees,

And gently rustles, all the leaves.

Grass and meadow flowers all sway,

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(754866)

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The Community Centre contains a sizeable room that is available for rent to house meetings, demonstrations or classes.

For more information regarding charges and availability of this room, please contact the Town Clerk at Passmore Edward's Institute or ring him on Tel: 75505

## HAYLE TOWN WALKS GUIDE

Hayle Walks Project is about to launch a Hayle Town Walks Guide, entitled "Footloose in Hayle", it highlights eight walks in and around the town, covering the history, important buildings and natural history of each area.

Compiled by David Philp and Georgina Schofield, the text is fully illustrated with photographs by Andrew Szmidla and the nature notes and original drawings by Dave Philp.

This booklet is the first Community publication by the Hayle Project Office Trust and has been jointly sponsored by West Cornwall L.E.A.D.E.R project, Tehidy/Hayle Countryside Service, Hayle Heritage Group, Parish Paths Partnership and Hayle Walks Project.

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I was reading out an article which claimed that standing on your head each day allowed blood to flow to the head and could cure baldness. "That can't be right," said my grandson, "or no Australians would be bald, and look at Clive James"

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### THE COPPERHOUSE BOOK CENTRE

In the last issue of the "Pump" there was an article concerning the retirement of Barbara Williams who ran the Copperhouse Book Centre for a number of years, she would like to take this opportunity to thank all her past customers, friends and all those who called in occasionally, to chew over current and future Council matters. Needless to say, she was overwhelmed by the huge number of cards, flowers and presents that were given to her and offers her profuse thanks to everyone. She

would like to take this opportunity to wish her successor every success in her new venture.

The "Pump" now has the pleasure of introducing the new proprietor, or should I say, proprietress, Sandra Baumbach, who took over on the 3rd. March '97.

There will be a lot of people who already know Sandra, because not only has she lived in Hayle all her life, but 4 years ago, she actually worked in the self same shop for 3 years, whilst it was owned by Barbara.

She has been married to David for 4 years and has a son, from a previous marriage aged 25. David

was a teacher in London for 20 years until returning to Hayle 12 years ago. He is the Head Teacher at Treleigh school in Redruth where Sandra has held cooking classes four mornings a week.

Prior to this, until July '96, she was doing ancillary work, with teachers, at Bodriggy School assisting children for one day a week, who needed any special attention.

Before all this of course, many people will remember her 4year stint, in what was then Daniel's.

As is inevitable, with the passing of time and the change of Occupier, there will be an adjustment in the stocking of the shop. New items are being introduced, such as hand-made oven clothes, hand-made Tea-cosies, Peg Bags, Pot Holders, Toaster Covers and Place Mats, just to name a few.

It is intended to sell their own Gift Vouchers, that will take the strain out of having to pick a book for someone else. It is also intended to open a Savings Club, i.e. Xmas Club. To accompany the existing Cornish Books and the large range of local pictures, there will be a new selection of cards, all this and possibly a small selection of computer software.

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need for text books for various courses that parents will be able to purchase from the shop.

Customers will still be able to place an order for books, subject them still being available from the publishers, so do not hesitate to ask.

Consideration is being given for one day a week, so that pensioners may get a 10% discount on some purchases over 50p.

Sandra has some hobbies I am told, Tapestry, Cross stitch work, walking, and believe it or not....**READING**. Where she finds the time, I will never know.

For any information:

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A candidate knocked on our door and asked for our vote because the Government was full of corruption, sleaze and wastefulness. "And you want to do something about it?" I asked. "Are you serious?" said the rosetted one, "I want to join in."

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**PENPOL SCHOOL**

On Friday 21st. March the school held mini-marathon to raise money for school funds. The children waked round the schoolfield in fancy dress and were sponsored by



family and friends. The weather was just right and the children enjoyed themselves. Parents and teachers watched and spurred the children on. Well done Penpol School you all deserve a pat on the back.

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## FAMILY SUPPORT UNIT (N.SP.C.C.)

The Family Support Unit in Hayle Community Centre are holding an Open Day on July 3rd to invite the community to visit the unit which has seen over two hundred local families utilise the unit since the NSPCC funded the project nearly two years ago.

This unit provides a free service to the community on help ranging from training your child into a happy bedtime routine to how to protect your child from paedophiles.

There are suggestions at the moment to start exercise classes and aerobics for mums - we hope

this will happen in this term. We are also looking for an experienced cook to help teach young parents the art of cheap, nutritious meals. we would also love to hear from any drivers of community mini-buses who are willing to spare a few hours over the summer - many thanks to Brian Capper for last year!

