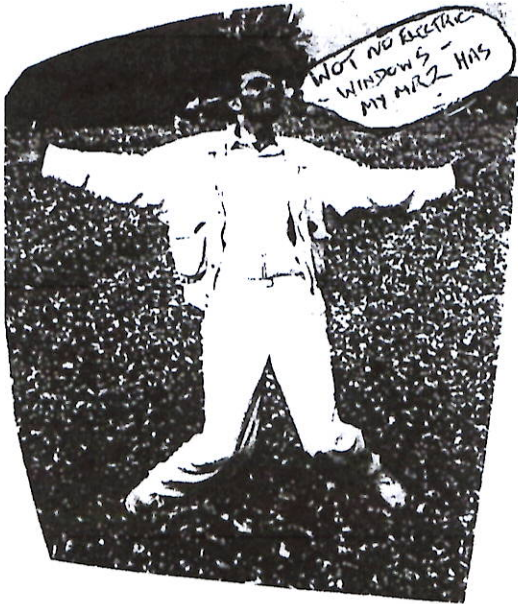


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HRR NEWS CHRISTMAS EDITION



It's that awful time of year again - you know tasteless decorations, out of tune childrens choirs, Santa Claus everywhere you look and every time you turn on the television it's Cliff Richard bah Humbug!!

As you may know, poor old Jacqui has been off with an ear infection recently - well that's her story anyway. My theory is that she really went to have her foot surgically removed from her mouth! The last few months, she has really surpassed herself, you have probably seen her make an embarrassing remark and then hide red-faced in her jungle-like hair. One time, when she heard that Mark D had just taken up drumming, she rushed into the traffic office and shouted "Loads a 'banging' Mark!!" to which Mark replied?!? Anyway, that reminds me, with members of the detail office learning instruments, will they soon be forming a band **EDITED!!** with, of course, 'Dynamite' Doggett on drums, 'Rockin' Roger on bass, 'Slim' on guitar, 'Jumpin John' on bongos and 'Davie B', well he'll be rapping and Crooning - I'll leave that one to your imagination!! Tunes they intend to perform include 'Magical Mystery Tour', 'Magic Bus', 'Bus Stop' and 'Road to Nowhere'! - I can't wait.



I must tell you about Gaye, who recently added Tony Bennet and Vera Lynn to her list of favourites - can the list get any worse? I daren't ask her about Des O'Connor or Max Bygraves!! Anyway, Gaye was on her way to a 'Tarts and Vicars' party (I'm not sure which she was dressed as) and she lost one of her false teeth (a front crown). However, ever-resourceful Gaye managed to stick it back in with some chewing gum, of all things. She spent the whole evening speaking through her teeth and not being able to eat any of the vol-au-vents or gateaux. This must of been her idea of being in Hell. Incidentally, she's looking forward to Christmas of course, after all, it's the only opportunity she gets all year to dust off those Chas and Dave records!!

There's nowt to queer as accounts folks - read on for a seasonal story

CHRISTMAS IN THE VATCAVE

It was Christmas and the VATcave was quiet, suddenly the silence was broken by the VATphone. Battygirl answered "Hello, Accounts" using their cunning cover story. On the line was Commissioner Roydon. "Battygirl, get VATman and old Dobbin, we've got a problem with the Joker and the Riddler (the two auditors), I think they may be up to something" he said.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL

VATman leapt into action and sent out a memo. "Holy Hillman Hunter estates, VATman" exclaimed old Dobbin "Let's get down to Doggett City". They jumped in the VATmobile, sped off and ran out of petrol just down the road - they forgot that the VATmobile only holds one gallon! When they arrived at Europes finest headquarters, VATman and Dobbin were greeted by Chief O'Brenda. "What d'you want" she said. VATman explained that they were on the trail of the Joker and the Riddler "They've discovered a discrepancy in the payments to Boggs and Co (a local WC manufacturer)". VATman looked at Dobbin "We've got to get to the bottom of this!" he said "Only one man knows about the new drivers rest room facilities" Dobbin exclaimed "You don't mean..." "Yes, none other than 'Nasty' Gollledge". The capped crusaders headed for Nastys hideaway in a seedy area called Worcester Park. "We're on to you Nasty. Why are you installing all those extra toilets?" He looked sheepishly at the dynamite duo and said "OK, it's a fair cop guv, but I'd heard that Roger's wife was going to start doing vindaloo rolls".

