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*Councillor A. G. Hurdle
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The inhabitants of Farnham may well feel pleased that it has been accorded the privilege of staging one of the United Kingdom's heats of the BBC TV's 'It's a Knockout'.

Farnham Park, with the Castle in the background provides an ideal setting for these games.

A co-ordinating Committee, including members of the Urban District Council with representatives of many of the community organisations and businesses have worked hard to ensure that the staging of the event will be worthy of our Town.

As Chairman of Farnham's last self-governing authority, I extend a warm welcome to the team from Swindon and all those who will accompany them.

The occasion will add another page to Farnham's long history and I trust that everyone who comes to see it will have an enjoyable day.

A. G. Hurdle, 4th March, 1974.

FROM THE MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF THAMESDOWN

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Today we meet as rivals and we, like you, are hoping to win. Our rivalry, however, will not be at the expense of friendship and we feel sure that the battle that has brought us together could be the beginning of goodwill and a continuing link between our district and your town. We from Thamesdown cannot fail to be impressed by the enormous effort Farnham has put into this great occasion and are fully aware of the endless hours of work behind the scenes which must have gone into the organisation. As your guests we are most deeply appreciative.

Only one team can win today, but may I wish all the members of both teams the best of good fortune. Whoever wins will have the satisfaction of beating a first class team. Whoever loses will, I hope, have the consolation of being beaten by the eventual winners in Europe.

Yours sincerely,
Ray Smith,
Mayor.



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The It's A Knockout Committee wish to thank all those many individuals, organisations and businesses who have given their help in the organisation of this event.

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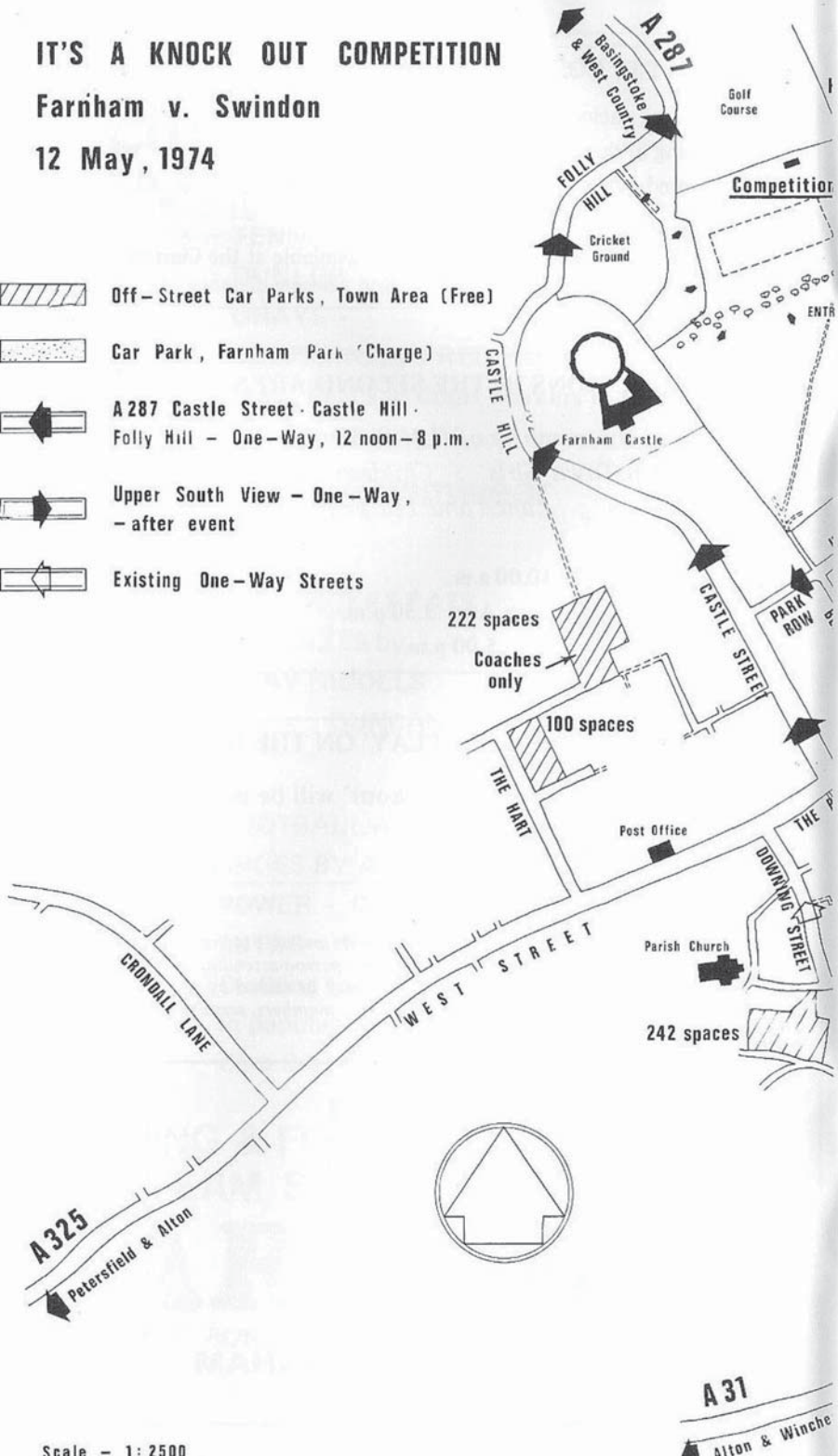


