

## You'll be OK in the U.S.A.

On the evening of the 21st of July, the staff at Hoddesdon said farewell and bon voyage to John and Ann Shafe and their daughters Caroline, Jenny and son Andrew.

The occasion was to mark the imminent relocation of the family to Beaverton, U.S.A. where John will operate in his capacity as International Manufacturing Manager.

Although the evening was tinged with sadness in saying goodbye to John who has been with us since 1974, it had its lighter moments when John in his reply to the presentation told us – "here is the good news, I AM GOING! and here is the bad news I AM COMING BACK EVERY EIGHT WEEKS". John was kind enough to refer to the unity of purpose to be found at Hoddesdon, which not only encourages working relationships but has assisted in sales promotion to visiting potential customers.

John will be taking with him a set of English lead crystal wine glasses and a pair of brandy goblets, presented on behalf of the staff by Ann Curd from Production. She



Left to right: Ann Shafe, Andrew Shafe, Jenny Shafe, Caroline Shafe, Stan Townsend, John Shafe and Ann Curd.

also gave to John an album containing coloured photographs of his colleagues in Manufacturing.

Stan Townsend of Manufacturing Engineering presented to Mrs. Shafe a pen and a Greeting Card signed by all bearing such slogans as

"YOU'LL BE OK IN THE USA!"

John was greatly amused by a special card prepared for the occasion, it depicted the family in cowboy dress riding in a wild west pioneer wagon crossing the prairie with a well-known volcano still

smoking in the background.

We at Hoddesdon and indeed every member of Tektronix U.K. would like to extend to John and his family our best wishes for a happy and successful life in the United States.

### AREA REP MEETING

The next Area Representative Meeting will take place on Thursday 4th September at 10.30 a.m. in Southgate.

## 1980 Area Representative Election Results

The long promised area rep elections have finally come and gone.

The fact is that both the company and our area rep system have undergone big changes this year. The elections were delayed because of these and to undertake fundamental revisions of our area rep activity. The changes are reflected in the newly issued "Guidelines". In these, it can be seen that the company really wants to give the area rep system its head.

The newly elected area reps won't be jumping in at the deep end! The old reps will continue to attend some of the meetings, until the newcomers have got the hang of it all.

Peter Holness

UK Area Rep Co-ordinator

### Election Results

The Area Representative Elections held on 20-22nd August resulted in the following nominees being elected:-

**Harpenden:** Lynne Tolman (Sales), Roland White (Service);

**Livingston:** Ian Scott

**Manchester:** John Murray

**Maidenhead:** Sue Dormer (Sales),

Martyn Reid (Service) (Telequip-

ment Order Processing), Geoff

Jones (Warehousing);

**Hoddesdon:** Mary Taylor (D Block),

Ray Eaton (C Block), Ann Curd (E

Block), Mick Tizzard and Mel

Pearce (area to be announced);

**Southgate:** John Mustafa (Systems

Dept.), Evelyn Rendall (Credit

Control Dept), Ron Tradgett

(Accounts Dept).

## Cover Girl



Pam Hutchins recently joined Eastern Region T & M as a field secretary after a year in the Marketing Support Group.

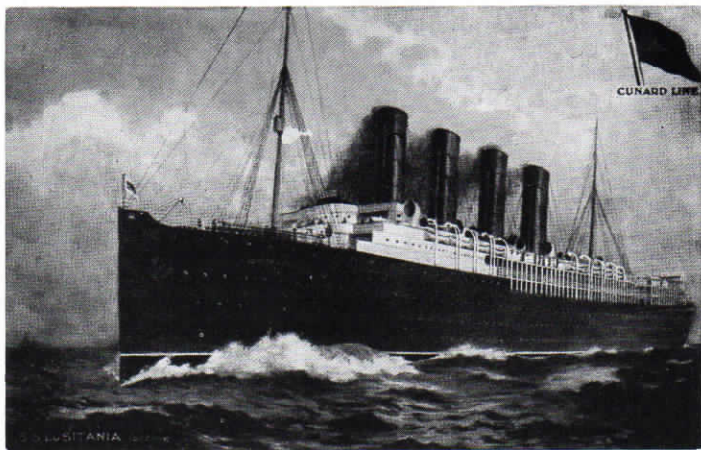
Pam has enjoyed drawing and art since her school days, an interest that was developed during her employment with an advertising agency before joining Tek.

In the picture Pam can be seen laying out artwork for a presentation of the new Tek 834 Data Comms Tester. These layouts will be photographed by Chris Thomas for use in customer presentations.

Pam's leisure interests include walking, riding and of course, drawing.



# THE LAST VOYAGE OF THE CUNARD 'LUSITANIA'



A postcard of the S.S. 'Lusitania' in Alan Julier's collection prompts me to write a few lines about the end of this great liner. In the May 1st issues of some New York papers, in 1915, the illustrated warning from the German embassy appeared next to an advertisement by the Cunard line, it stated that the fastest and largest steamer in the Atlantic service would sail on Saturday, May 1st, at 10 a.m. The Germans warned that passengers were at risk in the zone of war.

On May 7th Captain Schweiger of the 650 ton Unterseeboote U-20 picked up something in his binoculars while on the bridge, off the



coast of Ireland, near the Old Head of Kinsale. At first he decided it was the masts and funnels of two destroyers, but after a second look he wrote in his log: 'Right ahead appear four funnels and two masts of a steamer with course vertical to us. (She steered from SSW coming towards Galley Head) Ship

is made out to be a large passenger steamer!

Captain Turner of the 'Lusitania' now changed course for a straight run into Queenstown (Cobh) and

presented the hunter with an ideal target: moving in an undeviating line, at moderate speed, she was the U-boat captain's dream, as if from the blackboard of his naval navigation school. One torpedo was sufficient. There was a mighty explosion and the liner sank in less than 20 minutes with the loss of 1,198 men, women and children. She had been carrying contraband munitions due to connivance between the British and American governments, and laxity on the part of the New York customs. On board were fifty-one tons of three inch shells, six million rounds of rifle ammunition and, dressed up as parcels of cheese or furs, 3,813 forty-pound parcels of an explosive called proxylin.

The sinking of the 'Lusitania' with the loss of many American lives, was a contributory cause to the United States entry into World

War One. The illustrated postcard shows the type of propaganda made by the allies, this one from France.

John Seaman

**OCEAN TRAVEL**

**NOTICE!**

TRAVELLERS intending to embark on the Atlantic voyage are reminded that a state of war exists between Germany and her allies and Great Britain and her allies; that the zone of war includes the waters adjacent to the British Isles; that, in accordance with formal notice given by the Imperial German Government, vessels flying the flag of Great Britain, or of any of her allies, are liable to destruction in those waters and that travellers sailing in the war zone on ships of Great Britain or her allies do so at their own risk.

**IMPERIAL GERMAN EMBASSY,**  
WASHINGTON, D. C., APRIL 22, 1915.

**OCEAN TRAVEL**

**CUNARD**

**EUROPE VIA LIVERPOOL**

**LUSITANIA**

Fastest and Largest Steamer now in Atlantic Service Sails SATURDAY, MAY 1, 10 A.M.

Transylvania - Fri. May 7, 5 P.M.  
Oceania - Tues. May 18, 10 A.M.  
Tuscania - Fri. May 21, 5 P.M.  
LUSITANIA - Sat. May 29, 10 A.M.  
Transylvania - Fri. June 4, 5 P.M.

Gibraltar - Genoa - Naples - Piræus  
S.S. Carpathia, Thur. May 13, Noon

**RUSSIAN AMERICAN LINE**

to RUSSIA

On the morning of May 1, 1915, this Cunard advertisement appeared in New York newspapers. To its left is the warning inserted by the Imperial German Embassy.

## Herts' Big Night

Regular readers of TEK TIMES will have noticed several reports of darts matches in past issues. The most recent of these tournaments took place on July 17 at The Bull, Wheathampstead, well-known haunt of the "In-Crowd", when members of the former Special Products Group acted as hosts to a team from the former Eastern Region T & M sales force.

As an impartial observer of the sporting and social scene your reporter found the darts games rather less lively than at previous

encounters and, therefore, was able to spend more time noting some of the glamorous and colourful characters present.

Wealthy jet-setter Flower Wadson had flown in from St. Albans especially for the occasion and attracted her usual substantial crowd of ardent admirers. The blonde and bonny Flower, however, in common with many of the ladies present, seemed to spend much of the evening with someone called Lou. Your reporter was totally unable to locate this person

for interview and the secret of his universal attraction remains a mystery.

Suave and charming tycoon Raymonde Gooseton was there, having motored down from his estate in South Harpenden. Rumours of Raymonde's impending take-over of Southern Car Auctions are as yet unconfirmed.

International society, as usual, was well represented. Brain Noselli and Davie O'Flynn were seen in animated conversation over the buffet, while the lovely, titian-haired Deborah Stair listened intently. Davie, of course, is well known in rugby and motor cycle racing circles, even outside of Ireland. Brain has lately achieved a degree of prominence in the world of industrial criticism and is thought to have adopted his curious forename out of a snobbish affectation (although it is true that his brain is beginning to show through).

Altogether the gathering was a glittering jewel in the Herts' social calendar and attracted many celebrities such as Rabin Raisin, Bony Shopit, Fil-Joy-See, Neleh Knibs and others far too numerous to catalogue fully.

The darts match was won by the Special Products Group team, with Will Hatton and John Pole defeating Pierre Darbois and Kris Mathos in the tie-breaker.

William Bickey

"Flower about to make a winning throw with one of her matched set of 'Hot-Lips' darts, which she has specially made for her in Esperitu Santo."



## Quote

Lives of great men all remind us  
As we o'er their pages turn,  
That we too may leave behind us  
Letters that we ought to burn

Anon



## May I have this dance?

That well known phrase "would you like to dance:: has always been something of a leading question in my case, and inevitably I would stare at the poor expectant youth or elderly gentleman in sheer horror, whilst merely considering gyrating my hips or floating around the ballroom to the famous 1, 2, 3. . . . . 1, 2, 3 beat.

"Of course I would like to dance .but I can't, I would simply answer and return to my former position of propping up the nearest wall. But the adolescent is undeterred and clutching my hand, he drags me across the room, "C'mon, it's easy", he retorts, "I'll show you", whereupon he launches his body into the throes of what I presume to be disco!

