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1988



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Foreword by the Chief Fire Officer

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to "Fire Fiesta '88" and hope that your visit to this the inaugural Fiesta at Weston-super-Mare will be made particularly memorable by the magnificent display of modern and preserved fire fighting equipment. Given fine weather, I am sure that the sea-side at Weston will form an excellent backdrop to the weekend's events.



Whether you are nine or ninety years of age, fire appliances have a special fascination. The shimmering red coachwork and the glistening brass and chrome are themselves enough to delight the eye and excite the mind. When one considers the hours of public service, the numerous and varied incidents that the machinery on display have attended, who could fail to be stirred? Many thanks are extended to the many appliance owners both for their attendance at the Fire Fiesta and for preserving our firefighting heritage.

"Fire Fiesta '88" is the brainchild of the Brigade's Sports Association and it is hoped that visitors to the Fiesta will derive much enjoyment from the appliances on display, visiting the trade stands, stalls and watching the many spectacular displays taking place in the Main Display Arena.

Finally my thanks are extended to everyone involved with "Fire Fiesta '88" - to the organisers, exhibitors, participants, sponsors and especially to YOU the visitors for supporting the weekend's events.

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Introduction by the Deputy Chief Officer.

Fire Fiesta is meant as a fun occasion for all the family. We hope that you will enjoy it as much as we have enjoyed presenting it.

As Firemen, we are very much a part of our local community, and are here to serve you in times of trouble or distress. This weekend, however, has few serious notes and is an opportunity to see us at work in a non-emergency situation.



The Fiesta has been organised by the County of Avon Fire Brigade Sports Association to support its objectives in the sporting field - another example of our involvement with our community.

Our grateful thanks go to all the sponsors and participants in the Fiesta without whom it could not have been staged, but especially to you - enjoy yourselves!

A stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'P. Aris'.

Mr. P. Aris
Chairman of the Avon Fire Brigade Sports Association

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THE COUNTY OF AVON FIRE BRIGADE

THE County of Avon Fire Brigade came into being on 1st April 1974, as the result of local government re-organisation. It incorporated the whole of the former Bath and Bristol Fire Brigades together with parts of the Gloucestershire and Somerset Fire Brigades. It covers an area of 134,594 hectares, and a population of about 916,900.

THE STRUCTURE AND ORGANISATION OF THE BRIGADE

The Brigade is divided into five Divisions, each with its own Divisional Commander and Staff. The Divisions are:

- Headquarters Staff Support Division
- Fire Protection and Planning Division
- Operational Division - "A" Division
- Operational Division - "B" Division
- Operational Division - "C" Division

Headquarters Staff Support Division

This Division is responsible for providing the support to the Chief Officer and the Operational Divisions without which they could not function effectively. It deals with, for example:

Brigade Control	Communications
Appliances and Equipment	Premises Maintenance
Health and Safety	Brigade Emergency Planning
Forward Planning	Water and Hydrants
Press and Public Relations	Vehicles and Transport
Training Department	Fire Protection and Planning Division

This Division is responsible for carrying out inspections necessary under various acts of parliament which requires satisfactory safety from fire for the public and employees in buildings and other premises, or which cover the safe storage and use of flammable liquids.

Main Offices: Bristol, Bath, Weston-super-Mare
Sub Offices: Yate, Nailsea

Operational Division - "A" Division

This Division is responsible for dealing with fires and Special Services in the Northern area of Avon. It has its headquarters at Bristol, and Fire Stations at Temple Back, Southmead, Avonmouth, Patchway, Thornbury and Yate.

Special Services are non-fire emergencies involving e.g. extricating trapped persons from crashed vehicles or from lifts, rescuing trapped animals, assisting the public when there is widespread flooding, making storm-damaged property safe, and dealing with spillages of dangerous chemicals.

