

YULETIDE SPECIAL

WARWICK PARKING METER SHOCKER!

The big American company which recently bought the BBC's transmitter maintenance building on Warwick Technology Park for A\$25,000 is set to stun staff by introducing parking meters in their car park. Although the company is on a big profits push it claimed this was not the reason for the parking meters. A source close to management said that the company did not want to introduce the meters but felt it had to just in case the Inland Revenue ever considered making parking at work a taxable benefit in kind. "We are only protecting the staff from additional taxation," our insider said yesterday. "We will be keeping the charge as low as possible and won't even be covering our own costs. It is unlikely that staff will have to pay more than £10 per day. Visitors will be able to reclaim the cost of parking at reception on production of proof that they do not work for CTI." Apparently the meters will be installed over the Christmas holidays and staff will be consulted about the change on 2nd January. We approached the management at CTI for comment and they said "What?"

RENT-A-DESK SCHEME TO BE TRIALLED AT WTP

The big American company which recently bought ITV's television transmitter for £2.50 is set to make their staff's jaws hit the floor by charging them to work at a desk. A source close to management said that it had been noticed that staff would always expand to fill the space they were given to work in, regardless of the actual desk size. Hence staff could work just as efficiently in a small area as at a large, costly desk. Each member of staff will be allocated an area of floor space for a minimal charge and will then be given the option to pay more if they want the luxury of extras such as a desk, a chair or a PC. It is claimed that as well as significantly reducing costs this will in fact increase productivity as staff will have fewer distractions. Our insider said: "This move will actually benefit staff; they will be able to reclaim income tax on the costs of desks, chairs, etc. We will be able to provide them with tax receipts for a nominal charge" Apparently the changes will be made over the Christmas holidays and staff will be consulted about the change on 2nd January. We approached the management at CTI for comment and they said "Not you again! Don't be so stupid, you're making that up."

THE RISING COST OF SPENDING A PENNY!

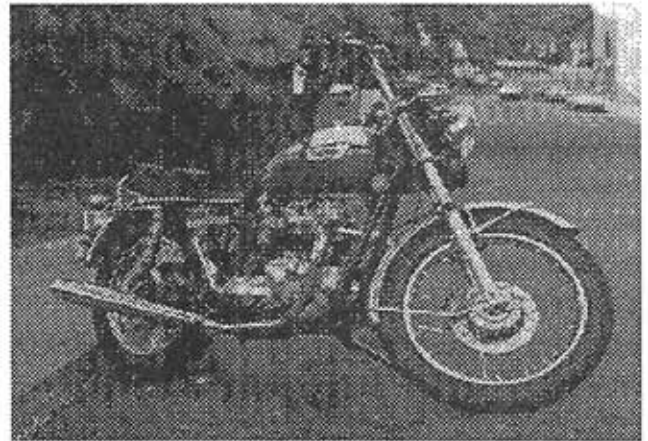
The big American company which recently bought the BBC's television transmitter for \$250bn is set to shock staff by making them "pay as they go". A sharp eyed member of staff noticed that many people go to the loo MORE THAN ONCE A DAY! He suggested to the company's ideas forum that charges be made for the use of facilities. A source close to management told us "Staff will be allowed one free visit each day and thereafter will be charged 50p a shot." "I beg your pardon", we said. "A shot, I said," he said. He continued: "As a special concession to show goodwill, we will be issuing tokens on production of a doctor's certificate" Apparently cubicle doors will be modified over the Christmas holidays and staff will be consulted about the change on 2nd January. Use of the male urinals will be closely monitored and if considered to be excessive, they will be removed. We approached the management at CTI for comment and they said "What ARE you on about?. Get out, go on, and don't come back with any more of your stupid questions!"

EXAM SHOCKER FOR NEW AMERICAN COMPANY

WARWICK, ENGLAND: We understand that the results of the recent staff survey conducted by the big American company which recently bought Alexandra Palace for £25,000 were below the national average and that many staff will have to do a re-sit early next year. Ed Millar, the Managing Director, was said by an insider to be furious at the poor results and has decreed that staff must do better. Staff will now have to achieve a satisfactory level of performance in answering the staff survey before they qualify for their ABITDE bonus this Christmas. We approached the management for comment and they said "Look, if you've nothing better to do than make up this repetitive tosh, it's the TOC for you my lad"

ANOTHER TRIUMPH FOR MYSTIC MAC

Well, we don't like to blow our own trumpet too often but, yes, PDG was first with the news! You'll remember a few months back Admin couldn't tell us when the Christmas holidays were going to be. Well we're pleased to say our sage of the age, Mystic Mac, was SPOT ON with his prediction. A phone call to Admin has confirmed that Christmas is on 25 December and that staff will enjoy the benefit of a day off on 24 December too. We telephoned Mac to congratulate him but he was in hospital for a liver transplant, as he often is at this time of year, in anticipation of Hogmanay. We understand that his new Bonneville will be delivered in time for his discharge from the de-tox ward and will make a splendid addition to his collection of motorcycles of this great British marque.



A Triumph similar to Mystic Mac's photographed recently

So Long Farewell Auf Wiedersehen Goodbye

To our vending machine who left during December

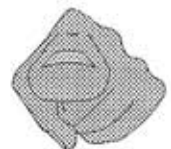
Lancelot. Joined October 1989. 8 years', 2 months' (or thereabouts) faithful service.



Hello, Hello, It's good to be back, It's good to be...

To our vending machine who joined during December

Pepsi, or should we say, Dick Turpin



And finally...

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS