

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

By The Editor

**A**T last we have a name — and I must say we feel a lot better for it!

Readers will (I hope) remember that in the first issue of the ACTS internal newsheet, we asked you to suggest a name for the new journal. And how gallantly you responded. Within a fortnight of the first issue being distributed, we had no fewer than 74 titles to consider. One in ten of all readers wrote to us, and their ingenuity was quite remarkable.

*Act Link, Between Acts, Anzact, Actscene, Action Lines, Act-Shun* and the inevitably simple *Act News* were only a few of the titles proposed.

No fewer than seven readers suggested

**Quite a lot —  
if you're  
Bob Moore!**

CONTACT, but finally Mr Peter Yarwood and his panel of judges decided that the title should be CONTACTS — as proposed by Bob Moore, who works in the commercial department in Fenchurch Street, London EC3.

Mr Moore will be getting a cheque for £5 —

and so will ACTMAN 68, who sent us a postcard from Southampton. He wrote:

Dear Sirs,

In response to your titular query For words which describe, or most nearly, What you're trying to do, I'd say keep things "IN VIEW" And that may define it, quite clearly.

For this "double entendre" will show Not only the purpose, but how The contents provided Are created and guided By the people who help us to grow.

Should you, in your wisdom, agree And award the five pounds unto me; Please forward it not, But instead send the lot To a suitable Child's Charity.

"ACTMAN 68"

Actman, sir, a cheque for £5 has been sent to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Our thanks to you — and to all who took the trouble to send postcards, suggestions — and even artwork for our title block!

"Consolation" cheques for £2 each are being sent to those who got very close to the winning title — by suggesting "Contact" instead of "Contacts".

We hope our readers will keep writing in. Before the next issue — in March next year — we'd like to hear what you think of your new house newspaper. What are we doing wrong? What features do you like — and dislike? What should we be including that so far we have left out?

Pull no punches. Write to The Editor, CONTACTS, c/o Bullock and Turner Ltd, 60 Highbury Grove, London, N5 2AJ.

## GUY ASHBY GOES TO ACTA

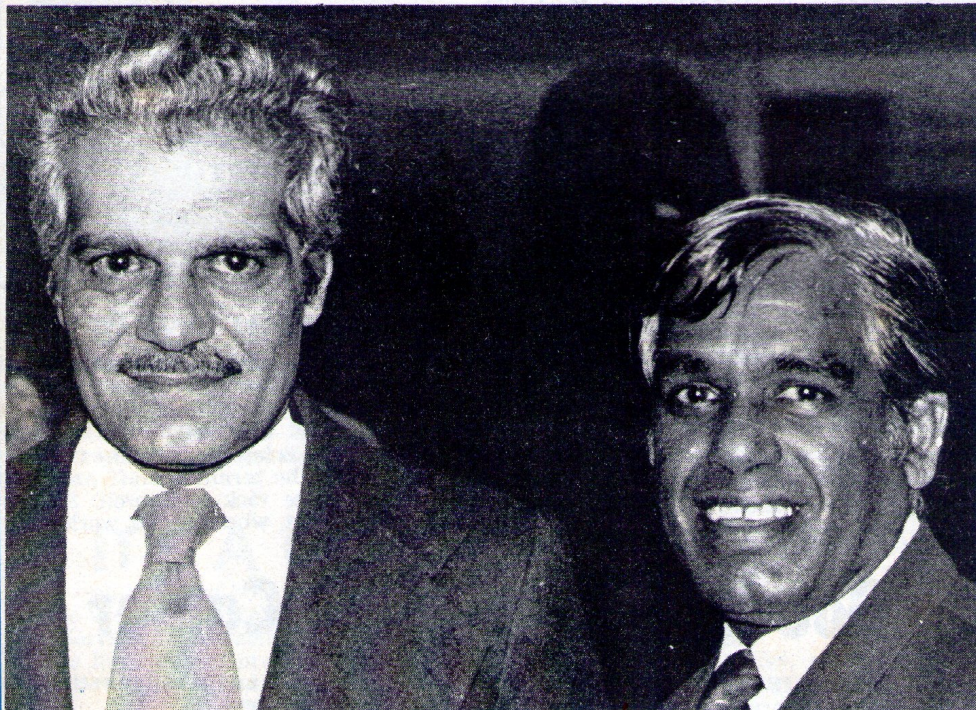
THE best wishes of all at Head Office go with Mr Guy Ashby, Assistant Operations Manager, who (as reported on Page 4 of ACT News) has left to join ACT(A) in London as Operations Manager.

