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HAYLE PUMP NEWSLETTER

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Chuffed to Bits! Pat Jeffries, Ryan Thomas, William Gregg, Shirley Oliver & Bob Mims at the Model Railway Exhibition held on May 27th & 28th at the Hayle Day Care Centre. The very successful exhibition was made possible by a grant from Hayle Town Forum.

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Closing date for next issue.....20th July 2000.

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Pump in Danger of Closing!

The failure of Thyatira to win funding from the Key Fund threatens the printing of the Pump Newsletter, as each issue is printed at cost as a service to the community.

Thyatira, Hayle's Community Co-operative and its Archive put forward a project to upgrade its facilities to the level of a Centre of Excellence, creating two jobs and training places for future archivists. Not only did it have its application rejected by the Key Fund; the response was that the project was of no economic value to the local community and not creating sufficient value for money. The Archive is devastated because the impact will not only severely damage the future operation of the Archive but also that of Thyatira itself.

The Co-operative prepared an application for core funding to the Lottery which was collected in January by Penwith's Community Development Officer for vetting. This application lay on "her desk" for over three months for her successor to comment on. The delays which both projects have had to endure are disgraceful, and only adds credence to the long-held suspicion "Never mind, it's only Hayle!"

Along with the Archive, Thyatira

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has been actively assisting the community of Hayle, especially the long-term unemployed and the socially disadvantaged. Links have been established with Hayle Job Centre to provide a CV service and with Employment Training Agencies to provide work-based training. At present 12 volunteers and trainees work at the Co-operative and they were looking forward to welcoming six new trainees from their partner agencies.

Both projects have existed only on the small income generated by its Printing and Office Services section and have always endeavored to assist whoever comes to them for help. Georgina Schofield, her



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assistant Malcolm Williams and photographer Andrew Szmidla, have built up the Archive from a handful of photographs into one of the foremost research centres in Hayle, offering information not only to students but world-wide on their web page.

It is a great shame that Hayle is about to lose out yet again, through the lack of financial support for the Community Co-operative and the Archive. With all the supposed experience and assistance that is said to exist in the county to help community projects it will not be for the want of trying to access it on Hayle's behalf, it will be the indifference with which their efforts were received and have been so

poorly supported.

These projects could not have continued for so long had it not been for the innovation and determination of the Project Manager Steve Burlingham and the Thyatira team members, who personally raised £5,000 to start the project.

They would like to thank everyone who gave support, it is much appreciated.

Information Wanted

Hayle Community Archive is carrying out a number of research projects and would appreciate information on the following:-

- a. The former Victoria Inn, now The Smugglers' Inn, St. Erth Praze;
- b. The Old Quay House, Lelant
- c. The Hayle Tug "North Star"

We are also looking for photographs for a local researcher of High Lanes United Bible Chapel and the former chapel which stood behind the War Memorial. Interior views are of particular interest, showing the chapel organs.

All information on the above can be sent to Hayle Community Archive, Unit 11, North Quay, Hayle, Cornwall, TR27 4BL. Telephone/Fax 01736.757749. Email archive@thyatira.co.uk. Thank you for your help.

Georgina Schofield
Archive Co-ordinator

TALES OF HAYLE

Discover how Hayle contributed to the Industrial Revolution, on a circular walk with Blue Badge and Mineral Tramways guides, explaining the commercial rivalries of competing industrial families and how they shaped the harbour which has become the backdrop to a town which gave rise to some of the most famous engineers of the day./

Meet: Bluff Inn car park

Time: 6.45 - 8.30 pm

Cost : Adult £3, child £1.50

Dates: Thurs. June 8th

Wed. June 21st

Tues July 4th

Tues July 18th

Home Library Service

Housebound residents in Hayle will be given greater access to library facilities with the launch of a Home Library Service. The new service will offer either transport to a branch or mobile library, or delivery of books to homes. The scheme is a partnership between Cornwall Library Service, Social Services and the WRVS. The aim of this new service is to give house-bound readers as much choice as possible in gaining the full range of library services. People interested in using the Home Library Service, or in becoming a volunteer should contact Hayle Library on 01736.753196

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Hayle Library

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"CARNIVAL PARADE"

"FIREWORK DISPLAY"

"LIONS FUN DAY"



HAYLE

SUMMER

CARNIVAL

SATURDAY 5TH. AUGUST 2000

There will be many different Classes for Groups and individuals to enter, with a lot of trophies to be won.

To start the "Ball Rolling" a Steel Band will be playing in the marquee on the Recreation Ground, finishing with a Firework Display on South Quay.

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A very important message to all Mums and Dads in Hayle, do not forget to enter your youngsters for the honour of being this years (the Millennium Year) Carnival Queen or the Fairy Queen, and their Attendants.

Entrants for the Carnival Queen should be between the ages of 10 - 14 years. Entrants for the Fairy Queen should be under the age of 10 years. All must be residents of Hayle. Let me wish all of them the very best of luck.