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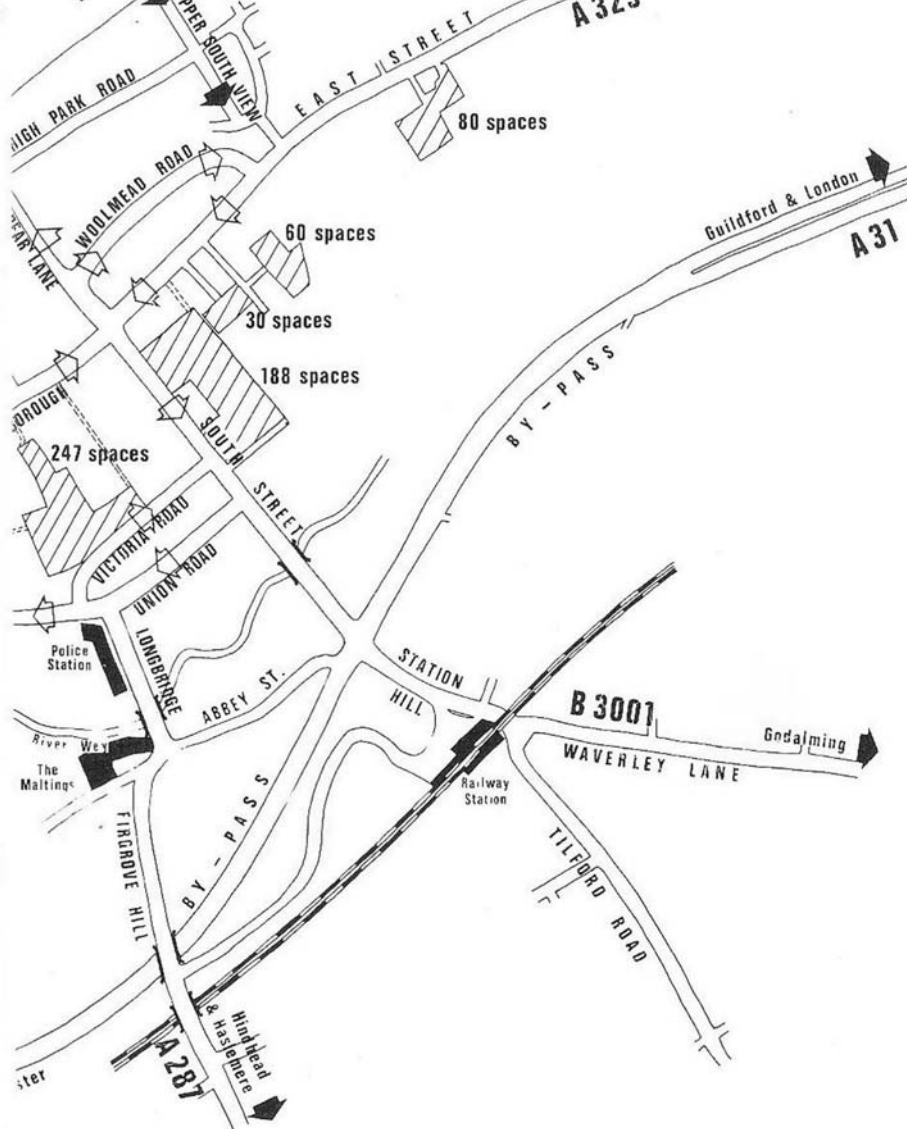
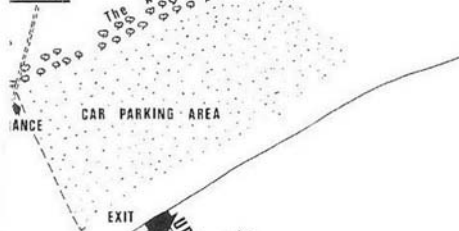
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-  Upper South View - One-Way, - after event
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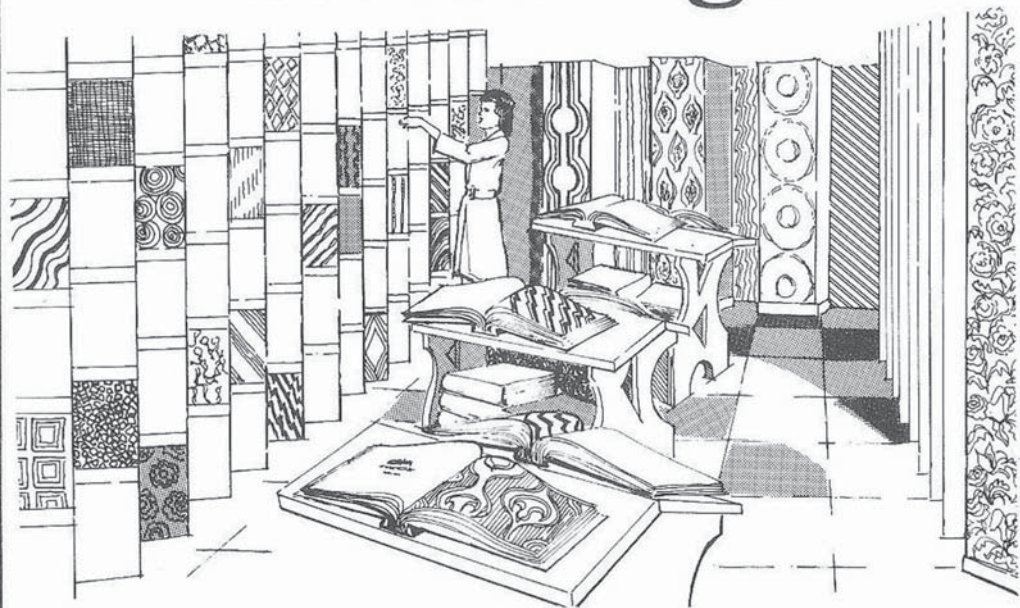


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Margaret won her title on 3rd April in a contest organised by Farnham Lions Club.