Last summer we provided the venue for a successful playscheme for the children, which included many creative arts, sports, exiting presentations and several outings. We are wondering whether or not a playscheme will be needed this summer. If you think you may be interested in an activity playscheme for your child this summer, or are interested in knowing more, please come and let us know, we will be holding a Coffee Morning to decide on Tuesday, April 15 at 10.30 at Hayle Community Centre. Alex Ashcroft.

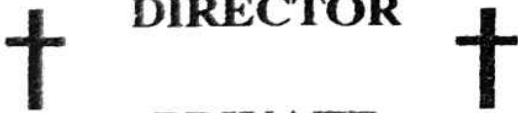
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## HAYLE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

On Tuesday 28th January, we celebrated the opening of our recent alterations, including a toilet for the disabled, an access ramp and new ladies and gents toilet facilities. This was in compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, and as we are one of the

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The opening was performed by Mrs Dawn Edens, a local resident. At this event Mrs Edens assisted the Chairman, Mr David Hughes and Hon. Secretary, Mr Clive Polkinghorne to distribute money to allocated charities which is raised entirely from our Sunday Car Boots.

Recipients were:

Master Nicholas Bell, Treliske Hospital, Casualty Dept.

West Cornwall Hospital, Casualty Dept.

St Erth Cub Pack

Hayle Scout Pack

Cornwall Air Ambulance

Cornwall Samaritans

The Royal British Legion

Angarrack Mother & Toddler Group

Godrevey Parent & Toddler Group

Cornwall Rare Chromosome

Group St Michael's Hospital, St

Michael's Ward Mrs Edens was

presented with a donation herself

and her chosen charities were, The

Cornwall Epilepsy Group and

Crohnes Association.

D. Hughes. Chairman.

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The Gods send nuts to those who have no teeth.

## HAYLE CAMERA & SOCIAL CLUB.

Of to another good start this year and nearing our tenth anniversary.

A busy season is already mapped out for us. Our guests include some return visits from old friends plus some new ones who we hope will join this growing list.

Photography is our hobby and it is enjoyed by our members at their own pace. Meeting people is also very much a part of Club life, hence the Social added some time ago to our title.

People feature in this years Hayle Heritage Festival Photographic competition.

"People of Hayle" is the theme set for those of you who enter this years competition.

Mounted photos (Prints) no larger than 7"x 5" are invited for this annual competition open to anyone living in the TR27 Postal district.

Regretfully our members in North Devon and several others closer to home are not eligible to enter. This restriction was imposed when the Shield was presented to the Club, and I suppose it does follow, when we consider its connections with Hayle.

Other club news includes a full programme of outings this year. not always on a Sunday as was usual. Tintagel, Shirehorses

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'I have no doubt we will be going to other interesting places extra to the above. Car sharing, picnics etc., all combine to make these outings enjoyable affairs.

Most readers already know us quite well, if however this is your first glimpse of this local Clubs activities and you feel inclined to learn more about us, we welcome new members or visitors (50p) to our regular meetings at West Cornwall Leisure & Bowling Club on the Third Tuesday of each Month 7.30pm (except Decembers Christmas dinner and Awards night, dates vary).

For further details call the Club Secretary on Hayle 01736 757725. Marlene Rew, Hon Sec.

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### **HAYLE LIBRARY, CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES**

It was a nice surprise to find that so many children had turned up for this Saturday morning treat. It was not long before all the children, with the help of the library helpers and mums and dads, were all busy making Easter Eggs, chickens, hats and colouring their pictures and making Easter cards for mums, dads, grans & grandads.



I was very impressed at the obvious talent of the children. So please, you grown ups, don't knock all the children as being no good & bad. There are a lot of well behaved, kind and good one in this town of Hayle, and only a few rotten apples.

On April 5th, prizes will be given out to the winners at Saturday morning Story Time. So pop into the library and see for yourselves what children can do, for all their work will be on display.

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### **HAYLE ART SOCIETY**

The Hayle Art Society has been holding a programme of events during the first ten weeks, January to March. These included classes by visiting tutors, Barbara Karn, Nicola Higgins and Anne Willers. Both the Tuesday afternoon and

the Monday evening classes at the Passmore Edwards Institute have been well attended, with artists bringing their own work or drawing painting from life. Various discussions ensued. The committee has met regularly and come up with some interesting ideas, several of which have been put into practice. The programme of events for the next ten weeks is now available. Why not come and join us? The Art Society will be preparing for its exhibition and other public events. Subscription fees are £12 for the ten-week term. For further information please contact:

Bryan Dixon-Smith or Gaye Arnold.

