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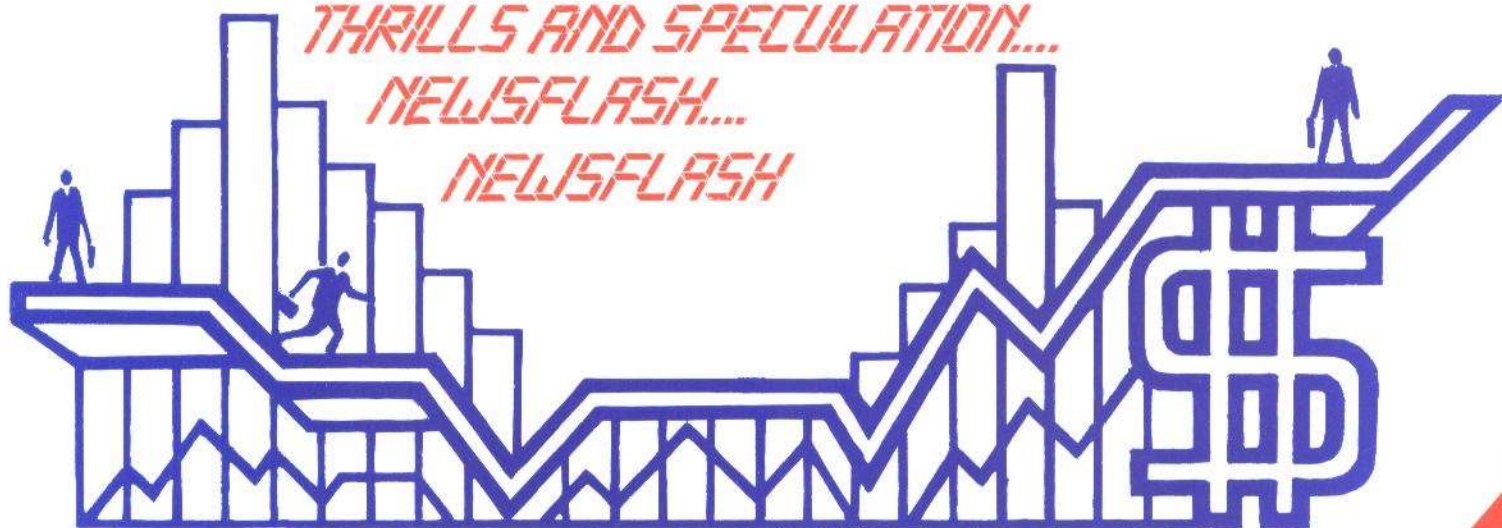
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*NEWSFLASH...NEWSFLASH FROM PHILIPS...*

# THE GREAT WALL STREET FORTUNE HUNT IS ON...

*SUREST INVESTMENT YET...IN BIG TIME  
THRILLS AND SPECULATION...*

*NEWSFLASH...  
NEWSFLASH*



Ever dreamed of being a financial whiz-kid, making fortunes through your skilful manipulation of the international money scene?

Now this stunning new video-board game from Philips, for one or more players, gives you your chance to exercise your quick wits and steady nerve to do just that – or face financial ruin! As you gain confidence and knowledge you can progress to no fewer than four levels of skill. Build up your portfolio of fun and Wall Street action with your Philips G7000!

The Great Wall Street Fortune Hunt is an authentic computerised model of the

real world of high finance, with thousands of investment alternatives. Among your options are 'safe' blue-chips like IBM; the aircraft, ballistic missile and space systems manufacturer Lockheed, McDonalds' fast-food chain or high-flying, high-risk consortiums like WOW (Wildcat Oil Western).

Each investor (or syndicate if a number of people play) starts with \$100,000 and can enter a maximum number of 7 investments into the computer through the G7000 keyboard. Invest wisely – because if your funds drop below \$25,000 your power to invest is withdrawn and you can only sell.

[www.videopac.org](http://www.videopac.org)

Enter the GREAT  
VIDEO-CROSSWORD  
COMPETITION

# THE GREAT WALL STREET FORTUNE HUNT IS ON...



The full-colour gameboard helps you keep track of your investments – and of time. The timeframe marker represents the 5-year span of each game, marked in quarters of a year. Each of your investments must be sold within one year – so keep an eagle eye on the turn of events!