Photography by John Hibberd Photographic



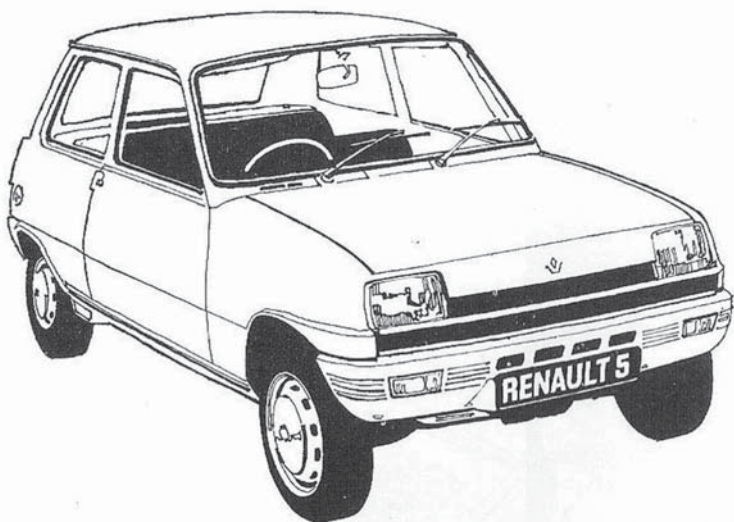
Lovely Carla Wansey-Jackson, 22, a model, is Captain of the Farnham Cheer Leaders.

Margaret, Carla and the Farnham Cheer Leaders Katie Wale, Sylvia Martin, Alexis Gardner, Patricia Cowlett, Maureen Wale, Anne Cullen, Barbara Williamson and Robena Tasker.



Farnham Cheer Leaders were trained by Miss Rosemarie Matthews, A.I.S.T.D. (S.B.N.B. C.B.), Principal of the Maria-Rosa Academy of Dancing. The main branch of the Academy is at Brambleton Hall, Farnham, and other classes are held in Ash Vale and Farnborough. Pupils are trained from the age of two years onwards. Subject taught are ballet, tap, stage, National, Greek, acrobatic and drama. Syllabuses used for the pupils are Royal Academy of Dancing, Imperial Society Teachers of Dancing, and International Dance Teachers Association.

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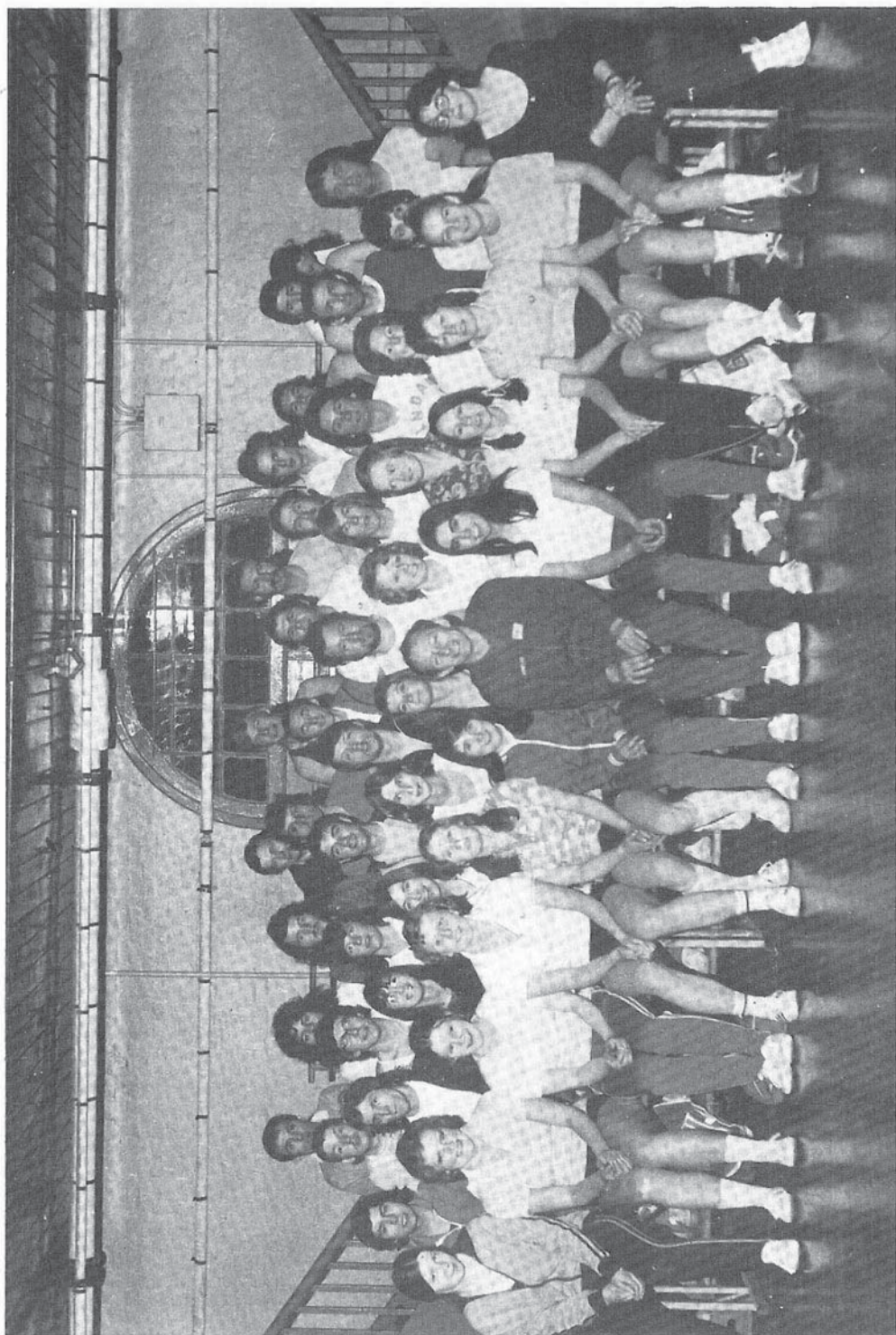
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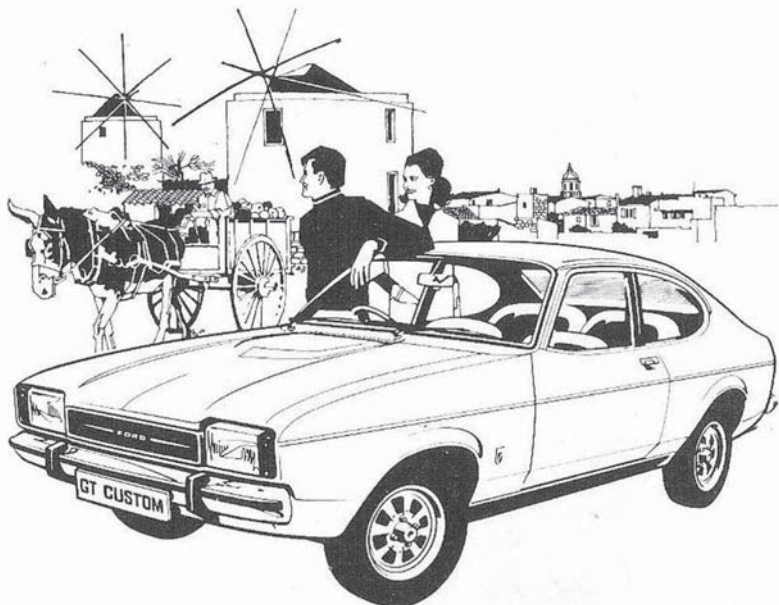
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The FARNHAM TEAM will be selected from the following:

