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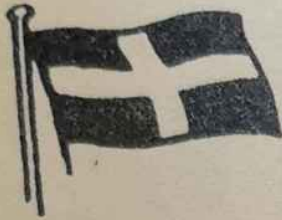


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**WHILE THE HARBOUR
CRUMBLES.**



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Goodbye and Farewell

Solemn Evensong on Easter Sunday will be the last service at St. Elwyns for Rev. Chris McQuillen-Wright, who is about to take up a new job as Team Vicar at Bodmin.

Chris, lovingly known as the "Crazy Curate" to his many friends, came to Hayle in June 1995 as Curate to the Godrevy Team Ministry and was ordained at St. Elwyns 12 months later. Since his arrival in the town Chris has worked very closely with the schools and youth organisations to try to set up a co-ordinated Youth Project with a Hayle-based Community Youth Worker.



Chris has also successfully "trodden the Boards" with HADS and co-wrote their last very hilarious production "Ebenezer Humbug", an adaptation of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. When he goes, he will, indeed, be a very hard act to

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All the congregation at St. Elwyns and those throughout the Godrevy Team Ministry wish him well in his new Parish. He will be greatly missed, but perhaps one day he will be able to return to Hayle in the future.

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The Sanctuary Sparrow



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If you've been following the exploits of our curate, Chris McQuillen Wright, and in particular his charity dive in the harbour, you'll no doubt have heard of us. We're members of the local branch of the largest diving club in the world, the British Sub-Aqua Club (BS-AC). We live, eat, breathe, and sleep diving (it captures you like that) and meet at Redruth Community School swimming pool every Friday from 8.30 pm to 10 pm for training sessions.

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Phil Biggs
752917

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A New Start for the People of Hayle

There was a packed meeting held at the Community Centre on 26th February to discuss progress being made on the Millennium plans.

There were several new faces, among them being Jeremy Edwards from Cornwall County Council and Bob Harper, who came along to talk about the cycleway being made by Sustrans. This is going to be opened Midsummer Day 2000 nationwide, on which date hopefully thousands of people will take to their bikes. Mr. Harper explained that Sustrans will be re-surfacing King George V Memorial Walk as part of their project, which was good news for the team working towards the Memorial Walk renovation scheme, as it will save them thousands of pounds. Sustrans will be installing Mileposts along the whole of the route from Lands End onwards. These Mileposts will be of cast metal, with the idea that "brass rubbings" can be taken and, as each post will have a different design and an overall interlocking theme, a whole large design can be put together by visiting each post in turn.

Paul Frost of OSSKA, the group

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of people trying to get a skateboard park in Hayle, was at the meeting to assure everybody that they were still trying to get funding, and were applying for a Derelict Land Grant. Dave Watkin, our Community Policeman, pledged his support, as did Councillor Marjorie Roberts.

The Watersports Centre Committee are still battling to get funding for a feasibility study for the scheme to transform the Swimming Pool. The scheme would be to cover the pool (and improve it) with storage areas that could be used by the Canoe

Club, the Gig Club, Model Boats, etc. and a club-house, a restaurant, a gymnasium and changing rooms. This is a wonderful, ambitious idea, but in all probability it won't be ready by 2000. Let's hope that it can be started in that year.

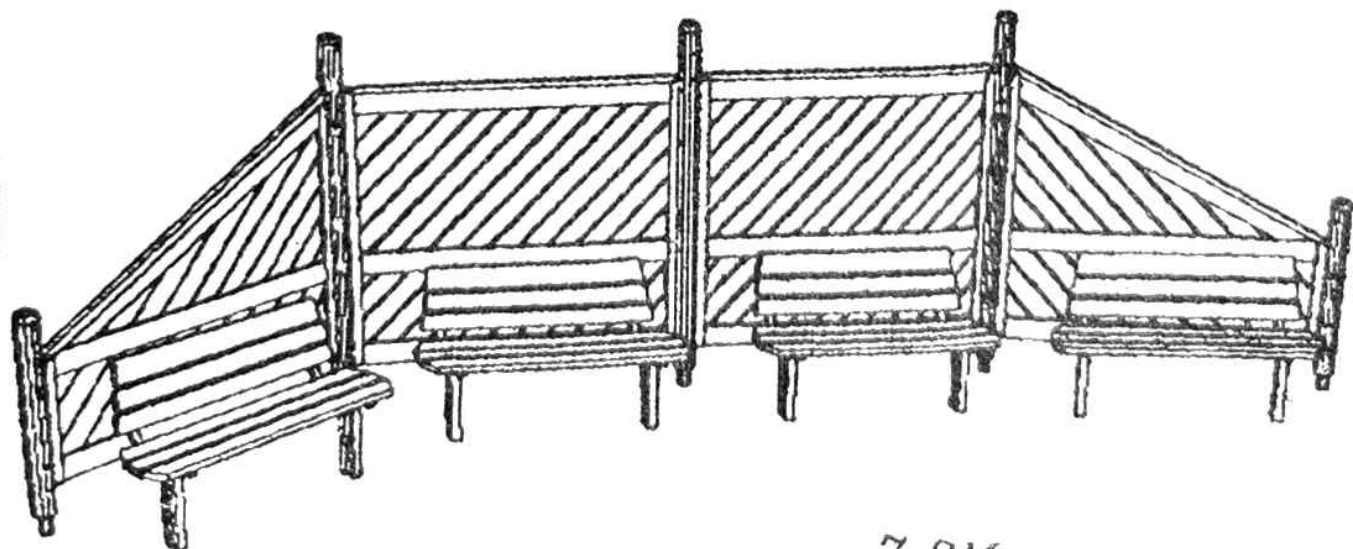
Maurice Trathen, representing Hayle Twinning Association, told the meeting of his hopes for signs to be erected welcoming visitors from our twin town in Brittany, Pordic. He wanted to put up flagpoles at Loggans roundabout with the Cornish flag and the French flag, but was refused permission by the Highways Department, which is a great pity, but he will be looking at other sites.

Richard Horwell and Jayne Quick, from the Hayle Decorative Lighting Committee, expressed their confidence that the town

WOULD be lit up for Christmas and the New Year.

And so to the King George V Memorial Walk - our big project. This is all on target. The roadway will be re-surfaced and the lights - approximately 27-30 - erected along the whole length. It is planned to demolish the shelter and put up a collection of seats and a windbreak in its place. The Flower Club have had a site meeting with Mr. Foy to discuss the scented garden for the visually impaired, and it has been agreed that the flower beds are to be raised to thigh height, and different textured rocks are to be placed around the rim of the fountain. The planting will, hopefully, start this April.

At earlier meetings the existing project to refurbish and regenerate the Cinema building had been raised. The Chairman



Proposed seating instead of the shelter.

had read the file which was provided by Richard Poupart. No progress for nearly a year - who could take on the idea? It was a wonderful plan, a central building in the town which needed renovation and could provide a flexible facility. Jim Wright kindly agreed to take the file to see if the Town Forum would be an appropriate avenue.

