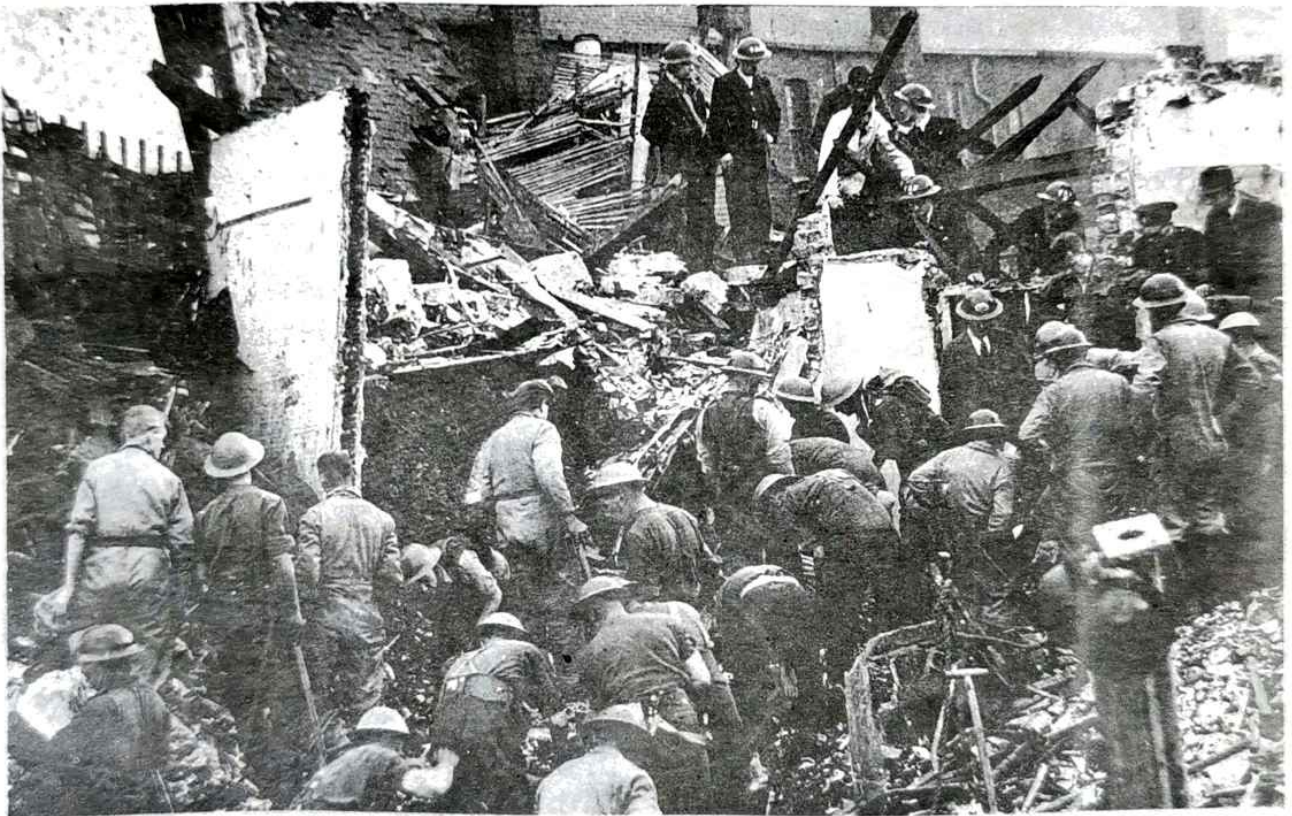


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OVER FIFTY YEARS AGO!



Rescuers search the remains of a war-bombed house.

Many of us forget that people under 68 missed war service. Many people forget that today's new parents are the **grandchildren** of those brave young people who served in World War II. We have a lot to learn from people with a whole lifetime of experience.

The University of the Third Age (U3A) is establishing in Hayle. For all those of us who have ceased parental responsibility or full-time employment (just about anyone over fifty), it is an organisation where people can meet and learn from each other.

A meeting was held at the Philip Smith Annex, along side the Hayle Day Care Centre, to launch a new branch of the University of the Third Age (U.3. A.)

- The meeting was chaired by Mrs. Doreen Smith, who, in her capacity as the Chairman of the Cornwall U.3.A Forum has had involvement with the many diverse U.3.A groups in Cornwall, and was able to tell about all the varied interests of these groups throughout the County. She welcomed the deputy Mayor of Hayle, Mrs. Shirley Oliver, and then introduced the guest speaker, Mr Roy Wilson.

Roy Wilson is the Development Co-ordinator for U.3.A. in England and was able to give a brief history of the movement in this country. It seems there is an average growth 50 of new groups per year starting up, rapidly increasing the fast growing figure of nearly 300. Each group is dedicated to provide opportunities for folk now in their "third age" looking for mental, physical or recreational stimulation. The "third age" is defined at present as anyone over the age of 50, either unemployed, retired, or just no longer in full employment. No qualifications are necessary, and none are given. It is a self help

organisation where people "pool" their skills to share the experiences of a lifetime with others. It is also a wonderful opportunity to make new friends

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MONEY FOR HAYLE?

Hayle could receive a substantial cash injection if a bid to win money from a regeneration budget is successful.

Cornwall is bidding for up to £15 a million share in the government's £131 million Single Regeneration Budget and Hayle is one of Eight towns hoping to benefit

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If approved, a sum of money, reported to be a 'substantial figure' would be allocated for the improvement and re-development of sites in Hayle. Earmarked for cash over a seven year programme of regeneration are the Harbour, Foundry and Hayle Estuary areas. Representatives from Hayle were assured by Collin Griffin, County and Economic and Planning Officer that even if the bid failed "we are focusing on Hayle and projects will go ahead in the town"

The application will be made to the Government Office of the South West who will appraise it and make the recommendations to Ministers. A decision will, hopefully, be reached later in the year. Maurice Harvey.

