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HAYLE PUMP NEWSLETTER

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Ebenezer?"**



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WELL, WHO THE DICKENS IS CHRISTMAS CAROL?!

If you don't know, we're not going to tell you! We just think that the best way to find out is to go and see Hayle's latest Pantomime which is "Ebenezer Humbug" and will be "on" 11th - 13th and 18th - 20th Feb at 7.30 (matinees 13th & 20th at 2.30) all at St. Elwyn's Hall, Hayle. The show may be based on the story of Scrooge but it has a few added ingredients such as Scrooge's two henchmen, one ghost instead of four and Ms. Christmas Carol. The Principal Boy's the hero, Ebenezer is the villain, the Principal Girl is saved and Christmas Carol is - well, let's just say, the Dame - all the ingredients necessary for a ghost rattling good Pantomime. Watch it!!
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Year 2000 - A New Start for the People of Hayle

The co-ordinating group, which represents most of the organisations in Hayle, held another meeting at the Community Centre on 29th January. It was well-attended and there was a general feeling of optimism and enthusiasm as several of the projects, which had been first put forward, look like being achieved. We have been absolutely underwhelmed by the feedback from the people of Hayle, however! There is a lot of time

and energy being expended and we would like to know what you think about the plans.

Churches Together are putting on an exhibition in the Library during July, which will signal the start of Hayle's Millennium Celebrations, and there will be a display of all the designs, plans and ideas.

Mr. Foy, who is in charge of Parks and Gardens for Penwith, was at the meeting, and gave his advice regarding the plants and seating along King George V Memorial Walk, and also discussed with the Flower Club representative how best to get the scented garden

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for the visually impaired planted. He is also actively pursuing the idea of planting the old Phillack Cemetery with yews and pine trees as an environmental project with local schools.

The Rotary Club will be sponsoring an award for the Young Person of the Year, open to those residing in the TR27 area.

The Hayle Town Trust was represented by Stella Thomas, who said that as Hayle is the site of the earliest Christian landing in this country, a sculpture commemorating this fact would be a very appropriate idea for the Millennium, and they would like to sponsor a competition, the winning design to be placed on the Plantation.

The Hayle Pump have had their first plaque made, to identify historical sites around the town, and we would welcome suggestions as to where these could be situated. If you live in an historically important house and would like it marked out by a blue plaque, please let us know. Mr. Brian Sullivan is giving us the benefit of his knowledge and drawing up a list, but all suggestions will be considered.

Mr. Richard Horwell attended

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the meeting to talk about a new organisation - Hayle Festival Lights. He and Jayne Quick have set this up and have already arranged a meeting with SWEB and are in discussion with the lighting wizards from Angarrack (did you see their lights this year? If you didn't, you missed a treat!)

It has been decided to leave the Carnival as it is, i.e. to be held on the first Saturday in December, and hopefully this year the streets will be illuminated as well as the floats!

Don't forget to let us have

your ideas, by handing them in to the Town Council at Passmore Edwards, or any of your Councillors, or one of the *Hayle Pump* drop-off points on Page 2.

Sarah Turk

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I went into Hampsons and ordered a quarter of tongue for my tea.

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Here are some more of my boyhood days at Penpol School with Mr. Climas, Headmaster, his son Ray, and my teacher, Mr. Lester Mitchell, who lived at St. Erth Praze. The road leading from Foundry Square to the school had 4 people living there that I remember, including Edwin Claty, milkman, Mr. Williams, shoemaker (who you could see working in his front room). Opposite was a shop and a lady from there, I think her name was Miss Clemence, played the piano at Copperhouse Cinema in the 'silent days'. When 'talking pictures' came, she was in the ticket box! The film operator was Cardel Ewart Harvey from Highlanes, our next door neighbour. He was a cripple and went everywhere in a wheelchair and to the cinema on crutches. Also in the street was Jolmy Roberts, egg and poultryman. He worked all hours of the day and night collecting eggs and chickens from outlying villages, which were left out for him. His pony could find his own way home in the dark whilst Jolmy plucked the chickens. We always knew when he had passed - the hedgerows were



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covered in feathers. The birds had wonderful nesting material.

We children used to sing a ditty:

“You should see the little piggies run

When they see Jolmy Roberts come

To cut three slices off their bum

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Your Lady Mayor mentioned the Drummer in the band on your protest march. In my day it was Mr. Bryant, shoemaker from Angarrack, and I remember him splitting the

skin banging it too hard. I remember her father-in-law, Douglas Oliver, from Highlanes, and her mother-in-law, Cora Mevy, whose father was Sunday School Superintendent at Highlanes Chapel, and they walked from Phillack twice each Sunday.

Now a little about “Pool’s Court”. This was the site of J & F Pool and opposite was a blacksmith’s shop. I cannot remember the owner’s name, but his assistant was Harry Drew who lived on the corner of Bodriggy Street. We could get our hoops mended for a penny or a new spill in our



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In Bodriggy Street was a little house-come-grocery shop owned by Mr. Bolitho, who also went out to the villages. Who can remember the "dinner boys and girls" let out from Bodriggy School at 11.45 am to take dinners to our fathers working at Foundry Quay and the Electric works?

Who can remember the School Attendance Officer? First there was Mr. Paul, a little man who walked many miles to see why you were not at school. When he retired we had Mr. Jackson, who rode a square tank MS motorbike. It

was said, if he caught you out of school he would take you there on the pillion.

