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BUILD TEKTRONIX

A decision was recently made in Beaverton to supplement Telequipment manufacturing programme with Tektronix product build.

A European manufacturing meeting was held in Guernsey with representatives from Southgate, Heerenveen, Beaverton and Guernsey attending, to formulate a programme for the coming fiscal year.

The fiscal year 100 plan is not yet firmed up but the meeting recommended that Guernsey transfer the 5400 series to the Hoddesdon plant and that Beaverton would make good the Guernsey loss by additional build of existing products together with the introduction of new Tek products some time during the year.

Heerenveen will also be introducing some new Tek products to their range as their capacity allows.

Tektronix Guernsey Ltd. will be assisting Tektronix U.K. Ltd. to get established by helping with the training of their people and in setting up material supplies and

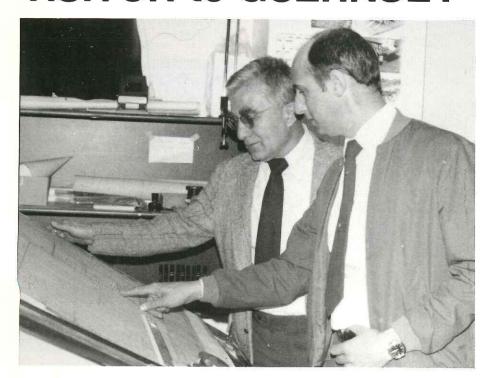
We wish our U.K. manufacturing friends every success in their new venture.



Our photo shows four recent Tek UK Ltd visitors - left to right, Guan Tan, Andy Hartwell Eddie Curran, and Ron Nott discussing production transfer strategies with John Eccles.



VISITOR to GUERNSEY





Introducing Arthur de Rungs who you may see at La Villiaze from time to time.

Arthur is an Associate Partner in the Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Partnership who are architects based in Portland

Z.G.F. have designed most of the Beaverton buildings as well as Wilsonville and will be our architects for the La V. 1. extension.

Arthur first visited Guernsey during the final stages of the La V. 2. building which was also designed by Z.G.F. and again visited us recently to get our project started.

Being Swiss by birth, he welcomes the opportunity to visit Europe and thinks that Guernsey is a fabulous place to be in.

Old King Cole...

Old King Cole was the story chosen for this seasons St Stephen's Players pantomime.

The Players are a long established amateur theatrical group currently sporting several "Teks" in their number.

Ken Queripel, (Final Assy) as the Dame, was the main comedy character playing a rather un-Queen-like "Queen Matilda". In true pantomime tradirtion he/she soon had the children in the audience joining in the fun. Pantomime requires a lot of participation from the audience and because of this, it is as entertaining for the cast as it is, we hope, for the audience. No two performances turn out exactly the same.

Nicki Simmonds (Tek Ltd) added the romance to the story as "Princess Melanie" the Kings daughter. The Princess falls in love with and eventually marries Prince Michael, who is the pantomimes principle boy, (played by a girl of course) and between them they added much of the music and glamour to the evening.

Right hand man to the King and his household is "Cecil", the Lord Chamberlain, a rather limp wristed, hand on the hip type character played by Mike de la Mare (Material Control). Mike would like to point out that the part did not come naturally to him as had been suggested.

Cecil, who yearns only for the quiet life, has this constantly shattered by "Horace" and Boris", who, in the day of the wicked "Queen of Darkness" plot to poison jolly Old King Cole's tobacco bowl with a powder, which will turn him into a grumpy king ready to give the hand of his daughter to the wicked Queen's evil son. Unlikely as it may sound, the unsavoury duo of Horace, played by Mick Falla (Purchasing), and Boris produced much of the comedy and slapstick in the panto, including a very messy "custard pie" fight.

To complete the Tek line up we had Paul Le Huray (Final Assy) in the very important role of Stage Manager and electrician. Paul also made many of the props for the production.

