

COUNTY OF AVON FIRE BRIGADE

NOVEMBER 1979



Editorial

Well, it's certainly been a memorable month (also hectic), for the Sports Association, who, over the past three weeks have by organising a varied calender of events raised over £1,700, for the following charities. Dr. Snook Medical Research Vehicle Appeal Fund £1,000. The Spastics Children's Unit at the Royal United Hospital, Bath over £200. The Brigade Sports Association over £200. The "Joe" Cocker Memorial Relay Race over £125. The Fire Service National Benevolent Fund over £75. The Bristol Children's Hospital £50. The Bath Life Saving Club £25.

The proceeds were raised via the Bath Sponsored Swim; The Athletics Section Inter-Station Relay; The "Joe" Cocker Blaise Castle Relay Run. I feel that I must give a special word of praise to Alan Lawson, Dave Hayward and Mike Mullany for the Athletics organisation and co-operation, and to Ernie Coghlan, Brian Love, John Harding and Bob Baird for all their work in making the swimming evening such a success. To everybody concerned in any capacity whatsoever, "Well Done".

As usual there has been a lot of differing activities going on around the Brigade, some of which I hope we have captured in this Issue. If you have any interesting events organised over the Christmas period, let me know, and we'll try to cover it for you. As this will be the last issue before Christmas, may I take this opportunity to wish you and your families, a very Happy Xmas, and a Happy New Year.

John Sleight

Editor.

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Stn. A2

So far, the collection of old newspapers/magazines, has raised a sum of £33. Many thanks to all those who have collected and delivered to A2. there is always a need for more, so come on, let's all have a go and join in.

Front Cover.

Dr. Roger Snook receiving his Cheque for £1,000. from the Chief Fire Officer Mr. Terence McCarthy. Also receiving Cheques were Miss Jane Shaw, Sector Administrator of Bath R.U.H. and D.O.R. Hayman on behalf of the Benevolent Fund. Looking on are some of the swimmers who took part.

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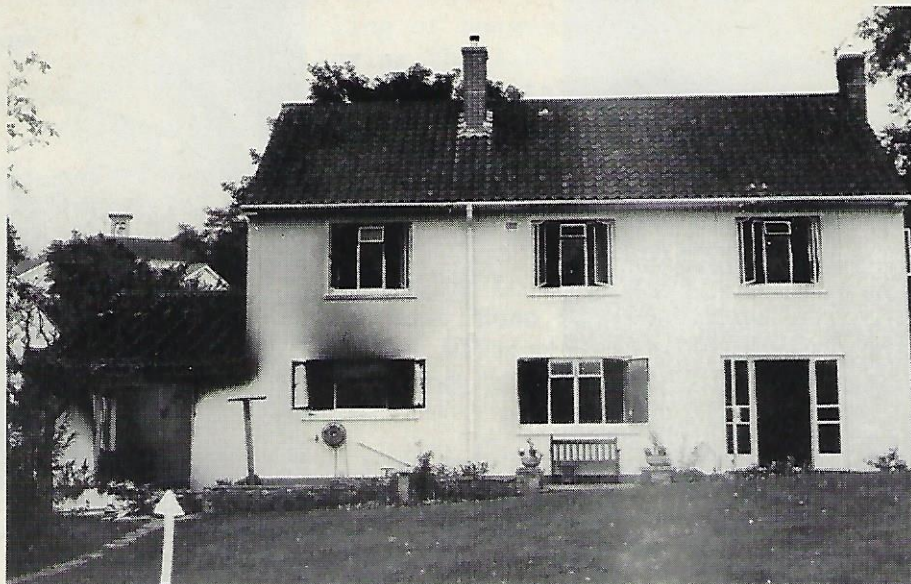
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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Those of you who think you know everything,
are annoying to us who do.



A view from the rear of the property, Games Room arrowed.

On Monday 8th. October 1979 at 1535 hrs. the Wr.L. from Station A2. Southmead responded to a call of Fire at No. 16, Church Road, Stoke Bishop. On arrival they found a large luxury detached house emitting heavy smoke from under all the tiles across the entire roof area, the first and ground floor windows blackened by smoke and cracking with the heat, and on a closer inspection found a large part of the ground floor well alight. To the rear of the building fire had broken out through a ground floor window, and an adjacent single storey extension was well alight, including the roof.

Two B.A. men from A2. on instructions from their Officer-in-Charge Sub O. Hutchings, made an entry with a jet through the front door to the hallway which was well alight. Pumps were increased to 3. On arrival of the Wr.T. from Station A1. Temple, Stn. O. Jack Allen in charge, two men from his crew dressed in B.A. and with a jet went to the rear of the building, to tackle the fire and gain entry.

