

# TEK TOPICS



## THIS AND THAT

Undoubtedly the most widely discussed topic this summer has been 'the water situation', a crisis which is by no means over. To more Tek's than ever before however, it did mean that one of the best Herm picnics ever was held with some 1,200 attending. It doesn't hurt to say Thank You yet again to the organisers, not forgetting the entertainers with Alan Way getting scratched to pieces in hillside gorse, Lew Domaille providing a solid bass foundation to the pleasing sounds of the Guernsey Concert Band, and our group "Mirkwood" who certainly made themselves heard, despite power supply problems.

During this summer quarter, we have seen many new faces appearing on the door step, Dale Jones, John Winstanley and Don de Coster who came to Guernsey from the Middle East for a breath of western air. John Landis tells us more about them in this issue.

The intended European Information Systems Project has been responsible for the arrival of Melt Smith and Ron McGee, both from Tek. Inc. and very soon we shall see Bernard Claudion, Tek. France, Peter Huzlebosch, Tek. Holland and Brad Jeffries, Tek. Inc. joining the group. We shall be endeavouring to give you some more detailed information of the group's structure and their objectives in our next issue, meanwhile let's extend a warm welcome to them with the hope that their stay will be a happy and rewarding one.

I'm sure that those of us who have met Brian Wyles, who joined John Sarchet's group some two months ago, as Marketing Analyst would want to welcome him aboard also. Brian brings with him some considerable past experience in his field, here's wishing you success Brian.

Also in this issue a few words about two retirees, Myrtle Tanguy and Harold Allen, thanks again for your contribution to Tek and a happy retirement to you both.

The new general purpose building is progressing favourably. Foundations are laid and supporting pillars are cast and in position. In two or three weeks we shall see the arrival of the overhead steelwork which will enable the roof to be put in place before the rain comes - what rain???

This is going to be all very interesting to see but Please Keep Off the Site at all times. Gamble and Blair have especially requested that we view from an offsite position to avoid possible accidents.

By the way if you have a good water conservation idea, let's hear about it so we can all share, there could be other summers ahead of us like this one. As an example, John Fallaize catches most of the rainwater falling on his roof by using a plastic bottle with the bottom removed to adapt a garden hose to his down pipes, and thereby catching it all in buckets or whatever. Like Stone de Croze we must faw shaw save every drop us!

## TEK IN HERM 1976

Take a summer day, add sand, sea, ice cream, pop, sprinkle with Tek families and you have the 1976 Tektronix Herm Picnic.

When they arrive on the Picnic site few people realise the amount of work that precedes the event.

After hours of planning all the equipment has to be checked, cleaned, painted and finally assembled to ensure that everything still fits together.

Years of experience have taught the team that you can't just hop into a car on Saturday night and nip off to get a new blade for the Stanley!

It takes about four hours of hard work before the site is ready and a small party remain in Herm overnight to look after the equipment.

This year the Sunday dawned a real scorcher and Tek families arrived early at the Albert Pier. The waiting ferry boats moved them efficiently and quickly to Herm.

By 11.00 a.m. over 1,200 people were on the Shell Beach and the Treasure Hunt was in full swing. Orange washers, scattered over the common, were eagerly exchanged for cash by hordes of happy children.

On the beach, would be anglers tried to cast a weight through a target hoop set up twenty yards away. Tony Sargent was the only one of over thirty competitors to score so he was duly awarded the prize.

A spectacular "first" for the Picnic was a demonstration of Hang Gliding by Alan Way (TQ Test). Conditions were far from ideal but Alan managed five descents from the hill behind the picnic area on his orange and black Ridge Rider. His last attempt carried him out over the rising tide and a sudden lack of lift deposited him gently in the shallow waters of the bay!

Alan's display was much appreciated and judging by the comments of some spectators it won't be long before other Tek's try his exciting sport.

The races for small children were as usual a roaring success with all competitors being rewarded at the finish tape. Flat races, sack races, three-legged races and wheelbarrow races; it was difficult to decide who obtained the most enjoyment, competitors or spectators.

The high temperatures didn't slow the children down but the Mums and Dads were rather lethargic; nobody wanted to play tug o' war or go angling or spearfishing.

Five-a-side football was contested by four teams with the "Gay Vicars" emerging the winners, the team consisting of John Lee, Keith Pengelley, Peter Philips, Ken Queripel and Peter Guilbert.

The balloon race looked to be a non-starter as the wind was virtually non-existent; fortunately it picked up and hundreds of balloons drifted off in a Southwesterly direction. They will probably be found in France during the next few weeks.

The pop and ice cream tent did a roaring 'trade', the capacity of some small children was quite remarkable!

A St. John's Ambulance member, Finlay Tucker (400 Test), was present throughout the day and fortunately he was only required to treat the occasional bee sting and a sprained ankle.

Many Tek boatowners came over to Herm in their own crafts, quite a fleet was anchored in the deeper water at the Southern end of the bay.

Taped music was relayed through a speaker system and live entertainment was provided by Mirkwood and the Guernsey Concert Band. The former were prevented from giving their usual performance by a lack of power at the source available to them.

The Guernsey Concert Band played after lunch and their very professional performance was greatly enjoyed by everyone.

By four o' clock the heat was proving to be too much for most people and the trek back to the harbour began. The Guernsey Concert Band entertained the queues on the pier and provided a fitting end to what must surely have been one of the most successful Tek Picnics.



## WORLD BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS 1976

1976 will long be remembered by 80 bowlers from 16 nations. These 16 countries were representative of all races from all parts of the world. It was indeed an honour and a privilege to be selected as one of the Guernsey players to take part in the World Bowls Championships, which were held at Zoo Lake Park, Johannesburg, South Africa. The Guernsey team was selected in June 1975 and so began a long build-up for the team which consisted of the following members, Ernie Baker, Roy du Feu, Norman Le Ber, Cyril Smith and myself, with Charlie Woodhard as Team Manager.