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CORRECT BEHAVIOUR ON THE COACH

A guide to accepted etiquette

The coach transporting you from the airport to your BEACH PARTY hotel will give you a first view of the pleasure zone that will act as the backdrop to your holiday extravaganza. For the inhabitants of 'San An', their first view of you will be a different kind of backdrop, not dissimilar to our illustration. The vast majority of BEACH PARTY-goers will have an innate sense of what constitutes correct and incorrect behaviour on board the coach. Ideal training to perfect that *savoir faire* includes:

- Travelling to away games on Supporters' Specials
- Getting banned from travelling to away games on Supporters' Specials
- Attending yet another Rod Stewart farewell gig in Glasgow via the National Express Luxury Pullman
- Getting banned from the same

If, however, the extent of your pre-coach practice has been a return Supasaver to Winchester courtesy of Persill vouchers, here are a few pointers to what's what and what's not on the BEACH PARTY coach.

THIS IS JACQUI'S DAD
(he does look like this)



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HUNK OF THE MONTH



Ron Miles hands over the keys to Daniel Jackson



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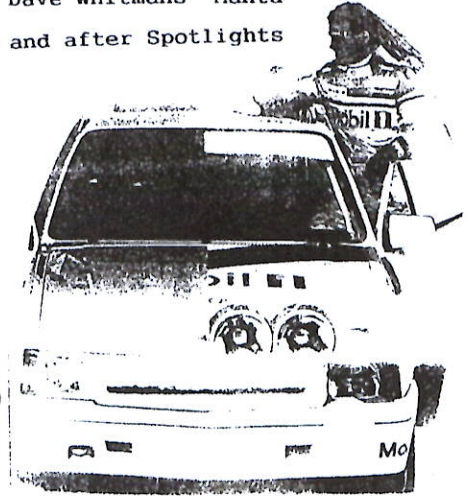
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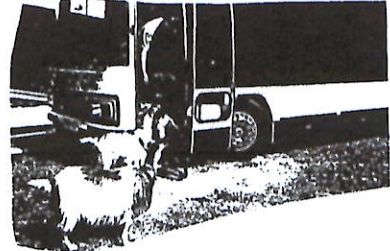
SAYINGS HEARD IN VARIOUS PLACES

Angelo- Eight & a half Hours break-is he half hour short of a rest period?
 Is John Bidwell 14 seats short of a 50 seater (in the days when he drove a 36)
 Is Rex 15 votes short of a committee? Did you know that Rex used to own a garage called Rex Motors.
 Revelation in Tours department: Alistair outflanelled by customer -he was lost for words.

Who Owns this arm



PICKING UP AT ST. ANDREWS



New Tour for 1990.

Forget London's Christmas Lights, join us on a day trip to view Epsom traffic lights changing. Watch them change from red to amber to green then back to red, watch pedestrians trying to decide which light to use when crossing the road. See the traffic clear one end of the town only to snarl up at the other. We make a coffee stop at McDonalds (if the bus stop is clear), lunch at the Ashley Centre (if we can get near it) and afternoon tea at the Kentucky Fried Chicken. Courtesy of John Goodwin.