Yvonne Andrews, Secretary

Tennis, Badminton, Hockey, Swimming, Reading, Crosswords and Cooking. Won Aldershot & District Ladies' Tennis Championships, singles & doubles, 1973.

Judy Comber, Insurance Clerk

Squash, Tennis, Badminton, Mountaineering, Rock Climbing. Currently playing in National Squash Competition. Holds Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

Helen Cooper, Student

Table Tennis, Netball, Badminton, Rounders, Tennis, Long Jump, Squash, Judo, Horse Riding.

Valerie Cooper, Typist

County Netball player, Tennis, Swimming, Diving, Horse Riding, Dressmaking, Knitting, Crotchet.

Barbara Freeman, Display Assistant

Netball, Swimming, Horse Riding, Dancing.

Pamela Gale, Tax Clerk

Netball, plays for North Hants County Netball Assoc. Plays Tennis and Badminton. Gymnastics and Athletics. School Gym Champion 1969. Driving, Decoration and Cooking.

Lynne Hammett, Schoolgirl

Tennis, Badminton, Trampoline (elementary Silver Award), Netball, Football, Table Tennis, Swimming (Bronze Award), Archery, Judo (Orange Belt), Hockey.

Sara Hatcher, Student

Horse Riding, Badminton, Squash, Swimming, Cooking.

Felicity Hayes, Insurance Underwriter

Swimming (has Life Saving Certificate). Ice Skating, Tennis, Javelin, High Jump, Horse Riding.

Glynis Hughes, Student

All Sports, Judo (is a Brown Belt), Trampoline, Badminton, Walking, Swimming, Reading and Writing.

Jean McLeod, Housewife

All Sports, Yoga, Keep Fit, Hockey, Long and Short distance running.

Gillian Parry, Receptionist

Bar Football, Reading, Crosswords, Gardening, Singing, Walking.

Sandra Parsons, Clerical Officer

Trampoline, Badminton, Riding, Swimming, (Life Saving Certificate), Gymnastics.

Jill Simpson, with Tilhill Forestry

Horse Riding, Sailing.

Susan Tunnicliffe, Bank Clerk

All Sports, Swimming (has Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards), High Jump, Long Jump.

Susan Wheeler, Nurse

Tennis, Swimming, Yoga, Reading, Dressmaking.

Sarah Wickins, Gallery Owner

Kung Fu, Golf, Squash, Tennis, Horse Riding, Swimming.

Jeanette Quay, Display Assistant

Athletics, Hockey, Swimming, Reading, Sewing, Coin Collecting.



Farnham Team Manager James Wilson has a twelve year history of success in International athletics. His interest commenced at school in Hebburn, County Durham, and after a period in civilian clubs he decided to join the Army. Jim says, "The Army have the best teams, the best coaches and marvellous facilities." He's putting something back into the sport nowadays, training youngsters at a Gymnastics Club. The Farnham Squad has responded keenly to his enthusiasm, and they are very confident today,

Farnham Team Coach Robert Bradley has an enviable record in athletics. Now on the staff of the A.S.P.T. at Aldershot, his career in the Army, starting with Boy Service, has been very varied. It includes two years in the famous 1st Battalion The Black Watch in Edinburgh. Throughout his service, he has represented a number of units in athletics and cross country events and was a member of the P.T. Corps Display Team at the 1967 Royal Tournament. Bob has worked the Farnham Squad hard, and says they'll do him justice today.

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David Colston, Foreman
Football, Badminton, Running, Team Games.

Richard Curtis, Schoolboy
Football, Cycling, Hiking, Camping.

Nicholas DeMeric, Student
Gymnastics, Swimming, Water Skiing, Athletics, Rifle Shooting, Sailing.

Jefferson Green, Police Sergeant
Squash, Football.

Peter Grenham, Postman Driver
Football, Running, Fishing, Shooting.

Andrew McSherry, Head Barman
Athletics, Soccer.

Keith Maisey, Fireman
Rugby, Volleyball, Swimming (Cup winner)

Keith Morris, Insurance Agent
Tennis, Table Tennis, Squash, Gardening, Do-It-Yourself.

