

# December 2011 News

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## \* **Sad News**

Today I had this from Gerry Myres: Dear Tony Mel Summers has suggested that I contact you with the sad news that Stan Holliwell died yesterday at the age of 91 years ( 92 in feb). He was in a local hospice and passed away peacefully whilst unconscious. It is his wife's wish that all who knew him in Philips be informed and I understand that the funeral will not be until the new year.

Can you pass on this message thru PEPA newsletter and/or your web communications? Best wishes Gerry Myers

n.b. Stan ran the Consumer Order Desk in Mullard House. I worked alongside Stan during the 'automation' of the order desks, which resulted in the OLOB VDU system. From Mel Summers,

Hello Gerry, Tony...Diana Griffiths has been in contact with Stan Holliwell's wife Barbara, and has been told that Stan's funeral will take place on Friday 13th January 2012 at 2.00pm at Worthing Crematorium. Flowers are family only but Barbara has said that donations can be made to Littlehampton Lifeboat Station. (Stan and Barbara would have been married 69 years in February)

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## \* **More Sad News**

Jeff Hayden emailed re Bill Crabtree's passing back in March. Bill was at Southampton in the 1960 - 70s in the Computer department, later moving to Durham and then to Philips Australia. He is survived by wife Rita and his large family.

## \* **And More Sad News**

From Dave Turner Guys Just had a call from Kim Tattum advising me that Dave Browning passed away this morning. Will forward funeral details as soon as available.

Regards to you all Bryan Spearman

Maggie Berry has emailed re Dave Browning's funeral: Dave Browning's funeral has been fixed for January 11th at Tunbridge Wells cemetery, at 1430. If anyone is

going, Joanne (Dave's daughter) would like to know in order to deal with numbers:  
Please contact Maggie on maggiemole@aol.com if you propose attending.

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### \* **Brighter News**

At the Philips house Pensioners lunch on 8 December at Coombe Lodge, Ivor Cohen showed the 'designers impression' of Mullard House painted in 1956 a copy of which can be seen here. The tower never materialised.

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### \* **Links**

If like me you are interested in your 'roots', there is a new web site collecting the ECHO and Pye and TMC bits together at <http://www.ekco-electronics.co.uk/> in particular the web site index [http://www.ekco-electronics.co.uk/Site\\_Map.htm](http://www.ekco-electronics.co.uk/Site_Map.htm) Here I found at 'PYE TMC by Ian Cox' a contribution by their development man John G Rhodes. But there is no mention of the VISA viewdata terminal which he had a hand in designing.

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### \* **DIGITAL PERFORMANCE AT ANALOGUE PRICES**

This was a favourite saying of Simon Turner of PRL when working with him on viewdata. In 2012 we will see the start of the switch off of Analogue TV and with it Teletext which we grew to know and love. Many parts of the UK organisation contributed to making parts for analogue TV. Blackburn and its feeder factories, Durham and Crossens had large parts of their output geared to TV. Simonstone made screens and Southampton and Hazel Grove semiconductors for this market. Alas TV manufacturing is now under Television Joint Venture (Hong Kong).

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