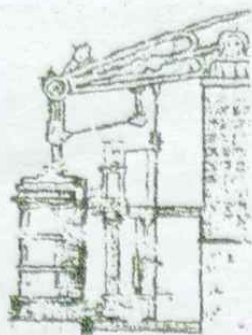


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20th March 2003

HAYLE DECORATIVE LIGHTS

The Hayle Decorative Lights Committee are all so happy with the wonderful response and admiration of the people of Hayle for our display of Christmas Lights in December 2002. All your praise and thanks are so greatly appreciated and spur us on to do even better next Christmas.

We get tremendous support from businesses by way of donations and help in kind. We are forever grateful to our faithful friends Chris Lello and George Brighton for the use of their equipment and manpower and to Ray Wyse at Bigglestons on whom we rely so much, especially in December!

Thanks also to Hayle Town Council, Penwith District Council, Hayle Area Forum, John Clayton at Hayle Harbour Office and to Sheila Shields for all the 'write-ups' she does for us in the 'Down your Way' section of the Cornishman Newspaper.

To Hayle Town Band, our grateful thanks for supporting us so much, especially during our Christmas Lights 'Switch on' and who give the public such festive entertainment regardless of the weather and accompany the school choirs of St Piran's and Hayle Community Schools during their carol singing.

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Switching on of Christmas Lights – Friday 5 December

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Lastly, I thank all those people who have given individual donations to the lights, to the people of Hayle for all their encouragement, support and very kind comments and to my wonderful committee who are so hardworking and dedicated to the Hayle Decorative Lights. Without you all it would not have been possible. Thank you.

Dick Horwell, Chairman, Hayle Decorative Lights

What did the mayonnaise say to the fridge?

Please close the door, I'm dressing.

COVER ART

To commemorate our 50th edition, we are publishing the cover in colour, and we are proud to feature a reproduction of a painting called "Under the Bridges", Hayle, Cornwall." This is the work of 11 year old Louis Stevens of Hayle Community School, and was overall winner in the Mayor's Golden Jubilee Painting Competition June 2002. Our sincere thanks to Louis and his parents for giving us his

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permission to use the painting, and also to Hayle Mayor and Mayoress David and Carol Barratt, whose use of the painting on the annual mayoral Christmas card initially brought the art of the very talented Louis Stevens to our attention.

HAYLE EXPLOSIVE WORKS RAILWAY

I thought that a reminder of the short-lived branch line that served the National Explosives Works at Upton Towans might be of interest. Most of the line is still walkable, though because it came and went so quickly it does not appear on any map. My research on it is far from complete, however, and any further information or folklore about it would be welcome.

Although the works began production in 1890, it was not until 1917 (when cordite making for the

come to

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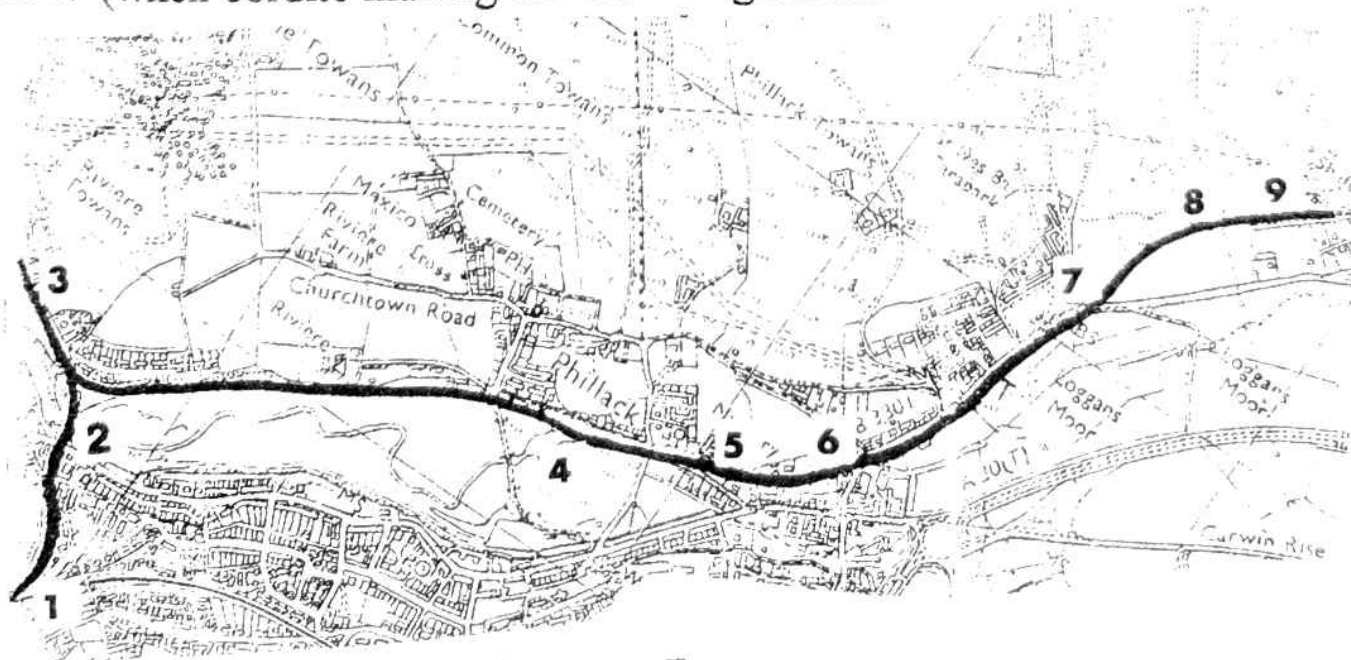
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Royal Navy was at its peak) that the railway opened. Before that, Gwinear Road was the railhead for all material moved in and out. Only two years later the works closed completely, but the railway must have stayed open till 1922 at least while the works were gradually being stripped. Total route length was about 2½ miles, but half of this utilised existing lines. Only the stretch from the level crossing of the road to Phillack to the works was entirely new, on a continuous uphill gradient.





