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

New Freezer Centre Opens in Hayle

Home Farm Foods, part of a national food network that specializes in home delivery of frozen foods, has opened up in Hayle Shopping Arcade (Pratts Market).

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The café in the market is now open, run by Damian, where you can try many of the dishes. Everything has been re-decorated and it is looking very inviting, give it a try - you'll be pleasantly surprised.

Hayle Watersports Centre

The realisation of a watersports centre for Hayle came a step closer on the 27th June with the approval of the planning application. This has been a great boost for the Watersports

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Association Steering Group who have, for the last three years, been working hard to secure funding for a Feasibility Study on the project.

This study has now been completed and the outcome of it has been very positive. Negotiations are now taking place with major funders to raise money to start building. The plans for the Watersports Centre are to provide much needed facilities for the water-based sports clubs in Hayle. Emphasis will be placed on training facilities for people wishing to participate in watersports with the inclusion of a Gymnasium, changing and shower rooms, meeting rooms and a social



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function room. The whole building will be encompassed by a dome roof to include the existing swimming pool, with a viewing terrace overlooking Copperhouse Pool. Anyone requiring further information on this project, please contact Bruce Daniels on 01736. 754766

Kay Troue,
Hayle Rowing and Pilot Gig Club
(Hon. Treasurer - Hayle
Watersports Association Steering
Group

The View from the Steeple

It is often said that the sweetness of joy is tempered with the bitterness of disappointment. We have now experienced both recently at St. Elwyn's.

At the beginning of July we all shared in the pride and happiness of the families and friends of Peter Johnson and Tim Cotton at their respective ordinations in Truro and Gwinear.

Then at the 3rd anniversary of the

inauguration of the Godrevy Team Ministry our "family" of five Churches came together to celebrate Father Tim's first Eucharist.

These were all very joyful occasions and should have set the stage for St. Elwyn's Art Exhibition but an incident occurred during our preparations for this event which made our congregations both angry and sad. The Church was vandalised by a nameless, faceless group of idiot low-life youths who scrawled graffiti on the recently cleaned walls and on one of the Stations of the Cross.

In recent years St. Elwyn's and the other Churches Together in Hayle have created strong links with the majority of young people in the town, through the schools and the Youth Project. How sad that the majority again have to have their achievements belittled by such a senseless act carried out by a thoughtless minority who have no respect for God's House.

Have a happy Summer and take care of yourselves and each other!
Sanctuary Sparrow.

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ROSEMARY ROWE
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Granny on the N.C.N.!

A horse, as you well know, is **nothing like a bicycle**. For fifteen years, since I retired, I've had a horse. With saddle-bags we travelled thousands of miles together through the magnificent and varied English countryside. Last year the horse went to wherever all good horses go, and I bought a bicycle. I felt safe on my horse; I felt insecure on my bicycle! Nevertheless, I'm persevering. I'm determined to continue to follow my maps and exploration.

With that in mind, I decided to join the opening of The National

Cycle Network (N.C.N.) on June 21st, on our local stretch.

The day dawned not at all bad, high cloud and clear. Not too hot. As I might be seeing some serious cyclists, I donned my smartest shorts, yellow t-shirt, white sports socks, navy and white deck shoes and red leather gloves - and, of course, my crash hat (not the latest model!)



I cycled to St. Erth bridge, enjoying the new track from Jewsons to the St. Erth road, and sat on the bridge to await them. They would be coming down the hill. I had established that they left the Land's End Hotel at just after 9 am. I got to the bridge at 10.30 am and waited. Two hours later I was still waiting! Not really bored as walkers along the river stopped and chatted, and cyclists too. A middle-aged couple on holiday at Lelant with their own bikes were heading for St. Michael's Mount. We discussed my dilemma and I decided that I would tackle the hill

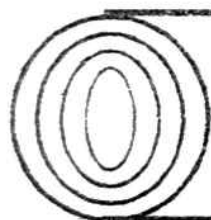
with them, and if I saw no cyclists, I'd turn round and return home. I managed hill better than I had anticipated, so far I had only exercised my dog twice a day on the King George V Walk, and only twice ventured to Godrevy.

At the top we had stopped to part, just short of the brow, when I saw a police motor cycle outrider appear on the horizon. He signalled that they were behind him, and in a flurry of excitement I got my camera aimed as they bore down on us. I clicked, threw my camera in my saddlebag, swung my trusty bike round and ... zzz - wish!! And they were gone!! I headed after them and I absolutely

swear I have never ever been so fast on a bicycle. After all the talk with Jeff and Sarah at Hayle Cycle Shop, I was determined that the spear-head would not cycle through Hayle with Granny pedalling like the clappers several minutes behind.

I took the bend over the bridge at the bottom of the hill at a perilous angle, and was changing gears like a pro.

Along the lane, towards The Causeway, I heard voices behind me and, to my joy, a couple of girls, one with a baby on the back, caught up with me, and I asked them to at least escort me through Hayle, to save my face! They



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laughed and said "Oh, don't worry! There's another whole crowd behind you, grannies, grandpas, children ...!" I had been trying to keep up with the "lycra bums-up, dropped handlebars, stream-lined crash helmet" bunch. Some, no doubt, heading for John O'Groats!

Apparently they had all been stopping along the way for the tail-enders, and when we got opposite Jewsons, they stopped again - and what a friendly crowd they were, chatting away to me, and very interested in my dog-exercising attachment to my bike. Shortly, the others caught up and we waited for them to have a breather of at least 10 minutes.