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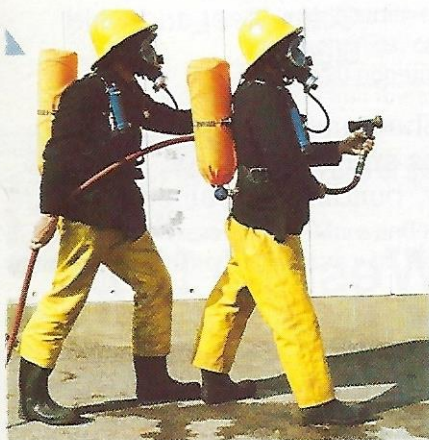


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The photograph above shows the current firefighting apparel and equipment of an Avon Firefighter wearing compressed air breathing apparatus.

The cost to equip a Firefighter above totals approximately £1000.

Operational Division - "B" Division

This Division is responsible for dealing with fires and special services in the South-Eastern area of Avon.

It has its headquarters at Bath, and Fire Stations at Bath, Radstock, Paulton, Brislington, Keynsham, Speedwell and Kingswood.

Operational Division - "C" Division

This Division is responsible for dealing with fires and Special Services in the South-Western area of Avon.

It has its headquarters at Weston-super-Mare, and Fire Stations at Weston-super-Mare, Clevedon, Portishead, Pill, Bedminster, Chew Magna, Blagdon, Winscombe, Nailsea And Yatton.

County Emergency Planning Department

Responsible to the Chief Fire Officer, this department identifies the major emergencies which might occur in the County of Avon, and co-ordinates the plans of the various departments of the county to ensure they could be put into effect quickly and smoothly.

Non-uniformed staff:

Although the activities of the Firefighters is the most visible and prominent aspect of the brigade, the brigade could not function effectively without a large non-uniformed support staff, such as administrative staff, clerical staff, typists, mechanics, cleaners and canteen staff.

Personnel:

The brigade employs a total of 1020 persons, comprising:

663 Wholetime Firefighters

212 retained Firefighters

25 control room staff

Total 900 uniformed personnel

51 administrative and clerical staff

69 mechanics, canteen staff and handyman/cleaning staff

Total 120 non-uniformed personnel

Manning systems

Fire Stations may be manned in one of three ways:

In Bristol, Bath, Weston-super-Mare and their suburbs, the Fire Stations are continuously manned by wholetime Firefighters who work a shift system.

In Yate, the Fire Station is continually manned during the day by wholetime Firefighters, and at night it is manned in a manner similar to that explained below. This system is known as Day Manning.

In rural areas and rural towns the Fire Stations are manned by Retained Firefighters; they normally have other occupations, but when alerted by Brigade Control will stop whatever they are doing and go immediately to their local Fire Station ready to respond to the fire or other incident. Retained Firefighters also man additional Water Tenders at the Yate, Bath and Weston-super-Mare Fire Stations.

TYPES OF FIRE APPLIANCES

The twenty-three Fire Stations in the County together house:

Thirty-seven Water Tenders, which are the work-horses of the Brigade; they have a crew of four or five Firefighters, have built-in pumps and a tankful of water; they carry cutting and lifting equipment and ladders for rescues and access, they carry breathing equipment to enable Firefighters to enter smoke and toxic fumes; and they carry a wide variety of other equipment: one or more Water Tenders will turn out to any fire or any other incident.

Four Turntable Ladders with an extended height of thirty metres used for rescues, and for fighting fires from above.

Two Hydraulic Platforms, used for rescues, and for fighting fires from above; they cannot reach as high as Turntable Ladders but are stronger and more stable and are good aerial platforms from which to fight large fires.

Two demountable Foam Tender units, used for tackling fires in oils and flammable liquids; one demountable Lorry unit, with small crane, for general purpose carrying duties including carrying extra supplies of foam; and two lorry chassis with mounting devices for transporting the Foam Tender unit or the Lorry unit wherever needed.

One Breathing Apparatus Servicing Vehicle, used for servicing the breathing equipment which permits Firefighters to enter smoke and toxic fumes.

One Hose-Laying lorry, used when there is insufficient water available nearby and the nearest adequate supply of water is a considerable distance away; this can happen in rural areas, or at very large fires needing a lot of water to fight, the Hose-Laying lorry can lay out approximately one mile of large diameter hose at speeds of up to thirty miles per hour as it drives from the water supply to the fire.

