





# PROGRESS



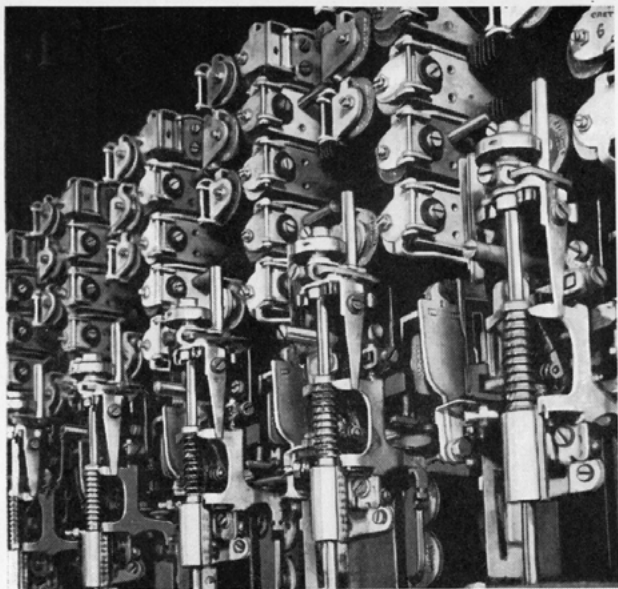
The Post Office Satellite Communications Ground Station at Goonhilly Downs. Fitting the new stainless steel reflecting surface to the aerial in readiness to take part in the world's first commercial satellite communications system



Staff poster showing the Post Office's satellite station at Goonhilly Downs (1960s)

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## BUZZ, CLICK, RAT-A-TAT-TAT . . .

Buzzing, clicking, rat-a-tat-tat—tiny wheels turning, switches interlocking, impulses passed on—your robot telephone exchange at work—buzzing, clicking, rat-a-tat-tat . . . Ten thousand telephone numbers, ten million soldered joints—what do such figures mean? The incredible ingenuity of man in the service of man—automatic telephony, the dial system, almost human in its operation, uncannily efficient—buzzing, clicking, rat-a-tat-tat . . .

*The Post Office invites you to see the automatic dial system at work. Ring up your local telephone exchange for an appointment*

# TELEPHONE

*An advertisement of the Post Office Telephone Service.*



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## Automatic exchange advert (1930s)

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**UNSEEN BUT UNCEASING . . .**

## Wartime publicity poster (1943)



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# HOW TO DIAL

Before commencing to dial lift receiver and wait for dialling tone (a purring sound)

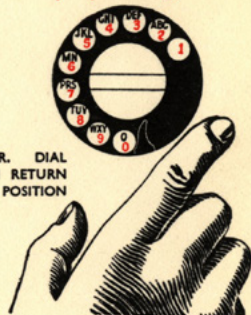


**1**  
INSERT FINGER IN  
HOLE SHOWING FIRST  
LETTER OF NAME OF  
EXCHANGE REQUIRED

**2**  
TURN DIAL TO  
FINGER-STOP



**3**  
LIFT FINGER. DIAL  
WILL THEN RETURN  
TO NORMAL POSITION



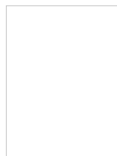
REPEAT FOR 2ND AND 3RD LETTERS OF EXCHANGE NAME AND FOR FOUR FIGURES

## FREE EMERGENCY CALLS

DO NOT INSERT COINS. LIFT RECEIVER,  
DIAL 999 AND ASK EXCHANGE FOR

## FIRE, POLICE, AMBULANCE

## ‘How to dial’ notice, introducing the world’s first 999 service (1937)



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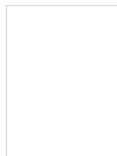
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## Publicity poster showing the London international telephone exchange (c.1938)



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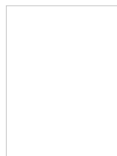
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## Continental exchange in Faraday Building, London (1930s)