Apart from their annual pantomime, St Stephen's Players also put on a "Spring Play". This is normally a comedy, and in fact we are currently reading some very funny scripts one of which will be chosen and produced sometime in May or June. Why not come and see the Players for yourself?



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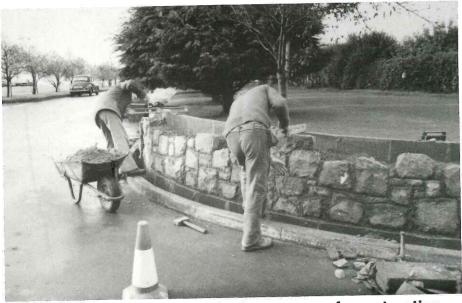
New walls at La Villiaze

We must all regret the work and expense Tek is enduring in order to prevent damage to our property from a lunatic minority who take delight in damaging Tek property by motorised vandalism. However the granite walls and pillars pictured under construction have in fact improved the appearance of the entrance and exit to our La Villiaze plant.

Mick Le Pelley who undertook the construction is to be congratulated for the speed and quality of his

work, as are our own drawing office staff who must be very satisfied to see the results of their design so well executed.

The removable pillars and chains are presently under construction by facilities. The most impressive part of these, from an engineering point of view will be hidden by concrete and tarmac. It is hoped that these will be fitted within the next few weeks workload and weather permitting.



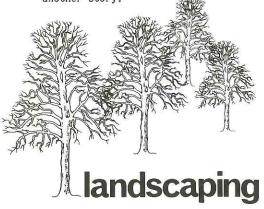
Entrance walls at La Villiaze in the course of construction

TEKTITES... what are they?

Over Christmas while flipping through a book "The World Atlas of Mysteries" my attention was suddenly arrested by a paragraph heading which jumped out at me: "Tektites". Alas no reference was made of hoary old testmen rattling their chains in the face of a full moon or disappearing from their benches and mysteriously turning up a few days later claiming to have been abducted by extra terrestrial beings.

Tektites are pear shaped pieces of glass about the size of a walnut scattered over the earth in well defined groups. They remain quite an enigma as they are not older than 5000 years and there is much debate on whether they have a terrestrial or extra terrestrial origin.

Legend has it that these objects have always fallen from the sky. Indians and Javanese call them the "Moons Tear Drops" and it came as an eyeopener when the Apollo 12 astronauts brought back similar objects. There again these findings give support to Velikovskys theory of a near collision between Venus and the moon — but that theory is another story.



The first phase of the landscaping project at La Villiaze is now completed. This involved the landscaping of the area behind the La Villiaze 2 building and the planting of trees around the recreation area.

Now that we have the go ahead for the extension to the manufacturing building, phase 2 will be delayed pending the construction of the intended perimeter road and necessary modifications to the car parking system.

Permission to remove the trees adjacent to the entrance road has been refused by the I.D.C., at least for the time being. The I.D.C. explained that due to the ravages of Dutch Elm disease, the Committee has been asked to discourage the felling of mature trees.

The Committee is however prepared to consider revised proposals at some future time when the trees now being planted are well established.

SPORTS NEWS

Negotiations are in progress for the lease of a club house that would provide a base for the Tektronix Employees Sports Club.

At an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club the Committee presented information regarding the possible take over of the premises used by British Airways for their Silver Wings Club.

Club Chairman Terry Black gave an introduction to the history of the enquiry and the requirements that British Airways wanted before transfer of the lease. Five organisations were interested in taking over the unexpired portion. John Rowe-Hagans, the Club Secretary gave a description of the property and it's furnishings and John Renouf, the Financial Secretary gave a breakdown of the running costs that British Airways had experienced. He also described the changes that the Sports Club would prefer to make to ensure that the clubhouse at least broke even and preferably ran at a profit; the major unknown was the amount of support and that this had a large effect on the bar takings.

Several questions were asked by the members, particularly the failure of the Brock Road Club. They were assured by the committee that the clubhouse was better furnished; had good parking and that the accounting methods would have to be changed, so that the difficulties that happened at Brock Road would be detected and corrected.