The group were delighted to welcome the Head Girl and Head Boy and their deputies from Hayle School, Leanne Moore, Tamsin Trivell, Richard Troue and Guy Bottrill. They were keen to get involved and their contribution was helpful - hopefully they will attend future meetings. They stated that the Skateboard/Watersports/Cinema ideas would get good support. There was also discussion of provision of a Cyber Café - perhaps as part of the Cinema project.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, or comments, please don't be backward in coming forward. You can get in touch at any of the drop-off points on Page 2, or the Town Council at the Passmore Edwards Institute.

*Correction - In the last issue, I said the first Christian landing in the **country** was at Hayle - sorry, it was the first in the **county**.*

Sarah Turk

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This is to be sited on Memorial Walk, with raised beds planted with aromatic plants and shrubs. Areas such as the basin of the fountain will have textured surfaces which can be touched, plus a sculpture for the same purpose. A plaque in Braille describing the garden is also being presented to the Flower Club.

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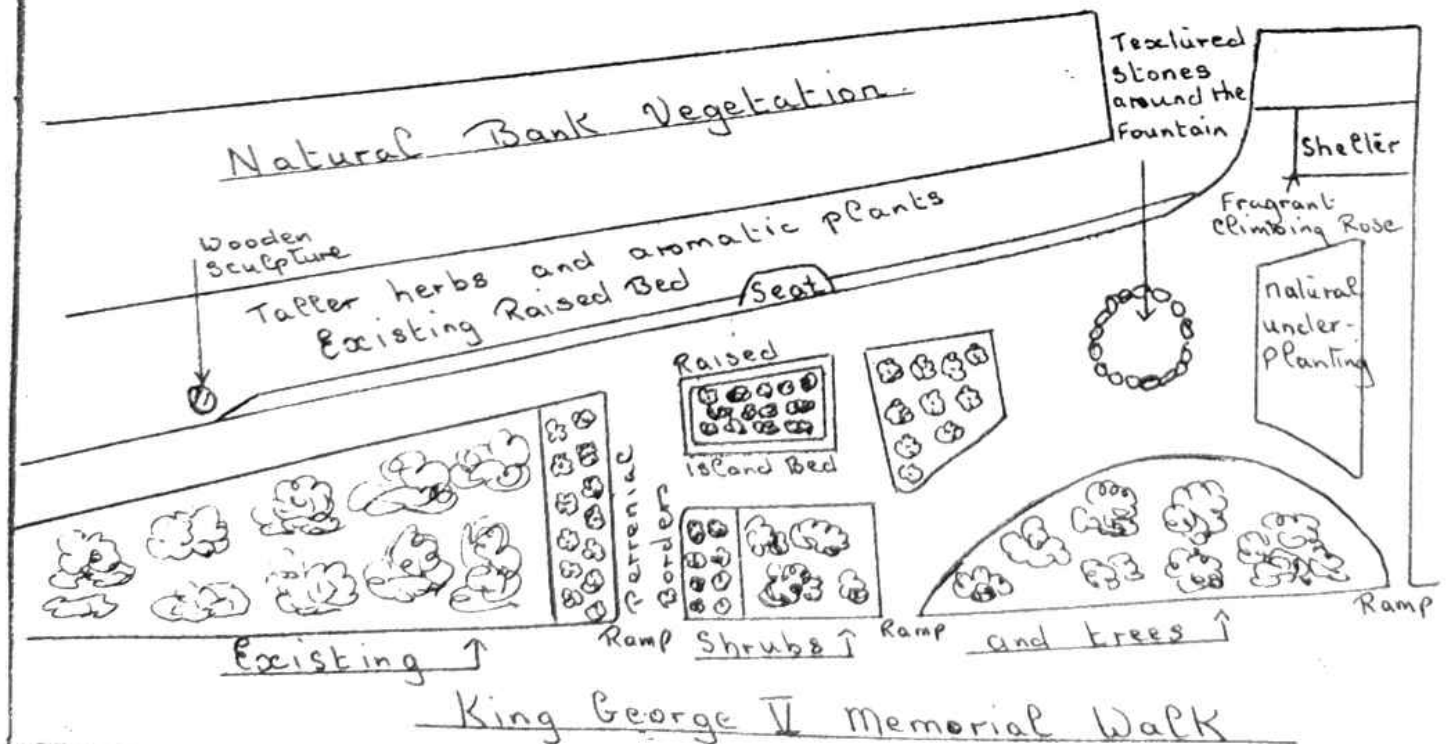
Many of the scented plants are being raised from cuttings by Club members, and the planting will start in May. The garden

has been designed for the Flower Club by Georgina Schofield, with the help and support of Penwith's Parks and Gardens Department.



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Rabbits arrived in Britain around the 12th Century. They were brought over from the Mediterranean region where they were kept for food in large warrens. At that time only the rich were allowed to eat them and any peasant caught poaching from the warren was

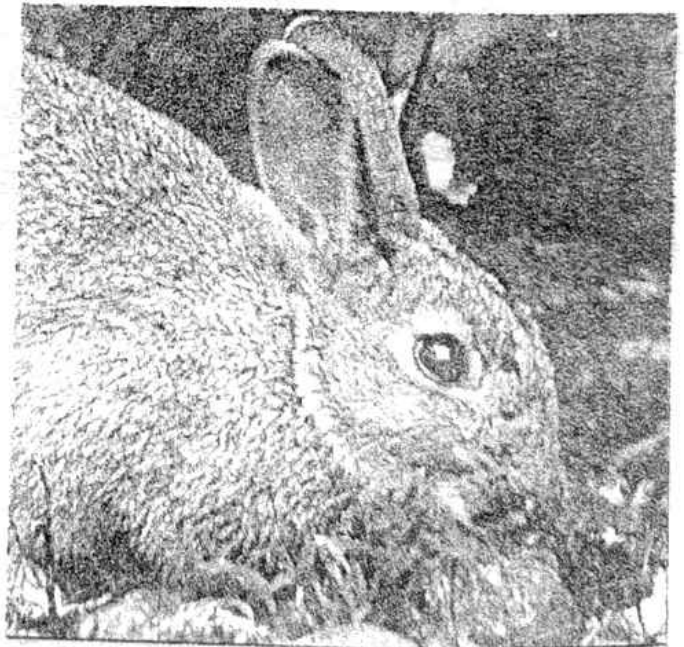
usually executed. But escapee rabbits soon spread all over Britain and today there is hardly a place that doesn't have a good number of rabbits.

Multiplying

Rabbits can reproduce at 3 and a half months old and sometimes have up to eight litters a year. With an average of 6 in a litter, they multiply like wildfire.

Breeding season runs from January to August, but mild winters mean the odd litter can be born very late in the year.

The high numbers of rabbits in summer soon level out in autumn when they seem most



likely to suffer from that dreaded disease, myxomatosis. This was deliberately brought into the UK in the early 50s, when it was reckoned rabbits

cost farms £50 million a year in damaged crops.

They were definitely a pest, but no animal deserves to die such a cruel prolonged and lingering death, which kills such large numbers.