Heather had a funny dream about a 12 seater and this is what it looked like

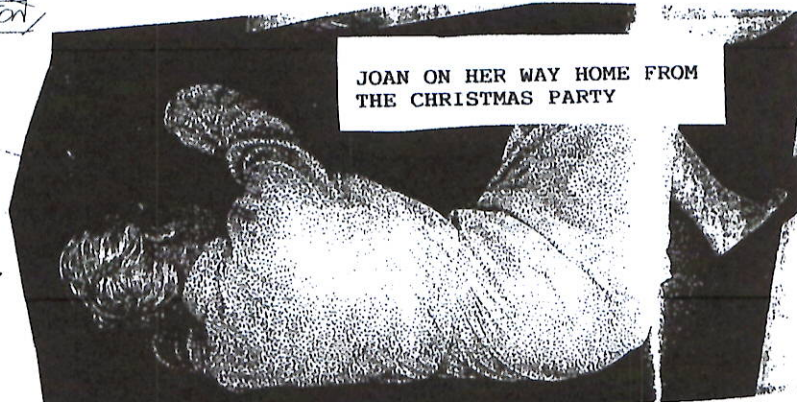
TO SUTTON



Well its' John Huxford



JOAN ON HER WAY HOME FROM THE CHRISTMAS PARTY



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Dr A L Rowse, historian, Elizabethan scholar, is 87 today; the Earl of Roden is 81; Miss Deanna Durbin, former Hollywood singing star, 69; the Marchioness of Anglesey, Chairman, Broadcasting Complaints Commission, 66; Mr W N Menzies-Wilson, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Help the Aged, 64; Lord Morris of Castle Morris, Chairman, Museums and Galleries Commission, 60; Mr Ronnie Corbett, comedian, 60; Mr Richard Meade, champion 3-Day Everter, 52; Miss Yvonne Minton, mezzo-soprano, 52; and Miss Gemma Jones, actress, 48.

Todday is the anniversary of the birth of Nurse Edith Cavell in 1865.

FORTHCOMING

MARRIAGES

Capt A D Brown and Capt F M P O'Hara, QARANC
The engagement is announced between Captain Andrew Dixon Brown, R.A.O.C, son of Mr C Brown, of Edinburgh, and Mrs P Kiddie, of Stirling, and Captain Fiona Maura Patricia O'Hara, QARANC, elder daughter of Wing Commander and Mrs L O'Hara, of St Anne's-on-Sea, Lancashire.

Mr J B G Glog and Miss V J Walsh
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Ian Glog, of Stokesley, N Yorks, and Victoria, daughter of Colonel and Mrs Richard Walsh, of Maddington, Wilts.

Mr J V Stewart and Miss J E Bebbington
The engagement is announced between James Vansittart, youngest son of Lt-Col and Mrs K V Stewart, of Limpsfield, Surrey, and Jane Elizabeth, daughter of Dr and Mrs A Bebbington, of Uley, Glos.

Mr S Leonard and Miss C Burgess
The engagement is announced between Stuart, son of Dr and Mrs Brian Leonard, of Prestbury, Cheshire, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Dennis Burgess, of Croydon, Surrey.

Mr A J Durell and Miss N J Brack
The engagement is announced between Alan James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D Durell, of Wignore, and Natalie Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J Brack, of Gillingham.

Mr G H Payne and Miss S M Ritchie
The engagement is announced between Giles, son of the late Mr H F Payne and of Mrs J K Payne, of Farnham Royal, Buckinghamshire, and Sian, daughter of Mr and Mrs D J Ritchie, of Lewknor, Oxon.

Mr M C Woodrow and Miss H L Huntsman
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Alec Woodrow, of Burton by Lincoln, and Harriet, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Huntsman, of Stock, Essex.