HAYLE TOWANS

After the hot summer months, now is the perfect time to reflect upon a part of our town that everyone takes for granted. How does Hayle Towans recover from it's thousands of visitors? What are the problems in maintaining thi huge, yet fragile area? Litter, trffic on access roads and dog fouling are just some of the problems that the Tehidy - Hayle Countryside Service seek to address.

The Countryside Service meets

twice a year with all the Landowners of the Towans: Cornwall County Council, Penwith District, Hayle Town and Parish Councils, Private Landowners and the National Trust. This is done in an effort to ensure the area is properly managed and maintained.

A large area is recognised as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and erosion is curbed by the planting of Marram Grass to bind the sand together. This has been successful and more is to be planted on the Phillack Towans and at Godrevy. Sometimes however, blow-outs can make good recreational areas and private habitat for a wide variety of plant and animal life.

Cyclists and walkers alike can cause damage to sensitive areas if they stray from the designated pathways. As much as possible should be done to increase people's awareness of the delicate balance of nature.

A grant from the European Regional Development Fund has been applied for and if successful the money will be used to provide sign posts, booklets and paths allowing for easier access to the beach.

Hayle Towans are being used by more people all the year round, but it is being cared for. All it needs is a little co-operation from

everyone to ensure that we continue to enjoy this beautiful part of our countryside.

Thanks to Amanda Hawkins and Tehidy-Hayle Countryside Service for help with this article.

Maurice Harvey

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Some Hayle people like to exercise their minds by jumping to conclusions!!!

The Mines of Hayle

In the next few issues of the Pump, I will highlight some of the mines that at one stage or other operated in the immediate area surrounding Hayle. It is easy to forget today just how important these concerns were as employers and some were very successful financially for their owners.

Most of the mines in the area produced Copper, although some produced Lead and Silver too.

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DAY & NIGHT PERSONAL SERVICE

Mellaneer Mine

This Mine operated in the ground around what is now Tolroy Motors. Until the Hayle bypass was built, there were several mounds of waste or "burrows" to give them their local name. Even today there is still a shaft in the wasteground opposite the garage.

The mine probably started in the early years of the nineteenth century - there are records of copper ore output from 1815 and 1816. After this period the mine seems to have closed until 1866, when it was reopened on the "Cost Book" system. The adventures in a mine would pay any costs on a amount per share basis and would pocket any profits in a similar way. The disadvantage of the cost book system was that as profits over costs were given out, the mine was starved of any development money. This often led to the premature end of a mine as happened in this case.

Mellaneer Mine was reopened again in 1876 on a

Ltd basis. It remained open 1889 during which time it had reached a depth of 150 fathoms (900 feet) from surface and produced around 66,000 tons of 6% copper ore as well as some zinc ore [known as Black Jack]. It was hoped that tin might be found in the bottom of the mine but this was not the case and so the mine closed down in 1889 when the price of copper fell to a very low level. It has not worked since although the dumps of waste rock may have been picked through for any remaining ore.

Mellanear Mine had 6 recorded shafts including Gundrys which was the main shaft. This was vertical for 600 ft and then at an angle for another 300 ft. It measured 16ft by 7ft. The Mine was notable on two accounts;

1] it was one of the wettest mines in England for its size - 1,100 gallons of water a minute needed to be drained by a secondhand 76inch engine. [This was originally built by Harveys in 1824 for the Wheal Vor Mine near

Godolphin].

2] it was the second largest copper producer [after Devon Great Consols] in the 9 years after 1879.

Eventually the ore reserves ran out and the Company went into liquidation. At its height it would probably have employed 2-300 men and women. It is very unlikely that Mellanear will ever produce anything again.

Marshall Hutchens

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!!!

It doesn't seem possible that we have been going for a year, but we have!

The initial public meeting, to see if a group idiots could be gathered together to establish a Newsletter Group, was held on the 10th. October 1994. Approximately 25 people attended, not including Robb Lello, our then Mayor, and John Nash who can take the blame for it's success so far. We, the editorial team that is, have often been asked " when is the next Pump coming out?". It encourages us to carry on, and to try to do even better, but we could do with a bit more help from the

readers. We need your news, views and opinions, after all it is you who make the news, so please tell us about it

We were hoping that more of the various clubs in the area would have taken advantage of us, to spread the news of their existence by sending us results, winners and losers of their events. I am sure that those secretaries who have been in contact with the "Hayle Pump Newsletter", have not regretted it, and have found it beneficial to their particular organisation.

We would like to thank all of you who have written to us,

whether it was a letter, an article, a story or just a joke, keep them coming.

Also on the list of thanks must be the shopkeepers and business people who have advertised with us, because without their support there wouldn't be a "Pump". That is why we urge you support your local traders. Have you noticed the new shops that have opened or expanded in the last year? it's good for the town, it's good for the people of Hayle. We wish them well, and a prosperous future.

We've had our "UP's an' Downs", delays when the printers

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didn't keep their promises of delivery, and of course the well publicised case of the key member giving way to dissipation and gluttony to such an extent the newsletter was delayed for about ten days, but all is forgiven, because without his expertise, hard work and tenacity, we would not be in the fortunate position of being able to do our own printing.

The Hayle Pump Newsletter is meant to be a means of communication for local affairs and events, it is here for you to use, please use it!

Here's to the next year! May it run nice and smoothly! Good luck to all our readers!

VISITORS FROM MINERAL POINT

Mineral Point is a town situated in Wisconsin, America. The town developed during the mining era and many families from Cornwall emigrated there during the 1800's, including those from areas such as Hayle, Camborne and Redruth.

The people of Mineral Point and surrounding areas are very proud of their Cornish background and over the years have managed to save much of their heritage.

At the beginning of September we welcomed James Jewell and Marion Howard to the town. James lives in Mineral Point and works hard at keeping alive the



links between his particular part of America and Cornwall and Marion comes from a nearby town called Linden and is secretary of the Cornish Society. During their twelve day visit, James had the great privilege of being made a Bard at the Gorsedd, a very proud moment. They both enjoyed their visit immensely and spent one day being shown around Hayle in the company of our mayor Charlie Allen and Brian Sullivan, a local historian.

