

SPORTS & SOCIAL

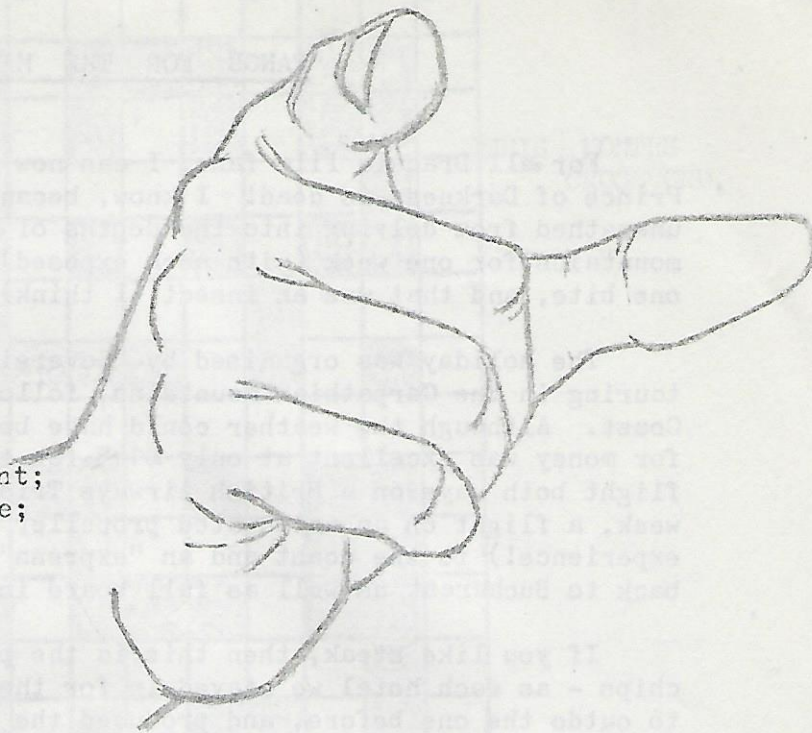
JUNE, 1977.

NEWS



YOUR MAGAZINE
NEEDS YOU.

If you have:-
an item of interest;
an article for sale;
knowledge of a forthcoming event;
a printable short story or joke;
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FIRE SERVICES NATIONAL BENEVOLENT FUND
GRAND CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH

KEYNSHAM FIRE STATION (BS)V. RADIO BRISTOL

TO BE HELD AT BROADLANDS PLAYING FIELDS, BRISTOL ROAD,
KEYNSHAM ON SUNDAY 10th JULY 1977.

The event includes a Children's Fancy Dress Competition which starts
at 2.00 p.m.; sideshows and refreshments.

Admission by programme (25p), children free and O.A.P's 10p.

Surprise guests are expected to join the "Calicokids".

Programmes are available from Keynsham, or the Staff Office at Headquarters

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CARAVAN RALLY - 14th/16th APRIL 1978

To be held at Bashley Park, New Milton, Hampshire.

Dance/Social organised for Saturday night. Licensed Club facilities.
Further details and rally slips from R.C. Hill, 75, Western Way, Salisbury,
(23983). Closing date 30th September 1977.

All proceeds will be donated to the Fire Services National Benevolent Fund.

FANGS FOR THE MEMORY

For all Dracula film fans, I can now put your minds at ease - the Prince of Darkness is dead! I know, because I have just come back unscathed from delving into the depths of Transylvania. After touring the mountains for one week (with neck exposed), I managed to return with only one bite, and that was an insect (I think).

The holiday was organised by "Sovereign" and consisted of one week touring in the Carpathian mountains, followed by a week on the Black Sea Coast. Although the weather could have been better, the service and value for money was excellent at only £145 for the two weeks, which included a flight both ways on a British Airways Trident, a coach tour for the first week, a flight on an antiquated propeller driven Russian aircraft (what an experience!) to the coast and an "express" train journey (not to be missed) back to Bucharest as well as full board in excellent hotels.

If you like steak, then this is the place for you - but don't expect chips - as each hotel we stayed in for the first week (four altogether) tried to outdo the one before, and produced the most tender meat imaginable. We also sampled several Romanian dishes including Stuffed Vine Leaves, Stuffed Green Peppers and Goulash - all very tasty. Most meals were finished with sweet gooey mini-gateaux which the locals obviously ate in great quantities, as they were about 5 feet high and 5 feet round.