Mr Ashby had been with ACTS since September, 1968, and was involved in the very earliest stages of setting up the company's organisation at the terminals.

His place is taken by Mr Peter Pike, who joins Head Office from Solent Container Services, Southampton, where he was Planning Manager. Mr Pike will be remembered by a number of Head Office staff because he was ACTS Terminal Manager at Tilbury before going to Solent Container Services in June 1971.

All at Richmond House extend a warm welcome to him.

## Look who's 'starring' with Omar Shariff!



WHEN the latest Omar Shariff film, "Juggernaut", comes your way, look out for that up-and-coming actor Nelson Andrede!

Nelson (right), who works at ACTS head office, Southampton, was one of the 300 "extras" chosen from more than 2,500 people who turned up at an audition for the film. The story is based on the real-life bomb scare aboard QE2, and a Russian liner, the Maxim Gorki, was "converted" into the QE2 for the shooting.

The film, which also has Richard Harris, David Hemmings and Roy Kinnear in the cast, had a preview at the Leicester Square Theatre in London, and Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips were in the audience.

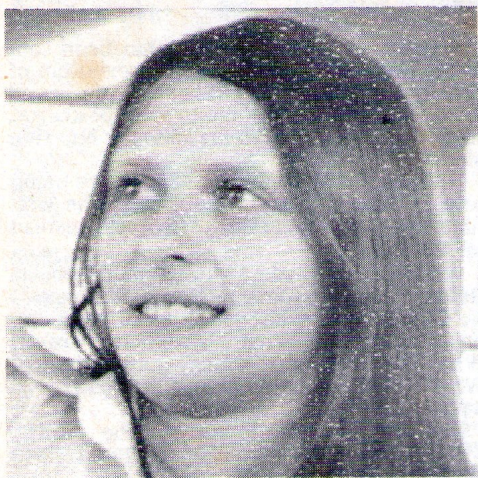


This "sea-going" float entered by Southampton ACTS Sports & Social Club earlier this year — and manned by boys and girls from headquarters — came second in the Trade Class at this year's Southampton carnival. The float was 'launched' in traditional style (below) by the wife of Tony Stoner, Computer Operations Controller.

## Head Office Treasure Hunt

# HOW MANY PUBS ON THE ROAD TO REDBRIDGE?

SOME 35 cars took part in a treasure hunt organised by Head Office Sports and Social Club (writes J. R. Brooks). Starting from Richmond House, the hunt involved a 50 mile (or, to some cars, 80 miles!) course along some of Hampshire's most picturesque roads. Each car had driver, navigator, a set of clues — in some cases the handicap of a back-seat assistant!



## Who's afraid?

A GOOD time was had by all at the Avenue Hall, Southampton, in late September, when the head office dramatic group presented the Philip King/Faulkland Cary play "Big Bad Mouse".

The players were Mandy Williamson (above), Henry Rau, Lorraine Dorman, John Pitcairn, Bob Dixon, Carole Marlow and Sheila Gainfort — and as our picture of Mandy shows, glamour was certainly not missing from the evening.

## Lucky David

TWENTY-three-year-old head office copy typist Marilyn Scott had one of her ACTS colleagues — Christine Farmer, of credit control — as her chief bridesmaid when she married David Dyke at St Mary's Church, Southampton.

Marilyn, who wore an organdie and lace Empire line dress with frilled train for her wedding, lists needlework as one of her outside interests. Lucky David.

To get things off to a good start (and to put navigators "one-up" on drivers in case of later misdirections), drivers were asked three questions about the Highway code (what's the Highway code?). By the time the post mortems had died down, the competitors had discovered that they should have been counting pubs, collecting "Common Market" 50p pieces, and QSPDFEJDH UP SJEHF. (That's the first clue — What, no we can't stop in the middle of this dual carriageway!)