And who can remember Mrs. Lang, school caretaker, and the teachers in the Junior School, Miss Jordan, sisters Sophia and Edna Trebillcock and the Head, Miss Pram, who lived on Clifton Terrace; and at Senior School Mr. Truccott, Mr. Penhall, Jenny Radcliff who was music teacher, and Headmaster Mr. Radcliff, but who was no relation.

At the bottom of Yaun Road was Andrew Eddy's Cycle Shop and Coal Merchant. He rented bikes at threepence an hour, sold coal sevenpence a quarter cwt, and lent you a truck to take it home. So before you went to school your mother gave you one shilling - sevenpence for the coal, then across to Hoskings, the butcher, for three-pennyworth of beef, two pennyworth of liver and a penny bone. And who can forget dear old Parson Berry from St. Elwyn's Church taking his morning stroll, smoking his pipe? People would go to him for a line that was a letter saying the church would pay for an operation at Penzance Infirmary - there was no Health Service then.

On Hayle Quay was a Fyffe banana-boat and if you were

polite, the crewmen would give you some to eat on the way back to school, or from taking your father's dinner.

Today people talk of Loggans Mill; there was a mill and working on the farm I took grain to be ground for cattle food. We knew it as HTP - Hosking, Tremithick and Polkinghorne. They sold all kinds of cattle feed including flaked maize. It was like Kelloggs - maize or indian corn steamed and then rolled between hot rollers. I always kept a basin at the farm where I worked - some cornflakes and milk straight from the cow, and it never hurt me, at least I don't think so!

Frank Horwell

Foundry Under Fives Playgroup



Nearly New Shop, Christmas Fayre, Christmas parties - we've had the lot over the last couple of months.

We started on 7th November with a Nearly New Shop, selling £678.00s-worth of goods, making a profit of £105.75 for Foundry Under Fives' funds. A

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fair amount of people came to browse and buy, all in all it was a great success - so much so that we are planning another Shop on Saturday, 15th May, 10 am to 2 pm. Plenty of time to sort out all those baby items the "little darlings" have outgrown! BUT, remember GOOD QUALITY items only, please. Watch this space for more details nearer the time.

Our Fancy Dress walk through Hayle was a major step in selling raffle tickets for our Christmas Fayre. The girls managed to sell nearly all the tickets. WELL DONE GIRLS!!

It may have been pouring with rain and freezing cold, but a few people managed to make it to the Christmas Fayre, which raised £483.70 for playgroup funds.

We were delighted with the music which was provided by Penpol School Recorders:

Class 7 - Jody Phillips
Victoria Richards
Class 8 - Daniel Goodman
Harry Whitehouse
Class Alpha - Hannah Gallagher

Thank you all very much, and especially thanks to Mr. Young, too, who agreed to perform at such short notice.

We'd also like to say a MEGA

big Thank You to Father Christmas, who braved the cold in his Grotto, and for taking time out at one of his busiest times of the year!

We have had two Christmas parties, one for our Toddlers and one for our playgroup children. Both were very hectic, but the children enjoyed them, which was the main thing. The playgroup children were delighted with the performance by the "magic lady", Yvonne Mystique and her lovely dog. Thanks to all involved.

Coming up in February is our traditional Valentine's Disco open to all Foundry Under Fives children and as usual free of charge, so make sure to put Friday, 12th February 4-6 pm in your children's diaries.

Over the Easter holidays we will be holding a sponsored Treasure Hunt for the toddlers and playgroup children. Please read your Newsletters for details.

We have registered for the Free Books and are now collecting the tokens from Walkers Crisps, The Sun and The Times newspapers so we can claim books for Our playgroup. So PLEASE think of Our children's story times before throwing away empty



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packets, and read papers. Let's give the children some new stories!

The next Committee Meeting is to be held on 22nd February at 8 pm. All parents are very welcome. If you would like to join the Committee, please see Vicki Horton, or give your name to any of the existing Committee Members. Have your say in what we do - at the end of the day it's your children who benefit!

*Jackie Emberson,
Foundry Under Fives Playgroup
Harbour View
Tel: 755511*

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Hayle Rose and Cabbage Horticultural Society



The year 1998 was a
chequered one for the society,
one which was financially not
brilliant but very enjoyable.

I would like to extend our
thanks to everyone who,
although not necessarily club
members, have behind the
scenes given us support this
year. In particular I would like
to mention Chris Lello, Chris
Pitman of Penwith District
Council's Direct Services, the
Flower Club and the

Photography Club, and all the people who come and help at the shows, and the people who judge our show classes for us. Thank you, too, very much to everyone who comes to our open evenings, those who have the courage to exhibit in our shows, and thanks to everyone who comes and sees what we do.

Most of all I would like to express thanks to our outgoing committee who have worked extremely hard for the club this past year. I fell into the role of chairwoman by default mid-term and was impressed at my first committee meeting with the efficiency of the committee. I felt then as I do now, in awe of how much they did and still do for the club.

The summer show was great, although entries were down possibly because of the awful summer weather. The weather probably affected the turnout for the autumn show which again was less well attended and with fewer entries than in the past. The main thing was, however, that there was much enjoyment in what we did, not only for us but for visiting gardeners who commented on the high standard particularly of our summer show. This was generally the tone of the remarks from the judges who

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kindly come along and judge the shows for us, and they are always very keen and full of encouragement.

We were lucky this year in being able to persuade Chris Blount of BBC Radio Cornwall to broadcast live from the summer show. Chris also extended an invitation for us to take part in a local radio Gardeners' Question Time, an invitation we have yet to accept.

Our year ended on a sour note, however, inasmuch as the hut, in which the club has historically kept all its equipment, has been destroyed. This means all the

trestle tables and other equipment needed for the summer show in particular were for a time exposed to the elements. We have had a rather harassed couple of weeks, but have now got another home to store our things in, by courtesy of a local company, to whom we are most grateful.

