

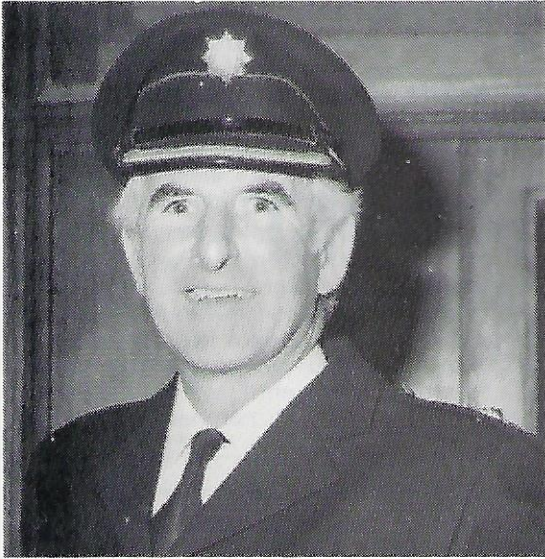
COUNTY OF AVON FIRE BRIGADE

MAGAZINE



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Editorial Section



I am grateful to the editor for the opportunity to write the foreword to this edition of the Brigade magazine.

As Brigade Training Officer, I thought I should direct my comments to those gentlemen pictured on the front cover. At the time of going to press, the Recruit Firemen were in the throes of *enjoying* the rehearsals for their Passing Out Parade and Drill Demonstrations. Prior to that of course, they had been subjected to the rigours of basic training.

Much has been done over the past few years to select and train men to play their role as professional firemen, and the recent course was no exception. A radical change was introduced incorporating Breathing Apparatus and Basic Fire Prevention training over a 15 week period, thus enabling a more practical approach to be achieved.

The usual crop of minor injuries occurred, but even the one who broke both legs came back for more after two days.

To most of the lads it was their first introduction to a disciplined organisation, but to all it was the realisation of what working for another means, that little bit of something that is sometimes lacking in other jobs but so essential in ours.

As newcomers, I know you will join me in wishing them well in their careers.

Divisional Officer Ray Southard



I have been in the position of Personal Relation Officer now for one month, and am certainly enjoying this new challenge and of course looking forward to serving the Brigade well in this capacity.

I appreciate the welcome that I have received from all members of staff at Headquarters and indeed throughout the Brigade. Offers of assistance have been arriving thick and fast from the press, police public relation office and areas far too numerous to mention, for which I am grateful.

My thanks to Dave for the work that he carried out and the contacts that have been passed on to me, it certainly has made the initiation much easier. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the personnel of C1 for 11 happy years at Weston and a special mention to the men from Green Watch with whom I served for the last five years—thanks for the tankard, its in pride of place!

I would ask that material for the magazine be sent in early in order to obtain the right balance. When you attend incidents with an interesting twist, please contact me whether at home or office.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Brian Sharp

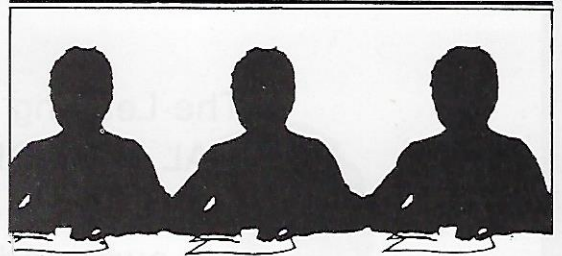
Opinions expressed in this magazine do not necessarily reflect the views of the editor or publishers and may not represent the official opinion of the *County of Avon Fire Brigade*.

It gives me pleasure to wish Brian every success in his new position as Press Officer. I am also pleased that I have had the opportunity of writing these few words to you all and I would firstly like to thank all members of the Brigade, both past and present, for their co-operation especially in the production of the magazine, also members of the media, both locally and nationally, for the co-operation and guidance that I received from them on many occasions. I am sure that you would all agree that they look after the Brigade very well.

For the past three years I have had the pleasure of working with virtually all members and departments of the Brigade, giving me a great insight into their functions and duties and have made many new friends not only within the Brigade but also within the Police and Avon Ambulance Service, from whom I have received excellent co-operation.

Once again thank you all for your assistance and I am sure that you will give Brian the same help and co-operation in his new venture. Thank you all.

Dave Hutchings



Faces and Places



Pete Shilton was promoted to Assistant Divisional Officer on 1st April and transferred to Brigade Headquarters as Assistant Division Officer (Technical).

Pete, who is married and lives at Thornbury, began his service at Nottingham in 1965 and transferred to Bath as Training Officer in 1973. He was Water Officer in Avon between 1974—1977, and is no stranger to Brigade Headquarters. This was followed by appointments as Officer in Charge of the former A4 Severnside and latterly at A5 Patchway, having spent a year in Fire Prevention at Yate prior to A5 Patchway.

Pete is at present involved in such diverse references as operational equipment, radiation and de-contamination, premises and accommodations and the Brigade's Technical Safety Committees.

ADO John Mapstone

John Mapstone joined the Fire Service in 1961. In May 1964 he was promoted to Leading Fireman and transferred to the Fire Prevention Department where he remained, rising to the rank of Station Officer in 1968, until June 1975, when he returned to operational duties as a Rider Station Officer at Station B6 Speedwell.

He has always been an active member of the Fire Brigade's Union and, since about 1974, has been Secretary of the Officer's Branch. In this capacity he is a member of the Negotiating Committee, together with the Brigade's Safety and Technical Committees.

For many years he was a member of the Brigade's rugby team and, although he no longer plays, he is still a keen follower of the sport. His other hobbies include home decorating, gardening, walking and sea fishing, together with visiting the local hostelrys!