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## GATHER A FEAST WHILE YOU WALK CORNWALL'S GLORIOUS FOOTPATHS

Each week the Hayle Walkers Group meets on the Commercial Road Car Park in Hayle to walk the many footpaths that Cornwall has to offer. We enjoy the companionship walking with friends and acquaintances. There is no charge except for sharing the petrol cost, if we travel by car to our chosen area. We take a packed lunch and meet at noon every Wednesday.

The walks are always exciting for me, because with pleasant sunshine and gentle breezes to entice us into the countryside, we can wander along country lanes and across fields and cliffs where wild flowers rise above the meadows. We find the elder trees with their delicious creamy yellow flowers which, laden with yeast and the sweet muscatel flavour, they will make a delicious cordial, or a sparkling wine, to be uncorked later on in the year, at a time when perhaps the East wind is blowing hard, and we will be reminded of our walks in the Summer heat.

In a year like 1996 with its feast of fruit and berries, I'm sure you must have made a pile of chutneys and jams. I grow a collection of herbs for the pot in my garden, but space

is limited, and so I take advantage of the abundance of herbs which are growing wild. On the local cliffs one can find wild thyme growing in profusion with its tiny pink flowers, and basil thyme with its distinctive white patch on the lower lip, which was described in a Shakespeare sonnet.

Later in the year will come the many wild flowers and herbs which can be bottled as jam or cordial or put into oil to be used as a salad dressing. These things are expensive to buy in the shops, but, with a little time, they can be made cheaply and stored for future use. Marjoram, feverfew, meadow-sweet, wild celery, elderberries, lamb's lettuce, chives (including the flowers) not only look good but they taste wonderful, and add to the appearance of a salad.

Finding the wild horse mushrooms in fields where chemicals have not been sprayed is a joy, and if you have not enjoyed this experience because you cannot identify the fungi, then join us later in the year and learn how to do this.

When we find a giant puffball that really is something to celebrate, for I know of nothing that will get the taste buds stimulated quite like the aroma of slices of this gently frying with bacon. Add to it a slice of home-baked herb bread, and the

feast is complete.

I hope that I have aroused an interest within you to sample the joys of a gentle meander, for not only do we enjoy God's freely-given gifts on our weekly walks, but we find that ambling across fields beside hedgerows bursting with new life, or walking the coastal footpaths beside the silver sea, is a wonderful tranquilliser, which is not available on any doctor's prescription, and has no dangerous side effects.

Joan Smith, Walk Leader

Future walks:

April 16th. Tehidy Woods

April 23rd. Newlyn & Bluebell Dell

April 30th. Scilly Isles Boat Trip, collect 2 coupons from the Cornishman or West Briton, book your passage and join us.

May 7th. Fowey & Bodinnick.

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## WEDDING SHOP SUCCESS

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The owner Rachel Huxley, was born and bred in Penzance and currently lives in St Ives with her godparents, who are running the shop from Monday to Friday, at the moment. The shop has only been open since the first week of January and they are already expanding into new premises as they

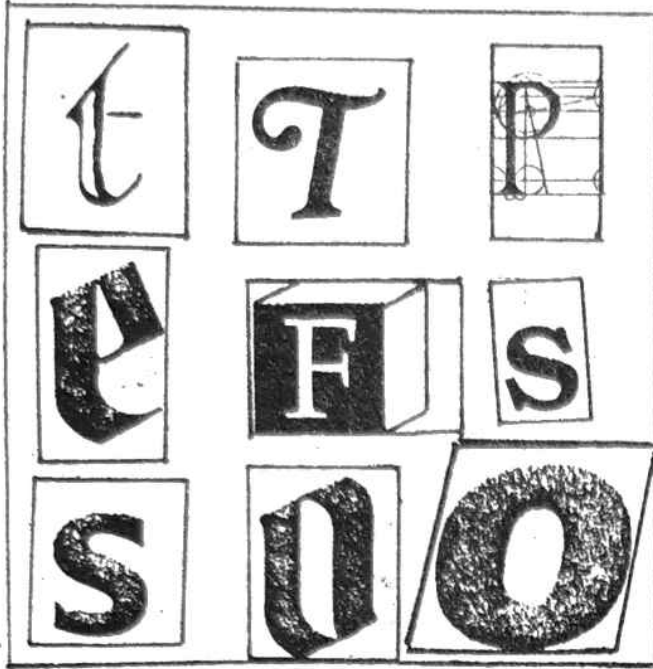
have been inundated by the amount of brides that want value for money.