It is hoped that links with Mineral Point and Hayle can be established through correspondence. Shopkeeper to shopkeeper, clubs to like clubs. Already this is happening in a small way with gifts and letters but if you are interested in forming a correspondence link with the residents of the above town please contact Jayne Haydon at the Spar shop, Foundry Square, tel no. 753327. It should be stressed that this is not a twinning of the towns and people are

not expected to travel as the cost would be too great but a way of keeping communications open.

RICHARD TREVITHICK STEAM RAILWAY

It is the aim of the project to set-up a working steam museum, to celebrate two hundred years of steam engines and locomotives (Steam Puffer). Invented and patented by Richard Trevithick and Andrew Vivian, also to acknowledge other Cornish inventors, Humphrey Davy & William Murdock etc. To include the great foundries of Cornwall - Perranworthal, Copper House of Hayle and Harvey's of Hayle - where Richard Trevithick's first high pressure engines and locomotives were built. These foundries also built some of the largest steam pump engines ever made. We intend to build all of Trevithick's tramway and railway locomotives and recreate as many and varied inventions including marine innovations.

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Forthcoming Events

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the children.

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aid of the Salvation Army to be
held at Phillack Church Hall.
Watch for details

November 25th. Sale of Work,
Hayle Salvation Army, 2pm, to be
opened by Edward Wills
(Goonhaven) Father Christmas
will be there.

December 17th 6 pm. Family
Carol Service, children will be
taking part, followed by tea and
mince pie.

December 24th. (Christmas Eve)

11am. Carol Service

Christmas Morning.

10.30 am. Carols.

Dear Editor,

I enjoy reading
about the industrial heritage
of Hayle in the recent issues
of the " Hayle Pump"
newsletter, but would like to
learn more about the
historical heritage as well.
Perhaps there are readers
who can tell us about such
places as the Plantation. We
have read much about the
cannon, but nothing at all
about where it is placed.
The Plantation creates a
great deal of interest to

schools outside of Cornwall,
on occasions schools have
visited there whilst on field
studies, and yet the local
schoolchildren know
nothing about the place, or
have even been there. To me
the grave of the Roman
soldier has always been of
great interest. Also the
journey of the boats going
up the St. Erth river for tin,
and the ancient village at
Porthcullum must surely be
of interest to our local
schools and residents. For
many years I have taken
children on walks to the
Plantation but now find it
too dangerous to allow them
to run ahead as the wire
fence which ran along the
edge, preventing them from
running onto the main road
has deteriorated and was
removed, perhaps someone
interested in heritage could
build a row or two of stones
to create a Cornish hedge
along this area.

Yours Faithfully
D. Symons (Mrs).

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Neighbourhood Watch Street signs can be purchased from

Cornwall County Council, and groups formed within the Hayle area can recover the cost from Hayle Council.

I feel certain that groups formed in other areas, will receive a sympathetic response from their councils.

Will joining a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme make you feel safer from burglars and other criminals?

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on security, and should you still be unlucky enough to fall victim to burglars, it is a proven fact that properly marked items are much more likely to be returned to you. Will you have to give up your time?

The usual procedure is for a Neighbourhood Watch Group to appoint one or two co-ordinators meeting every 10/12 weeks to exchange news and views, and then keep their Group Members informed of any interesting developments.

So, come on all law abiding citizens of Hayle, get together and ask yourselves, "Why don't we do

something to help ourselves by telephoning the Police on 752356. Tell them you want to start a Group, and from then on the rest is easy. Don't delay.

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Let's do it, lets start up H.A.D.S.

Hopefully by the Christmas of 1996, Hayle will have it's own 300 seater multifunction hall, complete with a stage.

We think that now is the time to plan to use these facilities and therefore we hope to start up the Hayle Amateur Dramatics Society.(H.A.D.S.)

In fact, if we can get together enough people in time, we would like to put on a Panto at the beginning of the New Year (1996) in St. Elwyn's Church Hall.

However, to manage this, we will need all the help we can get, not only from the people willing to go on the stage and act the goat, but also from people who are a dab

hand at sewing, painting, lighting, advertising, fund raising and any of the hundreds of jobs that will need doing.

We are especially going to need someone who can play the piano or keyboard, so if you know anyone who may be interested but perhaps will not read this, please ask them to get in touch with us.

The Society will be open to young and old alike, in fact, anyone who is willing to come along and give their time and energy. We won't ask you to do anything you don't want to do, but if your eager to have a go we will certainly give you the opportunity.

Our aim is to give the people of Hayle some good entertainment without them having to travel, but mainly we are out to enjoy ourselves and have some fun.

So come on People of Hayle, St. Ives has it's Societies, Penzance and Redruth have theirs, we want to have a go, but to do this we need your 9and that means you) help.

Please contact:

Lin or Ken Townsend
Hayle 754995

LOCAL MEMBER STEERING GROUP

The next meeting for Hayle and St. Ives is on Thursday 12th. October, at 7.00pm at the Fire Station, St. Ives.

Letter

I wish to reply to two items that have been printed in the Hayle Pump recently which are:-

(a) Difficulty in finding the 3 miles of Golden Sands.

(b) Use of Wilson's Pool in front of Glebe Row.

Back in 1955 when I was a member of the Hayle Electricity Sports and Social club, the club put an entry into that year's carnival to highlight the poor directions that existed to get to the sands. Things do not seem to have changed much in 40 years.

Town people who were around at that time and saw the carnival may remember our float. We had

a very big notice over the lorry cab with the notice "You are now entering Hayle 3 miles of Golden Sands" depicting the notices at both ends of the town, and then half way along the tailboard and low down, we had a small finger notice marked "To the Sands" to depict the diminutive one at the corner of the Recreation Ground and Lethlean Lane, and finally a bigger notice with "Where" on it. On the lorry we had two persons dressed as hikers, one cyclist and a motorist all looking at maps. I can still hear the children shouting "There" and pointing to the sign to the sands. We won a second prize for our effort. I seem to recall that a slightly larger "Sands" notice replaced the original the following year.

