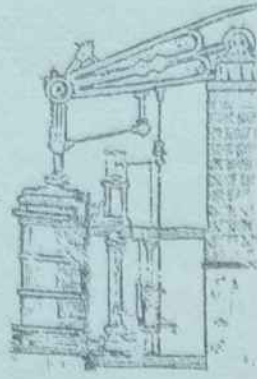


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## Mad Hatter's Tea Shop

What is this town coming to, when you get one silly member of Hayle Town Council moaning and writing to Penwith D.C. Planning Dept., about the the wonderful silhouettes on the front of the "Mad Hatter's"? Everyone I have spoken to agrees with me (Yes, and if you want to know who's me, I'm M. Perkins of the Hayle Pump Newsletter team) that they do no harm and brighten up the town.

So come off it, Councillor please do something useful for the town for a change.

As for the "Mad Hatter's" it's a wonderful tea-room cum eating and meeting house. There's many of the town folk who flock there every day or once in a while to meet friends or make new friends. To have a good old chat, laugh and joke with each other and with that wonderful "Mad Hatter Lady" who runs the place.

So please Penwith Planning Dept., please let it stay and stop this nonsense of making our town shop owners having to pay out large fees on planning when there's no need for it. It's hard enough to make a living in this nice town of Hayle, so let's live and let live.

*M. Perkins.*

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On a return visit last summer to my childhood home of Cornwall I came across the CORNUBIA at the Hayle roundabout and was particularly interested to see it as I am the author of several articles and a forthcoming book about Confederate naval activities during the American Civil War. I wonder if I might appeal through the Pump newsletter for any further

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information about the vessel or her sale. Perhaps some of your readers who worked at Harveys will recall the model of the CORNUBIA which was once displayed there. I would also be pleased to hear from anyone who has a copy of "THE HARVEYS OF HAYLE" they would be willing to sell me. I shall, of course, refund postage to anyone who writes to me.

## **Hayle Community Archive's Christmas Surprise**

Two weeks before Christmas, Hayle Community Archive received a surprise gift from Hayle's two gardeners.

While they were cleaning out the roof space of their shed behind the swimming pool, they came across what they took to be a bundle of wooden poles, wrapped in canvas. On closer inspection, this bundle proved to be a number of maps, rolled up and stored away in the roof, and the Archive was contacted.

Having been subjected to years of damp and dust, the maps appeared to be in a very sorry state when they first arrived. It was feared that they might all fall to bits before they could be properly examined but, after a few days of gentle drying, they were opened and slowly unfolded.

As the work progressed it was realised that the main area of damage was on the outer edges where they had been in contact with the elements. The inner sheets were in a very reasonable condition and easily detached from their canvas backing. Only one map was found to be beyond saving.

There were five maps, all of them Ordnance Survey maps, covering the Hayle area, dating from 1880 to 1936. Two of them are 2 inches to the mile, showing the town and surrounding area in great detail. It is not certain where they were hung originally, but

they may have belonged to the former Phillack Urban District Council. In the New Year the maps will be cleaned, restored and catalogued, and the Archive would very much appreciate any information about their origins.

We would like to express our sincerest thanks to Michael and Matthew for bringing them to us for safe keeping.

We would also like to thank everyone who gave us photographs and other items for the Archive's collection during the past year. Please keep them coming!

*Georgina Schofield*  
*Archive Co-ordinator*



*Phillack Church*  
*Hayle, Cornwall*

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!

**Congratulations to Phillack Church Restoration Appeal for reaching the goal of £25,000 - and before the new millennium, too!**

As most people will know, many events were organised over the past five years, an



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average of two per month, including slides, historic walks around Hayle with Brian Sullivan and Ken Brown, concerts, lots of Cream Teas and, in the past year, a Craft Exhibition including a raffle for a unique Quilt celebrating the Eclipse, designed and hand-sewn by the Appeal Group ladies (with a little help from some other quilters).

This money was raised to do essential repairs to the Church; re-pointing the outside walls and new guttering, as well as a disabled access and some re-ordering inside.

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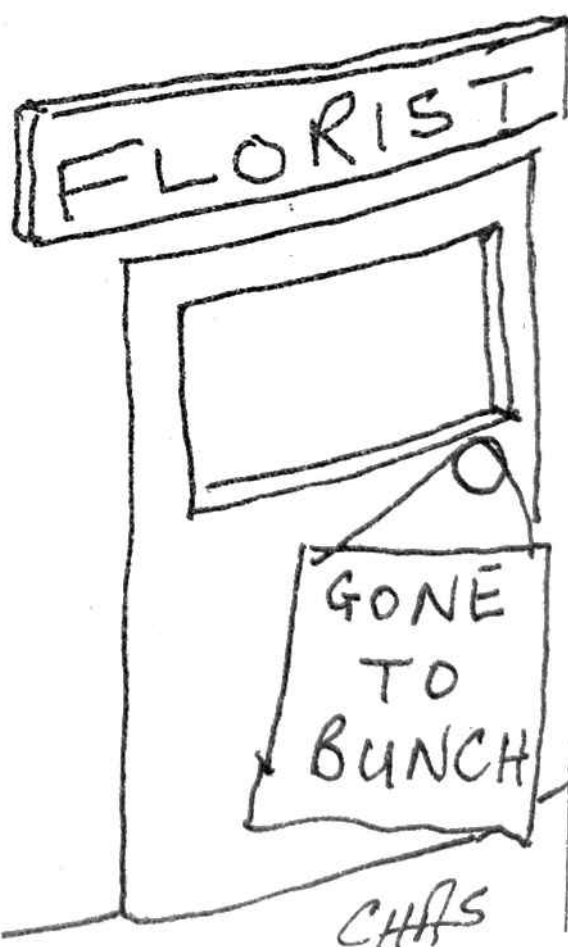
I speak on behalf of the whole Committee when I thank all those people who have supported the various events over the years; without you, we'd never have done it! The monthly lunches will continue, by popular demand; they are as much a social gathering as a fund-raising event. Do come along; they are held on the second Saturday in every month (except August).