One Chemical Incident unit, which carries chemical-resistant protective clothing and other equipment to enable Firefighters to enter areas made dangerous by leakages of toxic or corrosive chemicals and to take action to limit their spread.

One Control Unit, which enables proper communication, planning, command and control to take place at large fires, where many pumps and their crews are working in a large area, or when the fire or other incident is protracted.

Three Rescue Tenders, which carry the extra cutting and lifting gear, rescue gear and other equipment needed at road traffic accidents. They also carry foam-making equipment and salvage equipment.

One Major Rescue Tender, which has extra-heavy duty cutting and lifting gear and a wide range of additional equipment, and which has the capability to lift and tow heavy vehicles.

Fire Stations & Appliances within the County

(WT) = Wholetime (R) = Retained (DM) = Day Manning

A1 Temple	3 Water Tenders (WT) 1 Rescue Tender (WT)	1 Turntable Ladder (WT) 1 Breathing Apparatus Servicing Vehicle (WT)
A2 Southmead	1 Water Tender (WT)	1 Hose Laying Lorry (WT)
A3 Avonmouth	2 Water Tenders (WT) 1 Hydraulic Platform (WT)	2 Foam Tender Units (demountable) (WT) 1 Flat Bed Lorry Unit (demountable) (WT)
A5 Patchway	1 Water Tender (WT)	1 Major Rescue Tender (WT)
A6 Thornbury	2 Water Tenders (R)	
A7 Yate	2 Water Tenders (DM)	
B1 Bath	2 Water Tenders (WT) 1 Turntable Ladder (WT)	1 Water Tender (R) 1 Rescue Tender (WT)
B2 Radstock	1 Water Tender (R)	
B3 Paulton	1 Water Tender (R)	
B4 Brislington	1 Water Tender (WT)	1 Chemical Incident Unit (WT)
B5 Keynsham	1 Water Tender (R)	
B6 Speedwell	2 Water Tenders (WT)	1 Hydraulic Platform (WT)
B7 Kingswood	1 Water Tender (WT)	1 Control Unit (WT)
C1 Weston-s-Mare	2 Water Tenders (WT) 1 Turntable Ladder (WT)	1 Water Tender (R) 1 Rescue Tender (WT)
C2 Clevedon	2 Water Tenders (R)	
C3 Portishead	2 Water Tenders (R)	
C4 Pill	1 Water Tender (R)	
C5 Bedminster	2 Water Tenders (WT)	1 Turntable Ladder (WT)
C6 Chew Magna	1 Water Tender (R)	
C7 Blagdon	1 Water Tender (R)	
C8 Winscombe	1 Water Tender (R)	
C9 Nailsea	2 Water Tenders (R)	
C10 Yatton	1 Water Tender (R)	

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The Fire Service Preservation Group

For many years, at the end of their useful working life, out of service fire appliances found their way to the scrap yards and subsequently many unique and interesting machines were lost forever. There are however a considerable number of people who have a great interest in the Fire Service, and it is these enthusiasts who realised that something should be done to protect our Fire Service heritage.

The Fire Service Preservation Group was formed in 1968 to ensure that not all fire appliances ended up on the scrap heap, and to preserve for posterity both appliances and equipment which are of historical and general interest.

The Group started with a small number of enthusiasts in the London area, but it has now grown to a nation-wide organisation with over 1000 members. A considerable number of members are serving or retired Firemen, the remainder coming from all walks of life. The love of fire engines however, is something they all have in common.

The majority of the preserved fire appliances appearing at the Fire Fiesta are privately owned, and have undergone or are in the process of undergoing extensive restoration to return them to the condition in which they were whilst in service. The owners will be delighted to explain the details of their appliances or answer any questions you may have, but PLEASE do not touch or climb over any of the machines without permission.