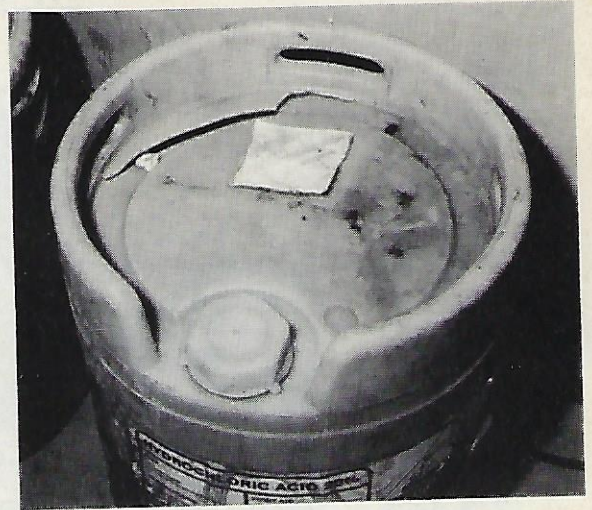
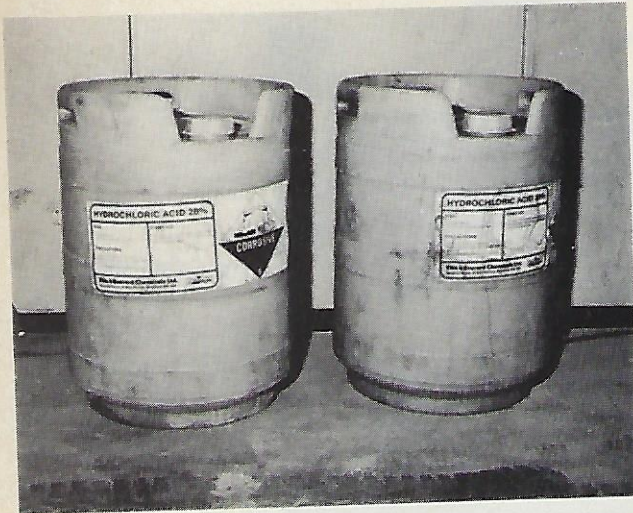
At 1550 hrs. D.O. Britton sent an informative message "Dwelling house, detached, ground floor well alight, 2 Jets, 4 B.A. in use"

As soon as the third pump arrived from Station A1. Temple, their crew were put to work to search the premise. With the fire now coming under control, all Mains services were isolated, and D.O. Britton sent the 'Stop' message at 1557 hrs.

Because of the suspicious circumstances of the fire A.D.O. Kennedy of 'A' Division F.P. was brought in to assist the C.I.D. in determining the cause, as in the previous weekend a number of fires in that locality, all involving large, single, luxury homes had occurred under 'Doubtful Origins'.

Following investigation, the seat of the fire was found to have been in the games room, and there were signs of forced entry into the house. The owners wife had been in the house only one hour before the Brigade had been called. Meanwhile the Police had apprehended a woman at the scene of the fire, who fitted the description of a woman seen present at other fires in the area, and had taken her to the Police Station.

The owner and his wife were taken around the house accompanied by a Fire and Police Officer, the only item missing being a transistor radio, it was later found in the possession of the apprehended woman. Later that evening the woman made a statement admitting to starting the fire, and maybe starting others. She was charged and appeared the following day at the Magistrates Court, where she was remanded in custody for reports, and to appear at Crown Court. Her motive is not really clear, except that she does not like people owning luxury homes, and her victims were invariably connected with the world of Finance, 16, Church Road, being owned by Mr. Roberts who is the Area Trustee and Investment Manager for the National Westminster Bank.



Pictured above. Left:- The two fractured drums. Right:- A close up of one of them.

At approximately 1025 hrs. on Thursday 11th. October 1979, a flat-bedded articulated heavy goods vehicle left the M4 motorway at junction 18 (Tormarton) and proceeded in a northerly direction along the A46. Shortly afterwards the driver indicated his intention to turn on to the Chipping Sodbury/Yate road. It was at this point that a police crew who were maintaining observation on passing vehicles noted that the sheeted down load was apparently "Leaking and Steaming". Sensing that something was amiss, the police officers acted quickly in preventing the lorry from following its intended course into a relatively built-up area, and re-directed it along the A46 and eventually causing it to stop near the old Roman Camp. It was shortly after this that the driver explained to the police that his load consisted of mixed chemicals, bound for a nearby (?) trading estate on the other side of Yate.

At this stage it was decided that the Fire Brigade should be called in, and an emergency call was put in to Brigade Control. Wr.L.'s were immediately despatched from Stations A7 Yate and B7 Kingswood and staff Assistant Divisional Officer Brian Bowden was also sent on. Upon arrival at the scene and having removed the plastic sheeting, it was ascertained that the load consisted of 54 x 45 litre plastic carboys of varying concentrates of hydrochloric acid, a number of 180 litre drums containing sodium chlorate and various other acids in numerous other types of 180 litre drums, and all held in place virtually by the sheeting down procedure.

On ascertaining from the driver that the leaking was coming from the hydrochloric acid section of the load, the head-scratching began. Further confusion was caused when the driver stated that the "Leaking" was probably from water running off the tops of the drums where they had been washed down after filling and sealing (?). This did not of course account for the fuming whereupon it was decided to have two crews of two men don chemical suits and breathing apparatus and remove that section of the load from the vehicle. When the carboys were on the ground, they were examined by brigade personnel for leaks and structural defects. When all the carboys had been removed, it was ascertained that an alarmingly high percentage (95%) had not been securely 'capped'. The plastic caps had not been screwed down sufficiently to prevent leakage (indicated by a bubbling of the limestone in the road metal and surrounding soil). Of these, 9 could not subsequently be tightened by the crews to prevent leakage, and in fact two were physically fractured to the extent that they permitted a continuous stream of fluid to flow from them with resultant extensive fuming off.

At this stage it was decided to gently wash off the bed of the vehicle, and also the surfaces of the carboys, subsequently reloading the lorry and removing it from the scene, to be dealt with by the police. The defective section of the load was held at the scene pending the arrival of personnel from the consignee's site from Yate. Transfer of the commodity was thereafter effected and escorted by police and fire brigade to its destination.

A few points of interest were noted during the incident viz,

- 1) The use of a flat-bedded vehicle which can so easily spill its load if involved in a road traffic accident.