Keith Mortimer, Development Engineer
Gardening, House Improvement, Camping, Member of Hedgehogs.

Hugh Osborne, Schoolmaster
Cycle Touring, Badminton, Squash, Rugby, Football, Athletics (jumping).

Ian Powell, Window Dresser
Football, Darts.

Brian Roberts, Police Inspector
Rugby, Police 1st XV (Surrey)

Kenneth Smith, Student
Football, Basketball, Rugby, Stoolball, Badminton, Hiking, Scouting.

Andrew Tutt, Fireman
Golf, Volleyball, Tennis, Table Tennis, Swimming.

Michael Vernon, Bricklayer
Football, Swimming, Table Tennis.

Ronald Wallis, Driver
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THE COMMENTATORS



EDDIE WARING

BBC TV's inimitable Rugby League commentator Eddie Waring has been associated with 'It's A Knockout' since 1966. As well as commentating he has been a referee on the show.

Eddie has been in television ever since it came to the North in 1951 and the BBC's Rugby League coverage grew to become one of television's finest regular outside broadcasts. He has covered every Rugby League Challenge Cup from Wembley since then.

Born in Dewsbury in the West Riding of Yorkshire, he played soccer, Rugby Union, Rugby League – and was a wrestler too. Something of a globe trotter, he has made seven trips round the world and appeared on television in Australia, New Zealand and the United States.



STUART HALL

Stuart Hall, who made his 'It's a Knockout' debut last year, currently presents 'Look North', the BBC North West nightly magazine programme in Manchester, makes frequent appearances on 'Nationwide', and is the cheery questionmaster of 'Quiz Ball'.

Stuart, born in greater Manchester, first broadcast in 1958 as a contributor to the Northern radio programme 'Sports Spotlight'. He has reported on soccer, cricket, tennis, motor racing and motor cycling as well as current affairs for television and radio.

Football, fast cars and antique clocks are his great love.

As a teenager, he played soccer as an amateur for Lancashire, Derbyshire and Crystal Palace.

Behind the steering wheel, he once roared round Oulton Park and Silverstone in an Elva-Climax and an Austin Healey. But he

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He sees 'It's a Knockout' as essentially a "fun show" and is determined to make it as entertaining as possible for competitors and viewers.

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GAME 1 FIREMAN'S THROW

1 Heat

4 Boys

Each team is equipped with a large canvas sheet with which they must throw a large ball over a number of hurdles.

For the hurdle to be successfully negotiated the ball must also be caught in the canvas sheet. Any ball dropping to the ground will not be counted.

The team negotiating the greatest number of hurdles in the time allowed will be the winners.

GAME 2 BALISTA AND FLOUR BAGS

2 Heats

2 Boys, 2 Girls

Each team is equipped with a balista with which the man has to propel flour bags over a wall. The bags must then be caught by the remaining two team members with a canvas hoop.

The team catching the greatest number of bags will be the winners.

GAME 3 MOTOR BIKE RELAY

1 Heat 2 Boys, 1 Girl

This is a motor bike relay – the course consisting of a number of obstacles, all of which must be negotiated. At the far end of the course is the girl who collects the balloons from the men.

Having returned to the start the first man hands over to the second and so on.

The team handing over the greatest number of balloons will be the winners.



GAME 4 CANVAS RUN

2 Heats 4 Boys, 2 Girls

The four men pull the carpet back and forth. The two girls – one at a time – have to run along the carpet and through a number of hurdles whilst carrying a large jelly.

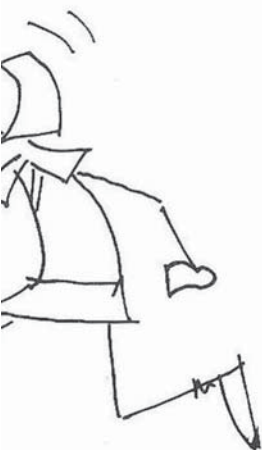
The team which is able to successfully negotiate the greatest number of hurdles will be the winners.

GAME 5**WHEELBARROW RACE***1 Heat**2 Boys, 2 Girls*

Each team is equipped with a large wheel and axle. The two girls hold each end of the axle and the two men hold the girls.

They have to negotiate a course along which a number of balloons must be burst.

The team completing the course in the shortest time will be the winners.

**GAME 6****WATER TRAPEZE***2 Heats**3 Boys*

The men – taking it in turns – have to work their way along a rope – which is hanging above the pool and burst balloons with their feet.

The winning team will be the one which is able to burst the greatest number of balloons in the time allowed.

GAME 7

PUSH AND SLIDE

1 Heat

2 Boys, 2 Girls

The four team members, working together, have to push a very large inflatable ball up a greased slope.

The team able to successfully do this the greatest number of times will be the winners.



MARATHON BALL RACE

3 Boys

Each man takes it in turn to go down the slide. The man places a ball in the chute at the top of the slope and then having slid down the slope has to catch the ball before it hits the ground.

Any ball touching the ground before being caught will not be counted.

The team which is able to collect the greatest number of balls will be the winners.

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MEN OF STEEL AND GORGEOUS GIRLS FROM THAMESDOWN

The THAMESDOWN TEAM will be selected from the following:

Lynne Penny, *Microfilmer*

Netball for Swindon, Football, table tennis, music, driving, cross country for County.

Janice Morris, *Schoolgirl*

Ambition to be P.E. teacher, netball, hockey, horse riding, swimming, weight training.

Pat Harris, *Housewife*

Three children (all boys), dancing, badminton, reading and cooking.

Kenwyn Hazell, *Student*

Pony trekking, music, all sports, dancing, County No. 1 Junior table tennis player.