We left Guernsey on February 11th bound for London and a series of indoor games to get the feel of the game. Then on Friday 13th we met other teams from England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and Jersey and boarded a South African Airways flight for Johannesburg. Our Jumbo-Jet all 353 tons of it took off from Heathrow at 6.00 p.m. calling en route at Paris and Las Palmas, the stops were of one hour's duration and we finally arrived at 12 o'clock midday right on schedule.

We were met at Jan Smuts Airport by the Tournament Committee, Organising Committees and members of our host Club and immediately faced a barrage of T.V. and film cameras, and following these interviews we were speeded through the Customs and Immigration Authorities. At that time we began to realise what it was like to be a celebrity, a situation which was to continue for the four weeks we spent on South African soil. The arrangements were excellent with nothing left to chance. The Tournament Committee were always dressed in poppy red blazers, the Organising Committee were always dressed in dark blue blazers, whilst the Officials and Umpires were dressed in bright blue blazers with white flannels being worn at all times. In this manner it was easy for us to find an official who could help us with any query which we might have. Each country had been allocated to a different Host Club who were responsible for arranging our transport, providing practice facilities, entertaining us and generally looking after our well-being. Our host club was Ridge Park Sports and Social Club who looked after us in a manner which was second to none. The hospitality and friendliness of our hosts defies description.

Our first official function was Church Parade on the Sunday which was a most impressive event. The march to the Church of all the players and officials was extremely colourful with all the participants dressed in white flannels and blazers of a colour associated with their country, each country carrying their national flag. The column was escorted by Police Motorcycle outriders whose duty it was to stop all traffic, but this was unnecessary as the city was at a standstill for the parade. The band of the Johannesburg Salvation Army led the parade.

The following day we were taken on a scenic tour to the Voortrekker Monument, then on to the Pretoria Country Club for tea. In the evening a Banquet was served by domestic science students at the University in Pretoria. The banqueting hall was beautifully decorated with the national flower the Protea. Speeches were short and humorous. We were invited to see the country for ourselves and to form our own judgements of South Africa as a nation and as a country of sportsmen and women who were dedicated to their sport. Mr. Esau Shapiro the President of the South African Bowling Association hoped that we would leave South Africa with sunshine on our faces, sunshine in our hearts and a warm spot in our hearts for South Africa. This was a wish that came true for all of us.

The Opening Ceremony was performed by the Prime Minister Mr. B.J. Vorster who opened the Championships after an impressive opening ceremony when all the competing countries marched around the green accompanied by the band playing the country's national anthem. The name of each country was printed on a placard which was carried by a girl dressed in the country's national costume and preceded the players. The Team managers were all presented to the Prime Minister who then presented competitors Medals to all the players. The opening ceremony came to a conclusion with a flypast of South African Air Force Impala Jets and the release of balloons and pigeons.

The players village was exceedingly well laid out under shady trees which were very welcome as a relief from the blazing sun with midday temperatures well in the eighties in the shade. The heat on the greens was intense because the spectators stands towered above the green and excluded all traces of a cooling breeze. Each country had their own caravan for resting and changing. Meals were served to the players in the village because our playing day commenced at 9.00 a.m. and finished at 6.00 p.m. A new green had been laid for the World Championships at a cost of 20,000 Rand.\* The cost of staging the Championships was a staggering R550,000 of which more than 500,000 Rand was recovered leaving the South African Bowling Association to find less than R50,000 to make up the deficit. Dominating the scene was a 60 feet high score board which was visible from any position on any of the three greens, and gave an up to the minute detail of all the sixteen matches being contested at the same time.

The standard of play was as one could expect extremely high. The greens were very true and played extremely well and ran much faster than we are generally accustomed to. We had not played for over four months so we were at a disadvantage. However all things considered our performances were by far the best ever achieved by Guernsey players at international level. The victory which was the most satisfying was our win in the Triples over the Australians, especially when we consider that Australia has 277,000 Bowlers whilst Guernsey has only approximately 250. The competitions were run on a League basis and our final positions were 10th in the Singles, 15th in the Pairs, equal 11th in the Triples and 14th in the Team. Overall we played 60 matches of which we won 17 and drew 2. Quite a few of the games were very close and could easily have finished in a more favourable result for us. We were told that our play had improved tremendously and that when we can play Bowls all through the year, (as we very soon shall be able to when the new Leisure Centre is open), then we can expect to compete on more favourable terms against other countries, and there is every reason to believe that Guernsey Bowlers will be quite capable of finishing in the top half of these Leagues if not even higher. What we lack is highly competitive play all through the year.

The closing ceremony was most moving when in front of a record crowd of 10,000 the Minister of Sport and Recreation officially closed the Championships. The Teams marched in as for the opening ceremony and were followed by three young girls dressed in orange, white and blue bikinis, one of the young ladies carried the head of a Springbok and the other two each carried a live lion cub. The commentator asked for complete silence because the slightest sound could have startled the lions. It was amazing how quiet a large crowd could be especially after the thunderous applause which burst out whenever a player played a good shot. South Africa in front of their home crowd won all the Gold Medals and well they deserved their victories. The spectators and they numbered over 100,000 deserve a mention for the sporting manner in which they applauded good play.

The spectators and they numbered over 100,000 deserve a mention for the sporting manner in which they applauded good play, no matter which country the Bowlers represented or to which race they belonged. This is as one would expect in Lawn Bowls because it is recognised as a friendly sport wherever it is played all over the world. All games commence with a firm handshake and a well meant phrase, "Good Bowling" and finish with another handshake and a friendly "Well Done, or "Hard Luck" as the case may be.

The Championships over, there only remained the Final Banquet at the Wanderers Club which is world renowned as the Premier Club. Set in magnificent surroundings the Club and its decor made a fitting finale to the best ever World Championships that have ever been held. The organisation may only be equalled, it can never be surpassed, unless they are held again in South Africa. We were fortunate in having a few days to see a little of South Africa in a more relaxed manner, but more about that in the next issue.

This article was contributed by Henry Le Tissier of Accounting, La Villiaze who has been bowling for ten years and has been in the Island team for five years. We'll look forward to your next installment Henry - Ed.

\*1.56 Rand = £1 approx.