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Referring to the map, the line left the main line at Hayle Station (1) and followed the Hayle Harbour branch down a 1 in 30 gradient to a level crossing over the then main A30 at (2). Many of us probably remember the long gates, signal box and signals that existed here until well after World War 2. The line continued to the harbour via the manual swingbridge as far as a run-around loop (3), where some trackwork survives in the road even today. The network of lines along North Quay also diverged here.

As a point of interest, remains of a 'sand-drag' which prevented any runaway wagons reaching the level

crossing lurk in the undergrowth about 100 yards south of the crossing. And some stonework from the 'drawbridge' which delayed opening of the original West Cornwall Railway to its terminus at Foundry survives immediately behind the swimming pool. But I digress...

From the run-round loop trains to the works proceeded eastwards along what is now Memorial Walk, the route of the original line of 1837 to point (4) where it diverged to the left. I don't know the precise position but it was probably close to the level crossing of the Phillack road. The site of this is also indeterminate but we know it was just south of the little bridge, probably beneath the modern road junction.

From here the line climbed steeply up an embankment, also now gone, to a steel girder bridge on a sharp skew over the Loggans stream (5). The red brick abutments still survive but are less easy to see now that a house has been built in front. The bridge was the only significant structure on the line.

Still climbing, the line crossed the Upton Towans road diagonally at the top of the short rise behind Loggans Mill (6). Its course can be picked up again here because it forms the wide grass verge on the right hand side of the road. Just

past the entrance to St Ives Bay holiday park where the road turns right the line carried straight on over another diagonal crossing (7) into the field opposite. Now its course is only traceable by locating bits of track ballast until the site of the loco shed is reached. Here are extensive remains of brick, concrete and cinder (8) and the works sidings were in this area.

Slightly nearer the road a stretch of track ballast reveals where the line actually entered the works. The line ends up as a footpath alongside a substantial loading/unloading platform (9) among the bushes on the left side. I am told that a large shed covered this area

until about 1950.

Since the line does not appear in McDermot's 'History of the Great Western Railway', as do other branch lines opened in the St Austell area at the same time, one assumes that it was wholly owned by the National Company. However the traffic is said to have been worked by the GWR's locomotives as far as point (8). For actually entering the works the National had their own locomotive, a four-coupled saddle tank suitably equipped with a spark-arresting funnel due to the explosive risk.

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was not advertised for sale until 1922, three years after closure, from which we may deduce that trains were still being worked, removing materials from the site. According to Birmingham Locomotive Club records, it was finally sold to a wire works at Cwmbran, Monmouthshire, in 1924.

That is not quite the end of the story, for the rails along Memorial Walk remained for many years as a long siding, used for the storage of old rolling stock. The harbour line itself, of course, remained in use until about 1982, BR diesels having taken over what was left of the traffic. In addition to the

sources quoted, Bryan Earl's "Cornish Explosives" and the 1906 and 1934 editions of the OS maps were consulted.

Kenneth Brown

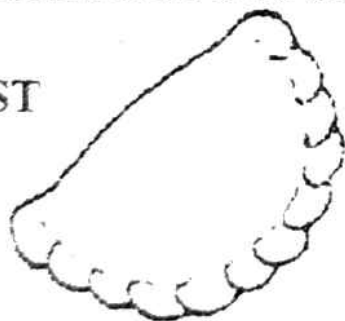
50th ISSUE COMPETITION

To commemorate our 50th edition, we are holding a contest for which the prize will be £50 in cash. The rules are simple, and it should appeal to any Scrabble or Countdown fans amongst our readers. We invite you to make as many words as possible from the 9 letters which make up our title "HAYLE PUMP". Any words found in a standard dictionary, and of two letters or more, are permitted except proper

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names etc. (usually commencing with a capital letter), those designated as foreign words, abbreviations and words requiring apostrophes or hyphens. All competitors' entries containing 50 legitimate words or more will be put into our editorial hat to draw the winner – all entries to be received at the Pump office by March 15th, please.

Here at the Pump we managed between us over 100 words in about 2 hours, so it's not as tricky as it sounds. Good luck, and don't forget 'pump'!

What is yellow and white and goes down a rail track at 100 miles an hour?

A train driver's egg sandwich.



