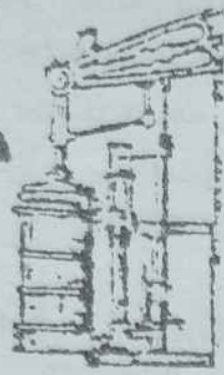


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Charlie, as most people will know has now stepped down as Mayor of Hayle. Having spent 2 years dedicating many hours of his time, with his wife at his side, he has decided he should spend more time in his other interests, such as his music and not to be forgotten the time spent attending the town's business instead of his own.

Get strumming Charlie, good luck and thank you for all your hard (and colourful) work.

JP.

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## THE GREAT MARCH OF HAYLE, 1997.

I wish to heartedly endorse the Article published in Issue 16 of the "Pump", which expressed the feelings of the people of Hayle so eloquently, and in response I congratulate everyone who was involved with the March.

The people of Hayle were in complete unison on the 29th May 1997, and having been Mayor for just one week, it was a joy and a privilege to lead the March, together with my husband, Brian, my Deputy-Mayor, Brian Capper and our M P Andrew George.

I want to say a big THANK YOU to you all, the Hayle Town Band, (didn't the bassdrummer give it his all!!), the organisers and their

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helpers, the Police and to the people of the town, not only for turning out in such numbers, but for the very orderly manner in which the March took place from start to finish.

When we were about halfway there, Andrew said to me "I expect we'll walk over the bridge, don't you Shirley?"

I replied "No, Andrew, we will follow the road, around the round-about"

Andrew said "What and stop all the traffic!"

I answered him, "Yes, they'll do it for us!"

We smiled at each other when we

passed the Loggans Roundabout, and when we got to the big Roundabout, our feelings swelled again. It was quite a daunting moment for me on the platform at the Rugby Ground, but very



touching too, facing so many people as their Mayor.

It must have seemed a very great distance to walk for our young people, but thank you to their parents for bringing them along and the little ones in their pushchairs.

Andrew's little boy asked if "*we were in Camborne yet?*", but in years to come those children will be able to say that "*We were there!*"

THANK YOU TO YOU ALL

Cllr. Shirley Oliver.

Mayor of Hayle.

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### HAYLE FLOWERS

Thanks should go to Michael and Russel, the gardeners who have done a fantastic job with the Hayle planting - such beautiful displays!

## RUTH DUNN

As most people in Hayle will now know, Ruth Dunn has retired from writing up the events of various organisations, such as Hayle East W.I, Hayle Old Cornwall and many, many more. She has been doing it for nearly 50 years.

I for one, as a member of the "Hayle Pump", would like to take this opportunity of thanking her for all the hard work she done.

Ruth wrote about these events for the Cornishman, West Briton and the St Ives & Hayle Echo.

Toni Carver, of the St. Ives & Hayle Echo informed me that Ruth had worked for his father, his uncle and himself over the years, and did not know how he would be able to replace such a reliable and loyal reporter.

During the 2 hours I spent with her, she told me that it all started. It was in World War 2, "Wings for Victory Week" was approaching, her father-in-law suggested a street party, and she wrote the story about it. The start of a lot of writing!

It was in 1967 when her husband died, that she decided to put "her all" into writing up the events for the papers and has carried on ever since.

Ruth is a "with it" Gran, which is not surprising as the time I spent

with her was full of chatter and laughter, obviously young at heart as are her grand-children. I would have liked to have been able to spend more time with her.

One again Ruth, thank you for your devoted service to the community.

Good luck in your retirement.

Margaret Perkins.

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### TREASURE HUNT

When Jeff and I were married our wedding rings were hand-made by Penzance jewellers MANZI's in Causewayhead, from silver mined in Zimbabwe by Jeff's brother, and from gold mined by his father, so as you can imagine, I was really upset when after a day's work in the garden I realised I had lost Jeff's ring. It was my own fault I suppose, I knew it was a bit loose and I should have been more careful. I was wearing his ring and not my own because I had previously cut my finger with a saw, and it was still a bit swollen so my own ring no longer fitted. As the swelling went down, so the ring got looser and this fateful day it came off without my noticing. Once I realised I went all over the garden, digging up where I had just planted, crawling over the lawn where I had been weeding and sifting through

all the weeds piled on the compost. No luck, oh well I thought, maybe I'll come across it one day.

Then I saw a notice in Biggleston's window "RECOVERY SERVICE" and I 'phoned the number. Nigel came to the house with his treasure seeker, and after going over the entire garden and only finding the odd key and bits of rusty old metal, just as I was beginning to give up hope - lo and behold - he found the ring! If you would like him to help you, call Nigel on 754492 he's magic.

by Sarah Turk.