At the moment they have a stock of 60 wedding dresses but as I said they are expanding that stock by a franchising method, and also buying new dresses. Franchising works by a bride bringing in a wedding dress that they would like to sell, all details, i.e. manufacturers name, colour, style etc., are recorded. Then both parties agree on a price for the sale of the dress, the bride is charged for is dry cleaning only if needed before sale. A form is filled out and a number is allocated to the dress. This is then attached to the dress in two places for security and the form is then filed manually and also stored on computer. The bride then receives periodic updates on the dress and they are asked if they would like to keep it on their books or remove it. It really is that simple! So if you have a dress that you would like to sell let, Holly Louise take the strain of selling & advertising etc. that could be costly at the end of the day. Just call into the shop in Hayle Shopping Arcade, Chapel Terrace (upstairs by the electrical shop) or alternatively ring them on 755310

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PUZZLE

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How many words of 3 or more letters can you make using the middle letter every time (only one plural allowed, in the 9 letter word)

**TARGET 16 GENIUS**  
**10 GOOD**  
**6 GIVE UP!**

**HAYLE AMATEUR  
DRAMATIC SOCIETY**

The Society would like to say a big Thank You to everyone who came to see "Cinderella". We hope you all enjoyed it. The cast certainly did, although by the end of the week we had lost 3 children with the dreaded flu. I would like to congratulate all those involved, but especially the children who were often told, quite literally as the curtain opened, "She's missing, you can sing that song" or quick learn those words. I feel that they did such a grand job that none of the audience realised that someone was missing.

The Calor Gas Pantomime awards are being held on Friday 25th. April at the Cornwall Coliseum and we have been nominated for 27 awards which we are absolutely thrilled about. All the worry and hard work was definitely worth it. For the summer we are planning a play, a very funny farce by Ray Cooney and John Chapman called "Move Over Mrs. Markham", which we hope will be supported by all you locals as well as holiday makers. We would also like to stage a variety show. Once again however we are having great difficulties finding a pianist. We now have use of a digital recording

system, so all we need is someone to come along for 3 or 4 evenings so we can record all the music. We are not looking for someone professional as we are not a professional group. Our aim is simply to have a bit of fun whilst entertaining members of the public. So all we need is someone willing to have a go. We really cannot believe that there is no-one out there who will do this for us. We are trying to provide Hayle with something worthwhile but at times feel we are bashing our heads against a brick wall. If we cannot find anyone to play for us we shall not be able to put on a variety show. This would disappoint a lot of people especially the children of the group who are looking forward to performing something throughout the summer. Fund raising is on going as we still have many improvements to make to the hall. Charlie Allen has offered to perform a concert to raise some money for the group, this will be held on Saturday 3rd May in St.Elwyns Church Hall, more details will be published nearer the time. The group had hoped to include something but without musical accompaniment, this will probably not be possible. We are holding a jumble sale in Phillack Church Hall on Saturday 12th. April at 10 am. There will

also be a cake stall, and tea and coffee will be on sale

On Wednesday May 7th. a few of our members have decided to go mad and attempt a pram push from St. Ives Rugby Club to the Penmare Hotel. We hope they will manage to complete this, but unfortunately there are quite a number of watering holes en route. One or two of our members have also shown a great interest in doing a sponsored parachute jump, I was going to say attempting a parachute jump but feel that failure in this department does not bear thinking about. A parachute jump

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however is very expensive and a lot of sponsorship would be required to make it worthwhile

Quizzes are fairly on going and one should hit the shops in the near future, probably to last over the summer.

We are still racking our brains for more ways to raise money. Any-one with ideas would be very welcome to contact Lin or Ken on Hayle 754995

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# SOLUTION TO THE CROSSWORD IN LAST ISSUE

## ACROSS

- 1 Trout
- 4 Pinch
- 10 Ohm
- 11 Heart
- 12 Awn
- 13 Ewe
- 15 Eli
- 17 Oar
- 18 Run
- 19 Let
- 20 Slams
- 23 Start
- 25 Exams
- 28 Meter
- 31 Sea
- 32 Ape
- 34 Lip
- 36 Use
- 37 Ale
- 38 Rugby
- 39 Reedy
- 40 Nor
- 41 Drier
- 42 Press