### Check point

After seeing everybody off at the start, the organisers made a rapid dash to a checkpoint along the course and, to their amazement, saw the first car pass on time. In the wrong direction.

When it was all over, nearly everybody agreed that among other things, there were definitely 10 pubs between Richmond House and Redbridge Roundabout, that Wellow Mill Sewage Pumping Farm was controlled by Test Valley District Council, and that another Treasure Hunt soon would be a good idea.

We'd still like to know the location of the garage with a seemingly inexhaustible supply of Common Market 50p pieces!

PS. All the competitors DID finish.



## 'Copper' weds

LETITIA ('Copper') Eagle, two-and-a-half years at Southampton Terminal as telex operator, mascot in her spare time of the car ferry Eagle and a member of the Royal Naval Reserve has left the company to marry.

Members of the terminal staff presented her with a spice rack and scroll. She has moved to Havant, where she is working for the Post Office.

# Goodbye — to Mrs. Calder

THE staffs of ACTS and ACTA joined hands to wish good health and a happy retirement to Mrs Calder, Supervisor of head office Central Services Department.

Mrs Calder had delayed her retirement to help with the move of head office from London to Southampton.

All will miss her cheery greetings and sympathetic ear for troubles — real or imaginary.

At a farewell reception, Mr R. I. L. Howland presented a clock, a Constable print, records and a book of signatures from the staff; Mr Peter Yarwood spoke warmly of the affection in which Mrs Calder was held; and Mrs K. V. Perera, from Central Services department, presented a bouquet of flowers.



**This is the news from Basildon**

# THEY'VE SOMETHING TO SING ABOUT

MARLENE FRIAR of export liaison at Orsett, and John Stokes, Senior Commercial Assistant, Tilbury, have something to sing about when the day's work is done.



Marlene Friar

## JU-JITSU DENIS STEPS UP

TWENTY-five-year-old Denis Michael Slade, four-and-a-half years with the company, and until recently assistant Export Departmental Manager, has been promoted to Export Departmental Manager.

Denis, who lives with his wife Patricia, at Grays, Essex, puts ju jitsu among his outside interests which also include motor car maintenance, sport generally — and drag racing.

## IT'S A GIFT

YOU could tell just how popular Mrs Chris Dadds was with her colleagues in the Central Services Department if you took a look at the huge pile of presents given to her when she left to have a baby.

## Hi-jack blamed for soccer defeat

GREAT sporting and social rivalries have developed between Tilbury and Basildon since the Basildon ACTS Sports and Social Club got fully into its stride.

Basildon — beaten six goals to nil by Tilbury at football — got their own back at bowls. (It should be reported that Basildon's football failure was due to the hi-jacking of Export Manager Terry Boston when he was promoted to assistant regional manager at Barking).

Basildon are ahead at table tennis, and have high hopes that darts matches between the two centres will put them further ahead.

Members of Thurrock Amateur Operatic Society, both starred recently in a very successful production of 'ROSE MARIE' at Thurrock Civic Hall, and among their past successes have been, 'DIE FLEDERMAUS', 'ORPHEUS IN THE UNDERWORLD' and 'GIPSY BARON'. They have also appeared in 'SOUND OF MUSIC' and 'MY FAIR LADY'.

"No problems with my husband for being out so much at rehearsals," says Marlene. "He's singing up there with me." And John has his 15-year-old daughter Sharon to keep an eye on him!

## Busy people

A WARM welcome to Basildon for Janice Rudd, Allan Dawson and Gillian Lindsay.

Janice, from Stanford-le-Hope, and Allan, from Chadwell St Mary, both join as commercial assistants, and Gillian as a shorthand typist.

They share a wide variety of interests between them. Janice lists driving, "learning languages" and gardening (she can come and do mine — Editor); Allan table tennis, tennis, cricket, football, badminton, golf, watching motor racing and "drumming in a group" (what DOES the man do in his spare time?); and Gillian driving, ice skating and needlework.

