

SPORTS & SOCIAL

August 1977

NEWS



FIRE BRIGADE GOLF SOCIETY

The first Annual Golf Society 'Individual Stroke Play Championship' was held at Knowle Golf Club, over 36 holes - Medal Play - on Monday 8th August 1977. A party of twelve members took part and found the course to be both interesting and challenging. Par of the course is 70, and although no new course records were set, the general standard of play was excellent.

This was a handicap event and the final positions were determined by each competitor's combined nett scores for the two rounds. The incentive for playing was six prizes ranging from the "Society Cup" (perpetual) plus a personnel trophy to golf balls.

Final positions were as follows:

- First: J.Dowse (16) A5 Patchway nett 142
- Second: A.Craig (18) 'A' Division HQ nett 152
- Third: P.Yeates (15) Brigade HQ nett 157
- Fourth: L.Watts (10) A1 Temple nett 158
- Fifth: R.Gibbs (15) B3 Paulton nett 164
- Sixth: M.Cox (8) B6 Speedwell nett 171

ACO.Steeple kindly agreed to come along to present the prizes and propose a vote of thanks to Knowle Golf Club for acting as hosts for this event. This gesture was very much appreciated by all society members.

This is also an opportunity to remind you that membership to the Golf Society is open to all Brigade personnel, both uniformed and civilian. Should anyone be interested please contact either A.Craig, 'A' Division HQ, or P.Yeates, Brigade HQ.

'A' DIVISION SKITTLES FINAL

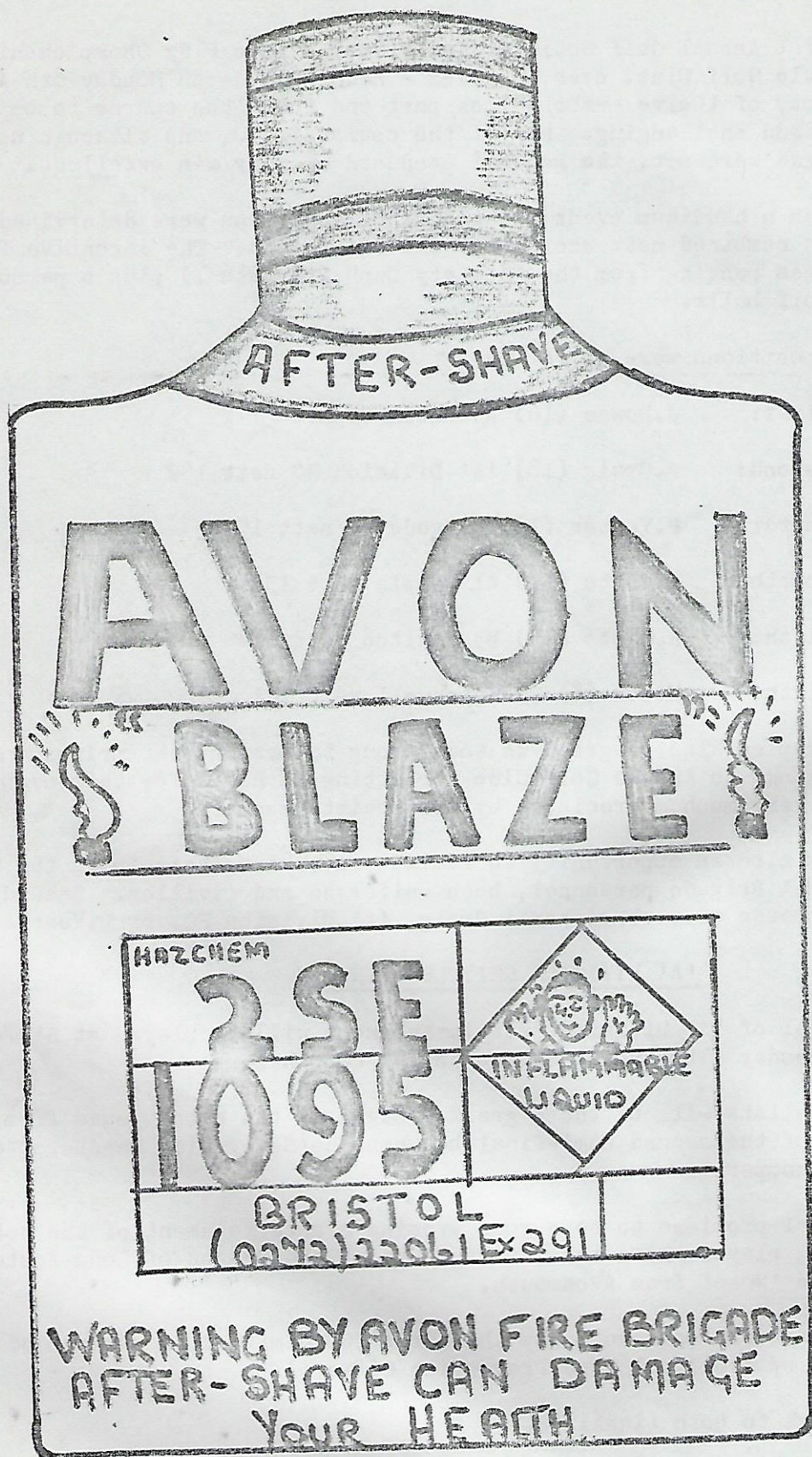
The final of 'A' Division Skittles Knockout will be played at St.Teresa's Social Club on Wednesday 24th August commencing at 2000 hrs.