The present "You are now entering..." notices I feel, are not so conspicuous as the old ones, being erected lower to the ground. The two situated on both sides of Lethlean Lane at its junction with Copper Terrace and indicating "Phillack, Towans and Sands" are badly sited. During the summer, this junction is very busy and these signposts can easily be hidden by vehicles using or passing the junction such that visitors wanting to get to the sands miss seeing them. Remedial action required by the Highways Depart-

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ment?

With regards to Wilson's Pool, our club, as above and in the same year, was considering ways and means of obtaining a sports field and came up with the idea of part filling in Wilson's Pool with power station ash, which was almost un-saleable in those days, and finally topping with some top soil. In those days it was an uninviting blackish muddy hole. This seemed a reasonable proposition to us and we decided to contact Harvey & Co. This we did and had a meeting with them at their offices in Foundry Square. Our ideas were turned down which made us very disappointed.

With the benefit in hindsight, I now think the Harvey decision at the time was the correct one, for it is quite fascinating to see how nature is reclaiming this apparent waste area to become a pleasant amenity area in years to come, as happened to man made scars in other parts of the country.

Hubert Prosser.

HAYLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Frankly, I blame the mayor and Bob Butler. They were the ones who insisted I go to a meeting about twinning last month. I went in as a casual observer and came out at the end of the meeting as Chairman of the Hayle Twinning

Association.

Having recovered, I and the rest of the committee have set about establishing a framework for the twinning process. Some of you will know that this isn't the first time that Hayle has attempted to do this and we are very grateful for the help we have already received from the previous organisation.

Our aims in twinning are to establish social and cultural links with a town or towns of a similar size and type and, so far, Brittany and Southern Ireland have featured strongly in our discussions.

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Twinning can and should be fun, the Celtic link between us and the towns eventually chosen will make sure of that. We have a very keen and active committee and we'll keep you in touch with our progress in selecting our twin town through future editions of this excellent magazine. We hope to be able to call another Open Meeting soon to hear all your views and pass on any information we may have. If you want to contact us, you can call me on 757268 or Carol on 756839

Roger Winterburn (Chairman)

Q. How do you make your own anti-freeze?

A. Steal her winter woolies.

HAYLE ROSE CABBAGE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Meeting at Phillack Church Hall, 21st. September 1995.

Mr Hubert Prosser, Chairman, welcomed all present and explained the reason for the swap on account of sickness of Mr Adley. He expressed his appreciation to Mr Pearce for swapping his programme date at such short notice and stated that Mr Adley was confident that he would be able to give his talk on Dahlias in November. He then introduced Mr David Pearce, who was going to talk about tackling pests and diseases the organic way.

Mr Pearce commenced by stressing the importance of growing healthy plants as this was fundamental in giving the plant strength to resist attack by pests or diseases. The next thing was to recognise what was troubling the plant i.e., was it a pest or disease or accident? It was after this diagnosis that the correct remedial action could be taken. It was also possible to take remedial actions to counter likely attacks by the carrot root fly by using modern fleece to cover the young plants. Jam jars containing beer, water etc. sunk in the ground can trap slugs and snails but they need to be emptied every day.

Mr Pearce showed slides that

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contrasted the good growth of acid loving plants in an acid soil alongside the poor growth of lime loving plants in the same plot. This was also done with the two types of plants in a lime soil, an excellent illustration. Other slides showed the various old and new pests to this country and also the diseases. He also covered aspects of biological control, that is the use of special predators to minimise the effect of particular pests. There was quite a lively question and answer session on the use of Tagetes to deter various pests, how did it do it, was it smell, colour, taste etc. or was it because it attracted predators such as the Hover Fly?

Mrs June Edwards thanked Mr Pearce for a very interesting and informative talk which was well supported by the audience.

The Chairman reminded the meeting of the Autumn Show to be held on Saturday, 4th. Nov. '95

CLEARING OF NEWT POND ON PHILLACK TOWANS

What was promised to be a wet day did not happen unless you were one of the group actually working in the pond then you got wet, muddy and very smelly! Thanks to Mr David Williams, the land owner, for allowing vehicle access up to the pond, this saved

an awful lot of walking. Attending the clearing of the pond was Mark Nicholson and his team from Cornwall Wildlife Trust, Amanda Hawkins and the Rangers from Tehidy Country Park, Judith Thurman, Vanessa Hambley and a lad called James (sorry we didn't get your surname). We thank you all.

We were hoping for a few more volunteers on the day, perhaps the bad weather put them off! The rain over the past few days had



really done justice to a smelly and rather dead for a better word, "POND".

A whole trailer of bits and pieces was dragged from the pond. As for barrow loads of mud taken out, far too many to count. Then a rather funny shaped piece of metal was dragged out of the mud and Behold! A world war II Mortar Shell in very good condi-

tion, which was placed in a bucket of muddy water and removed to a safe distance from the pond, so all those volunteers could carry on working. volunteers don't stop working for a thing like a BOMB! (after all they were not getting paid!) The police were called who then informed the Army Bomb Disposal Unit. South-West Television were informed who despatched a reporter cum camera crew. So, if you watched SW TV on Friday 15th October at about 6.25 pm, Loggans Conservation Group had a free press coverage for about 15 seconds, well done to whoever miss-fired this bomb.

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In the afternoon some thinning of willows from within the pond was done, and this area is already looking healthier.

Loggans conservation Group has now received grants of £400 from the Rural Action Group, £100 Hayle Town Council and £100 from Penwith District Council. Well done!

For a young conservation group I think we have got off to a good start. Next meeting of Newt Pond is on 5th October at the pond for thinning of willows around the pond, to let in light and to reduce leaf fall.

We are looking for volunteers for this work, so if you are interested please contact Loggans Estate Office, telephone 01736 752365 or simply turn up on the day when you will be made welcome.

Thank you all again.

Cllr Mike Morris.

