

**NEW**

# CONTACTS

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**ASSOCIATED CONTAINER  
TRANSPORTATION  
SERVICES LTD**

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## HOME IS THE SAILER

## WELCOME BACK.....

DEAR READER,

This is the first issue of the ACTS House journal since last November, and just in case you missed the notice posted on information boards a couple of months ago, here is a brief explanation of the delay.

Because production, printing, paper and other costs have risen alarmingly since 'Contacts' first appeared nine years ago, we have taken a little time to think how we can put the money situation right - and if possible, at the same time improve our service to readers.

From now on, therefore, 'NEW Contacts' will be printed on our own presses at Richmond House, and the number of pages will vary according to the amount of news available. Sometimes it will be eight pages, sometimes four - and sometimes six, as now. And it will be published twice a year.

And our promise is that we will seek to keep up the standard we have set in something like 30 issues - and we will continue to give you, as somebody once said, ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO PRINT!

-EDITOR



## Cash and Sailing man!

As Chief Financial Accountant of a company involved in shipping, thirty-three-year-old Tony Cooper has a couple of the right things going for him! His hobbies - apart from playing squash - include sailing and boat renovation....

Tony joined ACTS at Richmond House in February and he and wife Edna have recently moved to Verwood, on the edge of the New Forest. Tony himself read Social Sciences at Leicester University, and lectured in business studies before becoming Management Accountant with OCL on their Australia/New Zealand trade. He later had three years with Betts and Company as site Management Accountant.

Not surprisingly, this fine shot by Sean Stewart (Management Accounts, Head Office) was overall winner of a photographic contest organised by Richmond House Sports and Social Club to coincide with the final Parade of Sail in the Tall Ships Race. Subject: Sir Winston Churchill and Malcolm Miller. Sean used a Chinon CA 4, 35mm SLR camera and gave it a 1/60th exposure at aperture f8. Runner up was Chris Farmer, senior credit control clerk. In the transparency category, the winner was Yvonne Still (Computer Operations Manager) and runner-up Peter Hughes (Personnel).

**CONTACT POINTS**

**The column about your Company**

**CRL NOW CONSOLIDATED ON THE FIRST 3 YEARS**

We will be using this space in each issue from now on, to comment on matters of topical interest about the Company, its business and prospects. Because of the timescale of producing a magazine like ours we won't always be able to comment on "hot news," but we will to give you an insight into Company affairs whenever we can.

By the time you read this article, the Monopolies Commission investigation into the Trafalgar House bid for P & O will be in mid-stream. Because of the referral to the Monopolies Commission, Trafalgar's bid has lapsed and it will be up to them to decide whether to renew it after the Commission has reported.

As we go to press, Ellerman's have not finally named a buyer for the main sectors of their business. There are so many possible outcomes that it is pointless to speculate on the final position or whether there will be any effect on ACT Services.

Meanwhile we will continue to serve all our customers and seek ways of expanding our business into related areas. Our most notable diversification so far has been the setting up of Container Repairs Limited.

This Company, wholly owned by ACT Services, has now been in business for three years and provides facilities for the maintenance and repair of containers, trailers and other

similar equipment at five locations around the country.

The first three years of operation have not been easy. CRL has had to fight for a toe-hold in a very competitive sector of the industry. It has had to get all its business, including the work it carries out for the ACT companies, by competing in this fierce marketplace. This has meant convincing sometimes sceptical ACTS Container and Equipment Inspectors that CRL knows its business and can do as good a job at as cheap a price as its competitors. The workforce of about 50 includes fitters, who can turn their hands to welding, and refrigeration specialists.

CRL has depots at Glasgow, Manchester, Leeds, Grays and Dagenham. It operates mobile facilities using fully equipped panel vans which can go to where the work is rather than having it come to them. This means CRL is able to fit in with ACTS operational requirements and help us in our aim of keeping our trailers on the road.