The finalists will be those grand masters of the elbow games from A7 Yate and the winners of the second semi-final between the 'Sevenside Smashers' and the 'Thornbury Thumpers'.

The final promises to be a good evening's entertainment of the noble art of wood knocking played under the watchful eye of the "Baron of Long Ashton" and Chief Referee 'Nose' from Avonmouth.

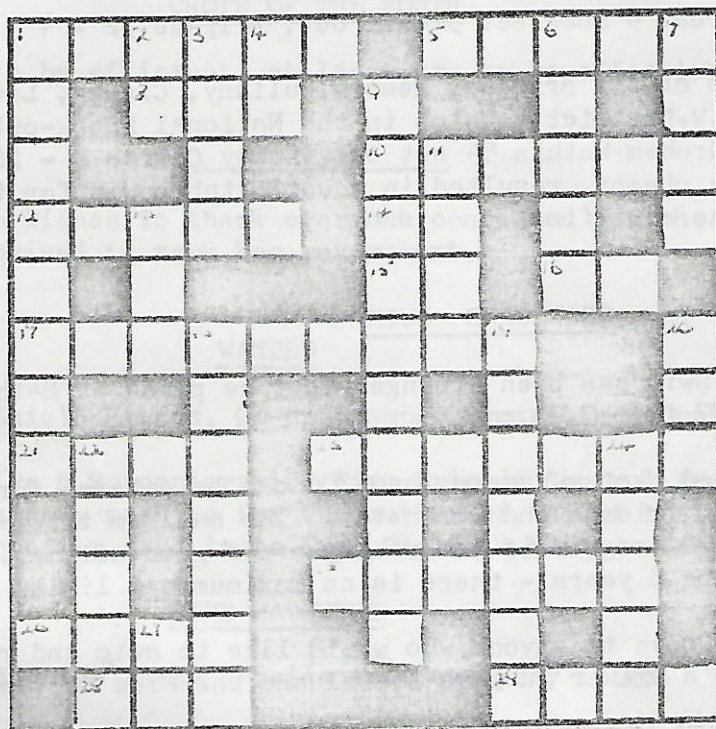
All spectators welcome, only the first 200 admitted (as maximum of 200 spectators has been set by the local Fire Prevention Officer).

Good luck to both finalists.



EVERY BOTTLE CARRIES A FIRE BRIGADE
HEALTH WARNING

THIS MONTHS CROSSWORD.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Lacks ardour (6)
5. Small wood perhaps (5)
8. With E makes a private school (3)
10. A comet or spaceship does this (6)
12. Not on your ---- (5)
14. Negative answer (2)
15. With 14 across and Nannette makes a show (2)
16. Tha' wot? (2)
17. Oil or make slippery (9)
21. A good workman can't blame this (4)
23. Foxes are against it (7)
25. Worry. (6)
26. Affix a signature (4)
28. It needs a small one to keep the big one turning (3)
29. An old Chinese game for kids and world champions (4)