## Making a hit

A ROMANCE which is said to have blossomed when the bride accidentally hit the groom instead of her horse had a happy ending in August, when Valerie Goodman, who works in the Basildon ACTS export department, married Keith Oakley.

The incident, it is reliably reported, occurred when Valerie was taking riding lessons at the stables at which Keith work-



Elke Street-200,000 miles

## Elke — and her smile — set up a 200,000 mile record

ATTRACTIVE Elke Street, a courier with the Central Services Department at Basildon has just set up a record — 200,000 miles in her little white ACT Mini van during two years with the company.

Elke does the run round the London Docks, taking tunnels, ferries and traffic jams in her stride, and her short skirts and attractive smile have caused many a hardened lorry driver to give up his place to her in the ferry queue.

Elke's husband, Clive, works as berth superintendent at Tilbury.

## Sandra and Dennis beat the gale

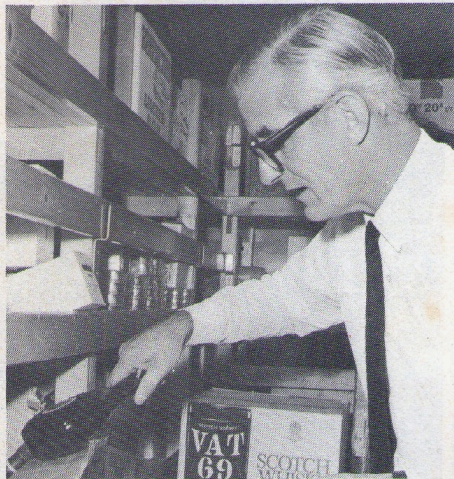
DESPITE gale force winds and a wedding car breakdown, all ended well for Sandra Buffery and Dennis Kidner the day they married at Erdington Parish Church.

Several Birmingham ACTS staff were at the church and subsequent reception to wish bride and groom well. Sandra, aged 21, has been an import clerk at Birmingham for 18 months.

# HOW LINDA GOT A HONEYMOON



It's freezing down below! Scotsman Peter Doig, in charge of the reefers, says he has to have a sense of humour because he sees hardly anybody during the day.



Most popular man aboard — John Waller. He's in charge of the drinks and cigarettes!

**N**OT every bride is as lucky as Linda Maude. She has just been on a 24,000 mile, round-the-world honeymoon cruise — free. Linda and her husband Nigel, 2nd Officer aboard ACT2, were among three couples who took advantage of the owners' policy of allowing officers to take their wives on one voyage a year. Nigel — the fortunate fellow — chose to do so on honeymoon.

After a short trip to sea with the 40 officers and men aboard ACT 2, I can vouch (writes Peter Dear) for the fact that a life on the ocean wave is certainly very active. Everybody has a vital part to play, from captain to able-seaman.

Officers and crew work a four-hours-on, eight-hours-off shift, which takes the uninitiated some time to get used to.

Probably the most popular man aboard is purser John Waller. He's in charge of a bond store in which 200 cigarettes cost 80p, a bottle of whisky 70p, vodka and gin 60p. Also available (at knock-down prices!) are shirts, watches, cameras and perfume.

John also orders food for the three month round-the-world trip, a typical list including 4,000lb of meat and poultry, 3,500lb of fresh fruit and vegetables, and 1,000lb of fish.

From this huge stockpile the cooks prepare three meals a day, the same menu being available to both officers and crew. Breakfast is at 9am; lunch at 12.30pm and dinner at 6.30pm. A typical dinner menu reads:

*Mulligatawny Soup or  
Grilled Fillets of Haddock*

*Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding  
Baked or Boiled Potatoes  
Cabbage and Baked Pumpkin*

*Chicken and Ham Salad  
Roast Lamb Salad*

*Ice Cream with Fruit*

*Coffee*

After such a meal, the lucky crew not on watch can repair to the Bent Arrow Bar, where spirits are 5p a double, beer 9p a pint and cigarettes 8p for 20!

## AN INDEPENDENT ISLAND

There is plenty of off-duty recreational activity for all aboard. Games rooms have table-tennis, darts, television (when in port), a film show (changed every three days), and an outdoor swimming pool.