Under John Ormiston's overall direction, the Company is run by its manager, Ian Jarrett, who although based at Richmond House, must sometimes have to think hard to remember what Southampton looks like. He paused long enough in his travels to talk to "Contacts" about the Company. It is Ian's belief that the Company must now take stock of its position and consolidate its place in the market before embarking on further expansion. He told "Contacts" that its achievements to date were the result of hard work, and co-operation between management and the workforce. He felt that with careful control and an eye to cost consciousness the Company could survive the recession and emerge as a permanent force in the repair industry. We wish them well.

**The au pair moves in to Terminal**

A French girl who came to England seven years ago as an au pair, to improve her English, has joined ACTS at Southampton Terminal as a Commercial Assistant (Imports).

Twenty-seven year old Michele Breuil went home to France after her initial au pair spell and worked for three years in the transport department of a wholesale meat firm. She returned to England in 1979, working with a Shipping and Forwarding Agency until going to Soton Terminal.

Her hobbies are swimming, squash and reading - and she is also secretary of a Church Youth Club.

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After four years of 'temping' in the Terminal accounts department, Chris Matthias has joined the team full time as Accounts Clerk, Transport Costing. Married with two children, Chris spent two years in Zambia and a year in Sri Lanka.

Her main outside interest is in judo, and with two



Gillian Warner



Debbie Riemschneider



Chris Matthias



Michele Breuil



Jane Cuming

others she runs a judo club.

Diane Hutchings, Accounts Clerk, Transport Costing, until January this year, has had a daughter, Sarah, who weighed in at 7lb 10oz. Mother and baby are both reported doing well.

**Proud Parents**

Other proud parents walking about the Terminal with head in air these days are Ted Knowlton, Senior Transport Assistant, whose wife gave birth to Simon Alexander (7lb 12oz) in February; and David Warner (Terminal Controller), whose wife Gill had a baby boy in May. Baby James, David and mum are both in good fettle.

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**Newcomers**

Among recent newcomers to the Terminal are Debbie Riemschneider and Jane Cuming.

Telex Operator Debbie was previously a shorthand/audio secretary with a firm of solicitors.

She likes swimming, horse riding, football "and entertaining her nine nieces and nephews".

Twenty-year-old Jane Cuming (Accounts Clerk) is married to a computer systems engineer who breeds cray fish (with which Jane helps) in his spare time. They live in the New Forest and both enjoy walking. Jane was deputy head receptionist at the White Horse Hotel, Romsey, before going to the Terminal.

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Still awaiting her baby when we went to Press was Sonia Maddick (Accounts Clerk), whose friends presented her with a changing mat and other gifts when she left in May.

**HEAD-IN-THE-AIR GILLIAN**

Eighteen-year-old telephonist/receptionist/typist Gillian Warner - she transferred from Head Office to Soton Terminal in May - is a girl who 'likes to try new things and wanted to be a pilot ever since I can remember'.

It is her good fortune, therefore, that she met and fell in love with Andrew Gerry, formerly of the American Air Corps, who holds a gliding licence.

'I've been up in the air with him quite a few times', says Gillian (talking of gliders, of course), 'and you can definitely say I'm hooked on the idea of one day piloting my own glider'.

The time for training may be some way off, for Gillian and Andrew (who first met at a disco dancing school) are to be married at about the time this issue of New Contacts goes to Press.

Among her other hobbies, Gillian lists dressmaking and 'lending a hand with dad's car business'.

**UN PETIT PEU DE FRANCE!**

It was a case of Alors, Alors and pass the garlic cheese at the Terminal in April when the lads and lasses sallied forth on a day trip to La Belle France. Eleven hardy souls caught the mid-day sailing from Folkestone to Calais, followed by a short swell at sea during which the liquid refreshment ran like beer!

On arrival at Calais, the group split up - the athletic women walking the mile into town while the men took a sedate bus ride.

Under the able leadership of Malcolm Wade (tour organiser), Brian Cardy and Nick Waterman, the male party set about the main task of the trip - sampling rare (and not so rare) French beers and leaving themselves enough time to sample them again and again before the ship sailed for home.