John is looking forward very much to the challenge of his new post as Deputy Training Officer and to meeting, in the course of his duties, those members of the Brigade, both whole-time and retained, with whom he has not yet come into contact.

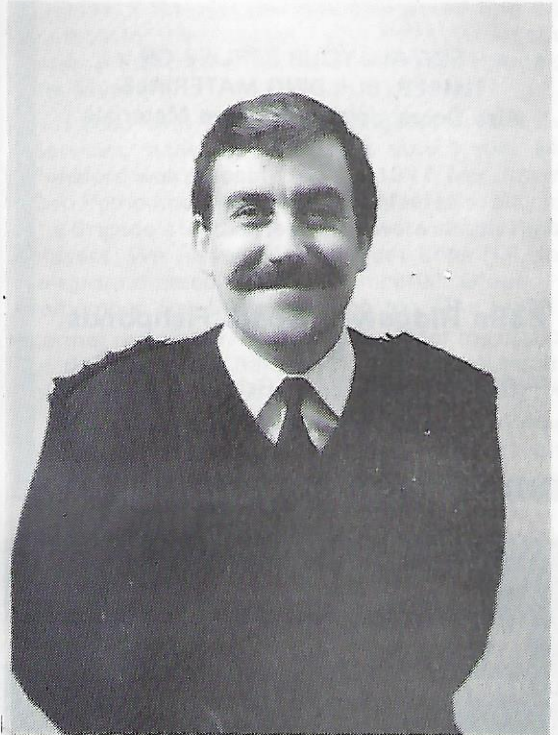
We all congratulate John and wish him success in his new post, and we could not end here without a special mention of John's lovely wife, Jeanette, who is the Chief Officer's secretary.



ADO Barry Smith

Congratulations to Barry Smith who is now our new Communications Officer, replacing Andy Walters who has become Deputy Divisional Commander, 'B' Division.

Barry joined the Brigade in 1964 as a Junior Fireman. He served from 1966 until 1973 as a Fireman at A3 Avonmouth. In 1974 he was promoted to Leading Fireman, A2 Southmead. In 1975 he joined the Training School as a Sub Officer. Here he served up to the rank of Station Officer until late 1981, and since then he has served as Officer-in-Charge of Green Watch at A1 Temple.



German Visit

Horst Kaesebier, an Obermeister in the Hanover Fire Department, spent two weeks with the *County of Avon Fire Brigade* studying our methods of operation and the Brigade. He wishes to encourage exchange visits between members of the Brigade and their families and members of the Hanover Fire Department. As you are all aware Bristol is twinned with Hanover.

The Hanover Fire Department is the sole rescue, fire fighting and salvage service in the Hanover area. Their responsibilities include sub-aqua rescue, mines, rocks and quarry rescue, and they also have the responsibility for emergency ambulances. At present most, and eventually all, firemen will be paramedic trained. Also a surgeon rides on certain emergency ambulances.



The conditions of service of firemen in Hanover differ from our own. After a statutory period a fireman is then appointed a Fire Officer for life. Their discipline code is not so extensive, many areas being self-disciplining because of the status of the job. But on smaller items discipline is far more severe, for example, striking, drinking on duty or disrepute may well result in imprisonment. Pay scales are laid down nationally for professional firemen and are on a par with the armed services and the police, with certain allowances for numbers of children, posting away from home, etc. All public sector workers' pay scales are laid down with reviews every two years maintaining them on national average earnings. Their duty week is currently 56 hours.

During Horst's visit to Avon, he visited all stations and spent a day with Avon Ambulance Service, and also at British Aerospace. He found his stay interesting and enjoyable and will be most pleased to hear from anyone wishing to take a return visit to Germany. The only costs involved would be that of travelling. If you are interested in a visit to Hanover contact Station Officer Dave Hutchings for further information. Ideally a small group of families would be well accommodated, spending some time sightseeing and, for those that may be interested, studying the Fire Service in Germany, in particular the professional service in Hanover.

First Turn Out



I came across a wartime photo which was taken about October 1939. I had been called up into the A.F.S., and the A.F.S. was slowly being equipped and made mobile. I was at the Redland Station behind the Redland Police Station. The photo shows our first turn-out, proudly displaying Fyffes Bananas complete with a missing door handle. I can't remember all the names of the people in the photo, but back row on the left is Fred Perry who was killed in one of the first raids on Bristol. The first man in the front row is Ken Boucher, then Crocker, then me. My brother Bill is behind Crocker. I thought perhaps you would find this suitable for the Museum. I gave Harry Hardy some other A.F.S. momentos when he was in charge of the Museum.

I read with interest the Brigade, or is it the Services, activities. The first time I met Mr. Ponsford was probably 1946 or 1947. Ivor Brown, Don Petrie and myself had volunteered to play for the Brigade's football team. We were strictly rugby players. We played a team from Chas Hill, the fairground people, at the Imperial Ground. I remember Dai Davies playing too. The result I cannot remember. Indeed, I played for my branch of the Nat. West Bank five years ago. I admit I played in goal, but it did my ego a world of good.

I retired over two years ago, and I often meet several of the Brigade's retired members and enjoy a chat about the old days. The older one grows the sweeter nostalgia becomes.

I am keeping well and enjoy a pretty active life, with the form of Bristol Rovers making me feel younger every day.

May I wish you and anyone around who may remember me all the best.

