

WHERE'S THE CATCH?

Cops ban anglers' quiz... because it's far too easy

POLICE spotted something fishy about the two questions in an anglers' quiz competition.

Question One: Who is the landlady of the Rovers Return in Coronation Street - Bet Gilroy or Betty Turpin?

Question Two: Who was the prime minister of Britain in 1989 - Margaret Thatcher or John Major?

Cops decided it was far too easy to come up with the right answers - Bet Gilroy and Margaret Thatcher.

So they have stopped the sale of £1 tickets in aid of the Foster An Angler charity for children with special needs.

And they plan to prosecute the organisers of the draw, which offered a £75,000 house as first prize.

The Lottery and Amusements Act outlaws such contests "in which success does not depend to a substantial degree on the exercise of skill".

By GORDON HUGHES

Staffordshire police said: "The operative word is substantial. We take the view that no skill is needed to answer these two questions."

The prize house is owned by Greenland Properties, of Stoke, who organised the draw while the National Federation

of Anglers arranged the competition.

Greenland director Anthony Malam, 38, said: "A lot of competitions ask easier questions than these. We'll fight the case when it comes to court."

Most of the 150,000 tickets sent out have already been sold.

Soccer legend Sir Stanley Matthews was due to draw the winning number on April 22.



JOKER: Nancy

TV Rhoda star dies

● **NANCY Walker**, who played the wisecracking Jewish mother in the TV comedy show *Rhoda* has died of lung cancer in Los Angeles.

● The 69-year-old actress, who appeared in scores of drama and comedy shows, had been ill for two months.

● Nancy also played the maid in TV's *McMillan and wife*, starring Rock Hudson.

BRAIN BOX CURE

ARE you losing your memory? Then sharpen up the grey matter by watching a TV whodunnit.

Following the teasing plots in dramas like *Taggart*, *Inspector Morse* and *Murder She Wrote* can help combat forgetfulness, says French psychologist Jocelyne de Rotrou. But, she says, you must discuss them afterwards to develop "fantastic" memory skills.