Thank you again to all those who have supported the various events over the years.

*Cathy Williams*

*Secretary of*

*Restoration Appeal Committee*



## Hayle Meanderers' Weekly Walks

The Hayle Meanderers Club have been meeting for four years now, walking an average of 5-7 miles each week. We take a packed lunch and always meet at the Commercial Road Car Park (next to the Age Concern buildings) at 10.30 am, and there we arrange to share cars and the cost (£1-£3 average), depending how far we are travelling to the starting point. If you look at our new programme you will see that we cover most of Cornwall at very little cost, and the car owners are happy with this deal. All ages are welcome to join us. There is no club charge for what has been called the best social event of the week by our many friends, and that is what it's all about - making friends and exploring this wonderful county - because unless you get out of your cars and leave the roads behind, you cannot fully appreciate the hidden gems with which Cornwall is studded.

So many people have said to me "We never knew that this lovely area was here until we joined The Meanderers." The



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spot they were talking about was just one mile outside Camborne. I won't tell you where it is - if you want to find out, you must join us on our weekly jaunts!

Two weeks ago we met on a wet and windy car park in Hayle and, because of the prevailing wind, decided Helford and Manaccan was the place to explore. When we left our cars at Helford we walked the sheltered creeks in bright sunshine, dropping down to the lovely Ponsence Cove where the calm, clear water drew us to take our picnic on the smooth rocks before

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walking on to St. Anthony in Meneage (land of Monks), where the lovely church nestles amid palms and camellias. Nearing Gillan we spotted curlews and herons, and then a flock of Little Egrets in the overhanging trees and wading in the still waters of the Creek. Having only seen one Little Egret in Hayle at Copperhouse Pool, to see eleven at one time was very exciting - but then our meanders are always full of surprises, and we always finish our walks with a welcome cuppa at the nearest café.

We hope to have your company in the future.

## Hayle Meanders Walks

### February

9<sup>th</sup> ..... Gwithian. Kehelland  
16<sup>th</sup> ... Trungle Moor - Paul  
23<sup>rd</sup> ... Coverack - Roskilly

### March

1<sup>st</sup> ..... St. Agnes. Blue Hills  
8<sup>th</sup> ..... Menabilly - Fowey  
15<sup>th</sup> ..... Carn Brea  
22<sup>nd</sup> ..... Wadebridge - Camel Trail  
29<sup>th</sup> .. Hayle Phillack

### April

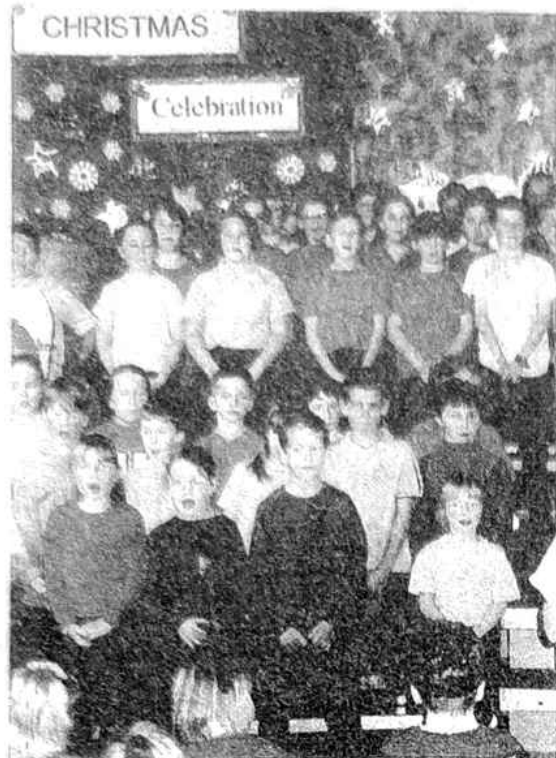
5<sup>th</sup> ... Lamorna - Castellack  
12<sup>th</sup> ... Cape Cornwall - Cot Valley

## **Connor Downs School Christmas Celebration**

The junior section of this school have recently performed their Christmas celebrations.

The letters of the word "Christmas" were used to highlight the enjoyment and lots of fun of Christmas of this age, and for the children's own hopes and aspirations for Christmas in the future.

I would once again like to use this space to thank the Head and his staff for putting so much time and hard work into making all this possible. Also Thank You, children, you were all great. I thought it was "real cool". You, too, worked so very hard to put on a great show.



Thank you once again! Thanks must also go to Paul Waite once again for his contributions.

The proceeds from the closing collection will be split between the Riding for the Disabled charity, and the School Fund.

M.P.

### Photos Wanted

We are publishing a book on the history of Riviere Towans Chalet Park. Does anyone have any interesting old photographs etc. that could be included? All photos etc. will be returned.

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## RSPB News

A new year and a new warden. This is my chance to introduce myself to all the Hayle Pump readers. My name is Keith Ballard and I am standing in for Dave Flumm as Warden for the Hayle Estuary & Marazion Marsh nature reserves until the middle of June. This is because Dave has been seconded to work on the South West Farmland Bird Project trying to reverse the serious decline of breeding farmland birds across the Devon/ Cornwall area.

Well, it would have been nice to have arrived here in time to have seen the well publicised Booted

Eagle that was spotted all over Cornwall and at Hayle for about a month and than disappeared the day before I arrived. Never mind the resident wildlife on the estuary is plentiful enough to keep me occupied.

The American Wigeon is still frequenting the estuary and Copperhouse along with the Spoonbill and multiple Little Egrets. Also at Copperhouse the regular wintering Ring-Billed Gull returned for another winter in mid November. The prize for the biggest spectacle at the moment has to go to Ryan's Field where if you are lucky you can see about 500 Golden Plover, Kingfisher and an Avocet all within a few metres of the new hide.