I have concluded that I have nothing to lose, and so commence 'dancing' in much the same fashion but at the same point in time I promptly discover what I've always known - that I've no sense of rhythm, co-ordination or idea where my hands and feet go! This unfortunate combination of failings proves to be disastrous and my partner soon wishes he'd not offered to teach me. However, my inadequacy does not end there, as many a geriatric Fred Astaire will remember. These folk are simply unavoidable, usually to be found supported by a walking stick at the edge of the dance floor (until they spot you, that is. I must have a flashing neon sign that magically appears at such times, stating "LOVES DANCING BUT NEEDS A PARTNER!") Up until now they have only been dreaming about joining in but with unmistakable stars in their eyes from observing the other dancers gliding and sailing past, they make a bee line for little incompetent me!!! With shaky hands ( and shaky heads, legs, knees, arms and bodies) they lead you onto the floor and whisper - "Just follow me!" But have you ever tried to follow someone who's making you walk backwards?! Amazingly we manage a 'shaky' Tour de Ballroome, until it is discovered we are on a direct collision course. It is here that we part company, for my partner continues to move on the spot but myself, being so anxious about my beautiful feet ignore his lead and carry on moving backwards, Bang! Crash! and Wallop! into the couple behind me . . . who are not amused! And that is why I pledged to learn to dance and a certain old aged pensioner wished he's stayed at home watching Coronation Street.

After excessive bribing, crawling, pleading, asking nicely and pointing out the advantages, I finally succeed in dragging my other half down to the dancing school to enrol (with him persistently digging his heels into the tarmac!) Three weeks later we find ourselves waiting apprehensively for our first

class to begin, until our teacher bounds through the door exuberantly exclaiming that tonight we shall learn the Tango and the Cha-Cha and I feel myself turn this funny green colour and make a bolt for the door - I've never danced a step of either in my life!

We have come a long way since that night and have added to our achievement the Foxtrot, Swing, Rumba and Waltz with the odd lead into the Quickstep which is the same as a Foxtrot but different and faster, and if you're confused then pity me because I'm meant to dance it, and I never fail to trip over at this stage.

I admit, even to myself, that this dancing lark might not have been such a good idea after all. It is the easiest thing in the world to dance with a teacher who can cater for your mistakes and lead you into those fancy steps but just you try dancing with someone else who's learning, like my 'ex' husband, (you'd be surprised at the arguments this whole affair causes!!) At the moment he can't lead, and so I can't follow so I lead instead and neither of us has any idea what the other, let alone ourselves, is doing. We've got damaged feed to prove it! Recently at a Dance I attempted a Quickstep

with a fairly adept dancer and we actually flew around the room, as graceful as a bird and my feet hardly touched the floor . . .literally, my partner was over six foot and just as wide and we careered across the floor with me hanging around his neck, while the D.J. insisted he make me stand on my own two feet! But if I was to be honest, apart from the minor problems, I enjoy it, we socialise more and the Studio has regular 'parties' where you have the chance to dance with many a youthful Fred Astaire or decrepit John Travolta, and the punch is free too!!!

*Deborah Ford, Manchester.*

## MILLION DOLLAR SALESMEN



Peter Wilde, IDD Sales Manager for four countries within the compass of our Manchester Office\*, recently nominated two of his salesmen for the Tektronix IDD Million Dollar Club.

Accepted for this award were David Brackenridge and Howard Briggs for outstanding achievement in our last fiscal year.

The Million Dollar Club is an exclusive body of European IDD Salesmen (for which \$1,000,000 of sales is still a considerable landmark).

In keeping with the prestige of the event, Ed Morrison (C. in C. Channel Region) presented the awards to David and Howard at a recent ceremony in our Manchester office.

\* (N. England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland!)





# Hoddesdon Cyclists Raise Cash For Jimmy Saville's Hospital Fund

A rash promise made last year by Tek employee Ken Livermore has resulted in a £100 boost for the Jimmy Saville - Stoke Mandeville Hospital Fund.

Ken, who is responsible for D1000 products at Hoddesdon was one of a team of three who completed a sponsored 120 mile cycle trip to Woolcott, Norfolk, in under nine hours on August 1.

His sporting team mates were colleague Dave Miller, Industrial Engineering Manager at Hoddesdon and his friend Eric Pritchard.

It was after Dave and Eric had made the trip last summer that they extracted a promise from Ken to join then on the 1980 run.

After Ken was reminded of his (forgotten) commitment early in July, the confident threesome decided that their sporting efforts could be put to good use if the ride was sponsored for charity. Their equally charitable, if less athletic, Tektronix colleagues at Hoddesdon and Southgate were only too eager to provide the necessary financial support.

The A11 stretched ahead invitingly as Ken left his Harlow home in the early hours of that sunny Friday morning. Despite being handicapped by two punctures in the first three miles! (he was reduced to walking into Bishop's Stortford) Ken's enthusiasm was not dimmed. Replacement tyres supplied by a cyclist friend enabled him to continue this marathon journey and keep the pre-arranged breakfast appointment with Dave and Eric. This pair had started their journey from Hoddesdon and were waiting anxiously in an Abingdon cafe.

After breakfast, the trio set off for Heathersett, near Norwich, pausing briefly at Thetford to record photographic evidence of

the trip.

An uneventful ride in 'near perfect' conditions ensued for the next sixty miles, at the end of which the flagging cyclists were revived with several 'jars' and a light meal at a local hostelry. On reaching Norwich (100 miles to the good!) the battling cyclists accepted a challenge from a youth on a sports cycle to "make a race of it". He was last seen, via a backward glance, fading into the distance.

Despite being weary, the three found inspiration in the sixteen miles of picturesque countryside between Norwich and Woolcott. "The 'B' roads brought home to us the real peace and quiet of East Anglian byways, even in the summer of 1980, and we could see what had inspired many of Constable's paintings," Ken told Tek Times.

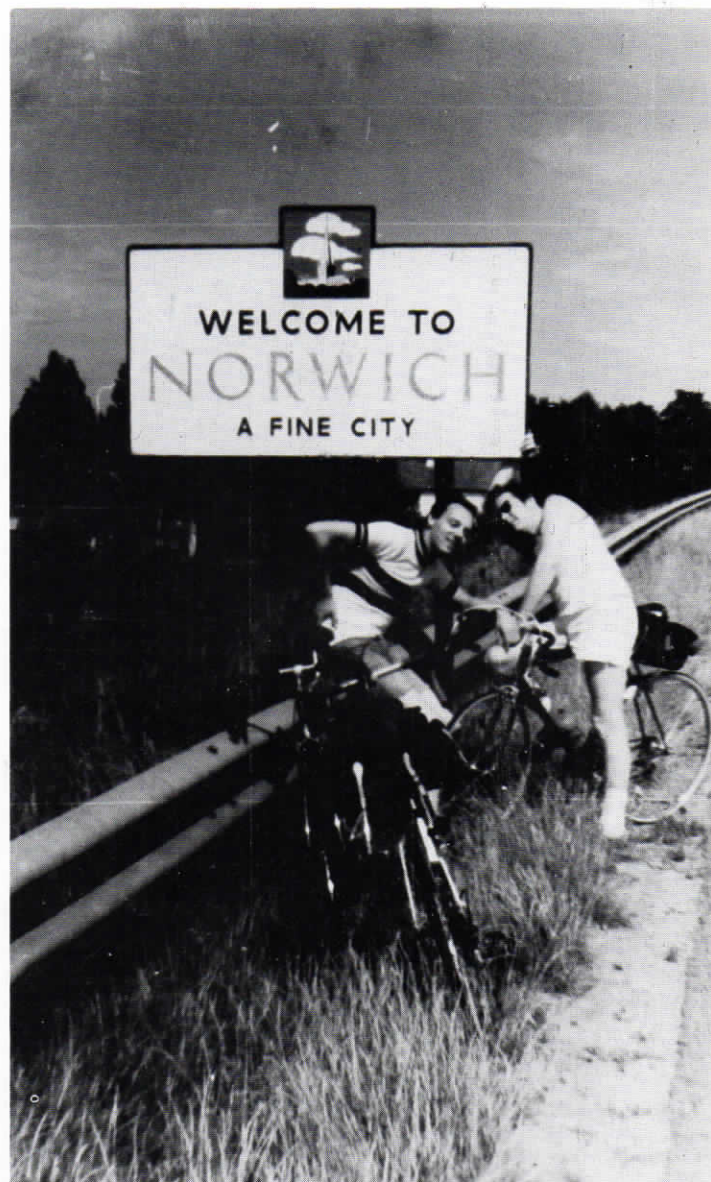
"It was almost an anti-climax when we arrived at our destination - we had enjoyed our ride so much. Thanks to our Tek colleagues, we managed to raise well over £100 towards the 'Jim'll Fix It For Stoke Mandeville Hospital' appeal".

This sporting efforts has inspired other Tek cyclists to emerge from the shadows and a sponsored cycle ride is currently being planned for late September, early October. The proposed route links the Tek sites at Hoddesdon, Harpenden, Maidenhead and Southgate and it is hoped to involve as many Tek staff as possible.

All budding 'Tek Wheelers' should contact Ken Livermore at Hoddesdon.

A vote will be held to decide which charity will benefit from this event.

Linda Hughes



Tek Exhibitions during September include one or two in Brighton - a chance for some of our marketing personnel to get a rare glimpse of the sea.

Our cartoon of a marketing manager relaxing is, we believe, completely fictional but reports (and photos) to the contrary will be welcomed - and published.



# Up in Les's Attic

How often have you read in the papers "Painting found in loft fetches £250,000 at Auction" and promptly scurried up to your loft to see if any treasures are lurking.

When I moved last year it was for the first time to a house which was not new and it was with a mixture of intrepidation and hope that one evening I climbed cautiously into the loft. My first impression was one of total disbelief, it appeared that everything was there bar the kitchen sink. Having fought across piles of carpet off-cuts, tables, half a lamp standard and various articles whose purpose totally eluded me, I stumbled across a carrier bag.