The Group participate in displays, shows and rallies all over the country and assist charities and other organisations with fund raising activities. An extensive library and information service is available for use by group members and fire service historians, and a number of specialists are available to advise on various subjects from fire service modelling to locating of vehicle spare parts. A monthly newsletter is published, together with a quarterly magazine which is distributed to members free of charge, and to cater for the widespread membership there are monthly meetings which are held on a regional basis.

For those interested in joining the group, further details can be obtained from Mr. Andrew Scott, 50 Old Slade Lane, Iver, Bucks, SL0 9DR or from Mr. A. J. Prole, the group representative at Fire Fiesta.

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23. 1962 AEC MERCURY/MERRYWEATHER TLP Reg. No. 8126 FD

17. 1956 COMMER QX/ALFRED MILES, Wre Reg. No. WYA 559



38. 1986 DODGE/SAXON C.I.U. Reg. No. D952 ETC

APPLIANCES ON DISPLAY

On show during the Fire Fiesta are a wide range of appliances dating back over the years. Because of space considerations it is not possible to include all machines at the Fiesta in the programme.

Abbreviations used in Text

AFS	Auxiliary Fire Service	ATV	Auxiliary towing vehicle
CaV	canteen van	CrT	crash tender
CU	control unit	DCU	damage control unit
EC	escape carrier	ERT	emergency rescue tender
ET	emergency tender	FoT	foam tender
HO	Home Office	HrT	hose reel tender
L4H	light 4 wheel drive vehicle & hosereel	L4P	light 4 wheel drive vehicle & pump
L4V	light 4 wheel drive vehicle	MOD	Ministry of Defence
MultiP	multi-purpose pump	NFS	National Fire Service
OOS	out of service	P	pump
P/Co2T	pump/CO2 tender	PE	pump escape
ResT	rescue tender	RV	recovery vehicle
ST	salvage tender	TLP	turntable ladder & pump
TrP	trailer pump	TV	towing vehicle
VOL	voluntary	WrC	water carrier
WrE	water ladder with escape & 35' ladder	WrL	water tender ladder (with 45' ladder)
WrT	water tender (with 35' ladder)		

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1 1780-1820 NEWSHAM STYLE MANUAL ENGINE. Restored to its original colouring, it is now owned by Brian Wright & family of Epsom Downs, Surrey.

2 1893 MERRYWEATHER 8-MAN MANUAL ENGINE. Restored by Roy & Wally Rice of the Banwell & District Volunteer Fire Unit, to celebrate the centenary of the village brigade in 1987.

3 1937 LEYLAND FK6 CUB Reg. No. CUR 151 with a 1939 BERRESFORD STORK trailer pumping unit. This open appliance and trailer pump is owned by Kev Corcoran & family of Towcester, Northants.

4 1938 LEYLAND CUB FK6 PE Reg. No. JM 4779 with open transverse body. Purchased by Windermere R.D.C. FB and after war service with NFS it passed to the Westmorland County FS. OOS-1960s, now fully restored and in preservation with Norman Oak of Launceston, Cornwall.

5 1939 DENNIS NEW WORLD - LIGHT 4. Reg. No. BPN 698. 4 cylinder petrol engine with dual coil/mag ignition (doing 9mpg). The main pump ejects 500 gallons per minute. Holds 50 gallons of water for use with the hose reel, carries a 35 ft Ajax ladder and is kitted out with hoses and auxiliary equipment.

BPN 698 left the Guildford Works of Dennis Bros in 1939 and was put into service at Newhaven in East Sussex. During the war years she saw service with the National Fire Service throughout the East Sussex area. After the war she returned to Newhaven to resume her peace time role until she was sold in 1965. She was purchased privately and brought to Burnham, where for several years she was used for film work, believed to have been used in the film 'The Battle of Britain' bedecked in the markings of the London Fire Brigade.

In 1968 she was found in the scrapyard of Mr. K Passey of Benson who had used her to tow a trailer carrying a 1892 horse-drawn manual fire pump.

John Stevens and family, members of the Chiltern Traction Engine Club and who are well known for the many years they have rallied and driven on vintage vehicle runs with the 1937 Dennis Engine owned by Wiggins Teape, had always had the ambition to own a vintage fire engine of their own. In 1981 their ambition was realised when they purchased BPN 698, by now in pretty rough condition.

