



Home in Honolulu

by Polly Roberts (from a tale told by Kevin)

"Do you know what it's like?" he asked the crowd, "to have learning difficulties?"

He'd asked the question a thousand times before, to carers, teachers, parents and firemen, but now he was asking 2,000 people in Hawaii of all places!

Back in Cornwall, he had been many things: the first disabled scout, a radio show host, quiz master, and disability advocate for Truro fire station, but never this!

Many things were taken home with him from Hawaii: A Hawaiian shirt, the knowledge that pineapples grew from the ground, the smell of oil from the sunken ships at Pearl Harbour and the taste of tears as he stood watching the waves break over them.

But what did he leave behind? Well, apart from an inspired crowd, he left a little bit of Cornwall in the form of a wooden shield. So, if you're ever visiting Honolulu - know that home isn't so far away!

Drawings by pupils at St. Johns School





Paper Pen Envelopes or PPE has grown out of the very human need to connect. Due to lockdown restrictions, many people have become very isolated and often, for the first time in their lives, have experienced loneliness. The simple aim of this project is to share stories through letter writing. Writers Sarah Connors and Polly Roberts have been meeting with individuals in and around Camborne and Redruth, sharing tales and banter which have prompted letter exchanges with children from Trewirgie, Penponds and St John's Primary Schools.

Some of these stories have been recorded and others printed on postcards with illustrations by the children supported by illustrator Keith Sparrow.

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