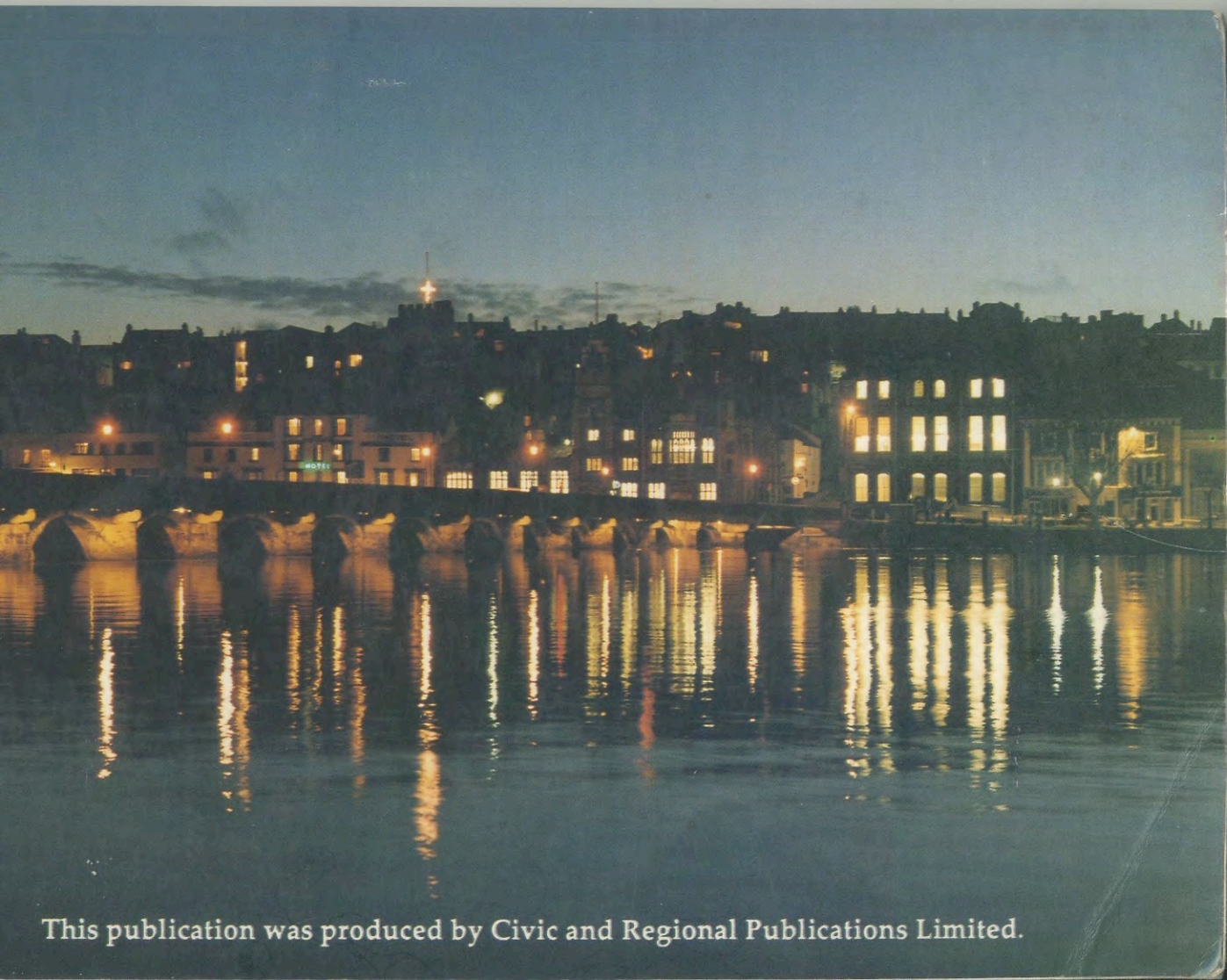


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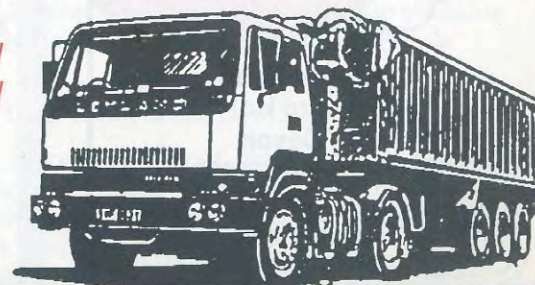
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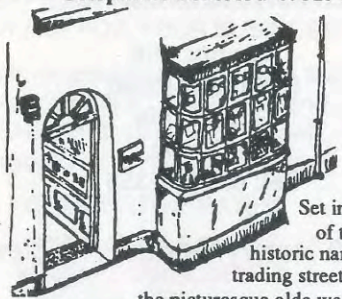
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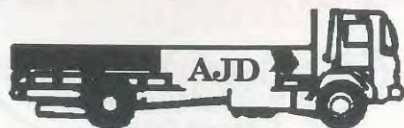
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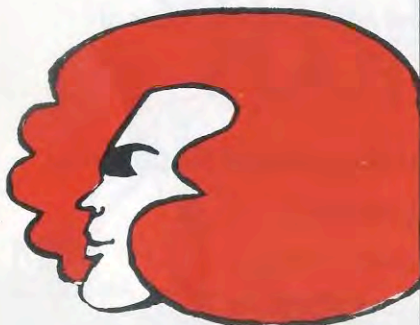
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**DAY CARE** A range of Day Care facilities for Elderly People and People with Learning Disabilities are available throughout the District. Limited Day Care facilities are also available for Physically Handicapped and Mentally Ill People.

**RESIDENTIAL CARE** The District can provide Residential Care for Elderly People on a Long Term, Short Term/Respite Care basis.