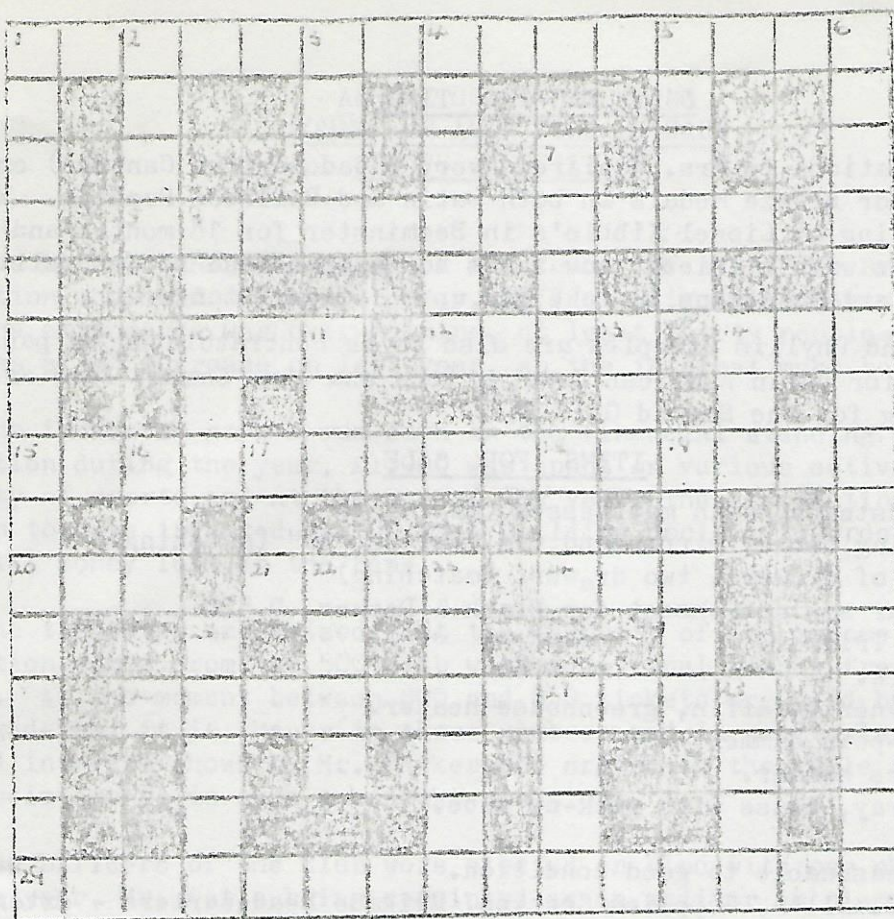
Don't ask for Whisky because one measure will knock you back about £2.50. The bottled beer is drinkable and only slightly dearer than this country, and the better wine (Romanian Reisling) is delicious and reasonable. Don't drink the cheap local wine unless you like vinegar.

After two or three days you begin not to notice the everpresent armed police and army, who have done a wonderful job at clearing away the earthquake damage. The predominant fashion in the towns is the mini and bouffant hair-styles - dresses below the knee cause quite a stir!

Although Romania is a communist country, the majority of the people are peasants, who live in one-roomed homes, with a well in the garden for water and a hole in the ground for the loo. In many areas they still use horses to plough the land.

This was certainly a holiday with a difference, seeing a country greener and more fertile than Britain, with more trees than are imaginable. There are no bingo halls, amusement arcades or icecream parlours, but a poor people trying to afford to live. It was a holiday which makes you appreciate the freedom of this country, and makes you grateful for everything we take for granted. Definitely a holiday to remember!

Viv Gregory,
HQ Registry



THIS MONTH'S
CROSSWORD.

CLUES ACROSS.

1. Irregular fighting by large apes.(8.7).
8. Important to the future of the fire service(11).
10. Highly repeated at short intervals.(abbreviation).
12. Boats used on the Thames for racing(4).
14. Posh way to slide over snow(3).
15. Against the holy three(15):.
20. Given food.(3).
21. The shoulder part of the neck piece of beef(4).
24. A black one is used in Parliament(3).
26. What all sensible people want(11).
29. Every well appointed railway station should have one(15).