After a little tidying up she was rallied last year but still looking a little 'under the weather'. During the winter months of 1981/2 she received the full beauty treatment. All old paint being stripped off she received five new coats, lovingly applied by hand, floor covering and upholstery were renewed, some of the woodwork replaced and chrome replated. Many of the smaller parts were taken to the comfort of the kitchen table where the whole family were involved in the restoration.

In the early months of this year she reappeared resplendent in all her glory and then became affectionately named 'Jez-a-bell'. On May 2nd she completed her first London to Brighton commercial vehicle run and proudly took first prize in her class of fire engines, coming away with the 'Dennis Challenge Trophy'.

The Stevens family have a long firefighting tradition dating back to great grandfather who served at Woodburn Green. The brass helmets being worn are heirlooms passed down to family and friends, and much of the equipment carried on the machine has taken many years to collect.

6 1943 DODGE 82A MOBILE DAM UNIT. Reg. No. GXM 542. Shown by Philip Stevens of High Wycombe. Built to take water to assist firefighting in blitzed areas. It was later used by Buckinghamshire Fire Brigade and then by a private brigade at a hospital until replaced by a sprinkler system. Laid up for 10 years before being purchased by its present owner.

7 1943 AUSTIN K4 MERRYWEATHER 61 FOOT TURNTABLE LADDER. Reg. No. GXN 208. This machine saw war service as T8 in Barnstable, Devon and during the blitz on Plymouth.

In 1948 the ladder was converted from hand extension to mechanical by contractors at Kingston-on-Thames. Also in 1948 she was transferred to Yeovil in Somerset. She stayed at B1 station until she was retired from service at the end of 1973.

In February 1974 she was offered to the Kent Fire Brigade collection of vintage and historic fire appliances but this appears not to have been taken up by Kent. She was then sold. This machine is fully operational and road legal and insurance is carried. Barry Thomas of St. Leonards, Dorset, acquired her in July 1986.

8 1950 WARD LA FRANCE OPEN PUMPER. Reg. No. USV 994. This appliance worked its life in New York for the Archville Fire Department and was shipped to England in 1986 for preservation by Gary Senior of Ottershaw, Surrey. The massive engine pumps 1,250 gallons per minute and has a top speed of 75 mph.

9 1951 DENNIS F12 PE Wiltshire Fire Brigade. Reg. No. HMR 765. New to Wiltshire FB and stationed at Salisbury. Fitted with Rolls-Royce B80 engine, 900 gpm pump and 50ft. Merryweather escape ladder. OOS-1978 but retained by Wiltshire FB as preserved appliance; in the care of Dave Berry Of Swindon.

10 1951 COMMER FC 5 TON/CARMICHAEL WrT. Reg. No. EDO 360. This machine was brought as a 'scraper' as spares for another Commer, but when it arrived home was found not to be in as bad a state as was first thought; an hour or so's work proved that she was a very viable proposition for preservation work to be undertaken. She probably spent all her active life with Holland County Fire Brigade on the east coast. Blair Thomas is the owner/restorer/driver.

11 1952 COMMER QX. Reg. No. NBJ 392. This appliance started its working life for Suffolk & Ipswich Fire Service in 1952 believed stationed at Brandon. In 1977 it was presented to the Brandon Firefighting Equipment Preservation Group. After this group was disbanded it was sold to a plastics company in 1980. We do not know how long this company kept the appliance. Derek & Linda Tilbury of High Wycombe bought the engine in a very sorry state from a garage in Hockliffe (Beds) in September 1984. Many hours have been spent restoring the appliance.

12 1952 COMMER QX. Reg. No. SYC 132. WrT Commer/Carmichael. Supplied to Somerset FB where it ended its operational career at Martock. OOS-1976 and sold to Mervyn Fooks-Bale of Curry Mallet near Taunton, who has fully restored and equipped it.