If you want to find out more about the wildlife of the estuary, why not join one of our weekly guided walks starting in April?

*Keith Ballard*

*RSPB The Manor Office Marazion  
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## **Luc Bessons' "The Messenger" - The Story of Jeanne d'Arc - The Armour**

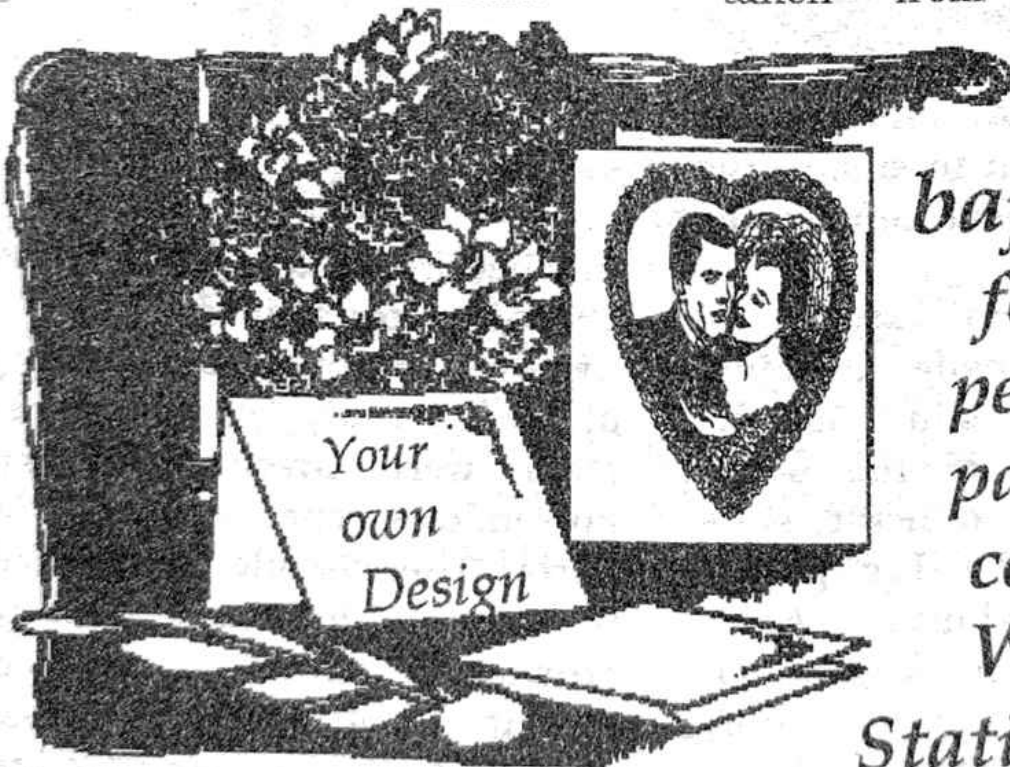
Terry English of English Arms and Armour was contacted by Gaumont Films in April 1998 to construct 25 suits of armour

for the feature film "Jeanne d'Arc".

Terry specialises in creating custom made-to-measure suits of armour. With over 36 years' experience, and having worked on over 30 major productions, he is now recognised as a Master Craftsman in his field. The armour he creates is made in the traditional way - each piece being individually hand-beaten from metal sheets using original armourers' hammers and tools, some of which are over 300 years old. Each piece of armour is meticulously fitted to the contours of the artist to ensure the maximum comfort and freedom of movement.

25 suits of armour were to be built over a three-month period. Terry's entire workshop was transported from Cornwall to the Studio Eclar in Epenay, Paris, where his workshop was set up in one of the large sound stages and, with his four-man team in attendance - Glen English, Mike Johnson, Neal Pinnell and Jamie Pardow - work commenced.

Terry worked very closely with the costume designer, Catherine Leterrier. The designs for the suits were based on existing historical armour, and from drawings taken from Victorian ill-



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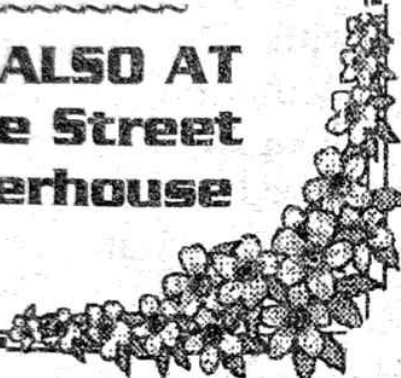
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ustrations, and much hard work was put in to ensure the maximum magical impact was created.