All in all, to quote the purser, "the ship is an independent island."

The Master, Eric Chapman, is busy on board. He is on the bridge most of the day, and when ACT 2 arrives or leaves, he leaves the bridge to members of the crew who have passed the able-seaman's steering.

In the engine room, Sam Rowland, engineering officer, is constantly alert, assisted by Arlen Goon, Richard Ward, Frank Hover, Bucknell, Donald Hargreaves, a stopper Mann. A large complement but it has to be remembered that the power-house of the vessel, and if it goes wrong cargo schedules are ruined and the good name of the ship put at risk.

## THE LONELY MAN

The reefers, stowed below sea level, looked after by Peter Doig, a Scotsman, has an endless supply of stories. He says he has a sense of humour because, although difficult to reach him, he sees hardly anybody during the day. To assist Sam and Peter Doig are two electricians, Watson and Ian Walmsley, who work on all electrical circuits on the ship. They are the ones called out most frequently when not on duty, but radio of Baringer would doubtless disagree.

Everyone aboard has his own cabin, and there are four double cabins to accommodate officers and wives.

Finally, although everybody enjoys the seas voyages, excitement always grows when ACT 2 reaches home waters, and only subject the entire crew agrees to be wonderful to come home to Blighty.



The faces — and smiles — of impending victory! The victorious Coatbridge team pictured just before their 8-3 win over Liverpool.

## REMEMBER

We can publish your story only if we know about it. Tell your correspondent and he or she will take it there.

# 24,000-MILE



The master, Eric Chapman, with an able-seaman at the wheel. Left — lucky Linda Maude joins her husband's fellow officers for drinks.

## JO'S TEAM EASILY LANDS THE TREASURE HUNT PRIZE

AT the end of the 1974 Summer season of ACTSAL treasure hunts, Liverpool regional manager Ken Thompson presented the trophy to the winning team — Jo McQuaid (captain), Derek Wilson (pilot), Alison O'Connor (navigator), Peter Hirons (rear gunner and spotter) and Alan Sumner (second spotter and mascot).



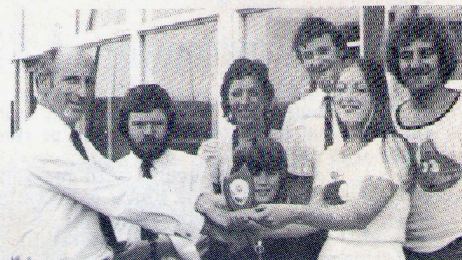
The team won every event, getting more than 80 per cent of possible points.

Allan Paul, who has been five years with the company, has been promoted from transport assistant to deputy

operations superintendent at Liverpool. Forty-two-year-old Allan and his wife Elsie have two children — Stephen and Michael.

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A capacity crowd of five saw Liverpool ACTS darts team score a convincing win, 5-3, over a containerbase. The margin of games between the two suggests that the newly-formed ACTS team is destined for great things. This is born out by the fact that the devastating skills of Martyn Neary did not have to be used. He spent his time drinking tea!



Regional manager Ken Thompson handing over the treasure hunt trophy.



Two representatives from each ACTS regional finance department attended a two-day seminar at the company's Southampton headquarters during October. One look at our picture shows that figures were not only in the imagination! Giving a few words of wisdom to the delegates is accounts payable supervisor Mike Shute.

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# AIM! HOLD! SHOOT!

## When a lady gets 'hooked' on archery...

**AIM! HOLD! SHOOT!** — these are all common words in our household (writes Margaret Macpherson, of Coatbridge ACTS). My husband, physical education teacher in charge of recreational activities at a local college, has got me and my two children "hooked" on archery.

Archery has advantages over most sports because neither age nor most physical handicaps are a barrier.

Men normally shoot outdoors up to 100 yards, ladies up to 80 yards, under 18 years up to 60 yards and under 15 years up to 40 yards. This year, one of my husband's students, Miss Janette McLay, competed in the Scottish Championships and emerged as Scottish Junior Champion. My son, who was also competing, became Scottish Under 12 Champion.