13 1953 DENNIS F12 PE. Reg. No. 1 AMX. Supplied to Middlesex FB for service at Staines. On boundary changes in 1965 it passed into the hands of Surrey FB. Fitted with Rolls-Royce B80 engine. OOS-1972, it is now cared for by the Fire Brigades of Surrey Preservation Trust and is in the care of John Wadey of Ashted. It is in Middlesex colours and carries a 55ft. Bayley wheeled escape ladder.

14 1954 MORRIS COMMERCIAL/WADHAMS H/T/PCV Reg. No. GRX 41. Supplied To Berks & Reading Fire Brigade and in service at Pangbourne. OOS-1972 and now in preservation with Brian Curtis and family of Reading.

Built in 1954 by Wadhams of Waterlooville for the Reading and Berkshire Fire Brigade and stationed at Pangbourne. It served there all its operational life through to early 1970 when she was withdrawn and sold.

It was then put on loan to Reading Fire Brigade Vintage Fire Engine Society who used it for towing a 1894 Shand Mason steam fire pump to various rallies and shows.

Eventually due to engine failure it was laid up to be restored, it was started but never finished. She was found behind a Fire Station more or less derelict, it was purchased and restored, including a new engine and overhaul of the brakes by the present owners the Curtis family of Reading.

15 1955 DENNIS F8 HOSE LAYER Reg. No. STT 319 This appliance was originally a Water Tender in the Devon Fire Service, being converted to a Hoselayer in 1968. It was preserved in 1982 and is owned by R.W. Yeoman of Newton Abbott.

16 1955 COMMER QX EMERGENCY TENDER Reg. No. EM 6210 This fire appliance is classed as an emergency tender, common in most Fire Brigades in the country in large or small sizes. This machine was delivered to Bootle County Borough Fire Brigade in 1955, where it spent all its life at the Central Fire Station, in Strand Road. The vehicle was replaced in 1972 by a more modern appliance, and EM 6210 passed in to the ownership of the Borough Council's Engineers Department, where it remained, mostly unused, for five years. It was acquired from the council by its present owner, Mr. M. T. Williams of Gloucester in 1976.

The vehicle is mounted on a Commer 7 ton forward control chassis, and is powered by a Commer 6 cylinder, horizontally inclined, 4752 c.c. petrol engine.

The bodywork, which is all aluminum, was built by Alfred Miles and Co, of Cheltenham. the design is their own, and originated from a design made for the Gloucestershire Fire Service, for their fleet of post war fire appliances

This appliance was designed for carrying heavy rescue equipment, breathing apparatus and servicing equipment, and its underfloor generator, emergency lighting equipment. The vehicle was also used as a control vehicle at large fires, using radio and telephone links. The vehicle is at present still undergoing restoration.

17. 1956 COMMER QX/ALFRED MILES, WrE Reg. No. WYA 559 Built 1956 by Alfred Miles (Cheltenham) for Somerset Fire Brigade and stationed at Minehead. It served at the station all its operational life through to 1969.

When due to the cost of major modifications to bring to modern standards, she was withdrawn from service, all the operational equipment was removed. Re-sprayed green so as not to confuse it with operational machines, and used for H.G.V. driver training. 125 firemen attained H.G.V. 3 going through 3 gearboxes and numerous clutches, in 1975 it was decided to sell it by tender for scrap. It was sold to Pasesys of Benson where it finished up in their yard to be cut up.

County of Avon Fire Brigade

Sports Association Fire Fiesta, 1988

The Promenade Lawns, Weston-super-Mare.

Programme of Events -

All times are approximate.