On-screen your investment choices and current prices travel across the top – whilst urgent news flashes across the centre. These newsflashes will have

varying effects on your investments, depending on their particular sensitivity (to fluctuations in interest rates, political upheavals, etc), so keep up with current events if you want to stay on top. The bottom of the screen shows your investment portfolio, keeping track of your shares and capital. You access this through your joystick.

You can audit other players if you suspect their investments exceed their net worth – if you're right they are prevented from dealing for an entire quarter. The winner is the accumulator of the greatest fortune over the 5 years of the game.

## Choose your skill level:

- (1) Straight Investment Transactions.
- (2) Straight Investment Transactions and Treasury Bills – make money by clever timing of purchase of 90-day Government Treasury Bills.
- (3) Straight Investment Transactions and Treasury Bills and Buying On Margin – borrow from your stockbroker to double your investment and interest-earning potential.
- (4) Straight Investment Transactions and Treasury Bills and Buying On Margin and Stock Options – enter the 'Futures' market by taking an option to buy at the beginning of the next quarter at today's prices. An Option-Pricing Calculator helps you calculate the risks involved.



THE GREAT WALL STREET FORTUNE HUNT GIVES YOU A GENUINE INSIGHT INTO THE WORLD OF STOCKBROKING AND FORTUNE MAKING. THE GOLDEN-COVERED INSTRUCTION BOOKLET EVEN GIVES YOU A LIST OF BOOKS TO HELP YOU MAKE REAL MONEY IN THAT EXCITING WORLD.

AT AROUND £33.95 THIS NEW VIDEO-BOARD GAME COULD BE AN INVESTMENT IN A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE AS WELL AS LOTS OF ENGROSSING FUN-FILLED HOURS!



Transmit your secret messages in real

# morse code

Philips new 'Morse Code' videogame could be the answer to all your top-secret communication problems with close friends, partners or associates! It teaches you, character by character, the genuine, Internationally-used Morse Code invented around 150 years ago by American painter/inventor Samuel Finley Breese Morse. After easy-stage, 10-minute 'lessons' you'll be able to transmit and transcribe messages using your Philips videogame and TV screen – and the computer makes learning great fun by incorporating a scoring game which challenges your increasing speed and accuracy.

## The Morse Alphabet

Characters and figures are replaced by different combinations of dots and dashes – ie short and long signals or 'time units'. This means Morse can be used for light and sound signals, as well as the original electric pulses transmitted by wire.

## Learning the Philips way

The videogame Morse 'Menu' gives you these options:

(1) A step-by-step course in recognising Morse signals (ABC).

(2) Transcribing characters and figures into Morse Code (CW  $\blacktriangleleft$ ). CW stands for 'continuous wave' and is used internationally to indicate Morse Code. The loudspeaker symbol signifies that the code is audible via the loudspeaker.

(3) Translating complete messages into Morse Code (CW  $\blacktriangleleft$  M). This is the same as (2), but the M denotes memory. Up to 125 symbols (including word spaces) can be stored in the computer memory.

(4) Sending messages in Morse ( $\blacktriangleleft$   $\blacktriangleleft$   $\blacktriangleleft$   $\blacktriangleleft$ ). The first symbol stands for Morse key. Pip reminds you that it's your turn to take action!

## Signal at a speed that suits your skill

In each of the four MENU options the computer asks you which speed you wish to progress at. As a beginner you