Then we launched onto the road and I cycled through Hayle, dead centre of about 30 cyclists, and wished I was going on and on with them. I waved nonchalantly as I passed Hayle Cycles, and followed on over the bridge and along my familiar walk. Already the leaders were disappearing again into the distance. At Pioneer, I said my farewells to those around me - most were hoping to get to Truro that day. Some had brought their bikes down on the train. Food for thought! I now feel more confident to go further afield.

Ann Foreman

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This group has been running since 1995 and is maintained through a committee that is elected by its members. We are a local group which is a good meeting place for a chat and to keep the children amused. We have many members from outlying villages who come to keep informed about local and national attractions and childcare issues. We have the local Health Visitor visit the group once a month to weigh babies and offer advice, if required. We have the Tempest Photographer come twice a year to snap your little ones and, weather permitting, we arrange a summer outing. In the past we have been to the beach, St. Erth Cattery, Newquay Zoo, and the Shires.

We open Tuesday morning from 9.15 am to 11.45 am during school term. We are normally closed at half term, but please check our notice board. We are in the church hall, which has plenty of room for the children to run around and let off steam, or a quiet room for



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babies, or just 5 minutes peace, and a kitchen for break time (usually around 10.30 am), when the children get fruit, biscuits and a drink of milk, squash or water. The parents also get a much deserved tea or coffee.

There are ride on toys, a climbing frame, slide, play kitchen and baby toys available. Before the break we do an activity, craft or painting for the children, and after the break we sing, play instruments and listen to stories read to the group.

The cost of the session is £1 a child and 50p for any additional children. The first session is free, and so are any babies under 6 months old.

We are a registered charity, and

have a certain amount of fund-raising to do, and appreciate any form of support, from washing up or organising an outing, to becoming a committee member, or even just turning up occasionally to see us.

For more information please ring Clare Cheney on 756346 or Becky Lee on 754731.

Hope to see you soon! The next term starts on 5th September.

Teacher: If I had 20 bananas in one hand and 20 apples in the other, what would I have?

Pupil: Big hands

Letter

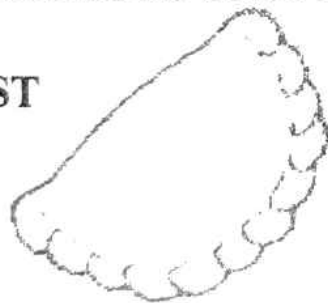
As a frequent visitor to Hayle and a regular reader of the Hayle Pump I feel that I must write to you about the Mad Hatter's Teashop. It is a first class coffee shop and we have enjoyed many visits there, and all the people are very friendly and we think the silhouettes on the wall outside are very good to go with the name Mad Hatter. We do think there are more important things for them to worry about on Penwith Council.

*G. Taylor,
Corsham, Wilts*

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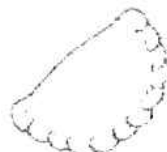
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Hayle Branch of the R.N.L.I.

At the branch meeting held on 12th July, 2000 it was agreed to organise or be represented at the following events, at which your support would be appreciated:-

Friday, 18th August

Hayle Branch RNLI Flag Day

1st, 2nd and 3rd September

Charity Folk Music Event and Sponsored Cycle Ride at The Royal Standard Inn, Gwinear. Anyone interested in performing or booking pitch for a tent or stall, or requiring further information, contact Kathy on 01736.850080

Tuesday, 15th August

The next branch meeting of the RNLI will be held at the Passmore Edwards Institute, Commercial Road, Hayle at 7.30 pm. Any new members will be very welcome.

Bob Mims - Tel: 01736 757910

Like most married couples, we have the odd row, but we never ever go to bed until we kiss and make up.

I haven't been to bed for three months

Trevor

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Hayle Decorative Lighting

On Sunday, 2nd July, after a lapse of some 20 years, Hayle Decorative Lighting organised a Raft Race on Copperhouse Pool. Although the weather was not brilliant, 11 rafts took to the water, and were cheered on by hundreds of people, and the first raft in was won by the Hayle Lions, who received the Mike Matthews Cup, after the Cornubia raft was disqualified because they went around the buoy the wrong way! But they had the consolation of winning the Horwell/Quick Cup



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There were 12 stalls that did a 12

brisk trade, and all enjoyed the day.

Thanks to all those who supported and helped with the event, and a special thanks to Ron Wady, for his brilliant commentary.

Plans are already taking place for next year's Raft Race.

At the final count, a total of £600 was raised.

Jayne Quick

WHY DID THE SPACEMAN GO TO THE OPTICIAN?

Because he had stars in his eyes.

Letter

Re: The Weir

Another childhood dream has been shattered! As I'm sure Mr. Couch always ferried us boys across to the Weir, with many warnings in our ears. Did I not spend many happy hours swimming off the wreck of the French Crabber at Weir Pool?

Don't now tell me the Coliseum wasn't built at Foundry or that Copperhouse and Foundry really share the same time!

I now realise I should have paid more attention to MOT (Tom Petters) rather than dreaming of the Weir or was it possibly Norwaymans Wharf from 1828?

Thank goodness Hayle is still Hayle!