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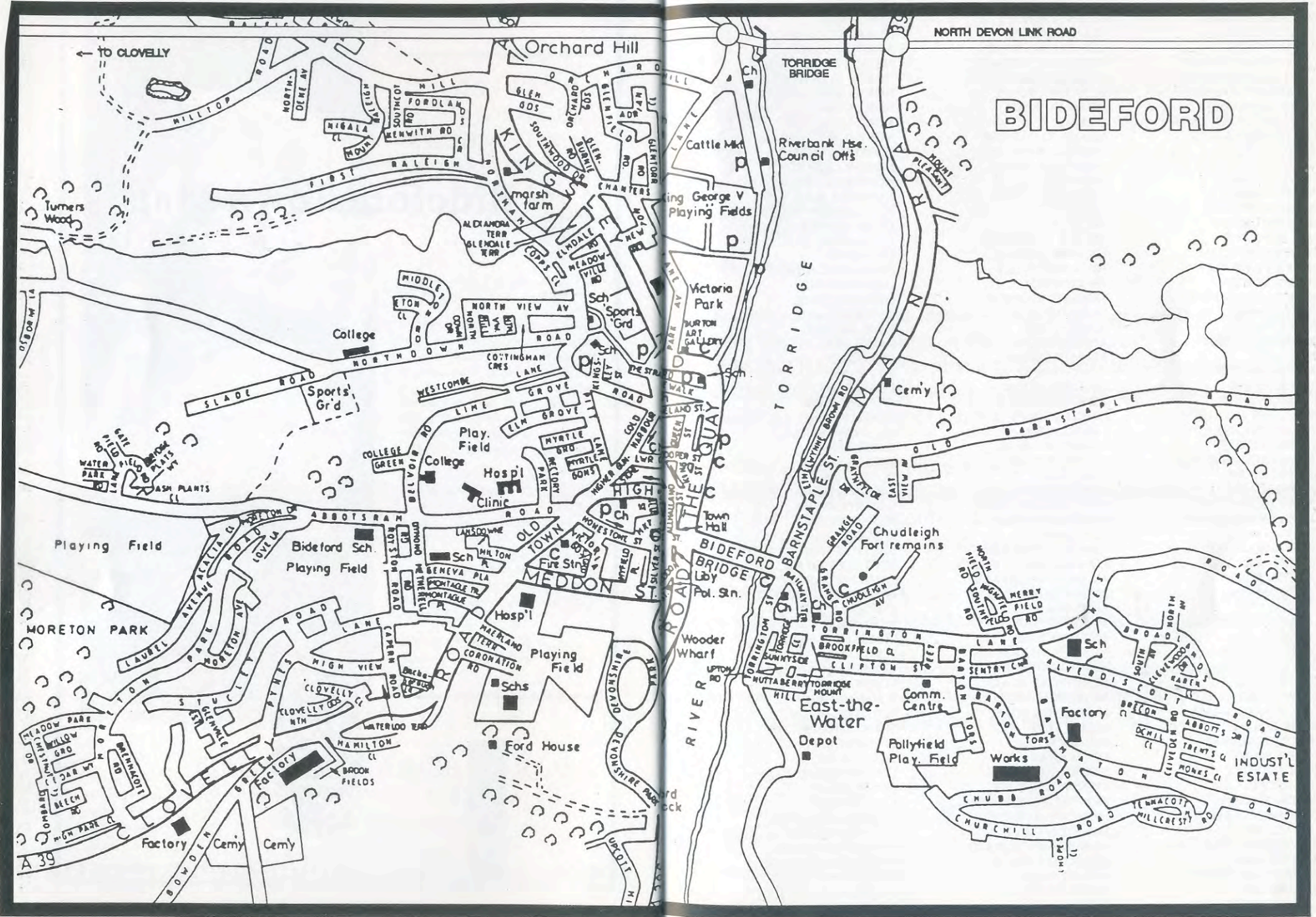
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## Bideford Town Map



BIDEFORD TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN HALL, BIDEFORD, DEVON EX39 2HS



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TORRIDGE

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BRIDGE STREET  
BRIDGELAND STREET  
BROADLANDS  
BROOK FIELDS  
BROOKFIELD STREET  
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CHOPES CLOSE  
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CHUDLEIGH AVENUE  
CHUDLEIGH TERRACE  
CHURCH WALK  
CHURCHILL ROAD  
CLEVEWOOD DRIVE  
CLIFTON STREET  
CLIVEDEN ROAD  
CLOVELLY CLOSE  
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GOAMAN ROAD  
GRANGE ROAD  
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GRENVILLE STREET  
HAMILTON CLOSE  
HIGH PARK CLOSE  
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HIGH VIEW  
HIGHER GUNSTONE  
HIGHFIELD ROAD  
HILLCREST ROAD  
HILLTOP ROAD  
HONESTONE STREET  
HYFELD PLACE  
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KING STREET  
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## Introduction to the Bideford Town Guide



BIDEFORD TOWN COUNCIL  
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Dear Visitor,

You don't need to be a historian to see at a glance that the "Little White Town" of Bideford is steeped in the past. You will quickly realise that it is also steep physically, but fortunately our forefathers had the good sense to place a suitable number and variety of hosteleries near the top of our streets.

Bideford is a town to explore, especially around the Parish Church of St. Marys, where you will find grand merchant houses built at a time when the Port was not only a major exporter to the New World, but also had a thriving ship building industry.

The community atmosphere is evident when you visit our unique Pannier Market, which operates on Tuesday and Saturday mornings.

I hope, on behalf of the Town Council and the people of Bideford, that you enjoy your visit to our historic town; that you take away happy memories and will soon return.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor D.G. Brenton.  
MAYOR OF BIDEFORD.

