

## THE COME OF THE “DIGITAL DECADE”

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A lot of things have changed since the come of the “digital decade”. As we enter the era of modern inventions, people’s ideology of living becomes very different, in comparison as it was fifty years ago. We got used to such new things, which very help us in everyday life, people from the nearest past couldn’t even dream about. Nowadays many people can’t think their existence without such props of modern living as: huge screen TV-set and powerful multi-channel music system, tidal wave of sound from which crashes around the house, VHS/DVD/MP3-player etc. We can’t live without computer, telephone, television. Their history is very interesting.

The computer has been another life-transforming invention. British mathematician Charles Babbage designed a form of computer in the mid-1830s, but it was not until more than a century later that theory was put into practice. Now, a whole generation has grown up with calculators, windows, icons, computer games and word processors, and the Internet and e-mail have transformed communication and information.

The invention that swept the world and changed leisure habits for countless millions was pioneered by Scottish-born electrical engineer John Logie Baird. It had been realised for some time that light could be converted into electrical impulses, making it possible to transmit such impulses over a distance and then reconvert them into light.

Edinburgh-born scientist Alexander Graham Bell patented his invention of the telephone in 1876. The following year, the great American inventor Thomas Edison produced the first working telephone. With telephones soon becoming rapidly available, the days of letter-writing became numbered.