The removal of our equipment from the derelict hut and storage at the new accommodation took place recently by favour of Chris Lello, who lent us a trailer and driver for the day, and a team of very hardworking volunteers. Once again, the goodwill felt in the

town towards the club manifested itself in the kind offers of help to do this tough job. Many, many thanks indeed to all of them.

Meanwhile, we have an insurance claim pending. Unfortunately the old hut was made of asbestos, which is a hazardous substance if not handled correctly. We are therefore in the process of getting the remains removed professionally in a safe manner. This is a serious financial headache for the club.

The club also wishes to express extreme gratitude to Mr. Thomas of Penpol Terrace



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who has allowed us to be "in situ" in our old hut on his field at Humphry Davy Lane for many years. Thank you very much!

Our new executive committee will need to be just as dedicated as the previous incumbents in order that the club can offer its usual enjoyable events. As there are fewer people able to offer this level of commitment, we may have to curtail some of these activities. I look forward to a hardworking year in which we hope to offer some new innovations for both meetings and show classes, in an effort to attract gardeners who have perhaps not yet joined in with us. Everything we do will be advertised in advance in the usual way. Please come and support us!

Jacky Pierce
Outgoing chairwoman,
incoming club secretary
Tel. no. 755849

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 Who worked as a long-distance
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Hayle Millennium

As our thoughts turn towards the New Millennium, a wonderful new opportunity has been put forward for Hayle to enter the next Century with a fresh start.

This Century has seen Hayle provide employment through a variety of industrial and commercial sources. Those of us native to Hayle will no doubt have been either involved with the Power Station, ICI Works, Harvey & Co., J & F Pool, or the Port of

Hayle itself. Most can certainly recall the important part these have played in the economy of the town. Other industries have also been prominent during the last Century with such diversity as Biscuit and Crisp factories to the Dynamite Works at Upton Towans.

The wide variety of employment has sadly not been replaced, neither has the contributions made to the maintenance of the town and harbour by companies such as Harvey & Co. who, with their sluicing operations, ensured that the Port remained open. The last 25 years have seen extreme neglect of the area.

With the proposals now on offer, we should, I feel, not only welcome the re-development plans for the infrastructure it would bring, but also for employment opportunities for the high numbers of unemployed, especially the young. It can only be good for the Town and the existing commercial businesses.

I would hope that all parties, whether political or not, would work together to ensure the success of this project, and that any problems can be resolved both quickly and with a sense of pride in restoring Hayle as a leading town in Cornwall.

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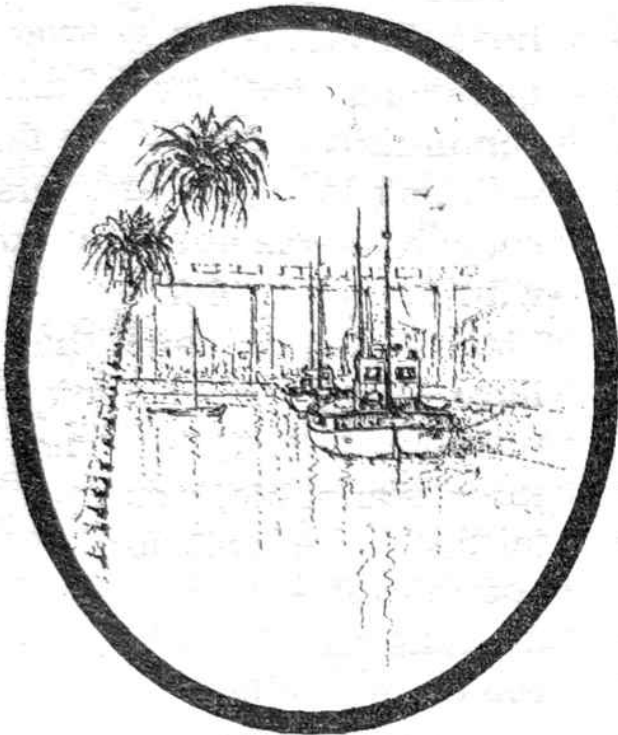
Cheerio!

Das, George and Katie (ex Angarrack Inn) would like to thank everyone for their fantastic send-off on Tuesday, 12th January at The Angarrack. Many thanks for the great gifts, flowers, kind words and best wishes!

After 20 years there are some wonderful memories and good friendships.

Special thanks to Sylvia, Jan, Julie, Pam and Lyn (staff), and to Jim and Lil, Rodders, Mike, Martin and Marilyn

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Letter

One of the editors asked me to respond to the letter entitled "The Millennium Bug - Why 2000's a Con."

My first reaction is that it is easy to set up a lame duck, claiming it to be fact and then shoot it down, winning support to your cause. This is exactly what the writer of the letter has done. Essentially no-one can disagree with her. Unfortunately, what she attacks isn't actually there. I quote. "The vast majority of us have been hypnotised into believing that as soon as the

millennium arrives everyone will ditch their petrol-powered cars..." No!!

Plus she confuses the millennium dome with the millennium, which stands and represents a life-changing occurrence in the past, present and future.