- 2) All chemicals within the load were clearly marked in accordance with "Packaging and Labelling of Dangerous Substances Regulations" (effective March 1979) thus allowing the A.D.O. in charge to quickly identify the apparent course of action to be taken. (College notes do come in handy sometimes !!)
- 3) It was pleasing to note the willingness of Police, Environmental Health Officers, Drainage and Water Engineers, to accept that the Fire Brigade were in charge of the incident and that theirs was a supporting role.
- 4) Equally, it was disconcerting to have the Police Officer in charge at the time, instruct that the Press were not required at the scene without consulting the senior Fire Officer present, and also to read that a Police spokesman was later reported in the Press, as stating that there was no danger in the situation.
- 5) We never did find out what was in the three bags (unmarked) all wrapped in clear PVC. It was'nt in the manifest - the driver said he didn't know (?) - it looked like ordinary cement - it could have been one of many - perhaps something like phosphorous oxychloride, a grey-green powdery substance (4 WE), giving the equations:-

Phosphorous oxychloride plus cold water = 20 minutes plus bang

OR

Phosphorous oxychloride plus warm water = 1 minute plus gas

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- 6) A Police Constable related an incident he had personally experienced. When asked at an incident about the Tremcards carried in his cab, a driver replied that he had collected about two dozen of them - just in case he happened to be carrying that substance - and had forgotten to pick up one from the despatcher's office. All makes the Fireman's life easier, of course !!



This picture shows the unloaded carboys returned to the depot.

On Saturday 8th. September 1979, the Bath Auxiliary Fire Service Association set off on their travels once again to participate in the British Fire Services Association National Training Week Tournament at Caister in Norfolk.

Each year since the disbandment of the Auxiliary Fire Service in 1968, the Bath Association has journeyed to many different parts of the Country to show the flag for Bath in these Annual Competitions, which are open to Ex-Auxiliary Fire Service, Local Authority and Industrial Fire Brigade Teams.

Twice before the Bath team have brought home the Ind. Coope Trophy for coming second in the Four Men Hydrant Drill, this year however their endeavours were amply rewarded by winning both events entered, namely the Four Men Hydrant Drill (Dry) in 37 seconds, for which they were awarded the Basildon Bond Cup, and the Four Men Featherweight Pump Drill (Wet) in 54 seconds, for which the Hartman Cup was awarded.

For those interested in details, the two drills were as follows:-

Four Men Hydrant - 4 75ft. lengths of hose, one branchpipe, standpipe & key.

The drill is two parts, timing continuous.

First Part: Run 15ft. to appliance line, pick up gear and carry to hydrant line, fix standpipe and key, run out three lengths of hose, add the branchpipe, and place it on the ground. On the completion of this first part, the non-drilling Captain signals the commencement of the second part.

Second Part: Replace second length (presumed burst) and tie a knot in the male end of the presumed burst length.

Four Men Featherweight Pump - 3 8ft. lengths of suction as supplied for use with the A.F.S. Pump. These will be placed on the ground, on either side, and close as possible to the pump. The single length with the strainer attached on one side, and the other two lengths on the other side, with the male couplings on the suction eye line. 1 pair suction wrenches as issued. 3 75ft. lengths of hose. 1 'A' type branch with $\frac{5}{8}$ " nozzle.

The four men crew stand facing the appliance on a start line 20ft. from the pump. An A.F.S. Featherweight Pump is used, the engine running.

A starting signal is given by the non-drilling Captain, the crew runs to the pump, 5ft. from the start line, the crew will break a ray, thus starting the timing gear. They will connect three lengths of suction and place in the dam; run out one line of delivery hose comprising three lengths, fix a branch, and knock down a target with the jet. The falling of the target stops the timing gear.

The financial outlay for the Competitions is entirely borne by the teams participating, who enter after the minimum of training.

The successful team in both instances were Leading Fireman Richard Neate, Fireman Chris Sage, Fireman Ian Groves, Fireman Alan Groves, all under the Captaincy of Sub O. Gordon Smyth (Brigade Driving Training School). The enthusiasm shown by the members of this Annual event was really first class, and certainly makes the continuation of the Association very worthwhile.



The Bath Team Pictured L. to R. Fm. I. Groves.

Fm. A. Groves. Sub O. G. Smyth. L. Fm. R. Neate.

Fm. C. Sage.

Congratulations to Fm. Tony Hoad of Station A3. Avonmouth, who has become a 'Dad'. His wife Shelagh gave birth to a 'Bonny Lass' on Monday 17th. September at 8am. Kirstin Alison weighed in at 7lb. 6ozs.

ATTENTION ALL 'PHILATELISTS'
(And others who may be interested)

The next "Special Stamp Issue" for 1979 will be the "Xmas Issue" on the 21st. November, the last one for this year. The stamps will be of five values, and the theme will be the story of the Nativity, the designs will show the following :-

- 8p - The three kings following the star.
- 10p - The angel appearing to the shepherds.
- 11½p - The manger scene.
- 13p - Joseph and Mary travelling to Bethlehem.
- 15p - The Annunciation.

SPECIAL STAMP PROGRAMME FOR 1980.

The subjects and months of issue for next year (1980) will be as follows. Dates of issue, individual subjects will be published later.

<u>Month of Issue.</u>	<u>Subject of issue.</u>
January.	'British Birds' This set will continue the attractive 'Fauna' series. 1980 is the centenary of the Wild Birds Protection Act.
March.	'Railways' 1980 is the 150th. anniversary of the Liverpool/Manchester railway, which was the first purpose built passenger railway in Britain to adopt a locomotive power, and the first to carry mail.
May.	'London 1980 stamp exhibition' A miniature sheet and a set of stamps will be issued for this event. This International exhibition is held in London every 10th. year, this year to be held at 'Earls Court'.
June.	'Famous People' This subject has been chosen by the European postal administrations as the theme for 'Europa' stamps.
August.	'Sport' Two important sporting centenaries occur in 1980, the Amateur Athletics Association, and the Welsh Rugby Union.
September.	'Music' An issue to commemorate Britains contribution to music.
November.	'Christmas' A special Christmas issue is now traditional and an associated theme will be used.