As the posters indicate, the selection will take place at the Hayle Bowl Club on the 14th. June 2000, commencing at 6.30pm. All residents of Hayle are welcome to enter and join in the fun!

The Carnival will be on Saturday the 5th. August 2000 and we want as many entries as possible. Coupled with Hayle Heritage Week it really should be a week to remember.

I hope most people of the town have had a chance to see the posters distributed in various shops inviting everyone to not only come and support the Carnival but more importantly to take part.

There are a number of cups to be won, so do not leave it too late as to how you would like to enter.

Get cracking **NOW!**

Bands have already been booked, and various ideas for floats and walkers have been banded (unintentional pun, sorry) around, and a Group of Majorettes are expected. So join in the fun, the more people the merrier!

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Hayle Twinning Association

Early on Good Friday morning members and friends of the Hayle Town Band set off on their visit to Pordic in Brittany. Two founder members of the Hayle Twinning Association, Maurice Trathen and Charlie Allen (who was Hayle's Mayor when the Twinning Association was first set up) were among the party. Although the weather was rough and the crossing a little bumpy, the reception at Pordic was, as always, very warm. They were met by the Mayor, Mr. Andre Guede, the president of the Twinning, Jean-Pierre Coupe,



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committee members and, of course, the host families. After a welcome glass of refreshment, they all dispersed with their hosts. The next morning most of them visited St. Brieuc market.

Then on Saturday evening, at the town hall, there was a combined concert of young Pordic musicians, and an hour of entertaining music by the Hayle Band; they even played the can-can, which went down very well with the crowd. After this, the audience was treated to a display of Breton dancing by the dance group, Mod Kozh de l'IC. The conductor of Hayle's band got a group of the band members to get up and dance, and by the end of the evening both groups were square dancing together.

On Sunday afternoon there was a coach trip around the coast, which was enjoyed by all, and in the evening the hosts and visitors met in Binic for an informal get together.

On Monday, the Hayle party left Pordic for a trip to Chesbourg-Poole, and then went on to Roscoff and home.

Hayle Twinning Association has been formed now for a few years, and its aim is for all clubs, organisations and groups in Hayle to participate in making new friends and experiencing a different way of life, as lived by those in Pordic, by acting as hosts, and making visits. So far the Hayle Football Club, the

Hayle Rugby Club, the Hayle Male Voice Choir, the RoadRunners and the Hayle Town Band have all been to Pordic, and still talk about the hospitality they received there. Many have made friends and stay in contact by regular visits and correspondence.

A group of 56 Breton dancers and families will be visiting Hayle in June and will be arriving on Saturday 10th and leaving on Monday 12th. On the Sunday evening there will be a display of Breton dancing at the Hayle Rugby Club, and all are welcome to come along and meet them.

Why don't you, your club, school, organisation or group open new doors for yourselves and your families, remember that they, like us, have people of all ages who wish to exchange. If you are interested, please contact Maurice Trathen, tel: 01736 75 3520

Glow Worm Watch

Insect expert, Chris Haes and Countryside Officer, Philippa Hoskin will lead you on a night time exploration of the sand dunes of Gwithian Towans in search of the luminous beacon of the glow worm.

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Time: 9 - 11pm

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Re: Weir or Spit of Hayle Harbour
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I would like to point out to them that the correct word for what they have been working on is a Spit, which is an elongated hooked strip of sand and shingle projecting from the shore.

A Weir is a low dam which raises water to control its release, built across a river, and also used for fish traps.

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Godrevy & The Knavocks

Join Bill Makin, NT warden and
look at the wildlife, history and
management of this fascinating
site.

Date: Wednesday July 12th

Time 2 – 4 pm

**Meet: Godrevy National Trust car
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What's on at Hayle Library - June/ July

June

2nd – 30th Margaret Ryan -Paintings

2nd – 30th Book Sale

9th Book Valuation 50p per book

29th Bookstart for babies 10.30 –

11.30 Refreshments provided

July

1st Pirates 10.30 – 12.00

6th Readers Circle 10.30

20th Quiz Night 7.30

27th Bookstart for Babies 10.30 –
11.30

29th – 5th August Heritage Week all
events 10.30 – 11.30

29th Australian Stories with Sarah &
Rhonda

31st Mark Foreman – Make a story
(bring your own soft toys)

1st Betty Stoggs Puppets

2nd Visit from Paradise Park

3rd Christine Dowrick – Reflexology

4th Richard Ready- Balloons &
Magic

5th Olympic Stories & Activities
with Sarah & Rhonda.

GINGERBREAD

Gingerbread, the support group
for single parents is hoping to set
up a self-help and advisory group
in Penwith.

Anyone interested in joining
please contact Sarah Hirons at
Penwith Volunteer Bureau Tel:
757634 or national advice line:
0800 018 4318

New Cycle Trail in Hayle

There is only a small section of the trail completed so far, it can be accessed just opposite Jewson's. Ride along the path in front of the Cannon, through the new wooden gate and there is the splendid new path which is above Carnsew Road. It goes around the corner and comes out on the St. Erth Road just in front of the RSPB bird hide. I must say at the moment it is a bit dangerous the way the path suddenly drops onto the road, but I understand that it is not yet finished and there will be some sort of safety barrier put in place.