## THE STONE-AGE TEKS

by AR-GEE



## TEK IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The three Field Engineers' mentioned in the following article visited Guernsey recently for talks with EOC and a breath of Western European air. John Landis tell of the part they are playing in Company activity in the Middle East.

One of the rapidly growing markets of the world is the Middle East. Oil rich countries are hard at work to develop their infrastructure, educational facilities, and technological bases to be economically self sustaining by the time their finite oil resources are used up - generally expected to happen within the next 30 to 40 years. To accomplish this task they require large quantities of sophisticated communication, computer, manufacturing, and research equipment, which in turn creates the need for many types of Tektronix equipment.

We have done business in that part of the world for many years but the past three years has seen increasing emphasis there as we work to establish and support an effective distributor network to sell and service our products.

We now have three Tektronix people located in the Middle East. Dale Jones, Distributor Sales Manager, is located at Tehran in Iran, with responsibilities for the area. Don de Coster is located at Athens in Greece, with responsibilities for Lebanon, Jordon, Syria, Iraq and Egypt. John Winstanley is located at Riyadh in Saudi Arabia, with responsibilities for the countries of the Arabian Peninsula.

All of our Middle East people are relative newcomers to Tektronix, but bring a great deal of instrumentation sales experience to us as well as experience specifically related to selling through distributors - our normal method od dealing in developing markets.

John Winstanley spent nine years with the Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineers (two of those years stationed in the Arabian Peninsula) in a technical electronic role. On leaving the Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineers he joined Tektronix U.K. as a Field Engineer and moved to his Saudi assignment in July of last year. His wife, Madeleine, and three children live in London.

Don de Coster, his wife Patricia and four children originally were located in Beirut, arriving there just at the time the serious fighting started. After several broken truces, it became apparent that Beirut was not going to be a suitable operation base and Athens was selected as an alternative. Don has many years of experience with Vidar Instrumentation, Pemco Precision Instruments and Ampex. Don's experience with these companies was in various marketing and sales activities throughout Europe

Dale Jones came to his present assignment from the position of District Sales Manager, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Prior to joining Tektronix he spent several years with Burr Brown Research Corporation and General Dynamics Corporation, in the U.S. His wife, Sherry, and two children will join him in Tehran in July. Dale, Don and John have a big job to do and confidently expect to create continued rapid growth in our share of the exciting Middle East market.



## HAROLD ALLEN RETIRES

"I quite agree", I said, "I'm sure you don't want your past life spread all over Tektotops, and I'm not really the kind to delve into people's private lives anyway."

"No that's right", said Hal, "and whoever would want to know about me, nothing too much has happened that would interest anyone since I first saw the light of day in Alderney".

"I didn't know you were an Alderney boy Hal," I said, "I always thought you were a Guern".

"Ah no", said Hal, "I'm Alderney born but we came to Guernsey when I was just four years old, in 1919. You could almost call me a Guern, all my schooling was in Guernsey and I have lived the rest of my life here except for the war years."

"That's interesting Hal, you made a fair contribution to sport in Guernsey I understand?"

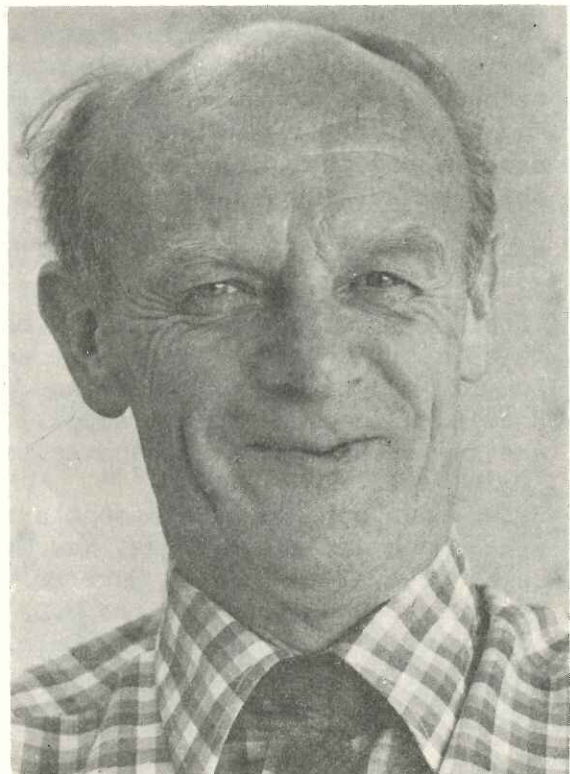
"Yes, well of course I've played football all my life, beginning in School teams and later for St. Sampsons Church Lads Football Club, the North Athletic Football Club as captain and centre half for the junior team. I was also captain of the Guernsey juniors, and being Alderney born played in their Murratti team."

By this time of course Hal was deep in his reminiscences and many pictures from the past seemed to emerge from the smoke clouds billowing out of his favourite pipe, that is so characteristic of Hal Allen.

So he related the other sporting interests that he had indulged in from shooting to euchre to darts to soft-ball, tennis, cricket and badminton. Hal recalled that he wasn't much good at soft-ball despite Earl Wantland's coaching on Delancey Park, telling him to keep his eye on the ball. Hal said he could never hit the b...y thing.

He finished school in 1929 and went to work at Le Riches, the island's largest grocery store in a clerical capacity, and met Norm Gardner who was also working for that firm.

Hal married Barbara in 1935 and then in 1940 he sent 'Babs' and their two children to the U.K. because of the threat of the German occupation.



In his casual style he related that he thought he ought to sign up and make himself useful so he hopped on a cargo vessel to experience a 24 hour journey in the bottom of the hold, surrounded by cans of corned beef, which were cut open with penknives, and later used for drinking tea, "sent down to us in buckets by the crew."

On arrival in the U.K. he volunteered for the Navy and immediately found himself in the Army, the 10th Battalion of the Somerset Light Infantry. One time he found himself on strike whilst in the Army, because of lack of food, the sweet being watery custard and one prune. Next day the Colonel put the matter right with 28 prunes per person, and people were too busy running to think of striking after that.