Mike Reynolds

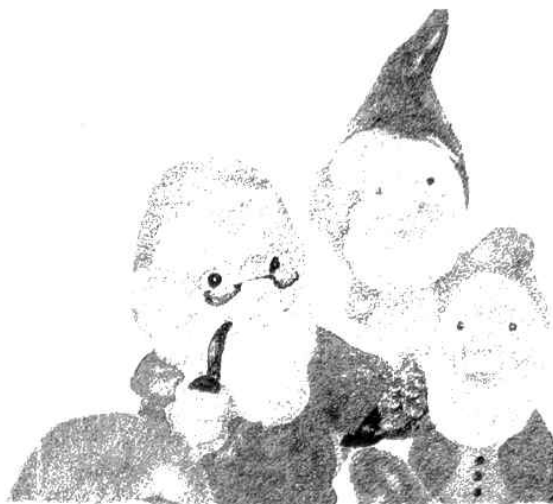
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10% discount. How about that?

Also it's not a bad idea to take a child or two. They will enjoy the amusing gardenware, and also be able to paint their own! On top of all that, very welcoming and friendly staff are to be found there, who will then want you to tell all your friends.

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Copperhouse Jewellers

Phillip and Wendy Chown are the new owners of Pipers in Copperhouse. They took over from Tony Wren on 1st July and will be trading under the name of Copperhouse Jewellers.

Phillip and Wendy are originally from Sevenoaks in Kent, but wanted to give their first baby, due August 2000, a better life away from the Rat Race in South East England.

Phillip has worked in the jewellery business for the past 16 years, working his way up from teaboy to shop owner, having passed many exams along the way. He holds the



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Retail Jewellers' Diploma and a Fellowship in Gemmology and passed as a Registered Valuer last year, and can advise on most aspects of jewellery and gemstones.

Wendy is a trained singer and has appeared in several concerts and musicals, including Les Miserables. She has also recorded some songs, including her own version of "Summertime", and is very much looking forward to getting involved in the local music scene.

Services that they will be providing for their customers at Copperhouse Jewellers will include:

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Hayle's Industrial Heritage

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It is located very close to the main road and is almost under the viaduct as one enters the Harvey Quay area near Jewsons. It cannot be seen as it is covered over with tarmac, and only a very small part is visible.

In view of the forthcoming development of Hayle Harbour, has any plan been made to preserve this historic relic? In recent years the weighing house of the weighbridge on North Quay was demolished, but the weighbridge platform is still in position and clearly visible.

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The preservation of the ones in Hayle would celebrate Hayle's industrial heritage and form part of the monument to the influence of Harvey's Foundry in the town.

*Russ Webber,
St. Erth.*

Do Not Despair

Do not despair when things look grey.

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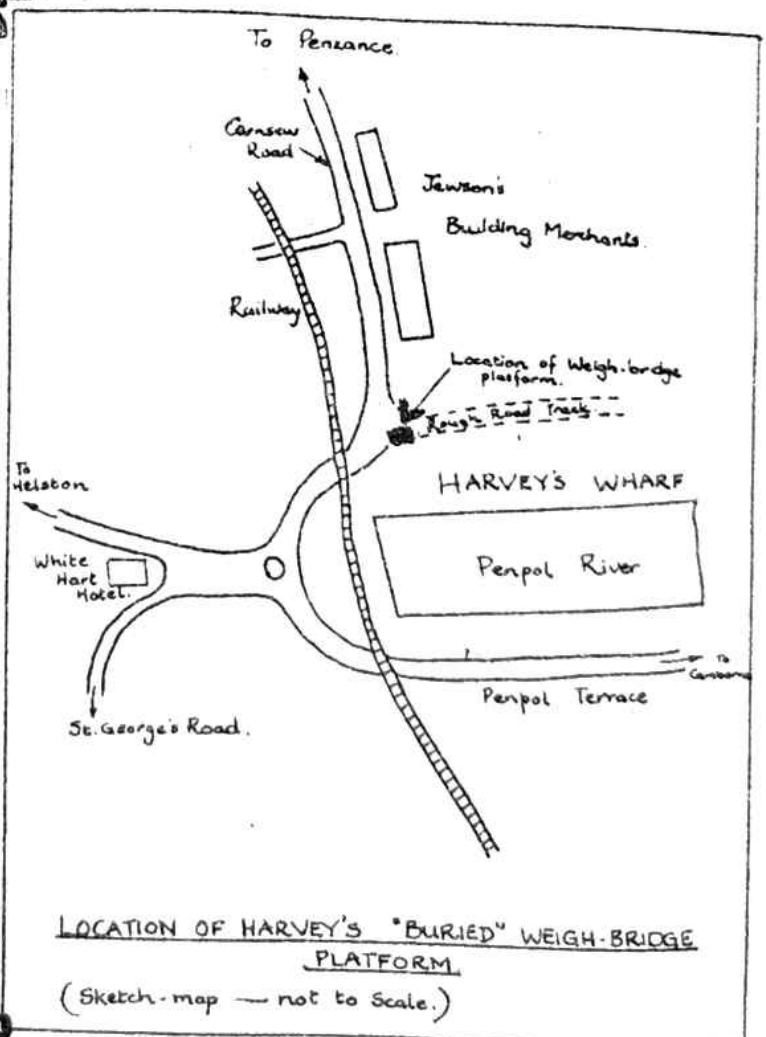
And even though a cloud appears,
Keep smiling, come what may.

Don't think that you're the only
one

That really had it rough.

There's lots of people in this world
Who've had it just as tough.