On a more serious note, I was intending to visit the Loggans Estate Office after work on Tuesday 19th September and as I turned into the Estate had to wait at the bottom of the road because of gas-pipe laying work in progress, I looked to my left and saw four little children ranging from 3-8 years and was appalled at what I saw and heard, spitting at my car, two finger signs and swearing at

me. I was so disgusted and if it wasn't for the fact that I am recovering from a heart attack I would have found out where they lived and confronted their parents. What a pity these children have such a poor start to life and seem to know nothing about respect. Maybe their parents don't know of their behaviour and if they wish to discuss it with me, I would be pleased to do so through the Loggans Estate Office.
Cllr Mike Morris

LOCAL INVENTORS

Richard Trevithick (1771-1833) is only just now becoming recognised as one of the most brilliant inventive engineers of all time. For generations his achievements have been ignored, especially as regards to the building of the first steam locomotive, which carried passengers and freight. His engines ran on iron rails some twenty years before George Stephenson built his first locomotive. The use of his high pressure steam engines considerably advanced the progress of mining in the world. This allowed much greater depth to be worked in the mines by providing more efficient pumps. Little is known about his marine inventions, however, this may

have been one of his greatest achievements. He built iron boats and proved to people that they would float. He was the first to invent the screw propeller, patented 1815. He designed steam paddle boats, high pressure steam cranes for discharging cargoes, 1804.

The Iron ship container, was the forerunner of to-days cargo containers and oil tankers.

He designed floating docks and dredgers in 1806. Floating water pumps for drainage work, designed for use in Holland.

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HAYLE ARTIST AT THE LIBRARY

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Library in November, where you will find a small exhibition of drawings and paintings by Derek Harris (aka Gis). For those who don't know him, here's a brief summary:

He has lived in Hayle for all his 27 years and has been drawing for as long as he can

remember. He started by painting the leather jackets and bedroom walls of his friends. While still at school, he was fortunate enough to have a drawing exhibited at Newlyn Art Gallery, thanks to his then art teacher, Mr Blackburn.

Over the years, he has sold a number of drawings, either as private commissions, or for commercial purposes such as Music Tape Covers, Tattoo Designs, etc.

His main influences were his friends and the music they all listened to. Then, with time and the support of a good friend, Jethro Hayes, he developed a style very much his own.



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He has studied, in brief, the works of Salvador Dali and M. C. Escher, plus Sci-fi artists like Geiger, Michael Whelan, Tim White and countless others, as well as taking inspiration from natural phenomena. He has had no formal tutoring, and was even turned down by Falmouth College of Arts for not being conventionally minded; something he considers their loss!!

More recently, he has joined the Hayle Art Society tutored by Liz Foster and has exhibited with them in Heritage Week and the September Library Exhibition, both of which were very successful.

This is his first solo exhibition, but says, "definitely not his last, so please, go along, take an open mind and remember - what you see depends mainly on what you are looking for."

D Harris (Gis)
41 Penpol Terrace.

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- Q. How do you make a
Maltese Cross?
A. The same as a Venetian
blind- poke his eyes out!

Welcome to America - the
Land of the Fee.

THE KRUZENSHTERN

continued from last issue

The poor crew had run out of food, and when asked, it came to more than a ton of food!!!

Quite a list! This though was to feed 180 to 200 people.

Well never a dull moment in the Haydon household. Off we went armed with the List and after looking around the ship we set off back to Hayle.

Phone lines became red hot. Suppliers were contacted and Peter Hampson called. Peter agreed to help

with certain of the items and so the fun began. Monday morning dawned and whilst everything was being sorted out the only thing left was to organise a boat to take the food out to the ship. We would like to take this opportunity to thank those people

plein Hayle who really put themselves out to help in this matter and although they were not needed their offers were very much appreciated.

It was arranged that the bulk of the List would be taken out by launches on Monday afternoon and a

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message was relayed to the ship via shore to ship communications. Everyone involved met outside the Buccaneer Shell Shop opposite Holman's, including West Country T.V. and a member of the Galowan Committee who would board the ship first to seek permission for the film crew to go aboard. The launch was loaded and off we went. We climbed onto the ship and suddenly a call went out calling all hands on deck. A long chain of cadets was organised stretching from the bottom of the rather rickety steps right along to one end of the ship and the unloading began. The crew could not believe their eyes and Sergei came hurrying over to us and shook our hands. He thanked us and once again we were told to wait whilst he disappeared. After a short while he came back carrying a bunch of keys and asked that we follow him below decks. We wondered what was happening and we were told that as a very

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special treat we were all to be shown the ships museum. We descended a rather steep staircase and after the door was opened we were shown into an amazing room. Glass cabinets were placed around the edges of the room and were full of various trophies and gifts won and given to the ship on her various visits all over the world. Sergei explained each and every one of the items and we were fascinated. He asked if we had anything to give to the museum and after some thought we decided yes we had.

Home we went to have something to eat before heading back again to Penzance with the rest of the goods collected. Apart from the items on the list, extras were sent, including fresh fruit, sweets and soft drinks. Once again we climbed aboard the Kruzenshtern and were met with smiling faces and hand shakes.

A box was very carefully handed over to Sergei for his museum containing a Hayle Heritage Plate depicting the Industrial past of the Town together with a set of special

mugs depicting various aspects of the town. He was thrilled and after showing them to the Captain they were taken down to the museum where they will now travel all over the world.

The children came back armed with various souvenirs given to them and memories which they will always remember.

We all feel a special affinity with the Kruzenshtern and look forward to her next visit in three years time when she takes part in the Tall Ships Race from Falmouth, Meanwhile we are writing to the Second Mate who will keep us informed of the ship's various voyages.

Q. Why did the chicken cross the road?

A. To see Gregory Peck.

"FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD"

On Tuesday, 1st August, I took my neighbours two children down to the Town Library to watch Susan Hicks cookery demonstration. There were about 60 children of all ages and approximately 40 adults.

Susan Hicks and her assistant really made it, not only interesting, but made it a fun hour.

Many thanks should go to the Heritage Ladies who ran it. I have never seen so many children of varying ages so quiet and so enthralled. They were completely spellbound.

They watched Susan Hicks and her girl helper prepare a salad. Then we all went out into the garden, where the children sat in a large ring, they were all given a cold drink each, and the salad was passed round on paper

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It really was a great fun time for of us, and we enjoyed every minute of it.