Hal eventually found himself as the Brigadier's driver and his Le Riche's experience served him well for the job of keeping the books for the officers mess. Later he transferred to the H.Q. 3rd Para Brigade, and served in France he was then posted to Wismar on the Baltic, where they joined up with the Russian forces, being the first Allied Troops to pass the perimeter of the Belsen concentration camp on the way.

Hal returned to Guernsey in 1946 and immediately picked up his pen at Le Riche again as if not too much had happened, and in November 1959 he joined Tektronix in the shipping department - guess who with - Norm Gardner, just the two of them!

Later Hal found himself winding transformers with Alan Richmond his Supervisor, but when Alan moved to other things, Hal was put in Alan's chair and he's supervised the transformer, coil, probe and resistor manufacturing areas ever since.

At one stage he even decided to build a house close to La Villiaze, when he hear a rumour that the components departments were moving to that location, and this is where he now lives with some 500 feet of green-houses to keep him occupied during his retirement.

Hal boasts three children, two boys and one girl, all resident in the U.K. and he is seven times a grandfather.

It was I suppose at this point that Hal said, "Why am I going on like this, I said I wasn't going to talk about me. Anyway mate I'll tell you what, I was in the Tek football team at 44 years of age, you tell 'em that in your article."

I noticed his pipe was empty and the pictures were fading, so I left Hal with a contented smile on his face and came away a much wiser person.

Thanks Hal for all you've done for us, for the example you've set and the standard that we will do well to strive to uphold.

Here's wishing you and Babs many happy years together. We won't forget you.

## PERILS OF RETIREMENT

There was an old man of Rue des Fosses,  
Thought it time to stop work and start gathering moss  
Sat back in a chair with a glass in his hand  
Quietly thinking "This life is just grand",  
When in came the missus - look out!

What on earth do you think you're doing there  
Get up and look sharp, up out of that chair,  
Tomatoes want trimming and you need some slimming  
Carnations are wilting, in need of some air.

The freesias pant picking and bunching and packing,  
That's only the start, so go on get cracking.  
Then you may be sure I'll have thought of some more,  
...Or, perhaps I'll come down with the coffee.

## PERILS OF RETIREMENT

There was an old lady of Rue des Fosses,  
Who thought when her husband retired,  
She could lazily rise,  
Rub the sleep from her eyes  
Anytime before noon, and never as soon as 7 o' clock  
in the morning.

But surely, at seven, he kicked her and said,  
"Where's my tea? It's time you were up and out of bed,  
Go get the breakfast, it's time I was fed.

When he's out of the way, she thought I can doze,  
While he feeds and waters and trims all the rows.  
She's just put her feet up, when he opens the door,  
"Did you ring someone, somewhere and order some more?  
And pop to the shop for something or other,  
And bring back the papers if it's no bother,  
...And then I'll be up for some coffee.

## TEK "A" FAILS AT LAST HURDLE

The Final of the Business House Football Knockout was held on a grey wintery evening at Cambridge Park; Tektronix A were up against old rivals Gamble and Blair who started the match as favourite by virtue of a strong nucleus of Priaulx League players.

Indeed they soon took an early lead but a Wally Torode corner led to a superb equalizer from the head of full back Colin Le Page.

Ten minutes later Gamble and Blair won an indirect free kick on the edge of the box. The ball floated over due to a defensive misunderstanding, Colin Le Page headed off the line into the top of the net! The goal was hotly disputed as it seemed that the ball was over the line before Colin headed it.

The referee agreed and awarded a goal kick but unfortunately the linesman insisted that the ball was not completely out of play and the decision was reversed.

At half time Tek were trailing by the odd goal in three. Soon after the interval Gamble and Blair scored twice and it seemed that the Tek lads were fighting a losing battle. A superb through ball from Wally found Colin Tostevin and the big midfield player made no mistake with a powerful half volley.



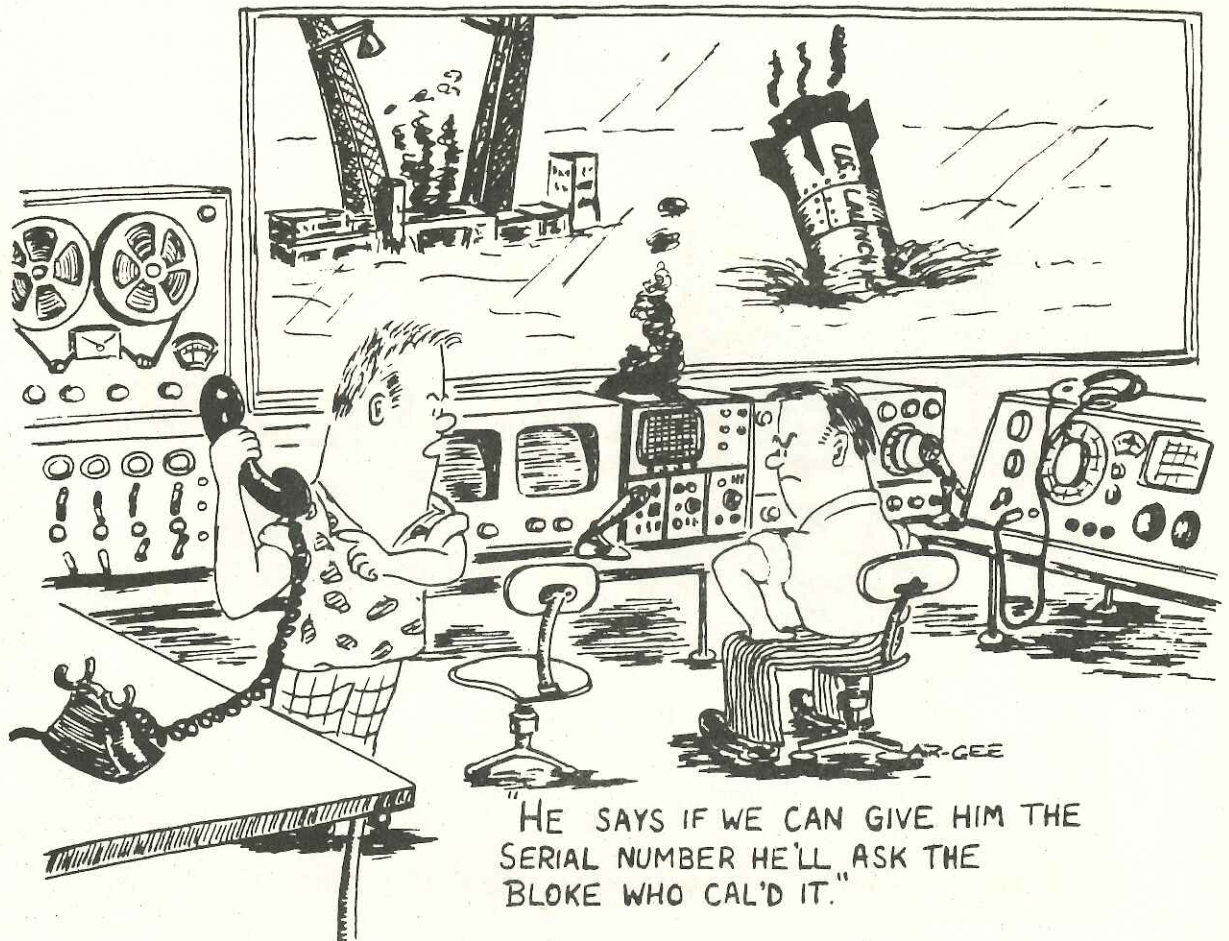
The team photograph by courtesy of Don Brook, shows standing from left to right:- Terry Le Pelley, Tony Miller, Colin Le Page, Peter Bott and Colin Tostevin, and kneeling left to right Philip Hearn, Wes McGowan, Phil Troalic, Kevin Le Gallez, Tony Martel and Wally Torode.