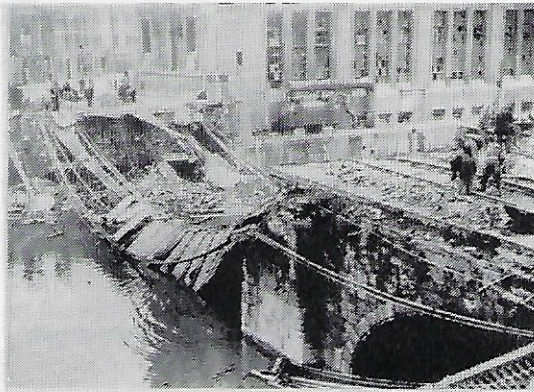
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Bristol



"I was making for Bath Street. I looked around. There seemed to be no buildings missing, no fires, nothing except an abundance of debris. By this time I had reached the corner of Temple Back and Bath Street and turned my eyes towards Old Market. They nearly fell out of my head. No bridge. Only the remains of the carriageway drooping into the floating harbour, supported by a tangle of electric cables! At this moment I heard the bell of a fire engine approaching from Old Market so I ran up to the edge of the broken bridge, waved my torch, blew my whistle and shouted, but still the lights of the fire engine came on. Luckily he saw the missing bridge just in time to skid to a stop on the brink, to my great relief as I do not like cold water and was not looking forward to having to dive to the rescue."

The above article was taken from *Bristol Blitz Diary* written by John Dike. It refers to the night of 11 April 1941 when the Halfpenny Bridge was directly hit by a bomb.

We acknowledge Redcliffe Press Limited for permission to reproduce the particular paragraph, and also Reece Winston for the photograph, it being of special interest to us as it is the bridge now reinstated, opposite the new Fire Brigade Headquarters.



A direct hit on St. Philip's Bridge severed the many tramway power cables and brought the trams to a halt forever. This bridge replaced a ferry in 1831 and was freed from tolls in 1875-hence the local name Halfpenny Bridge. Reece Winston Collection.

Allan Hill

ACO Boyne exchanges plaques with Allan Hill, a Fireman on holiday in Bristol from Perth, Western Australia.



Allan has been in Australia for over twenty years, and seventeen years in the Western Australia Fire Department. He is also the Mayor of Perth. The hours of work and conditions are in many ways similar to this country, but the Brigades are financed to a great extent by insurance companies, and the control of Brigades seems very complicated compared to ours. It is only very recently that the Chief Officer or any senior officer had any say in the way their Brigade is run. Allan says they look with envy at the British system, where all officers must have been firemen, and that Brigades here are managed by senior officers answerable to national standards laid down by the Home Office.

We all wish Allan and his family the best and ask him to convey our regards to his colleagues in Australia from all in Avon.



Fireman Alan Bradley, C1 Weston Super Mare

At the recent meeting of the Weston-super-Mare Rugby Football Club, Alan was selected as Club Captain for the playing season 1983/84. At the Club Dinner he was presented with his Club cap which has been earned by making 200 first team appearances. To add to these achievements, he was also voted "Player of the Year"

We wish Alan good luck with his captaincy and trust that the Club has a successful year.

As a bonus, he has just heard that he has passed his Sub Officer's examination. It sounds like a good year for him.



*The man with the ball and the mean look!!
Photograph by courtesy of 'The Weston Mercury.'*

Jim Cecil

Jim the Driver/Handyman
Tackles anything he can,
From cleaning cars and windows bright
(And anyone who is in sight),
To running errands far and near
It makes a change from making beer.

A Fireman brave he was for ages
In the smoke where fire rages,
Helping young and old alike
He even got there on his bike.
He left the Watch while in his prime,
And thought that he would spend his time
Making brews quite outrageous
In the place we call Courages.

He didn't like the beer and ale,
All it did was make him pale.
Back to the Firemen he did roam,
It was just like his second home.

Into the workshops he did stray,
And he wouldn't go away,
Until he had done his job.
He liked to earn an honest bob
Cleaning cars and petrol serving,
Did his duty without swerving,
Empty dustbins, making tea,
There is nothing that he
Would not do if he was able,
Even cutting through the cable.

In his time he's done a lot,
Swept the chimney, cleaned the pot.
Now it's time for him to go,
He'll still pop in to say 'Hello'.
And all of this is not in jest,
See you soon Jim, all the best.
And don't forget now, from a friend,
You're sure to get there in the end.
Anon.



Jim Neale

This is the saga of Sparky Neale,
Red and Black to him appeal.
Coffee shops in Avon he finds
Liquid refreshment of various kinds.

When you want him he can't be found,
I guess you've seen him doing the round.
In dark places you may seek;
Be careful now, just one small peek.

If you wake him he'll be in bad humour,
Even if 'tis a vicious rumour.

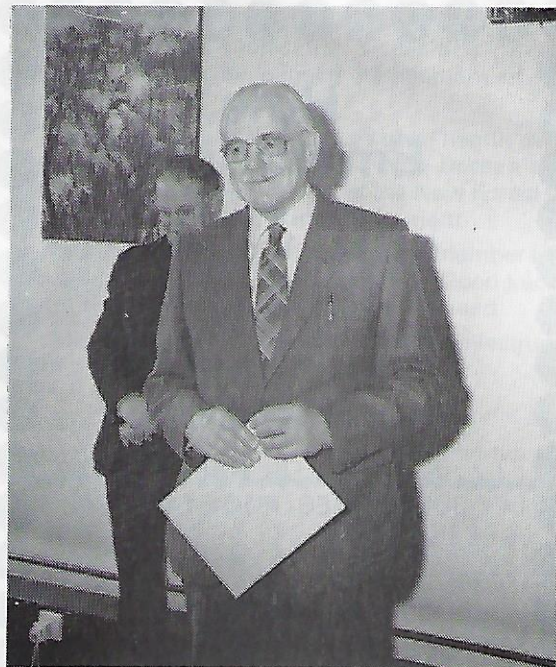
He was arrested one afternoon,
Oh, how he prayed the boss would soon
Go along to the Police at Bridwell
Just to free him from the dark cell.