Details of the clubhouse administration were not yet decided and the committee hoped to have details of the required changes of rules and more details ready for the Annual General Meeting.

A unanimous vote was recorded in favour of the committee proceeding with negotiations to obtain the lease for the clubhouse.

The Annual General Meeting of the Sports Club is at the Greenacres Hotel on Thursday 28th February. The meeting will start at 7.30 p.m. and it is vital that all members do their very best to attend.

Other items on the agenda include a proposal for associate members for sports teams.



loading dock project

This project is now almost complete. At the time of writing, the dock leveller which provides a moveable ramp from vehicle to factory flow level is installed and tested. Unfortunately the roller shutter door arrived damaged and replacement parts have been requested.

When completed it will provide a much more efficient way of dealing with incoming and outgoing freight and will make working conditions in the warehouse more ideal.

Our photograph shows the leveller being put in place.



Not the island, not the cow but the ubiquitous and eponymous garment. For I have no doubt that the guernsey we wear takes its name from the island on which we live.

Why and when is lost in the mists of time. It has been associated with the major knitting industry based in the Channel Islands in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Against this idea it can be pointed out that the knitting for which the Channel Islands were famous was fine knitting of ladies stockings and gloves.

On the other hand the association of the Channel Islands with other knitted garments seems quite clear. In some parts of Scotland (and the Scots are a race given to keeping things in clear order) a jersey has a 'V' neck, a guernsey has a crew neck, an alderney is sleeveless and a sark is a sleeping shift (thus a "cutty sark" is a rather short nightdress as worn by the figurehead of that famous ship).

The guernsey was described in times past as a shirt, a waistcoat, a vest or even as a frock! but I don't believe it to have changed much over the years. As evidence I cite the occurrence of "guernseys" or "garnseys" on the east coast of occurrence England. Every fishing village had its own pattern, but the garment was essentially the same, navy-blue oiled wool, waist length, seamless and crew-necked. If the guernsey had in the past been any different one could not have expected this unanimity. Last December a book of Cornish guernsey knitting patterns was published which gave details of 24 different patterns from different (some localities in Cornwall, fishing ports share the pattern) and the consensus was the same. Instead the only area of the British Isles where a guernsey isn't a guernsey is in Jersey, where the tourists are sold a garment called "the traditional Jersey fishermans jersey" complete with publicity flack about the patterns from the different parishes.

I only hope they remove the name of the well-known Guernsey firm which makes the majority of them!

So we know what a guernsey is and we think we know its origins. Now to look at the modern guernsey.

Before the last war the guernsey was worn only by fishermen and farmers in the country parishes. Now there can be few who do not have a guernsey in their wardrobe; guernseys are seen regularly on television, worn by the most surprising people, and they are also exported to many parts of the world.

Some are made in Guernsey, some are not, but they are all longer than the traditional guernsey, the length now being hip or longer. Even in the late forties all guernseys were hand knitted (not "hand finished" as now) on a circle of 8-10 needles, producing a distinctive appearance and remarkable tension in the knit. Later the steel needles were replaced by nylon circular needle. In recent years virtually all guernseys offered for sale have been machine knitted with hand finishing.

This may seem regrettable, but any other way would be too expensive.

A recent feature has been the return to the various traditional patterns often associated with the parishes, but in fact patterns were handed down in families and thus tended to be identified with specific localities of the island.

The guernsey sweater, like the guernsey cow may be found all over the world, but we in Guernsey originated it, stayed loyal to it and can now feel proud of this once more popular part of our heritage.



and GARDENING

It may seem unlikely at the end of February, but every year without fail Spring will arrive, and if your gardening is anything like mine, it will find both the gardener and the garden unprepared.

Why not surprise your garden this year by being ready! Plan your sowing and planting now; and whilst you're at it, why not attempt one or two different crops this year?

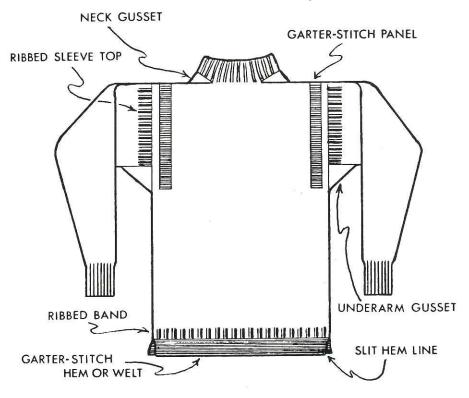
If you have a greenhouse try one of the unusual varieties of tomato. I know nearly everyone in Guernsey seems to have a supply of rejects from some commercial grower, but I think many people have forgotten just how a tomato selected for flavour and ripened on the plant can taste. Try one of the yellowskinned varieties, or perhaps Tigrella (with yellow stripes). Outsize varieties such as Big Boy or Ultra Boy, weighing in at 1 lb. per tomato are also widely obtainable.

In the open garden there are many neglected plants. Kohl Rabi must be one of the easiest of plants, and a vegetable with a quite distinct flavour. Courgettes are equally simple to grow and produce over 30 fruit per plant. Always intrigued by colour change I intend to try "Blondy" a new yellow courgette this year, and I hope to grow again a yellow beetroot or perhaps the white beetroot "Snowhite" both of which are far superior in flavour to the normal red beet, and don't bleed red all over the place. (They are also excellent for pickling, recipe at the end of this article.)

Leaving for the adventurous the fun vegetables such as Salsify, Asparagus Pea, Vegetable Spaghetti and Aubergines, may I finish by asking the aspiring gardener to consider some of the new breakthroughs in the more usual crops.

The dwarf runner bean "Bina" (must have been bred by an Irishman!) can be mentioned, as can the new cabbage "Shamrock Big Apple" said to be as crisp and sweet as an apple; but the vegetable which has excited most attention on both sides of the Atlantic is the snap pea "Sugar Snap". This is totally different from the old French mangetout pea and is well worth a try.

The Traditional Guernsey Pattern



Be enterprising in your garden, success or failure is all part of the rich tapestry of the gardening year.

What! You only grow FLOWERS? How do you cook them?

Ingredients

6 medium sized beet

- 12 fl. oz. wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon dry mustard (can be omitted)
- 9 oz. sugar
- 2 onions sliced teaspoon salt 2 teaspoons

Method

Boil beets until tender, drain (keeping 10 fl.oz. of liquid).

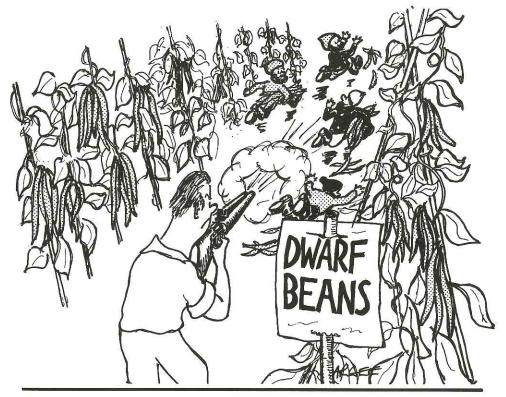
When beets are cool slice off tops and bottoms, slip skins off. Slice beets. In saucepan bring vinegar and liquid to boil, add mustard, salt and sugar. Stir and bring to boil again and set aside.

Arrange beet slices and onions in layers in large jars. Add dill and cover with hot vinegar mixture. Seal jars, allow to cool and place in fridge. Can be used after a few days.

TEKS in the **NEWS**.

Many readers know Bridgette Dodd who works in Wire Prep, but I wonder how many people are aware that just before Christmas, she received a trophy on behalf of the handicapped swimming team for their achievement in the Swimarathon last year. They raised £360 by swimming 40 lengths of the pool with Bridgette completing 10 of them. In the photograph Bill Green is presenting Bridgette with the trophy which is awarded each year for an especially meritorious swimming achievement.