Saturday 6th August 1988

- 11.00 am The Avon Constabulary Mounted Section display their talents with a 'FOUR HORSE' MUSICAL RIDE.
- 11.30 am COAST GUARD -The Clevedon Coastguard in action with a practical demonstration.
- 12.00 'OLD VILLAGE' Fire Scene - The Banwell Volunteer Fire Brigade show how fire fighting may have been at the turn of the century, using their 1893 hand-operated Fire Engine.
- 12.45 pm FIRE EXTINGUISHERS - types and their uses Jim Dukes of the British Rail Fire Service explains about them and shows how to use them.
- 1.30 pm TURNTABLE LADDERS and Special Fire Appliances 'Old and New' demonstrations.
- 2.00 pm MAN OVERBOARD! The crew of the Weston-super-Mare Lifeboat perform a live rescue from the sea off Weston Beach, in conjunction with the Search and Rescue helicopter from RAF Chivenor.
- 2.45 pm HORSE DRAWN 'TO THE RESCUE' horse drawn hand operated fire engines show how it was done.
- 3.15 pm Turntable ladders and Special Fire Appliances 'Old and New' demonstration.
- 4.00 pm ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - a simulated road traffic accident and how the Brigade deal with it by the Firemen and Ambulance personnel of Weston-super-Mare.

Sunday 7th August 1988

- 11.00 am RAF Locking - The precision routine of the RAF Locking Drill Squad.
- 11.30 am COAST GUARD -The Clevedon Coastguard in action with a practical demonstration.
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- 3.00 pm 'TheRED DEVILS' parachute regiment 'Drop In' on the Fire Fiesta.
- 3.30 pm The horse drawn St. Giles Shand Mason Steamer (Victorian Fire Appliance) is put through it's paces by owner, Tom Sampson.
- 4.00 pm ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - A simulated road traffic accident and how the Brigade deal with it by the Firemen and Ambulance personnel of Weston-super-Mare.

The events will take place subject to prevailing weather conditions and the availability of emergency services, taking into account operational commitments.

The organisers reserve the right to alter the programme of events if the need arises.

ALSO FEATURED ON BOTH DAYS ON THE LAWN



Various static Displays will be
operating around the site
These will include:

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Vintage Fire Appliances on Display
Police Community Unit
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19. 1961 BEDFORD - HAWSON CARMICHAEL WrT Reg. No. 1600 AD. Very little is known as yet about this machine, it is known that she was stationed at Chipping Sodbury for most of her commissioned life and it is thought that she was sold out of service when the County of Avon Fire Brigade was formed in 1974.

It is believed to be the first machine in Gloucester to be fitted with blue light and two tone horns and it is also thought that she used amber and blue lights together. She carries a 35' Bayley Ladder but we do not know as yet, what other equipment she carried, contact has been made with Gloucester Fire and Rescue Service in the hope they will be able to furnish us with some more information. The Thomas family jointly own this machine and all help to maintain her. She was acquired in January 1988.

20. 1961 LANDROVER 109"/CARMICHAEL REDWING Reg. No. 680 UHY Formerly part of the works Fire Brigade for British Oil Cake Mills, this appliance is now owned by A.C.W. Smith of Bitton.

21. 1961 KARRIER GAMECOCK/CARMICHAEL Reg. No. 959 KJO New to City of Oxford FS at their Slade Park Fire Station, it later passed to Oxfordshire FS; served as works appliance at Lister's Diesels, Dursley, Gloucestershire and used in 18 pump fire at works in 1983. OOS-1983 and preserved on Isle Of Wight. Now owned by David Hall of Burghfield Common, Reading (FSPG).

22. 1962 BEDFORD TK/HCB PE Reg. No. NGL 664 New to City of Bath Fire Brigade and stationed at Bath (latterly with County of Avon Fire Brigade) until 1976 when transferred to training school. OOS-1980 and presented by Bristol Fire Museum. Now owned by Anton Prole of Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire (FSPG) who has re-equipped and fully restored the machine.

23. 1962 AEC MERCURY/MERRYWEATHER TLP Reg. No. 8126 FD Supplied to Dudley Fire Brigade and remained at station under West Midlands Fire Station until 1983 when it was sold to the Isle of Wight F.S. who swapped its ladder with ex. Bedfordshire Erf/G and T/ Merryweather TL CNM 455T. OOS-1984 and, after preservation in Hampshire, now with Anton Prole, Bradford-on-Avon.