I totally agree with the writer that we mustn't expect too much from the 21st Century. But who does? We all realise that the 21st Century is only the 21st because it follows the previous 20 (AD). The writer also confuses the notion of the next millennium and the next century. |Pointing to an

unclear argument and gut cynicism.] Let us look back to the beginning of this Century. Edwardian Britain was dominated by families whose income was £1 a week. Whereas at the beginning of this millennium William I (the Conqueror) hadn't even been born! The next millennium will be exciting if we continue the scientific progress that was made in this millennium. Our quest for knowledge will expand as we learn more and realise just how little we know. Emotionally we will remain the same; fragile and insecure one moment, arrogant and brash the next. Physically we shall be bigger and stronger. Whether we will be more healthy I don't know, though this is what we must find interesting. We have grown,

developed and know so much more and yet, what makes us tick hasn't changed.

Throughout the ages religions have developed to answer life's questions for each different community. And if we face it, we don't have the answers, yet some religions enable us to live with the questions.

Many people claim that they have faith, but don't need religion. This view is understandable, except that faith's expression and communal side is concretised in religion. Religion is the rootedness of faith.

Christianity is a faith rooted in reality. Christianity is a religion which faces the pain of life, takes it, owns and suffers it. Harsh reality is not brushed under the carpet, and yet not answered with trite answers.

Christianity, over the past 2 millennia, has not done itself favours by claiming that which cannot be claimed, and by allowing some to enact violence and oppression in its name. And though it is maturing and growing each day, this religion is still founded in the faith that God loves us so much, God shares the pain which we inflict on each other, and the suffering caused by the freedom of the natural order.

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Not many religions have at their heart vulnerability. No other religion quite resonates with the reality of our lives as Christianity does.

The millennium is a celebration of 2000 years since the birth of Jesus called the Christ. Christians throughout the world will celebrate the past, and if we can in some small way point to the glory of what is to come, to give hope and a glimpse of heaven to the many who aren't coping with the present, then we have done all that is asked. This is why

the millennium is important. We celebrate 2000 years of faith, not based on power or authority, but a real faith, experienced in life, not namby-pamby ideas. 2000 years of wrestling with issues of life, and yet the action of one man, one Friday afternoon just over 1950 years ago is still as real for so many as it was for so few then. Many see in this a glimpse of heaven, and the millennium celebrations for us is a big thankyou party.

Revd Chris McQuillen-Wright

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The very busy Christmas period is now over and we are grateful to the community for all the help, financial and otherwise, that they gave to us. We sold the "Grocery Grab" tickets outside Daniels Shop and also at Wyevale Garden Centre. We also escorted Father Christmas on his tour of Hayle and at the Garden Centre. The income from all of these was sufficient to pay for the two Grocery Grab prizes and to take our senior citizens to see the Panto at St. Ives on

13th January with a little left over to top up our charity account.



Our next project is to find a way of making it easier for those who are not quite so young and not quite so fit to get, should they want to, of course, to the graveyard at the top of Phillack. If you have never tried climbing that steep path from the road to the top, have a go at it and you will see just how great a problem it is for the elderly to get up there to tend the graves of their loved ones.

At this stage efforts are being made to see if it is possible to put in some sort of zig-zag pathway and once the appropriate authorities have given their permission in principle then it will take money to employ professionals to design, obtain planning permission, negotiate with all the various authorities involved and to apply to the many sources of money to pay for the project.

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Each concert will commence at 7.45 pm with community singing from about 7.30 pm. There will be a short "comfort" break half way through and then at the end of the concert there will be a Pasty Supper. Admission will be £3.50 and we suggest you bring your own cushion as the seats are very firm!!

A suggestion for those who are unable to attend these concerts, but wish to support the cause - just send a cheque for, say £5.00, made payable to Hayle Lions Club. This is a

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joke really, but if anyone feels they would like to help us raise the money for this project, we would be very pleased.

We will be holding the Hayle Beach Run again in May so now is the time for you all to get yourselves fit. No use waiting until the week before the Run then find you run out of puff.

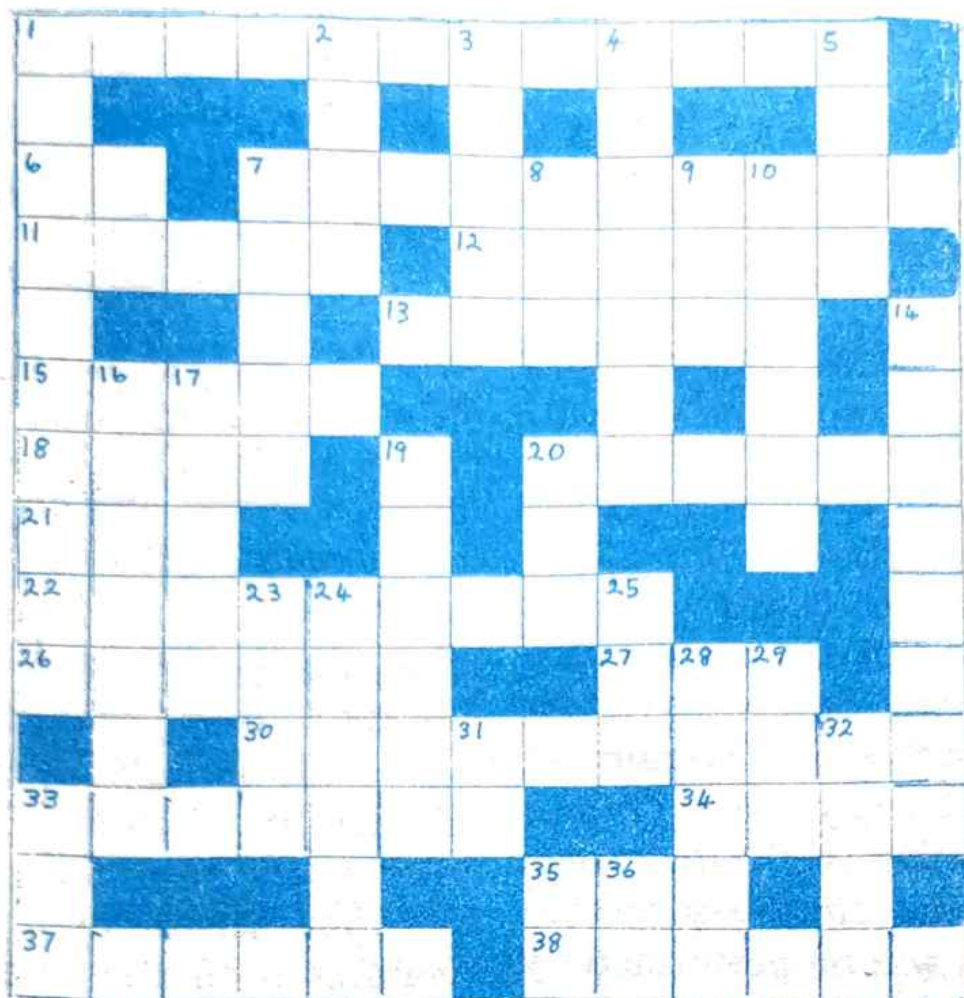
We are looking to increase the number of Lions in the Hayle Lions Club with suitable candidates so, male or female, if you feel that you would like to do something for your community and have some fun in the process, please ring me, Don McGeorge, on 752656.