CLUES DOWN.

1. Gentle male agriculturist(9.6).
2. To drop an R leaves Eve(4).
3. Grimacing Shakespearean king(4).
4. Not well(6).
5. Sham attack(5).
6. The belief that all our ideas stem from experience(15).
7. Industrial fog.
9. Postscript(5).
11. Opposite to near(3).
13. Large expanse of salt water(3).
14. Well known brand of Yoghurt suitable for eating when performing 14 across
16. Familiar way to address Mr Heath.
17. Sheepish irritation from a clock.
18. There is a famous one at Glastonbury.
19. A work having two faces forming a salient towards the enemy(5).
22. Stranger to the truth.
23. Bullet banned by the Geneva Convention(6).
25. Drink popular in Moreton-in-Marsh(5).
27. Carries water(4).
28. Beginner(4).

DANCING TIME

Congratulations to Mrs. Winifred Avery (Headquarters Canteen) on passing examinations for Bronze Medals in both Latin and Ballroom Dancing. Winnie has only been dancing at Lionel Kibble's in Bedminster for 18 months and having started lessons with a friend, now takes her husband and son as well. Winnie has already started lessons to take her up to Silver standard.

Norman and Phyllis Steeples are also to be congratulated on passing their examinations for Latin American Dancing (cha cha cha, Samba, Jive and Cuban Rumba) and qualifying for the Second Gold Bar.

ITEMS FOR SALE

Two single bedsteads, with mattresses (matching)	£4.00 each
One oak dressing table, mirror and two drawers, 30" (matching)	£8.00
One oak chest of drawers, two drawers. (matching)	£7.00
One 5" circular saw attachment for Black & Decker. D.520	£1.00
One 12" Hedge Trimmer. " " " " " "	£3.00
One potato fork.	£3.00
One single burner paraffin, greenhouse heater.	£3.00
One 2-lb ball-pein hammer.	£1.50
One bricklayers hammer.	£1.50
One garden spray, brass with pick-up tube.	£1.50
	(o.n.o.)

All in reasonable to good condition.

Contact C. Allen, Supplies Section, Brigade Headquarters - extension 248

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
COUNTY OF AVON FIRE BRIGADE
SPORTS ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the County of Avon Fire Brigade Sports Association was held on the 24th May, 1977 at Brigade Headquarters. Once again the attendance was overwhelming, at least thirty people turned up which was a 33% increase on last year, so the interest must be gaining!

The treasurer gave a run down on the financial standing of the Association during the year, £1,900 was spent on various activities covering a variety of sports and at the end of the year, the Association were in a position to have invested £1,000 in a Building Society towards a ground fund with still money left in the bank.

The treasurer emphasised that the majority of the income to the Association comes from the 500 Club with additional grants from the County of Avon. At the moment between 800 and 850 tickets are held by members of the Brigade and it is thanks to those members and in particular to the hard work and interest shown by Mr. Tasker who organises the whole affair, that the Association is in such a healthy position.

The officers of the Club were elected en bloc with one change from the previous year, Mr. Astle being appointed as an auditor in place of Mr. Lloyd who has left the Brigade.

Section reports were given to the meeting and special mention was made of the achievement of the football team going from the Wednesday League to the Senior Suburban League and winning the championship at the first attempt.

The "Super Sportsman" Competition would become a permanent feature locally notwithstanding the outcome of the national competition and a perpetual trophy would be provided.

The sub-committee dealing with the provision of a sports ground for the Association reported that a parcel of land in the Frenchay area had been offered by the County Council. Further investigations would have to be made however, as the ground was limited in size and would accommodate either a football pitch or rugby pitch together with changing rooms. The question of planning permission for building still had to be investigated before deciding whether the proposition was a viable one or not.

An inter-services football match between the Fire Service and Army had been given to the Association to stage in March 1978. The Committee had agreed to do this and it was hoped to use the Bristol Rovers Ground.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

People who say money isn't everything, usually don't have any. But people who try to convince others that money isn't everything, usually have plenty.

GOLFERS WIN NATIONAL TROPHY

The County of Avon Fire Brigade Golf Team have won the Major Trophy in Fire Brigade Golfing Circles. The Competition, called the Sheriff Cup, took place over two days in Dorset.