He's been arrested with much aplomb
They thought he had a carrier bomb.

He will be missed, of that we're sure,
 Especially at half past four
 When Ron comes out into the hive
 And says 'Jim—Breakdown—A5'.

Off he goes in clouds of dust,
 One thing's sure, he will not rust,
 He's the one forever ready,
 Standing firm, and still, and steady.

Jim, in retirement, all the best,
 You've got at last a well-earned rest.
 Anon.



John Robbins



John Robbins has retired from the *County of Avon Fire Brigade* after serving for 13 years and achieving the rank of Assistant Divisional Officer.

John joined the Brigade in 1950 after serving for 9 years in the Merchant Navy throughout the war years from 1941. In that time he gained experience in ships of various types which may account for the fact that he was posted from the Brigade Training School to Avonmouth Fire Station and remained at that Station, except for a six month period at the Training School as a Sup Officer Instructor, until 1971 moving through the ranks to Station Officer.

Sandy Sandle

Its all gone quiet since he's left the stores,
 He's gone to retire at Withywood's shores,
 No one here could take his place,
 The hard working man with a smile on his face.

Who can we ask for a tin of rocket?
 For he has gone with the keys in his pocket.
 On windy days on Dundry's heights,
 You'll find him there flying kites.

And when the evening has long gone past,
 You'll see him with his aerial mast,
 Tuning in on the short wave band,
 Listening to morse from all the land.

John has seen many changes at Avonmouth over the years as he was originally posted to the Station at Green Lane where the Brigade used several houses in the road as accommodation. I must have told quite a few tales of his sojourns as mess manager at No. 3 Green Lane and about "HOMERS". This of course was before the present Station was built.

He has always taken an active interest in activities at Station level and could be relied upon to do an effective job in any given task whether operationally or administratively. An extract from his Officers' in Charge report at one stage of his service, indicated that "He had an infectious

enthusiasm for his job and has the ability of putting over the subject he is teaching", and I consider that to be a good assessment of his character.

John has fortunately enjoyed good health over the years and now he and his wife Doreen are looking for a place in the area of the New Forest to set up home and enjoy their retirement.

I am sure that all members and ex members of the Brigade will sincerely wish them Good Luck, Good Health and many happy years ahead.

Monty Britton—On behalf of John's colleagues both past and present.

Miscellany

Sugarcraft



Yes a cake. Designed and created in sugar by Josey. Bristol Coat of Arms.

Josey White, wife of Station Officer Keith White of Red Watch, A3 Avonmouth, has always had an interest in cake decoration and has recently opened up a shop on the Gloucester Road.

Josey was once a cosmetician, and also worked on a building site for two years! She took a nightschool course in Artistic Cake Decoration and Sugarcraft, and was then approached by Brunel Technical College to teach adults in the evenings.



Josey with another award winning cake.

After two years of hard work Josey and a friend, Carol Harding, set up in business and opened their own shop called the Bristol Sugarcraft Centre where, besides cake decoration, they also teach and lecture members of the public. In two months of operating, the business has gone from strength to strength. A great deal of interest is shown in their craft by the public and Josey's creations are a work of art.

If you are interested in a demonstration of the craft contact the Bristol Sugarcraft Centre at 310 Gloucester Road, Tel. No. Bristol 46237. Groups are welcome.

Keith plays an important part offering a great deal of support to his wife and assisting in the bringing up of their children, Steven (7) and Chris (3), decorating the shop and helping to run the home, but both Keith and Josey find it extremely satisfying as it is a burning ambition come true for Josey. I am sure that we all wish them both goodwill for the future and success in this new venture.



Bristol Flower Show first prize. Such attention to detail.

Where are they now?

Come back with me to a spring day in 1952 to Bristol Fire Brigade and Ambulance Station No. 2 Stoke Hill, situated just off the Downs and nestling amidst the splendour of the many trees and in the

shadows of a magnificent building of historic appearance known as the Theological College which still stands today.

Our immediate neighbour, and owner of the grounds on which the Station stood, was a Mr. Perkins, a builder who was anxious to clear the area of the many trees which graced the grounds at the time, prior (we now know) to giving us the boot, ultimately to Southmead Road, in order to build a number of luxury houses there.

The age of domestic central heating as we know it today had only just begun in those days, and open fire solid fuel heating was commonplace in homes at that time. So here was a chance for the Fire Station to acquire some free fuel in the form of logs, and many a lunchtime period was spent in demolishing trees for this purpose. This leads me nicely into what happened one lunch hour which now strikes me as hilarious looking back on the exercise, although at the time there was a great sense of urgency.

A colleague, Ken Whitney by name, asked me if I was game to fell a tree. So, after a hurried lunch, off we set. We chose a tree which dwarfed the drill tower, and set to work with a two-handed saw. After a while, and a fair sweat, down it crashed—not where we had intended it to fall, but right across the main road outside the Station. Fortunately, no cars were passing at the time, but with the road fully blocked it was not long before a queue of vehicles was forming on both sides of the tree. If we had had a fire or emergency call at that moment there was no way that we could have gone out of the gate and turned left.

With only five minutes to go for the two o'clock parade bell, out into the road we sprinted and, taking up a position in the middle of the road, we resumed sawing, only this time with great urgency. We managed to clear both halves of the tree to their respective pavements in time to join the two o'clock parade.

Fred Bryant (Retired)

P.S. Fred looks in from time to time, and it was good to see him at the recent Southmead reunion.