The women were equally well led by their own French-speaking guide, Michelle Breuil (see above story), whose intimate knowledge of everything France added to the enjoyment of the day for Terminal beauties Jule Williamson, Julie Wing, Lynne Hughes and Linda Payne. (Lynne and Linda have since joined Head Office, the prospect of another French trip next year having apparently proved too much for them!)

In the end, the women (taking the sedate bus ride back to the quay) ended up with the shopping and the men with local culture (of a sort).

Calais be warned - they may be back next year.

# The day the Master said 'Let Go'

We are not often able to publish confidential letters from vessels' Masters to their Owners. The following, however, came into the hands of GANGWAY, the Blue Star magazine, and we have their kind permission to print it ... on the understanding, of course, that neither the Master's name nor that of his ship is revealed. It soon becomes apparent, anyway, that it was not a Blue Star ship!

Dear Sir,

It is with regret and haste that I write to you: regret that such a small misunderstanding should lead to the following circumstances, and haste to get this report to you before you can form your own preconceived opinions from reports in the world Press. I am sure they will tend to overdramatise the whole affair.

We had just picked up the pilot and the cadet had returned from changing the 'G' flag for the 'H'. As this was his first trip, he was having difficulty in rolling up the 'G' flag and I therefore proceeded to show him. Coming to the last part, I told him to 'let go'. The lad, although willing, is none too bright, so I had to repeat the order in a sharper tone.

At this moment the chief officer appeared from the chartroom, having been plotting the vessel's progress, and thinking that it was the anchors I was referring to, repeated the 'let go' to the third officer on the forecabin. The port anchor, having been cleared away but not walked out, was promptly let go.

## By the Roots

The effect of letting the anchor drop from the 'pipe' whilst the vessel was proceeding at full harbour speed proved too much for the windlass brake and the entire length of the port cable was pulled out by the roots. I fear the damage to the chain locker may be expensive. The braking effect of the port anchor naturally caused the vessel to sheer right towards the swing bridge that spans a tributary to the river up which we were proceeding.

The swing bridge operator showed great presence of mind by opening the bridge for my vessel at once, but unfortunately he did not think to halt the vehicular traffic, the result being that the bridge partly opened and deposited a Volkswagen, two cyclists and a cattle truck on the foredeck.

## Rounding up

My ship's company are at present rounding up the contents of the latter, which, from the noise, I should say are pigs. In his efforts to stop the progress of the vessel, the third officer dropped the starboard anchor - too late to be of practical use for it fell on the swing

bridge operator's control cabin.

After the port anchor was let go and the vessel started to sheer, I gave a double ring 'full astern' on the engine room telegraph and personally rang the engine room to order maximum astern revolutions. I was informed that the sea temperature was 12 degrees and was asked if there was to be a film tonight. My reply would not add constructively to this report.

Up to now I have confined this report to the activities at the forward end of the vessel; down aft they were having their own problems. The sudden braking effect on the port anchor caused the tug to 'run in under' the stern of the vessel, just at the moment when the propeller was answering my

double ring 'full astern'. The prompt action of the second officer in securing the inboard end of the towing spring delayed the sinking of the tug by some minutes thereby allowing the safe abandoning of that vessel.

It is strange, but at the very moment of letting go the port anchor there was a power loss ashore. The fact that we were passing over a 'cable area' at that time suggests that we may have touched something on the river bed and it is perhaps lucky that the high tension cables brought down by the foremast were not live, possibly being replaced by the underwater cable. However, owing to the shore black-out it is impossible to say where the pylon fell.

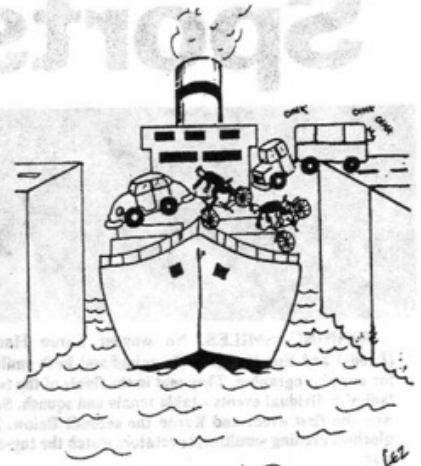
I am closing this preliminary report now, for I am finding it difficult to concentrate with the sound of police sirens and their flashing lights.