CLUES DOWN

1. Forehead of animal (8)
2. Gin and ? (2)
3. Turning point in a chariot race (4)
4. Definitely not out! (2)
6. Comes before a fall (5)
7. Not difficult (4)
9. Of the same nature (10)
11. Origin (4)
13. High pitched movement (3)
18. Associated with stones, moss and a pop group (7)
19. The end of a river (7)
20. Pig at the table? (3)
22. Serves spirits under licence (5)
24. Ilia's nickname - not centre court (5)
27. Movement in falling over (2)

CRICKET

The Brigade team has made sure of at least a share in the S.W.Tournament. Four matches have been played and all won. Latest victories were:

v Dorset - Brigade 167 - 6 off 40 overs, Dorset 98 all out

v Somerset - Somerset 51 all out, Brigade 52 - 4

Four members of the Brigade, Messrs.Mullany, Clarke, Lovell and Watkin played for the S.W.District v Wales in the National Knock-out. Good performances by Graham Watkin 54 not out, Nobby Clarke 6 - 26, and by Geoff Lovell behind the stumps, resulted in a comfortable win for the District who play London in the semi-final.

SPONSORED SWIM

A Sponsored Swim has been arranged to take place at Bath Leisure Centre on 26th November 1977 from 7.00 pm.

It is intended that swimmers, and 300 can be catered for, will be sponsored by their families, friends and workmates. The maximum time allowed in the water is 15 minutes or 20 lengths if you really are a good swimmer. The minimum age for competitors will be 8 years - there is no maximum age limit.

The event is open to anyone who would like to swim and raise money for Her Majesty the Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal and the Fire Services National Benevolent Fund.

Notices will be circulated nearer the date when sponsorship forms will be available.

TO PULL OR BUST

Eastville Stadium on Saturday 23rd July witnessed a very rare event i.e. 16 Brigade personnel all pulling in the same direction. Inspired by the spirit of Mr.N.Steeple, who unluckily(?) was prevented from taking part by the vagaries of holiday transport, 16 personnel from A1, A2, A3, Brigade HQ, 'A' Div HQ and C5 managed to move a double decker bus a total of nearly 2 miles in 30 minutes. Officials of the Bristol Omnibus Company will be visiting Stations in due course to discover the secret of their success.

This sponsored event was held to raise money for the Bristol "Play Bus" Scheme and the Brigade were second in the event with 14 laps of the course, to the City Planners who covered 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ laps.

Grateful thanks to our Chief Sponsor, Mr.M.Parker of A3, whose prediction of the total number of laps covered proved to be a slight under-estimation.

Financial Planning Consultants Ltd. have offered their services to members of the Brigade. They say they are an independent firm and can offer advice on inflation-linked saving, income tax and general securities. Anyone interested should contact Ian Sutherland on Bristol 25257.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

If you can't be efficient, at least try to be effective.

"Glad" Mann wishes to thank everyone concerned for the good wishes and presents she received to mark her retirement.

WANTED

Any Green Shield Stamps, Co-op Stamps, Cigarette Coupons or Cash.

Herefordshire & Worcestershire Fire Brigade Control are trying to raise money to buy a kidney machine for the mother of one of their members. If you have anything to offer send it to Fred Field in Brigade Control.

BIRD WATCHERS

Can you recognise these species from everyday life:

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| <u>The Chicken</u> | sits all day and show no inclination to leave the office to see what's going on outside. |
| <u>The Mynah</u> | knows the rule book and keeps on quoting it. |
| <u>The Sparrow</u> | has a view on every subject, the less he knows the more he twitters. |
| <u>The Parrot</u> | finds his subordinates a job to do, then perches nearby and squawks. |
| <u>The Cuckoo</u> | lays his tasks in other people's laps. |
| <u>The Lark</u> | arrives before everybody - and makes sure they know it. |

ILLUMINATING

If you are interested in accommodation to see the 1977 Blackpool Illuminations at special Fire Service rates, contact Mrs.S.Arnold at 14 Warley Road, Blackpool. The mid-week offer quoted was for Monday - Friday, Bed & Breakfast and Evening Meal at £13 per person inclusive.

SOUTH WEST DISTRICT - 5 ASIDE FOOTBALL

The South West 5 aside Football Tournament will be held at Patchway School Sports Complex on Saturday 13th August 1977 commencing at 10.30 pm.