KIND OF CORNISH



There is actually nothing 'Kind of' at all about this issue's selections, because both of the review CDs are as Cornish as they come. First up is "The Cornish Way" by Janette Eathorne, who will be familiar to many readers from her frequent appearances on Radio Cornwall. For those who don't know her work, Janette Eathorne is a singer of some repute, but is also a marvellous story writer and storyteller, whose rib-tickling yarns of Cornish life are very much told in the local vernacular. Some are quite saucy, for example "The



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David Shaw's many fans will be delighted by his latest CD, "The

Raggedyass Kids ride again", the sequel to the previous CD featuring the incorrigible Adelaide Street Gang. It's very much the formula as before, and why not, because David's stories of growing up in the 40s and 50s in Penzance are as captivating as ever. Coincidentally, as in the Janette Eathorne CD, this, too, has a yarn featuring the Friday night bath, which is obviously a ritual imbedded in the memories of Cornish folk of a certain age. The tales are given the appropriate vintage setting by the interspersing of snippets of popular music of the 50s era, and the concluding story of a visit to Cardiff Arms Park for a Rugby international is fittingly accompanied by atmospheric choir and crowd noise. I am sure those who bought David Shaw's previous CD will need little encouragement to add this equally impressive album to their collection. (64 mins, £12.50.)

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Christingle got us off to a happy start to the festive season with the pupils of St Piran's school performing a spirited seasonal mummers' play as part of this special childrens' service. St Elwyn's looked splendid. From my perch above the organ I could see the fairy lights twinkling on the trees, making small points of colour among the branches. The Sunday School did a great job decorating the main tree beside the altar this year.

St Elwyn's own Carol Service was held as part of the normal Morning Parish Eucharist because

of Father Tony's illness, but the congregation seemed to enjoy the change and I sang along as well. Christmas carols have always been great favourites of mine!

On Christmas Eve, Becca Neal told the children the story of the innkeeper and the first Christmas. Night at the Crib Service and later at Midnight Mass the church was lit by candlelight, for the start of the service.

The early days of the New Year brought a real shock to my system as snow flakes drifted past my belfry and the frosts set in. Fortunately, this was only a temporary interlude, albeit very pretty while it lasted, between the westerly gales.

The winter concert season is upon us again, and the first one performed by the Cornwall Chamber Orchestra, in aid of St Julia's Hospice, was very enjoyable. I also love the choirs and once again some of Cornwall's finest choral ensembles will be singing at St Elwyn's Church on the last Sunday of every month from January until May.

See you there folks, and all the very best for 2003!

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that,
And is Fut On talking through his
hat?

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poor,
The bailiffs are practically at the
door.

The Emperor says a rich prince
she must wed
"I'd rather get a job", she said.

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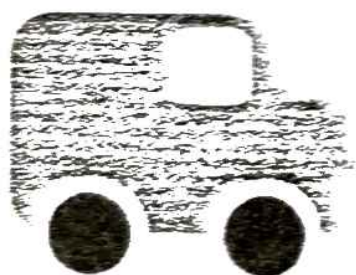
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there are any organisations out there who think that they can or would like to donate anything to help us, please contact us. Also we are probably looking to take a van with us to transport some of the display stuff that we will take over, this will comprise some of the things mentioned below. We have

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contacted the usual channels for help, help has been given but we still need more. We are also hoping that some of our local artists will be willing to either take or loan some of their paintings, these could go on display probably with the option of selling. Really we want to take anything that has a Cornish background, Cornish crafts etc. Pottery, a potter's wheel might be acceptable, if there are any local business people who are interested call us. Just to name a few things, a most important part of this will be Cornish foods, sweets and drinks, knitted stuff too, so we are hoping we will have the support of producers to let us

or them take a taste of Cornwall to Brittany. I know that they love our Cornish goodies, with all of their cheeses they still like ours; this is one of many things taken back with them and over by us on our visits to them, local food, cream cakes, biscuits, I could go on but I am bound to forget something. Some of the things mentioned on the list below might be duplicated, if so I apologise. If anyone can help with information with any of the numbered items we would be very pleased, help us to make this "Cornish Week" a week to remember!

Any donations can be made to our Hayle treasurer Malcolm James at 15, Connor Hill, Connor Downs, Hayle TR27 5DT.

If anyone has a van that would be suitable be it Transit or Luton size to either loan to us or hire to us at hopefully a discounted price to keep our costs down, please let us know. Thank you.

Suggested Ideas; Wanted/Info needed

1. Anything to show the area, geography, landscapes, seashores, coastlines, ancient sites, small harbours etc.
2. Anything to show the main towns and small villages, castles, churches, old mine workings, and old houses.
3. Documents, maps, or sketches showing the region's

administrative boundaries, town district and county councils, any knowledge of dukedoms etc.

4. Any photos, postcards, pictures to show how Hayle and the surrounding areas kept their individual identities, for example tin mining, smelting, railways, tramlines and Harvey pumps.
5. Well-known famous people; Sir Humphrey Davy, Richard Trevithick (how he married a local girl and lived in Hayle), John Harvey, this is just a few but also any sporting personalities, artists, writers, musicians, anyone from

Cornwall who made his mark.

6. They would also like us to take over any typical Cornish products, such as sweets, cakes, biscuits, cheeses, alcoholic drinks, posters, calendars, CDs, even our famous pasties, or the recipe.
7. They would also like some traditional Cornish music and dancers.
8. Also some videos of Hayle, Penwith and Cornwall, plus any cinema film located in Cornwall which shows Cornwall off.