DAME EVA TURNER

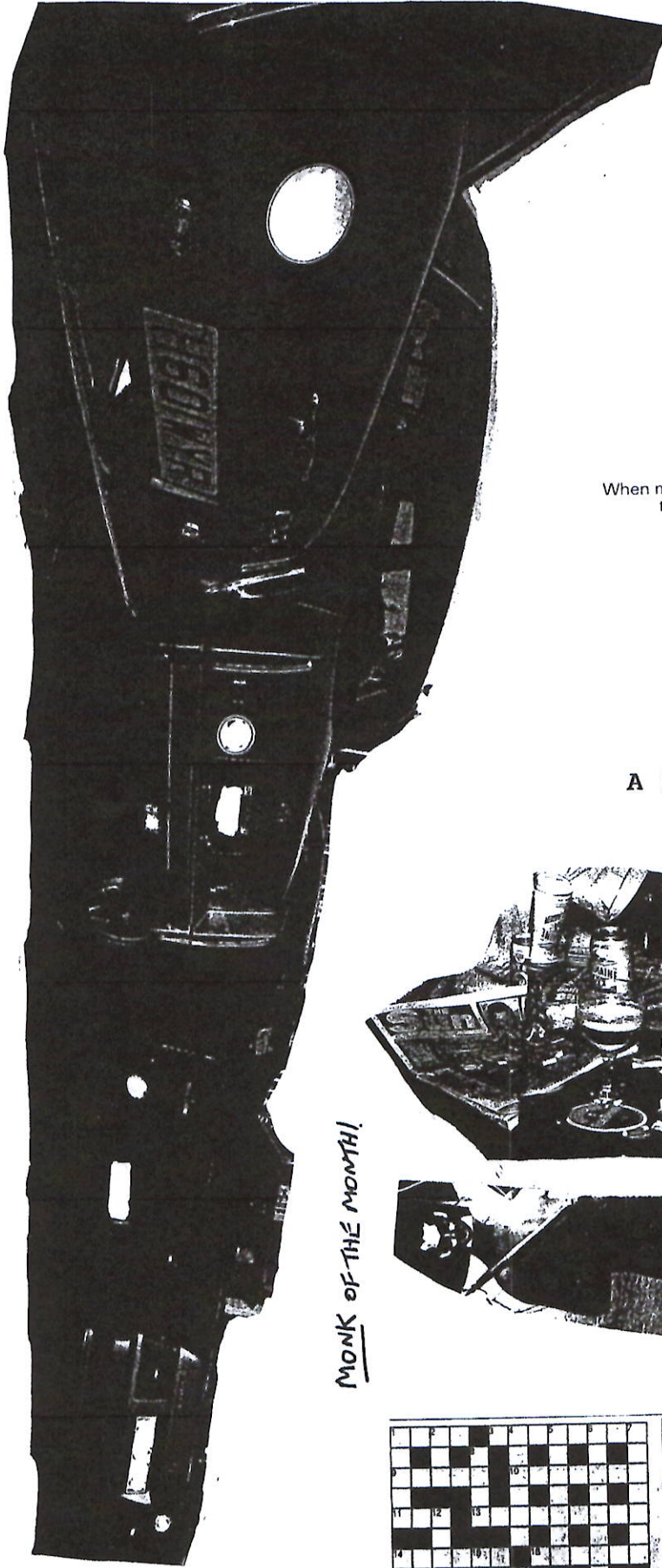
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Dame Eva Turner will be held in Westminster Abbey at 3 pm on Tuesday, Feb 5. Applications for tickets are to be made in writing to: The Assistant Receiver General (Protocol), Room 5, The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, SW1P 3PA, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, by not later than Tuesday, Jan 15. Tickets will be posted on Tuesday, Jan 29. All are welcome to attend.

INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS

Mr Tony Baldry, MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department of the Environment, today opens an Institution of Civil Engineers display entitled "Pollution and its Containment" in the House of Commons. Mr Stuart Mustow, Vice-President, ICE, will respond on behalf of the Institution and a reception will be held afterwards.