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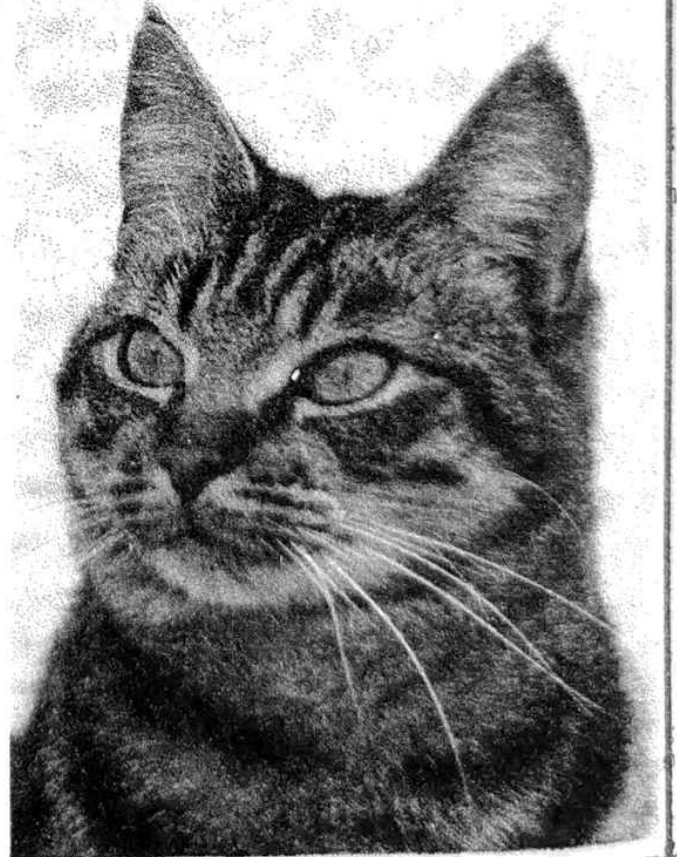
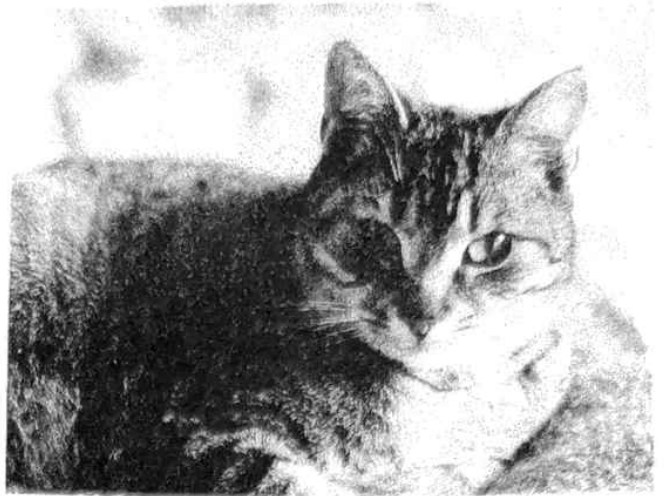
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## "Back to the Future"

As Chairman of the Harveys Foundry Steering Group, I am often asked "What's the point of preserving our past?"

My reply usually goes something like this -

- 1] Hayle has one of the most important histories of any Town in the UK This is something we should be proud of, even though we are at a low ebb at present.
- 2] Much of what Heritage remains can be constructively used to better Hayle's future by preserving and up-grading. These sites can be used for Business or recreational use and not purely "conserved" for

the sake of it.

- 3] External organisations looking to base themselves at Hayle are often attracted to these up-graded sites where they can achieve an identity. The Harveys Foundry Steering Group and Town Trust are at this moment negotiating with such an organisation - one of the main reasons for choosing Hayle was because of the potential of the Foundry Barn and Farm Complex.
- 4] Unless there are positive plans for redevelopment of such sites, it is better to retain the older buildings rather than leave empty, derelict sites which is what has happened in the past.

5] Hayle has an Identity crisis at present. St Ives has its Tate Gallery and Penzance has Shopping and Tourism. The legacy of our industrial past has left us with some magnificent structures that could be used as a Sculpture and Crafts base - thus generating income from Art and General Tourism.

6] It is important that our young do not totally forget the importance Hayle once had. It is all too easy to dismiss Hayle as a "run down dump" We can prove that this was not always the case and that we at one stage were more important than St Ives or Penzance -thus helping morale.

6] There are a great many historical items that need preserving. This is often best achieved by siting them together in a Heritage Centre where they can become an attraction in their own right and looked after. Again, bringing income into the centre of Hayle. What is important however is that we must look forward and not backwards. Our Heritage is important but it must not be allowed to stagnate or prevent future development taking place. The past and present must work together to achieve a balance. For example old dusty Museums are out. Interesting Visitor Centres are in, where the public get the chance to "touch

and experience" our past. There must be value for money and quality. The planned Heritage and Arts and Craft Centre at Foundry will achieve this in the near future by putting our past to work for the future.

Marshall Hutchens, Chairman Harveys Foundry Steering Group.

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Most of the time they survive and spend a few weeks at Copperhouse Pool and fly away with the parents at the end of August. They always arrive in February. There are generally three Shelducks, one to help mind the ducklings.

The year before last unfortunately the water had been held in by the

floodgate, and when it was opened, all ten of them were washed onto the beach, where they were attacked by dogs. Fortunately the lifeguard rescued them and called the RSPB who took them to Perranporth, and so the Shelducks lost their ducklings.

They have been coming for 22 years, as long as I have lived here, and most times they have 3 ducklings left to live another day. The pool is used by birds just as much in Summer as in Winter, and it is necessary for the Pool to flood naturally all the time for the food to be brought in by the tide. People do not realise this.

Jessie Hook

## People Power and Hayle

After the successful first public meeting at Hayle Rugby Club, it was decided to form a committee to fight the incinerators proposed for Marsh lane. Much thanks must go to Phil Forder and a group of Carwinard Close residents for getting into action quickly and organising the first public meeting.

A committee was formed of willing volunteers and nobody had to be press ganged unlike other committees that I have served on! Graham Clemens was proposed as chairman and voted in on a majority decision, Ian Decon was proposed and voted in as Vice Chairman. Then it was asked that members of the public who might be interested in joining the committee could come forward. It was asked that ten people come forward, in the end fourteen people came onto the stage. A bucket was passed around the rugby club hall which raised £319 for a fighting fund.

At the committee meeting that followed various ideas to fight the proposal were mooted by different members of the committee. My idea for a public march through Hayle up to the rugby club where a public meeting would be held was met with a bit of resistance from one or two of the more conservative minded members of the

committee but on a vote the majority voted in favour. Then we had the task of organising the band to lead us, Media coverage, first aid and many other important details. We met with a bit of resistance from the police at first, but after a bit of persuasion from Graham and even veiled hints of "we are going to march even if the police did not want us to", the police agreed to help us.