I would have liked to have taken them to the Portable Planetarium for children on the following Friday, but unfortunately all the tickets had gone. It was such a shame that it was only on for an hour, and more tickets made available.

Margaret Perkins.

Q. What do you give the man who has got everything?

A. Penicillin.

HAPPY HECTOR.

Having slept solidly and soundly, dreaming of all those delicious, delightful, delectable delicacies i.e. slugs, snails and of course caterpillars, it was time to explore and look for food.



I was so hungry that I could eat almost anything! A nice juicy frog would help to alleviate the hunger, or perhaps a nice grass snake, followed by a few earthworms.

My long snout snuffled and sniffed, seeking and smelling for my favourite foods. A beetle here, earwigs, ants, anything to ease his hunger.

I was supposed to be on my way to the beach, it's surprising what food is available to the industrious scavenger-bits of burger, half finished sandwiches, and of course such a variety of insects and other small creatures creeping and crawling around.

I had been told that the field I was in was very big- it was, in fact huge! Plenty of food, mainly caterpillars, big

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fat juicy ones, this will do me for a while! I can work my way across the field, it is on my way to the beach. It was Fred who had told me about it. You must remember Fred, he was the friend of mine who had a fall and broke his leg. He was in so much pain that he started to chew his leg off. Happily he is on the mend with an artificial leg, thanks to a lot of kind people.

A fox has crossed the road to see if I am worth eating. I just curl up into a tight ball to protect myself. eventually, he ambles off again

Well, I've eaten more than I have done for long time. I only hope this field hasn't been sprayed, there was a funny taste to one or two things, and I don't normally feel so tired so early, and I've got a bit of a tummy ache. Perhaps I've just eaten too much. Hope so!
Goodnight all!

FERRY FOR HAYLE

Having read Brian Sullivan's article about the ferry that used to run between Harvey Towans and Lelant, there is talk of getting it going again. What do you think? I know it has been tried before unsuccessfully, and therefore ,

some of you might doubt that a new attempt can be any more successful. However, there are some factors that have either come to light or become more favourable since the 1980's. These include:-

1. Increase in numbers walking the SW Coast Path, particularly with the books now available. The ferry link would be a considerable improvement on the existing route through Hayle, avoiding



congested roads, and offering a variety of transport. This in turn, could attract more day walkers to choose Godrevy-St. Ives stretch. Bird watchers and keen walkers often visit outside the summer season. Catering to their interests could extend the season

2. Other ferry links successfully re-established, particularly with promotional material, a good example would be St. Mawes-Place ferry on the south coast, which has been running for two years

now. It links itself with circular walks on the Roseland. Similarly, Hayle ferry could be linked to circular walks both inland and on the coast, and to the towns of Hayle and St. Ives.

3. Greater importance is placed on circular walking and transport links. Any leaflet you pick up these days publicises circular walks. They may originate with car drivers wishing to park somewhere and find a walk that will bring them back to their car. However, there is a growing realisation that the more you leave your car behind the better it is for the environment, and many circular walks start and finish at rail-

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way stations. The ferry link has the potential of being incorporated into a variety of walks around Hayle on the Towans; around Lelant and St. Uny, and could be linked to St. Ives branch line.

You may feel that this is all geared to the visitor and cannot see the use of it to someone living in Hayle. However, in the past the old ferry was used a lot by the locals. It is only predominantly local use that will keep the ferry open beyond the short holiday season.

How do we find out if a ferry service will cover its costs?

One of the best ways is to carry out a feasibility study. This can draw on several documents already written which relate to the harbour, tides etc. It will also need to work out some kind of realistic uptake of the service. How many people will actually use it? Not easy to establish, but a questionnaire of Hayle residents should give some indication.

How would we pay for the study?

Fortunately there is money that can be applied for to cover the costs of the study. The idea as it stands has met with the support of the Carew House team, namely Rob Lello, Councillor Georgina Schoffied and Vice-Mayor Shirley

Oliver, and they suggested setting up a local group of people interested in the project.

Over to you...

Q. If you were locked in a room with Colonel Gadaffi, Saddam Hussein and Jeremy Beadle, and you had a gun with only two bullets, what would you do?

A. Shoot Jeremy Beadle twice, just to make sure.

HAYLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

A NEW HEAD GIRL AND BOY!

Due to the departure of the year 11 of 1995 after finishing their exams, a new head girl and head boy plus deputies were appointed in the last week of school. Out of the 60 or so Prefects chosen from the new Year 11's, 9 girls and 7 boys were then appointed as Prefect Leaders and will therefore receive a yellow tie instead of the normal one. From these 16 boys and girls a Head Girl, Head Boy, Deputy Girl and Deputy Boy were then chosen. This was done by interviewing the candidates in front of the Headmaster, Mr. A. Oliver, the Deputy Heads, Mr. N. Owen and Mr. Topham, the Head of Senior, Mr. E. T. Tanner and

the Head of Year 7 Mrs. Piper

Everyone performed well in the interviews, and are to be congratulated for their effort and enthusiasm. I myself took part in the interviews, but, alas, was unsuccessful. The final result was as follows:-

Head Girl:- Rachael Ball

Deputies:- Catherine Laslett

Head Boy:- Fain Seager

Deputy:- Christopher Wallis

Because of all the tough competition, it was decided that there should be two Deputies this year.

The following are leader Prefects:-

Kerry Warren, Tracy Watt,

Victoria Walters, Rebecca Walters, Demelza Jenkin,

Rebecca Johnson, Karen

Hickenbottom, Gregory Cocks, Ben Holtaway, Daniel Dennison, Spencer Nicholas, Steven Pellow.

Good luck to all of you.

TEHIDY-HAYLE COUNTRYSIDE SERVICE

You may or may not have seen my article in the last edition of the Pump, but let me start by introducing myself.