You can then ride through St. Erth



and Rosevidney towards Gwallon, where just under the bridge carrying the Marazion bypass there is another stretch of the cycleway, follow it through and it comes out at Marazion without having to go over the huge hill. It is a very pleasant ride, and soon the path will be extended to Penzance.

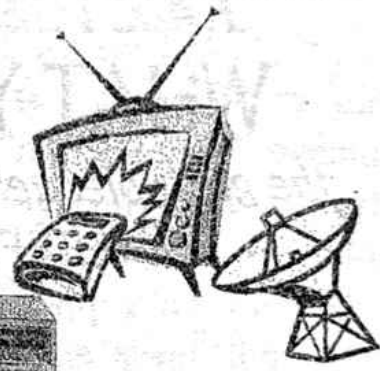
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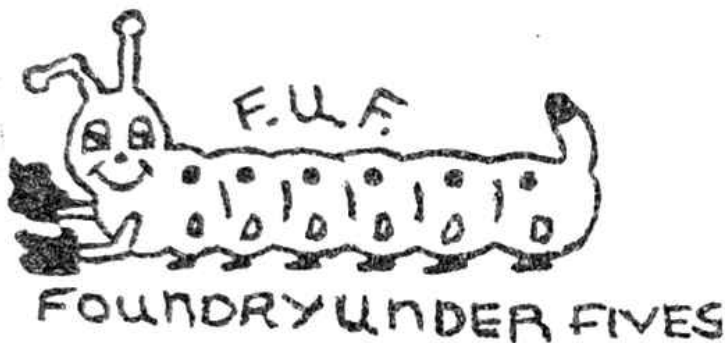
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Hello everyone;

Well, it's been decision time at playgroup in the past few weeks. You have probably heard about the Government's offer of funded playgroup places for three year olds. However, you may not be aware that there are strict terms and conditions that have to be abided by, to qualify. The main points are that for the playgroup to qualify for funding, it would mean totally restructuring the way we are run. We would have to almost halve our intake of play group children, and lose two-thirds of our toddler places. However, by opting out of funding, we would lose the funding that we have at the moment for our four year olds.

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Moving on to a lighter note, we have

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some events coming up that I'm sure you will be interested in. We will be holding a charity shop on **Friday, 2nd June** at **Phillack Church Hall** from 10 am till 1 pm, so please come along. Another date for your diaries is **Saturday, 1st July**, when a number of us will be visiting the public houses in Hayle (from about 7.30 pm) trying to persuade people to buy some raffle tickets. Why not come along??? We will probably partake in the odd beverage, but this would be for medicinal purposes only, as we all know how cold Hayle can be in July!!! If, on the other hand, you are out and about on that evening, please make sure you have

plenty of change on you. I've been told we'll be in fancy dress - I can't wait!!!

Our Summer Fayre is coming up on **Saturday, 15th July**, so if you can spare an hour to man a stall, we would be very grateful. If not, please come along any way, as we have lots of things happening, including the drawing of the raffle. Please keep an eye out for the posters a little nearer the time for more details.

Cheryl Smitheram

Foundry Under Fives

Harbour View, Hayle



Hayle Decorative Lighting News

A great day out was the universal verdict by those who took part in the sponsored cycle ride on 16th April, and a grand total of £700.00 was raised!!!

The riders used two stretches of the new First & Last Trail on the National Cycle Way, had an excellent lunch at the pub in Perramuthnoe and then rode home, tired but happy.

The Easter raffle raised £116.00.

First prize A dinner for two at the Thai Chef was won by L. Hosking

Second prize A collector's doll was won by M. Lloyd

Third prize A Camera was won by

J. Carne

Fourth Prize An Easter cake was won by T. Warne

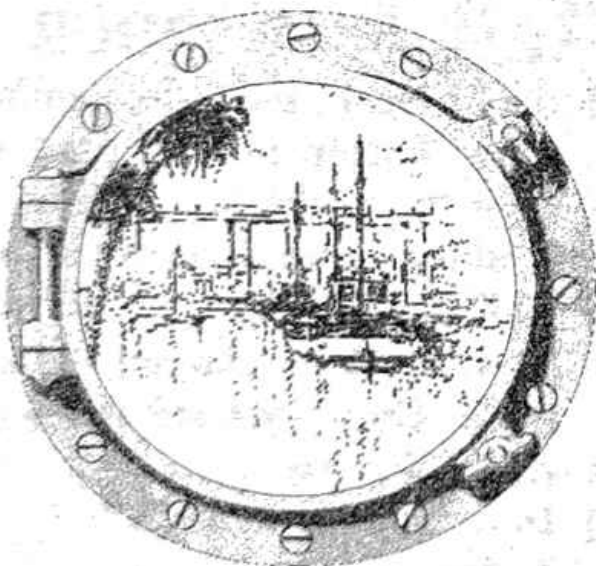
Fifth prize A bottle of House of Commons wine was won by J. Tyler

Sixth prize A very large Easter egg was won by C. Corsi.