My job was to keep the media informed, this entailed several appearances on West country T.V. and Spotlight and also Radio Cornwall and Pirate Radio. Every time the phone went it seemed somebody wanted to know what was going on in sleepy old Hayle!

The liberal democrats did a superb job in promoting the march with a leaflet drop to the majority of houses in the Hayle area. They did this for free, add this to the free printing of posters by John Guivers team of printers and we had a very professional advertising campaign worthy of any election campaign!

The day of the march started for me with T.V. stations ringing up to come down for interviews and wanting to meet locals who were marching, to film them making banners. Dolcie Gallger of West Country T.V, rang me to ask if we would really get a 1000 people

# Des Button

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marching. I told her that would be the least we would be expecting and we thought that we might get up to 3000 people. I held my breath for most of the day after the phone, call hoping that we would not be let down and end up with 100 people marching.

The day rushed by very quickly with much to do. At 6 o'clock me and my wife and daughter holding the now famous mad cow wind sock, made our way down to the commercial road car park to make preparations to meet the marchers. When we got there the car park was virtually empty except for the crew of committee members who

were the rally stewards. Day-glow jackets and walkie talkie radios were handed out. The media suddenly appeared out of nowhere in droves. By this time the stewards were starting to get worried as we had less than 100 marchers in the



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carpark, so we crowded the people together to make it look like we had loads of people there! About 15 minutes before the march was to start people were seen streaming into the carpark from every direction, if it could have been seen from the air it would have made an amazing picture. Many people were carrying banners and flags, every body had the same look of determination on their faces, that

enough was enough, and the Hayle area was not going to put up with any more rubbish being dumped in Hayle.

I got to thank Andrew George our brand new MP for coming to march with us - Then we all got the march started. I was stewarding the front end of the march, I was

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walking behind the huge banner being carried by the Lads from the Cornish Arms pub. They had a real job getting the banner moving as a stiff breeze had sprung up. As the march went through Hayle many people came out of their houses to cheer and support the marchers.

As we reached the Penmare Hotel the tail end of our march was just coming out of the carpark, this meant that the march was almost a mile long! Coming round the bypass round-about it was a relief that the police had done a superb job of blocking off the traffic.

Residents of Angarrick were on the round-about to greet us with cheers and clapping, it was my job at this point to try to get the marchers to chant "No incinerators for Hayle!" The T.V cameras had got ahead of the march at this point by some cunning cross country navigation thanks to Gary of Hayle. The film of the march will stick in my mind forever as a high point. The police estimated the marchers numbers to be around 3000 people. It brought together people of all ages and politics to march against something that would have been the ruination of the whole area. I hope in the future to be able to produce some post cards of the great Hayle march of '97.

It proves the point that people power really works - it certainly scared WRE off because the next day they decided to defer their application. This led to me being asked to go on Westcountry Live to comment on the issue. Again I was asked if we were being "nimby" in our approach to the

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issue, I replied, "No we don't want the incinerators built in anybody's back yards!"

By the time this article is printed we will be at County Hall to see this application laid to rest forever. Most of the county councillors seem to be with us on this, and hopefully will refuse WRE planning permission.

I would like to mention the following people for helping the fight against the incinerators

Committee members Peter Billing, Des Button, Graham Clemens, Karen Darlow, Ian Decon, Phil Forder, Paul Frost, James Gore,

John Guiver, Chris Hayes, Sarah Johnson, Fiona MacCloed, Mike Morris, Owen Philp, John Pollard, Helen Riley-Humfrey,

Nicola Uren  
Members of the public

"Kiwi" Doug Stephens, Suzy Hall, Mr & Mrs T. Bird All the residents of Cawinard Close and Pathway Fields for their superb banner making efforts and finally every one of the 3000+ people who turned up on the day, also thanks to all the media who helped publicise the march. St Johns Ambulance for first aid cover, Hayle town band. Andrew George MP All the speakers at the rugby ground.

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operated a large foundry, famous world-wide for its engineering products. The engineer Brunel planned many project from the offices, of which the Clifton Suspension bridge and the first steam locomotive are examples.

Cornish people are well-versed in myths and legends of the County, but how are you into Zombies and Werewolves? You are not? Well, a visit to "The Crypt" may be an education. I scarcely dared to go round the place - not alone, I hasten to add - for immediately we entered the door, menacing music (if we can call it that) and subdued lighting made for an awesome atmosphere. It is impossible to know what is around the next darkened corridor, or with whom you will come face to face.

Sweeney Todd, the demon barber of Fleet Street, might confront you as being the next choice filling for the pies made next door! Burke and Hare, the body-snatchers, are not a couple one should meet alone. Creeping slowly around the next passageway Count Dracula is waiting. What to do? Run? but where to? There is only the next unknown corner!

The build-up of tension is eased, fortunately, by the surprise of the magnificent presentation of the opening of king Tutenkhamun's



tomb and viewing some of his treasures. Finally, good always conquers evil as portrayed by the set piece of St. George and the Dragon.

Should your dreams tonight be disturbed by Zombies, Werewolves and Ouiji Boards, take the precaution of obtaining a Talisman to ward off the influences of what you have seen, or have a re-run of "The Crypt" tomorrow. Who knows, you might get used to it! On the other hand, if you can't beat them, join them. Have fun.

The Commentator

How about letting readers of The Hayle Pump know how you got on? Ed.

## **NO NEED TO WALK ALONE**

It seems hard to believe now, but only two years ago, very few people in Hayle had even heard of U3A (the University of the Third Age), let alone realised that this organisation had some 63,000 members throughout the United Kingdom.

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Hayle U3A meet in the Philip Smith Annexe which is next to Hayle Day Care Centre in Commercial Road. We offer a variety of 'groups' for our members to attend, and we try to strike an even balance between the study and leisure groups. The initial objective of U3A was to stimulate the mind and exercise the body, thus promoting a way forward to improved health in later life.