## LITTLE WHITE TOWN

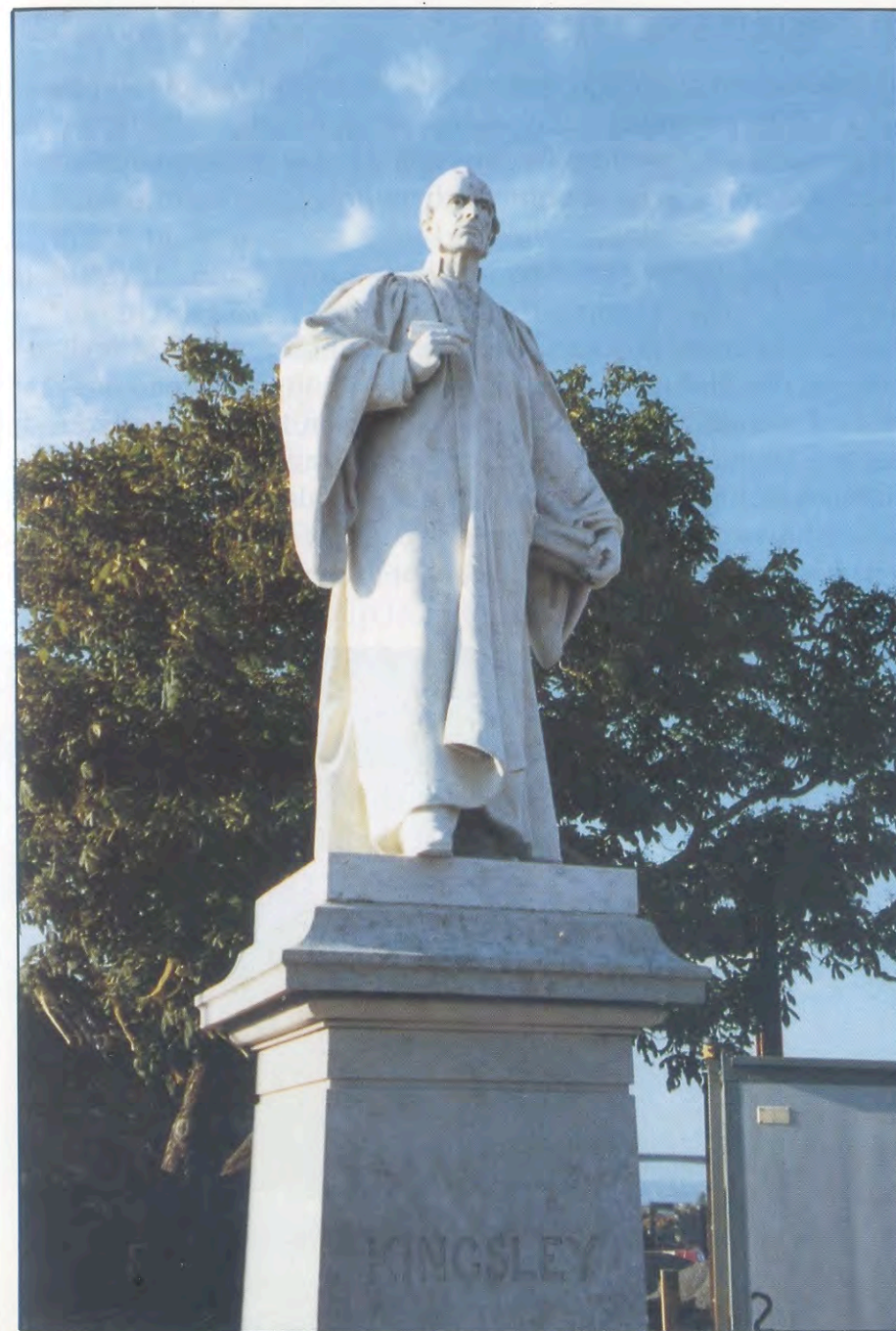
All who have travelled through the delicious scenery of North Devon must needs know the little white town of Bideford which slopes upwards from its broad tide river paved with yellow sand and many-arched old bridge where salmon wait for Autumn floods, toward the pleasant upland on the west. Above the town the hills close in, cushioned with deep oak woods, through which juts here and there a crag of fern-fringed slate; below they lower, and open more and more in softly rounded knolls, and fertile squares of red and green, till they sink into the wide expanse of hazy flats, rich salt marshes, and rolling sand hills where Torridge joins her sister Taw, and both together flow quietly toward the broad surges of the bar and the everlasting thunder of the long Atlantic swell. Pleasantly the old town stands there, beneath its soft Italian sky, fanned day and night by the fresh ocean breeze, which forbids alike the keen winter frosts, and the fierce thunder heats of the midlands; and pleasantly it has stood there for now, perhaps eight hundred years.

Charles Kingsley (Westward Ho! 1855).

Welcome to Bideford - the "little white town" as it was described in the last century. Although the population today is 12,000 the town still has all the friendliness and welcome of a large village. Whether you spend a day or a week here you will soon fall under Bideford's timeless spell. In this guide you will find many of its attractions listed and described.