Aha, I thought, here comes the painting, alas all Mr. Sainsbury gave

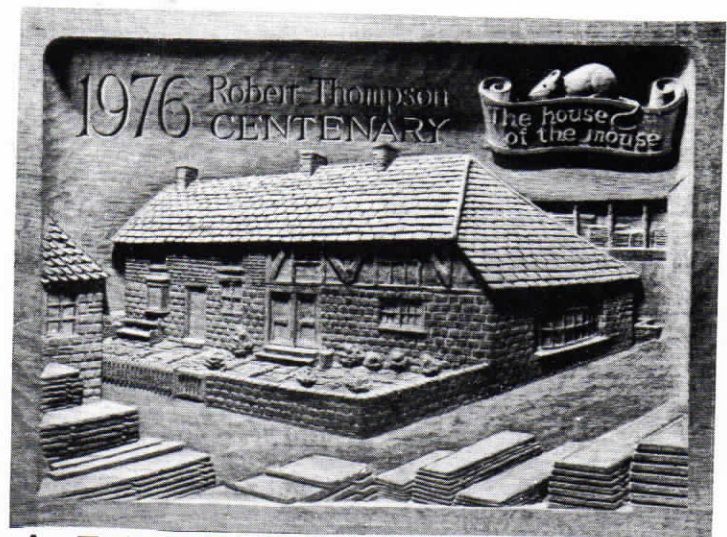
up was a 1920 Good Housekeeping magazine. However, Mr. Tesco nextdoor looked a good bet so in I dived and pulled out . . . the last will and testament of Catherine Bingham from Melton Mowbray dated 1728. Back into the bag I went out came George Bennett's will dated 1707. After several more dips I ended up with three Wills and two assignments. The net benefit being the Manor of Lewes in Melton Mowbray.

Regretfully I am informed that I am not eligible for The Manor but the documents themselves are worth keeping purely for their historical context.

Who knows next time the painting or the Ming vase.

Les Brunton

*In the name of God Amen I Catherine Bingham of Melton Mowbray in the County of Leicestershire being sick and weak of body but of sound and perfect mind understanding and being fully advised in manner and advice this being last will and Testament in manner and following (that is to say) I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator hoping and assuredly to be through the alone merits and Mediation of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to have full pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and to live with him in his Kingdom forever Amen I give and bequeath my body to the Earth to be decently buried in such place as my Executors hereinafter named and as for such Sums of money which I have or shall receive I give and bequeath the same in such manner as is hereinafter mentioned*



## A MOUSE IN THE HOUSE



A mouse clambering up the leg of a table might seem an improbable start to a successful business, but stranger things have happened.

Just over a hundred years ago was born Robert Thompson, son of a joiner, in the attractive village of Kilburn, which nestles under the south-western edge of the North York Moors, close to one of the many White Horses carved in the hillsides of England - this particular White Horse dates from 1857.

Thompson's ambition was to create work to compare with that of some of the great medieval craftsmen, such as we see in our fine Gothic cathedrals, and to

create it in his favourite English Oak.

Little did he know when he carved his first mouse - almost as a joke - that it was to become a world renowned symbol of excellence; the mouse now appears on every piece of woodcarving which leaves the workshops of Robert Thompson Craftsmen Ltd. Indeed, his name became a legend in his own lifetime - a great and dedicated craftsman.

I recently paid a visit to the workshops, which are now run by two of Thompson's grandsons. I was surprised to see only one or two men of fifty or more, while most of the men were in their twenties or thirties. It was encouraging to see a number of teenage lads who are serving apprenticeships.

If there was any supervision, it was not apparent, and all the men conveyed a genuine impression of enjoying their work and taking a deep pride in the articles they were making. They were happy to break off and explain the technique behind an operation, talking freely and in a most friendly manner about their craft.

The variety in shape and size of hand tools seemed almost infinite, and it was fascinating to watch a table-top being fashioned with a long-handled adze.

The firm's catalogue lists tables, chairs, cupboards, bureaux, bedroom furniture, and so on; in addition special commissions are carried out, with an emphasis on ecclesiastical furnishing - pews, altar-rails, lecterns, and font covers. In fact the pews in Kilburn Church are Thompson creations, and the oak panels in the sanctuary were given as a memorial to Robert Thompson - the Mouseman.

Of course, the furniture is expensive, ranging from £120 for a dining chair to £1,076 for a Welsh Dresser, but one can appreciate it being so. The great care and skill each man devotes to his craft makes it worth every penny. That is, if you can afford to buy it!

Ron Tradgett  
Southgate

## Why Not Try Spain?

Sandra Ward

Nine years ago my father told us that he was going to buy a house in a town called Almunecar, which is in the Province of Granada, Spain! At that time it was just a drawing on a piece of paper, but a year later, he packed up the car with a few essentials and went to spend a month in the new house, coming back with a fantastic tan and looking about ten years younger! In this part of Spain the sun shines practically all year round, so if you are looking for green fields don't go there! He used this as his holiday home for some years, and finally in 1977 he decided to sell his pub in Tonbridge, and move to Spain for good, to enjoy his retirement years.

After having been father to two different families, (not at the same time though!), it sounded like a good idea and a deserved one. Nigel, my youngest brother who is twelve, attends a Spanish school and has never had much problem with the language, in fact his work throughout the year was so good that he did not have to do the end of term exams! My parents speak English at home so Nigel still speaks fluent English too. I spent my summer holidays with them last

year, and they were all having a great time, eating breakfast at 8 am on the terrace overlooking the sea, going to the beach for a swim, or strolling through the town just enjoying having the time to stroll. Nigel has become a really good swimmer, and also an expert diver, and will show anyone how good he is if they have the patience! Also there are rocks where one can fish, I didn't catch anything but I had quite a few near misses! Yvonne, my step-mother, has adapted to the different style of cooking, but they never fail to have a roast on Sundays, old habits die hard! And every meal is of course accompanied by a local vintage, I really enjoyed that part!