About ten minutes from time Wally went through on a solo run and gave the keeper little chance to make the score 4 -3.

Another goal for Tek would mean extra time and the lads really lifted themselves. Unfortunately a late goal from Gamble and Blair left the result in no doubt; Gamble and Blair 5, Tek 3.

Peter Bott, called from retirement, played superbly in goal and if it had not been for some fine "vintage Botty" saves the result could have been much worse.

Due to lack of pitches the Business House League will be played at the end of August. Tek always does well in this competition, and it is to be hoped that 1976 will be no exception.



## ELIZABETH'S FRUIT CAKE

### Recipe

8 oz. self-raising flour  
12 oz. mixed dried fruit (raisins, sultanas, currants, mixed peel)  
4 oz. granulated sugar  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. mixed spice  
pinch nutmeg  
pinch salt  
2 beaten eggs  
4 oz. softened butter or stork  
milk

### Method

1. Mix all dry ingredients together.
2. Add softened butter and eggs.
3. Add milk as necessary to make the mixture a firm dropping consistency.
4. Bake in slow oven (Reg. 2) for 2 hours (or until skewer inserted into middle of cake comes out clean).

This quantity is enough for a 7" round cake tin.



# GARF WILL HAVE PLENTY TO SAY

IN FUTURE ISSUES. HAVE YOU GOT  
SOMETHING INTERESTING TO TELL US?

IF YOU HAVE, WHY NOT GET IN TOUCH WITH A  
TEKTOPICS COMMITTEE MEMBER. SOMEONE CAN  
EVEN WRITE IT FOR YOU IF YOU WISH.

## GARF

— space oddity



## ANGLING TRIP RESULTS

Conditions seemed perfect when the Tektronix Angling Club members set off on the first trip of the season, unfortunately the fish were few and far between.

Peter Plevin (TQ Vic Ave) emerged as the early leader with a catch of one black bream and one pollack. These weighed in at 5lb 4oz. to give Pete 30 points from the first leg.

Barry Carre was not far behind with 26 points, his catch comprised three mackerel weighing 2lb 1oz.

Twenty one people went on this trip but the total number of fish caught was only eighteen. Hopefully the next five trips will be more successful.

The best specimen caught was Alan Lamb's mackerel of 1lb 15oz. a very large one for this early in the season.

The list reads as follows:-

Pete Plevin - 30 points, Barry Carre - 26, Dick Seaton - 18, Ken Queripel - 16, Colin Tostevin - 15, Alan Lamb - 14, Brian de Carteret - 10, Betty Guilbert - 8, Richard Collas and Alan Richmond - 5.

Fish were more plentiful on the second trip with 20 people catching a total of 39. Mike Falla, the most consistent points competition winner caught 6 pollack and two mackerel for a total of 60 points. Ken Queripel, the 1975 champion, caught five different fish; pollack, wrasse, pout, black bream and mackerel, weighing a total of 6lb 6oz. gave him a total of 45½ points.

Best specimen was Gordon Minier's red bream of 1lb 15oz.

Total points after two trips:-



Pete Plevin - 64,  
Ken Queripel - 61½  
Mike Falla - 60  
John Henry - 40½  
Greg Lihou - 36  
Barry Carre - 33  
Dick Seaton - 29½  
Richard Collas - 19½  
Gordon Minier - 18  
Colin Tostevin - 15  
Alan Lamb - 14  
John Gillingham - 12  
Brian de Carteret - 10  
Betty Guilbert - 8  
Alan Richmond - 5

SOME NOTES IN COMMEMORATION  
OF  
THE AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL

This year our American friends are celebrating the 200th year of Independence. It seemed appropriate, therefore, to take a glance back at the American past, especially where Guernsey history has interacted with American history.

Some of our readers will no doubt remember that this was the subject of a very interesting article by former employee and cartographer extraordinaire Roy (you name it, I'll give it a map reference) Perry, in issue Vol. 5 No. 3, Christmas 1967. However, even before the great migrations of the 19th century, even before the Declaration of Independence, this small island has had its influence on the Americans.

Our first contacts across the Atlantic were undoubtedly fishermen from the Channel Islands who fished the Grand Banks off Newfoundland in the 16th century; by the end of the century Sir Walter Raleigh was expressing concern that the Spanish Men-of-War might intercept the returning fishing fleet at the end of August, unless they were driven out of the channel. He estimated the fishing fleet at over 100 sail.

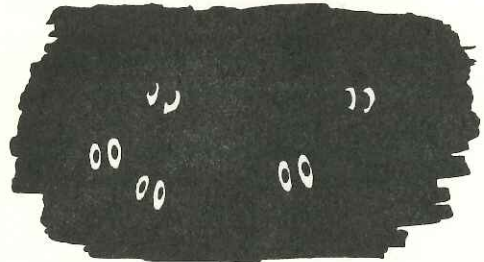
In the next century we find an unusual visitor in the opposite direction. Born in 1636 in Massachusetts, Increase Mather (the Puritans could be quite imaginative about first names) came to Europe to study in 1656. He graduated at Trinity College, Dublin; and having already made a name for himself for his extreme Puritan views, a job was obtained for him as chaplain to the Lieutenant Governor of Guernsey.

What did this 1st American visitor to our shores think of us? Not a lot. His hell-fire sermons had little effect on the native inhabitants. Drunkenness and laxity in observing the Lord's Day continued unabated (to be fair very few of the Guernsey people understood English, least of all with a New England accent!).

However, "the times they were a changing". Oliver Cromwell died, and it started to become politically risky to be an extreme Puritan. Charles II was proclaimed King and Increase Mather refused to join in the celebrations "I did out of conscience, openly refuse to drink the King's health, which was urged upon me by some of the too much temporizing clergy".

In Jersey most officials were quick to toe the new political line; but they reported that there was some hesitation in Guernsey and that the young American was at the root of the resistance.

The Duke of Albermarle (who had been General Monk in Cromwell's army) orders that he be sent back to England for examination. His friends acted fast. He was shipped off to London, was paid his back pay (to his surprise and delight £108) and away back to New England.



Scenes from American-Guernsey History - I.

Guernseymen fishing the Newfoundland Banks at night. Note the quaint 16th century fisherman's clothing.



Back home in Boston he became minister of the North Church, Rector of Harvard and finally in 1684 President of Harvard University.

Increase Mather never returned to Guernsey, but his path through life was to bring him into contact with a celebrated son of Guernsey, Sir Edmund Andros Kt.

Seigneur of Saumarez, Gentleman in Ordinary to the Queen of Bohemia, Bailiff of Guernsey Governor General of New York, New England, Virginia, Maryland etc. etc.

Sir Edmund served on the Continent, commissioned in the Guards in 1662 and later took command of the forces at Barbadoes. He became Bailiff of Guernsey in 1674 and that year was appointed by King Charles II as "Governor or Commandant of the place called New York in the West Indies". (The merry monarch was not too hot on geography).

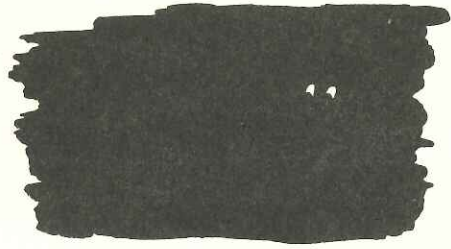
He served the king well in the Americas, and was entrusted with the control of more of the American colonies until he had nearly all under his jurisdiction; a breadth of power not equalled until the Americans had their own President.

Unfortunately, the interest of the king were not necessarily those of his American subjects, and especially in New England, they complained bitterly about his autocracy. He tried to suppress the practice of sending pirate ships (privateers) to pillage the West Indies. Even worse, he established friendly relations with the Indians, especially the Mohawks. The Americans were already at that time establishing what was to be a very familiar routine in dealing with Indians i.e. Landgrab followed by war, followed by extermination, with the added twist that Indian wars were regarded as a punishment by God for permitting Baptists, Quakers and other unorthodox groups to live amongst them. This made Andros even more unpopular, as he was trying to enforce religious toleration on the puritan new Englanders. He moved in and subdued them with an army of 60 soldiers, who drank on Sunday, used blasphemous oaths and upset the Americans still further.

Finally, orders came from London to remove the charters by which the New England provinces claimed their liberties. Most yielded to the inevitable, but in 1687 when he met the representatives of Connecticut he had unexpected difficulty. For as he sat with the to-be-revoked charter spread before him on the table, all the lights were extinguished. When order and lighting were restored the table was bare, and his confiscation fell a little flat.

The New England provinces sent to London a delegate to ensure that new charters to be drawn up would preserve as much of their rights and privileges as was possible. The natural choice, the man most obviously suited, the man with widest influence in the colonies:- Increase Mather (yes him again).

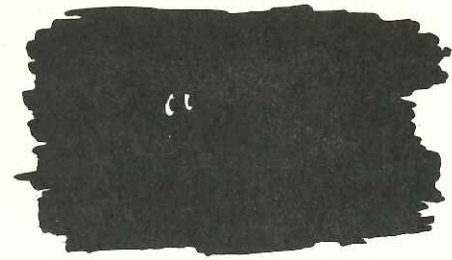
Increase Mather and Sir Edmund Andros clashed politically until another change of regime in London. The fall of James II and the successful revolution by William of Orange meant, in the American colonies, the fall of Sir Edmund.



Scenes from American-Guernsey History - II.

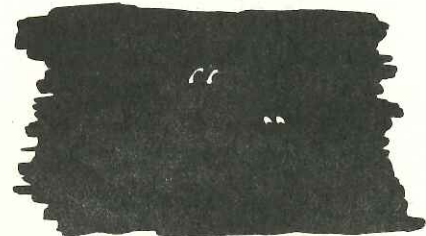
Increase Mather escapes from Guernsey under cover of darkness.

He died in London in 1714, Increase Mather died in Boston and his house was bought by the Revere family. Which brings us to another link with Guernsey. In France in the 17th century the state organized persecution of the non-catholic minority, "Hugenots" reached an appalling scale, even by the religiously intolerant standards of those times. Many fled, many found refuge in the Channel Islands. Among these were the Revere's. Young Paul Revere fled France and found refuge with his Uncle who was a silversmith in St. Peter Port. He learnt his trade there, and then moved on to Boston. In Boston he showed his gratitude for the protection he had gained under the British Crown by becoming enthusiastically anti-British, and a keen propogandist for the coming revolution. When the struggle did start he played his part, especially distinguishing himself by nocturnal equestrianism (riding by night) to warn the militia ("Minute-men") that the British were coming. An obscure incident which achieved fame when immortalized by an American poet called, I believe, Longfellow. Who wrote a poem recited by generations of American school children.