Bideford Quay



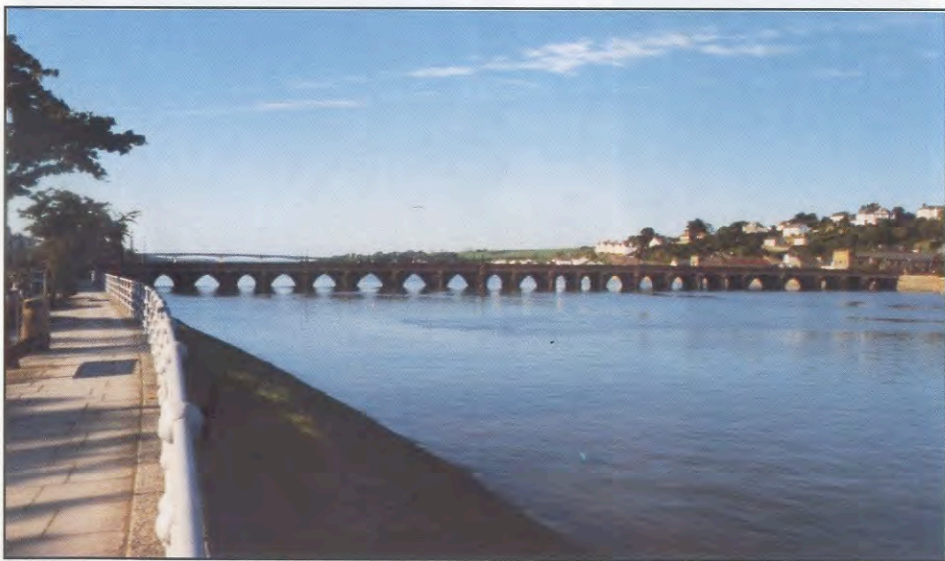
The Charles Kingsley Statue

## BIDEFORD'S SETTING

Whichever direction you come from the town presents a splendid vista. On either side of the wide Torridge estuary the town has grown up the valley sides in a sweeping series of terraces linked by narrow roads. The focal point of the whole town is, of course, the medieval Long Bridge.

## THE BRIDGE

Now a Scheduled Ancient Monument the bridge has 24 arches of different widths and is some 677' long. Although evidence is scanty the first wooden bridge seems to date from the 1280's. Around a century later stone cladding was added and the structure was widened in the late eighteenth century and also in 1865 and 1925. A model showing the bridge at various stages of its growth and a guide to its history can be seen the library at the Bridge end.



**Bideford Long Bridge.**

In 1968 the two arches nearest the library cracked and this gave rise to plans to build a new bridge - the massive, concrete one now standing downstream from its ancient forerunner.

## BIDEFORD QUAY

A walk along the Quay can truly be described as a "walk through history". Progressively enlarged and lengthened over the years (spot the plaques set into the pavement which detail this) the Quay has been at the centre of Bideford's life since its first foundation. Always a busy port the quayside saw the setting out of early colonists to North America - and the arrival of the first Red Indian in England in the 1580's. From here set off 5 ships to join with Drakes fleet against the Armada. The quayside has also seen the export of countless cargoes of Bideford pottery to Ireland, Wales and north America whilst in return came vast quantities of limestone, wood and tobacco - indeed over the period 1722-31 nearly eight and half million pounds of the "weed" came into to Bideford to be sent all over Britain. The limestone was burnt in local lime kilns to produce lime for agricultural use. One kiln now in ruins lies on the eastern side of the Torridge just up from the end of the houses. The wood went into ships built in yards along the river bank, the last of which only disappeared only a few years ago.

Although much less busy today Bideford Quay is a working port with ships from all over the world tying up here and discharging and loading cargoes. One constant visitor is the "Oldenburg" - the regular supply boat for Lundy Island. Trips to the Island run weekly and a very popular attraction for visitors and locals alike.



**The Quay & M.S. 'Oldenburg'**



**Bull Hill**

## THE HIGH STREET

Lying at right angles to the Quay is the steeply sloping High Street. At the junction look for the curious small pillar built into the wall of a chemist's shop. No one actually knows what it is but it is possibly a merchants' "tome" stone where, once money was laid down on the stone, an agreement was made binding. Its position fits well with this idea as the original Bideford market was held in a large square (now built on) at this point.

A walk up High Street with its bewildering variety of architectural styles may make your breathing faster but it will be worth it as it will bring you (via Grenville Street) to Bideford's Pannier Market. Established on this site some 300 years ago its present building dates from the 1880's and is one of the best surviving examples of its kind in Britain.

Open every Tuesday and Saturday it is the one attraction you must not miss with its displays of local produce and collectibles. Busiest in the morning it offers the best of Devon to both locals and visitors alike.

## THE HIGH STREET



**Pannier Market**



Stalls in Pannier Market

## MILL STREET AND ALLHALLAND STREET

Running parallel to the Quay are these two streets lined with a variety of small specialist shops for the most part. This tiny thoroughfare has recently been pedestrianised to make shopping here even more attractive. Although the shop fronts are new, look up to the first and second floors to see some of the original facades and try and spot the famous "ragged newsboy" figure marking the site of an old newspaper office.

Mill Street



"Ragged Newsboy", Mill Street.

## BRIDGELAND STREET

Walking to the end of Mill Street will bring you to this, the widest and grandest street in Bidford. Built on reclaimed land by Bidford Bridge Trust mostly in the eighteenth century the houses used to be home to the town's merchants and richer citizens.

Allhalland Street





**Bridgeland Street.**

As you walk down to the River note the “spiky Gothic” style of twin-spired Lavington Chapel. On the opposite side of the road is “The Red House” so named because of its colour - a hue derived from the use of tiles not bricks on the walls - look carefully around the windows to see the truth of this.

Further down on the same side is a very grand house with its date of construction proudly emblazoned in gold on its drainpipes. At the end of Bridgeland Street is the “Old Custom House” which, as its name suggests, housed the officers controlling Bideford’s seaborne trade. Another memory of the town’s seafaring tradition is the adjoining tiny lane known as Rope Walk. Here were spun the ropes used on the old ships. Today the lane is dominated by an old factory building constructed in the late nineteenth century as a collar factory and now used by a variety of undertakings. See if you can spot the alluring mermaid at the entrance to this quiet backwater.



**Entrance to Rope Walk**



**Mermaid in Rope Walk**

**VICTORIA PARK**

At the end of the Quay is Victoria Park. Opened in 1912 on the site of an old rubbish dump and marsh the Park today provides a safe play area for children and a visual feast for those keen on flowers and trees.