A letter of approval has been received from Penwith D.C. to sink sockets into the ground for the erection of poles at Isis Gardens, Foundry Square and Hayle Recreation Ground. Hayle Town Council have also granted permission.

We want to site large 6 x 4 (or 1800 x 1200mm) illuminated "Welcome to Hayle" signs at each end of the town, these are expensive items but the committee think the effect will

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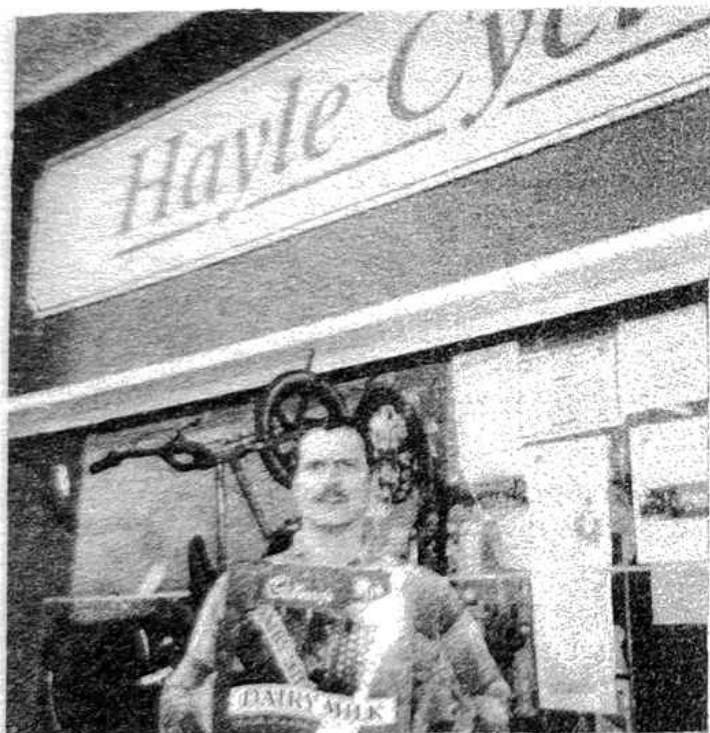
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Pictured: Mr. Corsi with his prize

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The next fund-raiser will be the **QUIZ NIGHT** at **HAYLE BOWL** on **16th JUNE** at **8.00pm**. Teams of 4 or 5 persons £1.50 each.

After that event, there will be the **GRAND RAFT RACE JULY 2nd**. Anyone wishing to enter a team can obtain an entry form from Matthews & Co. or Hayle Cycles, only £2.00 per person. There will also be stalls sited along by the Swimming Pool car park and along the Memorial Walk, anyone wishing to have a stall contact Dick Horwell 752597 It's only £5.00 per space. There will also be a beer tent, so it looks like being a really good day, make a date and come along to enjoy the fun.

Chairman R. Horwell 5 Dracaena Ave, tel; 752597

SILVER-STUDDED SPLENDOUR

Join local butterfly enthusiast, Sally Foster and get out in the field to see the flight of the silver-studded blue butterflies with a walk on Gwithian Green and the Towans. You can buy afternoon tea at Godrevy Café at the end of the walk.

Date: Sunday June 25th

Time: 2 - 4pm

Meet: Green Lane, 100yds S of Gwithian Church Hall

Cost: Adult £2.00 children free

Rabbit, Rabbit, Rabbit

"Walkies" says Mother, and out we do trot

It's nice when it's fine, but not when it's hot.

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Then the ladies do gather for a nice bit of chat.

So we dogs are left to our own devices,



No harm can befall us, it's true, I know

But they still go on r兔biting, Come rain, hail or snow.

But it's nice to have friends, be it dogs or people

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The team of talented chefs create everything to order, from creamy kurmas to fiery vindaloos ensuring everything is freshly cooked while you wait in the open plan kitchen which overlooks Hayle Estuary.

Taking its name from one of Asia's most highly prized ingredients, you can watch with wonder as sensational spices, ground on the premises, are skilfully blended with the most succulent cuts of meat to create a mouth-watering meal which stimulates and satisfies all of your senses.

But, as always with Indian cuisine, vegetarians are well-catered for and will be treated to the freshest and finest vegetables cooked to perfection in a huge range of styles.

While the takeaway serves all of the classic curries and Indian dishes the nation has come to know and love, the CINNAMON TREE has also created a range of Chef's Specials that are sure to delight the discerning curry-holic.

For those who want an explosive riot of flavours, Chicken Mashlook is a must. Combining tangy sweet and sour with eyeball popping heat, this delightful dish combines tomatoes, red and green peppers and chunky chicken breast in a House Special sauce, and has become a firm favourite with regular customers.

However, if you prefer a milder but equally as exciting dish, why not plump for a luxuriously creamy Chicken Moglai? Combining fresh cream, yoghurt, pistachio and almonds, this sumptuous dish is an exotic delight.