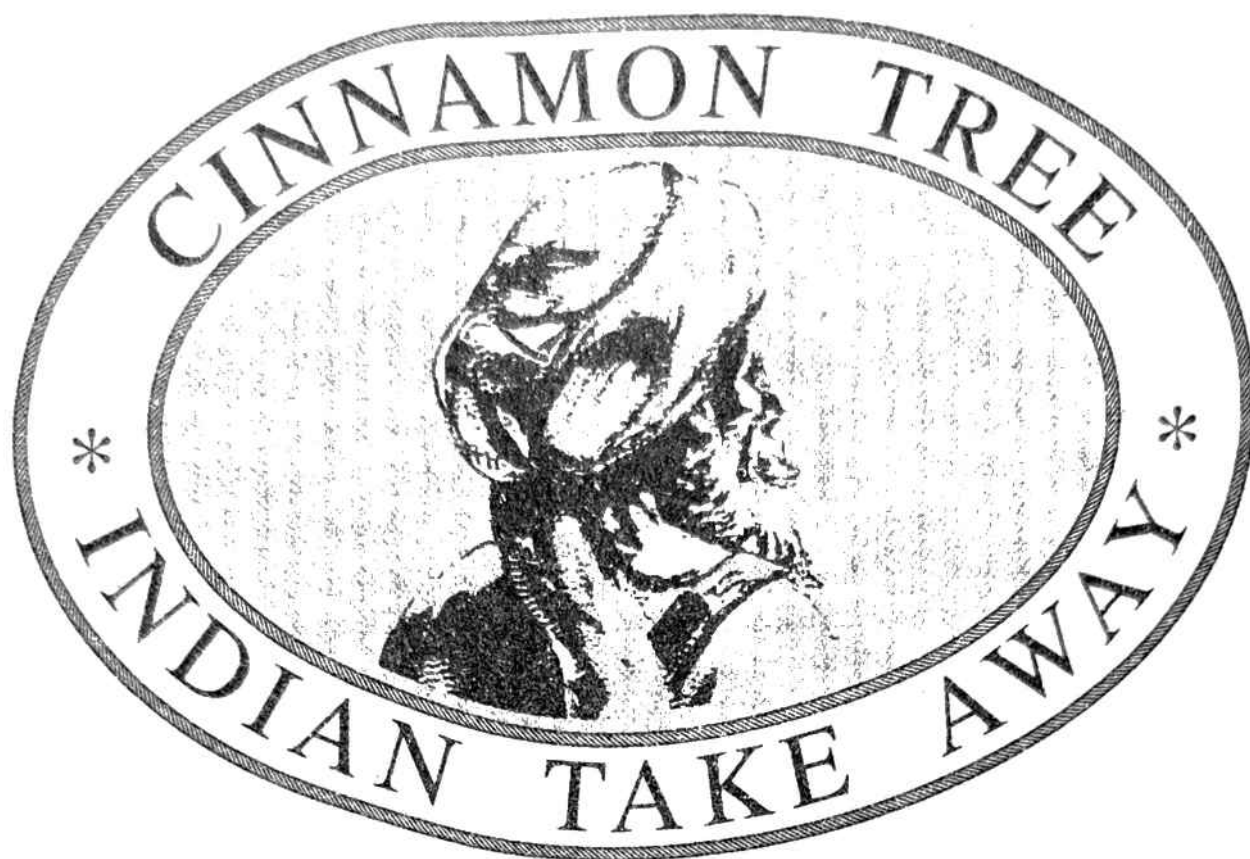
Three different styles of armour were made for Milla Jovovich - St. Joan - for the various stages of the story. The two most difficult suits made were for "La Hire" played by Richard Ridings. Apart from his immense size, he had suffered a riding accident only weeks before, which had left him with a broken back. Extra care was needed to give him the utmost comfort. A second identical suit was made for his

stunt double. This suit was made in a record three days whilst on location in the Czech Republic. The most difficult suit of armour was the splendid gold armour for Charles VII, played by John Malkovich. Based on the finest Gothic armour with its slender, fluted lines and embossed Fleur-de-Lys, the inside was lined with crimson suede leather, and the whole was



finished in goldleaf for the final stunning appearance.

Halfway through the making of the armour, Terry and his team were involved in an horrendous car accident in Paris. This completely trashed the car, and left Terry severely crushed with suspected fractures of various ribs, causing him immense pain, to the point where he had to be lifted from his bed every morning. So serious were these injuries, that it looked as



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In August the entire workshop and team were transported to Bruntal in the Czech Republic, where the filming began. The suits of armour

were constantly repaired and, in certain cases, pieces were re-made, due to the damage caused from the horrendous battle scenes. Sometimes work had to continue late into the night to make sure they were ready for the next day's shooting.

"We still have the scars from the blisters to prove it!" - but we all agree, the end result was well worth all the effort!

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They have broken into our sheds, smashed windows too, for their fun

Taken nothing thankfully, just our children's toy funds

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We've still a few available spaces, bring your children along.

*Sarah Dennis  
Publicity Officer*

## A View from the Steeple

*The Sanctuary Sparrow*

After a busy spell leading up to the Christmas Festivities, it is good to have a break to recharge the batteries before the onset of Lent and Easter.

The final Christingle Service of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century saw many of the children of Hayle celebrating their special day by

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The combined Choir of Churches Together in Hayle chose Cornish Carols for the Carol Concert on 17<sup>th</sup> December and St. Elwyn's Choir sang for the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on 19<sup>th</sup> December.

On Christmas Eve the Family Crib Service was celebrated, followed later by Midnight Mass, during which The Coventry Carol was sung by a trio of singers from St. Elwyn's Choir beside the Crib Tableau.

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heralded on 1<sup>st</sup> January with a Special Mult-Denominational Service of Unity at St. Elwyn's Church. A Millennium Declaration was signed by the representatives of the Anglican, Methodist, Catholic and Salvation Army congregations in Hayle, vowing to establish closer links with each other in The Third Millennium. The Service was followed by a Faith Lunch provided by members of the congregation.

The First Epiphany Service of the New Year was held at Phillack Church on 6<sup>th</sup> January; a warm welcome to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

## Foundry Under Fives

Hello everyone! Hope you all enjoyed seeing in the New Year. The Christmas parties for toddlers & playgroup were a great success enjoyed by all.

We raised £630.00 (not including expenses) from the Christmas Fayre, it really paid off holding it at Phillack Church Hall. Thank you to everyone who supported us and donated items.

We have a new date for the Nearly New Sale. It will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> February from 1pm – 4pm at the playgroup. As I've mentioned before it's a great way to make a bit of cash and take some of the pain out of Christmas & January Sales expenses! The usual 20% commission will be taken for any items sold, we look forward to helping you sell those "good" unwanted items of maternity, nursery and children's clothing.

We will be holding a Valentines disco on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February from 4pm – 6pm, the usual refreshments will be available and we look forward to seeing you all there with the little poppets!

*Lesley Lamerton, FUF Harbour View Hayle.*

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Is the Buddhist Monk refusing an injection at the dentists trying to transcend dental medication?

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## Can't Judge a Book ...

### Question 1:

If you knew a woman who was pregnant, who had 8 kids already, three who were deaf, two who were blind, one mentally retarded, and she had syphilis, would you recommend that she has an abortion?