We hold a Social afternoon on the first and third Thursday of each month, when we generally have a guest speaker on a subject to suit everyone, irrespective of sex. Our subjects for the forthcoming Autumn programme range from an Antiques Roadshow to a visit from the delightful Mrs. Rosewarne, plus many other varied and interesting speakers.

Other classes which are held throughout the week at the same venue, are French, Writing for Pleasure, Art/Painting, Play-reading, Local History, (which is covered by a series of visits to places of interest and a few historical 'strolls'), and Crafts. Whilst outdoor activities include

Swimming, Bird-watching and Walking. We also try to arrange additional trips from time to time when opportunities arise.

If you are retired, perhaps bored and wish to make new friends (or even meet up with old friends), then why not come and join us? You may even have a special skill which you would like to share. U3A is a self-help organisation which welcomes all abilities - even the venue is wheelchair friendly.

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Snails are not often out during the daytime, they like to emerge from their refuges at evening times to plunder your plants.

Garden snails do have hearts, kidneys, lungs, and a simple digestive system encased within their shell, but don't seem to have a brain as we know it.

Its tongue moves in and out in rhythmic strokes, drawing its tongue against backward facing rows of teeth, that's the rasping sound when they are eating our vegetables.

Teeth when worn, are replaced on a conveyor belt system, old teeth at the front drop off, to be replaced by new ones.

A snail has not got a waterproof skin, so it has to be careful to maintain a fine balance between becoming too dry and drowning. That's why the old trick of beer traps in the garden works to kill the snail, (which is a less danger to wildlife than slug pellets).

The beer traps work because a snail absorbs moisture through its skin,

and becomes too swollen to climb out and too bloated to withdraw back into its shell. A water trap would be as deadly.

Emerging from hibernation, a snail seeks out a mate by following a trail with the most attractive smell, before laying 30 to 50 eggs, usually in the soil, under stones or wood.

They seldom live beyond the age of 2 years and many are eaten up by hedgehogs, badgers, various rodents and thrushes.

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This path, which is about a mile long overall, has been much en-

hanced by the replacement of the 2 slippery, uneven stones on the steep bank at the end of the path at Nanpusker with 7 stones. Additional improvements include 2 named finger-posts and a new gate at Treglisson, 2 finger-posts and modifications to the stile at Higher Treglisson, plus 3 standard Waymarkers and further improvements to another stile.

The work done has all been accomplished with the goodwill of the local farmers. A lovely example of this has been the cross-field path on Mr. Body's land, where he has put up 3 new Waymarker Posts himself, using plastic Waymarker discs.

Other completed Projects are the addition of a Handrail to the narrow bridge across the river on Footpath No. 36, at Angarrack. There is now a new Kissing Gate on Footpath No.6, and where 4 Rights-of-Way meet in Mr. Roger's Farmyard at Trethingy 2 named Waymarker posts have been put in. A new stone stile and a wooden horse barrier have been built on Footpath No.5, where the stile drops into Drannack Lane. This is another point where 4 Rights of-Way meet and we have put in another named Waymarker post.

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on Footpaths leading off metalled roads, Hayle has added 10 more under the Parish Paths Partnership Scheme.

Our future plans include the further negotiations for new timber where Hayle's Footpath No.5 meets Gwinear's Footpath No.10, with our neighbouring Parish.

We also await the diversion of Footpaths Nos. 10 and 11, and the creation of a path going around the yard at Trewoon Farm. Here, we plan 3 stiles, with Waymarker posts where two other Footpaths Nos.6 and 7 meet. All these improvements will create some lovely circular Walks.

We have come a very long way since the original Path Survey was undertaken by members of the Ramblers Association in 1992-3 and a further Survey by Hayle Community School in 1994, as a part of their Activity Week.

The people of Hayle are now passing remarks about the improvements to the Footpaths Network. Walking is becoming very popular, and any problems with obstructions and clearance work needing attention is being reported. Signposts and Waymarker posts are helping the Landowners, Farmers and the Walkers by showing the correct routes to use.

We have proved in Hayle that working together with the local Farmers is the best way forward although it has meant many hours of planning and some delicate negotiation by the co-ordinator. The results have shown that it was well worth the efforts of all concerned.

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Footpaths co-ordinator

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## HAYLE ROWING AND PILOT GIG CLUB

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In 1979, a new boat named Genesis was built for the club and by the end of that season had won every championship trophy there was to win.

In 1980, the club joined the Cornwall Rowing Association, and had another two boats built. Penhale

and Albatross, and by the end of 1983 Hayle Rowing Club had become runners-up in no less than five Cornish Championships.

However, in 1984 the club faced a setback when they lost their storage space. Many rowers retired and some went to other clubs, but after a Special General Meeting in 1985, remaining members voted overwhelmingly to keep the club going.

In the early part of 1992, with gig racing popularity, the club decided to have their first gig built. A gig is a clinker-built boat made from Cornish elm and is 32 feet long and approximately 4ft. 9 ins wide.

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Pilot gigs were originally used to take the pilots out to ships at sea to guide them into harbour, but were also used for life-saving and getting doctors out to a casualty at sea. However, the origins of gig racing date back to when there were shipwrecks, and gigs from various coastal villages would race each other out to the wreck to salvage and claim its cargo. First gig there had the best pickings!

Six people are needed to row a gig and are numbered from stern to bow, each position in the boat is important. The stroke rower or number 6, is responsible for setting the pace of stroke for the other five to follow, and numbers 3 and 4 rowers are usually the biggest and strongest of the crew as they are the engine-room of the boat.

It is essential for the whole crew to row in time together to ensure the boat moves swiftly and smoothly through the water. There is also a coxswain in the boat, whose job it is to steer round the racing course and motivate the crew.

Hayle Rowing Clubs gig was built in 1993 by Ralph Bird, who is one of the few remaining gig builders in Cornwall. The gig was named Isis after a ten oared self-righting lifeboat which was a gift to Hayle in 1866 by the Oxford University Lifeboat Fund. Isis is painted deep



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cherry red with a white bottom and yellow flash along the side of the boat.