Other specialities include Xcuti Chicken, a medium to hot dish which bathes in a magnificent mixture of yoghurt and very special sauces.

But perhaps the jewel in the crown is the Cinnamon Tree Special, which takes Chicken Tikka in a marvellous massala sauce, and adds an inspired splash of Sambuca to elevate this medium to hot favourite into an aniseed flavoured masterpiece.



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letter

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the kindness and support given to me during my walk from John O'Groats to Lands End. The support given to me made what was a pleasant "stroll" even easier and stress-free. I was amazed at the kindness and support that was given so eagerly and freely. Without your help it would not have been possible.

Three cheques were presented this month from the proceeds, as follows:

Thrushel Ward Equipment Fund,
Derriford Hospital - £1,262.07

Family of Cpl. Williams -
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Thank you all again

Tapestry Tales

On Friday 7th April 2000 Jinty Knowling Lentier was asked to give a talk on tapestry weaving to the Hayle Old Cornwall Society.

This she did and opened up a whole new art form to the attentive members. They were enthralled and enlightened, asking many questions about the techniques of weaving. Samples were passed around, work-books perused. A figurative tapestry called "The Black Horse" was admired, but the more abstract tapestry of the local Angarrack Viaduct, which won this year's Gwen Shaw Cup, really drew appreciation, and created local pride. "Question and Viewing Time" was made full use of as Jinty spread the word.

Name & Address supplied

PENWITH C.A.B.

Penwith Citizen's Advice Bureau is at Hayle Community Centre, (Carew House, Queensway) every Tuesday 10am - 1pm.

Letter

I refer to Issue No. 33 April/May 2000 and the story entitled "For the Good of Hayle"

I was born in Hayle, always shopped at Daniel's all my life until Leo's or Pioneer opened, and took over Daniel's shop. But every time I went in for my shopping, I had to ask for certain items, only to be told it was not on their shelf plan. I wrote to their Head Office, and was told I should be patient with them, because they were going to build a bigger and better store. Well, that was twelve months ago.

So, like a lot of others, including Pioneer's own staff, I now shop outside my town. I, for one, think

this is a great shame, because when you go to another town to shop, you also use their facilities, like cafés, chemists, hardware, wallpaper and paints, garages, petrol etc., which can all be found on your way home.

If all the people of Hayle get together and kick up a fuss, to make Pioneer cater for their needs, then - and only then - will the smaller businesses in Hayle fare better - and perhaps that will encourage some more employment.

Mrs. E. Allen

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Extract from "A Short History of Hayle" by Charles L. Crowle

The modern town of Hayle had its beginnings just 200 years ago, a product of the Industrial Revolution. Not long ago Hayle was two towns, Foundry and Copperhouse, each with its industrial activity.

Hayle was occupied as early as 3000 BC and was probably a stepping off place for the Mediterranean and Scandinavia. Evidence of the Iron Age is plentiful. Trencrom is less than three miles away and evidence was found that it was probably occupied in the 2nd century BC.

Hayle was used as a port of entry from very early times. The name Hayle comes from the Celtic word "Heyl" meaning "Estuary".

There is evidence that St. Ives Bay and Mounts Bay were less than two miles apart. There is also evidence that ships came up as far as Porth Columb, a mile or so above St. Erth. John Leyland writes in 1553, that he saw good tall ships coming up above St. Erth. Perhaps the beer was better in those days!

Christianity arrived in Cornwall at a very early date, possibly from Brittany in 350AD to 450AD, although some historians may dispute this. Two objects or pieces of evidence help back this up. First

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is the Chi Rho monogram above the south door of Phillack Church. It is composed of the first two letters of the Greek Christos, X and P and predates the Crucifix as the emblem of Christianity. The second is a granite slab, uncovered at Carnsew Fort in 1843, by Harvey's workmen while landscaping the Plantation. There have been several translations, the most popular one is: "Here in this tomb Ceni fell asleep in the year 500".

After the departure of the Romans, the Irish missionaries under the leadership of Fingar, landed at Hayle around 560AD. They found Holy Virgin St. Anta, on the west side of the harbour entrance. The place indicated is Chapel Aajer and her name survived in Lelant as late as the 18th century.

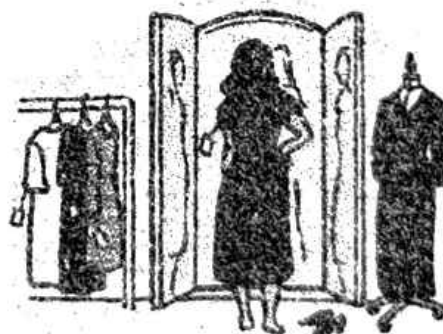
The missionaries continued inland, and were attacked by the Chieftain Teudar who lived in a castle or earthworks at Riviere. The missionaries dispersed and set up cells all over the area. Phillack Church was dedicated to St. Piala, Fingar's sister, but in the middle ages was changed to St. Felicitus.