Would you like to know more about the hobby of Stamp Collecting because if so, why not join the Bristol Woodland Civil Service Philatelic Society, who were founded in 1953 and have 134 members, including a junior section aged 12 to 18 years. Subscriptions per season/year :- Adults £1.00 Juniors :- 25p.

For any further information, contact Fm. Ted Street. Stn. A2.

BEST WISHES TO STATION OFFICER JACK ALLEN
ON HIS RETIREMENT.

We wish Station Officer Jack Allen of Station A1. Temple, a long and happy retirement, when he leaves the brigade on November 16th. 1979. His Fire Service career began in 1942, when as a lad of 16 yrs. he joined the N.F.S. at Patchway and for two years was a messenger, and eventually yes eventually, as a Fireman. In February 1944, he was conscripted for work in the Coal Mines, and for the next four years worked in the Durham and Somerset Coalfields.



Station Officer Jack Allen.

Jack then joined the Bristol Fire Brigade and Ambulance Service in the rank of Fireman on the 23rd. May 1949, and duly attended for initiation at Fire Station No.1 Bridewell Street. I wonder if he remembers his training officers comments at the end of his recruits school when Mr. G.H. Carlton remarked "This man has a retentive memory, and enjoys answering questions at lecture periods". Perhaps an understatement of his sharp wit, and never a lack of reply of any sort !!

Jack was promoted in October 1960 to the rank of Leading Fireman, and then on to Sub Officer in May 1961 and posted to Station No. 5. Ashton Drive. The lure of the Brigade Training School pulled him into their ranks, and in November 1962 he took up the baton, until December 1963. He attended a B.A. Instructors Course at London Fire Brigade in 1965 at Southwark. Jack was promoted to Station Officer in April 1974, and posted to A1. Temple.

Right from his early days Jack was a keen all-round sportsman, particularly at Cricket and Football. He also showed considerable physical strength, although in latter years his chest has slipped slightly, due I suspect to the extraordinary quantity of food and drink that he finds necessary to consume. No doubt the canteen profits of Green Watch will now take a tumble, as Jack's 'Topping Up' routine will no longer take place. He has always been proud to be a member of this brigade, and always gave brigade matters absolute priority over his other interest of farming and animal husbandry, his professional skill in these matters being exceptional, particularly in the breeding and breaking in of horses.

Cliff Allen (Brigade Supplies Office, H.Q.) told me an interesting tale of when, one winter, Jack was leaving home for work and he saw his wife Pat fall flat on her back in the snow, complete with rubber boots and two large buckets of food for the animals. This gave him a very worrying moment, when suddenly his face brightened with a look of inspired inspiration, and he remarked "I know, I'll buy her two smaller buckets". This typifies Jack's humour and there is no doubt that he will be greatly missed in the brigade by everyone. The best of luck Jack, to you and your family.

It's not the cough that carries you off, but the coffin they carry you off in !!

These grave facts seemed to be a near reality as Fm. Steve Wilks of Stn. A1. Temple came to a dead end on his stag night. Of course he was dying to get home in one piece, but after a few biers he was entombed in a coffin. With a macabre groan he broke loose and exclaimed that there was no way that he would 'Rest in Peace'.

Pictured Right.

Fm. Steve Wilks, with the lads of A1. Temple Red Watch looking on.



Pictured Left.

Fm. Gordon Turner.

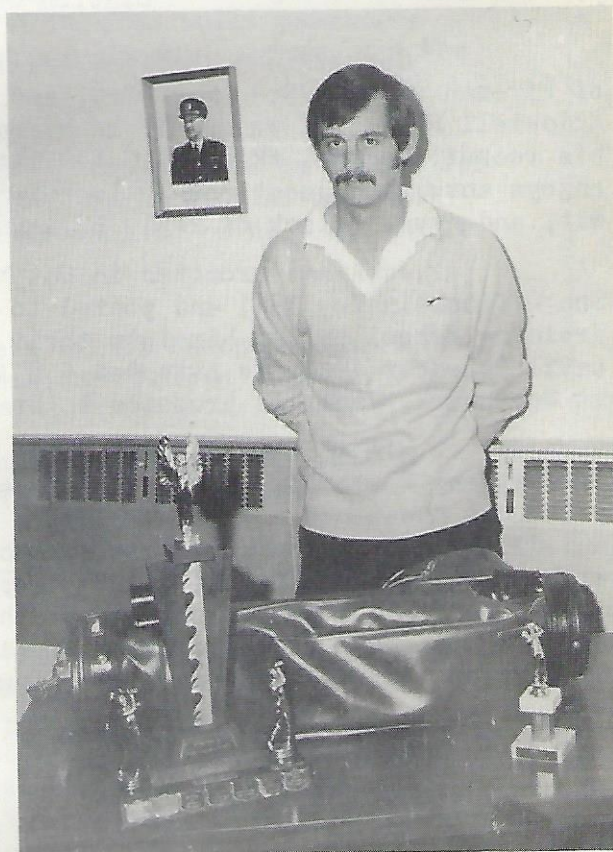
Congratulations to Fm. Gordon Turner of Stn. C5. Bedminster who has been selected to play for the U.K. Fire Brigades Volleyball Team, in the Championships at Crystal Palace in November. Also selected for the 'B' Squad is Fm. Kevin O'Connor and Fm. Tim Bolland, both of Stn. B6 Speedwell.