It is sad to think that had the cadet realised that there is no need to fly pilot flags after dark, none of this would have happened.

On my monthly incident report I will assign the following casualty numbers: T/450101 to T/450199 inclusive.

Yours faithfully,

Master



Something which never fails to amaze me is the actions and behaviours of foreigners during moments of minor crisis.

The pilot, for instance, is at this moment huddled in the corner of my day room, alternately crooning to himself and crying, after having consumed a bottle of gin in a time worthy of inclusion in the Guinness Book of Records. The tug skipper, on the other hand, reacted violently and had to be restrained by the purser who has him handcuffed in the ship's hospital where he is telling me to do impossible things with my ship and my person.

## Police Sirens

I enclose the names and addresses of the drivers and insurance companies of the vehicles on my foredeck, which the third officer collected after his somewhat hurried evacuation of the forecabin. These particulars will enable you to claim for the damage that they did to the railings in way of number one hatch.

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## TEN-YEAR ALEC SAY'S 'FAREWELL'



Best wishes go from all in ACTS to an old Glasgow friend, Alec Anderson, who has retired as Assistant Cargo Superintendent at Coatbridge.

After 35 years with Ellerman City Lines in Glasgow, Alec joined ACTS ten years ago. Last September he broke his leg in an accident and had since been attending hospital.

At a farewell party, Regional Manager Norman Niblock presented Alec (picture left) with a Rotary watch from his Coatbridge friends and colleagues, and later ACTS director John Cove handed over a crystal decanter from the company.

## COURIERS WHO NEVER DIE!



THEY'VE A SAYING in Central Services Department at Basildon - 'Old couriers never die, they simply fade away to Exports'. And to prove their point, they sent this picture to New Contacts. Left to right are Ann Smith, Elke Street, Wendy Emms and Doreen Holmes. Once upon a time they worked with Jocelyn Rees in Central Services. To-day they are all on the Import FCL booking desk.

**BIRMINGHAM MAKE IT BY 4 POINTS IN A SIZZLING DAY WITH NO PUNCHED PULLED**

# Sports day win behind locked doors!



**WINNING SMILES.** No wonder Karon Hauff (Leeds) and Sue Hodgson (Birmingham) both smiled for our photographer. They met in the finals of the two ladies' individual events - table tennis and squash. Sue won the first event and Karon the second! Below. In glorious evening sunshine, spectators watch the tug-of-war



At about the time Martina Navratilova was bustling to victory in the women's singles at Wimbledon this year, a party of stalwart sportsmen and women from Birmingham - including the inexhaustible Hodgson Pair and the indefatigable Dave Clark Two - were fighting another kind of battle to snatch victory for the Midlands in this year's ACTS inter-region Sports Day, at Bradford University.

Seven regions sent teams, as did their friends at ACTA, more than 100 competitors taking over one of the Halls of Residence and the Varsity Sports Centre from a Friday evening, through a gloriously sunny Saturday to the

Sunday morning. Since the event ended with a disco that ran into the early hours of that Sunday morning, it is doubtful whether the university will ever be the same again.

There is no doubt at all, however, that the event, now in its third year, has become a major fixture in the ACTS social calendar, and it was good to see so

## By LESTER CARROLL

many chief executives from the regions, with their wives, not only present but shedding their own blood, sweat and tears in the cause of regional pride.

John Hodgson from Birmingham (playing no mean part, as we shall see, in his side's progress), Ted Clayton from Manchester, Guy Ashby from Basildon and, of course, Ken Thompson and his deputy Ian Keyl of Leeds were all there and in the thick of the fray. And it was good to see Dennis Armitstead looking in, with his wife, to make sure that his former Leeds colleagues didn't need a bit of help!