Even today the rabbit is still detested by farmers because it nibbles vegetation right down to the ground. But away from cereal crops, the way it nibbles grassy banks can benefit other wildlife. In southern England, the Chalk Hill, Blue and Large Blue butterflies all suffered when the rabbit numbers fell. Their caterpillars feed on birdsfoot trefoil and wild

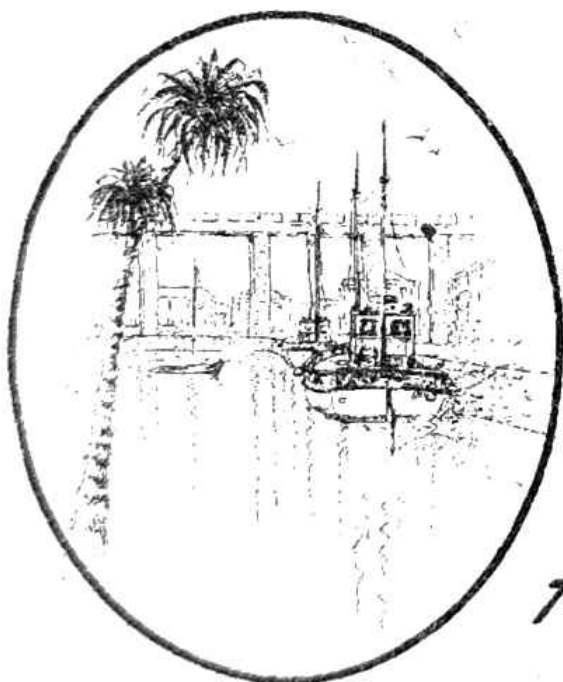
thyme, and when rank vegetation took over these plants, the caterpillars starved to death. Areas fertilised by rabbit droppings are soon colonised by nettles which harbour colonies of butterflies like the Red Admiral, Peacock and Small Tortoiseshell.

Did you also know that rabbits which eat a variety of herbs, etc. have a sweet tooth? They really enjoy fruits like plums. The tame rabbit will eat everything from chocolate biscuits, crisps and liquorice allsorts to even gingerbread! Although not a very healthy diet! The tame ones make good

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Switched-on Hayle

Hayle Decorative Lighting Committee held their second meeting at Hayle Bowling Club to report on the progress made so far.

Chaired by Dick Horwell, with Jayne Quick (Vice-Chairman), Paul Palmer (Secretary), Kate Palmer (Treasurer) and committee members, Marjorie Roberts, Brian Oliver, Hubert Prosser, Jeff Turk, Gail Barratt and Marie-Anne Sampson, the committee plans to ensure that Hayle will benefit, this year and in future years, from a festive lighting programme, stretching from Copperhouse to Foundry, that it can be proud of.

Funding will be sought from the usual sources (i.e. Penwith DC, Hayle Town Council) plus various events are being planned throughout the year to raise the necessary finance. Raffles (a new bicycle has already been donated), auctions and other events are in the pipeline - so watch this space for news of how everyone can help support this worthwhile project!

If anyone has any suggestions or assistance to offer, please contact a member of the committee and help switch the lights on again in Hayle.

Paul Palmer

pets. But I for one do not like to see rabbits having to live in small or large hutches. They should be free to run around and enjoy life.



Loony Limericks

There was an old lady called Gail
Who went to her first car-boot sale.
She couldn't find what she needed
So bought something beaded
Now it hangs in her shed on a nail.

The reported comments of the Hayle district and county councillors on the subject of the Hayle re-development are such a collection of generalities and waffle that, as a Hayle voter, I am still none the wiser as to whether or not they support the Carruthers project.

The Civic Trust Action Plan to which they attach such importance obviously accentuates fishing and commercial harbour activities, and whilst this may be laudable as part of the package, it will not, in itself, solve Hayle's problems, given

diminishing fish quotas, over-fished waters and other well-known maritime problems. (See Penzance Dry Dock). If Hayle has any viable economic future in the new millennium, it surely lies in the leisure industry; the proposed Carruthers development addresses this in a way which would make Hayle, like the St. Ives' Tate, an all-year attraction, and, as such, should be whole-heartedly welcomed.

I have had a small shop in Hayle for 29 years, and have wearily trudged the path of dashed expectations many times before.

Déjà-vu suggests that eventually Mr. Carruthers will tire of

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all the negative vibes and take his plans elsewhere, leaving behind a bunch of elected representatives claiming they did everything within their power to help him!

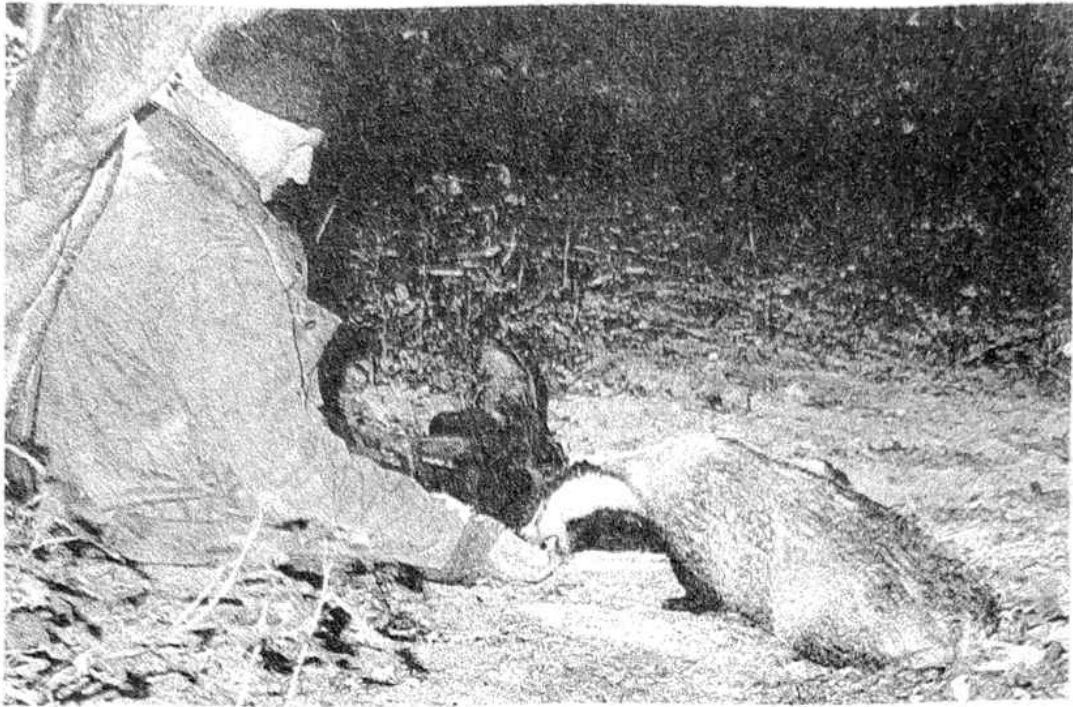
*Go Charles
Springfield,
19 Penpol Road,
Hayle
Letter*

Although I live in Dorset, I read the *Hayle Pump* regularly because Margaret Perkins is kind enough to post it here. I am an overkeen badger watcher, so I was glad to see in one summer edition that

there were arrangements for watching badgers at Tehidy Park. Now I notice you even have a Bajjer Arts shop in Hayle.