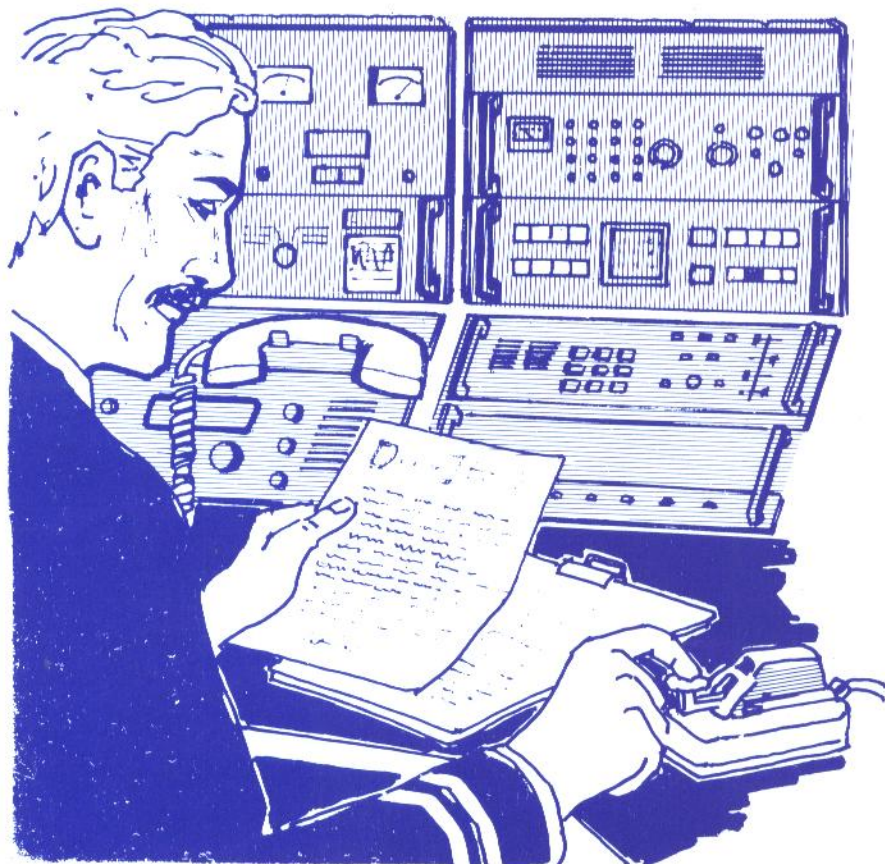
will choose the lowest speed – 4 words a minute – but as you gain confidence you can challenge the computer at its maximum speed – 30 words a minute!

During the 10-minute 'lessons' of option 1 the top of your TV screen shows a line of trees. Each time you correctly identify a Morse signal and press the correct corresponding key, Pip leaps out and chops one down for you!

## Practising your message

You use the action button of your left hand control as your Morse key. Though not as sensitive as an official key, it is perfectly adequate at the lower speeds and your Philips computer helps by allowing you to exaggerate your short dots and long dashes!

ENJOY HOURS OF FUN AND LEARN A SKILL THAT COULD PROVE VERY USEFUL ONE DAY WITH MORSE CODE VIDEOGAC. AT YOUR DEALER SOON FOR AROUND £13.95.



A	• —	N	— •
B	— •••	O	— — —
C	— ••••	P	— ••••
D	— ••	Q	— — ••
E	•	R	•••
F	••••	S	•••
G	— — ••	T	—
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J	• — — —	W	• — —
K	— ••	X	— •••
L	• — ••	Y	— • — —
M	— —	Z	— — ••

**Drink to a  
great videogame  
with this super  
special offer!**

**only 99p incl. p & p.**

Our special offer this time is a real china fun-mug specially made for Philips by the Prince William Pottery! And at a baby price, too – only 99p for each one you order, inclusive of postage and packing! Whether or not you're a 'Crazy Chase' owner (you're missing a lot of laughs if you're not!), treat yourself – or the whole family – to a real Philips bargain. Send your order with a cheque or postal order for the full amount made out to the G7000 Videogames Club, together with your name, address and membership number, to the Club address: 345a Station Road, Harrow, Middlesex HA1 2XP. Please allow 28 days for delivery.



## Prize Competition Number 8

### VIDEO-CROSSWORD

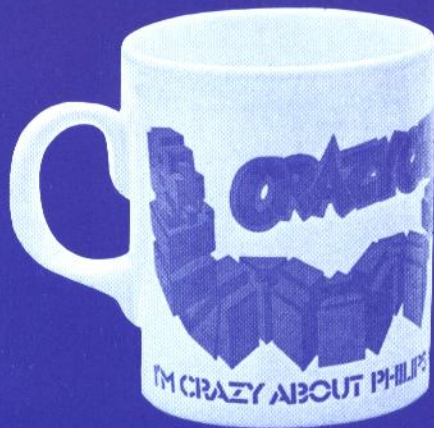
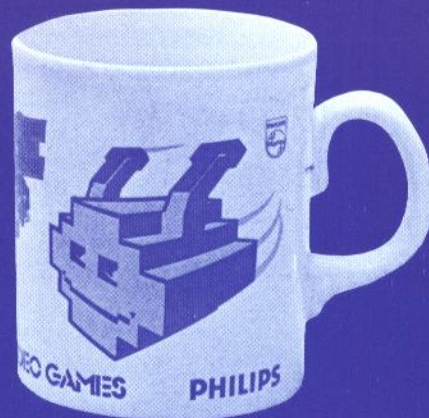
Another challenge for you word-experts! Photocopy or cut out your completed entry and send it to 'Prize Competition Number 8, Philips Videogames Club, 345a Station Road, Harrow, Middlesex HA1 2XP by closing date 31 August 1983. Prize will be the videogame of your choice!