In its first season of gig racing in 1994 the club only had six men and two lady rowers, but the men's crew had an outstanding summer winning race after race and were eventually crowned Cornwall Gig Association Champions at the end of the season.

As more and more young people started to take an interest in gig racing, the club decided to try and recruit some junior rowers, and in 1995 training began with two new crews, Under 14's and Under 16's.

Both crews had a promising start to the 1995 season, but really came into their own last year when the Under 14's won every race and took the Under 14's County Gig Championship trophy., held at Hayle for the first time, and the Under 16's came fifth at Newquay in the County Championships.

This year the club has two new Under 14 crews, an Under 16 crew, Ladies A & B crews, Men's A & B crews, a veterans and a mixed crew.

To date, the Under 16's crew has won 9 trophies this season and the mixed crew won the Truro River Race, the An-Gof Plate and the

Mounts Bay to Porthleven race.

On Sunday 24th. August, the Hayle Rowing and Pilot Gig Club will be hosting the Under 14's Championships in the Regatta Pool for the second year running. This promises to be an exciting afternoon with crews from all over Cornwall taking Part in timed heats, leading up to the final later in the afternoon. Also in August the club celebrates its 21st. birthday, and to commemorate this occasion anyone involved with the club during its 21 year history is invited to take part in a group photograph of past and present members, young and old, rowers and non-rowers.

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Up till now it's been cold wet, and  
wetter,  
And according to those in the  
know,  
It isn't going to get better, in fact  
It will probably snow!  
Yorkie (82 year young lady)

## **HAYLE MODEL RAILWAY CLUB**

First, apologies to anyone who came to visit the Club one Wednesday evening to find no-one there, due to circumstances beyond our control

To make it easier for all concerned, we have now decided to hold the steam outline running evenings on Thursdays in the future -so everyone will be welcome from 7.30pm onwards -bring your trains to run.

The layout is being re-wired at present, but this is taking place, bit by bit, and will not affect the operation of the layout.

For further information on the Club and its future activities, ring Jim Cook on 755989.

Did you see us during the Hayle Heritage Week?

### **AN OBSERVATION**

Why is it that whenever you need an appointment to see your doctor, there isn't one available until the following week? Yet when you arrive for the appointment, there on the reception desk is a board stating how many appointments people missed the week before.

Why can't people ring to cancel, or go to the clinic to say that it is no longer needed. Then others who need to see the doctor, could be given an earlier time.

## COPPERHOUSE BLACK BLOCKS

Have you noticed that a large number of houses and other buildings at the Copperhouse end of Hayle are built of curious large blocks, black in colour?

These blocks are very special to Hayle and date from the time of one of the earliest industrial undertakings in the town, the copper smelting works of the Cornish Copper Company.

The blocks were moulded from the waste product of the copper smelting process, the slag or scoria.

In many parts of the country where smelting took place - South Wales, for example - the broken solidified residue was simply piled high in unsightly slag heaps. In Hayle the C.C.C ran the molten slag into moulds and used it to build their houses and public buildings.

The material is very dense, immensely strong and impervious to weather conditions. The most numerous and main building block is approximately 12' x 12" x 18" (30.5cm x 30.5 cm x 45.7 cm) and weighs about 2 and three-quarter cwt (133.7 kg). The other main block produced was of a mitre shape used mostly as a coping stone. A third type was also made in small numbers, but these are

hard to find.

The blocks were produced from the 1750s to around 1820 when the Cornish Copper Company ceased operations and converted to an iron foundry and engineering works, the Copperhouse Foundry of Sandys, Carne and Vivian.

In many of the cottages the blocks are hidden under pebble-dash and other renderings, but the blocks are exposed in their natural state in the sea wall is around Copperhouse Pool, Copperhouse Dock (Co-op Pioneer ), the Black Bridge, the curtain wall and 'Old Vestry' of Phillack Church and, in

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the town itself, Phillack Church Hall.

Present-day builders dislike the slag blocks as it is impossible to work them in any way. One builder said that he would rather bring a cottage down to the ground and re-build it with concrete blocks than try to re-model the original slag blocks.

The result of this has been that over the last fifty years many of the slag blocks of Hayle have gone for hard-core and other similar uses; a feature of the town disappearing forever

The most recent example has been Copperhouse Chapel which

was built entirely of slag blocks, most of them re-used from the original circular chapel in which John Wesley preached.

Regrettably, this is not the end; in fact, some of the few remaining major slag block structures are still under possible threat. If we are not vigilant we may yet see the destruction of more of these unique features of the history of the Copperhouse area of Hayle.