**Entrance Gates to Victoria Park**

Around a bandstand are stationed a collection of ancient cannon rescued from ignoble duty as bollards on the nearby Quay.

The Park also contains the Burton Art Gallery which houses an impressive art collection and a growing museum display. Entrance is free and there is a regular series of exhibitions both visiting and locally mounted.

### Cannons around the Bandstand in the Park



### Burton Art Gallery



Outside the splendid main gates stands the statue of Charles Kingsley who wrote his famous "Westward HO!" in the town and to whom Bideford owes its early growth as a tourist resort.

## THE CHURCH

Tucked away behind the Town Hall at the end of the Bridge stands St. Mary's Church surrounded by ancient yews. The majority of the building dates from a major reconstruction in 1862-65 although the tower is the original medieval one.



### St. Mary's Church

A guide to the structure is on sale inside and if you do enter look for the splendid carved tomb of Sir Thomas Grenville, one of the famous family who were local Lords of the Manor for many generations. On the exterior wall of the Church is a pleasingly macabre tombstone depicting a local sailing craft of the past.

If you continue up Lower Meddon Street or the narrow, stepped Tower Street you will enter a quiet area of the town and a visitor to the area called Bull Hill will discover charming old houses next to some surprisingly sympathetic modern houses.

## EAST-THE-WATER

At Bideford, on the east side of the River, an Interpretation Centre for the Tarka Trail has been set up in the former town railway station now restored to its former charm, but minus the steam trains axed by Doctor Beeching in the 1960's.

A continuous Riverside Trail made up on the former railway track in memory of "Tarka the Otter", Henry Williamson's charming exploits of the Otter among the territory of the two rivers - Torridge and Taw will eventually encompass the whole of the region, an obvious attraction for lovers of nature and of the countryside.

This side of the Town has a history of industry based on wooden shipbuilding, the former yards lying on the Riverbank north of the Long Bridge. A link with this past can be seen in the name of a public house in Barnstaple Street, "Ship on Launch" which contains in its construction timbers from old ships. Indeed such is a feature in many of the older buildings on both sides of the River.

The advent of the railway, from Barnstaple, in 1855 and then extended to Torrington and beyond, supported the industrial activity in the area.

The main attraction to the visitor is perhaps Chudleigh Park and Fort which stands on the high ground from which a splendid view of the Town and River can be seen. The Fort takes its name from Colonel Sir James Chudleigh who commanded Parliamentary forces in the area in the Civil Wars of 1642/46, Bideford supporting that cause.



**Chudleigh Fort**

## Memorial within Chudleigh Fort



In latter years, on the edge of the upper part of the area, development has introduced modern factories and businesses which support a workforce in the Town and District.



## KEWITH VALLEY NATURE RESERVE

On the immediate outskirts of the Town is the Kewith Valley Nature Reserve established some years ago and supervised by the Devon Birdwatching and Preservation Society.

On a descending level are several lakes with nature trails running through the valley as it descends into the town. Within the first year of establishment over sixty different species of birds were recorded. Thousands of trees have been planted which are now enhancing the overall appearance and attraction.

Visitors are recommended to park in the Town and walk to the reserve as no vehicles are allowed into it.



**Kenwith Valley**

Bideford is ideally situated as a centre from which to visit the seaside resorts of Westward Ho! and Appledore and the limpetlike fishing village of Clovelly clinging to the cliffs rising from the sea.

Outside the Town the countryside and seaside beckon. The village of Westward Ho! has expanded to cater for the tourist who seeks the excellence of the fine beach with a fine record of safety.

For indoor water recreation a modern swimming pool has been established in Northam on the border of Bideford.

At Appledore the charm of a riverside village based on fishing and maritime activity and leisure can be explored. A Maritime Museum of high quality illustrates the past with emphasis on the role of the River Torridge in the shipping of the past centuries.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Bideford Town Council consists of 15 Councillors (including the Town Mayor) and its Meetings are held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall. Its monthly Meeting is held on the second Thursday in each month, whilst the monthly Plans Meeting is held on the third Wednesday. Telephone number of Town Clerk: Bideford 476711.

### EDUCATION

**Bideford College** (State Comprehensive),  
Abbotsham Road, Bideford. (Tel: (0237) 477611)

**St. Mary's Church of England Primary School**,  
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**Bideford Pynes Infants School**,  
Mines Road, Bideford. (Tel: (0237) 473061)

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Mines Road, Bideford (Tel: (0237) 475178)

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Bideford (Boys Public) (Tel: (0237) 472212)

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### LIBRARY

The Town Library is situated adjacent to the Town Hall, opposite the Long Bridge. The Library has reference and childrens sections. A diary of events in and around Bideford is maintained and operated from the library. A notice board of events is also available in the entrance hall of the library.

### Opening times:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:	9.30am - 7.00pm
Wednesday:	9.30am - 1.00pm
Saturday:	9.30am - 4.00pm

Tel: (0237) 476075

**CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU:** This office is located in Bridgeland Street, Bideford. (Tel: (0237) 473161)

**HOSPITAL:** Bideford and Torridgeside Hospital, Abbotsham Road, Bideford (Tel: (0237) 472682)

**DOCTORS' SURGERIES:** The Bideford Health Centre, Abbotsham Road, Bideford. (Tel: (0237) 476363)  
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East-the-Water Post Office, Barnstaple Street, Bideford. (Tel: (0237) 472195)

**TOURIST INFORMATION:** The Tourist Information Centre is situated on the Kingsley Car Park near the gates to Victoria Park. The Centre is open from:

Monday to Thursday:	10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday:	10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.
(July & August:	10.00 a.m. - 7.00 p.m.)
Sunday:	10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

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	Saturday/Sunday	9.00 am - 5.30 pm
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50+:	Tuesday, Thursday	11.00 am - 12 noon
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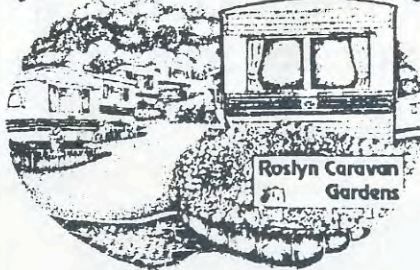
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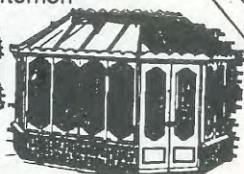


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Bideford College is the state secondary school which serves the Bideford area. The College is maintained by the Devon Local Education Authority and is a mixed 11-19 comprehensive. In September 1991 there were 1330 pupils on roll, including a sixth form of 168. Recent intakes have numbered 240 annually.