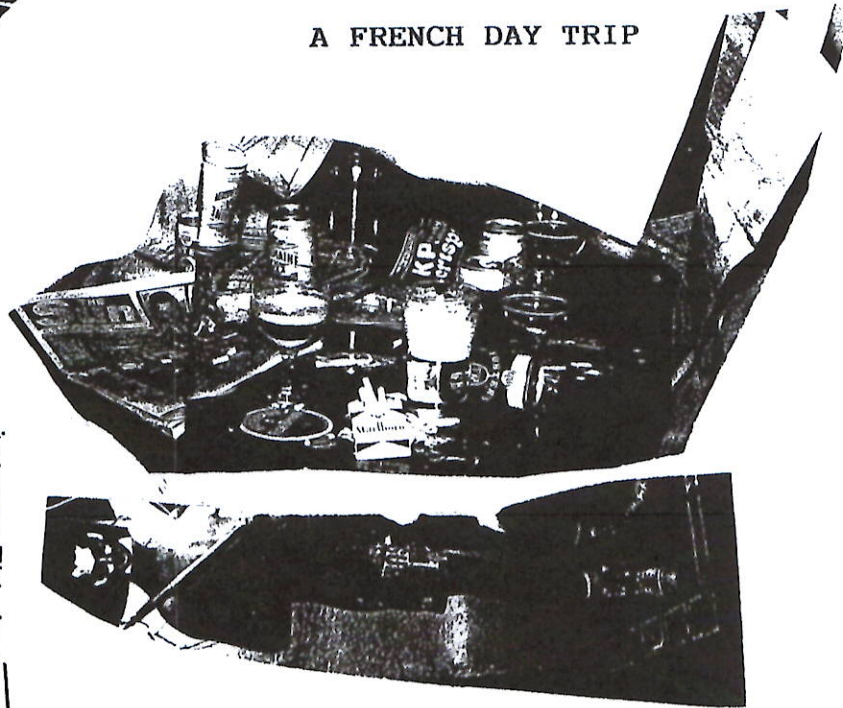
MOWDEN HALL SCHOOL, STOCKSFIELD

Mr Andrew Lewis, at present Housemaster of Mitre House, Repton School, has been appointed Headmaster of Mowden Hall School from September 1991.

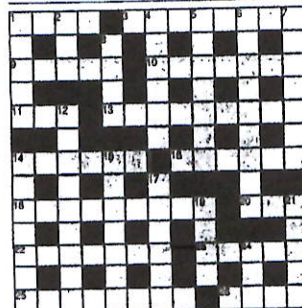


When men are the most sure and arrogant they are commonly the most mistaken—Hume.

A FRENCH DAY TRIP




MONK OF THE MONTH!



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 - 3 Urgent (8)
 - 9 Name (6)
 - 10 Imprecise (7)
 - 11 Fitting (3)
 - 13 Equipment (9)
 - 14 Light footwear (6)
 - 16 Forever (6)
 - 18 Building designer (9)
 - 20 Sprite (3)
 - 22 Bother (7)
 - 23 Twelve (5)
 - 25 Esteems (8)
 - 26 Milky gem (4)
- DOWN**
- 1 Additional (5)
 - 2 Obtain (3)
 - 4 Lifted (6)
 - 5 Distinctive (7)
 - 6 Lifeless (9)
 - 7 Collects (7)
 - 8 Jump (4)
 - 12 Adhesive (9)
 - 14 Smash (7)
 - 15 Good-natured (7)
 - 17 Hate (6)
 - 19 Nest (4)
 - 21 Last (5)
 - 24 Fastener (3)

If you want to be a self-made man don't leave out the working parts.

Go Far Travel



BITS AND PIECES

We welcome Michelle Hughes to coach hire and wish her a long and happy stay. On the front cover you will find all members of the tour department, can you find them? (also there is one other member of our esteemed staff in the picture. We've welcomed Joan to the company and she is still staying despite efforts from a certain person to the contrary.

It is worthwhile stating that Keiths' title is in fact Marketing Manager and not MARKET manager (that was Alistair in Epsom Market-once) as stated by Roger Dodds. You will find various press cuttings throughout that show we have a high profile in the media and conferences that we have operated along with the ensuing praise particularly with local issues in the community.

Our Best Wishes go to John Reeves & family on the loss of his Mother-in-Law and to Dave Gettings on the loss of his father. Also all good wishes to various members of staff and their nearest & dearest who have recently had operations of one sort or another - along with bad illnesses.