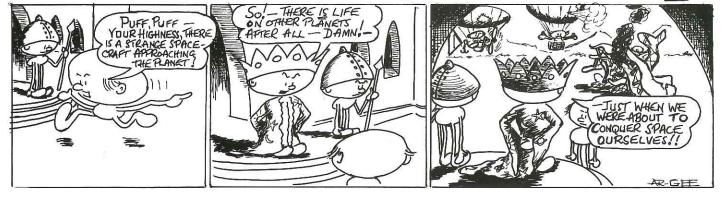
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space oddity





George retires

On Friday 25th January George Brookfield retired from Tektronix after 20 years service with the company.

George joined the Facilities Group in December 1959 as a cleaner, having previously worked for the Guernsey Gas Company. After fifteen months he transferred to become a Utility Person and helped set up the Kit Prep department of which he later became Section Leader and in Oct 1963, Supervisor.

Since that time George has also supervised the Mechanical Assembly Area, and the Cables and Wire Prep group.

In his retirement he plans to enjoy his hobbies of fishing and wine making. These will have to wait for a while however as George and his wife Freda will first of all spend six months in Australia visiting their eldest son and his family. Friends and colleagues gathered in the La Villiaze canteen to wish him a happy retirement. Harold Guilbert presented him with a set of travelling cases from his many friends at Tek. George was also delighted to receive a digital watch from the members of Cables and Wire Prep group.





ITEM

Books and Magazines

Bread (for ducks)

Coins (old and foreign)

Clothing

Clothing (Jumble-sale left overs, material only).

Sheets

Sheets, tights, wool and knitted clothes for unpicking $^{\sharp}$

Used Stamps

Aluminium Foil (tin foil)

Used Engine Oil

Egg Boxes

Tin Cans - Any Scrap Metal

COLLECTING DEPOTS

.... OXFAM - Mrs. Gwen Welch, Tel: 37346

.... Animal shelter

.... OXFAM
WRVS, Jubilee House, New Rd., St.
Sampson's

.... OXFAM & WRVS

.... OXFAM, Huddersfield. Please contact Mr. E. Clark,
Penhill, Four Cabot, St. Andrew's Tel:
36930 who will arrange
collection. Clothing is transported to
Huddersfield free of charge by
Commodore Shipping for sorting and
re-cycling.

.... Animal Shelter

.... Co-workers of Mother Teresa, Mrs. J.
Gathercole, Hollytrees, Grande Rue, St.
Saviour's

Saviour's
.... Lions Club, Mr. H. Meinke, Deep Meadow,

Sous l'Eglise; Friends of the Samaritans, Mr. S. Brouard, Clomrose, Rue des Fosses, Forest; Guernsey Amnesty Group, Mrs J. Harvey, St. Leonard's, Roland Rd., St. Sampson's, Tel: 45197

.... OXFAM; Womens Institutes

.... St. Peter Port Garage; Kenmir Cars; Bourgourd Bros; Vale Garage; Bordeaux tip - States Works Dept.

.... Grocers; Milk Retailers

.... O'Toole's Charity Skip off Bulwer Ave. behind Universal Packaging (South Side, St. Sampson's) Books for Resale - childrens & adults, also annuals & magazines such as Motor. Supercook etc.

Clean Paper & Cardboard

.... Young Variety, Mr. P. Le Noury, Tel:

.... Mayside bins; Charity bins at St. Sampson's Clock Tower, Beau Sejour, St. Martin's car park & Forest Stores. Non-charity bins at Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Besant's (Rohais), Alliance (Braye Road), Le Riches's (Bouet), or any other Mayside bins on commercial sites for



homeward bound!

TINS: Food tins must be thoroughly cleaned before putting them in the skip, so as not to attract vermin.

ENGINE OIL:

The Bordeaux tip takes small quantities only. that the garages will take varies from month to month. For large quantities, contact the States Works Department.

calling customers.