The main school premises are in Abbotsham Road on the western side of the town. There are excellent teaching facilities for all subjects and extensive playing fields with a pavilion are within a few minutes walk. A fine 190-seat theatre is a notable recent addition and has added an exciting new dimension to the life of the school and the locality. The College also boasts a large sports hall, a floodlit playing surface, excellent facilities for music and art and a library which is open to the public. The College serves the wider community and is the centre for a busy programme of adult and youth activities. Two other buildings in the centre of the town are also used for adult education and community interests.

The College is well equipped to provide the full secondary education set out in the National Curriculum. A wide range of subjects is available at GCSE and courses leading to CGLI and RSA qualifications are also offered. In the sixth form 16 subjects are on offer at Advanced Level. Students on one year courses are entered for the Certificate of Pre-Vocational Education and for CGLI qualifications. Some 40 students each year progress to various forms of higher education.

The College prides itself on the range of activities and interests which pupils are encouraged to pursue. The July Activities Week is an important feature of the College calendar. In sport, music, drama and outdoor activities the College has enjoyed notable successes in recent years and enjoys a high reputation on these counts in North Devon and in the county. Much attention has been given to pupil's personal development and a strong year system ensures that all pupils are known as individuals. Personal achievement in all fields is encouraged and recognized.

Results in public examinations are pleasing and show a steady improvement. Another strength of the College is the concern it demonstrates for pupils with learning difficulties and special needs. A committed learning support team give these pupils close individual help throughout their time at the College.

Bideford College enjoys all the advantages of local management with substantial powers devolved to the Governing Body. The latter lays down and oversees the broad policies of the College with the day-to-day direction in the hands of the Principal and an experienced senior management team. Parents are strongly represented on the Governing Body and offer steady support via a lively PTA.

Bideford College is included in the list of 300 secondary schools mentioned in the 'Guide to Good State Schools' and was also featured in the 'Observer' guide to state education. There the College was commended for its exam results and was described as 'vibrant with activity' and 'enriching and enriched by the community, offering truly comprehensive and continuing education to all comers'.

The Principal is Mr. John Dare who will be pleased to supply further details on request. The College welcomes visitors and prospective parents are warmly invited to make a tour of the premises and see the College at work.

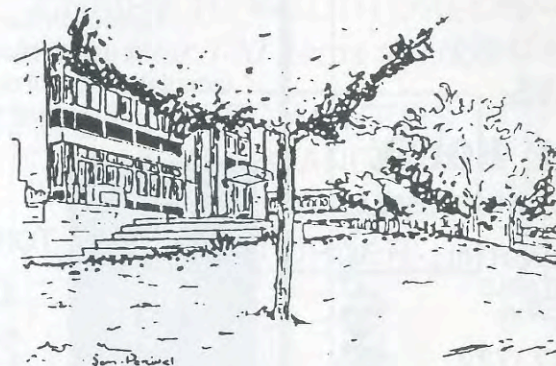
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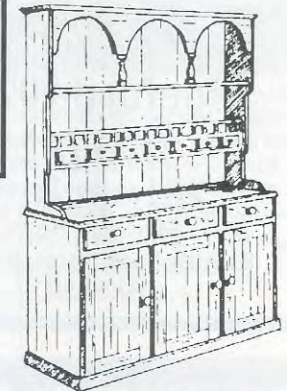
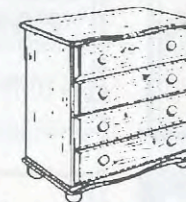
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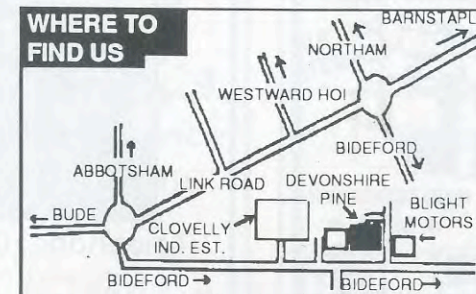
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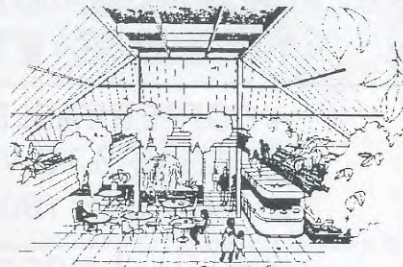
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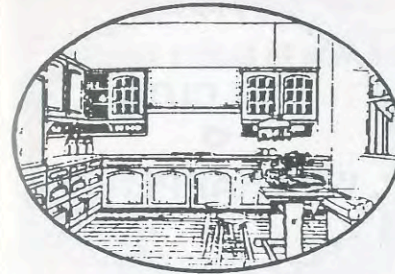


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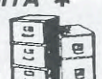