One day we were invited to their friends farm to pick peppers and tomatoes. After filling six plastic bags he then brought us to the out-house, where he had laid out food and some more local vintage for us to sample! We decided to stay for the afternoon!

Granada is a few hours drive away, with plenty of shops for the tourist, and the absolutely gigantic Alhambra Palace which is just too amazing to describe and needs a full

day to see in its entirety. About one hour's drive in the other direction from Almunecar are the caves of Nerja, only discovered in the last few years and well worth a visit.

Many of the houses near my parents house are summer houses, owned by English, American, Belgian, French and German families mostly. These houses are rented for most of the year to holidaymakers, in fact it is one way of getting your house to pay for itself!

A cousin of mine recently bought a house near my parents, and I hope to do likewise within the next year or so. House prices at the moment are reasonable. At this rate the whole family will be there soon!

If there is anyone interested in renting a house in this region, they could write to my parents who would be glad to give any information which they might have to hand. Their address is:- Mr. & Mrs. W. Ward, c/o Apartado 129, Almunecar, Granada, Spain. Well I'm going to have a look at my holiday snaps from last year, I mean what else can you do when it's pouring with rain!



# Pack up your troubles

Considering how hard working all us Tek employees are, it's a wonder that we manage to keep up with the pace of life! The human body can put up with an awful lot, but it could do with a bit of help every now and again, and knowing how to relax is the best way to start. It is essential to put aside a few hours of each week to relax completely and keep yourself toned up and in tune!

After a gruelling day spent tearing your hair out in the office or battling with customers in the field, a massage will be the best thing to treat yourself with. This will make you feel completely relaxed, by soothing away any tightness in your muscles. Aromatherapy is a form of massage dating back to 4500 B.C., when ancient Egyptians massaged healing properties from plants into the body's reflex points. A similar treatment can be obtained at most beauty salons today at a reasonable price. Alternatively, it is cheaper (and more interesting perhaps?) if you can find a friend to do it for you!

For those of you who are not fortunate enough to have such good friends, perhaps you would like to try Yoga, which is something that can be practised alone. You could teach yourself Yoga from a book or even join a class, that way you are more likely to get the full benefit from the exercises. Just for starters, try this simple yoga position called "Savansa": Lie flat on the floor with your arms down by your sides and, starting with the tips of your toes and working right up to your head, try to relax every part of your body until you feel yourself go quite limp. Lie there for as long as it takes you to feel totally refreshed and wound down.

If you have ever had a sauna, you'll know just how relaxing they can be. For those who have never

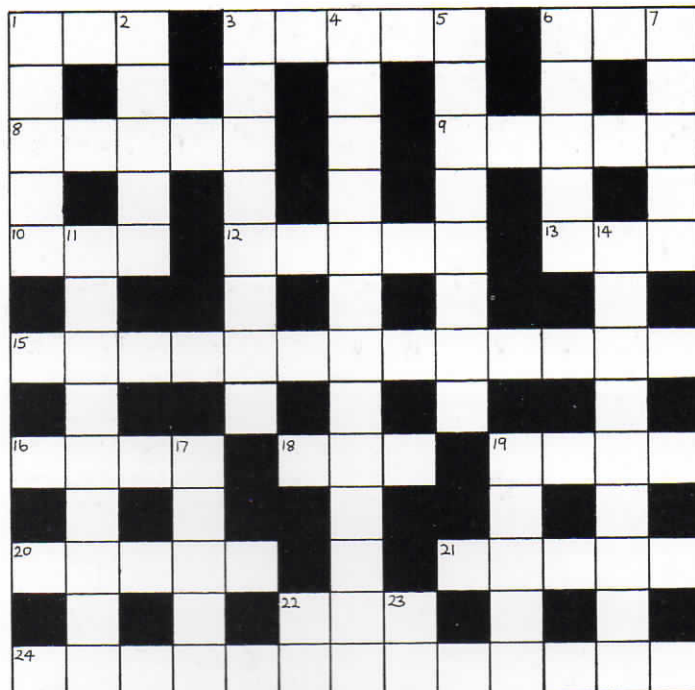
had one though, the thought of all that intense heat might be a bit off-putting. However, there's nothing at all to worry about. Obviously with your first sauna it's wise to have the lowest possible temperature and to only stay in it for a few minutes, break off for a cold shower and then go back for a few more minutes. The heat will make you perspire, which will really deep cleanse and relax your body. Finish with a cold shower, then sit down and relax for a while to enable yourself to feel the full, refreshing benefits.

Finally, exercises, believe it or not, are a perfect way to relaxation – you don't have to want to lose weight to exercise. Here are a few for you to try:

1. Lie on one side with your feet under the edge of the bed. Stretch one arm underneath your head and lift both legs to touch the undersides of the bed. Hold to a count of 10, then relax to a count of 3. Repeat 5 times each side.
2. Lie on the floor with your knees bent then, pushing the floor with your feet raise your body to a sitting position stretching your arms out in front. Count to 10 then lie back and relax to 3. Repeat 10 times.
3. Sit on the floor with your back against a wall and your legs straight out. Breathe in and pull your stomach muscles in as far as they will go. Hold for a count of 3 and breath out as you relax. Do this 5 times and gradually build up to 15.