*Don McGeorge,
Public Relations
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1. The Gadding Don gets high at the mine.
2. The BBC renew millions of TV Licences near Penzance
3. The betrothal set ownership problems quite close to St. Ives
4. "Set the Mizzen! - Nor-wester is on the Way"
5. In the last furlong Rockytop squeezed in beside the rails.
6. You cant say it is a big wine area - cabbage more like
7. Would a crowbar rip Percy's faulty lock open?
8. Inside the carved heart was written "Michel For Desmond"
9. Do micro-surgeons sew organs back on too? - only near Gweek.
10. Whereas David was more open, Dennis kept to himself and made the point.
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7. Bartipper
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5. Long Rock
4. Zennor
3. Halssetown
2. Newmill
1. Dingdang



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|---------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|------|
| 1. Heaven in Hayle | 8, 4 | 3. Walk sideways ? | 5 |
| 6. Little advert | 2 | 4. Writer, Ladyhorse | 3, 4 |
| 7. Worth two in bush | 4, 2, 4 | 5. County | 4 |
| 11. Scratchers | 5 | 7. Idle threat | 5 |
| 12. Express sorrow | 6 | 8. Boy's name | 3 |
| 13. Renter | 6 | 9. Chicken | 3 |
| 15. Up | 5 | 10. Irish County | 6 |
| 18. Peat | 4 | 14. Pleasures | 8 |
| 20. Antenna | 6 | 16. Baby song | 7 |
| 21. Small Lifeboat (ab.) | 3 | 17. Circular / oval track | 5 |
| 22. Government by a few | 9 | 19. Seditious opinion | 6 |
| 26. Belonging by birth | 6 | 20. Burnt wood ? | 3 |
| 27. Poem | 3 | 23. P.O. Cheque | 4 |
| 30. Eaterie | 10 | 24. Way | 6 |
| 33. Same meaning word | 7 | 25. Not me | 3 |
| 34. God of Love | 4 | 28. Dull, dull | 5 |
| 35. Family / School group (ab.) | 3 | 29. Listener | 3 |
| 37. Lower | 6 | 31. Trademark (ab.) | 2 |
| 38. Adhesive cannon ? | 6 | 32. Exploding star | 4 |

DOWN.

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|------------------------|----|--------------------------|---|
| 1. Where plants live ? | 10 | 33. Offspring | 3 |
| 2. Speaker's stand | 4 | 35. First Minister (ab.) | 2 |
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The SPAR shop at Foundry Square has recently undergone a major refurbishment.

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We wish them good luck and hope the success of SPAR at Hayle continues.

Jeanette Drew

P.S.

In addition to the above, I would like to add my praise for the great improvements which have been made in the SPAR shop. Not only do we have a local shop which offers freshly cooked chickens, but the prices beat any of those at Carbis Bay or Long Rock!

I was also pleased to learn that it is now possible to obtain cash back on a Switch card at the Foundry end of Hayle.

Well done SPAR!

Julie Cook

The Mad Hatter

Please note that The Mad Hatter will be closed from the 18th February until the 9th March.

letter

The Hayle Art Society held a Christmas Fayre on Wednesday, 9th December at Phillack Church Hall.

Although we only had a couple of hours from 2-4 pm, it proved to be most successful and raised over £250 for much-needed Society funds.

The hamper was won by Mrs. D. Pearce, and the competition to guess "Zoe" as the name of the doll was won by Rhonda Burgan.

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manning the stalls, but we all enjoyed it and found it worthwhile.

Many thanks to all those who came along and supported our efforts. We look forward to seeing some new members at our twice-weekly painting sessions in the New Year, on Tuesdays, 1-3.30 pm and Wednesday 7-9 pm at the Passmore Edwards Institute.

A Spring Fayre is being in planned at the beginning of March, to be advertised nearer the time.

Happy New Year!

Gloria Jeff
Tel.No. 01736.753405

HAYLE LIBRARY

Some while ago, the Mayor of Hayle, thought it would be a good idea to see what the school children of the town would like to see in Hayle in the Millennium - year 2000 and beyond.