NOTES.....

PAPER & CARDBOARD: A list of Mayside skips is available from the Conservation Society in St. Sampson's Parish only, waste paper may be bundled and left with the dustbin for collection, as the Contractors will separate it in the lorry.

BOTTLES:

Return all returnable bottles. As yet we do not have any outlet for small quantities of non-returnable bottles, and would be pleased for any information on this.

Any ideas of other items which can be re-used, or charities wishing to be included on the list, please contact Richard Collas Tel: 47882.

ITEM

COLLECTING DEPOTS

Thick Plastic (Peat bags and Glasshouse flooring type only)

.... MAYSIDE RECLAMATION

Aluminum can pull rings

.... shop collection depots or INFO headporter P.E.A. Picture a doleful Brian Ettesse late Sunday night over-flying one Guernsey, wheels down but unable to land, unable to regain the bosom of his family, lands back at Southampton and told "Try again tomorrow".

Resourceful Brian finds his way to Portsmouth hoping to catch the overnight ferry.

Offers his air ticket at the office - "Single to Guernsey please"

scoffs counter clerk, "we can't accept that, the fare will be £ 16.25 please" "Crumbs" says Brian, or words to that effect "I only got that much in my pocket an' I aint 'ad a meal yet."

"Tell you what" says counter clerk, "take a Night-flyer - ten quid return, litre of whisky an' two litres of wine"

Brian got home Monday morning, alcoholically and financially financially somewhat better off.

children's

Christmas party



Photo: Courtesy Eric Sirett

The social event for "Les Enfants" of Tektronix came round again with the children's Christmas party at St Peter's Church Hall. Balloon gas was tried this year to give the balloons super bouyancy, but alas the balloons were kept in an unheated room prior to giving them out, so they were rather limp.

We would all like to give the big "Lads and Lassies" our many thanks for organising and "policeing" the Ken party i.e. Mollie Rodgers, Queripel, Dave Leafe, Peter Sirrett, Mick Falla, and in particular Peter Fulwell for his games and Denise Elliott for helping Santa to choose and wrap the presents - only one little girl seemed to take her present back to Santa. But last but not least that "demon of the ivory keys" Harold, who accompanied the carol singing.



TEN YEAR TEK'S

KEN QUERIPEL

PETE BUSH





ALEC DAVIDSON PAUL Le HURAY





TWENTY YEAR TEK'S **GEORGE BROOKFIELD**

PETER FULWELL

15.12.79.

9.2.80.



JOB VACANCY

<u>21st</u>				
Juile Nixon	(Products Group)	21.11.79.		
Cheryl Chastin	(Transformers)	12.1.80.		
Shani Butt	(Instrument Assembly)	14.1.80.		
Richard Wylie	(Assembly 2)	20.1.80.		
Dave Banful	(Transformers)	15.2.80.		
Teresa Paterson	(Probes & Coils)	28.2.80.		
ENGAGEMENTS				
Keith Pengelley	(Accounting) to Jackie Mullen (Assembly 1)	22.12.79.		
Mandy Hughes	(Accounting) to Paul Nash	25.12.79.		
Janet Lowe	(Assembly 1) to Tony Simon	30.1.80.		
Sue Goodenough	(Capacitors) to John Nicholls	2.2.80.		
Chris Gavey	(Product Support) to Paul Le Prevost	22.2.80.		
MARRIED				

(Instrument Test) to Valorie Shepherd

Jackie Ferbrache (Instrument Assembly) to Harry McMillan

Richard Collas

Reporter for La V 2

Terry Hamon, our Tektopics reporter for La Villiaze 2 has left the company and a vacancy now exists for this activity. Anyone interested in filling this post should talk to any member of the Tektopics team.

The range for this job is 0 but the job satisfaction is extremely high. If no-one applies someone will be talked into it.

ANSWER TO LAST ISSUE'S **CROSSWORD**

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