Another more energetic way to exercise of course, would be to join in the Sports and Social Club's regular rounders matches, but I wouldn't say they're exactly relaxing!

Lesley Williams



## E-Z Tech Puzzle

For our more technical readers, here is a crossword with a difference. A general knowledge of electronics is required.

Contributed by Derek Smith  
Harpenden

### Clues Across

1. A continuing tribute to Flemming (abbrev.) (8)
3. Investigate (5)
6. Does it stop at the IEEE? (3)
8. Elementary lingo (5)
9. Filtered out, on the face of it (5)
10. Antiphase misdemeanour (3)
12. Computer-organ company (5)
13. Many I.C.'s are (3)
15. Communication channel (13)
16. Put one over on an American billion (4)
18. Could be a shortened racetrack (3)
19. A computing star (4)

20. Basis for real thought (5)

21. Changes the tides (5)

22. Across a microwave compass perhaps? (abbrev.) (3)

24. Estimate supporting funds (6,7) (two words)

### Clues Down

1. Above the square (5)
2. Checks (5)
3. Beneath normal current measurements (abbrev.) (8)
4. Our origins (13)
5. He can be found in the field (8)
6. Plaited copper for a senior officer (5)
7. Clean up the timebase (5)
11. Surgeons and j (9)
14. Brought in novelties (9)
17. Separates p and n (5)
19. Crossover points (5)
22. Test set (abbrev.) (2)
23. Greek miniaturisation (2)



### Part Time Signals

Travellers of the M40 may have seen this sign!

With economic uncertainty and high unemployment, those of us in secure employment rarely consider

the plight of those partially employed.

Someone may know of a good opportunity for a bright young traffic signal.

Chris Thomas

## POETS CORNER

Is it not strange that Princes & Kings & Clowns who caper in sawdust rings and ordinary folk like you and me are builders of eternity.

To each is given a bag of tools – an hour glass and a book of rules and each must build – ere his hour has flown – a stumbling block or a stepping stone.

Author unknown  
Submitted by Lou Brenton.  
Hoddesdon

## Well done, everyone!

My recent flying visit to Harpenden, Hoddesdon, and Maidenhead – not forgetting Southgate – rattling those collecting-boxes under your noses, brought forth a grand total of £65.67, which has been sent off to the Save-the-Children Fund.

This gives us an annual opportunity to do something tangible for those who are a lot less fortunate than ourselves.

Thank you, everyone, for your support.

Barbara Higgins  
Cashier-Southgate



# Rye House Riders

The first ever dirt track meeting in the U.K., was held at the Kings Oak track at High Beech on 19th February, 1928 deep in the Epping Forest. Since those early days, speedway has progressed with giant strides, to become a popular family sport. Interesting, exciting and, in fact, entertainment for all ages. There are over five million regular fans in Great Britain today.



In speedway there are two divisions, as in football, with different teams competing against one another for a league trophy at the end of the season. The first league is the Gulf British League, sponsored by the Gulf Oil Company. It is comprised of seventeen clubs, ranging from as far apart as Hull and Poole, the nearest Gulf league tracks to Hoddesdon being Hackney and Wimbledon. The National League is lower than the Gulf British league and consists of twenty clubs. The nearest track to Hoddesdon in this league is Rye House at Hoddesdon.

Hackney are able to use the Rye House riders by agreement between the clubs. Both Hackney and Rye House believe in the encouragement of junior talent into the sport, and Hackney run regular training sessions on a Saturday afternoon. From such sessions have emerged talents such as Kevin Smith, Simon Andow, Barry and Dave King and Andy Fines. All have ridden in the

junior league competing for a regular team placing. The local team of Rye House consists of seven riders. Number one being Karl Fiala a local lad himself from nearby Harlow, Essex. Number two, Kevin Smith, a product of junior league racing, hails from Canterbury, Kent. Number three is Bob Garrad, from Chelmsford. Number four, Kelvin Mullarkey,

from Mildenhall, Suffolk, has a reputation for disagreeing with referees decisions. Number five is Ashley Pullen who comes from Oxford. Number six is Peter Tarrant from Romford, Essex.

There is some competition for reserve berth from Simon Andow recently coming back from injury, who lives at Sittingbourne, Kent, and the King brothers, local riders from nearby Broxbourne, and a relatively newcomer Andy Fines from Bournemouth, Dorset. At present Rye House and Hackney are both near the top of their respective leagues.

My family, friends and myself are all loyal supporters of Rye House Rackets as are quite a lot of Hoddesdon Tek workers.

Why don't you join us some evening, I'm sure you will enjoy it. Contact me if you want more details.

Valerie Parker  
D1000 Assembly Department

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There must have been an awful lot of profit in that pennyworth of "Automatic Gas", way back in 1906!

Ron Tradgett  
Southgate

## Social Club News

### Harpenden Sports & Social Club

The disco on Friday 15th August at Harpenden Rugby Club was a real success, and following popular demand we are arranging another one in the near future. Our thanks to Maidenhead and Hoddesdon offices for their support.