Two teams per Brigade will be taking part. Teams from Avon, Gloucestershire, Somerset, Devon, Dorset, Cornwall and Wiltshire will be competing for the Cup.

Last year's champions, none other than Avon, will be fighting hard to retain the trophy. Good luck, lads!

P.S. Spectators welcomed.

SUPER SPORTSMAN COMPETITION - NATIONAL FINAL

The Final of the Fire Services National Sports & Athletic Association Super Sportsman Final takes place at the Fire Service Technical College, Moreton-in-Marsh Gloucestershire, on Sunday 21st August 1977.

Three competitors will represent each of the Districts in the Fire Service (including Scotland and Wales). One of the three representatives of the South West District will be Fm. Paul Kennedy of Station B6 Speedwell.

Supporters welcomed to view this grand final for the Fire Services Super Sportsman. If you are interested in supporting Paul then contact Ernie Coghlan (A1 White Watch) or Alan Totterdell (A2 Southmead) for transport arrangements.

We wish Paul all the best of luck.

Footnote: Bobby Baird of B1 Bath will be keeping goal for the penalty competition. Congratulations on your selection, Bob.

BADMINTON AND SQUASH CLUB - BADMINTON COMPETITION

The Badminton section held its first Brigade competition at Ashton Court Country Club on 1st July 1977. After a rather late start, games soon got under way. Some 20 players took part in both a singles and doubles competition. Because of the numbers involved a table system was used to eliminate contestants up to quarter finals in the singles event, whilst the doubles event was played on a straight knockout basis.

Steve Bull (A1) and Phil Deane (A1) won the doubles competition from Graham Watkin (A7 FP) and Richard Brimmell (HQ).

In the singles competition, Roger Strickland ('C' HQ), Peter Holland ('A' HQ), Phil Deane, Alan Totterdell (A2), Graham Watkin, Chris Weedon (A1), John Gardner (A7) and Mike Williams (A3) got through to the final eight. In the semi finals, Phil Deane played John Gardner and Alan Totterdell played Graham Watkin, both games being hard fought.

The final was played between Phil Deane and Alan Totterdell, Phil Deane winning after two games.

Norman Steeples presented trophies to the winners and runners-up in both competitions.

CALLING ALL PHILATELISTS

FOR THE UNINITIATED THAT'S "STAMP COLLECTING".

FOR THE BETTER INFORMED??? THAT'S THE COLLECTION OF ALL ITEMS THAT ARE PRODUCED FOR THE POSTAL SERVICES WHICH, IN TURN, ARE FOR THE USE OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

In future editions of the news sheet, now that it is under new management (StnO.Richard Brimmell, Brigade HQ), I hope to be able to explain all the philatelic terms that are used in this hobby and perhaps encourage the "UNINITIATED" to take up a new hobby.

The first thing you must do is to get rid of the idea that this hobby is the collection of "Pretty pieces of coloured paper with glue on them" when, in official terms, as laid down by the Universal Postal Union it states that "A stamp is your official receipt for monies paid over the Post Office counter for services to be applied and given to each item, letter, packet, parcel or licence. The aforementioned stamp must be placed on the said packet, parcel or letter in the top right corner and clear of the address, this stamp will be cancelled on receipt of the item concerned by the Post Office in the region covered by that office, this signifies that the Post Office has accepted responsibility for that item throughout its journey to the place of destination, 1st or 2nd class post. If, on the other hand, an item is posted without a stamp on it, it will still get the same care and attention but will only go by 2nd class post, but you will pay twice the amount of 2nd class postage, this applies to letters only, all other items are charged at twice the underpaid amount....."