Indeed, so actively involved were two of the managers (John Hodgson and Dave Clark) in ensuring their team's success that the finals of two events had to be delayed because of their continued participation in earlier events. As all competitors had to be out of the Sports Centre by six at night, with doors firmly locked and bolted behind them, special permission had to be sought for the men's squash semi-final and final to be played by three competitors locked into the building alone and let out only when their event was completed!

Seniority, if nothing else, dictates that much of the credit for the success of the whole enterprise, organised by ACTS Leeds, should go to Regional Manager Ken Thompson, an unremitting referee for five-a-side football and volleyball, and (partnered by his secretary Ann Fedorko) a formidable and jovial badminton competitor, but he would be the first to point out that none of it could have happened without the superhuman efforts of Karon Hauff and Collette McCullough. As chief organisers they were



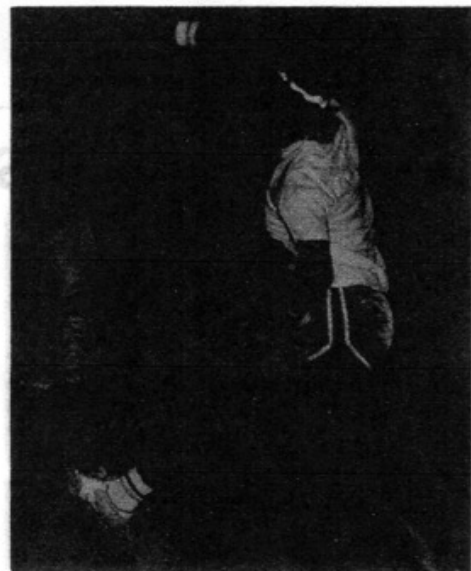
## The Final Tug

**PULLING FOR VICTORY.** In the last tug of the day, Birmingham get the points needed for overall victory.



## Volleyball Nine Show The Way

**EIGHT MEN AND A GIRL** (Collette McCullough) who played their part in the Leeds team's splendid volleyball win. Right.-Girl in action in the exciting final of the badminton event is Jo Sainsbury, who, with her partner Mike Creed, gave Head Office victory in the badminton contest.



People in the News

# One of the first brigade.....

Head Office stalwart Monica Healey, of Credit Control, has retired after ten years with the company. She was one of the many Richmond House staff who originally travelled daily to Fenchurch Street, London, before Head Office relocation to Southampton.

During a number of farewell celebrations, she was presented - by Financial Director David Hamilton, on behalf of the company - with a gold quartz watch, and received, among many other items, a teasmade from her many friends in Richmond House.

## Happy and Proud

No wonder Wendy McGuff and husband Neil (pictured below) look both happy and proud. They are introducing their son Darren.

Wendy took leave from Birmingham office for Darren's birth and has now rejoined the company as Telex operator.

Congratulations also to Senior Transport Assistant Ian Taylor and his wife Sylvia on the June arrival of their second daughter, Stephanie



## Father again

Steven Bray, an Import clerk with Liverpool ACTS, is a father again. His wife Teresa has presented him with a second son, Michael Steven. Their first child, Paul William, is now two.

And Pat Evans, telephonist/receptionist at Liverpool since 1975, has had a baby daughter, Hayley. Pat is married to driving instructor Evan Evans.



**PULLING THEIR WEIGHT** - but not quite weighty enough. Leeds on their way to defeat in the tug-of-war.

cheerfully efficient from start to finish. As competitors they played no small part in helping their team to near-victory.

The honour of setting the Saturday ball rolling - if honour it be, for who really wants to hurl themselves around a squash court at 9 a.m. the morning after the night before? - went to the ladies, whose squash and table tennis events were first 'on court'.

Minutes later, the men joined battle at five-a-side football and in the nine hours that followed, a total of eight separate events - badminton and table tennis each with no fewer than 64 competitors - were completed.

All events were scored in the same way - six for a win, four for a runner-up and two for each beaten semi-finalist, and the overall result (though nobody knew it at the time) was in the balance to the very end, twelve runner-up points scored by the Hodgson/Clark combination (for men's table tennis and squash and for badminton) and six for victory in the day's last event, the tug-of-war, clinching the decision for the Birmingham team.