Charles Crowle



Hayle Town Band

The season ahead of Hayle Town Band promises to be an exciting one, despite depleting numbers. However, the band is now made up of three sections. Along with the well-known senior band are the youth and beginners bands.

Over the Easter break, the band enjoyed a trip to Hayle's twin town, Pordic, France. The players and numerous supporters from Hayle stayed with French host families and the band played a concert in the town. A short time later, the residents of Pordic paid us a visit in Hayle.

The Band has recently played at

the Wall Fete in order to help raise money for Wall Methodist Church, and as the summer season begins, regular concerts are held on St. Ives pier every Thursday evening. They have proved to be a great success with visitors to Cornwall.

On 1st July the band played at Kehelland Tea Treat, after marching through the village, and on 30th July played in the Mayor's Civic Parade in Hayle.

To end Heritage Week, the band will lead the annual Summer Carnival through the streets of Hayle. The evening will draw to a close as the band plays in Foundry Square during the fireworks display.

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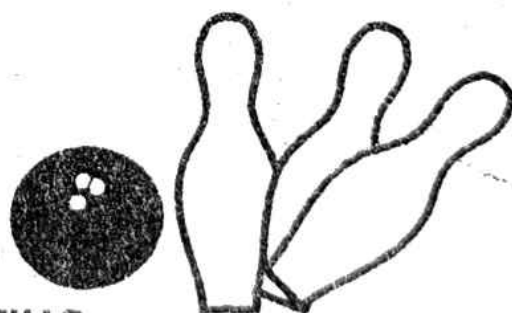
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We hope to see you at some of the band's engagements throughout the year.

Hayle Band always welcomes both old and new players. If you are interested in joining, or know someone that might be, please contact Kay Cook on 01209.831512 or Lester Scott on 794594

Jamie Gore

1st Hayle (Phillack) Scout Troop

The 1st Hayle (Phillack) Scout Troop needs young people between 10 and 16 and a half years of age to join the troop.

We would especially like to encourage them from the Connor Downs, Leedstown, St. Erth and Gwinear and Gwithian areas.

We are hoping to establish Patrols from these areas, as there have been scout groups in each of the villages in the past, and we feel that there could be young people who would like to become members of the scout movement. The new Patrols will naturally be composed of members from the villages in which they live, and shall be titled:

1st Hayle (Phillack) (3rd Connor Downs Patrol);

1st Hayle (Phillack) (2nd St. Erth Patrol);

1st Hayle (Phillack) (1st Leedstown Patrol);

1st Hayle (Phillack) (2nd

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Gwinear/Gwithian Patrol) and it is hoped that some interest will be shown in the Lelant, Canonstown and Whitecross areas so that another Patrol can be formed.

These new Patrols will meet at our headquarters in Hayle, which is situated next to Penpol School, every Tuesday evening from 7.15 to 9 pm. Anyone interested in joining can contact either the Group Scout Leader, Mr. W.G. Smith on 753220, or the Assistant Scout Leader, Mr. M.H. Davies on 754775 - or why not attend one of our Troop meetings at the Scout Headquarters, Penpol Road, Hayle

(next to the Junior School) Also, if there are any readers who were former members of the Scout Group or had relatives that were members, and have any memorabilia such as photos, uniform items etc. that we could either have or borrow for our archives, we should be most grateful to use them as we are trying to assemble a historical record of the Group, which covers the period 1910 to 1945, so we are interested in war services of ex-members, scout leaders etc. If anyone can help, please contact Mr. I. Davies on 754775.