Wendy Callister, *Dental Nurse*

Netball for county, rock climbing, athletics and art.

Lesley Freebury, *Schoolgirl*

Ambition to be P.E. teacher, Wiltshire under 19 trampoline champion, korfbal and all sports.

Margaret Kelly, *Administration Assistant*

Netball for Swindon, badminton, horse riding, driving, dancing, social organising.

Helen Loveday, *Bank Clerk*

Hockey for Wiltshire, tennis and squash.

Brenda Gill, *Clerk/Typist*

Wiltshire County Titles for past 13 years in javelin, discus, shot, high jump. Boating and netball.

Jean Cooper, *P.E. Teacher*

Canoeing, rock climbing, hill walking, painting and craft work.

Toni Marchant, *Bank Clerk*

Korfbal, netball, dancing, swimming and driving.

Angela Robertson, *Teacher*

Driving, rally driving, hockey and squash. At present helping to renovate her family's cottage.

Linda Phillips, *Teacher*

Hockey, volleyball, swimming, trampolining and skittles.

Sue Perkins, *Wages Clerk*

Netball, driving and Opera.

Ian Ribbins, *Student*

Football, Cricket, basketball, amateur dramatics, fishing and orienteering.

Steve Ottaway, *Insurance Rep.*

Athletics, cross country, rock climbing and music.

David Wood, *Design Draughtsman*

Golf, football, tennis, swimming, chess and gardening.

Stan Harbron, *Royal Air Force*

Football, badminton, athletics, chess and gardening.

Gary Hollingshead, *Maintenance Technician*

Football, surfing, fishing and swimming.

Allan Webb, *Storeman*

Basketball, athletics, reading, music and astronomy.

Sam Smyth, *Draughtsman*

Basketball, rugby, football, cricket and dancing.

Steve Savill, *Bank Clerk*

Rugby (plays for the Colts, Southern England) football, table tennis and history.

Peter Kempshall, *Police Constable*

Rugby, football, squash and badminton.

Nigel Roberts, *Jig Tool Maker*

Football, Karate, boxing and fishing.

Hugh Irwin, *Warehouse Man*

Gymnastics, swimming, karate and basketball.

Brian Roberts, *Bricklayer*

Football, karate, boxing, cross country, basketball and Youth Leadership.

Bill Allen, *Self Employed*

Water skiing, squash, game shooting, fishing, and his two children.

Bob Francome, *Operations Manager*

Water skiing, sub-aqua, squash, football, hockey and chess.

Mike Goddard, *Chef, Royal Air Force*

Football and all sport. He was in last year's successful Ely team in 'It's a Knockout'.

Philip Bollom (Team Captain) *P.E. Teacher*

Swimming, volleyball, basketball, trampolining and gymnastics.

Bryan Saunders, *Clerk*

Table Tennis, Badminton and football.

Dougie Savill (Coach, Team Manager)

Sports Warden, The College, Swindon.

Left the R.A.F. in December, 1972 after completing 23 years in the Physical Education Branch. Boxing and football and his three children - all promising athletes.



THAMESDOWN, Our Welcome Visitors

On the windswept edge of the Marlborough Downs, Iron Age forts still command the Vale of the Upper Thames. From one of these, Liddington Castle, you can see almost the whole of Thamesdown. First the eye takes in the downland villages, then at the foot of the hills, lies Swindon—a tough young giant of a town, its modern factories and houses broken up by the green patches of parks, schools and playing fields. A wink of light on the edge of the town is Coate Water where heron, grebe and kingfisher compete with local anglers. In the middle distance Highworth, one of the oldest hill towns in the country, rises above the meadows of the vale and in the distance a thin band of silver marks the north boundary where the Thames flows under Halfpenny Bridge opposite Lechlade and out of Wiltshire.

The new Borough of Thamesdown is formed from the old Borough of Swindon and the Highworth Rural District which surrounded it. Some 145,000 people live there now and there are more coming every year as Swindon, linked to London by the railways and M4, is the fastest growing town in the South West. In Domesday Book, Swindon is little more than a hamlet and in the early 19th century no more than a neat little market town. Then came Isambard Kingdom Brunel and the Great Western Railway to build in Swindon what was to become the largest railway works in Europe. From 1843 for a hundred years the story of Swindon was the story of the G.W.R. Then just after the war the dangers of a one industry town became apparent—and real. As a result of decisions taken then Swindon has entered its second period of rapid growth. The Railways—now British Rail Engineering—are still important employers but they have been joined by household names like Plessey, British Leyland, Raychem, W.H. Smith and by the new commercial headquarters of Burmah Oil, Hambro Life and the Nationwide Building Society.

Rapid expansion affects not only Swindon but the area round, and great care is being taken to preserve the character of local villages and the superb stretches of countryside close at hand. Along with factories and housing, new schools and roads, great importance is given to the proper provision for social life and leisure. To supplement the district's present five swimming pools, two more are now being built—one as part of a big Leisure Centre with a wide range of sports and social uses. As the town and villages grow, more parks, playgrounds and playing fields are coming into use to serve old and new inhabitants. In Swindon the new district owns a fine new theatre with a wide ranging programme of professional drama and music. There is also one of the first public Arts Centres in Europe much used by local people for a whole range of cultural activities. Museums house collections of national importance—'City of Truro' first locomotive to do 100 m.p.h. in service at the G.W.R. Museum, paintings by Henry Moore, Ben Nicholson, Francis Bacon at the Art Gallery.

Thamesdown is a new name and it is perhaps appropriate that one of its first efforts is to enter a team for 'It's A Knockout'. Strong team spirit, some local pride, spiced with a bit of fun for everybody—it can't be a bad way to start!

Cheerleaders for Thamesdown team will be Swindon Town Girls. Formed by Swindon Town Football Club, this team of enthusiastic volunteers raises a lot of money every year for charity and gives parties for local children and senior citizens.