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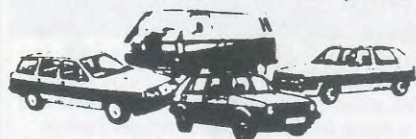
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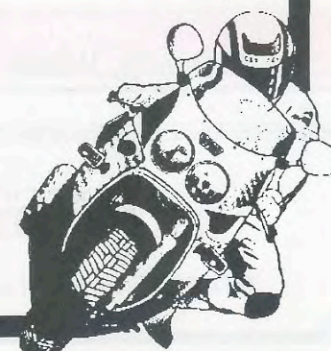
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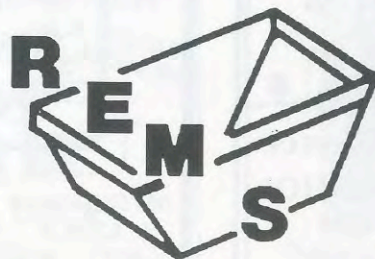


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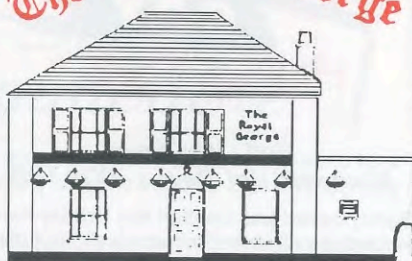
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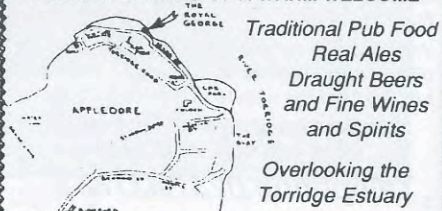
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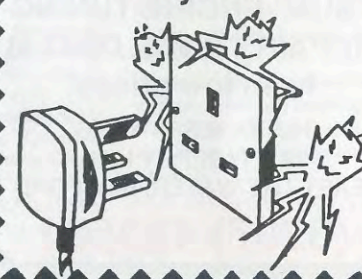
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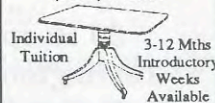
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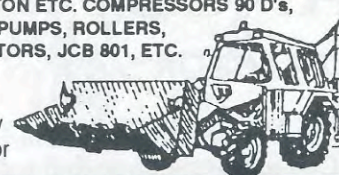
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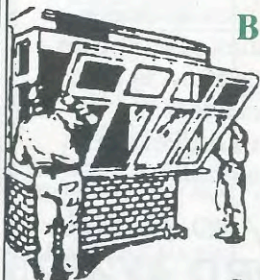
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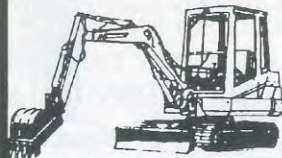
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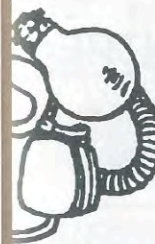


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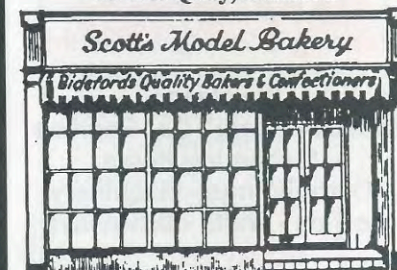
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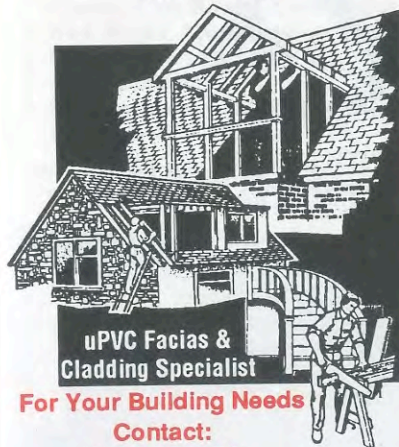


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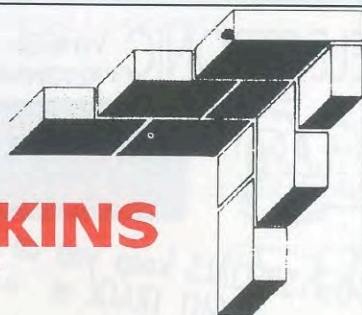
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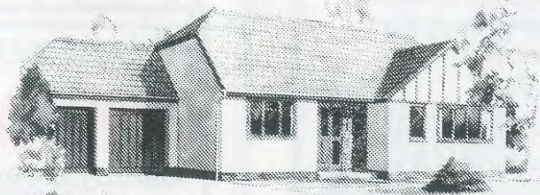
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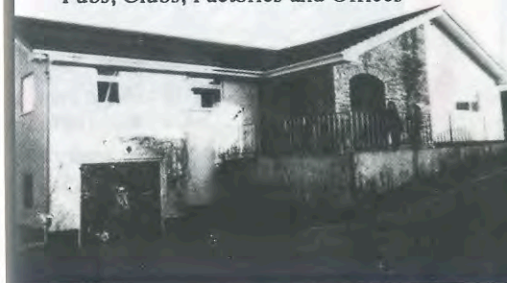


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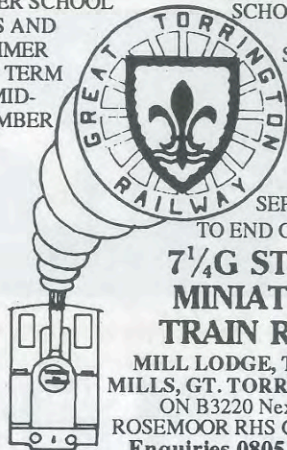
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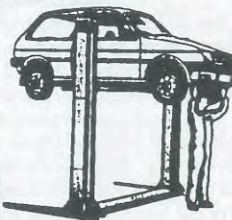
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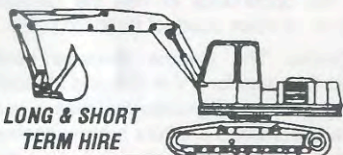
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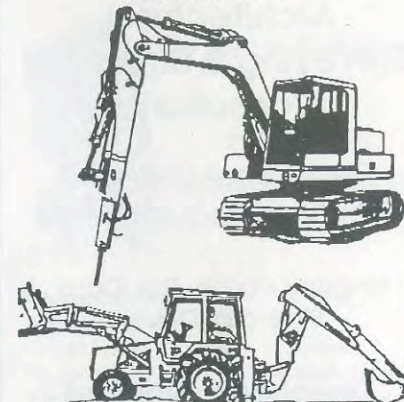
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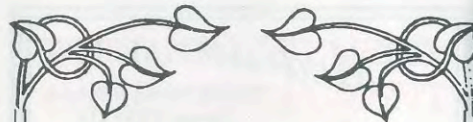
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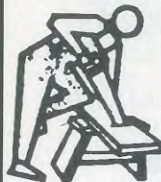