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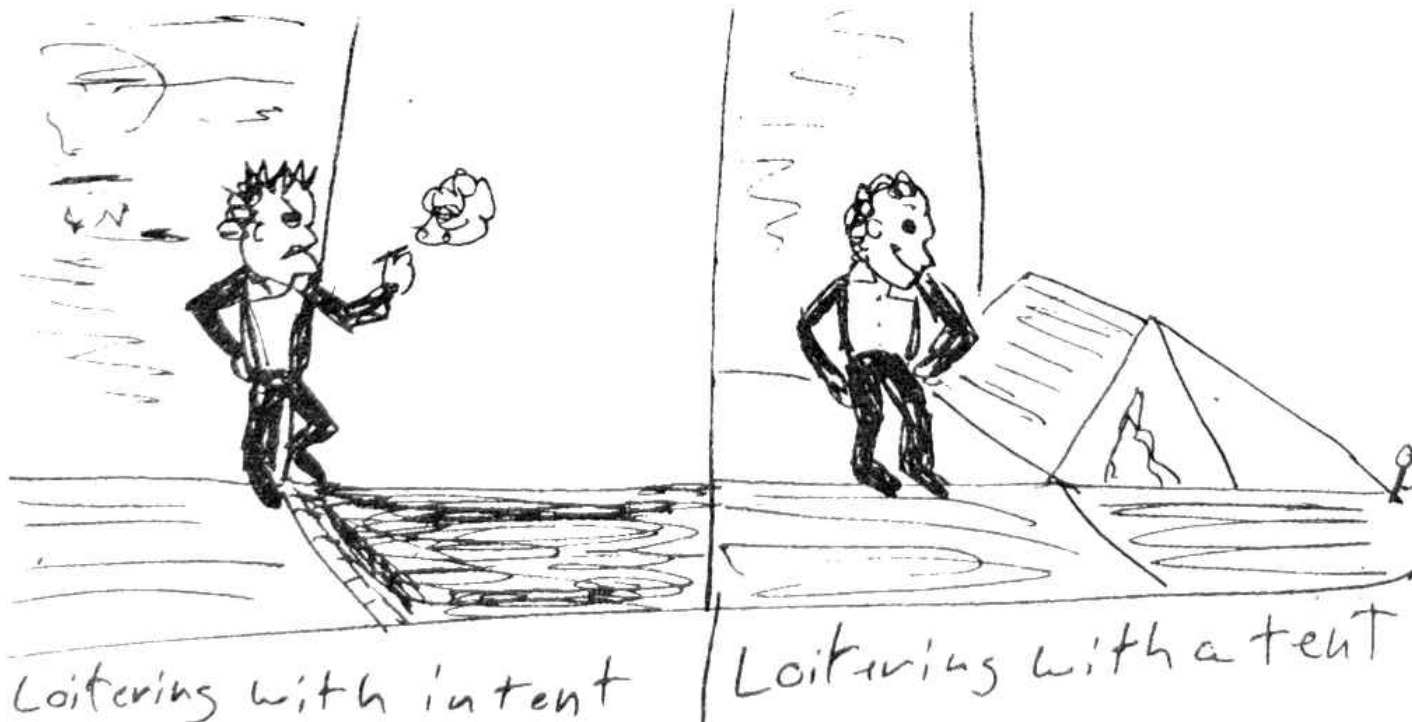
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12. Angarrack Inn.

The winner was Mrs N. Harvey of 25 Mellanear Close, Hayle.

The "wrong way round reindeer" was at Foundry Square. The winner of this competition was Martin Chivell of 13 Turnpike Road, Connor Downs.

Thanks to all of those who took part – don't miss our £50 word competition in this issue!



GODREVVY PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

Godrevy Parent and Toddler Group meet every Thursday afternoon 1pm - 2.45pm at Phillack Church Hall. It's a small group that would like some new mums/carers/grans to come along. The cost is only 80p, where else for so little could you get a drink, a chat and let the children play in a safe secure environment? The group is not new, it will be 15 in March when we will have a birthday party on March 27th. Anyone who has any photos of years gone by that we could share for that day, we would be very pleased. They will be returned.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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Clara: *Not really. I didn't feel all that welcome, my daughter can be offhand sometimes.*

Jane: I'm surprised at Sara, she is always so cheerful. Are you sure you didn't upset her Christmas?

Clara: *Well I let the dog in as I was going out and it wrecked the Christmas tree.*

Jane: Well so would I be upset. I didn't know Sara had a dog.

Clara: *She hasn't. It was the Great Dane from next door.*

Jane: Well, knowing Sara I expect she soon forgot about it.

Clara: *She did until I put my black jumper in with her whites, I tried to pull it out but it flooded the kitchen and part of the front room.*

Jane: My gosh. I wonder she didn't send you home on the next train.

Clara: *She couldn't. No trains on Christmas day.*

Jane: So you came home after Christmas.

Clara: *No, I didn't come home until after New Year. I had to look after her.*

Jane: What was wrong with her?

Clara: *She wasn't really sick, she fell over my suitcase that I left on the stairs and sprained her wrist. Clumsy girl I don't know who she turns after.*

Jane: Well that holiday was a

disaster wasn't it? You won't be seeing her for a while.

Clara: Oh yes I will, she is coming down when her car is mended.

Jane: What's wrong with her car?

Clara: Well when she was in hospital having her wrist seen to I thought I would put her car in the garage.

Jane: That was thoughtful of you.

Clara: Yes I know but I accidentally reversed and backed into her neighbour's wall, now the car bonnet won't go down.

Jane: I think for everyone's sake you're better off at home.

Clara: Well I'm not really at home.