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FARNHAM MALTINGS

The Maltings stand alongside a pleasant stretch of the River Wey in the exact centre of the Urban District of Farnham. So agreeably does this complex of mellow red brick buildings fit into their surroundings that for years they went almost unnoticed. It was not until 1968, when it was proposed to demolish them, that the people of Farnham took a critical look at the Maltings and realised that if these buildings were swept away, a characteristic piece of the Farnham scene would be lost; furthermore that they represented an available 40,000 sq. ft. of floor space, in the centre of the town, that could accommodate a really comprehensive range of leisure activities and provide a focal point for the community life of the town.

The Owners, Messrs. Courage Ltd., offered the buildings, together with the adjoining land, to the town, for £30,000, provided it was used for civic purposes. Such was the enthusiasm of the people of Farnham, numbering only 28,000, that, under the leadership of Mr. Raymond Krish, they raised £28,000 in six weeks, and, in 1969, bought the property. So in this year, 1974, after raising nearly £100,000 to start the conversion, Farnham is all set to start transforming the Maltings into the fourth phase in its history.



The earliest surviving document concerning the Maltings is dated 1729 and it records two previous owners. It relates to the oldest part of the buildings, which is at the Red Lion end, and was a tannery. Through subsequent documents can be traced the varying fortunes of its owners; the sober pious will of Michael Reading, 1761, who lived at 12/13 Bridge Square, basically a 15th century house and still sometimes referred to as "Tanyard House", the numerous mortgages taken out by Stanley Bolan, a sad failure who was finally sold-up in 1802 to pay his creditors; and then in 1845 the sale of the property, still described as a tanyard, to John Barrett and George Beldham who were brewers. John Barrett lived at "Old Roofs" in Bridge Square, and his was a success story. In 1850 the army came to Aldershot and Farnham went in for beer in a big way, with hopfields round the town and breweries and pubs in the centre.



At the Longbridge End, a Robert Sampson had bought some property in 1830 and set up as a Maltster. This was also evidently successful as he became a public benefactor, giving to the town Sampson's Almshouses and Sampson's Meadow, now the Memorial Football Ground. He retired to No. 40 West Street, and was succeeded by his son, Sampson, whose sign 'Sampson Sampson Licenced Maltster' can still be seen on the side of his house, No. 18 Bridge Square.

In 1890 George Trimmer of the Lion Brewery bought the whole property and the amalgamation became the Farnham United Brewery. In 1902 the present stretch of buildings that lie alongside the river was built as a then up-to-date and massive Maltings.



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Now, in 1974, the essential repair work having been done and basic clearance by volunteers carried out, the conversion has started. Eventually the Maltings will provide a large General Purpose Hall, accommodating over 600 persons with its related facilities, a Community Centre and an Adult Education Centre.

Work on Phases I & IA, which consist of providing an Assembly and General Purposes Area, toilets, kitchen, large General Purpose Hall, meeting rooms and offices, has now started and will be completed by next year.

Detailed plans have been prepared for the Adult Education Centre and negotiations are proceeding with the Surrey County Council who are interested in leasing the East Wing of the building for adult education purposes.

The third phase, which can only be started when more money has been raised, will consist of a Nursery School, Play School, toilets, General Purpose Hall (200 seats), meeting/dressing rooms, caretaker's flat and bars. At this stage the Assembly and General Purpose Area will be upgraded to form a finished Auditorium supported by further dressing rooms.

You can become a member of the Maltings Association for £1 a year. Why not join and help to bring a worthwhile project to an earlier completion date? Full details from the Secretary, Maltings Association, 24 The Borough, Farnham. Tel. 23900.



THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN

The St. John Ambulance organisation today embraces two modern foundations of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem which has a history of many centuries, as far back as 600 AD, of service to the sick and suffering. The Association (the teaching body of the Order) was founded in 1877 to

meet the recognised need for training in first aid, and the Brigade was formed in 1887 to organise trained volunteers in a uniformed body.

In 1873 an Ambulance Service was started to meet the needs of workers in the densely populated areas, and Farnham had its first St. John Ambulance (horse drawn) in 1894. In 1973, thanks to the donations received from the people of Farnham, we purchased our new ambulance equipped with the most modern and up to date equipment.

Farnham St. John are seen at most local shows, such as the Town Show, Castle Street Fayre, and cover many local horse trials, scrambles and rallies. Besides this public service, Farnham St. John is involved in helping people in need—those who require transfers to nursing homes, collecting from airports, or just being taken to visit friends they would otherwise be unable to visit because of their handicap. Farnham St. John runs first aid and home nursing courses, and its members visit and talk to local societies.

During 1973 Farnham St. John members did nearly 4000 hours of voluntary duty, and our ambulance covered many miles for the people of Farnham.

We need many members to cover all our duties, and always welcome new recruits who, like us, will come to appreciate the satisfaction gained from helping those less fortunate. Divisional meetings are held at St. John House, The Hart, Farnham (Tel. 6749).

Nursing Cadets	Mondays	6.30 pm to 8.00 p.m.
Ambulance Cadets	Mondays	7.00 pm to 9.00 p.m.
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THE LIONS

The Farnham Lions Club is one of the most active of the local Community Organisations, having raised many thousands of pounds for mainly local needs over the past five years. The Club is very grateful to the people of Farnham who have subscribed so generously, and tries to ensure that those people who support it's

activities either enjoy spending their money or receive some satisfaction in their turn through their help for worthwhile causes. The annual Carnival and Castle Street Fayre is an example of this. Once a year the town is closed for a few hours while the procession—now one of the largest in the South of England—passes through. The participants not only enjoy it, but their organisations benefit from it. Either by a direct financial contribution in the case for instance of Scouts and Guides, or by the publicity gained by more commercial enterprises. The spectators enjoy it too, as evidenced by a larger turn-out each year. When the procession is over, Castle Street is the venue for a modern version of the ancient street market once held there. There are about a hundred stalls, including representatives from other local charities. There is even a ducking stool and the Lion in the chair is the only one present who does not care if it rains! Make a note to join in the fun on June 29th.