Pictured Right Fm. John Need.

In the Annual National Matchplay Individual Golf Championship played at Stratford-Upon-Avon Golf Club on Thursday 11th. October 1979, our sole entrant Fm. John Need of Station A5. Patchway, put up a tremendous display, and won the competition with a total round of 148 gross, 132 nett. (72 par).

His handicap was cut from 9 to 7 after 18 holes due to his 9 under par 63 in the morning. The conditions were really ideal for good golf, and the scores reflected that fact. At least 15 players are now playing off new handicaps.





On Wednesday 17th. October 1979 the Brigade received a visit from Col. E.P.Heraclio Fernandez P. (2nd. Left), the Director General of the Executive Secretariat of the Peruvian National Civil Defence Committee, based at Lima. He was accompanied by Brig. Gen. C.P.B. Waldo Olivos V. (4th. Left), the Commanding General of the Peruvian Fire Service. They were escorted by Mr. Ian Cruickshank (Far Right) the Commercial Director of HCB/Angus, and Mr. Dennis Pendlebury (Far Left), the Chilean Representative in South America for Angus Fire Armour.

It must be a wild feeling to score the winning goal in a Cup Final, or to win the decisive game in a Badminton Match, and this was the achievement of Miss Janet Greaney and Sub O. John Shrimpton of Brigade H.Q. when the Headquarters team defeated Hengrove by 5 games to 4. The tension was certainly there, but the attacking flair of this duo never faltered. Admittedly they were ably supported by a sustained high level performance from Glenys Jennings and Brian Pocock, who ended their matches undefeated.



So it's 'Good-bye' to you, and 'Hello' to him. Well done and congratulations on his promotion to the rank of Sub O. to Martin Loach, who takes up new duties at 'C' Division Staff. Departing back to operational duties goes Sub O. Martin Stafford, who makes the short journey to C1.

Pictured Left.

L. Sub O. Martin Stafford.
R. Sub.O. Martin Loach.

FOCUS ON SUB. OFFICER PETER COLES. 'A' DIV. F.P.

Sub Officer Peter Coles of 'A' Division Fire Prevention, recently returned from a 12 month post-graduate course at Edinburgh University, during which time he gained a Master of Science (M.Sc.) degree in Fire Safety Engineering. To qualify for the course he had obtained an Open University degree (B.A.) in Science and Technology subjects.

The course at Edinburgh consisted of four main sections; The science of Fire, The evaluation of Risk. Fire protection engineering and Fire-fighting Technology, taking the form of nine months of formal classroom studies, experimental work in laboratories and short projects. The remaining three months were set aside for the writing of a thesis on any subject dealt with during the first part of the course. Peter chose the topic "A hazard analysis of the transportation of Liquid Petroleum Gas by road and rail".



Sub O. Peter Coles. 'A' Div. F.P.

The M.Sc. is the only post-graduate course of its type in the world, (although there are several undergraduate (B.Sc.) courses in the United States) and it is usually attended by more overseas than U.K. students, drawn this year as far afield as Costa Rica and Hong Kong.

His wife and three daughters chose to accompany him on his travels, and they lived in the village of Loanhead, about six miles south of the city, for the duration. The girls went to the local school, which turned out to be a very good one, and were made very welcome, although there were some language problems at first. Although the family enjoyed their year in Scotland, they would not recommend that brass monkeys spend the winter there.

FIRST AID NEWS.

The Brigade First Aid Team have continued their success since winning the Fire Brigade National Final, by winning two more competitions, one in Bristol and the other in Redruth, Cornwall.

The Bristol competition was for the "William Searle Rose Bowle", this trophy having been held by the Brigade for the last four years, but this year we were very lucky to retain it as apparently the team were knocked out in the preliminary rounds, but due to an error on the marking sheets they were included in the final, and then went on to win it, much to the consternation of the other teams. The winning marks were

1st.	Avon Fire Brigade	493 pts.	(marks out of a
2nd.	Bristol Head Post Office	487 $\frac{1}{2}$ pts.	possible 600.)

The second competition at Redruth gained a total of five trophies for the Brigade, One for winning overall, One for gaining the highest marks in the combined individuals, and one each for Ray Underhay, Mike Smith, and Dave Causon, for winning in their individual lanes.

At present the team are training very hard for the Grand Priors Trophy Competition to be held in London on the 11th. December, 1979 where they will represent the Fire Brigades of Great Britain against winning teams from all other major organisations in the country.

BRIGADE SUGGESTION SCHEME



Congratulations to Fm. Les. Gathercole of Stn. A7 Yate, on his monetary award for his suggestion for mounting B.A. Boards at the rear of an Appliance in full view of the Pump Operator/ B.A. Control Operator, as shown by the picture, by using two hooks.

Pictured Left.

Fm. Les Gathercole receiving his Cheque from D.O. Len Silman.



Pictured Left.

L. Miss Julie Dunstone.
R. Mrs Barbara Walters.

Best wishes to both young ladies, who have recently left Brigade H.Q. Julie has left to the call of wedding bells, whilst Barbara has gone to America.

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ATHLETICS.

THE "JOE" AND LINDSEY COCKER MEMORIAL RACE.

A. LAWSON.



A1. Temple White Watch with the 'Avon' Trophy, and individual medals. Pictured L. to R.: L. Fm. Will Rafter. Sub O. Ernie Coghlan. Fm Bob Ersser. Fm Chris Jackson.

On Sunday 7th. October, teams from all over the country travelled to Avon, to take part in the "Joe" and Lindsey Cocker Memorial race, held in conjunction with the F.S.S.A.A. cross country relay (these championships were the 2nd. leg), the venue being Blaise Castle Estate, Henbury.