SOCIAL CLUB

As usual Truck racing, Quiz Nights and Games Nights have been arranged by the social club, unfortunately the events were not well supported which really is a great shame as it is to your own benefit. The social club does try to provide a service to the staff and the contributions (Most of which STILL have not paid) go towards providing snooker tables and such like.

22nd December Childrens Party 1630/1830 St. John Ambulance Hall, Hook Road, Epsom ALL NAMES TO BRIAN MUTTER OR KEITH PAYNE

12th January 1991 Dinner/Dance at Burnt Stub, Chessington 1930/0100 BOOK YOUR COACH SEATS EARLY-THERE ARE NO PLACES REMAINING NOW.

February ?? Buddy at Victoria Palace STILL TO BE CONFIRMED

Alistair spotted wearing one black shoe and one white shoe, story has it that he had hurt his foot (why didn't he wear two white??)

Keith goes to one of our co-op agents and nearly walks into the co-op undertakers (the signs are similar)

Steve Neale did not go to pick Rosemary up and Keith went instead, why was there an Ice Cream Van in Rosemarys' garden.

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PERSONALLY SPEAKING.....

I am very interested to hear the various conversations that go around the place about levels of discontentment in the quality of work, when it is taking place, no grats on jobs etc etc. It is a little sad when all that is fed back through many channels, is an atmosphere of discontent.

Everyone is working very hard to achieve a high level of standards and continued year-round work to keep us all in employment. Our coach hire department is going flat out at present to process the work, which is a very good sign. Obviously the results are not all seen in one fell swoop and we should take this into account, but we do have good quality sustained work such as the Barclays contract, Esso, Creative Tours.

W.S. Atkins have increased the work that they give and these jobs should never be minimalised as we have to look after our old customers, our Tour Operators (most of which hold us in the highest esteem—despite one of them telling me that certain of our driving staff have been soliciting for grats—about which they were not best pleased..) and our new customers.

We are progressing along new roads, advertising on radio, certainly a first for us, if not the industry as a whole and in our cause for public awareness, everyone has a duty to pass on the message that we are very good at what we do, from all levels of staff.

Next year has new challenges on the horizons with many companies being approached and prospects of multiplying existing work are good, but we must not forget that the Gulf crisis may get to that point—A CRISIS and we must look to our laurels and make sure that we remain number one.

Some comments passed to me are that Clarkes are doing better than us because they have got this work and that work, but you must not forget that they have a high level of speculated investment which may or may not work out. Also it should be borne in mind that many of the previous tour op companies that Clarkes or anyone else had are often looking for a new operator to carry out their work. This can be fortunate for us and if it is possible we will try our hardest to obtain further and long term work.

I hope that you have bothered to read this far and that if you do at any time have any tangible suggestions for the bettering and progression of our company—let me know, **IT IS A WORTHWHILE CAUSE.**

Keith Payne.

EWELL - THE PERSON
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About the only thing ever worth putting on
a horse was Lady Godiva.

The smartest person we know is the one
who asks our advice.

When money burns your pocket you will
not be alone at the fire.

STOP PRESS ROSEMARY HAS GOT A NEW FLAT AT LAST-CONGRATULATIONS.
(and she has been told to keep off the booze for 2 years)

Phil Baxter managed to taxi his aeroplane into the customs hall
at Biggin Hill Airport-apparently his undercarriage would not
retract-ANYTHING TO DECLARE SIR?

Heather managed to change her job owing to a misprint (see card)
and also had a funny dream about a new 12 seater that we were
going to get (picture overleaf). Finally in a health kick she went
for a walk to Ewell village but via the railway bridge to Kiln
Lane, she came back very tired.

Heather M...
Coach Hire Marketing Member

Dave Whitman special: On the last day of operation of route 7-gent
gets on bus and says 'Is this finishing today?' - "Yes I'm afraid
it is" - "I've been waiting 42 years for this bus.

Three things you never knew (or wanted to) about Alistair; He like
Horlicks, Horse Racing and Jimmy (jimi) Hendrix. He is also giving
out guided tours of his loud tie (Johns' dad had a similar one
in 1946 when he was demobbed)

Shaun was severely shorn for the summer, but now he has seen the
sense of long hair, cos its' cold.