Read the next question before going down to the answer of this one.

### Question 2:

It is time to elect the world leader, and your vote counts. Here are the facts about the three leading candidates.

Candidate A: associates with crooked politicians, and consults with astrologists. He's had two mistresses. He also chain smokes and drinks 8 to 10 Martinis a day.

Candidate B: He was kicked out of office twice, sleeps until noon, used opium in college and drinks a quart of whiskey every evening.

Candidate C: He's a decorated war hero. He's a vegetarian, doesn't smoke, drinks an occasional beer and hasn't had any extra-marital affairs.

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Candidate B is Winston Churchill

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**DID YOU HEAR THE ONE ABOUT THE MAN WHO STAYED UP ALL NIGHT TO WORK OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SUN WHEN IT WENT DOWN?**

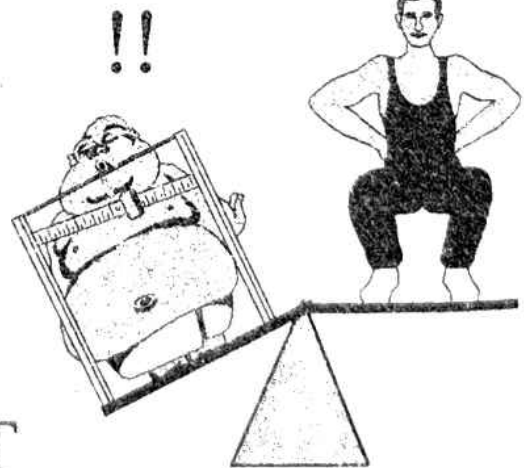
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## Hayle Decorative Lighting News

By the time you read this article, sadly all the Christmas decorations will be down and stored away.

We would like to apologise for the strings of lights that kept going out. It was not vandalism as a few people suggested, but a manufacturer's fault in the cable for which we hope to get a refund.

Thanks to the generosity of the people putting money in the collecting tins, £1,084.57 was raised. And thanks to all those who contributed to the show of lights by lighting up their own homes, and the shop-keepers for their efforts, and the pubs. And to all those who commented on the display this year, it was a great morale booster to the Committee.

We are now in the process of planning more fund-raising events with raffles etc. for the year ahead and we are hoping to extend the lighting display for Christmas 2000.

Please keep your eyes open for the A.G.M. notice for the 1<sup>st</sup> March and we hope you will give us your full support at this meeting!

### Our Special Thanks to:

John Lindfield P.D.C., Pesca Funding Hayle Town Council, Hayle Chamber of Commerce, Hayle Harbour Co., Foundry Retail Traders, Chris Lello, Ian Williams & Michael

Smetheram – Digger drivers, John Elwin & Tony Miller – Electricians, Brian Oliver, Mike Matthews, Jeff & Sarah Turk, Hugh Prosser, Marjorie Roberts, Paul & Kate Palmer, Lucas, Sharon Hickman Becky Slater, Jonathan Falls, Craig Caddy, Vic Nixon, Jeremy Joslin, Owen Philp, John Toms, John Wilkes, Hayle Pump, Lions Club, Wyevale Garden Centre, Just Fashions, Copperhouse Inn, Cornubia Inn, Cornish Arms, Hubbards Fish & Chips. Connorton Auctions.

Without these people we would not have had a wonderful display of Christman Lights in Hayle.

*Richard Horwell - Chairman*

*Jayne Quick Vice-Chairman*

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## Important Announcement

### SAVE OUR CARNIVALS!!

**Please attend a Meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7.00pm at the Passmore Edwards Institute. Volunteers are urgently needed to help with the organising of the Summer & Illuminated Carnivals, as the Lions Club is no longer to carry on.**

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## Good News from Hayle HarbourCo.

Date 24<sup>th</sup> January 2000

Preliminary emergency works to the Middle Weir are in hand pending receipt of planning Permission for the recovery of necessary materials from North Quay which is expected shortly.

Consultation for the Harbour Redevelopment scheme will commence with meetings with Hayle Town Council and Penwith District Council which will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> February respectively. Other organisations and groups have been approached to agree separate meetings prior to the commencement of Public Consultation on 14<sup>th</sup> February.

We look forward to getting the public's views and opinions on the plans. We feel confident that all concerned will be as excited and optimistic as we are about the proposals. Indeed, after consultation, the Hayle Harbour Company will be exhibiting the plans at the prestigious International Property Market in France in March. The exhibition is the world's leading Property show where developers, and users and investors from around the world, meet to move forward major development schemes.

This new confidence has arisen thanks to a fresh approach from Hayle Harbour's new professional

team contributing to the partnership work of the Consultative Group and Working Party in bringing new plans to this consultation stage.

*C. Brown-Bolton*  
*Project Co-ordinator.*

## Hayle & District Chamber of Commerce.

This year the Chamber and the Hayle Decorative Lighting Committee held a joint award-giving ceremony at Hayle Bowl on 15<sup>th</sup> December. The prize-winners were:

Best Decorated Shop window –  
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Mr. Palmer 17 Trelawney Place

Third M. Wildman 18 Penpol  
Terrace.

## Prestigious Award won by Jinty!

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covered in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century over the Bodmin porch, and remains in the Parish Church. It belongs to Bodmin's Town Council and is one of the finest reliquaries in England.

I hope I have got my history details correct, and apologise in case I have left out any other relevant details.

Sincerely,  
Peter

*Peter L. Gregory,  
1 Llys Dewi,  
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SA62 6RZ  
Letter*

During the Festive Season, while everyone else was celebrating the last Christmas of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, some low-life took it into their single brain cell to kill three swans on Copperhouse Pool.

It is bad enough that the Millennium should end with such a despicable act, perpetrated on these defenceless creatures, but it is not just the culprit who is to blame. Why was he given a deadly weapon in the first place, without anyone being re-sponsible enough to check what it was actually being used for?