The day got off to a good start with fine weather and good ground conditions, all the competitors noticeably keyed up to Olympic standards. Twenty two teams took part, ten of these from Avon, with entries from Temple, Bath, Weston, Bedminster, Speedwell, Avonmouth and Headquarters.

The race was started by Pete Carr, Hon Sec. of the National Athletics Section, and the first leg runners were off like 'Bats out of Hell', charging down the slope all determined to be in the lead at least at one stage of the race. The many spectators lined each side of the change over area to see which team would hand over first. Suddenly over the hill, out of the mist, a spot appeared on the horizon, could it be!! was it!! No, it wasn't an Avon man, it was the first leg runner representing London. Amid howls of abuse and derision, the second leg runner cleverly avoided our outstretched legs and jostling and set off on his run. The first man in from Avon was Paul Kennedy, Station B6. Speedwell, followed by that man of many sporting talents ACO. Norman Steeples. B6, however, were to lose the lead on the second leg to Station A1 Temple White Watch 'A' Team who in fact went on to win the trophy for the top Brigade Team. The competition was fierce and determination dogged, which was highlighted when 'Bomber' Coe, A1. Temple Red Watch, threw himself at the crossing line in an effort to make up time from his run. There is no truth in the rumour by the way, that Alvin Craig from Headquarters finished his lap on Monday carrying a beautiful bunch of wild flowers.

All the runners enjoyed the course, with its mixture of paths, grass and muddy slopes, certainly all enjoyed the joking and rivalry which a relay race always creates.

When the race was over, runners, helpers and their families made their way back to Brigade Headquarters for the presentation of trophies, and to tuck in to the tremendous spread laid out for refreshments. The Chief Fire Officer Mr. Terence McCarthy presented the first three teams with Plaques, these being:-

<u>Team</u>	<u>Leg</u>	<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Time Aggregate</u>	<u>Time Individual</u>
1. London	4	D. Browne	68.18	16.18
	3	J. Rosemeyer	52.00	18.41
	2	J. Phelan	33.19	16.59
	1	R. Godfrey	16.20	16.20
2. Cleveland 'A'.	4	M. Barnett	69.50	18.15
	3	I. Johansson	51.35	18.28
	2	L. McIlroy	33.07	16.26
	1	P. Houchen	16.41	16.41
3. West Midlands	4	J. Macpherson	70.19	17.46
	3	T. Settle	52.33	17.13
	2	C. Elcock	35.20	17.02
	1	D. Penn	18.18	18.18

The runner with the fastest lap time was then awarded a plaque, who was D. Browne of London with a time of 16mins. 18secs. The fastest Avon man was Dave Hayward with a time of 17mins. 46secs, representing Headquarters. Plaques were then presented to the winning Avon Team, A1. Temple White Watch. Then the parents of 'Joe' and Lindsey Cocker presented the National Trophy to the winning team (London), and the Avon trophy to A1. Temple White Watch 'A' Team. 'Joe' and Lindsey's parents have donated these trophies, and they remarked that they never expected to see so many teams competing in such good spirit. They thanked all concerned, and said that they would always have happy memories of the Memorial race.

It is hoped that this will become an annual event, and maybe next year we shall see an even bigger Brigade entry.

Many Brigade runners have enquired about other relay races, therefore should any team, or any person, wish to enter the 3rd. leg of the series to be held along the River Thames Embankment on Sunday 9th. December, contact Station Officer Alan Lawson B1. Bath, or L. Fm. Dave Hayward 'A' Div F.P. as soon as possible, as the entries must be submitted by mid November.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Leg</u>	<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Time Aggregate</u>	<u>Time Individual</u>
11. Avon A1. Temple White Watch 'A'.	4	C. Jackson	83.59	20.38
	3	E. Coghlan	63.21	20.31
	2	R. Ersser	42.50	21.24
	1	W. Rafter	21.26	21.26



First Leg runners, ready for the 'Off'.

THE GREAT AVON FIRE BRIGADE CHARITY SHAMBLE

The sun had barely risen at Weston-Super-Mare on Saturday 29th September when Mr. "Oxfam" forced his ricket-infested emaciated limbs into a slow shuffle along the A370 to Bedminster. As he passed through sleeping villages, his sparse flesh did not attract even a passing growl from the canine population. Staggering through Long Ashton he was given some very welcome support by young John Chis (A3) plus motorcycle.

Awaiting the changeover at C5, we found a youthful Trevor, easily mistaken for Errol Flynn as he appeared to be clad in the pantaloons worn by the same in "Captain Blood". Eating the miles at a prodigious rate, he surprised R. "Pancho" McKeown at B4, who, swallowing a quick tequila and hastily discarding a half-smoked cheroot, left on the mountainous route to Speedwell.

As the temperature soared, an eager Mr. Kent scanned the horizon from the summit for our valiant climber. In no time at all he was away on the hellish descent to Kingswood. Using the force of gravity with considerable skill, the miles zipped by and he finally collapsed into the arms of a waiting Chris "it took me 3 hours to find this station" Jackson.

Braving the frenzied attempts of Saturday drivers to sever his limbs, he cruised into the Roman City.

The next leg to Yate was a tandem "affair" by Alan and Jock. It is confirmed that there is no truth in the rumour that he was attached by a part of his anatomy to J.'s bike for the long haul up to Tog Hill.

Running like a demented stallion, the instigator of all this self-inflicted torture kept the event well ahead of schedule.