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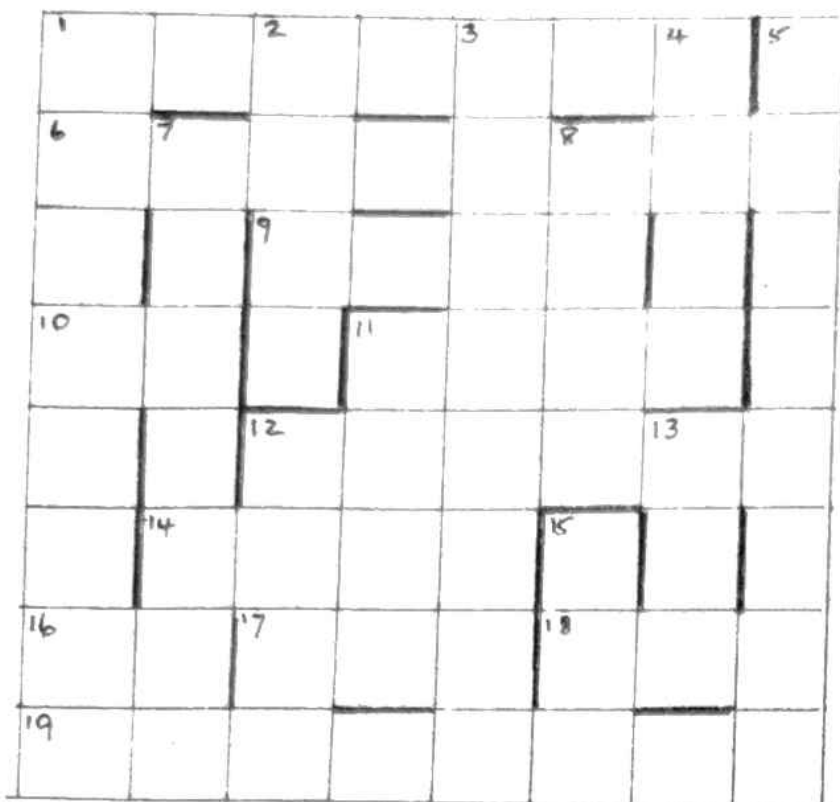
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1. Garden rubbish? (7:)
6. Listened? No, signed up instead. (:8:)
9. Exact - good for a dunk (:4:)
10. Greek character. (2)
11. Sheltered alongside back end and found a vegetable (4)
12. Pleasantly generous type with gutless lady (6:)
14. Golden perhaps, at the tail end (4:)
16. An eye for the Scots (2)
17. Sneer inwardly, born (3:)
18. Several 16, 17 back, poetically even (3:)
19. The sound of a bell outside study is to be afraid of (:8:)

Down

1. What our eyes did when we woke up this morning (:8:)
2. Be thankful Nature provided this bone (4:)
3. Mixed dances, Ed and Rose (8:)
4. Bill the magistrate perhaps (4)
5. If dyeing, gets changed for improving the mind (:8:)
7. Therein perhaps - not one or the other (7:)
8. What the golfer did to his ball (4:)
11. Plimsoll mark? If you can't see it you've taken too much on board (4:)
12. Cows (4)
13. Railway siding in early evening (:3:)
15. Garland from little island (3)

## HAYLE CAMERA & SOCIAL CLUB

Our June Summer Social meeting was, as usual, a very enjoyable evening centred around an excellent meal at West Cornwall Leisure & Bowling Club, Queensway, Hayle.

Field Trips before this were graced by reasonable weather, the June trip to Dairy Land was blessed with sunshine and blue skies.

With many members meeting at least twice a month for the mutual enjoyment of our hobby, our year long season, is, like most of the near ten years of our existence, going along very nicely.

One change this year is the date of

our regular exhibition at Hayle Public Library. This year we have the month of August in which to show our members' work.

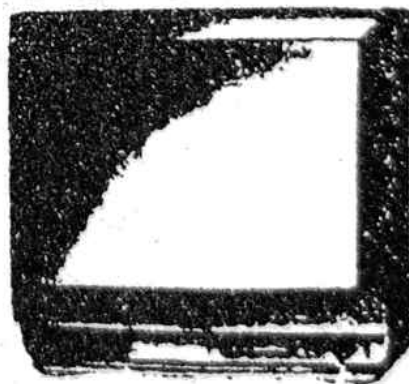
Town Mayor Shirley Oliver, will present the awards on Saturday the 26th of July 11.30 am at Hayle Public Library to the winners of The Hayle Heritage Festival Photographic Competition.

May I offer a few pointers for anyone considering taking up photography or seeking to improve it for themselves. Joining a Club will certainly be informative. However, make a few visits first to see if it suits you with regard to the sort of area you want to work in.

Our club is simply a Camera Club. This is restricted to "Still" cameras,

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not videos or cine. We look towards helping others to improve their photography, from complete novice beginner to the competent enthusiast.

We do not provide opportunity for competition outside our own membership. Competition for us, is a part of our activity but does not include inter-club competitions

Some years ago we stood down from the Cornwall Photographic Alliance because, apart from it not being the majority of our members wish to enter their annual competitions, we could not easily provide the sort of help and support the Alliance needed at that time to run its various events for the twelve or more associated clubs in the County.

Our club, as far as we are concerned, enjoys a very active social side in its normal programme of events. Our guest speakers who attend each month, whether for the first time or on a return visit, have said that they have enjoyed the less formal and very relaxed atmosphere they have found with us.

This is by way of warning you of what you may find if you did decide to visit us.

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how to take complete control of whatever you are shooting, or do you just want to take better pictures?

The former requires that you make your own settings of shutter speed, aperture, and focus combined with the composition of the subject.

The latter would suggest you buy a modern automatic camera which will not only focus correctly for you but it will also take care of the settings, leaving just the most important item which is the composition and framing of the subject, to your own judgement.

NB. A throwaway camera is a focus free job which you send com-

plete to be developed and printed. Greater than the cost of one film but excellent for going abroad or to one off events where loss or damage could occur. Many of the cheaper compacts are also focus free, point and shoot models. You may not win competitions but the results may well surprise you without suffering the disappointments the incorrect use of costlier equipment can bring.

Of course, if you are considering buying a camera, especially if it is your first camera, why not give us a visit. We meet at Hayle Bowl on the third Tuesday of each month at

7.30pm. Have a chat with the members about what you have in mind. Get some "Hands-on" idea about various cameras **before** you spend any money. I would be pleased to talk to you about this or put you in touch with someone who already has experience of the sort of camera you may be considering.

I hope this has kindled a spark of interest in photography for you and that if you take up photography it will be as rewarding for you as it has been for many of us in our club.

I can be contacted on Hayle 757725 if you have any queries about the Club.

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*Letter*

Having looked at the number of hanging baskets in Hayle, and the over-kill of baskets in St. Ives, do you not think that we should write to the people of St. Ives to thank them for their left-over baskets that have been so generously donated. If they do have a couple to spare, could they out them up on the expensive custom made post opposite the "Jolly Bodger" that has been left empty.