Members of the Old Station 2 gathered for a social evening at the Ha Club. This is becoming an annual function gaining momentum each year.

Operation 'Back Up' Avon Probation Volunteer Project

This project has been financed by the Manpower Services Commission in consultation with the Avon Probation Service who are sponsoring the scheme. The purpose is to recruit a number of volunteers to assist the Probation Service in carrying out specific support activities with their clients. Particular emphasis is being placed on using volunteers to help with basic education and on workshop schemes and outdoor activities. These volunteers will be recruited from the unemployed and retired sections of the community.

Education and training, including a healthy interest in outdoor pursuits, has proved productive in the past in breaking the chain of events which may ultimately lead to prison. More volunteers are urgently wanted to assist Probation Officers in developing their projects.

'Back Up' will recruit and train volunteers who may be either specialist or general helpers, and place them with Probation Offices. Volunteer drivers for the Probation Service minibus are also required to assist with visits by dependants to prisons.

Two of the many highly successful projects in Bristol are the 'Chain Gang' and the 'Pembroke Motor Club'.

The 'Chain Gang' scheme operates in the Withywood Probation Offices and enables young people on Supervision Orders to the Probation Service to develop skills in the building, maintenance and safe riding of bicycles.

Generous donations of bicycles from charities and contributions from the police, who gave bicycles which had remained unclaimed, helped to establish this project. Now young people can use this scheme to link with the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

Another very successful project is the 'Pembroke Motor Club'. It trains young offenders who have been in trouble as a result of an offence related to a motor vehicle. The scheme gives each person six months training in motor maintenance and basic welding which can be put to practical use on a number of 'old bangers' supplied by the public or on the trainee's own car. This scheme is also recognised as experience towards the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. Not only do these young people derive considerable satisfaction from their endeavours, but of equal importance is the fact that they become more 'marketable' on completion of the course. Each year there are in excess of 3,000 offences of either stealing from a vehicle or taking a vehicle without consent. In most cases banning the young people concerned

from driving has had little or no effect. This project encourages these young men to develop a more responsible attitude towards cars and other people's property.

Enabling young people to 'use their hands' is only one type of scheme either in operation or contemplated. In St Pauls a highly successful soccer training programme has been in operation for some time, and additional help comes from the home of Bristol Rovers at Eastville Stadium.

With so many offenders lacking in basic knowledge of either writing, reading or numeracy, counselling and training by volunteers plays a very important part in the social training of clients. Returning to society after a spell in prison can also be quite a traumatic experience. A basic requirement is to develop a knowledge and discipline in self-caring and catering. Volunteers are needed to teach basic cooking and to advise on economical yet nutritious meals.

There is a wealth of expertise and skill going to waste among the unemployed and retired members of our society. 'Back Up' needs this support from volunteers. It intends to prove to offenders that there is not an automatic link between Probation and prison or detention centre. 'Back Up' will develop programmes in co-operation with Probation Officers to provide support services and to introduce new schemes towards the re-habilitation of offenders.

MARTIN McINALLY
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Adult Probation Hostel
10 Brigstocke Road
St Pauls
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The Fifth Year

The Brigade First Aid team were once again successful in retaining the St. John The Baptist Perpetual Trophy at the National Fire Brigades First Aid Competition held at Moreton in Marsh on 23rd June, 1983.

Our congratulations to Ray Underhay (Captain), Mike Smith, Dave Causon, Gary Bowden and reserve John Couzins, on obtaining 336 points, beating the nearest rivals, Staffordshire, by 35½ points.

A special mention to Ray and Dave for taking individual firsts in their sections. I am told that they are training hard, with their sights set on returning the Grand Priors Trophy to Avon in November.

Good Luck!

R.S.P.C.A. Awards

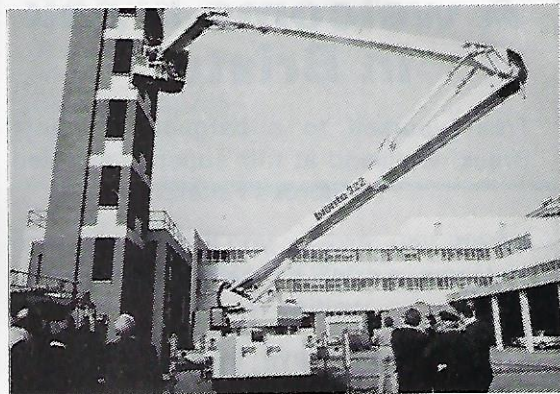
On the 8th June, 1983, R.S.P.C.A. Certificates of Merit were presented by the Lord Mayor of Bristol at the Council House, College Green.

Sub Officer John Sleight was awarded his Certificate of Merit for his part in rescuing a Gull trapped in a culvert taking the River Frome under the city centre.

A crew from C5 Bedminster comprising Sub Officer M. Palmer, Firemen S. Way, M. Ashley and J. Lovell for their efforts on the banks of the River Avon under Bedminster Bridge for rescuing two kittens.



New Platform!



Carmichael Fire of Worcester demonstrates the new Bronco 322 Hydraulic Platform at Headquarters. Members of the Technical Committee also attended.

It was the 22 metre platform on a Shelvoke chassis. Members were generally impressed by the platform and its capabilities, although most felt it unnecessary for a full crew cab. This particular platform is also available at 25m, 30m and 50m, with telescopic triple booms.

Fire Services National Benevolent Fund

The past year has been one of immense progress in the Fund's history.

The Fund's ability to assist those in need has surpassed all previous achievements. £572,573 has been distributed by way of grants and provision of convalescent rest facilities.