Scenes from American-Guernsey History - III.  
Sir Edmund Andros meets the rebellious representative of Connecticut.

And so we reach the American Revolution; or, as it is called on the other side of the Atlantic, the War of Independence.



This History of Guernsey was to meet and influence the history of the Americans again. But that's another story.

Scenes from American-Guernsey History - IV.  
Paul Revere rides by night to warn the minute-men, "The British are coming".

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2. Essays on Guernsey by Edith Carey.
3. My own vivid imagination.

Also my debt to Ralph Gilday and Pete Sirett without whose nagging this would not have got written; and our illustrator, ArrGee, whose immensely detailed historical illustrations lose somewhat owing to the nocturnal nature of the events illustrated.

## Myrtle Tanguy Retires

Myrtle started with Tektronix in March 1961 at Victoria Avenue before La Villiaze was built of course.

Working at "The Track" was not new to Myrtle as she had previously worked for Fabrique Industrielle the firm who built and occupied the Victoria Avenue building before Tek moved in.

Myrtle was born and bred in Guernsey and started school at St. Sampsons and finished her studies at the Intermediate (Grammar) School. She has spent many years nursing and was engaged in general nursing duties at Southampton and later at Swissville children's nursery at Guernsey.

"Myrt" was married in 1937, has a son and a daughter and four grandchildren. She told me that 'mum' was frequently called upon to help with a fairly large laundry for her daughter who runs a hotel at Bordeaux, but apart from that, she intends to take life easy after she retires.



Almost everyone is going to miss Myrtle as she has always worked in the canteen, firstly at Victoria Avenue then latterly at La Villiaze, and no one ever got away with not paying for those extra chips, or slipping in the odd foreign coin or too much change when she was on the till, no sir, 'Myrt' was sharp!

She told me that after so many years of having to leave home at 6.30 a.m. with a walk from Baubigny to the Half Way to catch the 'bus for La Villiaze she was now going to have a bit of a 'lie-in', especially in the winter months, and think of all those people turning out in the cold for work.

We wish you a very happy retirement Myrtle with the sincere hope that you have many years ahead to enjoy doing just what you want to, and thanks for your valued contribution.

KEITH BENTON - BOAT BUILDER

On the 28th of May, I went down early in the morning just in time to catch Keith Benton, Test Engineer in the 7000 group at La Villiaze, as he came into the Marina after launching his 33 ft. Elizabethan ketch "Avénáon." The event was not extraordinary but for the fact that Keith had built the 33 ft. ketch himself, in under two years. When he had made fast at the quayside, I was able to ask him a few questions about it:

"Well Keith congratulations, what made you start it in the first place?"

"A means to an end really, the boat was too expensive to buy outright, and as it was built stage by stage, costs were spread over the building time. Once one had the mast and sails and the hull was landed, one could put it in the water and be sailing, and add the other bits and pieces at a later stage."

"How long in man hours have you put in?"

"About 2000 hours before launching with still a lot of interior details to be finished."

"Did you build it in kit form?"

"No, I just had the basic hull and deck moulded together with internal

mouldings loose. I didn't work to any set plans except my own as to how I wanted things arranged."

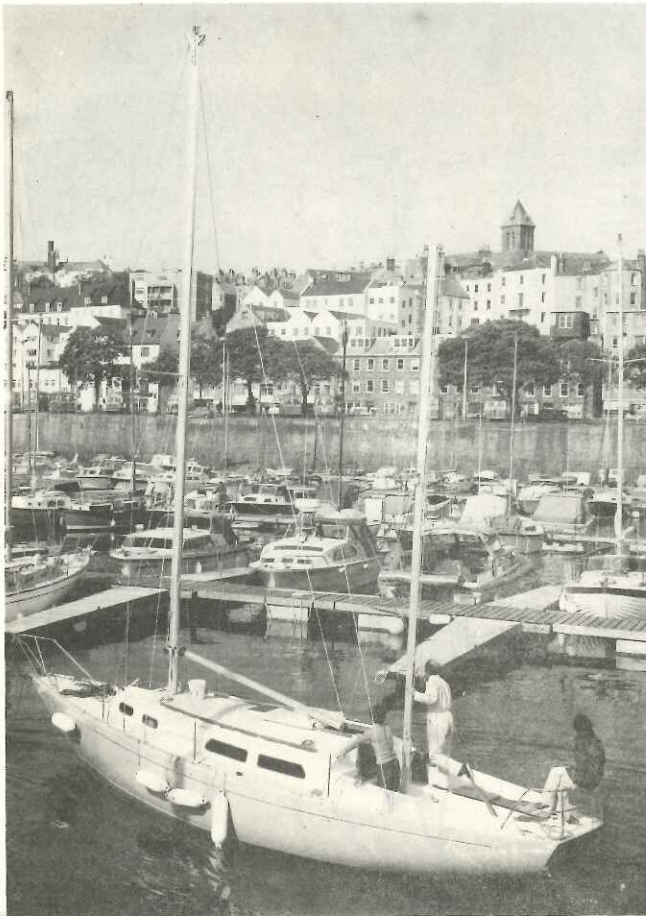
"What is the accommodation?"

"It has six berths, with a separate 'head' (loo), hot and cold water and provision for a shower. The galley is very well appointed with a 'fridge and an oven which has two burners. There is a chart table with extra space for navigational equipment".

"Why choose a ketch design rather than the conventional single mast?"

"The ketch was chosen because of the ease of handling the sails as the sail area is split into three instead of two which means each sail is smaller."

"I hear your back yard contains other projects?"



"Oh, yes, Tony Taylor and Derek

Knowles are both building boats in the 'Benton Boatyard'".

"What are your plans for her this year?"

"This year will include a week on the South Coast of England and a week on the Brittany Coast. Long term plans hopefully include some ocean cruising."