When our local town ran its "FESTIVAL WEEK" in September, Janette, my husband David, my son Leslie and I, all took part. Janette was first lady, David first gent and Leslie first junior. Sad to say, I gained only second place — but there is always the next time!

### All made-up!

**AFTER** its successful bowling and cabaret ventures, Coatbridge ACTS social club had another great night out — this time at the Edinburgh Tattoo.

It was a spectacular event, with massed pipe bands, the Royal Air Force gymnastic team, a centenary event from the East Lothian Fire Brigade and an outstanding performance of Ceylonese dancing by the Ceylonese Police Force.

Because of a cash shortage, the dancing troupe had to borrow six men from the Royal Scots Fusiliers to help their performance. They went completely unnoticed due to excellent make-up! One of them actually hails from Coatbridge.

### After 17 years

**A GREAT** day for William and Doreen Hunter when, after 17 years of marriage, Doreen gave birth to a son, Gordon Wallace. Doreen's sister, 17-year-old Ann, is with ACTS at Coatbridge.

### Soccer in a gale

**ACTS** Coatbridge scored their second consecutive soccer victory over ACTS Liverpool in September.

The match was played in a gale force wind, and scorers were A. Gordon (2) and J. Johnstone (1). After the game, a good time was had by all at the "Riverside" night club, Southport.

*(Coatbridge, they say, won the drinking competition, too!)*

## Good news for the two J's

**JENNIFER JEFFREY**, a ledger clerk, and **Stephen Mockridge**, a senior clerk with ACTS at Southampton, have announced their engagement. Both are sports enthusiasts — netball and badminton in Jenny's case, badminton, cricket and chess in Stephen's.

**JENETT DAY**, wife of Alan Day, assistant controller at Southampton, has given birth to a son, James Day. Alan and Jenett already have a daughter, Jennifer, aged 18 months.

## Ever so social at Basildon



Four's Company — members of the Basildon office trying out the new settee in the rest room of the new Sports and Social Club.

## 13 lucky for the 'Runabouts'

**THE** thirteenth (of June) proved lucky for the ACT (Birmingham) "Runabouts" football team. Unbeaten for several games before coming up against the Runabouts, Brantford International were firm favourites before the match — and even firmer favourites when they scored two fine goals 20 minutes after the start.

The Runabouts, however, swiftly pulled themselves together, scoring three goals in 10 minutes before half time.

Eventually the Runabouts ran off winners at four goals to three.



The Runabouts team is Ian Kyle, John Plimmer, Alan Verrinder, Martin Parry, Pete Hill, Nigel Bell, Colin Gibbins, Paul Kirby, Ian Taylor, Bob Hughes and Jim Porteous. Substitutes Paddy Porteous, Michael Anderton and Robin Hancock. Referee: Ted Baker and Trainer: Pam Gibbons.

## IN SEARCH OF TOPLESS BELLES

**THIS** summer I decided to go camping with three friends and because we wanted sunshine — and hoped to see *Bridget Bardot* — we picked St Tropez (writes Kenneth Ripley, of ACTS Coatbridge).

After nearly two days' travelling by train, we finally arrived (exhausted!) at St Raphael, quickly caught a bus to St Tropez and found a camp site — only to discover a

minute later that we'd left one of our tents at the bus stop in St Raphael!

When all was finally sorted out, we pitched camp at the roadside, at which stage the gendarmes moved us on. They were most subtle about it. They simply pulled out our tent-pegs!

The same day (and by sheer chance) we found space in a camp site. It had bars, discotheques, supermarkets, good washing facilities and a beautiful beach. The temperature averaged about 80°F, which put us off our food, but encouraged us to make the most of the local vino.

The sight of topless bathing beauties did nothing to cool us down, but certainly it added quite a lot to the vino bills.

I am not in the travel business, but I can certainly recommend camping in the South of France!

# MEET THE LOVELY LADIES OF LEEDS



The good looking bunch of girls (as you can see) are from ACTS in Leeds. Left to right: Mrs Avril Speck, Mrs Susan Copeman, Mrs Sheila Walker, Mrs Fay McAndrew, Mrs Hazel Malone, Miss Jan Wilson, Miss Wendy Mrosek, Mrs Mary Attley, Miss Christine Milner, Miss Diane Fidler, Miss Indera Hargon, Mrs Kath Heptonstall, Miss Daphne Bird, Mrs Brenda Nicholson and Mrs Grace Wright.