The first day comprised of fourball betterball stroke play at Came Down (Dorchester) and the final day was single stroke play at the Weymouth course.

144 contestants took part, representing 36 Brigades from all parts of the British Isles. The Avon team comprising of:-

Leading Fireman Brian Love (Captain) (Bath) (Handicap 12)

Divisional Officer Peter Yeates (Headquarters) (Handicap 15)

Fireman Leslie Watts (Temple) (Handicap 10)

Fireman Michael Cox (Speedwell) (Handicap 9)

scored a 442 net points which gave them a clear win of 5 points. This was the first time that the trophy, a large silver cup, has been won by a team from the South West. The Trophy was presented by Chief Fire Officer Tom Burn of Staffordshire, in his capacity as President of the British Fire Services Sports and Athletics Association.

FIRE SERVICES SPORTS AND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The final of the South West District "Super Sportsman" competition was held at Taunton Rugby Ground on 1st June 1977.

Representatives from Avon, Cornwall, Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wiltshire took part. Unfortunately both Devon and Dorset had to cancel their entries at the last moment. However, there were 15 competitors who all enjoyed the brilliant sunshine and healthy competition.

As with most competitions, the result was not clear until after the final event, the One Mile Run. Although Paul Kennedy (Speedwell) had an easy victory in this, it only gave him third place with 30 points. First was "Biscuit" Hurner from Wiltshire with 42 points and in second place F. Bennett of Somerset with 32 points. Peter Holland ('A' Div. HQ) came fifth with 25 points and Geoff Bates (Yate) came twelfth with 9 points.

A silver trophy was presented to the winner and runner-up by the Deputy Chief Officer of Somerset, Nigel Musselwhite, and the National Finals are expected to be held in August at Moreton-in-Marsh Fire Service Technical College.

MAIN COMMENT FOR PHILATELISTS.

Change throughout this issue, offers itself as an appropriate theme for comment. Reminiscence of the quarter-century since the accession of HER MAJESTY sharpens the realisation of change in the world of philately, a relatively miniscule world, but, nonetheless, one affected enormously by the events of the universe. In 1952, jet-travel and jet-mail by de Havilland "Comet" was just around the corner - a Great British 'first' which changed the world of civil flight; a 'First' commemorated by a modest spate of First-flight covers and conspicuous by an absence of special 'prestige' adhesive stamps from a heel-dragging G.P.O. Big business ensured that later world (and Moon) events lined the coffers both official and private.

It may be argued that these events and issues brought new collectors to the hobby. But the new enthusiasts and the juniors, the source of replenishment for adult membership so essential for the survival of the hobby of 'Stamp Collecting' must be made most welcome by the Philatelic Societies.

Whatever their interests when they join, newcomers must be gently shown the difference between building worthwhile resaleable collections and merely assembling collections of pretty-pretty but worthless trivia.

Potential 'true' Philatelists will retain society membership.

Those unable to accept the hobby as tending towards the serious study of stamp and cover will in all probability leave, a change beneficial both to their pockets and to the reputation of Philately.....

Fuller details regarding societies in Bristol can be obtained from :-

Fm 'TED' Street at station A/2 Southmead Tel:- Int 221 or Exchange Tel Bristol 626208

Details of next seasons programme will be published at a later date, if you are interested you will be made most welcome, it does not matter at what stage of collecting your collection has reached, these societies are run by collectors for collectors both junior 14 to 18 years and adults.

" Watch this space for further information concerning YOU."

Silver Jubilee of the Queen's Accession

Commemorative Issue 11 May 1977

Stamp issues for Royal Silver Jubilee are comparatively infrequent. The Post Office issued such a set only once before in 1935 to celebrate twenty five years of the reign of King George V. As with the 1935 issue, the design is built around a portrait of the Monarch and in this case with two decorative initials ER. Also incorporated in the design are the words Silver Jubilee and the dates 1952-1977.

Printing Details

Designer: Professor Richard Guyatt CBE
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Perforation: 15 x 14

Sheet Size: 100

Phosphor: Overall

Paper: Coated Unwatermarked

Gum: PVA Dextrin

Values and Colours: 8½p Pale blue, grey, deep olive, black, silver. 10p Ochre, grey, royal blue, black, silver. 11p Rose pink, grey, deep magenta. 13p Olive yellow, grey, agate, black, silver.