My idea of a good night out is to lie down in a local wood just before sunset and presently to be surrounded by a family of badgers feeding on the food I have placed around me. I have been doing this for a very long time, but it still gives me a deep thrill. Over the years they have become so used to my scent and shape that they will not only push against me to reach the food, but even sometimes eat from my hand. I started feeding badgers in this wood well away from their sett during a drought when they and their cubs were suffering as earthworms were hard to find. I simply left a good handful of peanuts each evening at a spot I could watch in comfort, and where the wind would blow my scent away. After many weeks of watching them feed and photographing them, I sat amongst the food. They were wary of me at first but already knew my scent as I had handled the food and had walked and badger-watched in that wood for years. It was still a surprise that I could be so close to such wild animals.

If you already have badgers



coming to feed in your garden, you could try it there.

As you can guess, I am deeply saddened by the idea of culling badgers to prevent TB in cattle. It is simply not a good answer to

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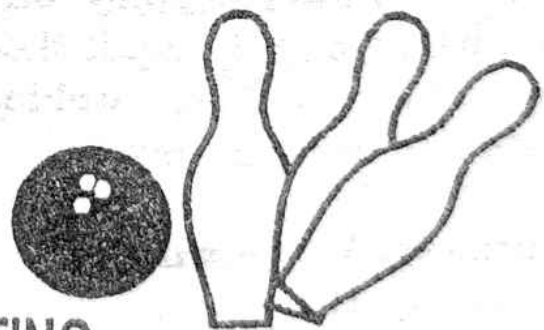
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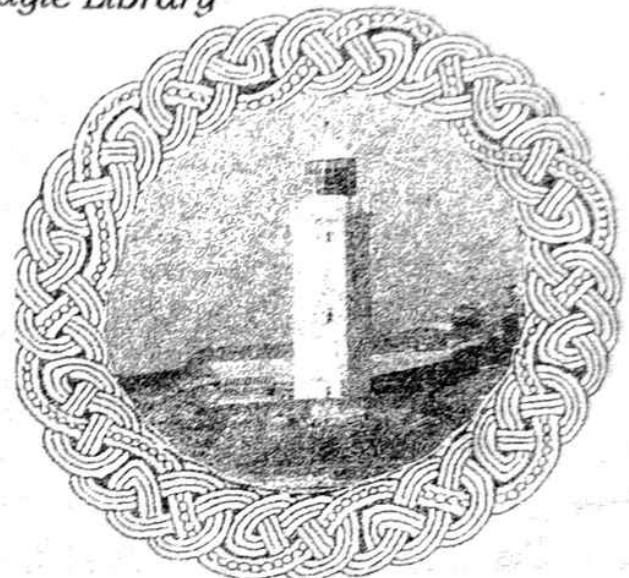
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*Judy Button,
Community Liaison Officer
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Children's Christmas at Hayle Library

Now you readers are more than likely wondering why Christmas is in the *Pump* when it will be Easter shortly. The thing is, there was no room in the last issue.

But I think the good work done at the Library for our children should be recognised.

Lots of interesting things were made by the children - decorations, cards, just for Mums, Dads, Granddads and Grandmums. Father Christmas managed to come as well with presents for the children.

There are a great lot of "do's" coming for the Easter Holidays, as some of you might have read

in *The Cornishman*. Now there is something new "Story Cassettes for Children". Oh! How I wish that I were a child - I would just love to take some tapes out and listen to Enid Blyton, Roald Dahl, Terry Pratchett etc. But alas, these tapes are just for the children! Think they should be for us OAPs as well!

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Foundry Under Fives Playgroup

All the children must have been nagging their Mums on Friday, 12th February - What a turn out to our Valentine's Disco! The children enjoyed loads of lively music, hot dogs and burgers, thanks to the supervisors who slaved over a hot cooker all evening keeping up a steady supply. A good night was had by all!

Friday, 19th March saw a visit to Foundry Under Fives by local MP, Andrew George. A full report in the next issue of *The Hayle Pump*.

Over the next couple of months we have lots going on, starting with Tempest Photos on Wednesday, 5th May from 2.45 to 4 p.m. We have so many reports about how good the photos are and how reasonably priced they are. Personally, I find I have just enough photos to go round the family. I particularly like the multicoloured background which, in my opinion, **makes** the photo - well, with the help of our little cherubs, of course!

Next, we have Parents' Evening on 6th May at 8 pm. This is a good opportunity to get together with other parents and the supervisors to find out what the children actually do while in Playgroup. I find you don't really know until you do a "duty". As with all meetings, it is open to all Foundry Under Fives' parents.

Saturday, 15th May from 10 am to 2 pm is the next date to put in your diary - Our Nearly New Shop. This time we will be taking 20% commission for Foundry Under Fives' funds. Items we are looking to sell are:
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items only, please. You could
make some extra cash for that
summer treat for the little
darlings!!!

Looking ahead slightly, to
Saturday 5th June - we are
having a Charity Shop at
Phillack Church Hall from 10 am
to 1 pm. All donations gratefully
received - look out for details in
the next *Hayle Pump*.

Last, but not least as far as
dates are concerned, Saturday
17th July from 11 am to 3 pm -
our biggest fund-raiser of the
year. Our Summer Fayre is
being held at Hayle Rec. With
almost a year's planning, we
have a few surprises up our
sleeves, but we are still looking
for any musical groups or any
other groups who could spare
half an hour or so during the
day to provide a performance or
demonstration. This is great
publicity for your group or
organisation, and for us, of
course. If you can help, please
contact Foundry Under Fives on
755511.

Before I close, I would just like
to say that we are having a great

response to our "Books for
Schools" collection. Keep up the
good work and we'll soon have
all those lovely new stories for
the children.

Jackie Emberson
Foundry Under Fives Playgroup
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MUD GLORIOUS MUD!

The open mudflats of Lelant Water, Carnsew and Copperhouse are the primary feeding grounds for most of the bird species that visit Hayle. Undisturbed areas like this are of life-saving importance in cold weather for birds pushed down by colder conditions 'up-country', so please do not venture out across them. Every minute counts at low tide and Hayle can support up to 18,000 birds at such times! It is because of its geographical position that the estuary rarely freezes over.

SALTMARSH, LAGOONS AND ISLANDS

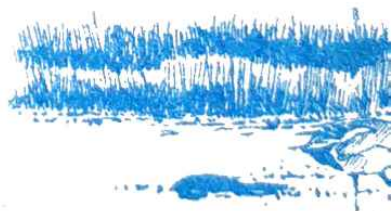
The RSPB bought the estuary in 1992 but in 1995 we acquired a dry field behind the Causeway and introduced seawater to the land known locally as Ryan's Field. A lagoon and four islands were also constructed and these now serve as a high tide roost especially in autumn on evening spring tides. The field has reverted to its original saltmarsh habitat and the Society is introducing car parking and a hide for visitors.