## DOWN

- 2 Romeo
- 3 Usher
- 5 Inter
- 6 Chain
- 7 Morals
- 8 Farmer
- 9 Enlist
- 14 Warm
- 16 Lust
- 21 Lax
- 22 SOS
- 23 Sum
- 24 Roe
- 25 Entire
- 26 Maps
- 27 Leased
- 29 Evil
- 30 Record
- 32 Auger
- 33 Eerie
- 34 Layer
- 35 Pends

## Letter

### Re: Dog Loos

When I was living on the Continent, I was invited to stay with a friend in Switzerland, and told to bring my Labrador dog too. I knew that my friend lived in a flat in a town, and I wondered how we would manage, as the Swiss are an exceptionally clean people. There was no problem - all over the town there were discreet dog loos. They were an area of about 5 square feet enclosed by a low block wall which held earth or gravel, and were screened by bushes.

My dog knew exactly what the area was for, and used it willingly, encouraged by the fact that dogs had been there before him.

It would be excellent if Hayle Town Council made some in Hayle, and be responsible for keeping them clean and hygienic. If a few such Loos were placed where people get out of their cars to start a walk, places such as King George Vth. Walk, the Coastal Path and the entrances to parks, perhaps a lot of the nuisance of fouling by dogs could be avoided.

M.P.A.White, Riviere Towans.

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## HAYLE AS IT WAS

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## "SUCCESSFUL RESCUE"

I was walking along Hayle Beach one day when I saw a gannet in distress. It had got its beak entangled in a piece of fishing net and seemed to be drowning.

I took off my shoes and waded in and picked it up and brought it ashore. My problem then was how to get the net off, as I had nothing with me. Luckily I saw a piece of broken glass at the water's edge, and cut it with that.

The gannet did not try to peck me so I expect it understood I was trying to help it. It was exhausted and lay there panting for a while. Suddenly it got up and gave a run and soared into the air out to sea.

We see lots of pieces of net and carrot bags probably tipped overboard from ships. I wish people wouldn't.

Jessie Hook

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## THE FIRST INSTALMENT OF - KENNETH AND HIS CAR.

I had it in mind to buy myself a Motor Car and the idea that if I went to London I would pick up a bargain, therefore I made plans to go to the big city. I asked for a day off from my place of employment, namely Saturday, 30th November, 1935. I was also granted leave from my post as organist at

All Saints Church, Carbis Bay.

I commenced my journey on the Friday night by catching the 9.30pm train from St Erth station. I think the fare was 30 shillings, 3rd class to Paddington. It was a corridor train and the occupants of the compartment were three men and one middle aged spinster. Our conversation was somewhat discreet, but we chatted about current events and played cards for low stakes .. tut tut ... and had cat naps. One of our company was in the Motor trade and was going to London to collect a furniture pantehnicon, the body of which had been built onto the chassis and

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cab of a standard vehicle. We got into conversation and I told him the object of my journey was to buy a second-hand car. He offered to help me to try to secure a bargain, or a reasonably priced vehicle. We discussed tactics if we saw something suitable. I agreed to pay him £1 commission and I was willing to pay up to £15.

After a most welcome breakfast we made our way to an area of London, the name of which I can't remember, in order to collect the pantehnicon. From there he drove to North London (Hornsey) where we stayed for the night.

On reaching Hornsey early Saturday afternoon we called at a garage in search of a car. In a dark corner, partly covered by empty boxes and other rubbish we spied an Austin 7, which we manhandled out into the daylight. It was a 1929 Austin 7 Coupe with boot as opposed to the usual dickey seat, registration number UUL 5987. It had a fabric body and wire wheels. My acquaintance turned over the engine by means of the starting handle in order to try out the compression. The battery was almost flat as could be expected but there was enough charge to give us a spark. We started the engine with the handle, and with "full choke" she fired almost at

once. He being an expert, was satisfied with its performance and then began the bargaining. The asking price was £15, but as I passed on to my partner a wad of £1 notes which he flashed in front of the vendor and for a cash deal I secured the car for £12.10 shillings, this with the £1 tip amounted to £13.10 shillings altogether.

I had come to London armed with the necessary documents, first the application form for the Road Fund Licence and then a cover note for the insurance. These together with a Postal Order which I had obtained from a nearby Post Office in Hornsey were posted to County Hall, Truro before the last collection, which I think was 4.15 pm, and that was a Saturday afternoon. Things were different 50 years ago!!! I bought 4 gallons of petrol for 6 shillings (i.e. 1s.6d. per gallon), checked the oil and water and drove my new acquisition to the forecourt of the hotel on the side of the street where the pantehnicon was already parked. We booked accommodation for the night and were all set for the journey to Cornwall.

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