## This is my life, says Giles

TILBURY Terminal manager Mr A. G. Williamson has heard from his predecessor, Giles Plummer, now in Honiara. After initial travel problems, the Plummer family finally arrived at Honiara two days late.

"We shall definitely come home via BAC III to Brisbane or Fiji, and thence to Honolulu, San Francisco and New York," wrote

Giles. "They'll probably have Concordes on the run by that time!

"The kids are thriving. Sally, who could swim about two strokes on arrival, is now fish-like, Justin a bit slower, and Ben, who can't swim yet, persists in diving which is a bit disconcerting.

"They are as brown as berries. Transport is essential and I have a six-year-old Fiat 1100 which has already taken us down to a good river 20 miles east for picnics and bathing.

"The garden has large coconut palms, frangipans, hibiscus, paw paw etc, a flock of multi-coloured parakeets, mina birds and a small swimming pool. We have a house girl called Ellen, a tabby kitten called Spider and Jill is now looking at puppies."

A bit of a change from Tilbury

### Les Hedaux goes

Mr Plummer is not the only one to leave Tilbury. Mr Les Hedaux has left to go to South Africa, and Sharon Powell has joined the RAF (very smart she looks too).

Gill Clarke is now the proud mother of a bouncing baby boy.

### Tilbury asks: 'Who can beat us?'

LES HEDAUX made his farewell soccer performance when he helped Tilbury avenge Basildon (who beat them last season) by winning 6-0.

Goals were scored by Glynn Whittaker (3), Martin Hubbard (2) and Peter Meredith (1).

Special mention to Norman Hornigold for his work in creating all the goals, and to Kevin Hymas for keeping the opposing forwards at bay.

Would any region interested in trying to beat Tilbury please contact P. Meredith at Tilbury Terminal.



### For Pam and Bob, a full dress affair!

BARKING ACTS coding clerk Pamela Wheatley wore a dress of white crepe with guipure bodice for her wedding at the Church of the Holy Family, Dagenham, to 25-year-old Robert Hale, a senior commercial assistant, who has been six years with the company.

Bob lists his outside interests as motor racing, squash and football. Our picture, taken at an office party, suggests that BOTH have an interest in dressing up!

### NOT QUITE IN THE NET — YET!

HEAD office netball team has taken part in its first tournament — the Tenth Alderman Hammond Memorial Tournament — playing with great determination and enthusiasm, though failing to qualify for the semi-finals.

Good luck in the coming season to Sue Allen, Theresa Blatch, Jenny Jeffrey, Ericka Camiot, Margaret Safe, Chris Houghton, and Julie Wilson.

And a vote of thanks to all — particularly Rick Pittard, of Southampton Terminal, who helped prepare the netball court.

## Now's the time to join the gang...

By Alan Steed

MANY people over quite a long time have suggested a company choir. All that was needed was someone to do the "donkey" work. With the initials AS, what more natural than that I should be lumbered?

So we got a memo out to members of Richmond House staff, and after three replies had been received, I began feeling the need of hope in my bosom—but when the fourth person came forward, I just couldn't believe how enthusiastic the response was!

It was then suggested that perhaps the word choir was too old fashioned and would conjure up the impression of a dark church with a group of well-meaning hymn-singing old cronies! So we hit upon the name Richmond Singers and the membership trebled overnight. It has been increasing steadily ever since.

We had our first meeting earlier this year, have met regularly ever since and are now well-established. We enjoy singing together and it provides a very good social evening.

### RHYTHM OF LIFE

Our repertoire covers music from Gilbert and Sullivan to The Rhythm of Life, from Jerusalem to Polly Wolly Doodle, the aim being always to enjoy ourselves — though we do hope to perform for charity, before senior citizens and in hospitals.

Anybody in the Southampton area will be made very welcome. If you read music, you would be extra welcome. If you don't, then you'll be like the rest of us!