The Northern County leg to Patchway was performed by the "Weston Whippet" who, despite his lack of topography, soon sent an eager "Sebastian" Craig on his way,

As the event was still running early, "Seb" Craig was continually asked to slow the pace. He managed this very efficiently and handed over to Chris "Mr. Multi-Sport" Liberty.

It was immediately apparent that Chris's earlier success as a sprinter was inhibiting his running. However, diving through 6 miles of SO₂, CO, Cl₂ and WH₄, he did manage a 100m burst along St. Andrews Road.

Fresh from an afternoon of cards (Yellow and Red varieties), "Coggers" performed valiantly on the difficult ascent to A2. He ignored the fatal attractions of "The Mouse" on the heavy drag out of Westbury Village and with a touch of the forelock and a "Good Evening to 'ee, young sir", our "Quick-Step" hero was despatched to Temple. Fears that he would be mugged on this dangerous last leg were quickly dispelled by Mrs. P. Steeples, "He never carries enough to make it worth their while".

It was easy to tell that No. 11 had been training hard for this event for he reached Temple at around 1915 hrs for a total time for the ninety-odd miles of 11 hrs 14 mins 7 secs.

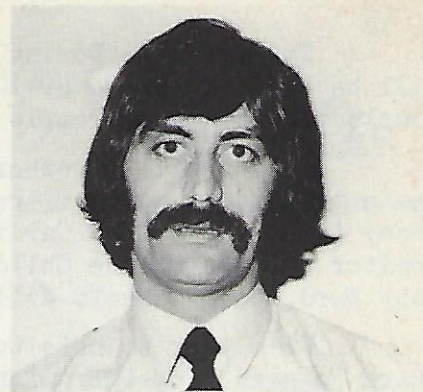
The purpose of all this was to raise money by a sweepstake for the Children's Hospital, Benevolent Fund and the Joe Cocker Memorial Race. A final word of thanks to all those who helped make this a successful and trouble-free day,



Stn. O. Mike Mullany
C1 - C5. 20 Miles.
2hrs. 31mins 34secs



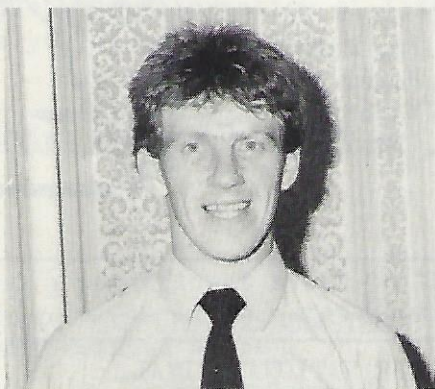
Fm. Trevor Evans
C5 - B4. 4½ Miles.
Ohrs. 31mins 51secs



Fm. Roger McKeown
B4 - B6. 5 Miles.
Ohrs. 38mins 16secs



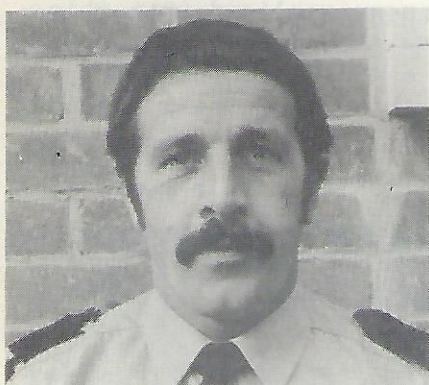
Sub O. Arthur Kent
B6 - B7. 2¼ Miles.
Ohrs. 16mins 06secs



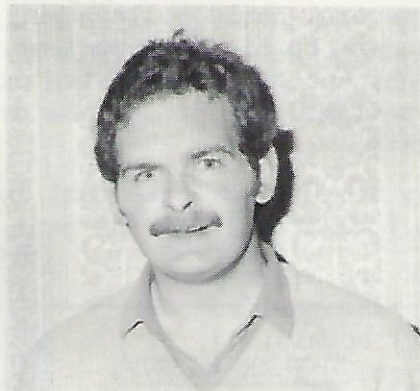
Fm. Chris Jackson
B7 - B1. 10 Miles.
1hr. 26mins 43secs



Stn. O. Alan Lawson
B1 - A7. 15 Miles.
1hr. 47mins 42secs



Sub O. Andy Eddy
A7 - A5. 10 Miles.
1hr. 01mins 06secs



Alvin Craig
A5 - A4. 5 Miles.
Ohrs. 44mins 05secs



Stn. O. Chris Liberty
A4 - A3. 6½ Miles.
1hr. 04mins 48secs



Sub.O. Ernie Coghlan
A3 - A2. 5½ Miles.
Ohrs. 44mins 05secs



A.C.O. Norman Steeples
A2 - A1. 4 Miles.
Ohrs. 27mins 52secs

BOXING DAY JOG.

This year on Boxing Day, the Brigade will be holding a sponsored jog around A1. Temple Fire Station, Temple Back.

As you will remember, last years jog was a tremendous success, raising enough money to buy an E.C.G. Cardiac Respiratory Monitor for use at the Childrens Hospital, Baby Ward, St. Michaels Hill, Bristol.

This year we hope to see all of last years joggers, together with some new faces, who feel that they would like to help a very worthwhile cause.

If you feel old or infirm, why not come to spectate, and remember, this jog is open to any non-brigade members.

For full details contact Fm. Mike Parker, Stn. A4. Severnside, Fm. Roger McKeown, Stn. A3. Avonmouth Blue Watch, or Station Officer Alan Lawson, Stn. B1. Bath White Watch.



SUPER SPORTSMAN COMPETITION 1979.

THE NATIONAL FINAL.