#### Clues across

(1) You could make one with our latest video-board game! (7), (5) Fight this kind of war with Videopac 18 (5), (9) Videopac 22 challenges you to fight the Space version of this! (7), (10) The Code you can learn with our new Videopac (5), (11) Rip (4), (12) A precious document to find your way around with (4-3), (14) Live (6), (16) Vegetable (6), (19) Long-continued (7), (21) Little devils! (4), (24) Eskimo's home (5), (25) Small arboreal animal (7), (27) America's national bird (5), (28) Absorbing Videopac 15 game – even better than Othello! (7).

#### Clues down

(1) Favourite TV show that goes well with 1 across! (4), (2) Scope (5), (3) Said (7), (4) Mistakes (6), (5) Forest-dwelling mammal (5), (6) This chap's a certainty! (4-3), (7) Musical instrument made of grass! (4-4), (13) This makes perfect (8), (15) A painful limb (4-3), (17) Same (7), (18) Not down! (6), (20) Hang-man's loop (5), (22) Difficult question (5), (23) Acronym for Royal Marine Light Infantry (4).



## COMING SOON!!

Our next Newsletter is going to be a WHOPPER. We'll be telling you about some new and really exciting videogames! Continuing advances in design and techniques means Philips videogames get more exciting every time – just wait till you see this lot! Here's a brief 'taster' of just two:

### TERRAHAWKS®

In the far, far distant future you are a member of an elite group of highly-trained specialists entrusted with the task of defending Earth from outer space. You have at your command the most sophisticated weaponry your planet can offer.

You are a Terrahawk. And you have just received the following emergency flash:

'Alien forces have captured Mars... enemy plans Earth invasion... primary objective destroy Terrahawk organisation...'

Zelda – the malevolent Android – will be coming at you with flying saucers carrying rockets, anti-matter mines, green annihilators and the dreaded nucleonic space mines.

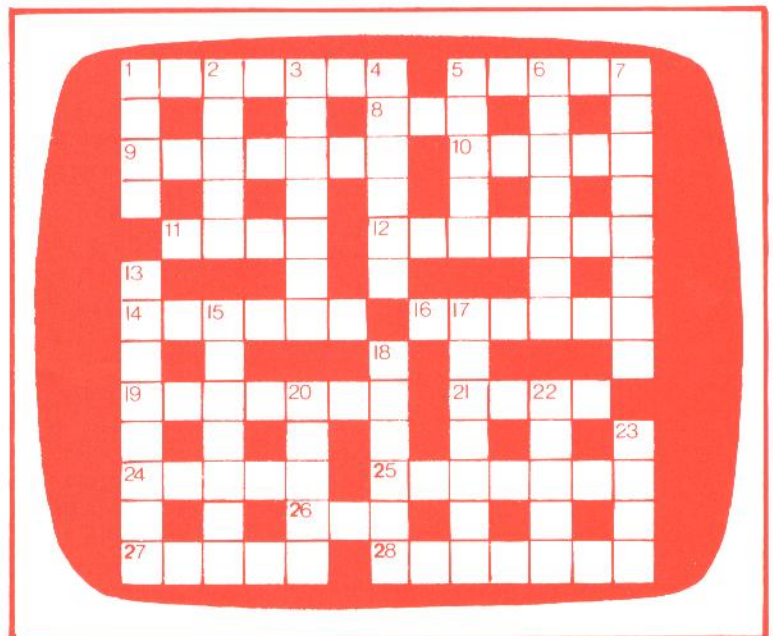
Can you defend Earth from all this?

Terrahawks © 1983 Anderson-Burr Pictures Ltd.