Guns Kill! Don't put them in the hands of Idiots!

*Name and Address supplied*

## Hayle Twinning Assn.

Hayle Twinning Association is happy to announce that, once more, a group of friends from Pordic will be paying a visit to Hayle. They will be coming over at Whitsun weekend. We do not, as yet, have the exact details of when they will be arriving and for how long they will be staying. We do know, however, that the party will be made up of 38 Breton Dancers and 12 family members. This should prove a very enjoyable and interesting weekend, as we are hoping to arrange a concert with the Dancers and some of



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We would like to remind you that if you wish to visit Pordic, either with an arranged party, or on your own, just let one of the above contacts know, and we will be happy to arrange accommodation for you.

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## Millennium to Millennium 1000 Years in Hayle

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The settlement of Hele was probably a handful of houses clustered around the Estuary, which, on its eastern side, would have stretched up to the East Looe at Angarrack and the Rellubus Staithes on the western side. The patchwork of fields belonging to the neighbouring farms would have surrounded the estuary and covered the Towans to the cliff edge.

Ethelred was King of England and the Cornish peninsula was one of his remotest territories. Since 997 the coastal villages had lived in fear of the marauding Danes who were raiding Cornwall, Devon and Wales. By 1005 famine gripped the south west, and taxes to pay gold to the Danes were crippling the small settlements. The reign of terror finally ended in 1016 when Canute became King of England.

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surviving, but after 1066 the Normans replaced the single cell Celtic buildings with larger cruciform churches. St. Piala was replaced by St. Felicitas at Phillack in 1259, a saint better known to the Norman clerics than the sister of St. Gwinear.

The Great Domesday Survey of 1084-6 lists Gwithian under the patronage of the Manor of Conarditon and as part of the lands held by the Bishop of Exeter. The manor was not given to the Duchy of Cornwall, and never has been a part of the Duchy to this day.

By 1134 Conarditon had been gifted by William, 2nd Earl

of Gloucester to Richard Pincerna, whose son, Robert FitzRichard, took the name of Conarditon as his family title. His granddaughter, Alice, married Renfrey d'Arundel in 1265, and Conarditon, together with the Bailiwick of Penwith, passed to the Great Arundels of Lanherne. It remained their property until 1808, when the estates were largely sold off, but Hayle was referred to for the first time in historic documentation on Alice's Marriage Settlement in 1265.

Other places had been previously recorded: Phillack

appears as "Eglos-Hayle" (church by the estuary) in 1130; Loggans is mentioned in 1150, and, in 1181, Bodriggy is first recorded as a manor farm. The other manors of Hayle are also recorded as farming settlements. Penpol and Riviere in 1259, Tre-vassack in 1283; Ventonleague in 1285; Trelissick in 1302; and Carnsew in 1350.

Conarditon is the centre of power, but it is Phillack which is the centre of religious life. It is the largest parish in the Penwith Deanery appointing Nicholas Le Bon its first rector in 1257 and, by 1289, it was



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consolidated as a joint ministry with Gwithian. There is little doubt that Phillack was a centre of pilgrimage, having both a Holy Well and a Holy Relic - a bottle of blood found concealed in the alter during 19<sup>th</sup> Century restoration work. Recent finds of Pilgrim's Tokens and field names, such as Sanctuary Field and Pilgrim's Field have further strengthened the case for Phillack's importance in Medieval Penwith.

After the difficult years at the start of the Millennium, the first signs of prosperity become evident in 1343, when corn mills are built on the Angarrack River and trade starts to flourish as mining along the rivers and streams in the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries becomes more and more established. Herland in Gwinear produces tin, copper and silver.

Prosperity is measured by the amount of building in fine granite that was carried out at the time. Medieval bridges at St. Erth, Angarrack and Gwithian, and the church towers at Phillack, Gwithian, Lelant, Gwinear and St. Erth date from around 1470-80. The Manor Farms become Manor Estates, with fine stone-

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built houses like Penpol and Trewinnard.

Wool Fairs and Markets are established. Two are held annually in Phillack: one on 1<sup>st</sup> June; and the Lammas Fair on 4<sup>th</sup> August. Peace and prosperity, however, are shattered by the Reformation of 1535, and the Civil War a hundred years later, when the fortunes of the Arundels plummeted because they remained staunchly Catholic throughout.

The two factions within the St. Aubyn family - the Royalists of St. Michael's Mount, and the Parliamentarians of Clowence - would

have made life dangerous for those living in the villages caught between, although it would seem that many of them remained loyal to the Crown, and letters of thanks from Charles I are displayed in the Churches of Gwinear, Lelant and St. Erth.

18<sup>th</sup> Century Hayle has changed very little from the medieval settlement of cottages around Carnsew and Phillack Churchtown and its Manor Farm Estates. The estuary has become silted by tin streaming, which was first recorded by the traveller, John Leland, in 1533, and larger ships cannot negotiate its notorious sand bar, except at high tide, but in

1710 a small copper smelter was set up near the lower end of Penpol Creek.

Although there had been a smelting works at Angarrack since 1704, this was Hayle's first real industrial venture, and paved the way for the growth of the two great foundries. Trade flourished. Quays were built at Carnsew, Ventonleague and Copperhouse. By 1750, 500 mules and horses carried supplies from Hayle to the inland mines, bringing back ore for shipment to South Wales.

In 1758 the Cornish Copper Company was formed and set up a copper smelter at Ventonleague. By 1780, with

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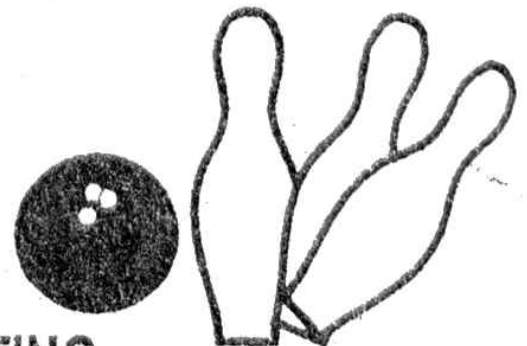
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John "Merchant" Curnow, they had begun to develop the harbour, building North Quay in 1811 and East Quay in 1818. They impounded Phillack Creek in 1769 to form the tidal pool and shipping canal. Sluices were added in 1789 to keep sand from silting the harbour, allowing larger ships to re-enter the Port of Hayle.