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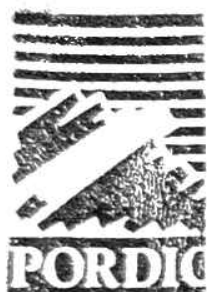
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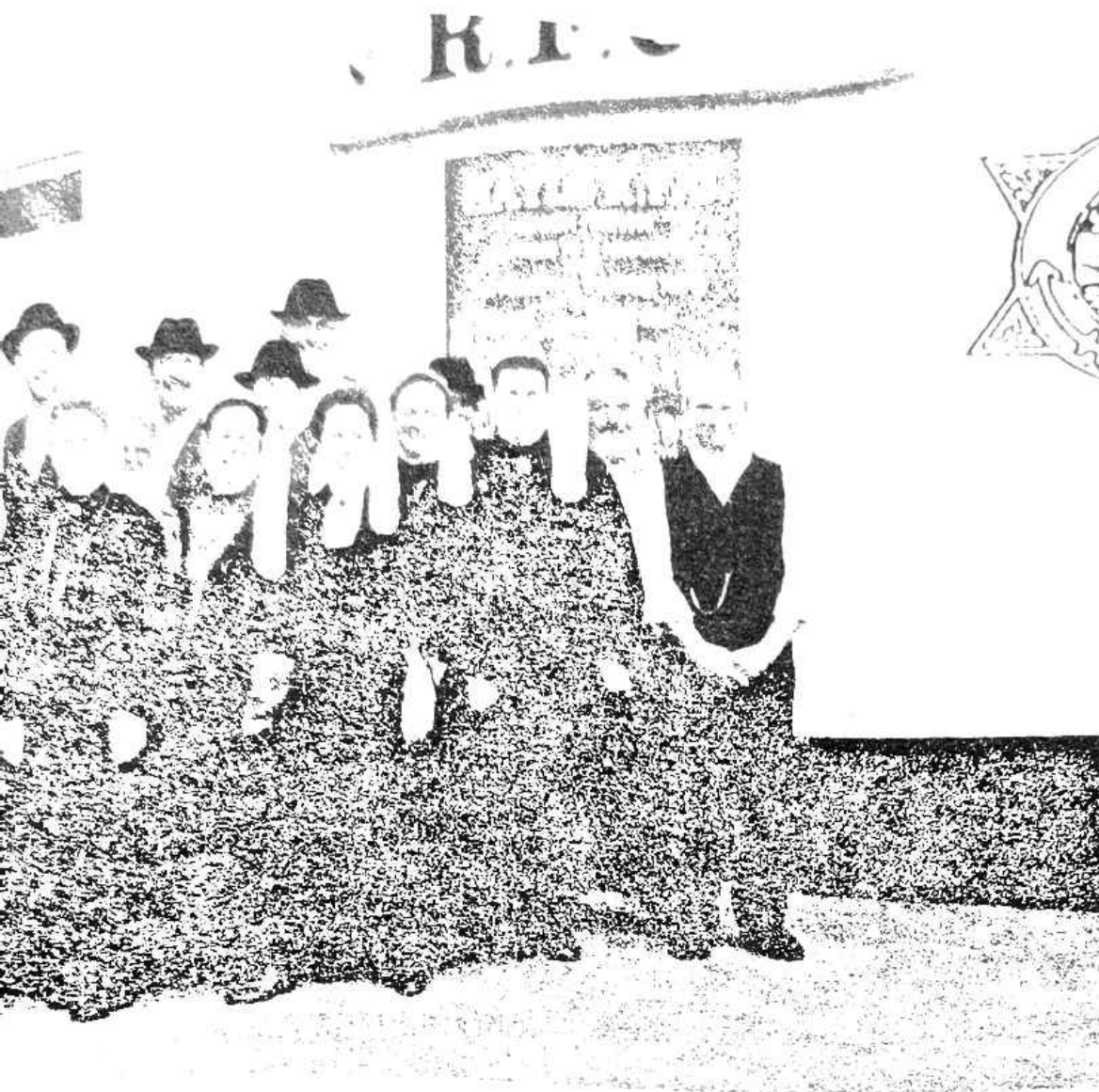
Hayle Twinning Association

Hayle Twinning had another successful weekend visit from our friends from our twinned town of Pordic. They arrived on Saturday, 10th June, and departed on Monday, 12th. On the Saturday evening they either stayed with their host families at home or went to the Smugglers Inn at St. Erth, where Charlie Allen and friends played folk music, and the visitors entertained everyone with their music and dancing, it was really something special.

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On the Sunday morning most of the Pordicians went on a coach trip to Land's End. This they really enjoyed. After this they had their midday meal and visited the lovely beach at Hayle.

The evening started at Hayle Rugby Club, where the Twinning Committee had, with the help of Penpol School Choir and the West Cornwall Concert Band, arranged to entertain them. They, in turn, then once again entertained everyone with their Breton dancing, and they were as good as their name suggests the MOD



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KOZH DE L'IC BRETON DANCE GROUP. Then after a break for an excellent buffet, the dancers set about teaching everyone who could get up to dance the way they do it. Once again everyone enjoyed the chance to take part.

Unfortunately the weekend passed too quickly, and it was time to see our friends off once again. When they returned to Pordic the Chairman of Hayle Twinning was there to meet them, with his wife Audrey, and they soon let them know what a great time they had.

So on behalf of Hayle Twinning, I would like to thank all the people who helped us with the hosting, which I know you enjoyed, and encourage your friends to join us to make our twinning bigger and better.

We are now going to start play boules, so if you want to join us, please contact us.

Finally a big thank you to everyone who has helped us, including St. Erth Twinning.

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Much of our music is Old Cornish Folk Songs and hymn tunes, and when sympathetically placed together, they make an entertaining programme, which is very popular with all who hear us. We sing unaccompanied from this varied programme.

However, we are currently in need of supplementing our numbers, and are in need of tenors, baritones and basses. Two of our members are over 80 years of age and so, if you enjoy singing and entertaining others, why not come and join us?

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Sunday, July 9th, 2000 9.30 am.

The Hayle clubs, U3A and The Lions - 45 of us in all - plus our cheerful drivers, Jean and Mike Thomas, depart from Commercial Road Car Park.

It's a really blustery day, more like March than July, but we are all in good spirits and excited about the visit.

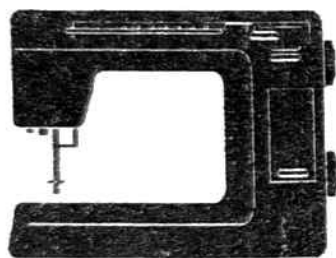
The windmills on the Bodmin road are really whizzing round and in contrast to today's weather, the ripe corn and bales of hay are already appearing in the fields.

In the distance is seen an extremely exposed camp site, the tents' occupants hopefully having survived last night's gales.

The only birds visible in the hedgerows are magpies, which seem to be in great abundance everywhere this summer.

Our coach sails by the Toyota, Renault and Mitsubishi garages and then McDonald's - I suppose we are in England! Ah, yes - Crantock Bakery on our left - definitely Cornwall! The weather is really closing in as the coach climbs up on to Goss Moor, but everyone is chatting happily.

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St. Austell. When we reach the big roundabout the scenery softens once we've left the Moorland Road. The hedge-rows are pretty with the pink of the thrift and foxgloves. The hydrangeas glimpsed in Roche are blue, an indication of the change of soil in this part of the peninsula.