### MOUSING CAT

A great choice if you go for fast-moving fun games – no fewer than 8 of them come with this great videogame! They all feature a zany mouse whose only interest in life is CHEESE – and a crafty cat who's determined to stop him reaching the juicy morsels that appear at random on the screen! Play against a partner or the computer as the little mouse who makes good use of mystery mouse-holes in pursuit of the cheese (but will there be a CAT lurking at the end of it?) or the clever cat who builds mazes and traps to stop him from succeeding.

Make sure you don't miss your meals helping the mouse get his!



# SPOTLIGHT ON A GREAT GAME

## ELECTRONIC BILLIARDS



**Eat your heart out, Pot Black! Now every Philips Videogame owner can play their own TV billiards!**

Two realistic versions of popular American pocket billiards games will hold your entire family enthralled around the TV screen! Two players at a time play either 'Eight Ball' or 'Rotation', in both games determining the direction of shot by moving the cue with the joystick. The longer the action button is pressed the further the ball travels, but once it hits another ball the player loses control of its momentum. Your computer works out its most likely trajectory.

In 'Eight Ball' one of the 2 dark-coloured balls in a triangle of 10 balls must be pocketed. First to do it wins.

'Rotation' does not differentiate in value between light and dark balls. You simply take turns to pot as many as you can, the winner being he or she who pots most. One of the many variations possible with 'Rotation' is the option to give different colour balls greater or smaller values. And of course your Philips Videogame keeps an on-screen tally of the current score. Is there a Steve Davis in the house?



*prize winner*

*Eagle-eyed Steven Sweeney wins Prize Competition Number 6*

All 22 variations between the two illustrations in our 'Spot the Videopac 22 Difference' competition are circled here.

Finding every last one in these pictures depicting the fast and furious action of 'Space Monster' videogame was no easy matter – but judging from the number of correct entries we had Club members are a pretty sharp-eyed lot! Steven Sweeney, of 32 Fairlawns, Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex, was first out of the hat, so he wins his choice of videogame – Munchkin. Happy munching, Steven!

## NATIONAL COMIC COMPETITION WINNERS

As promised in your favourite comic – here are the results of the Philips videogame anagram competition. The answers were: WEAR A SARI = AIR SEA WAR (Videopac 4) RAW REALS = LASER WAR (Videopac 18) CHEASY CZAR = CRAZY CHASE (Videopac 44) The following are the 50 lucky winners of our uproarious 'Crazy Chase' videogame. But first, a selection of the funniest endings to the tie-breaker sentence 'My Dad says the G7000 is . . . ' that won the day for the lucky 50:

'switched off at bedtime (but I can hear the lasers firing and the monsters winning!)' from Stefan Millson of Lincoln.

'a piece of electronic wizardry that makes Merlin look like an apprentice' from James Shaw of Tayside.

'Value In Depth, Easy On Price And Colourful' from Neil Salmon of County Durham.

'A super set, showing sensationally splendid space selection, shootouts, sporting skills and small-sized prices' from Tim Williams of Gwent.

'The fastest thing on two joysticks' from Steven Baker of Loughton.

'Perfect, Hilarious, Ingenious, Lively, Irresistible, Phenomenal, Superb' from Michael Burland of Sheffield.

### NAME

S N Adamson  
Ray Addison  
Mark Aldridge  
Wayne Alger  
Mark Atkin

Steven Baker  
Paul Barker  
Wendy Bateman  
Shane Bellamy  
Beth  
Dawn Blundell  
Tracey Breeze  
Master S Bright  
Ben Brown  
Jeff Brown  
Michael Burland  
Michael Burns

Ross Capel  
Sean Coultard  
Mark Dasey  
William Fry  
Robert Giles  
Nicholas Gilkes  
G Courley  
J Hayes  
D Heppenstall  
Rodney Jenkins  
Martin Keywood  
Robert Kilduff

Andrew Kilson  
Scott Lindsay  
Patrick McDonald  
Stefan Millson  
Stephen Monk  
Carl Pemberton  
Jason Perrett  
Magnus Redgrave  
Jacqui Rutherford  
Neil Salmon  
James Shaw  
Gary Smedley