"Finally Keith, to us uninitiated what does 'Avénàon' mean?"

"'Wild Oats'", replied Keith with a wry smile as he retired below decks.

## GARF — (contd)



I see they've started the new office block extension...



Actually no, because of the price....



They've scrapped that idea as unproductive...



...and planted potatoes instead!

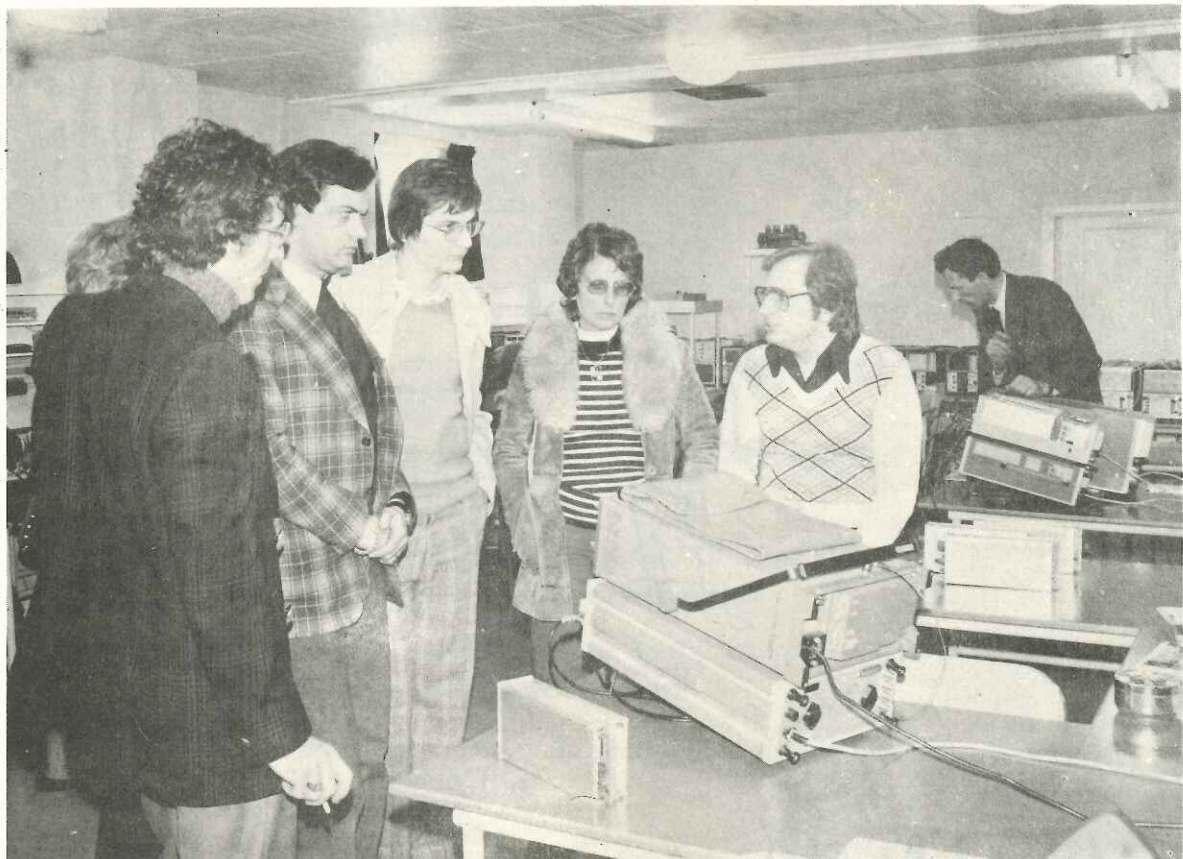
## FRENCH STUDENTS' VISIT

Thirty five students from the High School at Rennes in France, paid a one day visit to Guernsey recently, where it was arranged for them to tour the Tektronix facilities. The students are on a six year electrical and electronic engineering course.

At Victoria Avenue the students were shown components being manufactured and Tek. Limited arranged a simulated customer demonstration of instruments which was also a convenient training exercise for the Field Engineers currently under training.

Demonstrations were given of the 7000 Series with particular attention being paid to the new 7B85 plug in.

The students also toured the main assembly plant at La Villiaze.



# IN SEARCH OF H<sub>2</sub>O

THE SIGHT OF HAROLD AND NORM ON THE LAWN TESTING THEIR POWERS OF WATER DIVINING WAS AN OCCURRENCE THAT JUST COULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO PASS UNRECORDED.....



"IF THIS DOESN'T WORK WE'LL TRY THAT ONE THAT MITCH-DOCTOR SHOWED YOU."



"OH CRUMBS, NOT OIL AGAIN!"



"I TOLD YOU WE SHOULDN'T TRY THIS AFTER WE'D BEEN TO THE FOREST."



"HE SAID HE DOESN'T KNOW THE ONE TO STOP IT!"



"I SAID DONT GET TOO CLOSE TO AW, FORGET IT."

21st BIRTHDAYS

- 11. 3.76. - Peter Phillips (Audit)
- 30. 3.76. - Sue Keenan (TQ Vic Ave)
- 4. 6.76. - Anne Maubec (7000 Series)
- 30. 5.76. - John Renouf (Accounting)

ENGAGEMENTS

- 24. 4.76. - Janet Le Prevost (Prod.Support) to Geoff Blampied.

WEDDINGS

- 19. 4.76. - Rose Falla (Prod.Supp) to Dave Bradshaw (400 Series).
- 17. 5.76. - Janet Austin (5000 Series) to Leslie John Gauvain.
- 29. 5.76. - Annette Stanford (Accounting) to David John Slimm.

BIRTHS

- 20. 3.76. - Maureen and Barry Tullier (Model Shop) a daughter, Emma Louise.
- 19. 3.76. - Jenny and Roger English (Tech. Support) a son Phillip Bonamy.
- 30. 4.76. - Disiree and Derek Sparkes (Repair) a son, Andrew.
- 7. 7.76. - Karen (Personnel) and Geoff Parsons a son, Mark William.
- 8. 7.76. - Jackie and Barry Bisson (Accounting) a son, Christopher John.





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