On Sunday 2nd. September 1979, Fm. Paul Kennedy (Stn. B6. Speedwell) representing Avon, together with Fm. Jefferies and Tucker from Wiltshire, together represented the South West District, in the National Super Sportsman Final at Moreton in Marsh, Glos.

Paul had the support of several hardy colleagues, and he soon realised that this stage of the competition was going to be his hardest test. He gave of his best, but on the day found the opposition too tough, and he finished the day with a mid-table position, helping the South West District to finish in 5th. place overall, this being their highest position in the competition to date.

Nice to have seen so many competitors take part in the competition this year, it was again a huge success, and we look forward to the same enthusiasm next year.

SPONSORED SWIM.

On Saturday 22nd. September 1979 at the Bath Leisure Centre, the Brigade Sports Association held a Sponsored Swim to raise funds for Dr. Roger Snook Appeal Fund. Also to receive donations were the Spastic Childrens Unit R.U.H. Bath; The Fire Services National Benevolent Fund; and The Brigade Sports Association. The evening was a tremendous success, with plenty of individual entries, as well as teams. The amounts raised have been mentioned in the editorial, but once again may I reiterate what a magnificent achievement.

Special mention must be made of the Bath Retained, whose team of 4, raised over £200. The top male individual money raiser was Sub O. Bob Poots of the Brigade Training School. The top female individual money raiser was Joan Hawkins. The team who swam the greatest distance in the allotted time of 25 mins, were the Bath Leisure Centre Saturday Morning Club, who completed 56 lengths.

Word of praise to Green Watch A1 Temple, who entered a team of virtual non-swimmers and between them completed 10 lengths in the allotted time, under the anxious beady eyes of the Bath Life Saving Club members. Many thanks to those people who assisted on the operation and the administration of the swim on the evening.

FOOTBALL.

Saturdays.

Premier Division.

Suburban League.

R. McKeown.

Team Manager.

The side has had an average start to the season and are at present mid-way in their division. The teams results are:-

<u>P.</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>A.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
7	3	4	0	13	15	6

The team goal scorers have been:- Bull 1. Fear R. 2. Green 2. Gurney 2. Hillier 2. Mankouski 2. Fear P. 2. (Penalties).

We need more support at our matches, and at our home pitch at Backwell, we have excellent facilities for an afternoon out with the family. The clubhouse has a bar, and there is a good playground for the children, so why not bring the family along and give us a cheer from the side. For information of fixtures get in contact with me, and I will give you any details you want.

Wednesdays.

Bristol Wednesday League.

M. Rogers.

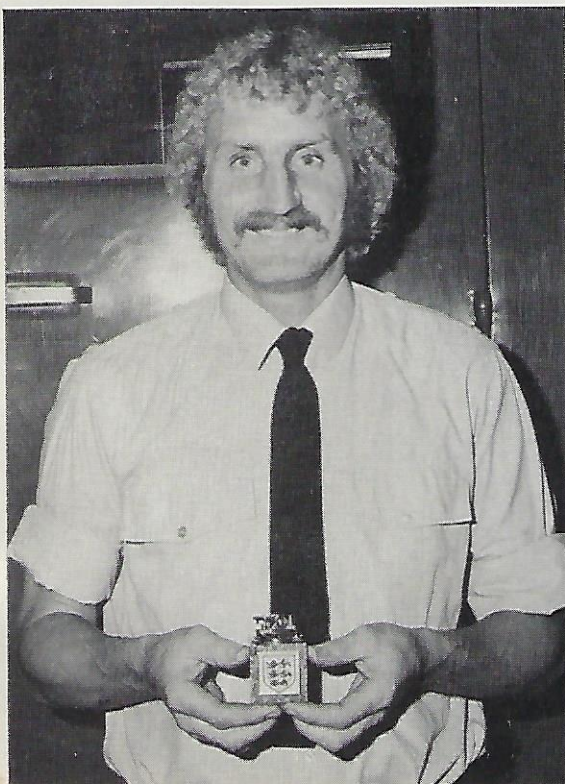
Team Manager.

The side have had a magnificent start to the season, reaching the Semi-Finals of the Tom Jones Cup. This is played on a two division league basis, our team winning their division. The teams results are:-

<u>P.</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>A.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
5	4	1	0	19	8	8

The team goal scorers have been:- Hillier 5. Walker 5. Lloyd 4. McKeown 1. Jackson 1. Bull 1. Fear 2. (1 Penalty). The team now have to play Locomotive Sports in the Semi-Final, and with a little luck on our side we could reach the Final, so come on everyone, get in touch with me for full details and give us support in the future.

CHRIS TUDOR.



Fm. Chris Tudor with his award.

Congratulations to Fm. Chris Tudor of Stn. A5 Patchway, on his Football Association Non League Football Annual Personality of the Season Award, for the season 1978/1979. He has played for one of Bristol's top amateur sides, Almondsbury-Greenway for the past 13 seasons, who play in the Gloucester County League. It is one of the top awards in amateur soccer, and is in recognition of a tremendous season by Chris, which was capped when he played at Wembley in the final of the F.A. Vase, where they were beaten by Billericay by 4 goals to 1.

Chris has recently been playing in Holland, representing the United Kingdom Fire Brigade Football Team, in a Fire Brigades European Competition. Also playing was Fm. Bob Baird of Stn. B1 Bath, goal-keeper par excellence. Both men returned with flying colours, after a tournament of 4 matches. In the first game Britain won 2 - 1, beating Belgium, Chris scoring the winning goal. This was followed by beating France 6 - 0, Chris scoring again. Then followed a 1 - 1 draw against West Germany, and finally a 0 - 0 result against Holland. Consequently United Kingdom won the title.