The road now is swathed in mist. Are we going to be able to see much, I wonder?

The countryside is becoming more green and wooded as we approach the South Coast. Since the disappearance of the China Clay Works, the change has been dramatic, with the white hills of waste slowly turning green and artificial lakes looking a strange yellowish-green colour.

Suddenly we are approaching the Gateway to Eden, and as the coach bumps over several cattle grids, the weather lightens, enabling us to see the huge bubble-like domes on our left. The project is possibly about half-way through and will hopefully be complete by April next year.

As we emerge from the coaches, the wind is at full force and the tall totem-like bunting is flapping loudly and seems ready to take off.

It is only a short walk to the Visitors Centre and facilities. We pay a small entrance fee of £3 and don workers' fluorescent jackets and white helmets. After a short safety talk by one of the very

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friendly and involved members of staff, off we go in the "Dotto" train, which takes us as very near as possible to the building site, to see Eden in the making.

The sides of the tractor train are open to the weather - but who cares? We feel privileged to be seeing the emergence of this incredible Eden from the dereliction of a forgotten valley in the midst of the clay hills.

The idea and development of The Eden Project has been 9 years in the making so far. Tim Smit, Philip McMillan and Peter Thoday of Heligan Lost Gardens were the original masterminds developing the concept of the "Living Theatre".

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Tim was fascinated by the nearby clay country, seeing it as very bold and primal. One day, while he was driving, it finally all came together with his vision of science and spectacle, “showing the picture from the wild to domesticity within different ‘exotic’ climate houses and a garden of our own temperate zone, which had to represent a new way of thinking about living in this environment”.

Tim met with an architect in 1994 called Jonathan Ball. His practice developed a computer-generated

model and everything went from there. The whole story is told in “Eden - The First Book” and it takes a book to tell it!

The size of the project is incredible. The E.T.F.E.-foiled bubble domes (biomes) are like nothing seen before: the scale of the construction by McAlpines is unbelievable; the style of architecture, truly unique; and the magnitude of the whole project all combine to give a sense of wonder, and this is only the beginning of something that will make Cornwall a must to see this “8th Wonder of the World”.

The Visitors Centre is full of fascinating displays, and we all spend the morning there very happily, and this is before the buildings are even finished! Once everything is in place, a whole day will not be enough to see everything.

Quoting from the book - “The Eden Project is a gateway into the entwined world of plants and people, showing why we need plants, how we use them, and why we need to look after them” and also “We live in times of great change and big concerns and most of us feel small in the face of what might lie in store.”

On leaving Eden the Lions and U3A Coach Party decide to visit Mevagissey.

The coach passes the turn to Charlestown, a very special Cornish Harbour, with strong links to the China Clay Industry, once a very busy port with the long tankers manoeuvring deftly into the small harbour to collect their cargoes of the precious powder.

The sun is emerging as we enter Mevagissey, with its bustle of gift shops and restaurants offering pasties, cream teas, Cornish ice-cream and practically anything else you can think of. It is as appealing as ever, especially to some of our party, who are desperately hungry!

The harbour looks really attractive with its mostly Fowey registered boats. Between the showers we browse for souvenirs and finally head for home along the

lovely coastal road. Many holidaymakers are enjoying themselves on Pentewan Sands, a short respite "Far From the Madding Crowd" of their lives "Upcountry".

It has certainly been a day to remember despite the weather and we are all eagerly looking forward to our next visit to a fully-completed "Eden Project".

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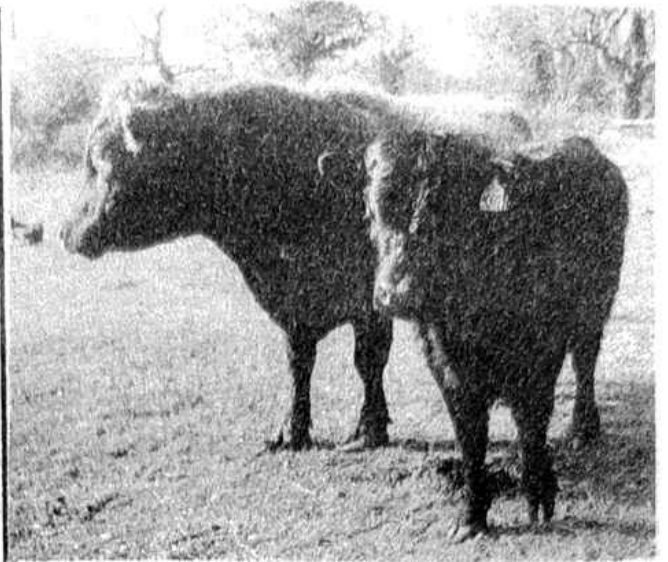
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Extract from "A Short History of Hayle" by Charles L. Crowle

In 1801 a rather ambitious plan was proposed, digging a canal seven & five eighths miles long to Marazion. Like many other schemes, it fizzled out through apathy and lack of enthusiasm.

In 1834 a tramway from Hayle to Helston was proposed, but that suffered the same fate.