24. 1963 KARRIER 'GAMECOCK' CARMICHAEL WrT Reg. No. UFX 157 First registered on February 24th 1963 as First Away Tender at Weymouth, Dorset, covering approximately 6,700 miles up to 1967, then she was transferred to Maiden Newton, Dorset until October 1978, covering a further 5,000 miles. she was then designated Brigade Reserve Vehicle until she was sold at auction in November 1979 for £210, having covered a total of 12,194 miles.

Quite a bit of history is known about this machine, she has at one time or another has some unusual incidents happen to her, these are related more fully on the machine.

Fully operational and road legal and insurance is carried. She is owned by Shelley Thomas of St. Leonards, Dorset.

25. 1963 DENNIS F24 Reg. No. 371 YMA This appliance is owned by Mr. S W Stevens-Stratten of Epsom, Surrey.

26. 1964 AUSTIN GYPSY Reg. No. 52 VRL Formerly with the Fire Brigade, now exhibited by Norman J Down of Dorset.

27. 1964 BEDFORD TK/HCB ANGUS Reg. No. AYD 702B supplied to Somerset Fire Brigade and issued to Weston-super-Mare and then Frome. OOS-1981 and now in preservation with Richard Westaway of Burghfield Common, Reading. This appliance is for sale.

28. 1964 AUSTIN GYPSY L4P with front mounted Coventry Climax pump. Reg. No. 547 URL. New to Cornwall County Fire Brigade and stationed at Looe and then Perranporth Fire Stations. OOS-1986 and now is preservation with the Barr family of Malmesbury, Wiltshire.

29. 1968 ERF - HCB WrE Reg. No. SAL 999F This ex Nottinghamshire appliance was based at Newark Fire Station. It is now preserved and operated by the Farrington Fire Station Social Club of Oxford.

30. 1969 FORD D600 HCB ANGUS/WrT Reg. No. PDF 923G Originally operated by Gloucestershire Fire Brigade, it was one of the machines that was passed into Avon on the formation of the county. In Avon, amongst the stations it served on, were station A5, Patchway, and station C1 Weston-super-Mare. It is owned and operated by local enthusiast Trevor Guise of Weston-super-Mare.

31. 1969 BEDFORD/HCB ANGUS WrL Reg. No. SRL 595H Formerly with the Cornwall County Fire Brigade, it is owned and shown by Mr. A.E. Hale and family of Saltash.

32. 1969 AEC MERRYWEATHER MARQUIS 7 WrE Reg. No. OET 333H Formerly with the Rotherham Fire Brigade. It was the last operational WrE In South Yorkshire. Shown by Keith Graham of Sheffield with the South Yorkshire Fire Service Historical Society.

33. 1970 DENNIS F46 Reg. No. DWT 472H Powered by the famous Rolls-Royce B81 petrol engine, this appliance was originally with the West Riding of Yorkshire and in 1974 was passed to North Yorkshire Fire Brigade. It is still in its striking white livery; owned by David Totty of Bridlington.

34. 1972 DENNIS F49 WrL Reg. No. VPX 477K Now owned and operated by Mr. R K Wood, this appliance was stationed at B12 Horsham of the West Sussex Fire Brigade.

35. 1973 DENNIS F108 HOSE LAYER Reg. No. PGN 15L Fitted with the Perkins V.8. AU510 engine, commissioned by the London Fire Brigade and issued new to L27 Barking. Transferred to F21 Stratford during re-allocation of special appliance in 1974, remained at Stratford until replaced by the demountable system.



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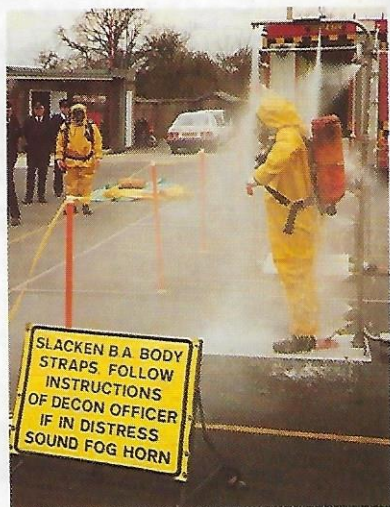


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