SANDY BEACHES

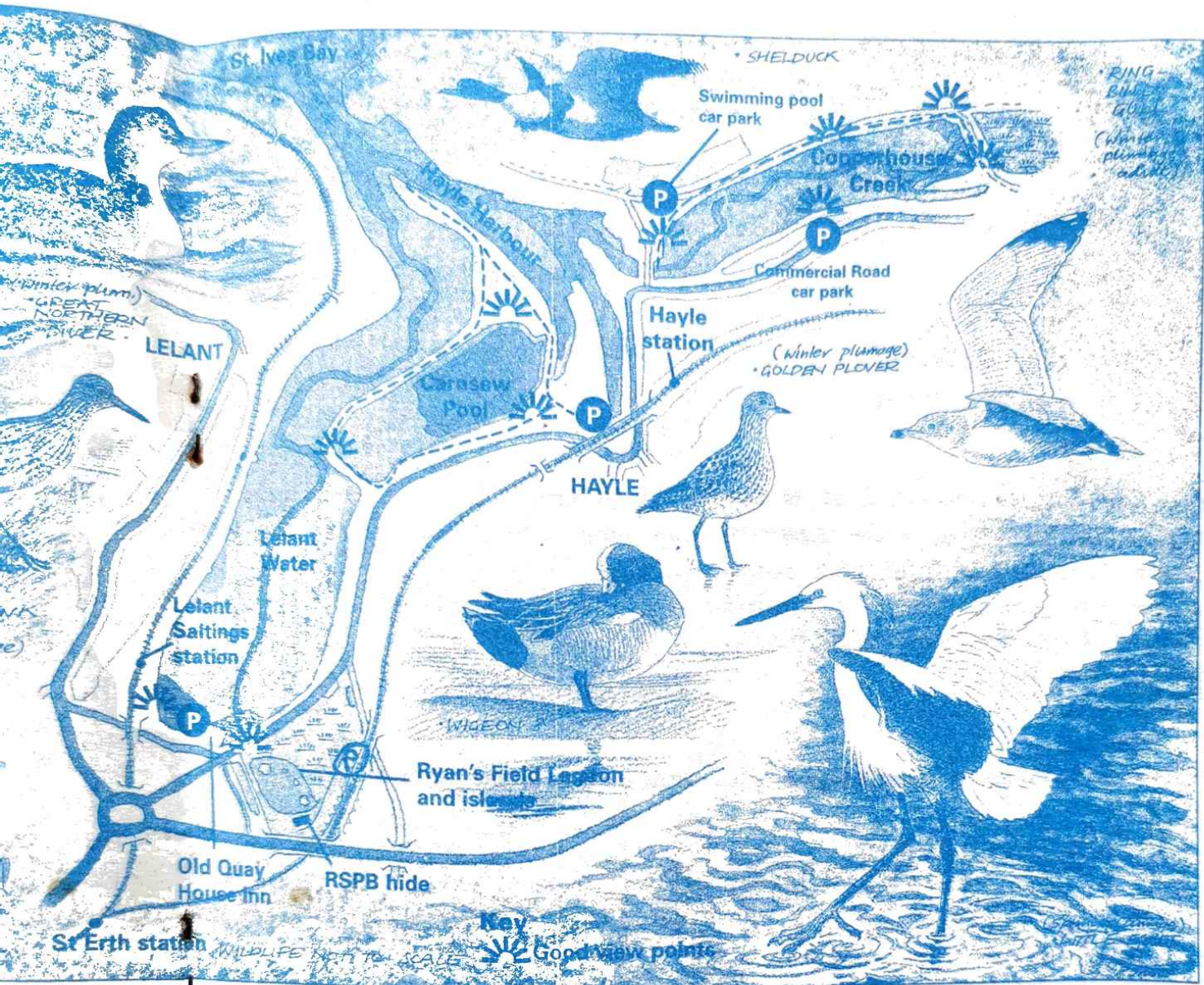
The 'three miles of sandy beach' which forms Hayle Beach is well known. Less well known is the single mile of beach and sand-dune complex to the west of the Hayle rivermouth at Porth Kidney. The dunes here have wild orchids such as the pyramidal orchid in summer, and the beach, being less disturbed than



Hayle, is the best beach especially in late summer when you can see a lot of dunlin and sanderling. It is well worth a visit to St Erth Church at Lelant – but

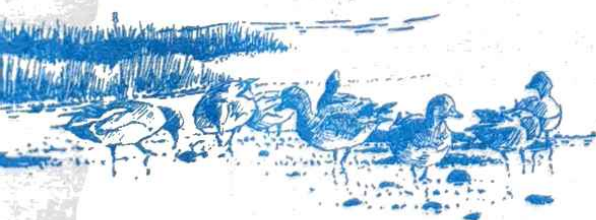


Wigeon



Map by Phillip Snow. Not to scale.

the best beach in Cornwall for migrant terns, late summer and autumn. Flocks of sanderling frequent this area at the same time – well worth the walk across from St Uny to Lelant – but watch the golf balls en route!



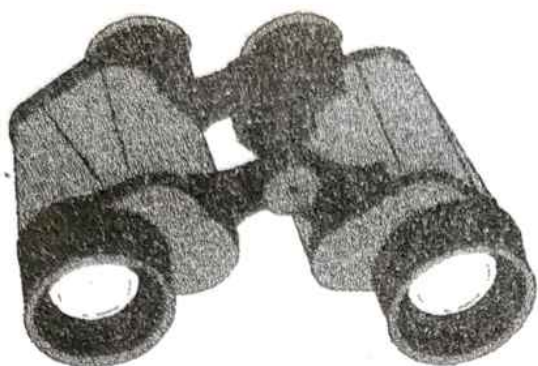
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• In the summer (June to August)

- Young shelduck being protected by their parents from rogue gulls and crows out to snatch a quick meal!
- Rock pipits feeding their young around the edge of the estuary
- Early returning dunlin and redshank.



Cornwall Birdwatching and Preservation Society

**On Sunday, 25th April at 9 am
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*Viv Stratton,
Leader*

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Sunday * Ryan's Field hide, Hayle
10.30 am – 12 noon

* Godrevy Head 2 – 5 pm

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12.30 pm. Meet at the Ropewalk car
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Thursday * Ryan's Field hide, Hayle
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Since there's six times more water than dry land on Earth, any fool can plainly see that it's intended for Man to spend six times as much time at the beach than at work.

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Hayle Twinning Association



The Hayle Twinning Association is looking forward to welcoming their visitors and friends from Pordic again in May.

They will be arriving on Saturday, 22nd May and staying until Monday, 24th May. Although this is only a very short visit, the Twinning Committee is planning to hold a "Fun Day" on the Sunday for the visitors. The Committee is hoping that during this visit various groups from the Hayle community will come along and meet these special

friends from Brittany (i.e. schools, clubs, and any of the scouting and guides associations).

If any pupils from any of the Hayle schools are interested in having a pen pal from Pordic, please contact us so that this can be arranged, the telephone numbers are below.