My name is Amanda Hawkins, and I work for Tehidy-Hayle Countryside Service as Countryside Assistant. Although I'm based at Tehidy Country Park, I

mainly get involved in the management of the Towans, whether it's talking to the local communities; deciding footpath routes; ~~in-filling and planting with Maram Grass~~; running events; teasing money out of Government and Europe (we aim to split the budget between the Towans and Tehidy). You name it, I'm probably involved

Why? Because I'm trying to implement the "Sands of Time" (published last year), which recommends a wide ranging management framework for the dune system. I work closely with the various councils, local people, land-owners, community and conservation groups to achieve it.

The idea, more an ideal, is to balance the needs of nature conservation and wildlife of the area (most of the Towans is a site of Special Scientific Interest) with the recreational needs of locals and holiday makers. It's often a compromise situation but the rewards can be large: visitors enjoying their holiday, boosting the local economy, and hopefully returning; a rare plat species thriving; everyone understanding the sensitivity of the area.

I don't have all the answers, but if you have any questions about the Towans or their management, I may well be able to put you in

touch with someone who can help you.

So write to me or call me at Tehidy Country Park, (01209-714494) or next time you are in Hayle Library take the time to browse through a reference copy of "Sands of Time" and let me know what you think.
Amanda Hawkins.

THE DISILLUSIONED MUM

No I don't want to eat all my carrots,

No I don't want to see in the dark,

No I don't want to grow up big and strong, And I'll never be caught by the Snark

No I don't think it's way past my bedtime,

I don't think Boogies exist, There's nothing upstairs now in the dark,

That in the light I have missed.

No I don't want my face washed and hair combed,

I don't think anyone will care that a dried up trail leads from my nostrils,

And into the ends of my hair.

In a bakery, not far from here!

"This loaf of bread is nice and warm!"

"So it should be the cats have been sitting on it all day!"

HAYLE-LELANT FERRY

In medieval times and the days of the great St. Iago pilgrimages to Compostella, there were two main routes through Western Cornwall. The better known pilgrim track ran via Barrripper to St. Michael's Mount and Madron,

crossing the river Hayle at Relibus; while the lesser known northern route skirted Hayle Estuary running through Phillack Church town and along the road that now passes Riviere Farm. It then crossed the approximate area now occupied by Hale Cricket Club ground and ran down to the narrow neck where the river Hayle meets the sea, and been taken across by generations of ferry-men. The route markers and information boards set up recently at Lelant, Ludgvan and Gulval show a map of the "St. Michael's Way" with a curious shoreline of Lelant and Carbis Bay, as if Hayle Estuary had never existed and Lelant was an open coastline such

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as Kent or East Anglia. However, Hayle Estuary did very much exist and it was the gateway to Penwith and at the same time a great physical barrier for travellers and pilgrims to overcome in the days before Hayle Causeway was built in the 1820's.

The office of Ferry-man was most important, and several ferries operated across the estuary from such places as the present Lelant railway station and the Old Quay House area. The key ferry however, was the previously mentioned one across the narrow neck of the harbour.

The best remembered Ferry-man was the late Jack Couch, more usually known as "Jan". A former seaman, and a man of great physical strength, even in his later years. His main occupation was the inspection and maintenance of fixed navigation lights across the bar and in the harbour for which he was paid a retainer by Harvey and Company, the owners.

He could be summoned by passengers from either end of Carnsew Spit, or from Harvey's Towans by calling or whistling, when he row his small boat across to collect the people for a small fee.

He lived in a small cottage to the right of the railway bridge on Lelant beach. This cottage has

been re-built and greatly extended in recent years. He was a robust man with florid features with cropped grey hair and a grey moustache. He invariably wore a shirt without a collar, and sturdy workingman's trousers held up by broad heavy duty braces and belt.

As benefits an old seaman, he had a full and salty vocabulary, to which he would give full vent if called to the Towans side by a lone person near to the top of spring tide when the water at full flood and where he would have to row a diagonal course against the tide to fetch up on the opposite bank.

He was a leg puller of great renown with a rich fund of hilarious comments. His favourite targets, especially if he had some local passengers on board, would be elderly unmarried middle class lady visitors, or junior clergymen such as diffident curates; a clerical collar was a sure target. A full flow of comments would ensue as he pulled on the oars. References would be made as to peoples dress, or the size of their noses or feet, with at the same time large winks to the delighted locals, as the victims squirmed with discomfort.

For many years now there has been no ferry service between Hayle and Lelant. Some time ago

an attempt was made to re-start the service using an outboard motor but it was short-lived.

Brian Sullivan, 1995.

JOKES?

Two astronauts called Jan Hans and Alfred Knees landed on an unexplored planet, where they found an unknown species of flower, which kept emitting an eerie booming sound, and so Jan Hans and Alfred Knees decided to bring it back to earth for botanical examination.

Back home it was decided that this flower looked something like a Daisy and should be Christened, HANS-KNEES-and-BOOMS A DAISY!

I read with interest, in your last excellent Newsletter, the letter from the visitor to Cornwall, a Mr. Fletcher. As a resident, I fully agree with his point about the "missing beach" of Hayle. In point of fact we have one of the best three beaches in Cornwall, but also the most inaccessible. A few times over the past years I have been asked by holidaymakers while in the Penpole area, how to get to the beach. Obviously the quickest way is over the Iron Bridge, but I am so ashamed of what will greet

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them for the next half mile, I usually have to direct them to the other end of the town, and then turn left at the Recreation Ground etc. By the time they reach the beach they will have walked about two and a half miles.

Surely something could be done about cleaning up the North Quay. As every local knows, as soon as you traverse the bridge, you are confronted by an un-holy scene of desecration for about 500 yds., mostly caused by the car breakers yard, now, I believe no longer operating. This I was told was opened originally as a repair garage with an agreement with the owner that he should have the maximum of 12 vehicles on the site at any one time. As we now know there are probably about 100! old rusting wrecks, some piled on top of others, on the site. How could this ever be allowed to come about?

Now over the past year the sewerage contractors have been allowed to operate from further down the very damaged road on the side of the quay, and what a terrible sight to

behold this is. Why couldn't they have been told to operate from across the water on the other side of the quay where there is an access road, and they could have hidden their equipment in the old Fish packing shed, which is now lying idle, even if only in it's "girder" condition.