That, basically, is what a Postage Stamp is for

Since 1840

1977 and 1978 Programme of Special Stamp Issues for Great Britain:-

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| 5th October | (5 stamps) British Wildlife.
These will be issued in se-tenant strips of 5.
(Otter, Hedgehog, Hare, Badger and the Red Squirrel). |
| 23rd November | Christmas issue set of 4 stamps. |
| January 1978. | The first special issue of the year will deal with "ENERGY".
The North Sea oil industry will be featured along with other sources of energy. |
| March 1978 | Historic Buildings.
One of the stamps will show the Tower of London.
1978 marks the 900th anniversary of its foundation. |
| May 1978 | Queen's Coronation.
Another Royal occasion to celebrate - the 25th anniversary.
(Don't throw away your flags, get them ready for next time). |
| July 1978 | This is the centenary year of the Shire Horse Society. A set of stamps will be issued featuring the shire horse and other famous horse breeds. |
| August 1978 | Cycling. This is also the centenary year of the Cyclists Touring Club and the British Cycling Federation. |

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The programme will be completed with the issue of the Christmas stamps.

Precise details as regards dates of issue, values and designs of the stamps will be announced at a later date in this news sheet. Meanwhile, if you have a stamp problem or want information then contact Fm. 'TED' Street at A2 Southmead ext 221.

IF YOU DON'T COLLECT STAMPS THEN LET US KNOW ABOUT YOUR HOBBY
VIA THE NEWS SHEET.

The objective of all dedicated Brigade employees should be to analyse thoroughly all situations, anticipate all problems prior to their occurrence, have answers for these problems and move swiftly to solve these problems when called upon.....

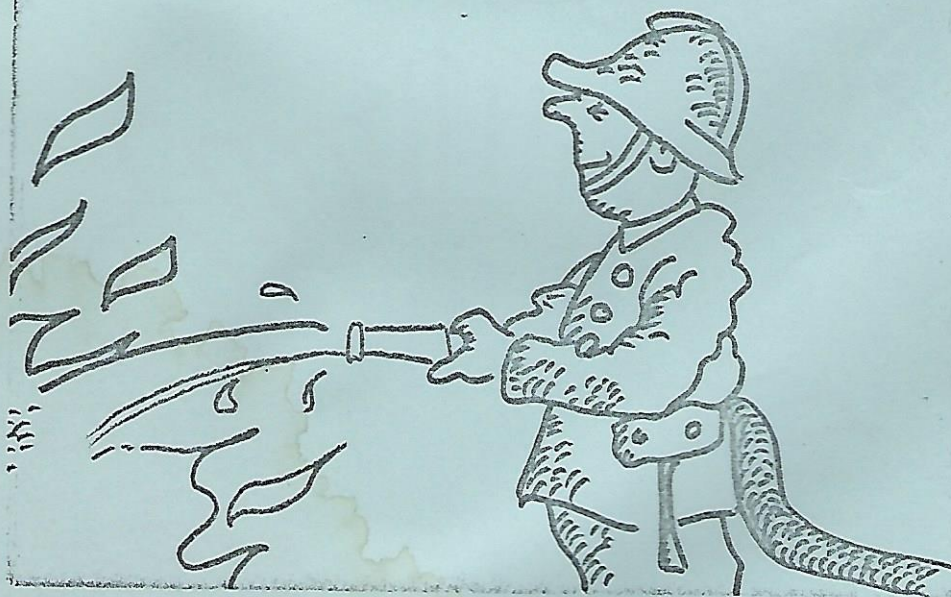
However, when you are up to your ar-armspits in alligators, it is difficult to remind yourself that your initial objective was to drain the swamp.

Solution to this issue's crossword.

ACROSS 1. Frigid; 5. Copse; 8. Ton; 10. Orbits; 12. Nelly;
14. No; 15. No; 16. Eh; 17. Lubricate; 21. Tool;
23. Hunting; 25. Harass; 26. Sign; 28. Cog; 29. Yoyo.

DOWN 1. Frontlet; 2. It; 3. Goal; 4. In; 6. Pride; 7. Easy;
9. Connatural; 11. Root; 13. Lob; 18. Rolling; 19. Estuary;
20. Hog; 22. Optic; 24. Nasty; 27. Go.

The boy
stood on the
burning deck,
his pocket
full of
crackers...



This is the introduction to the 1977 competition organised by Hestair Dennis Limited. Because of the number of humorous entries received last year, they have decided that this year's competition should be based on a three verse limerick, together with a coloured sketch illustrating a Fire Service situation. The well-known ditty above does not have to be used. Only ten entry forms are held by the Staff Office so would all those budding cartoonists/poets please contact Richard Brimmell for their entry form and rules. All entries have to be returned to the organisers by 19th September 1977.