Do you like the blue overalls in the workshop, at least you will
see them behind a coach now. There was a drilling sound heard from
Eric, Graham said it he was opening his wallet.

Richard Davies gets in the escort van for a changeover, starts it
up, puts it in reverse-Sam Fisher asks him why he is driving a van
with **ONE WHEEL MISSING**-Dave Whitman falls about laughing and also
falls over the jack holding the van up.

Why was Maurice the only person that Andrew's dog barked at on
the building site. Phil Allport working on the site goes to fill
the kettle up from the phone booth-wrong door and he was building
it. Charlie Kingsley sent a lost property ladies blouse to the
cleaners, Tony Hallet reckons Charlie was getting a Christmas
Present for his wife. For those who thought cash dispensers in
banks are recent-you are wrong-Joan does that and she is not
recent.

QUOTES OVER HEARD ETC

Overhead on the radio from John Reeves "I'm outside Barkers".

"Last time I went to the theatre, I had a comp ticket to the Black
& White Minstrel Show"-Harry Willingham

"If you want any large bananas-they are selling them in the
reject shop"-David Blackmore..

Why did Andy Gallagher have a call from Damart thermal
underwear??

Bus builders hit by low profit margin

By John Petty and Roland Gribben
SALES of new buses have dropped from £500m to £290m a year and the profit margin of the average operator is much less than 1 p.c. according to a survey by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders.

Vehicle fleets are getting older, says the society. This makes them more expensive to operate and means they slip further behind in terms of emission control technology and good passenger facilities. It wants new incentives to boost demand, including a fresh approach to fuel tax rebate.

At present, all operators of local bus services have the rebate. One suggestion is that it should be reserved for operators of modern fuel-efficient buses which cause little pollution and have improved boarding facilities to help the elderly, disabled people and mothers with young children. The subsidy does not apply to operators of long-distance coaches.

The report says that in most cities, it would be better and much cheaper to ease clogged

With high mortgage charges and inflation, 1990 is perhaps a year you would rather forget. It was also a year that saw a decline in the fortunes of the bus and coach industry with sales of new buses down from £500m to £290m a year and the profit margin of the average operator at less than 1%.

Despite the gloom, everyone at Epsom Coaches has worked extremely hard to ensure a brighter future for the Company. At our regular management meetings we discussed ways of improving sales (radio advertising, customer visits, mail outs), plans for vehicle replacements, building improvements, vehicle repair problems, staffing requirements and new equipment to name a few subjects. The Company is now planning much further ahead and the future is more certain as a result

This year has been one of the busiest on record and despite the problems that this brings we have continued to improve the level of service and have gained some important new business as a result

With a sharp increase in fuel prices and an unfavourable dollar exchange rate the Company faces a difficult challenge for the year ahead

Profit levels and investment in the bus and coach industry are currently at an all time low, largely because operators feel the need to compete on the lowest levels of price and service. As a provider of one of the highest levels of service in the industry we should be able to lead the way and change public opinion. The challenge for the future must be to show our customers that price is not the only yardstick by which to hire a coach and that service, reliability, experience, safety, quality are worth paying a little extra for. A modern bus or coach operator needs vast sums to set up an efficient operation. Future investment and improved working conditions will all depend on our success at making adequate profits

On a personal note may I thank all who have supported me in my first months as Managing Director and I wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year

Andrew Richmond

News from Operations

Building works

The maintenance team have once again been busy, converting the old computer room into an office for Andy and at the same time redecorating the 1st Floor offices. All our offices are now modernised and have been decorated in the new colour scheme.

The Traffic Office has been completely transformed with more space and storage facilities it has enabled efficiency and working practices to be greatly improved. The fruits of this are starting to come through.

The gardens have also come in for some attention, with the flower beds now "maintenance free".