The Twinning Association is looking for families who would be willing to act as a Host Family at any given time throughout the year. This would entail providing sleeping accommodation and an occasional meal for a few days. The Hayle and Pordic Committees are drawing up a list of the Host Families; the idea is that for anyone visiting Hayle or Pordic and wishing to stop over for a couple of days, or even just visiting for a day, arrangements can be made without any bother. If you are interested in becoming a Host Family, please contact us on any of the following numbers:

Mr. M. Trathen - 753520

Mrs. J.H. Aplin - 752967

Mr. D. Hicks - 754809

Any help you can give will be most welcome, and it will ensure that the success of the Twinning will go from strength to strength.

The party that is visiting Hayle in May will be mainly made up of people who have already hosted their counterparts from

Hayle; in many cases the host families and their visitors have become great friends and correspond and visit on a regular basis.

There is to be a return visit by the people of Hayle to Pordic on the 10th September. This will be for the people who have hosted in the past.

We hope that we will have your support in this venture and look forward to seeing you on our "Fun Day" which is to be held at the Hayle Rugby Club on the 23rd May, starting at 1 pm.

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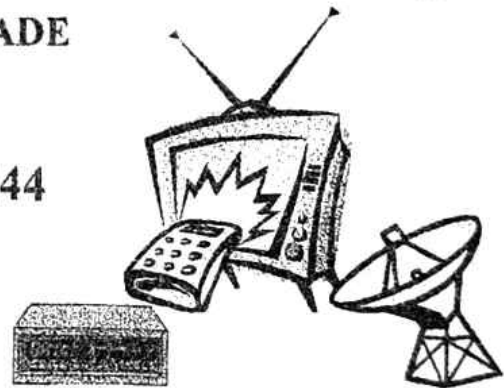
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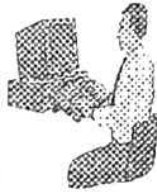
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them and learn at their own pace. All materials are provided and help is always on hand, if it is needed.

The range of students attending the centre covers people from all walks of life. There are recent school leavers who want to "top up" their school qualifications; busy housewives and house-husbands who fit their studies around the demands of raising a family; unemployed people wanting a change of direction or a chance to gain qualifications which will give them an edge over other job applicants; employed people sent by their companies to update their skills; working people who want qualifications to enable them to change or further their career; people who have been out of the job market for years raising children and find that they no longer have the qualifications required in the situations vacant notices, and retired people who want to find out what the new technology is all about and amaze the grandchildren with their knowledge.

Flexibility of attending means that students can fit their studies in with their busy lifestyles. We have students who attend morning sessions straight after finishing the night-shift; students home on vacation from

university who "fast-track" through the IT qualifications; self-employed or casual workers who attend in short bursts between jobs, as well as the people who simply like to attend at the same time each week.

Although the centre offers complete flexibility of attendance and allows the student to progress at their own pace in an informal atmosphere, the emphasis is always on quality. We want our students to achieve their goals and leave us with the "paper qualifications" so necessary in today's job market. Our complete beginners start with a computer literacy qualification and can progress

through to advanced levels. Many students go on to gain the full RSA diploma at Stage II and Stage III.

Information technology is not the only option - we offer a range of subjects, including a variety of NVQs. The centre is always interested in hearing the needs of the students in the community. If there is any particular requirement, we will be pleased to look into the possibility of running a course or offering the subject through flexible learning - providing the learning material for the student to study at home and providing tutorial support at regular intervals.

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Christine Gary

Appeal from Hayle girl

A Hayle girl working at a charity school in Cape Town, South Africa, has appealed for help.

Anna Kennard is working with the GAP organisation for six months and is helping at a school for children with cerebral palsy.

She is appealing for toys, posters, jigsaws or anything which may be of benefit to children who have very little.

Her parents have collected together some items, but are having problems getting them safely to the school at which Anna is working.

The family are seeking anyone who may be travelling out to Cape Town and would be prepared to take the toys out there for them.

If anyone can help, they should contact Martin or Marylyn Kennard on 01736.752403

Hidden Place Names

1. By all reports, Catholics are in the minority.
2. The vicar caught Gwen napping in Church.
3. It's just a short lane. Send Tommy down with the paper.
4. The stag nestled up to its partner and nibbled her ear.
5. Is reading the prose worth your while? It gives all the answers!
6. It will make you very angry if you don't get this one!
7. Sour cream gives a taste we don't like near St. Austell.
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Hayle Old Cornwall Society at Seventy-Five

continued from last issue

It was a wonderful occasion at the Passmore Edwards Institute, Hayle, on the 4th December. Andrew George, our MP, was present, as well as Mrs. Shirley Oliver, Mayor of Hayle, and her Consort, and Mr. Brian Capper, the Deputy Mayor. Mrs. Ann Jenkin, the Grand Bard, Mr. Roy Woolcock, the President of the Federation, were also there. Major T.F. Ellis, our life President, was unable to be present, but Mrs. Rozanne Ellis read a letter of greeting from him. A former Grand Bard, Mr. Graham Pawley White, now of Camborne, but a past President and past Treasurer of our Society, spoke of how he attended meetings in 1923 though not actually the first. He left school to work in Barclays Bank at Hayle in 1922. He became an admirer of Henry Jenner's writings on the language of Cornwall, and one day he was told to deliver the great man's pass-book to his house. To his astonishment, the great man himself answered the door and the young man was overwhelmed by the large bearded figure who

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seemed "like Moses".

Our President, Mr. Brian Sullivan, introduced our main speaker, Mr. Michael Tangye, who spoke about "Recording with a Camera". This was a reminder of the fact that Old Cornwall Societies are there to record the past and that there is so much that is rapidly disappearing, so there is a need to make a record of even familiar objects. With changes in agriculture and the other traditional industries of Cornwall, there is so much that has gone without even a photographic record, and Mr. Tangye reminded us that all

members of Old Cornwall Societies have an urgent task to do in ensuring that a record is made.

The speaker was thanked by Mr. George Ansell, one of our members and one of the three ex-Grand Bards present (Mr. Richard Jenkin, the husband of the Grand Bard was also there). The evening ended, as some of those evenings in those early days, with pasties and various other goodies served by the members. The hall was full, every seat taken, but there was plenty of food for all.

The **Gorsedd of Cornwall** will be held at Hayle on **Saturday, 4th September 1999**, probably in the grounds of Hayle School in the afternoon. Details will appear later.

The Hayle Old Cornwall Society meets on the first Friday of each month (except January when it is the second Friday - and, for this year only, it will be held on the second Friday in April) at 7.30 pm at the Passmore Edwards Institute. The subscription is £2.

*C.J. Appleby,
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Tickets can be obtained from **Mr. P. Thomas** on **753447** at **£3.00** for Adults and **£2.00** for Under 14s, the price to include a **Pasty Supper**.

Letter

I am a newcomer to Hayle, having moved here in August 1998, and I like this area more and more, as I get to know it better.

I read *The Hayle Pump* with interest, and as you are inviting readers to send in their views and opinions, here goes!


I think that for a council, that is evidently managing on a small budget, to organise two carnivals a year in Hayle is one too much. Why not cut out the "Summer Fair" and put more resources into the Winter one, as I hear that this is the better of the two?