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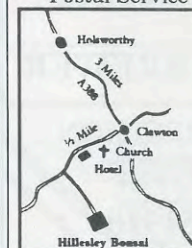
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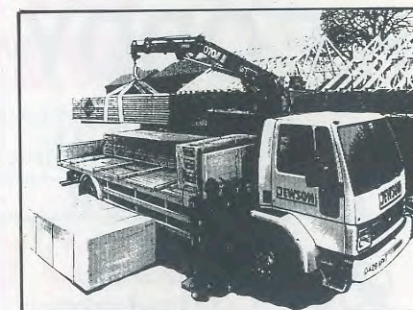
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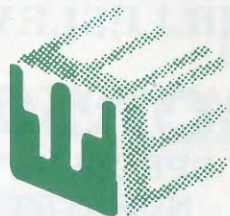
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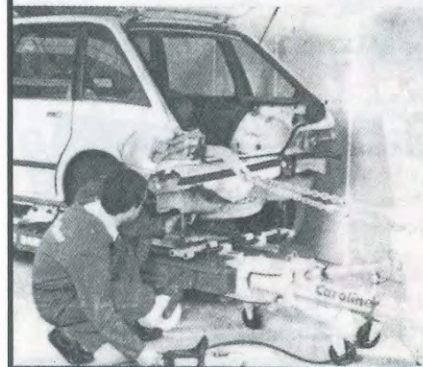
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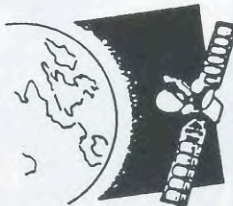
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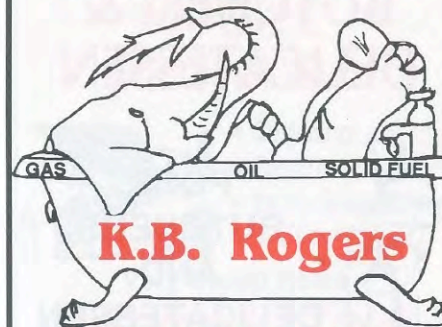
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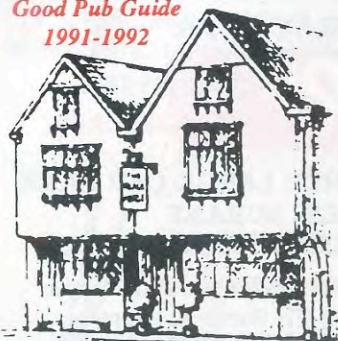
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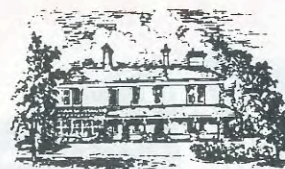
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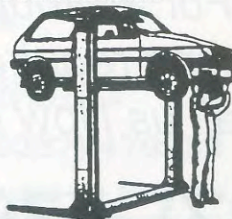
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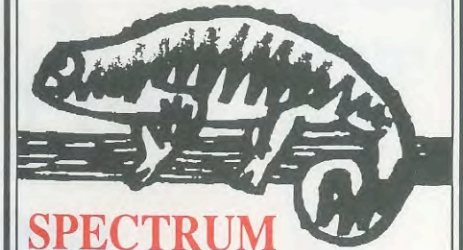
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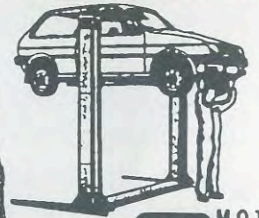
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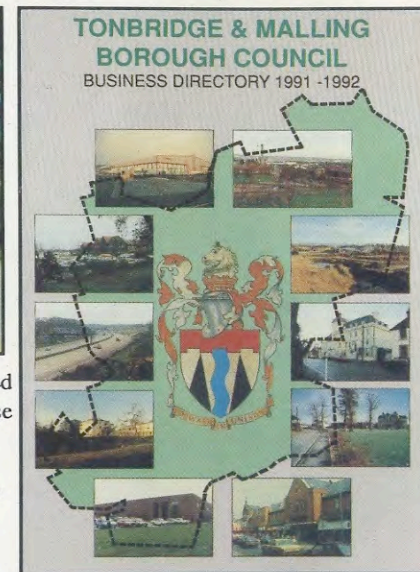
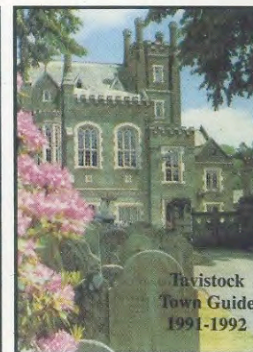
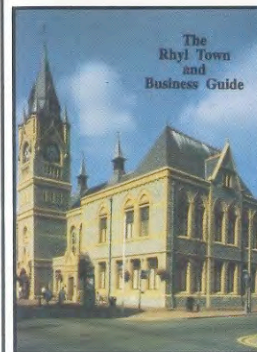
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