Jane: What do you mean you are not really at home.

Clara: Well I forgot to turn my bathroom tap off before I went away so my house got flooded.

Jane: Where are staying now?

Clara: With my son. They're good to me but won't leave me alone for a minute and I'm not allowed in the kitchen on my own, anyone would think I couldn't be trusted.

Jane: I wonder why?

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50 NOT OUT! SOME EDITORIAL REFLECTIONS

"It's a bloomin' miracle" exclaimed one battle-hardened Hayle Pump veteran on realising we were on the verge of reaching a half-century of editions, and although I have only been on the team since issue 40, I can still readily understand the sentiment. Every issue seems to present its own unique challenge in order to meet the deadline. Currently our Jurassic era computer is broken down, and although we are hopeful of a replacement soon, this issue is being transcribed at the editor's home. In addition, two key members of the already tiny team are away for three months. But doubtless we shall overcome, as has always been the case for the past eight years.

Personally, I was aware of the Pump almost from its original conception. In the autumn of 1994 I was serving on the Hayle Heritage committee, and John Nash turned up in his enthusiastic way at one of our fortnightly meetings bringing a draft copy of his latest wheeze, namely a community newsletter. His proposed name was 'The Hayle Pump', and the original design was in fact remarkably close to the style we still use today. Subsequently, a public meeting was held, a team of volunteers was formed, and the Hayle Pump was born, with the first issue appearing in December 1994. In the early months John Nash directed operations and passed on his printing trade expertise. Eventually he departed, leaving behind a team fully trained in the arts of page lay-out, cut and paste, advertising display etc. In the early years the collating and other Pump work was usually carried out in various members' front rooms, but in February 2001 Peter Ison and the owners of Pratts Market very kindly provided us with a low-cost upstairs office. Apart from the centralisation of our work making life much more civilised, at this time we also at last bought our own second-hand printing machine. After a year or two, the printer literally ground to a halt, but thanks however to a kind grant from the Neighbourhood Renewal Unit, we have been able to replace it with a new a state-of-the-art machine.

Looking back at issue no. 1, the front cover featured an article entitled "What's Up Doc", on the subject of the proposed Hayle Harbour redevelopment. (Plus ça change...?) The ebbs and flows of Hayle Harbour have been a constant story throughout our newsletter's life; although we sometimes get criticised for being "too political", Hayle Harbour's redevelopment, or rather non-redevelopment, has been easily the most controversial and frequent issue discussed in the town, and it would be strange for us not to mention it in a Hayle periodical. Actually we have never had a political stance as a newsletter, but are happy to print views from all sides on any topic, subject to the usual considerations of libel and taste. Most surprisingly and gratifyingly, in recent years we seem almost to have become national, thanks largely to our subscription scheme, with frequent contributions from Hayle-lovers based all over the country.

A cartoon in issue no. 1 featured a number of cooks, each with a finger in a large pie labelled "Hayle's Future Plan". In a 'balloon' above the cooks, they were chanting their pet recipe demands. There were eight in all, namely Dredge Copperhouse Pool for Water Sports/Worm farm/Save Foundry Barn and Heritage/Build Museums, a Sculpture School and Park/Cover the Swimming Pool/Bring back the Gun/Repair the Quays/Free Car Parking. (Interestingly, the pie's recipe did not at that time include a skateboard park.) Unless I have missed something, the only two of the items on which there has been significant progress are the Foundry Barn scheme, and also the return of the gun, or mortar, which was restored by Cllr Rob Lello and now stands proudly on guard at the Causeway entrance to Hayle. Two out of eight – let's hope the pace quickens up, because otherwise by my calculations it will be 2026 before the pie is oven-ready!

Looking back through the Pump archives, the main stories form a fascinating potted history of the last eight Hayle years. Issue 5, August '95, had as its cover "Hayle Harbour – we want it back" reporting the proposed compulsory purchase of Hayle Harbour, a topic once again in the news. Issue 16, June 97, features "The great Hayle march", when virtually the whole town turned out in a successful protest against the proposal to install a BSE incinerator near Angarrack. Issue 27, April '99, had as its cover a photo of the derelict Hayle Harbour, whilst Issue 42, October 2001, featured the Harbour in cartoon form, after yet another setback, with the headline "Dammit – who pulled the plug this time!" Inside this issue came dramatic proof that Hayle is not insulated from world events with a moving tribute to New York World Trade Centre hero Rick Rescorla penned by his lifelong friend Mervyn Sullivan. The whole town mourned the death of this courageous son of Hayle, who by his extreme bravery in the face of huge danger saved so many lives, and a later issue included a photo of the granite memorial to Rick being unveiled by his cousin, Jon Daniels. Issue 46, June 2002, celebrated on its cover the Golden Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II. What kaleidoscope of events will the next 50 issues bring? Whatever the future holds, I am sure the Pump will be providing coverage.

Finally, some sincere thanks should be offered to various people who have made the success of the Pump possible. First, the Hayle business people, who have been enthusiastic supporters from the very start, and without whose advertising revenue the free magazine could not have existed. Second, those who have worked so hard as unpaid volunteers on the Pump team, with a particular mention for Sarah and Jeff Turk, who have been manning the Pump from day one. Last but not least, humble thanks to you, the readers, for your kind comments and, yes, occasional criticism. Please keep those articles, letters, opinions, poems and cartoons coming, and here's to another 50 issues – and more!