Also, as the only village hall (?)



in Hayle, Phillack Hall, is a valuable resource and should be repainted and made to look attractive, it is a sorry sight at the moment; it wouldn't take much money to brighten up the outside. If the Council provided the materials, maybe a band of volunteers from the Penwith Volunteer Bureau could do the job for nothing?

And lastly, how about a new "Welcome to Hayle" sign? The one near the double roundabout looks old, faded, and has seen better days. You may think this is a trivial matter, but first impressions are important.

Let's hope Hayle begins to



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prosper again soon, and all the plans to rejuvenate the town materialise soon.

Name and address supplied

Hayle Rose and Cabbage Horticultural Society

is calling an Extraordinary General Meeting to decide whether or not to wind up its affairs after 27 years' growth.

If no plans for saving the Society materialise, and the meeting votes for winding up, members will have to decide whether any assets remaining should be distributed to other Hayle-based organisations, the

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The meeting will take place at Phillack Church Hall on **Wednesday, 14th April at 7.30 pm.**

Former Chairman, Jackie Pearce, said that anyone interested in helping out with shows, should contact her on 01736.755849, or attend the meeting.

Gardening

It is still possible to have home-grown tomatoes, even without a garden.

One of the more unusual and interesting catalogues (Simpson's Seeds) offers Micro Tom, a small plant forming a six inch bush producing tiny orange/red fruit throughout the summer, suitable for a patio container or a six inch pot on the windowsill.

The same catalogue offers red, pink, purple, white, yellow, orange, black and green varieties of tomatoes, ranging from tiny to the beefsteak.

Equally fascinating ranges of peppers and aubergines are as listed, as well as other vegetables.

Just as instructive and interesting is a newcomer to the UK market, offering rare and forgotten vegetable varieties grown organically by the

husband and wife team of Philippe and Jacqueline Desbrosses at Ferme de Sainte Marthe.

Their cucumbers range from the African Horned, one from Jamaica, others from Russia and Armenia, and a white one.

The Simpson's catalogue can be obtained from 27 Meadowbrook, Old Oxted, Surrey, RH8 9LT, and the Ferme de Sainte Marthe PO Box 358, Walton, Surrey KT12 4YX.

Don't forget to grow some tagetes to plant near your tomatoes to repel white fly, and basil enjoys being near tomatoes in the soil as much as on the plate.

**Hiss! Boo! Hello!
Hello! Hello!**

How wonderful it was to be taken back in time to when we escorted our children, then our grandchildren, to a pantomime, and now, full circle, to us "oldies" being so very gallantly escorted from start to finish by the men of the Lions Club to the very amusing presentation by the Trencrom Revellers Theatre Club to see "Mother Goose" at the Guildhall at St. Ives.

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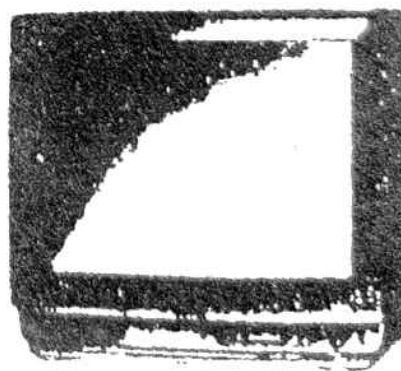
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juvenile male lead, and the good costumes, scenery, and the very good amateur cast of professional quality.

There was a lovely hot pastie and fruit drink provided in the interval, during which we were all chattering like magpies at the pleasure we were having. Altogether a lovely convivial evening to be remembered as the highlight of the year.

Thanks once again to everyone who made this evening possible, and gave so much enjoyable pleasure.

Olive Hathway

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A Celtic View of the Millennium

Ever since I was a small boy growing up on the edge of the Towans, the "Three Miles of Golden Sands" has been the background of my life.

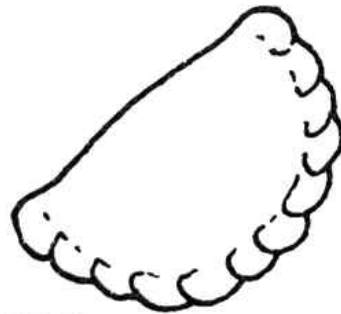
Both as a priest in Canterbury and subsequently in Central London, there were times when I was overwhelmed with homesickness for Hayle. The Estuary of the Hayle River, where it meets the sea, is deeply significant. All the moods of our variable weather are reflected in that estuary and given expression by the wild cry of

gulls as they swoop low over the water. From the elemental grandeur of storm and tempest; the giant breakers crashing on the sand with a thunderous roar, to the gentle murmur of a summer sun reflecting the blue of the heavens; the surface of the ocean sparkling with the dancing light of the sun, there is an intuition of the sacred. On a clear evening at high tide, go and stand on the cliffs overlooking the Cove, and look towards the Bar as the sun approaches where sky and sea meet. A path of golden light stretches across the water to the sun as it sinks below the horizon.

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Ocean-going coal tankers used to ply up the Hayle River with fuel for the power station, their hulks black against sky and sea. Centuries before Hayle was a busy port, yet rooted in our deepest experience, an invasion of small craft sailed up the Hayle River and left an indelible mark on this land. The passage of time has never been able to erase it. Witness the Tower of Lelant Church which keeps watch over the Estuary. It testifies to the great company of Celtic missionaries from Ireland who brought the Gospel to Cornwall. Now that really was an invasion which changed the

whole course of Cornish history.

Names we know and hold in honour, as having sailed up the estuary to evangelise Penwith are Piala at Phillack, Gothian at Gwithian, Crowenna at Crowan, Erca at St. Erth, Euny at Lelant, Ia at St. Ives and Fingar, their leader at Gwinear. We are rooted in the Holy Tradition of those holy men and women who proclaimed the Gospel to our forbears.

My family has roots in this county going back to 1600 in Madron Parish; in fact to the earliest records that have been kept. Together with many other old Cornish families living locally, we probably stand in a direct line with ancestors who heard the Gospel that was first preached by those Irish Saints.

I often walk across the sand to the Bar at low tide and picture in my imagination the little coracles carrying those men and women who endured the elements to bring the Good News of Christ and his Kingdom to these parts.

Many of us cannot hear the names of those early Celtic Saints without thanking God for the rich and wonderful gift which is ours through the faith they shared. For many Cornish folk, the Millennium will be intimately linked with the fellowship of those who braved the dangers of



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This is a true story of an incident which took place fifty years ago of a little boat and her historic voyage from Newlyn to Westminster.

This is the story of the fishing boat PZ.87 "Rosebud" and the valiant deputation of Newlyn Fishermen who sailed in her, from the little fishing village of Newlyn up the Thames to Westminster to protest about the Penzance Borough Council's plans to demolish cottages around the water's edge at Newlyn. Their mission was to hand a petition to the then

Minister of Housing, Sir Kingsley Wood. The scheme was one put forward under the new 1936 Housing Act and was a slum clearance scheme. Many inhabitants had been told that the Penzance Council would be using their powers of compulsory purchase to buy their little dwellings to demolish them. A public enquiry was held in July 1937 after which a Committee was set up to fight the scheme. Encouraged by that great artist of the Newlyn School, Stanhope Forbes, it was decided that the best method of attack was publicity.