"No, you can't have time off now".

CYCLES - MOPED - MOTOR CYCLES

Top Bikes of Bristol, 140, Stapleton Road, have offered a 10% discount to Brigade members on all repairs of the above. They can also arrange collection and delivery.

OBITUARY

It is with regret that we noted the death on 4th June 1977 of Fireman Terence Mead of B4 Brislington. Terry joined the Fire Service in 1959. Whilst serving at Avonmouth, Terry received a Queen's Commendation for the part he played in the rescue of a man from the M.V. "Port Townville" in Avonmouth Docks on 26th June 1962. He also won the Brigade Lecturette Competition in 1966 and 1967.

Representatives of the Brigade acted as pall bearers and formed a Guard of Honour at the funeral on 14th June 1977.

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD

<u>Across</u>	<u>Down</u>	<u>Down</u>
1. Guerilla warfare	1. Gentleman Farmer	16. Ted
8. Recruitment	2. Ever	17. Tic
10. V.H.F.	3. Lear	18. Tor
12. Gigs.	4. Ailing	19. Redan
14. SKI	5. Feint	22. Liar
15. Antitrinitarian	6. Experientialism	23. Dumdum
20. Fed	7. Smog	25. Cider
21. Clod	9. Envoi	27. Main
24. Rod	11. Far	28. Tiro
26. Disarmament	13. Sea	
29. Refreshment Room	14. SKI	

A FISHY STORY

Your editor has it on good authority, that a certain Senior Officer known in the golfing world as "Big Pete", recently visited another Senior Officer known as "Bill Shark Tom" on his modest little boat in Devon for a fishing trip.

Rumour has it that although "Big Pete" has swung a good golf club for years, he has never held a rod or caught a single fish even in a pool as a child with the proverbial net, (being so tall he couldn't bend over quite enough). He set out with our intrepid boatman on quite a modest sea and not only was he a good sailor, but he "bagged" over 70 mackerel.

The other members of the golfing fraternity will be pleased to know he is not changing his hobby completely, he is just dropping off a No. 9 iron from his bag to make way for his new rod.

(T.H. - Brigade Headquarters)

We are indebted to Graham Harrison (A1) for his efforts on the new cover and cartoons.

FOR SALE

1966 VESPA 150 £60 o.n.o., taxed and M.O.T. to March 1978. Contact Fireman White - Blue Watch - Kingswood.

.22 Target Rifle and Case - £25. Contact Ron Joyce, Training School.

CRICKET

Owing to the inclement weather and Jubilee celebrations, only two matches have been played in the last month. Against Somerset Fire Brigade in the League, a very close match developed with the Brigade winning by one wicket. Somerset batted first and scored 127 all out. Avon replied with 131 - 9 and in an exciting finish, with good innings from Arthur Kent, Paul Drake and Graham Watkins, scraped home with a few overs to spare.

In the match v M.A.C., another close finish resulted in a defeat by 5 runs.

SUPER STAR

The Ashton Court Country Club over the last three months, has witnessed an event which proves that life can begin at 34 plus. Competing in a scheduled five events out of seven, Phil Deane of A1 Temple scored a winning total of 61 points, made up as follows:-

Penalty Kicks	1st	-	20 points
Swimming	2nd	-	16 points
Badminton Q	Finalist	-	10 points
Snooker Group	Finalist	-	8 points
Table Tennis		-	7 points
			<hr/> 61 points <hr/>

Against Dick Sheppard (ex Rovers), Phil scored 17 out of 19 kicks. There were a total of seventy competitors.

Station C10 (Yatton) have a Table Skittle Table that they wish to exchange for a Table Tennis Table. Any offers - contact C10 Yatton.

SPONSORED BUS PULL

A sponsored "bus-pull" (Double Decker Playbus) is going to be held at Bristol Stadium, Eastville on 23rd July 1977 between 10.30 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. Teams of 15 persons will expect to be sponsored for each quarter lap completed. There will be prizes for the team who completes the fastest lap and the furthest distance. The event is organised in aid of the Bristol Playbus Project and it is hoped to raise £1,000. If you can raise a team, contact the Staff Office for more information.

There is no truth in the rumour that Norman Steeples is buying a 26" colour T.V. for the Control Room Staff.