An ancient cross is carved in the wall at the entrance to Phillack Church, and can only be seen in a certain position of the sun. It was only discovered by accident quite recently by a visiting rector.

There was a church at Gwithian, St. Gothian which was threatened by shifting sands blown by the wind. It was partly buried several times, and the whole community would dig it

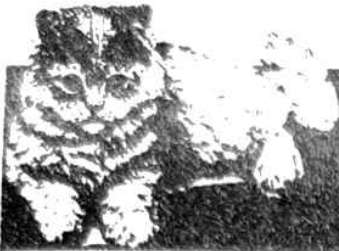
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out. But finally nature won and the church was buried one very stormy night in 1540. It was excavated in 1827 and a graveyard was exposed, with tombstones still standing. These were recorded, but the sands buried it, and nature grabbed it back again.

There were several land owners, and the names of their estates still live on, such as Pulsack, Bodriggy, Trevasik, and Penpol. According to a Mr. Hitchens, in the year 1735 only one small solitary smallholding stood on the marshy ground later to be covered by the industrial Copperhouse.

In 1740 Lemon & Co. started a business importing coal, rope and bricks. The company built the first

Hayle quays, (not Harvey's as commonly believed) between the two lobes of the Estuary, the narrowest part, and then transported by horses and mules to the mills. There were mule tracks to be seen leading under Angarrack Viaduct until recently. By 1758 there were over 1000 pack mules and over 500 horses at Hayle.

From 1700 onwards attempts were made to smelt the copper from the mines around Hayle, John Castas attempted to be the most successful venture, it failed because of lack of capital, knowledge and expertise. In 1758 the first meeting of the Cornish Copper Co. took place in Bodriggy House, and work began the same year at Ventonleague. The success of the Company was due to a Mr. John Edwards who was the manager in 1765. In 1791 he had built for himself Riviere House to live in. It had a large part of the roof clad in copper sheet from the copper of the mine. This was vandalised in recent years, and probably sold for scrap. Sad but true. In 1769 the Company dug a canal half a mile long to enable ships to come alongside the quays at Copperhouse Works. A set of flood gates were erected to keep the channel clear of sand and silting up. (near Daniels stores) By this time they owned Riviere, Ventonleague and Trevassick. A considerable village sprang up around the works. This was known as Copperhouse, and indeed it still is.

The name has gone around the world for its fine tin and copper, and for its engineering skills.

A variety of copper was produced. Shot copper for making brass (there were no brass mines in Cornwall!) and bell metal. The bells for Phillack Church were cast there. Most of the bells for the churches in the district were also cast from this metal. There were 26 furnaces, the largest could hold 3,200lbs of metal, employing over 200 men. The intense heat and the atrocious fumes of arsenic made working conditions highly dangerous. It was recorded that the men looked like living skeletons with the colour of lime. The expectancy of life was not high and there were many widows. The

rector of Phillack claimed that the fumes killed all the vegetation facing the smelting works. It folded up in 1819 and it would appear that there weren't enough men left who wanted to carry on. This enterprise yielded 8,000 tons of copper per year. I was unable to find any records of any tin or silver, although it was known to be found in these parts. There was a small mine near Phillack Church, which gave up small quantities from time to time. The men made rings from it for their wives and girlfriends.

The slag left over from smelting, instead of being dumped as waste, was poured into moulds and cast into blocks 18"x12"x8" and given free to employees who wanted to



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build their own houses. John Wesley preached in Copperhouse Chapel, built with these blocks. He admired the round chapel, and said it will stand for ever. (Phillip's the butchers shop was built on its foundations). What a shame all our heritage going piece by piece. There is little left to destroy now. The Black Road, and the bridge, were all built from this slag. Indeed there is scarcely a house in Hayle that is not either built from these blocks, or has some of the slag in its structure. They were sold for 6 (new pence) per score.

Copperhouse Terrace and Beatrice Terrace were all built of copper slag. In 1788 the Company built a weir across Foundry end and built

floodgates with shutters, to scour the river from sand so as to allow ships into port. In 1790 they built the Custom House Road. They were credited with building the Swing Bridge leading to the wharves. In 1808 two more floodgates were built (the Towans side of the Customs House), to increase the pressure of the water over the bar. This allowed ships of 220 tons to load and discharge their cargoes at the Copperhouse wharves. The canal was marked by huge wooden posts from the Swing Bridge right up to Leo's Supermarket. These can still be seen, they all had names, but I can only remember three. "Swinger" "Three poster" and "Two poster". The swinger was the post that a rope was attached, and then to the winch on the ship, to turn the ship around, so as to steam out bow first.

They now started an iron foundry, in direct competition to Harvey's, this started a local war. Harvey's would dig out the canal leading to Penpol, and the Copper Co. would go there at night and fill it in again. This was resolved after much litigation, and for a time all was quiet on all fronts. By 1835 the Copper Works interest and buildings included lime kilns, coal yard (where Leo's store is now) timber yard and timber pond, a graving dock where the ship's botom would be scraped of barnacles, a ship yard and a gas works. The site of the gas works was opposite Crowles Garage. The engineering

shop made boilers and machinery for mines all over the world. I came across a boiler and stamps in a jungle in Africa abandoned and overgrown and long since disused.