The total number of families convalescing at our two centres has increased to 473 at Littlehampton and 308 at Chudleigh. These include 49 members of the Service with handicapped children and six widows with orphans on the register.

This year two additional houses are available at Littlehampton. One will be used in the main for former members and their wives, and the other for the accommodation of members with large families.

Our total income was £1,161,701, of which £826,097 was contributed by Brigades. This represents an increase of £138,747 from fund raising events. Every Group Council has improved on the amount of its contribution on the previous year, and this is a tremendous achievement. It reflects the ever increasing interest and involvement of very many members of the Service in all aspects of the Fund's work.

May we thank and congratulate you on the part you have played in this successful year. Your communication of these thanks to all your representatives will be much appreciated.

- K. HORAN
Chairman
H. G. POLLOCK
Hon. Sec.
T. DAGNALL
Hon. Treasurer

The various items listed below are being sold in aid of the Fire Services National Benevolent Fund and are available on request.

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| Continental Quilt Covers | J. Walk Cassette & |
| Double £12.00 | Headphones22.00 |
| Single.....£10.00 | Electronic Games |
| Sheets (Double)....£13.00 | (Battery) |
| Sheets (Single) .8—10.00 | Total Control 4 (set of 2) |
| Pillow Cases2.50 |16.50 |
| Tea Towels..... 60p—1.10 | Computer Game....4.50 |
| Hand Towels..... 1.00 | Melody Madness.11.00 |
| Bath Towels..... 2.00 | Cue Ball Game9.50 |
| Beach Towels..... 3.50 | Safety Torchlight2.50 |
| Kitchen Knife Set.....2.00 | Fluffy Friends Bubble Bath |
| Cigarette Lighter.....6.50 |1.75 |
| Perfume..... from 70p | Rubic Type Cube . . . 60p |
| Soap on a Rope 50p | Teddy Bears from .. 3.00 |
| Breakfast Cup & Saucer | |
| 1.00 | |
| Miniature Alarm Clock | |
| 7.50 | |
| Remix Watch 4.50 | Battery Operated Toys |
| Clock Radio 11.50 | Tomka Plane.....5.00 |
| Pen Watch 3.00 | Sonic Control Car .5.00 |
| Watch Gift Set.....6.00 | Robot.....6.00 |
| Watch Games..... 13.50 | Porsche Control Car |
| Watch Radio 13.20 | 7.25 |
| Wallets 1.65 | Radio Control |
| Address Book..... 70p | Helicopter14.50 |
| Address/Diary Set...1.20 | Train Set.....3.30 |
| Key Rings 30p | Wind-up Toys |
| Radio Control Cars...7.60 | Buddy L Cars & Bikes |
| Felt Tip Set..... 1.00 | from 3.50 |
| Mornay Soap (Boxed)1.75 | Drum & Dog2.95 |
| Mornay Bath Cubes .80p | Cars (Various).....50p |
| Tea Set (21 Piece) .13.00 | Robot..... 1.00 |
| Lock Back Penknife .1.60 | Helicopter3.95 |
| Butterfly (Set of 2)...3.25 | Mans Travelling Set.5.50 |
| Lovely Ball Point Pen 55p | Calculator.....4.00 |
| Christmas Cards | Various Other Toys |
| Pack of 1225p | from 50p |
| Cartoon 1982 | Birthday Cards (Pack of |
| Single.....25p | 12).....60p |
| Pack of 6..... 1.25 | |
| Plier Set (Set of 4)....4.40 | |
| Socket Set (40 Piece)4.00 | |
| Impact Driver Set3.50 | |
| Ring Spanner Set (set of | |
| 11).....5.50 | |
| Screwdriver Set (Set of | |
| 10).....60p | |
| Harlequin Cookware Set | |
| (4).....13.00 | |
| | Christmas Wrapping |
| | Paper (roll of 10).....25p |
| | Brushes of all types at |
| | various prices inc. paint |
| | brushes from 50p |

Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

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Patchway
Bristol
Tel. Bristol 692684

Fete/Open Day

Temple Fire Station staged an Open Day and Fete on Bank Holiday Monday 30th May, despite bad weather for the six weeks prior to the event, the sun came out and we breathed a sigh of relief.

The Downend Church Lads and Girls Brigade struck up the Band and the gates were opened at 2.00 p.m. Within two minutes you could hardly move across the Station yard, the estimated number being approximately 2,000. The numbers dropped during the afternoon, and displays were put on by the Courage Western Cowboys with a Shoot Out at the O.K. Corral, unarmed combat and a cannon display by the Marine Cadets and the Sailor's Hornpipe by the Sea Cadets. The Chief Fire Officer took the salute during the Sunset Ceremony, and that was followed by nine different drills put on by all four watches and terminating in a first class ladder and pump drill (including turntable ladder and hydraulic platform). Throughout the fire fighting displays a running commentary was given and all those who took part are to be congratulated on a marvellous display of teamwork etc.

Sincere thanks must go to all the people who made this event a huge success but most of all to everyone who turned up to support the show which will have raised in the region of £2,000 which will go towards the Fire Service National Benevolent Fund. The exact total will be published in the next magazine.

Stalls included:—

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| Coconut Shie | Steady Hand |
| Darts | Ducking Stool |
| Stocks | Sweets/Toffee Apples |
| Roll a Coin | Spinning Jenny |
| Rifle Range | Balls in Jars |
| Floating Ducks | Bottles & Books |
| Clowns etc. | |

The television programme prize was not claimed (No. 1966) so will go as a prize at the forthcoming Fireman's Ball to be held at the Studio in Frogmore Street, Bristol on 4th October, 1983. Details will be published at a later date.