The response was absolutely amazing and far reaching. There were the expected requests such as a skateboard area, somewhere where they can go because they are bored, a cinema, a covered swimming pool, which the Councillors already know about. There were however some extraordinary, wondrous and astounding suggestions. I think it would be a good idea if some of the elder members of society could call into the library to see the display of the winning letters within the next few weeks. It may open some of their eyes. Not all youngsters are bad, it is the few that spoils things for the majority, but then that happens at all ages, doesn't it?

Go along before it is too late. It would be really worthwhile to buy the booklet called "Sweeping the Sky". The title is an extract from Movah George's entry, part of which says "I think it would be great to be able to catch the stars. So, I think it would be fun to sweep the sky with fishing nets and bring the stars down to earth". What an imagination!

JRWP

A BIG WELCOME TO Mrs.LESLEY CHANNEL

I am sure everyone in Hayle will greet the new manager of the Hayle Day Care Centre in the warmest way possible. She took up her position on the 4th. January 1999. For the previous three years, she worked for a Private Clinic Care Agency, that was after having worked for twelve years in a nursing home in Portsatho near Mevagissey, but quickly insisted that she has connections with St.Ives and Hayle.

She is married and has two grown up daughters and lives in Truro.

In the short time since her arrival she has found the people of Hayle and the "Clients" - as they are now

called - of the Day Centre extremely friendly and helpful.

The usual activities, such as Whist, Bingo, general word and board games will continue and if anybody is interested, wait for it, Line Dancing! Those that are interested, it takes place each Wednesday evening at 7pm, which I am told is well attended. One "young" lady even asked if an expert in Tatting could be brought in to teach those that were interested this art. Last but not least, for those that find it difficult or would like a change from cooking for themselves, there is always a luncheon at 12 o'clock Monday to Friday, be nice and phone up and book.

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To enable the Day Care Centre to accommodate as many people as possible, a major fund raising has already started to improve and enlarge and upgrade the kitchen area and to build an extension for a store at the back of the present building, the plans of which have already been approved. Hopefully this will all take place in the next 12 - 18 months. All contributions will be gratefully received!

The elderly of Hayle should also remember that there are hairdressing facilities and a comprehensive bathing unit available, not forget-

ting the visiting Chiropodist. The nurse from Macmillan has the use of the Annex on a Wednesday. Those that are unfortunate enough to be visually impaired can be picked up on the 2nd. & 4th. Friday in each month and brought to the centre. Similarly, the Mini-bus is used to pick up those who cannot get to the Centre under their own steam.

It is a known fact that similar Centres in the north of the County are falling by the wayside. I hope the people of Hayle will not that happen here, so give your full support at all times.

Should further information be required, the telephone between 8.30 12noon and 1.00pm to 4.30pm.

JRWP.

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Hayle Harbour Project

Yes! Come on everybody - it is time to look for answers on what is going on in Hayle Council and Penwith District Council.

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"We love the town", said Jim, "so much so that we wanted the rest of the world to get to know Hayle, and we are proud that by New Year's Eve of last year almost 2000 people worldwide had visited Hayle's Website. They don't just get views of our part of West Cornwall, old and new, but

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they are right up to date with every event here that is about to happen. ANYONE who is trying to do something for Hayle can and does put their event onto the website for FREE, like the latest Tourist Information, and from fund raising charities like the RNLI and the Lions to Hayle's forthcoming Pantomime from HADS. We have even had this free service shouted about in Town Council Meetings!"

Jim and Gerrie tell us that the Website now even carries local adverts for Hayle hotels and tourist businesses at very competitive rates and already

they are earning money. So, if you'd like a peep at Hayle's Website, the address is:-

[http://members/xoom/com/hayle/index.htm](http://members.xoom.com/hayle/index.htm)

and if you need help to do this, phone them on **01736.754967**

It's a Hayle of a Nice Place!

Although I was born a St. Ives maid (many years ago!) I am certain that I made the right choice in settling in Hayle after a long time away and I'm not going to leave! It's a year and a half since I moved here with my husband, Jeremy, and every day I know it was the right thing that we did. Each morning when I take my Collie dog, Megan, out on the Estuary (the very name Hayle is derived from the Cornish word Heyl - a river estuary), I thank God for the view, the sea, the fields and the fresh Cornish air. No longer do I want to spend hours at airports, long flights and all the frustrations of getting to other parts of the world or even take long drives over the Tamar to get to other parts of England when I've got it all here. Why spend all that time chasing the sun when we (quite often!) have it here. Why

leave the warm, friendly people I meet every day while dog walking or browsing and the friendly shopkeepers who offer a bit of Cornish welcome - I can't think of one good reason.

But tell me, why are our politicians letting my town fall into the Estuary? When we find a right-minded businessman who sees a bright future for him and us in Hayle, they put so many barriers in his way that he is likely to walk away and let our Harbour sink into the sea. Most of our local Councillors are ready to work with him to get the best for us but some of our District

Councillors seem to put their own interests before ours, and our County Councillors blindly follow some party dogma and damn what happens to our lovely town. We were always the Cinderella to my own birth place and to Penzance but, as in the famous fairytale, we now have a chance to be the belle of the ball.

So will you tell me how I can help those who want to make Hayle a fine place to live in if not for ours then for our children's sake or, for my part, for my grandchildren's sake?

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 10th March:-
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 17th March:- St. Agnes - Blue Hills
 24th March:- Lizard Church Cove
 31st March:- Tehidy Woods
 7th April:- Gunwalloe - Halzephron

14th April:- Gwithian - Kehelland -
 Hell's Mouth

21st April:-
 Treslothan - Carwynnen -
 Pendarves

28th April:- Hayle Towans



Hayle Meanderers meet every Wednesday at Commercial Road Car Park at 10.30 am. We share transport, paying a £1 to £3 share to the car driver. We take a packed lunch and average five mile walks. There is no age limit and no charge to join us. We also have several meals out together during the year, when we enjoy good food and deepen our friendship cultivated through a shared joy in discovering the hidden treasures that Cornwall has to offer walkers.