The Cornubia, the first successful locomotive, was designed and built for the Hayle Railway in 1838. I.K. Brunel was so impressed by the workmanship that he asked to have the links forged for the Clifton Suspension Bridge to be made there. That is how Clifton Terrace got its name, in commemoration of the outstanding engineering achievement. The Company continued making rope etc. until 1857, when the doors finally closed, throwing several hundred men out of work. Owing to most of the men having been involved in the nocturnal activities of destroying Harvey's property, Harvey's understandingly would not employ them. Harvey & Co. bought most of the Company's extensive interests, and Canon Hocken, the rector of Phillack, acquired Riviere Estate. Harvey's had all the Company's trading rights, quays, stores and workshops. The foundry went for scrap. Little now remains except the Phoenix Works, the canal and the old gates at Copperhouse to remind us of what a vast works at one time stood there. The undershot tandem 80ft water wheels that drove the tidal grist mill (opposite Crowles garage), the little small-holding with a cow and a

donkey and a few ducks and chickens at the end of the Recreation ground, the river that ran through (now diverted), they would appear to have been wiped off the earth and lost in time.

Butterfly Walk

Philip Harris of Butterfly Conservation will lead you on a stroll around Dynamite Towns, the site of the former National Explosives Factory, where butterflies and wildflowers have taken over.

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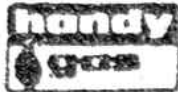


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Little Sarah kindly made me a spider of my own. Children were really enjoying themselves, making everything. What they made for themselves they took home. But some of the children offered to make butterflies, flowers and spiders to be kept for the library walls, for all to see what talent these children have.

There was a charge of £1 for two hours' entertainment. Also the staff, Judy and Big Sarah, looked after some of the children while their Mums and Dads went off to do what Mums and Dads do. Which, I might say, was a great help to me. For I was double-booked - had children's time at the library and also had to go with a very good friend "Little Irene" to the dental practice, so was able to do both, with the help of Judy and Sarah at the library. At the dentist Craig Jeffrey, his dental nurse, was also kind and quick. So many thanks to you all for your help.

Name and address supplied

Letter

Dear Electors of Hayle/ Gwithian,
Thank you so very much for the overwhelming support you gave me on Election Day.

As you know, I lost by a mere 15 votes - what an emotional roller coaster!

My thanks also go to the other candidates who fought a fair and dignified campaign.

My work as a Town Councillor for Hayle will remain a major priority and the issues raised on my election statement will be first and foremost.

Thank you all once again for placing your faith in me, and please bear in mind, "I will be back!"

Terry Lello

29 Treeve Lane, Hayle

RSPB News

Hayle has hosted a mixed bag of Gulls over the last few months, which has attracted many specialist bird watchers. The stalwart winter resident, Ring Billed Gull, was joined by two others, followed by Iceland Gull, Glaucous Gull, Yellow Legged Gull and Kumliens's Gull, creating an interesting selection. The American Wigeon hung around with the Wigeon, Teal, Golden Plover and Lapwing, until the last minute of the winter. They have all moved on now, making room for the summer visitors that are filling the skies. Like the Ring Billed Gull, the Spoonbill was also joined by two others for a while.

At the Ryan's Field hide, four Bird

Identification Panels have been installed, which will give visitors a good idea of what they are looking at, especially useful this time of year with a varied selection of waders putting in an appearance. The pictures will also help to identify some of the birds seen elsewhere around Hayle. For anyone needing a bit more tuition, Kester Wilson has returned to carry out another season of "showing people birds" at Hayle and Godrevy. He also joins David Evans at the Lands End Discovery Centre on weekends. Please do pay them a visit some time. You can pick up a list of the events that are going on from the Ryan's field hide.

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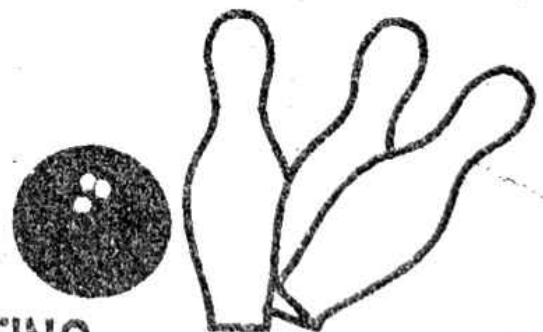
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A View from the Steeple

Spring has well and truly sprung and the double bank holiday has passed, with its interesting mix of weather.

Holy Week began with the Palm Sunday procession and Evensong by the Penwith Deanery Choir who sang the "Service of the Cross". The quiet vigil of Maundy Thursday ushered in the solemnity of Good Friday's "Veneration of the Cross" and culminated in the joy of Easter Sunday, when our Sunday School received their chocolate eggs.