Notice to Radio Hams

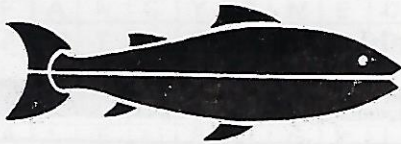
Attempts are being made to form a nationwide organisation comprised of amateur radio enthusiasts who are, or have been, members of the Fire Service.

Details of the organisation, frequencies to be used and existing members can be obtained from:—

Damian Walker
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A stamped-addressed envelope for reply would be appreciated.

Sea Angling Section Review 1982



During the past year the Section has made many trips to various parts of the coast to either charter boats or fish from the beach. These excursions have always proved enjoyable, even if the fish have not always been plentiful. Several of these trips have been matches against other Brigades, notably Southhampton and Exeter, in all of which Avon produced the largest catch.

Unfortunately, other trips have had to be cancelled due to the weather, one in particular to Dartmouth when the party left Speedwell at about 5.30 a.m. only to arrive at 8.30 a.m. and be met by a smiling skipper who informed us that due to a pending Force 7 gale, he could not take us out. This was countered by a most enjoyable trip to Beer when two boats were chartered and, during the day, eight species of fish were hooked, mainly mackerel and pollack.

The Fire Brigade National Competition for 1982 was held at Blackpool, and a team of seven from Avon was entered: D Jones—A1, G. Jenkins—A1, R Jenkins—A1, B Taylor—Ex B6, A Mead—B6, D Jenkins—Ex A3. On arrival at the venue the weather again proved to be on its worst behaviour and, although Avon sailed away with the pick of the trophies, the winners were:

Old Crocks (Retired Members) Team Trophy—
B Taylor & D Jenkins

Old Crocks Individual Trophy—D Jenkins
Specimen Flat Fish Trophy—B Pegden
Specimen Fish Shield—B Pegden

A monthly meeting is held at A1 Temple usually on the first Wednesday in the month, and any members who wish to join (cost £1) should contact either D Jones, A1 Green; G. Wilkins, A2 White or P Causon, B6 Green.

Finally, a special thanks to Dick Jones (Secretary) must be made for all the hard work put in during the past year in forming the Club initially, and then booking the many trips we have had.

Athletics Section

Dave Hayward still runs long distances occasionally, and has recently completed two cross-country events. A 100-miler through and over the boggy mountain passes of Snowdonia, involving 2½ miles of vertical height gained, then lost, taking 29 hours 40 minutes. And a 35-miler over and around the Malvern Hills, in 6 hours 37 minutes.

The 'Joe & Lindsey Cocker Memorial Relay Race and Avon Fire Brigade Championships 17th April 1983

Inter-Brigade relay races have been discontinued nationally so the Inter-Brigade race at Blaise Castle in the now traditional month of October will be a six mile normal race. In order to retain the relay race over the usual 2¾ mile course it was held as the *Avon Fire Brigade's* own Championships on 17th April.

It was a fine, warmish day, with a slight breeze and good going underfoot, and nine teams of four took part. The initial pace was set by Pat Jones' younger son Michael aged 15, who blistered around to record the second fastest lap of the day in 17:52, running to make up a composite and non-scoring team. The two Bath teams followed, and were to fight a ding-dong battle in which the second of the two teams to start each leg either caught and passed the first or cut the gap substantially, but eventually B1 Bath Station Team prevailed to become the Brigade Champions and win the 'Joe' and Lindsey Cocker Avon

Trophy. Both Bath teams beat the previous fastest team time of 77:26, set last year by Training School 'A' Team.

RESULTS

- First Team: B1 Bath in 75:29
- Second Team: B1 Bath Red Watch in 75:46
- Third Team: B4 Brislington in 80:54
- Fastest Individual: Alan Lawson in 17:16
- Fastest Over-40: Mike Mullany in 19:38
- Fastest Over-45: Phil Haskins in 21:17.

Most Improved Runner (over previous Best): Chris Jackson by 1:21

Thanks to the Chief Fire Officer for permission to hold the race, and the organisers, course marshalls, and everyone who helped out on the day.

Now get training for October 9th. Details to follow.

Competition

X	F	A	N	S	Y	O	M	E	D	E
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M	A	L	E	I	P	G	S	P	I	A
A	R	R	T	L	E	N	E	H	S	T
C	H	T	N	A	L	I	R	E	U	E
N	A	A	A	S	R	A	D	L	U	D
G	N	E	E	H	T	E	I	L	C	A
I	E	A	P	P	D	Y	T	I	D	T
T	A	L	T	I	E	A	R	R	N	E

Each of the answers to the puzzle above have letters which overlap thus the first letters of one word are the last of the previous answer e.g. Christmas. Asia.

Clues are also provided to help you. The answers are not in straight lines, and the next letter may be in any direction, vertically, horizontally, or diagonally. The route through the grid may cross over but each letter is only used once.

CLUES

1. A dream.(7)
2. Recurring sequence of events (8)
3. Stylish German Car (8)
4. Dried up (10)
5. Teach (7)
6. Shoot by which plants climb (7)
7. Deceptive sight or statement (8)
8. Air around the Earth (10)
9. Passed from generation to generation genetically (10)
10. Type of grain (3)
11. Animal between one and two years old (8)
12. Person skilled in languages (8)
13. Bring foot down with force (5)
14. Plenty (5)
15. Nice (8)
16. Disappointing end (10)
17. Jaw (7)
18. S. American pack animal (5)
19. Third month (5)
- 20.

21. Setting agent used in trifle etc. (8)
22. Opposite to Spring tide (8)
23. Deepness (5)
24. Building where plays etc. are acted (7)
25. Rest (5)
26. Spindle on which wheel revolve.

