

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:

The Mayor of Westminster is ready to switch on one of London's big Christmas displays - the Regent street decorations. Every year it's something different; this year it's Edwardian balloons. But as usual, it's a cheerful free-for-all - round the corner in Oxford Street where every shop has its own ideas, and carries them out, regardless; from the large-scale efforts on the big buildings (and very nice too) to the puppets in the window. Who cares if it clashes with the show next door? Who cares if the crowd's obstructing the pavement? Who cares if everybody's going to be late for supper? Certainly not the audience!

Look, it works like this - they've all got bits of string to them, and there's a sort of clockwork thing on top which a chap winds up in the morning, and that pulls the bits of string - see?

Thanks; the same to you!