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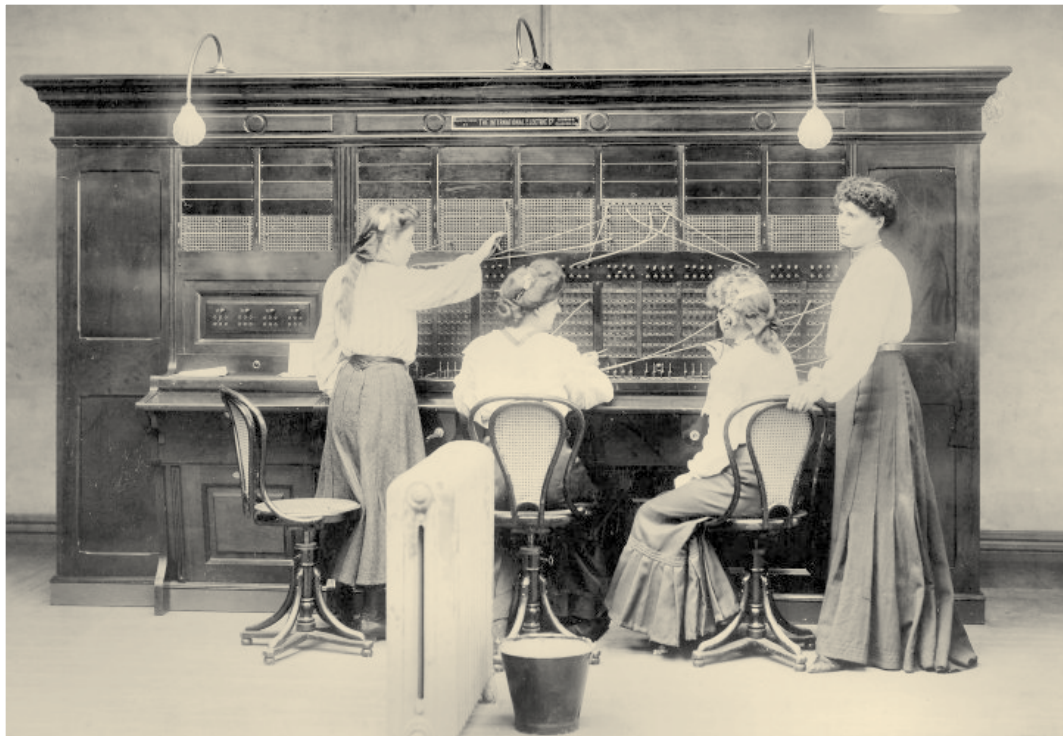
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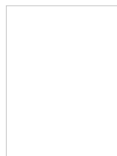
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## Telephonists at switchboard (c.1900)



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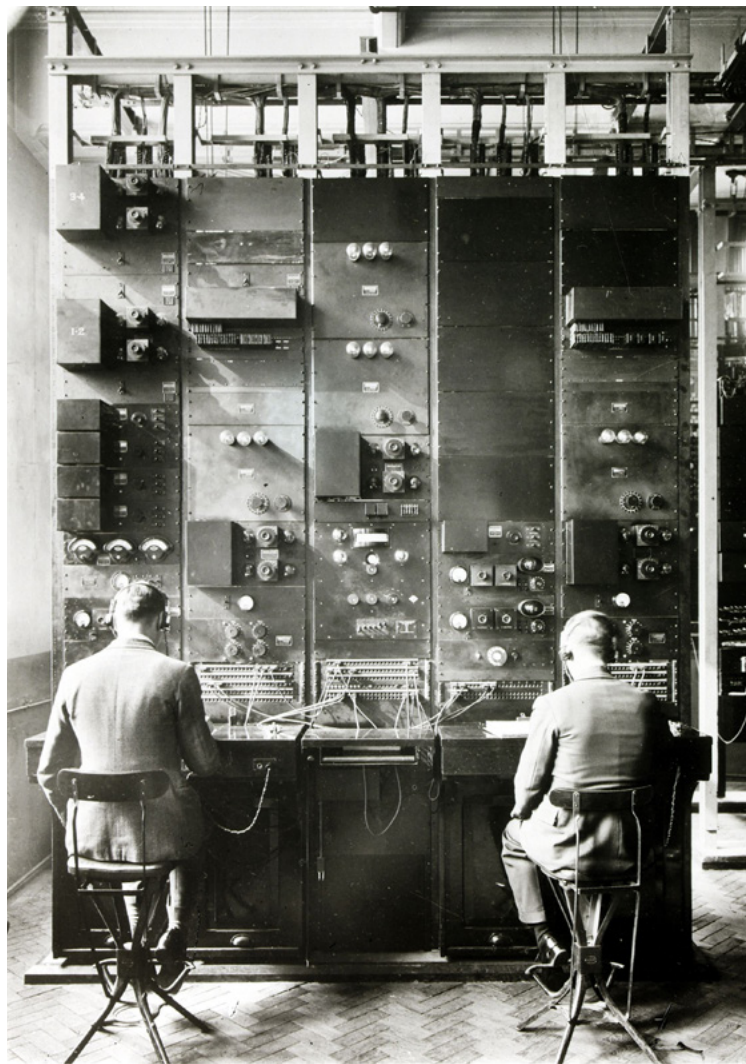
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## Control positions in Faraday Building, London (1930s)

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*TELL the glad news*  
*by TELEGRAPH!*

### Advertising poster (1936)

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