Prizes for the eight individual events and for the overall winners, all kindly donated by friends and associates of ACTS in Leeds, were presented during the Saturday night disco by ACTS Director John Cove. The prize donators were:- Containerbase (Leeds); A-One Transport; Bower-Green; George Davies Haulage; N.T.Whitfield; Kennings Tyres; W.Carr and C.Burton.

Happy memories of the tournament abound.....

That dramatic first-round five-a-side clash between Richmond House and Leeds, the result being decided on penalty kicks after Leeds had missed a golden chance with Mike Creed yards out of goal.



**EXHAUSTED BUT HAPPY** - Mike Creed and Jo Sainsbury (Richmond House) after their badminton success.

*The splendid view from (an immense excitement in) the spectator's gallery during football and volleyball, both proving that spectacles and departing hair don't mean a chap has lost his impetus!*

**The immaculate, specially-designed T-shirts worn by both Manchester and Leeds teams.**

And the courage of those young ladies who fought gamely alongside their male colleagues in the rough-and-tumble of volleyball.

But the abiding memory is of a sporting tussle fought in the friendliest of spirits and to the obvious enjoyment of all....

## Final Winners

- TEAM: Birmingham 32 points; Leeds 28
- LADIES TABLE TENNIS: Sue Hodgson (Birmingham) beat Karon Hauff (Leeds)
- LADIES SQUASH: Karon Hauff beat Sue Hodgson
- MEN'S TABLE TENNIS: Martin Neary (Liverpool) beat John Hodgson (Brum).
- MEN'S SQUASH: Frank Macklin (Basildon) beat Dave Clark (Birmingham).
- BADMINTON: Mike Creed and Jo Sainsbury (Richmond House) beat Dave and Carol Clark (Birmingham).
- 5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL: Liverpool beat Richmond House, 1-0.
- VOLLEYBALL: Leeds beat Birmingham, 16-14.
- TUG-OF-WAR: Birmingham beat Leeds.

# SNOOKERED AT THE FIRST ATTEMPT

At their first attempt, ACTS North-West Region won the C.H.Dillon Trophy, presented annually by the Liverpool Shipping Staffs Association in an FA Cup-style snooker competition.

The North-West, captained by Export Bookings Section Leader Tony Medicott, beat Liver Transport by more than 90 points.

The contest opened with Fred Jones (Export Bookings) and Dennis Brookfield (ACTA) between them reducing a 38-point handicap to zero.

All eyes then focused on Deputy Regional Manager Jim Henry - to see if his snooker reputation was justified. It was. After his final session at the table, Liverpool were more than 60 points ahead! Tony Medicott was unable to improve the lead, being narrowly beaten in the fourth game.

Section Leader Damien O'Hagan, playing Liver Transport's No.1, then had what appeared to be an impossible task, but managed to improve Liverpool's position by some 20 points!

Export SCA Peter Hirons could not improve the final result, but ended the evening knowing that the team's next task was to face the League leaders.

However, two trophies in a first season was not to be. Liverpool lost to Liverpool Maritime Terminals by 4-3.

## HOLIDAY TRAGEDY

We are very sad to report the death of Peter Peterson, Assistant Controller at Tilbury. His sudden death at the end of July occurred whilst he was on holiday on the island of Gozo.

Our deepest sympathies go to his widow Elsa and his two sons.

# Lindy heads for trophy Number 50



Arriving at the showground and ready for action - Lindy and Donna

Major problem for Manchester ACTS Telex operator Lindy Ogden is deciding where she can display future trophies if she goes on winning them at the rate she has done so far. Already her home at Flixton is slightly in danger of bulging at the edges.

When she left school at 15 and got her first job, Lindy's father bought her a pony called Amber on condition that she paid for its upkeep. Very soon she was show jumping on Amber with considerable success.

Then, after two-and-a-half years, she let the pony go in favour of a horse called King Midas. The show-jumping successes continued until, one day, the King broke a leg while exercising.

"The accident affected me greatly", says Lindy. "My confidence suddenly went and I felt I could no longer jump. I have showed 'in hand' ever since".