However in 1835 plans were submitted to Parliament for the construction of a railway from Hayle to Redruth. The Act was passed in June of that year. With a capital of £64,000 the track commenced being laid in December 1835. There was quite a controversy between Harvey's and the Cornish Copper Co. as to where it was to be laid. The

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final course was decided to start outside the White Hart Hotel and along Penpol Terrace, crossing the river over the iron swing bridge and alongside Copperhouse Pool to Angarrack, by way of Steamers Hill. Here was the first snag; this hill had a gradient of 1 in 10. There was no engine powerful enough at that time to pull itself up, let alone a string of trucks with tin ore. With the ingenuity of the Cornish engineers, they built a stationary engine, installed it at the top of the hill, and coupled it to a winch to pull the trucks up the slope, one truck at a time. An engine would stay at the bottom, and pull the empty trucks back to the terminal at Foundry

Square. By 1837 the Hayle Railway was almost finished except the swing-bridge connecting the line to Foundry Square Station. The railway could not be completed until the bridge was built. There was a problem as to who would benefit most, Harvey's or the Copper Co. By December 1938 all was completed and the line was in use, but only for transporting tin from the mines.

The first engine, built by Sanders, Carn & Vivian in 1838, was a sixteen HP named Cornubia for hauling the trucks from Angarrack Steamers Hill to Redruth.

It was not until 1843 that a passenger service started. There were two open carriages, and a station at ground level opposite Lloyds Bank. It was said that the passengers looked like Kentucky Minstrels because of the soot steam and smoke from the engine! Passengers wishing to continue to Penzance were transported by coach, like the Wild West days. One coach was named Four Burrows Hunt, owned by the proprietor of the White Hart, a Mr William Crutch, and there was another at Copperhouse named the Cornubia, no doubt from the Hotel Cornubia. These were in deadly competition and when there were not enough passengers for the two coaches, the drivers would fight with each other, dragging the luggage from one coach to the other. In fact it was recorded that the passengers

were in fear of their lives. And the law was often called, at one time all the drivers were in jail, and no-one left to drive the coaches!

The jail was the Bridge House, alongside the swing-bridge near the level crossing.

In 1846 the Hayle Railway was sold to the West Cornwall Railway Co., who extended the line from Redruth to Truro, and from Hayle to Penzance. The new line bypassed the Angarrack Incline, a viaduct was built across the valley. Viaducts were also built at Guildford and Foundry, altogether there were nine built between Penzance and Redruth. It was intended to make a wagon lift to lower the trucks down to the station in Foundry Square, but a line was laid down an incline from Station Hill and crossed the main A30 road to the Hayle Wharves. There was a sand drag constructed in case the train ran away, this is still there, together with the ground frame at the level crossing. The little house is sadly deteriorating and almost demolished.

The construction of the W.C.R. was completed on 25th February 1852. The building of these bridges and viaducts was very costly. They ran into financial trouble in 1864 and by 1865 the G.W.R. took over the running of it, and in 1878 were the owners. The Angarrack Viaduct, a timber affair, was replaced by a massive granite structure, and was completed in 1885. It took four years

and there was hardly a day passed without an accident. There were several fatal accidents and suicides. One inquest revealed that a mason employed on the construction work got a local girl pregnant, and she jumped over the top. A newspaper stated that a labourer survived a fatal fall!! Another gave an account of a girl who fell over and on the way down her skirt opened up like a parachute and broke her fall! At one time it was stated that the men went on strike because of the dangerous and exposed working conditions. Some were blown off the bridge by the high winds, they had little protection and no safety devices.

In 1886 the Hayle Viaduct was rebuilt, it was 16ft higher than the

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Hayle also has the distinction of having the last two railway horses named Duke and Prince that pulled the trucks to Harvey's timber yard. They were retired in 1961, and the tracks removed in 1966.

There was a branch line of the Railway running to the Dynamite factory from a ground frame at Glebe Row. An explosive works on Upton Towans was built in 1888 and run by the National Explosive Co. They manufactured a stabilized nitro-glycerine and named it

Dynamite. It was for use in the mines, and 250 tons a year were made. It was produced from the chemical reaction of nitric acid and sulphuric acid on glycerine. In 1892 they produced blasting gelatine and blasting gelignite, and in 1900 produced several tons a year of cordite. During the 1914/18 conflict the Navy was supplied with cordite for their shells as it was a very strong explosive and a powerful propellant. Their product was also exported to North Africa, Australia, South America, U.S.A. and many other countries. The essential workforce was 175, which swelled to 1500 during World War 1. The safety precautions were so strict and complied with, that few accidents took place. There was one however in 1904 which shattered windows in St. Ives and Carbis Bay. It was attributed to a female employee smoking in an off-limit area.

I think that I should mention a bit about the Hayle Power Station, the history of it seems to be slipping into oblivion. It was working in 1975 and many people in such a short time (25 years) have almost forgotten it.

It was instigated by the Cornwall Electric Power Co., a lease was signed on the 13th March 1910 for an annual rent of £50 for a 99 year lease from Harvey & Co. and Carkeeks of Redruth commenced building on 7th May 1910.