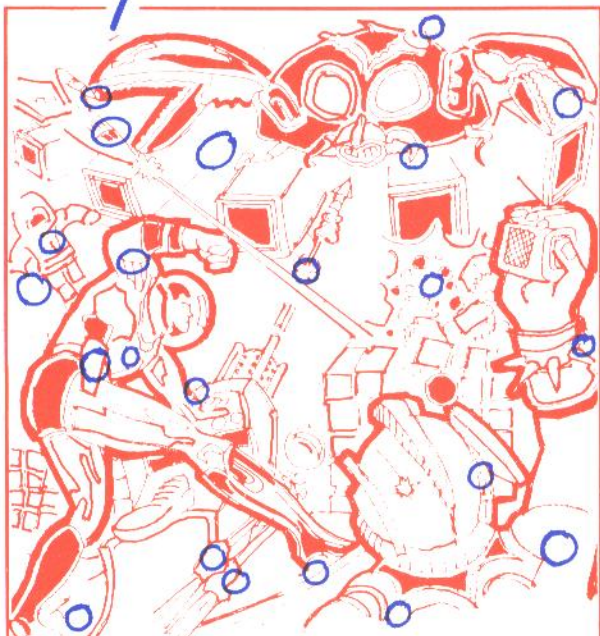
C Spooner  
Daniel Stephens  
Andy Taylor  
Mr P Thorne  
Matthew Tidy  
S Webster  
Tim Williams  
Derek Wright  
Stuart Youlden

### TOWN

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Romford  
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Sunderland  
Sheffield  
Newcastle  
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Yardley Village  
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Manchester  
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Southall  
Co. Kildare  
Ireland

Tyne and Wear  
Clydebank  
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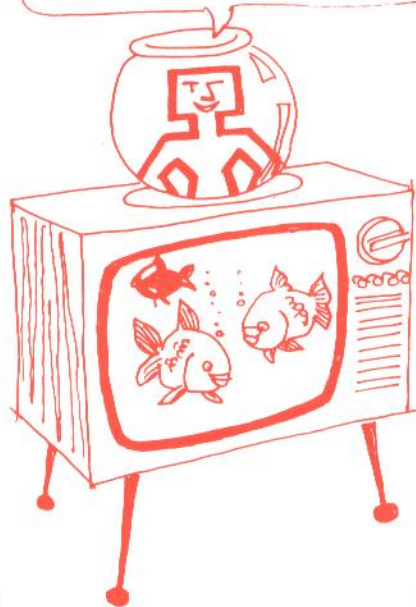
# CLUB PIN BOARD

Don't forget all letters from you that we publish win you £5! That includes playing tips, suggestions for games and even good jokes! So if you have any videogame jokes, let's have 'em!

An interesting tip comes from David Keen, of 209 Francis Road, Leyton, London E10.

'I am writing to tell you I have thought of an idea to make your G7000 games even more impossible to beat. Line up a mirror with the TV screen and look into the mirror. Everything is reversed so when you want to go right you will really be going left.'

ER... CAN YOU PLEASE  
PRESS THE RESET BUTTON



## Space Monster

Down from the black void  
Flashing steel claws  
A valiant pilot's  
Attention draws.

The eyes of an eagle  
And nerves of steel  
A button marked Fire  
The pilot can feel.

The monster's not stupid  
The monster's not slow  
To win this battle  
No mercy he'll show.

The lasers come whining  
The pilot to save  
The monster is burnt out  
Now Space is his grave.

This great poem was sent in by John Scarr, aged 11, of 19 Grasmere Close, Ferry-Fryston, Castleford, Yorks.

## COLLECT ALL THE NEWSLETTERS

If you're new to the Club and would like back copies of Newsletters, write to Debbie at the Club address. She's the girl to help you!

## PEN-PALS GALORE!

Well, we asked for it! Such was the response to our invitation for Club members to join a Pen-Pal list, that there simply isn't room to print all the names and addresses in the Newsletter as we originally planned! What we've done instead, as everyone who's written so far already knows, is circulate to each Club member who has applied to join the list a complete list of names and addresses of all potential Pen-Pals. We'll continue to do this - so if you'd like to be added to that list write to Sharon, Membership Secretary, at the Club address, giving your name, address and membership number and marking your envelope 'Pen-Pals'. If you're under 18, don't forget to ask your parent's or guardian's permission first.

## Changing your address?

If so write to Sharon at Philips Videogames Club, 345a Station Road, Harrow, Middlesex HA1 2XP, quoting your membership number and new address. That way you won't miss anything important from the Club.