Joan Smith - Walk Leader
 Tel. 793631



How do the Greeks transport large animals?

By Hippocrates

The West Cornwall Concert Band

This exciting new musical venture began last July, when a group of experienced musicians set up a concert band to enable new players to learn an instrument. Graham Richardson from Helston gamely volunteered to be the musical director, and with his enthusiasm we swiftly outgrew our home at St. Erth School and were welcomed by Hayle Band into their Bandroom.

We try to mix experienced players with beginners to maximise their progress - our youngest is 8 years old and our

oldest beginner is newly retired. We have grown to over 40 players, all making incredible progress, and our repertoire is steadily growing.

We have had several successful concerts in the bandroom and three carolling sessions in Penzance. All of these events were enthusiastically received, and the public have donated generously. We have received a pack of music from an unknown admirer!

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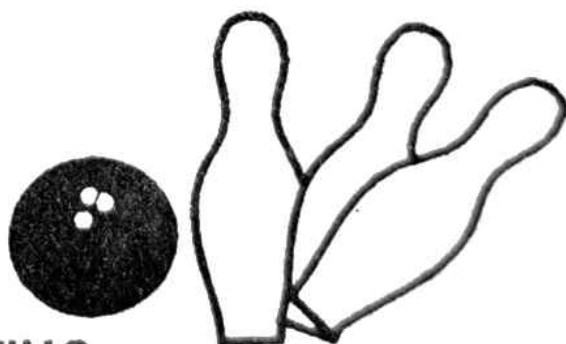
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Our next concert will be at St. John's Hall, Penzance on 26th

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*Roger Randall,
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753546*

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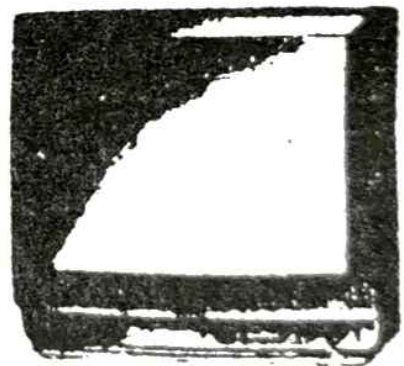
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Curate "Walks on Water" to raise money for Jaundiced Babies

The Revd. Chris McQuillen-Wright, known as the caring (or is it crazy?) curate of Hayle, is living up to the title in his latest fund-raising bid.

In association with the local diving club, Peninsula Sub Aqua, Chris, not known for his swimming prowess, will attempt to cross the seabed in Hayle Harbour on Saturday, 27th February, at 3.30 pm.

Having, in his own words, "a healthy respect for water", Chris is facing his biggest challenge (yet), and has many hours of training ahead. He will swim/walk across the seabed under supervision and with the full support of the Hayle Harbour Company.

All this effort is to raise money for a BILIBLANKET system for Ward 14 of Treliske Hospital.

Chris, like so many babies, was born with jaundice. In those "far off days" (1971), babies received the necessary treatment by having a row of lights shining directly onto the tiny naked body, and the baby had to wear eye patches to protect the eyes. A distressing situation for any new born

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Rumour has it that this may be Chris's last fund-raising

activity in Hayle, which is probably just as well ... what could he possibly do next?



If you would like to know more about sub-acqua diving, or joining the club, please ring Phil Biggs on 752917.

The View From The Steeple

Christmas at St. Elwyn's began with an Advent Carol Concert by the St. Ives Chamber Choir, who are now based at the Church. A Carol Concert sung by the combined choirs of "Churches Together in Hayle" was attended by the Mayor, Cllr. Mrs. Shirley Oliver and her Consort on 18th December, followed by the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on 20th December.

Christmas Eve was a very busy day for St. Elwyn's own Choir who started with the

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wedding of two of their members, Carleen Scorey and Richard Bunn; later they sang at the family Crib Service, and then rounded off their day with Midnight Mass.

After a short break, the Choirs are back practising again for Easter, when there will again be a service sung by the combined churches on Easter Eve.

Tony the Smooth!

By now many people will have realised that Reverend Canon Tony Neal has shaved off the beard that has been his "Trademark" for the past 25 years. This very personal sacrifice was made to raise funds for the Church and has to date raised the sum of £140!

The Sanctuary Sparrow

A Day By the River Hayle, above St. Erth Church

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gnats that bite
through my skin and get into
my hair
and send me scurrying home
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Christmas Quiz

Answers



1. Bigglestons
2. The Mad Hatter
3. Country Skittles
4. Neil Wade
5. Philp's
6. Angove Sports
7. The Spinning Wheel
8. Spar
9. St. Erth Cattery
10. Market Pet Shop_or
Hayle Pet Centre
11. David Moyse
12. A.P. Orchard & Sons

There were six correct entries to our quiz:

D. Barrett
L. Shirley
R.E. Crew
M. Golding
P. Blewett
P.L. Gregory

and the first one out of the hat on 21st January was:

P.L. Gregory.

However, as it was Christmas, each of the above were sent £10!