Not to be forgotten the renovation and extension of the Drivers rest room is underway. This will provide a doubling of the available space and will see all the lockers undercover for the first time. In addition a third toilet cubicle and shower will be provided, along with a carpeted lounge area with easy chairs, for those off duty moments. It is hoped that much of the work will be completed by the end of the year.

Following this, the workshops come in for attention, including a centralised and computerised stores, larger rest areas and redecoration.

Plans are also underway to replace the front entrance doors, due to the imminent failure of the existing ones. This will help to improve our customer image, important when some 40% of our customers now book directly with us.

Those who have given up their driving duties to assist in the above include, Maurice Gollledge, Steve Neale, Phil Allport, Richard Howes and Douglas Bone, with occasional help from others. Our thanks to those mentioned for a continued good show. Keep up the good work.

Our investment in modernisation of our premises, although relatively small, has already paid dividends in improving staff morale and our image with customers. Showing us as a modern Company investing in the future.

Fuel Monitoring

New equipment has been installed, linking with our computer system to give more information, vital considering the current cost of fuel. This equipment enables us to monitor who has or has not entered the correct mileage and to accurately record MPG and fuel levels.

Staff sickness

We have unfortunately had a number of our team off sick during the past months, Ray Houlton with a recurrence of his old troubles, Vic Chippendale who was badly assaulted whilst driving our number 8 service, Kevin Heather and Dave Stilling have also spent considerable time unable to work. All but Ray and Kevin are back in harness, we wish them both a very speedy recovery.

Training

Annual driving assessments are underway and will be followed during January/February by in-house training in customer care and associated aspects. With 1992 fast approaching it essential that all our staff are well trained and professional. To enable us to face the competition from Europe. In addition we intend to carry out IAM testing and first aid instruction.

Arrivals and Departures

We welcome the following new members of staff Ron Howes, Steve Packer, Ray Carrington and Jon Sheddon. We wish them every happiness in their future with the Company. We also welcome from our part time staff Chris Dawson-Taylor (known as CDT), Ron Hawes and Harry Willingham. We said farewell to Kevin Rankin, Ian Calderwood, Steve Jones, Alan Graves, John Shannon and Keith (brother) Garner during the summer, all apart from John Shannon have returned, Kevin Rankin and Bill Driver are on the waiting list. Tom Jenkins has also made a welcome return.

We also welcome Paul Boland, Trevor Jolliffe, Robin Littler, Andrew Lloyd, Noel Millier who have joined our part time members of staff. In training are Rod Gould, Tim Brown and Frank Murphy.



TRAFFIC warden Yvette Neale (pictured) was on a high on Saturday . . . 3,000ft up, in fact. The 25 year old mother of two was the only lady among a team of 10 - the rest were Surrey policemen - who took off over Oxford for a parachute jump.

The result? Lots of money for Cot Death Research. Yvette who lives at Watersedge, West Ewell said: "I have always wanted to try parachuting and the

**3,000ft
just the
ticket!**

chance to raise money for Cot Death Research, made sure that I went through with it."

In fact, the plucky meter-maid whose husband is a driver for Epsom Coaches, rang up £400 from her sponsors.

Canadian lawyers convene in London

At the end of September, London welcomed some 2,000 Canadian Lawyers to the Canadian Bar Association's first annual meeting to be held outside North America.

Canadian law has its roots in the English legal system and - given that Canada is assessing its international role in the "new" Europe - the CBA wanted to mark its 75th anniversary by breaking from national boundaries and bringing its conference to London and the Barbican Centre.

At a press conference to launch the annual meeting, John Jennings QC, President of the CBA paid tribute to the LTB Convention Bureau for their assistance in planning and organising the event.

Nine conference hotels, led by the Inter-Continental, accommodated the delegates and a programme of special events included a unique opening ceremony in the Palace of Westminster, a Lord Mayor's reception at Guildhall, a ball at the Grosvenor House Hotel and Law Society receptions at the historic Inns of Court. Information: John Burr, 071-730 3450.

All went by Epsom.