We charge 20p per meeting to cover the cost of the hall and tea with biscuits. We meet on Monday evenings for two hours from 5.15pm to 7.15pm at St Joseph's Church Hall, Bugle Street, Southampton, and being members of ACT we nearly always finish off the evening with a pint in the Duke of Wellington.

Why not join us? You will be in for a surprise!

# CAN AVRIL REALLY BE THE CHAMPION SLIMMER OF ACT?

REMEMBER Avril Speck, the Leeds ACTS receptionist whose menagerie we wrote about in the first issue of "Contacts"? Now blonde-bombshell Avril has another claim to fame — as "champion slimmer of ACTS". Or is she?

Although she had no need to do so, Avril took off more than two stones in a matter of months, and is now only a little over nine and a half stone.  
(If any reader can beat this record, we'd like to know).



and here's the rest of the news from Leeds

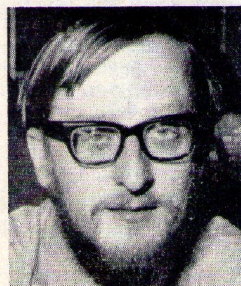
## They got two parties for the price of one!



Mary Attley



Denis Armisted



Ian Copland



James Carruthers



Naru Rawal

MEMBERS of Leeds ACTS staff had quite a night at their local, the Unicorn, to celebrate the 21st birthdays of two colleagues — Wendy Mrosek, of the coding section, and Stephen Emmett, of Import Section.

As a special celebration, Wendy arranged for the ladies of Leeds staff to spend an evening with her at Wakefield Theatre Club.

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Sixteen-year-old Daphne Bird, of Leeds Import Section, had a resounding success in recent CSE examinations. She had six passes in German, English Language, Maths, Commerce, Typing and Housecraft.

Daphne was recently transferred from Data Transmission Operator to Junior Commercial Assistant.

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Eighteen-year-old Diane Fidler has joined Leeds office as a copy typist.

Mrs Fay McAndrew, commercial assistant/coding at Leeds, has celebrated her silver wedding anniversary. Mother of two, Fay, who has been with the company a year, is about to become a grandmother.

(Editor: She may well BE a grandmother by the time this issue goes to Press!).

### JAMES QUINN MOVES OVER

Mr James Quinn, regional sales manager for ACT(A) at Leeds, has moved over to ACTS as deputy regional manager. Five years with ACT, James is married with three children. He is an active member of the Junior Air Training Corps welfare committee.

He is succeeded as regional Manager, ACT(A), by Walter R. Marshall. Aged 38, Walter (married with three children), was previously deputy regional sales manager in Glasgow. He is a Rugby Union referee.

Leeds, Liverpool and Manchester ACTS bases competed together in a crown green bowling competition, Manchester romping home in both the ladies' and men's sections.

The deserving winners were Mrs Sandra Haigh and Keith Riley.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LOCAL "COR"

Congratulations to Contacts' Leeds correspondent. In our first issue, her name appeared as Mary Hennigan. It's now Mary Attley.



Diane Fidler



Wendy Mrosek and Stephen Emmett



Daphne Bird



Ralph Shepherd



Brenda Nicholson

Leeds Export Section leader Ralph Shepherd has been promoted to Co-ordinator. Married with three children and with ACTS for more than four years, his hobbies are swimming touring and gardening.

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Lucky Naru Rawal, of Leeds Accounts Section, who hit the jackpot recently on the containerbase forecast. His prediction of numbers 16 and 33 won him £94.

Mr James Carruthers, a commercial assistant in Leeds Imports Section, has been promoted section leader. With the company for nearly six years, he is a Rugby League coach.

Did you know that Denis Armisted, regional ACTS manager since the Leeds Base's formation six years ago, was once a formidable polo player for Great Britain?

Before he gave up the sport at the outbreak of war in 1939, he had won 18 caps.

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Mrs Brenda Nicholson, who had been a copy typist at Leeds for a year, has become Senior Data Punch Operator. A member of a local Hospital Friends Society which organises a number of fund-raising activities, she is also keen on knitting, crochet and swimming.