Come on Andrew George and company, let's do something about this terrible eyesore before securing the Harbour. Get your Task Force "cracking" on the North Quay and lets



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J Cossons
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I have noticed:-

Everything is farther away than it used to be, it is even twice as far to the corner, and they have added a hill. I have given up running for the 'bus, it leaves earlier than it used to.

It seems to me they are making the stairs steeper than in the old days, and have you noticed the smaller print in the newspapers? There is no sense in asking anyone to read aloud any more, as everyone speaks in low tones, I can hardly hear them now.

The material in dresses is so skimpy now, especially around the waist, it is almost impossible to reach one's shoe-laces, and the sizes don't run the way they used to, the 12's and 14's are so much smaller. Even people are changing, they are so

much younger than they used to be when I was their age, on the other hand, people my own age are so much older than I am.

I ran into a classmate the other day and she has aged so much that she did not recognise me.

I got to thinking about the poor dear while I was combing my hair this morning, and in doing so glanced at my own reflection,

Really now, they don't even make good mirrors like they used to.



CHAS.
JUST IN CASE OF
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at that time in life when the camaraderie of the work-place has been left behind. Roy Wilson concluded by emphasising the broad spectrum of all the activities, both learning and recreational in which U.3.A. is now able to participate.

The meeting was an overwhelming success, with the hall filled to capacity. Surely proving that many Hayle "third agers" are eager to fill their lives with the variety of interests that the new U.3.A. group hope to provide.

Mrs. Gwen Bush, who co-

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ordinated the formation of the new Hayle group together with the strong support from Doreen Smith and a small, but enthusiastic band of "third-agers", she gave a brief outline of the aims of the group, and announced that their first official meeting would be held on the 21st. September at 2pm. in the same hall, alongside the Day Care Centre.

Mrs. Shirley Oliver, the Deputy Mayor, then wished the new Hayle branch good luck. "No more excuses," she said, "the opportunity is here. Life is all about people and this is a people's project". She then wished the group many hours of fun, fulfilment and companionship.

An Englishman, an Irishman and a Scotsman were hiding up trees from bandits. The bandit chief called up one tree, "Who's there?". The Englishman went "Cheep, cheep", like a bird. So the bandit chief called up the next tree, "Who's there?" and the Scotsman went "EEK EEK" like a monkey. So the bandit chief called up the next tree, "Who's there?" and the Irishman went "Moo-oo".

THE PROJECT OFFICE

by John Nash

Confusion continues to reign over the function of the Project Office in Carew House.

The Project Office is a service to Hayle; it looks out for opportunities and threats to Hayle and tries to draw people's attention to them.

Threats are many. The danger of losing the Foundry Barn, the last remaining large building of the original Foundry complex, is a typical threat. The Project Office drew attention to it, organised a public meeting, and now the Foundry Barn has its own

committee looking after its interests. With a lot of public support, the Barn might yet survive.

Typical of the opportunities for Hayle is the Harbour. While there was a clear effort by a "Sitting Tenant" to develop the harbour, it would have been unfair for the "Town" to attempt an alternative plan.

Now, however, since the Harbour is up for sale, time is running out, and The Harbour Task Force has been set up to try and bring the harbour under Hayle control so that we can all have a say in how it develops.

The Project Office can offer a home to organisations like the Harbour Task Force as they establish themselves, and can offer office help with photocopying, printing and other support services in the early stages.

Eventually, with enough support, the Harbour Task Force will grow into a Harbour Trust or something similar belonging to the town, organising the harbour repair and regeneration work, while perhaps preventing the harbour from ever being sold to outside developers.


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But The Project Office doesn't run or own any of these projects; it only helps to bring them about by passing them on to organisations in the town, or setting up organisations to undertake the work, or by helping new groups to get established.

The Project Office is **not** a club or a "secret society"; you are welcome to help us, or drop in to Carew House at any time and have a look at what is going on.

In November, we hope to have a brief display of the work of the Project Office; why not drop in a have a look?

letters

HAYLE TOWN YOUTH CLUB

Your readers may have noticed articles in the local press about Hayle Town Youth Club and the granting of an entertainment licence.

Members of Hayle Town Council reported that there

had been a number of complaints about the conduct of young people attending the club.

Firstly, let me apologise if the behaviour of any young person has offended neighbours of the Youth Club.

Secondly, I would like to assure people that Cornwall County Youth Service is making great efforts to make the youth club a warmer, more welcoming place for the whole community, not just young people. But, for this to succeed, the club must have the consent and co-operation of local people, to do the job it was set up for, properly and effectively. And that means

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without causing any disturbance to our neighbours.

However, the only really effective way of helping young people to enjoy themselves and learn something, in any youth club, is to have lots of adults around who create a safe, caring environment where trouble simply does not happen. The most successful youth clubs operate a system where adults and young people mix happily together, providing the right sort of atmosphere where young people don't want, or need, to misbehave.

I would like to appeal to your readers again to consider the place of the youth club in the community. Hayle Town Youth Club will not survive unless it receives active support from the adult community in the town. A letter to *The Pump* and a more recent advertisement in *The Cornishman* appealing for voluntary help have met with very little response and a club as large and as popular as Hayle cannot operate with just one or two adult volunteers.

Cornwall County Youth Service has spent a considerable sum on refurbishing the premises and is willing to spend more. But it would be

foolish to keep investing in the fabric of building, if it is clear that the community in Hayle does not want to give the club its fullest support.

A youth club needs to operate in a partnership between the community, the Town Council and those responsible for running the club. Trying to run Hayle Town Youth Club without the support of each of those partners is like trying to push water uphill. It simply can't be done.

I would like to ask your readers again to come forward and help run your youth club. All it requires is a couple of hours a week of your time, working with voluntary youth workers to support the young people of Hayle.

Training is available through Cornwall County Youth Service which can help you to identify and develop your skills and can lead to a nationally recognised qualification.

If you are interested in rewarding and fulfilling voluntary work with young people, please give me a call on 01736 795122 for an informal chat.

Dave Ireland
Penwith Area Youth Worker

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