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Letters

Letter

In issue 49 of the Hayle Pump, Mr Flumm of the RSPB is quite right in stating that the RSPB is not against sluicing. He has been quite helpful to me in previous correspondence about the subject. I gather that the RSPB do not openly support sluicing simply in case they are asked to pay for it and this is quite understandable. They were not responsible for its demise.

There is in fact an odd silence about this subject, both from Hayle

in general and from the District Council. In the case of the former it may be that there are many in Hayle who are too young to remember sluicing well and others who perhaps do not know what it is. There are confusing headlines about the alternative of dredging in the local paper, when what is happening at present is excavation by back-actor, since dredging has not been carried out for a long time and there is no dredger. At present there is no sluicing or dredging and there is no dredger. With no sluicing or dredging sand is rapidly building up in the channel between Carnsew and the bar. The District Council, when asked about the latest plan for regeneration, "could not recall" whether sluicing or dredging was to be used to keep the channel and bar clear, although they had seen the "masterplan" which would have shown sluice gates if they were to be used.

The sluicing arrangements at Carnsew alone, where the main channel was filled in without planning permission, plus the "Arches" area worked well and could still be recovered. The main sluicing channel could be cleared and the "Arches" area cleared of the weir installed when Carnsew Pool was used as a reservoir. Sluicing is a proven method of channel and bar clearance and the running costs are very low in

comparison to dredging.

I suggested to SOS that a full page article could perhaps be paid for in the Cornishman to support and explain sluicing, but received no reply which was rather disappointing. I have also tried to get Local and District Council involved, but without any commitment so far. Sluicing from Copperhouse Pool is more difficult in that it cannot be deepened due to contamination, but it could perhaps still make a contribution.

There is a huge capital investment still tied up in the Carnsew area even as it stands and this should not be wasted. Sluicing is a method that can give

an improvement over methods previously used with tidal sensors, remote control, different gates, CCTV etc. It is such a shame to lose it all.

A Hayle Harbour representative was quoted in the Cornishman for August 2002 that it was "ridiculous" to expect any re-introduction of sluicing to resolve the sand problem and made other comments critical of people who mention sluicing and other harbour matters. The writer would be willing to meet him at Carnsew and put the case for sluicing from that area. One point is agreed and that is dredging is urgently required if the port is to remain in

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use, so that the relatively small craft that now use it can put out to sea safely. Sluicing arrangements would take some time to reinstate.

Whatever else happens to Hayle and its harbour, surely it is worth trying to get a commitment from the developers and the District Council that sluicing is the chosen long term method of sand clearance, with dredging the secondary and back-up system, especially as sluicing is not contentious with regard to sand disposal. The sand is sent back to St Ives Bay. I believe Lelant Saltings would also benefit from sluicing.

C. Clemence (Ex Hayle resident),

*Evergreen Cottage, Old Paul Hill,
Newlyn, Penzance TR18 5BS*

Letter

Have you noticed the erosion of the correct spelling of the word night? Walk through town and you will see numerous signs and window posters exhorting you to go dancing "tonite" or "to-nite" or offering you a training "nite".

These are not all computer generated, but hand written on billboards or posters.

The spelling of some of the younger generation leaves a lot to be desired, but this will only encourage them to spell words the American way.

Please use English!

A. Pedant

Name and Address Supplied

Letter

At the end of last year's holiday season my son and his family wanted to come and visit us for the weekend. As we live in a small cottage we were not able to put him up ourselves and so looked around for a bed and breakfast alternative.

We thought it would be easy. No such luck! We tried just about everyone we knew and were starting to panic. At very short notice, thanks to a cancellation, we

managed to get accommodation with the excellent bed and breakfast run by Mr and Mrs Darlow on Foundry Hill. I know you like to highlight good quality service and high standards and I would like to nominate them for your approval.

This, however, highlights the problem we now face in Hayle and the surrounding area in that we are woefully lacking in bed and breakfast and short stay places. With the growing popularity of the area we will find it very difficult to cope with demand in future years. I read with interest that planning permission for hotel accommodation on the old Merlins Magic Land

site has been refused. No doubt there are good reasons for doing so but any increase of quality overnight rooms would help the area, and there does appear to be a resistance to this type of development.

Whilst the excellent smaller scale operations like Mr & Mrs Darlow's offer top quality accommodation and service, we still need many more like them to cater for our ever increasing tourist trade.

Mrs Carol Connell (Name & Address supplied)

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in the last issue of the Pump, although he did mention it was a "special occasion", was based mainly on the premise that Hayle had "reaped the rewards" for being a "true community". He has no doubts about being proud of his fellow townspeople who helped in experiencing "Hayle Heritage Week" and hence to "Britain in Bloom" which helped with the "wonderful Christmas lights and carnival".

The Mayor then thanks everyone for their "community spirit" and wished everyone a "Happy Christmas" and a "prosperous New Year".

These are the only references to

what the "special occasion" is as mentioned at the beginning of his Christmas message. There was no mention that this was a spiritual occasion and not just a commercial one. We were not to know that a baby named Jesus was born in a stable after Mary and Joseph had been turned away from the Inn.

These are social problems which are as relevant in this age as then and deserve as much consideration by the Mayor, and his Christmas message, as to what Hayle, or any other community, is doing about them.