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Membership is sadly at the moment down to around 36 which means that we need some new blood, anyone who can sing a bit, read music a bit and with a few hours a week to spare; most Monday evenings are practice sessions where the members enjoy learning new music, as well as going over the current stuff. Last year we had 26 engagements, so you see we are not really overstretched. If anyone is interested then come along to the practice night and see if it is for you, there is always a welcome at the Hayle Methodist Hall.

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### A SLIMMER'S PSALM

Strict is my diet, I must not want,  
It maketh me to lie down hungry at  
night, It leadeth me to pass the re-

frigerator, It trieth my will power  
It leadeth me in the path of starva-  
tion For my figure's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the  
aisles of pasta,

I will buy no chocolate eclairs,  
For they are fattening.

The cakes and pies they tempt me,  
Before me is a table set with green  
beans and lettuce,

It filleth my stomach with liquids,  
My day's quota runneth over.

Surely calories and weight charts  
will follow me all the days of my  
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*Letter*

Whilst holidaying in Hayle in June (the wet and windy week) I picked up a copy of the "Hayle Pump" - issue six- and I have to congratulate all concerned for producing an excellent magazine! I have been visiting Hayle since the early 80's and apart from the "Pioneer" store appearance some years back, which was much needed, I feel for locals as well as tourists, nothing seems much altered and Hayle still retains its magnetic charm.

I fully support the "No Incinerator for Hayle Project". Hayle needs

regeneration - not incineration! The idea for a Heritage and Arts quarter sounds wonderful, creating jobs locally and giving tourists an insight to the history of the town and giving local people the opportunity to show off their skills of today.

Hayle is a lovely unspoilt place, with a lot to offer, friendly locals and a loud voice when it needs to be heard.

The beaches were clean, thanks to the volunteer group in the Spring this year.

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Hayle Rotary Club has had a very busy time within the past month with seventeen members and their wives visiting their twin club in Brittany. This was Hayle's tenth visit to PORNIC, a seaside town near Saint Nazaire at the mouth of the river Loire. A bright, bubbly and buoyant holiday area with two yachting marinas, Pornic is how most of us would like to see our town of Hayle in a few years time when our visions come to fruition. We all stayed with fellow rotarians of the Pornic club and were royally entertained during the five days. Some members went boating,

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others to the market or sightseeing, but we all visited the local safari park with our hosts in a brand new coach especially hired for the occasion. With a meal served under safari conditions, many of us thought Tarzan and Jane would soon be seen swinging through the trees to join us - or rather help us consume the quantity of wine that seemed to flow as if from a river. We were wined and dined at the official dinner when our President Laurie White exchanged gifts with his opposite President Ms. Emile-Jacqu Loysel, who was very impressed with their Hayle Heritage mugs and a Rotary Past President's Jewel. The two clubs have in past years combined to fund a humanitarian project such as an eye camp, water aid or Medicine sans Frontiers who have had a very high involvement with aid to African refugees. Hayle Rotary again pledged our support for further years and will be holding events to raise money for this and other charitable needs. Whilst in Pornic, it was announced that our good friend and fellow Rotarian was being awarded a Paul Harris fellowship by their club for services to Rotary International. This matched a similar award made by Hayle Rotary Club nine years ago - a truly unique achievement for this

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very popular gentleman who co-  
incidentally has now returned to  
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On their return to Hayle the club  
hosted an international Group  
Study Exchange visit by American  
and Canadians who have been visit-  
ing the Rotary District 1290, with a  
group from this district visiting  
Canada District 6330 later in the  
year. Our guests were given a very  
informative tour of Terrill Bros.  
Foundry at Guildford Road, a busy  
operating business with an exhaust-  
ing output of all that is good for  
Hayle. Many thanks are due to

Kneal and David for their time and  
information.

This was followed by a conducted  
walking tour by Brian Sullivan of  
Hayle's industrial historical past of  
the Foundry Square area. Our  
North American friends were ex-  
tremely impressed as they have al-  
most nothing of such historical  
past. An excellent meal was then  
consumed at the Bowls Club fol-  
lowed by some excellent fellowship  
before we transferred our guests  
onto the Penzance Mounts Bay  
Rotary Club for the next leg of  
their tour of Cornwall & Devon.

Future events for the Hayle Rotari-

ans include a visit to the Minack Theatre and to the Jazz in the Park at Lanhydrock whilst we are also filling an emergency box for any calamity anywhere in the world, collection of old spectacles and tools for refurbishment and transfer to the third world. Any assistance from non-rotarians for these worthy causes would be most welcome at any time. (01736 793596) contact number.



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*Letter*

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was there!

I made a mental note of a few items in the shop for unusual Christmas presents for friends and family. So even if you are a "local" and don't feel you want souvenirs for yourself, why not pop along to the Mad Hatter's when you've a spare half-hour and afterwards have a cuppa and a doughnut, a cream tea, or indeed a tasty midday meal at a reasonable price. I understand there's a special pensioners' lunch on Wednesdays - I would imagine it'll be necessary to book your table!

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St. Michael's Hospital Chapel

7am Mass

Salvation Army

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11am Morning Meeting

6pm Evening Meeting

### Anglicans

St.Elwyn's 11am Parish Eucharist  
& Sunday School.

Phillack 8am Eucharist (2nd & 4th  
Sundays)

9.30 pm Parish Communion,&  
Sunday School

6pm Evensong

Gwinear 8am Holy Communion 3rd  
& 5th Sundays

11am Family Worship 1st Sunday  
Parish Comm. All Sundays with  
Sunday School

6pm Evensong (1st,3rd,5th  
Sundays). Holy Comm (2nd & 4th)

Gwithian 11am. Family

Worship/Communion/Morning  
Prayer.

St. Erth 8am Eucharist.