Cartoons

FOR EVERYDAY USE

BERT HAS FLAMMABLE LEGGINGS AND BOOTS
BERT HAS A LIGHTWEIGHT YELLOW HAT
BERT HAS A COMBUSTIBLE SODDEN TUNIC
"AND THAT," SAYS WILLIE, "IS THAT!"

FOR RARE SPECIAL OCCASIONS

BOBBY HAS FLAME-PROOF TROUSERS AND BOOTS ON
BOBBY HAS A VISOR AND NEW HARD HAT
BOBBY HAS A LIGHT NON-FLAMMABLE TUNIC
"AND THAT," SAYS WILLIE, "IS THAT!"

WILLIE'S ANSWER TO BERT'S GRUMBLING

"BOBBY NEEDS PROTECTION WITH FLAME-PROOF GEAR ON!"
"SO WHAT IF YOU BURN UP UNDER YOUR HAT?"
"NEW FIREMEN ARE CHEAPER THAN NEW EQUIPMENT!"
"AND THAT," SAYS WILLIE, "IS THAT!"

"THE CHIEF'S EXACT WORDS WERE :-
WHY STOP AT AN ISSUE OF PERSONAL PILLOWS?"

Call Out

R.T.A. M5 Northbound Nr. Clevedon Interchange

At 0335 on 12th June, crews from Weston and Clevedon responded to this incident—persons reported.

A Volkswagen had left the road, colliding with a steel pillar supporting a directional sign, the car had formed a 'U' shape around the pillar. Station Officer Trevor Osborne, whilst making his appraisal of what was obviously a severe incident, heard some faint crying.

The crews got to work using electric cutters and hydraulic jaws, four adults fatally injured were removed, along with the only survivor—5 year old Shiroma De Silva. Shiroma was taken to Weston General Hospital, where she was cared for until relatives from London collected her.

A distressing task, carried out well by all concerned under the command of Divisional Officer John Barnes.

Park Street 13th June, 1983

A car overturned after colliding with a lamp post during heavy mid-morning traffic. A water tender and rescue tender from A1 attended, with Station Officer Ernie Cogan.

The occupier was soon released but despite valiant efforts by three ambulancemen, he died soon after arrival at hospital.

The driver had collapsed at the wheel prior to the accident.



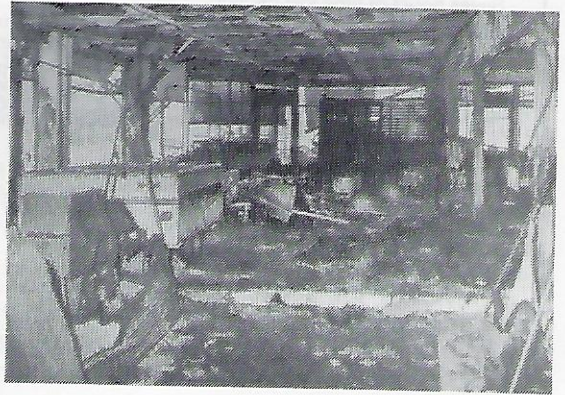
Camping Centre, Stapleton

On arrival at the Camping Centre at Stapleton, Sub Officer Martin Kendall of Green Watch B6 found the whole building well alight and gas cylinders exploding, throwing debris out into the street, including the glass from the plate windows. Pumps were made three and jets were brought to bear, initially from the outside. Also a ground monitor was brought into use where most of the gas cylinders were stored.

Crews then donned breathing apparatus and, despite the severe conditions, entered the premises to retrieve the larger cylinders.

An excellent operation by all crews attending gaining praise and credit from local residents and traders.

An investigation by an independent forensic scientist found reasonable evidence to assume the fire had been deliberately started.



A46 Swainswick, Bath

On arrival at this incident, Station Officer Mike Gribble quickly assessed that his water tender and rescue tender crews were to be tested in removing a male casualty from an Austin Princess.

The casualty was trapped between the door and the seat both feet and legs were trapped by the pedals and compression of the wheel arch. The dashboard and fascia had moved back and was wedged down on the upper part of his thighs.

One and a half hours concentrated efforts by Doctor Snook, firemen and ambulancemen resulted in the casualty being released, unfortunately he died later in the day.

Moat House Farm, Wraxall 7th June, 1983



A call was received at 1402 to a farmhouse struck by lightning, two appliances from C9 Nailsea attended and found the roof and top floor well alight. Assistant Divisional Officer Jack Roe took command of the incident and ordered a further appliance and rescue tender for salvage purposes.

The attic rooms were destroyed along with approximately half of the first floor, however, a good stop was achieved and due to the fact that salvage commenced at an early stage, the loss of furniture and personal possessions to Mr. and Mrs. Bush was kept to a minimum.

A pond adjacent to the farm saved the need for a very long water relay!!

192 St. Peter's Rise, Headley Park 21st June, 1983

Two appliances responded to a fire at St. Peter's Rise with Station Officer Pat O'Brien in charge.

The crews were met by a severe ground floor fire and debris scattered over some considerable area.

2 B.A. men with a jet entered the building and extinguished the fire. The Fire Investigation Team were requested and found the cause to be an electrical arc which had ignited a gas leak in the kitchen—the blast from this ignition had blown out the walls of the bathroom above, and most of the doors and windows.

The occupier, Mr. B. Charlton, emerged unscathed!!!



Badminton Horse Trials, Saturday 16th April, 1983

Firemen Cummings and Russell apply a foam blanket over the crashed light aircraft in order to prevent ignition of leaking fuel.

This aircraft ruptured its fuel tank on colliding with a fence on over-shooting the runway.

The pilot and passengers escaped unhurt.