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place to place.
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the countryside,*

*To smell burnt apple-wood, from
cottage firesides,
And to see at eventide, a horse,
and wain,
Trudging slowly down, the
homeward lane.*

Charles Crowle

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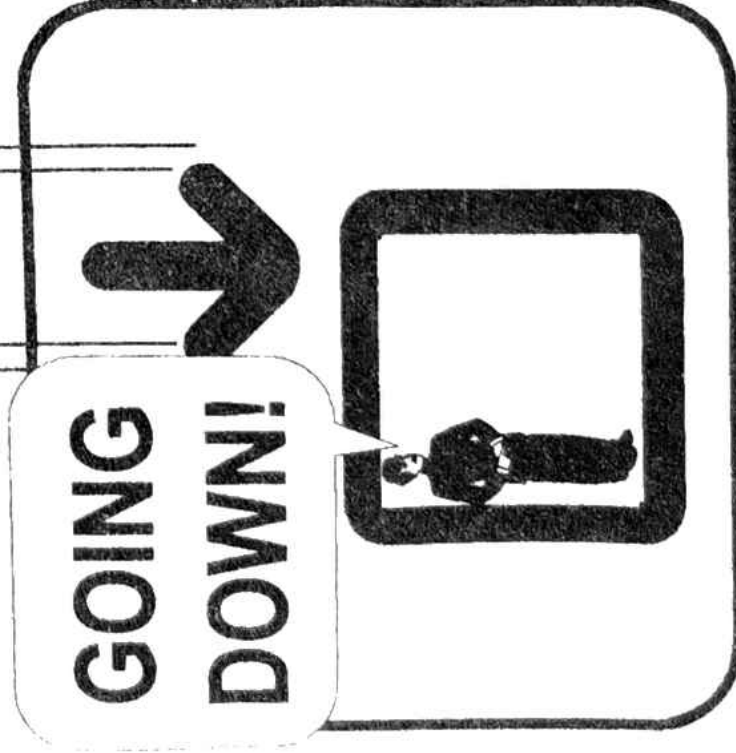
Meeting for our weekly walk, with the weather forecast for snow but with sunshine and blue skies encouraging us to keep to our programme. The snow started to fall and the roads had not been gritted. Soon the landscape became white and on reaching the entrance to Helston we decided it would be foolish to risk going any further, and so we turned onto the coast road back towards Penzance. It really was a winter wonderland, with every tree and field transformed by a two inch layer of snow. Reaching Breage we called for a welcome cuppa before

making our way home with clear blue skies heralding frost and black ice.

Our next Meander was Fowey, leaving half an hour earlier for the longer journey. We were fortunate and did not meet any traffic congestion, dropping down into Fowey and parking at the Bodinnick to catch the ferry and start the Hall walk. This was the promenade which belonged to Hall Barton at Bodinnick but the name is known locally as the complete walk around to Polruan. What a glorious day we had chosen, climbing up the steep hill past "Ferryside", the house where Daphne Du Maurier wrote "The

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Ascending the steep footpath on the right signposted to Polruan we climbed the stile and once again the views entranced us. Ahead lay the lovely village of Polruan which we explored as we made our way towards the quay and the ferry back to Fowey, depositing us right in the town where we did a little shopping and took a refreshing drink at the Galleon before walking back through the narrow streets to our transport.

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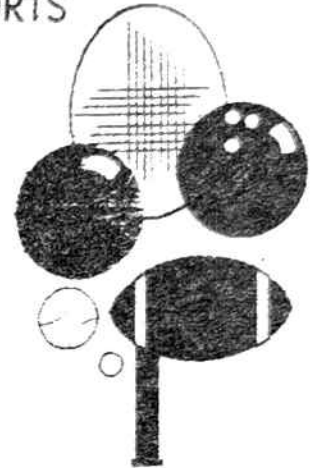
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These were all probably driven here by the winter gales and decided Hayle was the place to stay! Other Americans have followed with up to two Ring-billed Gulls, a Green-winged Teal and an American Wigeon. The latter species is still present, feeding amongst the flock of Eurasian Wigeon at Copperhouse at the time of writing. Happy birding!

Dave Flumm, RSPB Warden

HARP

I am in the process of starting up a new community group: HARP (Hayle Area Residents Partnership). It has been brought to my attention on many occasions

that though organisations in the Hayle area have a voice regarding important matters, individuals very often do not have their views taken into account. For twenty years now I have often heard Hayle referred to as a "bomb site", it is time for change, it is time for individuals to make their voices heard. So my aim will be to liaise with individuals or (if they are interested) with other residents' groups, to form one big Hayle area organisation without the necessity of holding committee meetings, which very often end up as just 'talking shops' with nothing getting done. My objective will be to support and maintain a democratic and stable society with

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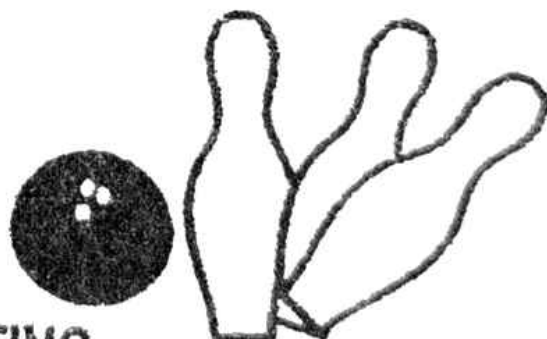
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- Support for victims of violence in the home. (I will be putting an idea forward at the next Crime Prevention meeting.)
- Protection of marine life, with special attention to recent events concerning dolphins.
- A sensitive approach to blending future prosperity and sustainability with preservation of environment and heritage.