10am Parish Eucharist, Creche &  
Sunday School

6pm Evensong.

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I am a team member of the "Hayle Pump Newsletter". I always send my Aunt aged 87 and lives in Wales a "Pump" when it's printed. She wrote back after receiving issue 15- "Thank's B - for your "Hayle Pump" which I received today. I really enjoy reading them and feel I know about Hayle now. I find them very interesting. We have nothing like it in Solva, the only time we know something is going on, is when we see a bit of paper stuck on a fence with the news on, of the village.

## Connor Downs Play-group

Connor Downs Pre-School Playgroup is at present sited at the Non-Denominational Church hall in Connor Downs. The past Committee (particularly Jo Bedtord the Secretary and Val Kessell the Treasurer) worked tirelessly in writing and applying for grants to fund a purpose-built building for the Playgroup, to be sited at Connor Downs County Primary School. This, fortunately, has had the backing of the school, its governors and staff. It is hoped enough funds can be raised to cover all the costs in this future development, and apart from applying for grants, etc., the Committee and staff are continuously fund-raising themselves.

At the end of the Summer term we said "farewell" to 14 children, all of which are starting main-stream school in September, this leaving just 5 children. Fortunately, 2 have newly registered, making 7 children. This keeps the Playgroup open, but only whilst we have enough parents who are willing to run the Committee, actively involved in the organising and running of it.

I personally spent 5 years on a Playgroup Committee. "being pushed into joining in the first

place, but once I realised the importance of such an establishment and the fun of being involved with other parents - aiming for the same standards and outcomes - I would not have missed this experience for the world, for the benefit of my children and seeing the benefits to others.

Everyone must agree that it is vital to a small community as Connor Downs that this type of facility does not go unnoticed or unrecognised as so "important" to the little people of our society. For many pre-school age children (under-5's) this is their first experience of mixing with their peers and adults, other than family and close friends. This is a time of learning in a variety of ways, from physical play to socialising, and developing an independence and confidence in themselves.

Recently the Playgroup received a 'small lottery grant' and was able to purchase new and much needed equipment - this included multicultural and ethnic toys, male dolls, puzzles, paints, indoor/outdoor activity equipment, storage and vital safety mats.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped and supported the Playgroup over the years at their fund-

raising events. At the last event, the Barbecue & Bounce, held in the garden of the Turnpike Inn (with many thanks to Ian and Angie Elliott) we raised £218.00, which will be used to fund the running of Playgroup next term.

The last day of term saw the presentation of the children's leaving medals with the Cornishman in attendance for photographs of the leaving group.

We also said a sad farewell to members of staff and committee, especially Val Kessell and Sue Bryant, who will be greatly missed.

We wish everyone a very Happy & Healthy Summer and look forward

to re-opening on 5th September 1997.

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## HAYLE OLD CORNWALL SOCIETY

Just to remind you all that there is the opportunity to travel by coach for an evening's outing to be shown around the St. Austell Brewery.

After the tour there is a pasty supper and liquid refreshment.

Date 15th. Sept.

Time: 5.45pm from St. Erth.

Julie Cook - 755989 for tickets



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## MEANDERING IS MARVELOUS

We have enjoyed so many wonderful walks through April to June and I find it difficult to choose a favourite. They all incorporate breath-taking scenery, history, a four to five mile walk to loosen up the muscles, followed by a welcome cuppa before turning for home - but the thing that stands out in my mind is the friendship which has developed between the members of our Group.

On April 21st we ventured to Porthgwarra Cove and Gwennap Head, which is traditionally ac-

cepted as the real Lands End, being the most south-westerly point in Cornwall

The following week we targeted Tehidy Woods, where the bluebells carpeted the forest floor with their magic, and it was more of the same when we visited Bluebell Dell and Newlyn.

The next trip was to the Scillies in perfect sunny weather and a smooth crossing, yet even several travellers were seasick and so, while the rest of the party scrambled into the boats heading for Tresco to enjoy the delights of the Tropical Gardens, we stayed on St. Mary's.

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What more can I say, except - if you haven't meandered with The Hayle Meanderers you have missed so many treats - but there are still lots of walks to come, and we look forward to meeting you.

August 13th Loe Pool August 20th St. Erth. August 27th Camel rail. September 3rd Kemmelale. September 10th Fowey\* September 17th Lelant Coast Path September 24th Rosewall Hill

Walks always start by meeting at Commercial Road Car Park, Hayle, by the Library at 12 noon. Bring a packed lunch. We share petrol expenses, which means car owners are not out of pocket. The cost is according to the length of the journey between £1 and £4. We usually return by 4 p.m.

\* This is repeated by request. We will meet at the usual place at 10 a.m.

Joan Smith, Walk Leader...79 3631

## REPLY TO PASSING BY -ISSUE 16

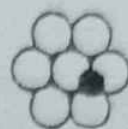
Though I'm neither thin or fat,  
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Anon

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## HAYLE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Forthcoming presentations, which should not be missed are:

**Move Over Mrs. Markham** by Roy Cooney & John Chapman at St. Elwyns Church Hall from Tuesday 26th. August to Saturday 30th. August. and:

Terry Pratchett's **Wyrd Sisters** from Tuesday 16th. September to Saturday 20th. September.

Both performances commence at 7.30pm. Tickets are £2.50 and are available from Spinning Wheel, Copperhouse Book Centre, Doug Wilcox Garage. For further information phone 757479.

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Trust's series of  
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Mill Amphitheatre such  
a success.  
Congratulations to  
the many performers  
who contributed their  
talents free of charge  
to the warm and  
appreciative audiences.  
See you in 1998

Congratulations to Bette Wills  
who was 80 years young on the 12  
July 1997

Notice

To all those people who do not  
know, which I am sure must be  
very few, Head Quarters, hair  
design have moved from Platt's  
Market to Fore St., Copperhouse.