

# Lady Typewriter

*di Gian Paolo Trivulzio*

**Curiosando su Internet ho trovato un sito dedicato alla "Signora Macchina per scrivere" (Lady Typewriter) con un contenuto snello ed interessante. La pagina iniziale di questo sito ([web.ukonline.co.uk/members/j.ridings](http://web.ukonline.co.uk/members/j.ridings)) riporta la foto dell'autrice, Janet M. Ridings di fronte ad una vecchia macchina da scrivere, accompagnata dalla seguente poesia.**

Collector of typewriters - yes that's me  
A very strange hobby I will agree.  
But from all my research I could soon see  
What an enthralling hobby it would be.  
Old typewriters - I have found but a few  
Some are old, some are rare, but none are new.  
But information is so hard to find  
About this invention for all mankind.  
Many men helped with ideas for this 'find',  
Too many to mention in a poem of this kind,  
Wheatstone, Ravizza, Mill and Thurber too  
Burt, Progin and Hughes to name but a few.  
Throughout the years it has been much improved  
From the one great-grandmother would have used.  
Sholes and Glidden were the inventive men  
Of "the machine to supersede the pen".  
I've collected photos and brochures too  
Along with advertisements and books anew.  
I'll keep on searching for all I can find,

So if any of you would be so kind!

*Janet M. Ridings*