Two of the projects I will be

working on will be (1) to enhance and improve Hayle Railway Station (I have made a start on this), and (2) a scheme involving protection and preservation of the Harvey Towans area, incorporated with 'Beachwatch' and 'Adopt the Beach'.

Just remember, you don't have to be in a committee or political to get results --just have faith in your own abilities.

Christine Windegaard 755549

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Sails! Is there anything left in the shops? I haven't ventured out for serious sales shopping yet so leave some for me. As mentioned before we are running our steak nights again – every Wednesday throughout February. Don't forget, 2 x 10oz rump steaks with all the trimmings for £10. Now that's a bargain if ever I heard one!

In addition St Valentine's Day beckons so bring out your loved one for some seriously sumptuous food at White Sails. Last but most definitely not least Mothers Day. We don't usually open on a Sunday but we couldn't miss this unique day, so bring out that special lady to sample our 3-course lunch including roast beef to thank her in style. (Ring for details and reservations.)

We are looking forward to spring now and the arrival of some daffodils and maybe even a little warmer weather, it will be nice to put up our window boxes again. At least we had lots of colour at Christmas in Hayle with all those lights, it looked great. It's nice to see that Hayle makes such an effort, especially with the carnival which was a great success. Well, wishing you all a very Happy New Year and we hope to see you soon.

Libbe, White Sails Restaurant

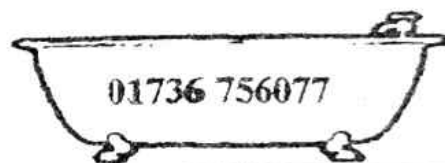
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PENWITH INTER-LINK
Hi, my name is Beccy Trahair and I am working for the West Cornwall Community Network (WCCN) to develop and support the Penwith Inter-Link. Inter-Link is mainly a network of community

and voluntary groups in Penwith, although statutory organisations and some business may find it useful too!

By joining Penwith Inter-Link it will give you the opportunity to attend local meetings where you can meet others, share ideas and get local information. You will receive regular notes and newsletters informing you of events, news from other groups, information about funding opportunities and much more. You will be able to put your group's information on the WCCN website, invited to be included in a future directory of community groups in Penwith, invited to WCCN events and much, much

more.

The next Hayle Inter-Link is on Wednesday 26th March at the Passmore Edwards Institute, Hayle, at 2pm.

For more information, or to become a member of Penwith Inter-Link, please call me on 01736 759012.

Beccy Trahair

HAYLE VOLUNTEER BUREAU

Since the last edition of the Pump we have had several new requests for help. Maybe you could help with one of these:

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parts of Penwith. Could you help to transport somebody to school, hospital, dentist etc? We are looking for drivers who could spare some time to transport people in need. A mileage allowance is paid so you're not out of pocket; I'm a voluntary driver myself and find it very enjoyable and rewarding.

St Julia's Hospice

The hospice is looking for volunteers to help out in the charity shop in Hayle and to help with fund raising. The fund raising team have to raise over 90% of the money needed to keep the hospice running so as you can imagine they have to continually keep coming up with ideas to fund raise. If you would like to volunteer to help out please contact me for more details or if you would like to make a donation please contact St Julia's Hospice direct on 01736 759400.

Link Up Penwith

Would you like to learn how to help people improve their confidence, their job prospects and their quality of life? For some people, forms and bills feel like a nightmare and they have little of the pleasures and opportunities opened up by reading. What makes matters worse is that many people are capable of developing their skills, but do not know how to go about it. If you were able to

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Why not start the New Year off with a resolution to help out in the community by volunteering with a local group? If you would like to know what voluntary opportunities are available, please call for one of our volunteer directories.

Thanks to all of our volunteers.

Becca Shearing, Hayle Volunteer Bureau, Unit 4, Foundry House, Foundry Square, Hayle, 01736 757364

CHRISTINGLE

No it's not Christmas already, it's time to say a big 'Thank You' from the Children's Society to the people of Hayle, £219 was raised at this very popular service which was very well attended. Well done everyone who took part. Thank you very much to the schools of the area that took part, to the team who made the Christingles 200 in all, to the organist Eddie Perry and lastly to Rev. John Fox who helped no end when Annette's voice went.

These thanks are well deserved. The service was great, let's make this year's just as good.

*Annette Claridge, Lay Assistant
Phillack*



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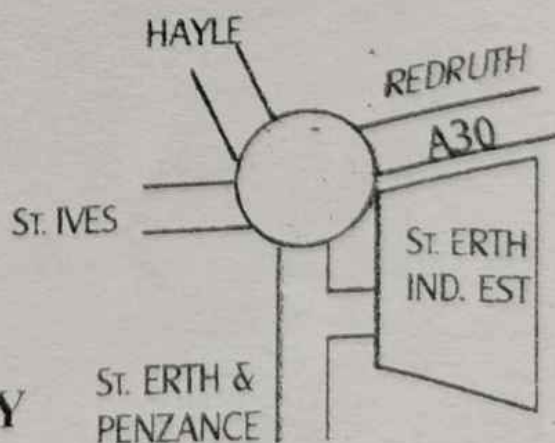
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