Support and new members welcome.

Lynne Tolman  
Ext. 202 (Harpenden)

### Hoddesdon Social Club

There will be a Barbecue-Disco on Friday 3rd October at the Hoddesdon club, 8.00 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. with a bar and plenty to eat.

Tickets cost 80p to members, £1.50 to non-members, all will be welcome. Contact Jean Dewbrey, Hoddesdon, extension 47.

The Hoddesdon Social Club wish to congratulate the Harpenden Club on the success of their first disco. Thanks are due to Delia Roberts for the invitation and apologies for the lack of support from this end.

Well done Harpenden!

Jean Dewbrey Sharon Barnes  
Ken Burton





## An Athlete in the Family

Val Dean (Maidenhead) has sent us the following photograph of her son Kevin, aged 15, who recently competed in the All-England Schools Athletics Championships at Liverpool.

Kevin qualified to take part in these events when he won the Berkshire Schools Championships 100 metre under 17 title in a record time of 11.1 seconds, even though he was more than a year below the age limit. Well done, Kevin!

## Your Friendly Neighbourhood Traffic Warden

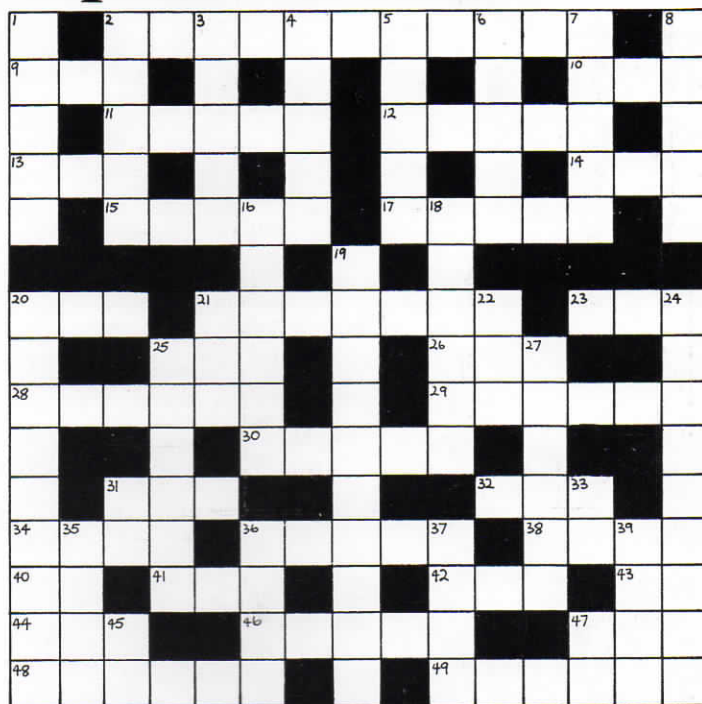
The following story was passed to Tek Times by Keith Retallick.

During a recent visit to Leeds, he filled up his car with petrol before parking it facing up-hill in a street. When he returned later, the following notes were attached to the windscreen:-

Sir,  
Owing to your petrol leaking out, I called at the Fire Station. They put your car on bricks to straighten it out and stopped the leak.  
Traffic Warden 37.

Sir,  
It still leaked out, even on bricks, so we turned it round for you.  
Police Constable 579.

## Topical Crossword



### Across

2. The current season
9. Popular with animal lovers
10. Unwanted protection (abbrev.), hopefully
11. Learn and it will convey you
12. Essential part of summer teas
13. Regret in a Paris street
14. Eternity
15. Change alter
17. Deny, without a ring or I
20. For retired people
21. Do redirected letter sorters go here
23. The seabed loses direction
25. A possible delay en route
26. 25 across may make you see this
28. Pitch tent
29. Of an image or portrait.
30. and 36. The ambition of seasick voyagers
31. See him at 9
32. Blue is beautiful
34. Use a variant of this to get to this, to see a possible variant of this
36. See 30
38. At the seaside without a stinger
40. A common prefix for words beginning with S
41. Unborn fish
42. Immature male
43. May help a drunken driver in trouble
44. Rearrange a serpent for a healthy spot
46. A show, a song and a bass
47. Not a summer holiday activity
48. Oppressor
49. Hopefully this is one

### Down

1. True blue, if palid
2. Temporary home
3. The smallest tales

4. Necessary if you visit Yugoslavia
5. Sailors have one
6. Thoughts aside
7. Unwelcome visitor in the tent
8. Record of it
16. Let off
18. Adriatic Peninsular in N. Yugoslavia
19. Low flying transport
20. It couples with 20 and 23 across
21. Memory of male sheep?
22. Your wine in France may be
24. Alternative to sitting on the sand
25. Opaque quartz with vegetable connections
27. Ride him for kicks
31. Consume, past or present without point
33. Affirmative abroad
35. Detect visually
36. Surprising trick
37. Help to change Greek B
39. Unavailable when eaten
45. Advice of Receipt
47. Seen on many a liner

### Answers to issue 20



Bob Orrock  
Hoddesdon



## Chess

1. Q - N7; B - K2
  2. Q - N2 (Queens side); B - Q3
  3. Q - N2 (Kings side); - MATE
- For this classic example, the Black B is induced to interfere with the pawn on Q2.