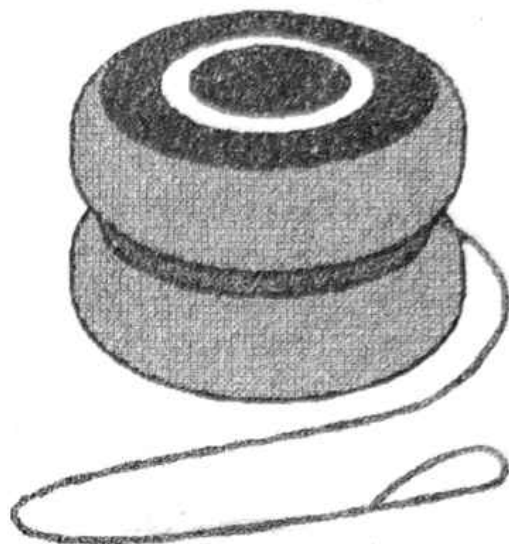
Their first engine was a 1300 HP

triple expansion steam engine driving a 900 kilowatt 25 cycle alternator. Shortly afterwards a 500 kilowatt 25 cycle set was added. It wasn't until 1933 that the frequency was changed to 50 cycles. The grid with its associated pylons reached Hayle in 1934. It would be interesting to know what objections would be raised, with all the "specialists" in Hayle in this day and age! Would we all be having candles? By 1976 the capacity of the station had risen to 47,500,000 watts.

In 1976 the station was closed and subsequently demolished. It was heart-breaking to see all this machinery which had been lovingly

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There is even a painting that shows the young Louis XVII with one.

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Thank you for such an entertaining read every two months. I like this little story and wondered if you would care to print it sometime?

“Some of my happiest childhood memories are of life on my grandparents’ farm with our dogs, sheep, goat, horse and a variety of fowls. One year the mother duck died after hatching only one duckling. At that time we had no other ducks, so my father slipped the duckling into a pen with the mother hen and her baby chicks. The chickens welcomed the duckling and all went well except when the hen took her babies to a nearby creek to drink water. The duckling would not only drink, it would also jump into the creek to swim. The mother hen would become frantic, squawking at her adopted baby. The hen thought the duckling should act like a chicken and stay out of the water. However, she always accepted the duckling as her own. Sometimes I am reminded of this when I become upset with people whose behaviour I do not understand I may not approve of their behaviour, but they may simply be different from me. They are being who God created them to be.”

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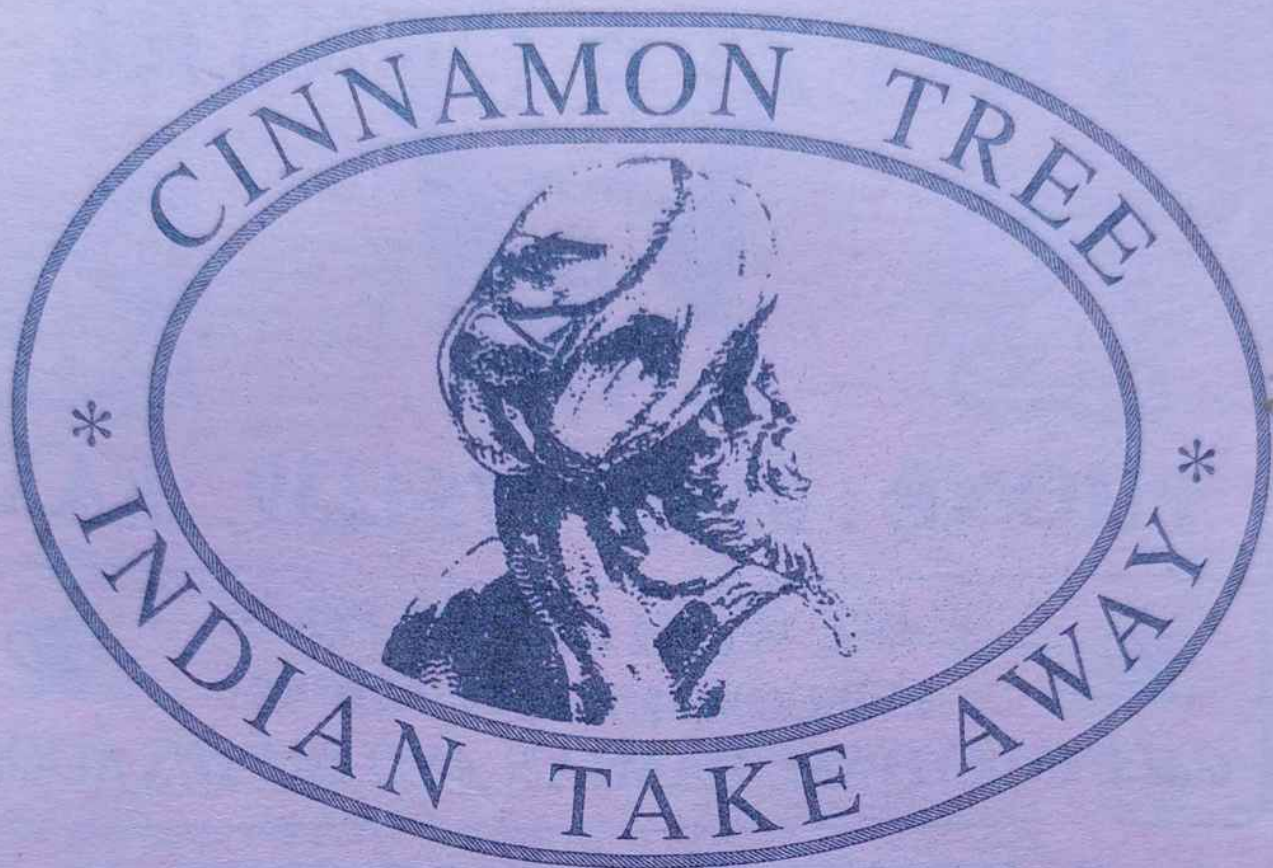
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