St. Elwyn's Sunday School has grown to ten children regularly attending, plus another four who come now and then. Sunday School

is now held in the Church Hall, and they have begun to hold fund-raising events. £30.00 was raised at a recent jumble sale.

The last of the year's joint concerts with Hayle Lions was held on 20th May with a fine performance by Loveny Male Voice Choir. They began with the haunting "African Miscealony", and ended with the rousing "Rhythm of Life". One song has dominated this year's choral programme, "The Heart Does Go On". We heard four very different performances of the theme song from "Titanic", but that of Mousehole Male Voice Choir, with its unaccompanied finale of "Nearer My God to Thee", was truly stunning! This was the second series of joint concerts which have given audiences a feast of fine choral music, and we can look forward to a third starting in January 2001.

Dates for your diaries:

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Another fire in Hayle, after all the gorse fires - what's it all coming to - it was probably started by some young vandals, and if they get caught, some young "Trendy" will defend them and come out with the same old stock line that is swallowed by Magistrates and Juries alike -

"They haven't had a chance in life - single parent - no education - no hope of a job" - and all that rubbish! But that attitude is enforced on us by Government - Europe - authorities and their officials, stopping us from doing what we should be doing - giving

our youngsters respect for others and their endeavours.

A great teacher once told me that discipline was not there to hurt you, but to train you and develop your responsibility and your conscience. I was getting the cane at the time, but the "Trendies" have taken away our discipline. If you tapped your child in the local shop for being naughty, you could have the full force of the law down on you for inflicting capital punishment - no one can now do anything to give our growing youngsters any sense of responsibility for their actions. The "Trendies" come up with statistics, saying that a slight "sting" doesn't



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Going back to my first statement - that they haven't had a chance - we are all responsible for our own actions in life, and if you've children, you have a duty and obligation to drill that into them, while they are growing up - "You are accountable for your own actions - it is no one else's fault".

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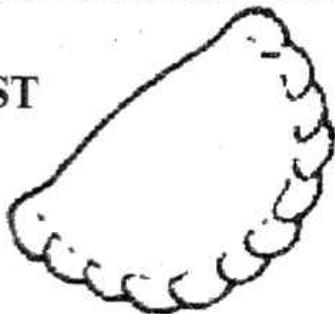


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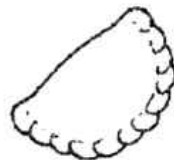


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Having been for a ramble around Hayle, on my way back I came down Phillack Hill, along Black Lane, across Black Bridge, intending to make for Fore Street across the estuary by the foot bridge - all this clearly sign-posted as a public footpath. However, on arrival at the foot bridge, it was impassable - yes, High Tide.

Could I suggest, therefore, that an addition should be made/added to the appropriate signs that this footbridge is only passable at LOW TIDE?

P. Gregory,
St. Davids
Pembrokeshire

Butterfly Workshop

Join local butterfly enthusiast, Sally Foster and Countryside Officer, Philipa Hoskin to learn more about Cornish butterflies, how to recognise them and the plants that will encourage them to your garden. A pub lunch can be bought locally, followed by an informative stroll in the afternoon on Gwithian Green butterfly walk.


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When cutting and pruning trees and hedges, take great care and avoid cutting at the nesting season of birds, so that you don't disturb them. In the cold weather, it may leave garden birds struggling for food, so leave a variety of appropriate food on a table or in a feeder, or even on the ground, to help them survive.

A pond in the garden attracts frogs, toads and invertebrates like dragonflies and pond skaters. Birds and squirrels live in trees, and the bark leaves are also home to many insects. Woodlice, beetles and other Flowers, slugs, snails and caterpillars are attracted to garden plants, and bees and butterflies feed on nectar from the flowers.

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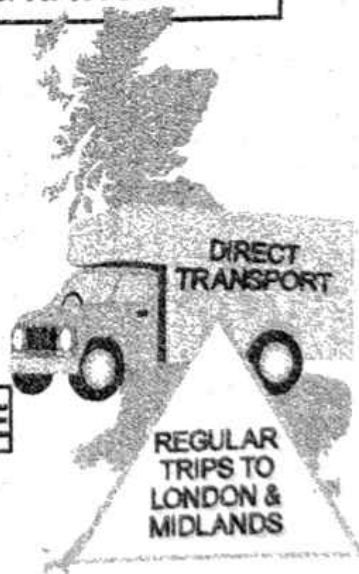
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Letter

Are you confused over the many variations of the length of a British Mile? According to an article in one of my local papers, this varies in different parts of the country. I have forwarded the whole article to "The Hayle Pump" but the following is a quick extract:

- Cornish Mile - 6,660 feet
 - Irish Mile - 6,721 feet
 - Scottish Mile - 5,951 feet
 - Welsh Mile - 6,687.99 feet
- Around Roman times, it was 4,800 feet.
In 1500 AD it was 5,000 feet.
During Queen Elizabeth I reign, it increased to 5,280 feet.

P. Gregory, St. Davids, Pembrokeshire

Sand Dune Safari

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