1796 saw John Harvey, a blacksmith from Gwinear, setting up his first foundry at Carnsew. He began to build a quay there and thus began the years of bitter rivalry between the two foundries and the urban areas which grew up around them, Foundry and Copperhouse.

During the early years of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Hayle was an industrial giant. Its two foundries were a hotbed of invention and innovation. Engineers, such as Richard Trevithick, William Husband, William West, Arthur Woolf, Jabus Bickel, James "Tinman" Pool and his two sons, James and Frederick, were known world-wide, and Cornish Pumping Engines from both foundries powered the mines in North and South America, Africa and Australia.

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Hayle is also a "Railway Town": in 1834, an Act of Parliament granted Hayle its own railway to Redruth and, later, to Truro. This line was later re-routed by the West Cornwall Railway when, in 1852, they built their main line from Paddington to Penzance, which ran over viaducts designed by Isambard King-



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dom Brunel. This opened up quicker freight transportation by land, and goods, such as coal, timber and grain, were arriving at the port for transfer by rail inland.

With the closure of deep mining in England and cheaper imports of copper and tin from the Far East and South America, at the latter end of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, first the Copper Company closed in 1868, and Harvey's Foundry in 1906, followed by Harvey's Rope Works in 1916. The start of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century saw great hardship in the town, with much unemployment and little prospect of work.

As the finances dwindled, many of the town's institutions began to close down. Harvey's own Emporium was one of them and, because competition from other shops had been discouraged, the "Front Garden" shops began to spring up around Foundry to cater for the local residents' needs.

Of the employers left in Hayle, J and F Pool had the largest workforce and, together with Slade and Co., kept alive the tradition of working with metal. After both the World Wars, a new industry came to the harbour. Instead of building ships, they came to the quays to be broken up for scrap iron.

As the century progressed, industry came and went. The National Explosives Company closed in 1919; UBM-Harveys sold the harbour in 1979 and the power station also closed and was demolished. Agriculture and fishing also were declining, and Hayle saw projects and ideas come to naught as the harbour changed hands three times in 20 years. The town was living on promises and little else.

As the New Millennium dawns, life in Hayle is still uncertain, as it was when the previous Millennium dawned.



This time, however there is a

ray of hope on the horizon. The new owner of the harbour is more positive in his approach to the enormous task ahead - to regenerate the Port and repair the neglect of at least two generations.

The regeneration of the Foundry Square and the Foundry Barn Heritage Centre are scheduled to go ahead in the summer of 2000. The old Dynamite Works at Upton Towans has been cleared of dangerous debris and will become a new Nature Reserve. Many Millennium Projects are in the process of being funded, and will boost the town's image at the start of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

These include the transformation of the King George V Memorial Walk and its gardens as a waterside promenade stretching the entire length of Copperhouse Pool.

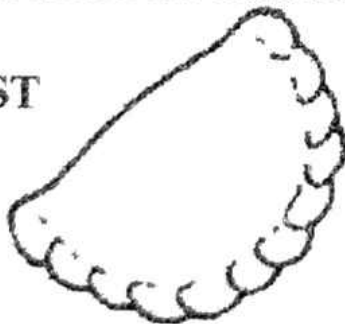
Hayle may have seen hard times; it may have been neglected in the past, but its people have always shown great strength of character in adversity, and found ways of making progress on their own behalf.

The New Millennium promises much and, if one fraction of this new beginning comes to pass, the town can build on this foundation and look forward to better things for the

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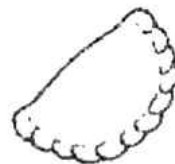


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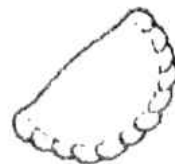
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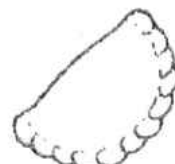
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*Georgina Schofield  
Hayle Archive*

enjoy the spirit of giving and the thanks for the birth of Jesus.

Once again thanks to the Head! Every child in the Infants Department took part, and all enjoyed it so much!

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## Hayle Art Society

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Last year we held successful exhibitions of our paintings and made a few sales. We also had social evenings with a visiting tutor who gave constructive criticism of our work.

To round off 1999 we had a relaxing Christmas dinner at the new Loggans Moor pub, it was a really great evening with a super party atmosphere! After the Christmas break we were all eager to return to our meetings and get down to some more brushwork which we had been

missing. You know, painting can become quite addictive.

New members will be welcome.

*Gloria Jeff Committee Member*

*Hayle Art Society 753405*

## **A Dog's Dinner**

### **To Pedigree Masterfoods**

Hello me handsones, just what have you done?

Poor Angus is bereft without his pouches of Chum.

I've scoured the County but never a one

I hope you'll let me know, if there still are some.

Angus is elderly, just like me.

He will eat tinned meat, but not with such glee.

I await your reply to my humble plea,

So, love from Angus and his Mum, Esme.

*Name and address supplied*

## Global Warming

What a load of rubbish is being hyped up on Global Warming. Someone mentioned that the sea levels could rise as much as 7 metres.

Just look at the size of the Polar Icecaps and remember that when ice melts, it reduces in volume, and then look at the amount of sea - if it increased by 7 centimetres I'd be surprised!

If Global Warming does become a reality, there'll be more water in the air, so water levels could go down. In fact, The Sahara and Middle East

could even become fertile again. The Rainforests could expand, both North and South.

Going back to the experts, I'm sure they scaremonger just to keep themselves in highly paid jobs!