Newlyners responded by selecting one of their fishing fleet, Penzance 87 "Rosebud" and started raising money for her historic voyage to Westminster.

Mr. Cecil Richards and Mr. W. Richards, "Rosebud's" owners, were delighted to loan their boat and soon the "crew-cum-deputation" was selected and the petition completed. On 19th October, 1937 "Rosebud" and her crew of nine set sail from a crowded quayside to the accompaniment of the hymn "Fight the Good Fight". Although the crew are described as both fishermen and Methodists, the boat carried three good luck tokens: a bottle of water from the

River Jordan, a bottle of water from the nearby Holy Well at Madron, and a red slipper.

It was an extremely well-organised protest - indeed, well ahead of its day as far as publicity was concerned!

"Rosebud" was well received and arrived at Westminster Pier amidst sirens from other ships, and cheers from onlookers who had gathered for her arrival. When the crew were taken to see Sir Kingsley Wood, he had a Cornish meal of pasties, saffron cake and cream awaiting their arrival at Whitehall. Indeed, it appears that the crews of Cornishmen were very well

received and looked after in London.

And the outcome of this little expedition?

It was certainly all worth while, because the incident did attract much national news coverage at the time and this helped to secure a partial reprieve from the proposed slum clearance programme. Soon afterwards, with the outbreak of World War II, the programme stopped anyway, and many of the little cottages scheduled for demolition housed refugees from France and Belgium.

And what of our heroine, the "Rosebud"? What became of

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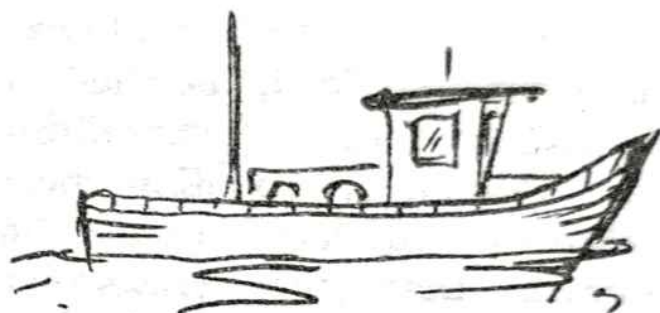
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her, you may well ask? She did her bit during hostilities and acted as a patrol ship with the Royal Navy, after which she returned to being a fishing boat again, and was re-named "Cynthia-Yvonne". In the 1970s she was bought by a Mr. Woolly who planned to take her into the Atlantic on an expedition to raise the "Titanic". Then she was once again used for fishing. Today she is nothing more than a rotting hulk, and what is left of her lies on the sands at Hayle.

It strikes me as very sad that the Penzance 87 "Rosebud" (alias HMS Rosebud, alias

"Cynthia-Yvonne") should have been allowed to rot away in this manner. A few years ago an appeal was launched to save the hull, which was then estimated at around £3,000 to repair, but now I think it may well be beyond repair, or at least anything undertaken would be extremely costly.

Beryl James, BA



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Hayle's a Nice Place - Shame about the District Councillors

Remember me? In the last issue I was extolling the virtues of Hayle and its people - in spite of being born in St. Ives!

I still think the same, but am now very worried for its future since I read two reports about our District Councillors. It seems to me, and to many people to whom I've spoken, that the latest proposals to save our harbour and regenerate our town were, at worst, better than the last attempt and, at best, we end up with a smart town and more employment. There may be several points for discussion but why can't we say yes in principal and straighten out the wrinkles as we go - our Knight in shining armour may well get fed up with banging his head against the brick wall the Council(lors) have erected and leave our harbour and Hayle to sink.

My husband showed me the Minutes of the last Chamber of Commerce meeting he attended. One item's title was underlined and read "What are our elected representatives doing?" Now our local paper has taken up the theme with a heading "Poor Response to Harbour Quiz". The

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gist of both articles is a decided lack of response from District Councillors, Rob Lello, Pauline Batty and Mandy Hutchens, all Lib. Dems., when sent a letter from the Chamber asking for an end to their silence about the Harbour. They won't tell us whether they support it, take a blind bit of notice of our views, or, if not, what do they want in its place? - something good for Hayle, or good for them? I don't care what their party line is, or their personal concerns - I care about Hayle. Obviously, little of me (and you) can be of no consequence to the mighty councillors. What can we little

people do except tug our forelocks and do their bidding? I know what I am going to do and our representatives should give it some thought - I am NOT going to vote THEM back in power at the not far off elections. YOU have the same right to be heard and if you don't like what your Councillor is doing (or not, in this case!), just put a cross against the name who IS concerned about us and Hayle. It's enough to make even my dog shake her head!

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Let's see some action NOW or we will see signs at each end of the town "HAYLE HAS DIED. REST IN PEACE"

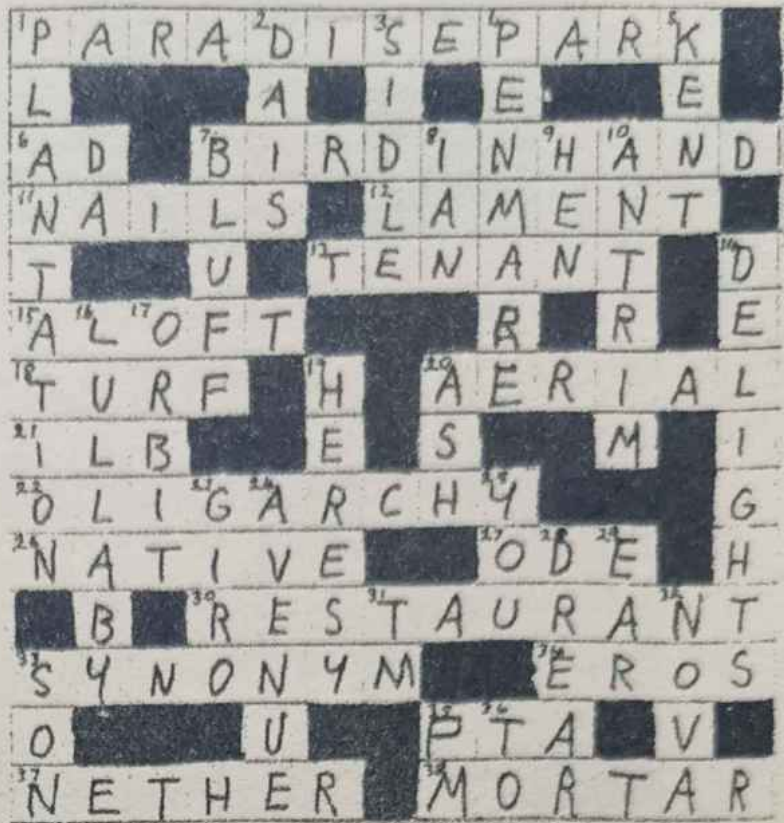
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2. Gwennap
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