

Queens Award Received



Peter Rainger (DDE) is presented to Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of the County of Surrey, The Rt. Hon. The Lord Hamilton of Dalzell KCVO, MC, JP, watched by Bryce McCrerrick (DE), on the occasion of the presentation of the Queens Award for Technology.

On 6 January, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of the County of Surrey, The Rt. Hon. The Lord Hamilton of Dalzell, KCVO, MC, JP presented the Queen's Award to Industry to the BBC's Director of Engineering, Bryce McCrerrick, in the presence of the Director General, Alasdair Milne, and other members of the BBC's Senior Management.

The presentation took place at a short ceremony at Research Department at Kingswood Warren in Surrey. The award has been made jointly to the BBC Engineering Directorate and the IBA's Engineering Division for their pioneering work on the development and transmission of Teletext.

Bryce McCrerrick, on receiving the award from the Lord Lieutenant paid tribute to the many people in several BBC departments who have done so much to make Teletext a success at home and abroad.

Immediately following the presentation, Bryce McCrerrick presented Peter Rainger, DDE; Stan Edwardson, Head of Carrier Systems Section; and John Chambers, Head of Special Projects Section at Research Department, to the Lord Lieutenant. It was Peter Rainger who, as Head of Designs Department, first laid the framework of the Teletext system in 1970 and became one of its co-patentees in 1972. At that time, Stan Edwardson was Head of Special Projects Section of Research Department and was involved in the early pioneering work.

Responsibility for teletext development was later taken over by John Chambers, the present Head of Special Projects Section, who was author of the Teletext technical specification, published in 1976. He has taken charge of the most recent Teletext technical developments involving improved and extended graphics and characters, and the transmission of tele-software on Ceefax.

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