If you really want something to worry about, forget your CFCs, your exhaust fumes, and all that hot air that is being bandied about by politicians (who use it as an excuse just to tax us more), and the so-called environmentalists. When I see those Global Conferences and all they decide is that we'll reduce our emissions by X amount over the next few years - it makes me want to shout!

No-one thinks - We, and almost everything on earth, live on oxygen. If we went without oxygen for 4 or 5 minutes, We Are Dead - and what gives us oxygen? - Just think for a minute on this - It's the trees and greenery - but mainly trees.

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Dig a big hole, with a friend or two (as wide as the tree might be).

Lay down a plastic sheet with a few holes in around the sides - or you could use an old carpet for this. (This is to stop the soil leeching away into the

sand)

Then, alternate 4 or 5 layers of soil with large stones or blocks (the stones are to anchor the roots)

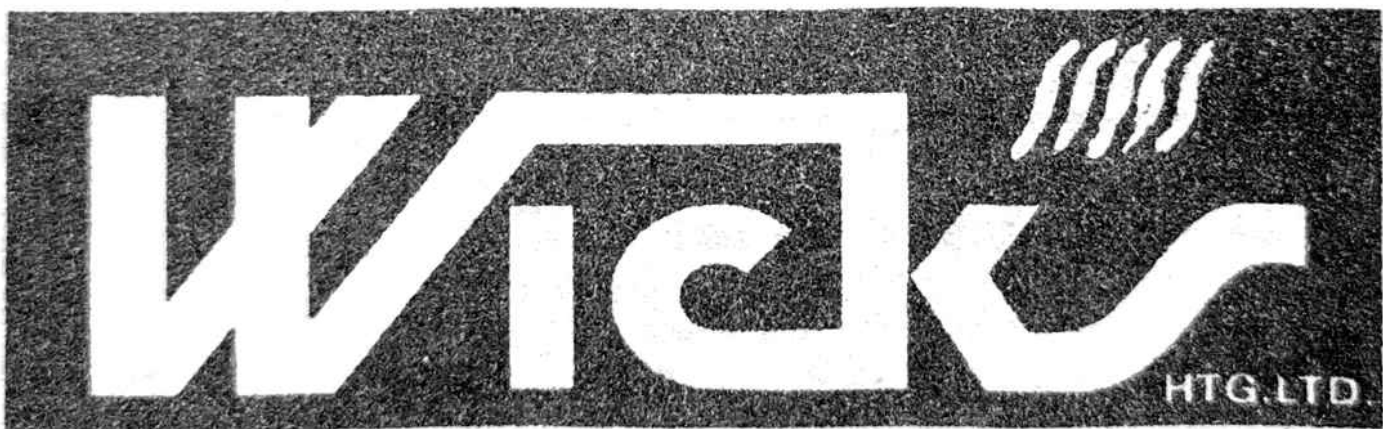
Finish off with about 18" of soil, and you are ready.

If you are near the sea, plant an escallonia bush in front, to shelter your tree while it is young.



You could probably obtain soil from a tipper firm, or building site - I'm sure you would manage.

Anyway, enough for now - me tea's on!!

*Blaster*



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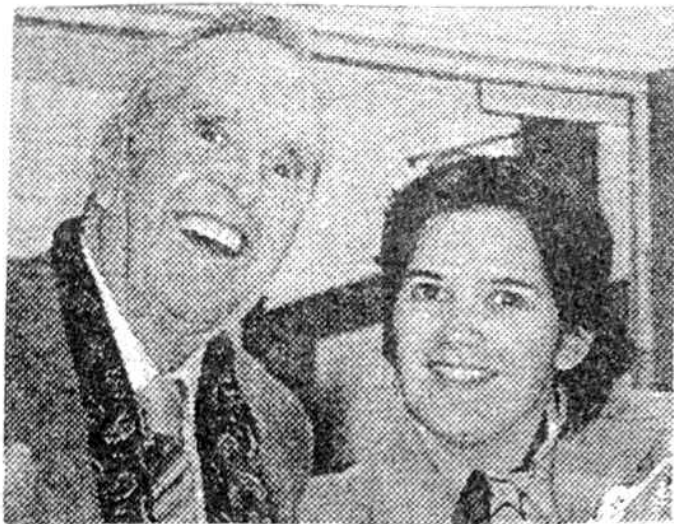
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Some of our readers will perhaps remember Frank Horwell for the many interesting write-ups to the Hayle Pump about his childhood days in Hayle.

I expect there might even be some of his friends and family still living in the town to this day. On a recent trip to France in November he was delighted to meet up with Celine

Jardin, who stayed at his house when she visited England as a student in 1988.

Over the years Frank has become a great friend of mine since he has been sending me stories for the Pump. Many, many thanks for all your help, Frank, and keep up the good work.

*M.P.*

### CORNISH PLACE NAME ANAGRAMS

e.g. HE LAY = HAYLE

1. holding op
2. hats on
3. bargee
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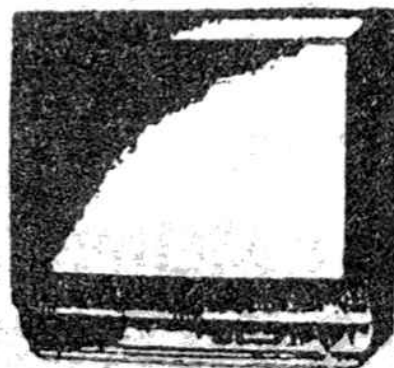
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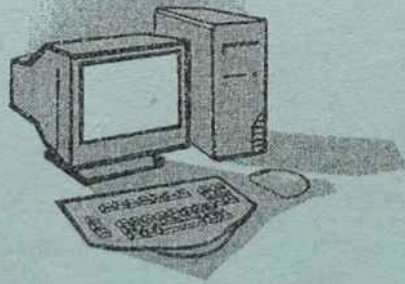
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