## Donna starts well

The successes, however, have continued, and today Lindy (now showing her fourth horse) reckons that she has well over 40 trophies at home.

Her present horse, Rose Park Prima Donna - a simple Donna to her friends - was bought in February. A year-old yearling, she is already proving that Lindy's record of success is in no danger. After three months of conditioning and grooming, her very first outing produced two Firsts and a Best Yearling award, and later, at Brabyns, Marple, Cheshire, she won the Stanley Bowden Rains Memorial Cup.

Keep up the good work, Lindy - and Donna.

# HEAD OFFICE INS AND OUTS

Two young university graduates, David Beck and John Johnson, have joined ACTS as management trainees and as part of their induction will be spending time in both Richmond House and regional offices.

David recently completed a higher degree after graduating from York University in economics and politics, and John graduated from Christ Church, Oxford, in modern history. One of his main interests away from work is local archaeology. (What you might call from modern to ancient!)

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Other new faces at Head Office include: SARAH CHAMBERLAIN, now in junior administration, was formerly a clerk with a Jersey travel company. She is an active member of the Loft Dance and Drama Centre, based in a modernised quayside warehouse on the bank of the River Itchen.

DAVID KEEN, a programmer who joined ACTS from Dorset County Council in March, includes among his leisure pursuits research into ancient and mediaeval history - and 'war-gaming'.

Senior computer operator JOHN COGHLAN, who moved to ACTS from Carreras Rothmans Limited in Basildon, has now brought his wife and baby son to live in Fareham.

System analyst TONY WADE, who moved into the systems field after a number of years as a sea-going officer, lives near Salisbury with his wife and two children.

PETER LOVELAND, trainee computer programmer, who joined the company after successfully completing an ICL/TOPS course.

And, of course, SHELLEY YOUNG, copy-typist in Administration, who enjoys folk dancing, badminton and squash.

## Happy 10 years

PETER MARSHALL, assistant salaries supervisor, has left Head Office after 10 years there to become payroll manager with a local company at Romsey.

In thanking his colleagues for their parting gift of garden furniture and tools, Peter said he had had 'a lot of enjoyment' during his 10 year stint at Richmond House, especially because he met his wife there! She is SUE MARSHALL, of Revenue and Current Accounts.

Also on her way to pastures new - CHRIS POTTS, who joined the company in 1978 as a junior direct from school and was a copy typist in Administration when she left in June 'further to develop her skills in word processing and new technology'.

Her colleagues presented her with an automatic camera.

TERRY LIVERSAGE, Assistant current accounts supervisor, has left the company after nine-and-a-half years 'to further his career within the accountancy field'. His colleagues gave him an executive case.

NOW SHE'S AN  
OUTDOOR GIRL



Twenty-six-year-old Debbie Fordham, whose picture we took while she was watching table tennis heats at the company's Bradford Sports Day, joined Basildon ACTS in April as a courier. Until then she had worked as a secretary but 'didn't want to be stuck in an office any longer'. Now she's happy - 'because the work is varied and I'm out of doors most of the time'.

## Late Entry

Congratulations to Brian Cardy, Controller at Southampton Terminal, and to his wife Penny on the arrival of a son - weighing 9lb 12oz - on June 4. No name decided as we went to Press .....

## How Jack's party turned into 'a double'

A party to mark the retirement in May of sixty-five-year-old Jack Wright, courier at Tilbury for eight years, turned into a double event. Almost at the precise moment Jack was receiving farewell gifts from the company and his Tilbury friends and colleagues, news came through that the local dockworkers had voted to return to work after eight weeks on strike. Staff could return to normal after many weeks of working round the country.

The company's gift to Jack, presented by John Cove on behalf of the directors, was a Flymo lawnmower, and his colleagues gave him a radio cassette recorder, a framed aerial view of the Terminal - plus a bouquet for his wife Doris.

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Tilbury has extended a warm welcome to David Hurst, recruited from Basildon, who has replaced Brian Potts. Brian had decided to GO West and try his luck in the United States.