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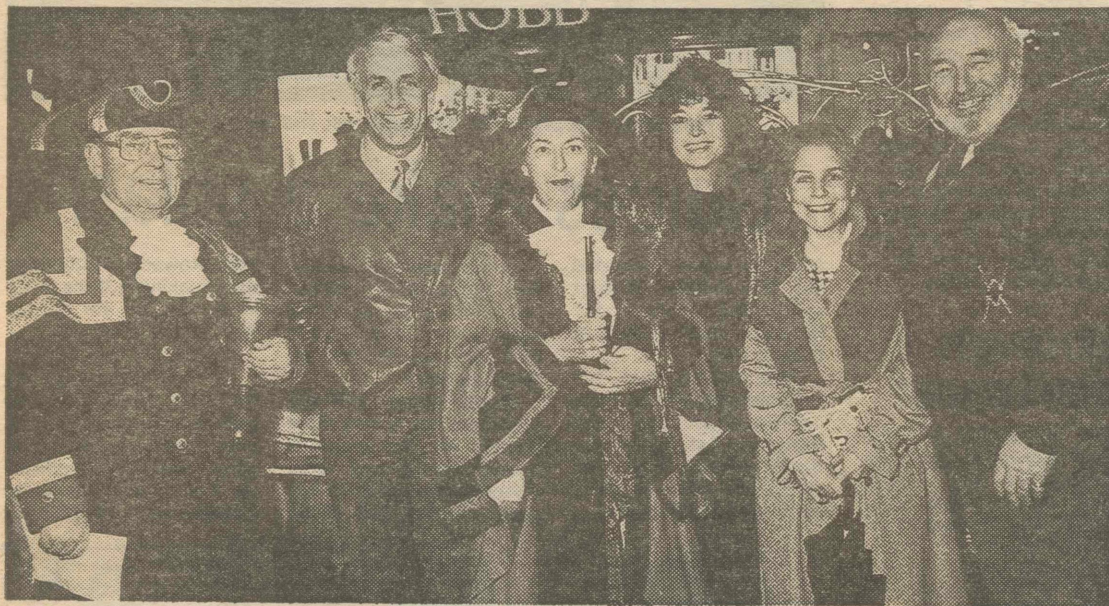


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We're all switched on



CROWDS of Guildford shoppers turned out to watch the grand switching-on of the Christmas lights last Thursday. The Mayor of Guildford, Mrs. Elizabeth Cobbett, arrived at the Guildhall in Cinderella's coach pulled by two Shetland ponies and accompanied by pantomime stars. The Guildford Philharmonic Choir and the Salvation Army Band added to the festive atmosphere, singing and playing carols.

The mayor threw the switch and the High Street burst into a

blaze of multi-coloured lights with glowing snowmen, Father Christmas figures, stars and bells. Fireworks — a noisy but exuberant surprise addition to the celebration — were set off just afterwards from the Castle Grounds.

• Pictured with the mayor, Mrs. Elizabeth Cobbett (centre), are (from left, the Town Crier, Mr. Arthur Peters, and stars of the pantomime *Cinderella* Don Maclean, Diane Solomon, Wendy Jane Walker and Bill Maynard.