Penwith's Bin Mean To Us

Where's your bin? Don't ask me, ours and our neighbours' wheelybins were stolen on Sunday, 10th January from Foundry Lane. Why? Because there are some people who have no morals, don't care if our town gets a bad name, yet would be vociferously outraged if it happened to them. Well, I don't know why and neither did Penwith District Council when I reported the theft to them on the Monday morning. However, through experience of theft and insurance companies who won't believe you unless the police have given you a Crime number when reporting it - I got one, and a fat lot of good it did me. It impressed the girl in the relevant Council department, especially as I was the sixth person that morning to report a wheelybin theft, but she assured me that I needn't have bothered going to the

police. No, it wouldn't make any difference. I am still going to have to pay £36 for a new one! Come along Penwith! You decided to contract out of your refuse collection and you insist that we use Biffa's wheelybins to contain our rubbish - you won't allow plastic bags to be used - but when the wheelybins are stolen you charge US!! What am I and many others in the same situation supposed to do - pay a security firm for a 24-hour patrol? Don't be so damn tight with our money, Penwith, even a gesture of replacing a stolen bin once would be appreciated.

"Angry" from Hayle

• **Sorry Mr. Davey!**

Around Christmas time Mr. James Davey's sister Dorothy called in at Hayle Cycles and pointed out that her brother's poem, as printed in the *Hayle Pump* in the previous issue (Oct/Nov.1998) didn't make sense, as we had left out a vital comma.

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Hayle Old Cornwall Society at Seventy-Five

We would not have known that we were seventy-five had not an old minute book turned up which had on its title page the words "Hayle O.C. Society was founded on Feb 10th 1923". Unfortunately the first minute book has been lost so that we do not have a great deal about the early history of the society. Henry Jenner was our founding President and his signature occurs in that early minute book which runs from



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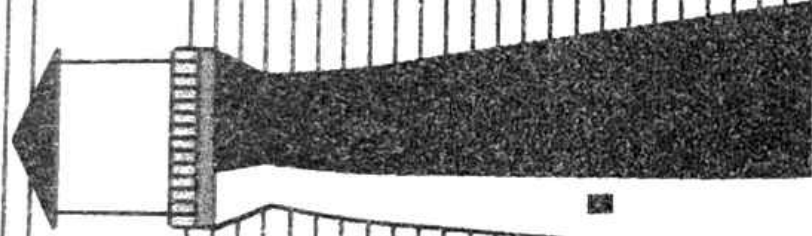
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1931 to 1958. Often his absence is noted because he was not always in good health at this time, and the meeting of the 28th May, 1934 records "his sad loss." The eccentric Caldwell Harpur (see O.C. Autumn 1978 p.544ff) was Recorder and his Recorder's Book survives, which deals mainly with what transpired at meetings rather than the surviving fragments of memory and the remains of the past which were even then disappearing in Hayle. Mr. Jenner must have been a formidable member of the audience. Woe betide any speaker who had not studied his subject well for, at question time, it would seem that he was well informed about most subjects which came up. His comments showed a knowledge ranging from the folklore and customs of obscure corners of Europe to a very detailed awareness of the flora of many parts of Britain!

Just a few interesting items from the early minutes will have to suffice here. On 19th January, 1931 a play written by Caldwell Harpur was performed at the meeting. In March 1932 a paper entitled "Strange Happenings" was read by Mr. R.J. Noall and

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afterwards "some very strange happenings were recounted by some of the members present". On 23rd June, "St. John's Eve", the bonfire was lit on Trencrom at 10.15 pm. "A garland of herbs was thrown on the fire and burnt as a safeguard against witchcraft, and many present also threw foxgloves etc., hoping for some good result."

The bonfire was often lit in bad weather, but, in spite of that, usually burned "furiously", even in the mist when other bonfires were not seen. It became something of a burden to "the poor old

secretary". But was the bonfire as disastrous as the October 1934 Minute suggests?

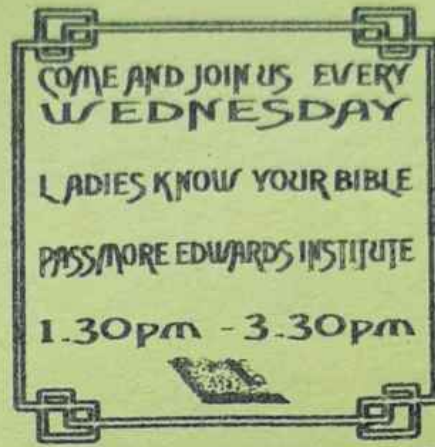
Commenting on an adverse balance of £1. 4s. 5d, the Secretary explained that this was due to members "falling off" and there was "a paying membership of only 20 *that amount being swallowed up with the bonfire on Midsummer Eve(!)*" What a price to pay! Indeed in those years we were having a thin time and the December 1932 meeting had to be cancelled owing to the British Legion Whist Drive in which many of the members were involved!

The Gorsedd is always commented on, though not the ceremony itself, and an example is that of 1932 when rain threatened "almost the whole of the afternoon, and a shower fell, it was not enough to mar the ceremony (at Merry Maidens, Lamorna), and none of us who were present will ever forget the wonderful sight the waterspout afforded us". That was to be remembered as well as the "fine old Cornish tea" at Penzance afterwards and "the splendid evening of singing and some very interesting papers given by our Celtic friends from Ireland, the Isle of Man and others".

The minutes of meetings do convey the atmosphere of those early years at Hayle. In spite of the occasional complaints of the "poor old secretary", whist drives and rain on Midsummer's Eve, it seems as if members enjoyed themselves at the meetings and the pilgrimages in the early 1930s. The secretary's brief accounts

of meetings do suggest that Old Cornwall was not taken as seriously as its founders would have liked but, with such a declining membership, it may have surprised some of them that we should have been meeting in 1998 to celebrate our 75th year!

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