Although some functions are organised in support of specific objectives, most of the money raised goes into the Lions Charity Account and is spent in a variety of ways. You will read elsewhere in this programme of the new ambulance acquired by the local branch of St. John. The Lions Club contributed £1,500 towards the vehicle—truly the 'Lions Share'. At the same time the old ambulance was released for service in Northern Ireland to begin a useful new life. The Lions presented the monitor equipment in the Intensive Care Unit at Farnham Hospital. Earlier this year, a special hoist was presented to St. Theresa's home for the handicapped, to provide a dedicated staff with much-needed and well-deserved assistance in looking after their more seriously disabled patients. Among regular events, a Senior Citizens' party has become an annual occasion keenly anticipated by the guests, while local children have a fabulous time at the Christmas Panto and Party. These are some of the major projects, but there are many smaller; if you listen to Charlie Chester you will have heard of typewriters for handicapped people, televisions and fires for the old.

The activities of the Lions Club do not always involve money. Members are often to be seen in working parties, mainly helping old people who can no longer manage for themselves, but often working for the young.

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A HISTORY OF FARNHAM *Elfrida Manning.*

Farnham Park, where you will be watching 'It's a Knock Out', was once the deer park of Farnham Castle, a palace of the Bishop of Winchester from very early times. In 1928, when the Bishop left the Castle, the Park was sold to the town of Farnham to remain an open space for all time. Covenants were laid on it which prevent any building within it except for the purposes of open-air sport and recreation.

Farnham has always been a favourite place for human settlement and relics have been found here of all cultures since the stone age. Numerous Roman pottery kilns have been uncovered in the area. The town lies in the fertile valley of the Wey and its rich soil proved particularly suited to growing hops which, until the first World War, were grown on every available plot of ground in the neighbourhood. Only a few hop grounds now remain, but in the last century there were no less than forty hop kilns at work in the little town. Brewing flourished also and there were fifty three public houses.

In 688 King Caedwalla of Wessex, newly converted to Christianity, gave Farnham to the Church and it remained in the hands of the Bishop of Winchester for over a thousand years. The Norman Castle (the Keep, visible above the Castle wall, is always open to visitors) was built by Bishop Henry of Blois, grandson of the Conqueror, just before civil war broke out between his brother Stephen and Matilda, fighting for the crown of England. In 1217 it was occupied by Louis the Dauphin who came over from France at the invitation of the rebel barons, but it was retaken a year later by William the Marshall and the Dauphin was allowed to go home. As he had by that time drunk all the Bishop's wine, perhaps he was not sorry to leave!

Most of the early sovereigns have visited the Castle, as it was a convenient stopping place on the road from London through Winchester, the old capital of England, to the continental port of Southampton. One might say the whole pageant of English history has passed through the town. King John enjoyed the hunting in the Bishop's woods and stayed at Farnham Castle no less than eighteen times with his faithful Bishop Peter des Roches. Henry VIII and the Emperor Charles V also hunted here.

Farnham lies at the junction of two highways: the London to Southampton road and an ancient east to west rigeway that ran on the dry chalk from the Channel at Folkestone along the North Downs and the Hog's Back, through Farnham Park on the line of the Avenue of elm trees, and on to Stonehenge and Salisbury Plain. In Hampshire it is called the "Harroway" and it is probably the oldest road in England, possibly dating from the time when the island was joined to the Continent. Along part of its course it is known as the Pilgrims' Way, and doubtless many pilgrims on their way to Canterbury stayed overnight in Farnham or at the nearby Waverley Abbey.

Under King John, Farnham became a Borough and it received Charters from the Bishop in 1248 and 1566. It grew in prosperity and during the 17th century became the largest wheat market in the south of England, sending great quantities of corn to London. At one time, as many as 1100 wagons would draw into the town on market day: hence the many long yards still to be seen behind the shops in the Borough and West Street.

The Castle suffered a brief siege during the Civil War and for three years was the headquarters of the Parliamentary army. Thousands of soldiers were quartered in and about the town and drilled in the Park, and shots were exchanged with Royalist forces on the Heath above. After hostilities ceased the Keep was 'sighted' to make it indefensible and its stones were used to pave the Farnham streets. Charles I stayed at Vernon House in West Street (now the Public Library) on his journey to his trial and left a morning cap as a present to his host.

In the eighteenth century the cultivation of the hop brought even greater prosperity and at this period the splendid Georgian houses in Castle Street — generally considered the finest street in Surrey — were built by rich hop growers. Bishop North planted trees in the Park including the magnificent Cedars of Lebanon which surround the Ranger's Lodge which can just be seen through the trees in the middle of the Park.

Farnham has produced one famous citizen: William Cobbett, 'Nature's stern prose Bard — her greatest, peasant born'. His birthplace is at the public house now named after him in Bridge Square and his tomb is in the Parish Churchyard near the north door of the Church. At his funeral the London coaches stopped for a quarter of an hour to enable the passengers to attend the ceremony. A memorial portrait of him stands in Gostrey Meadow by the river.

A few steps from Cobbett's birthplace is the Maltings, a fine nineteenth century industrial building, which the people of Farnham bought in 1968 when they raised £28,000 by public subscription in six weeks, to save it from demolition. The Maltings Association which is sponsoring 'Its a Knock Out' is now engaged in converting it to a first-rate Community Centre and large Hall, to provide accommodation for the 200 or more voluntary organisations which flourish in the town.

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We, who work at the Centre for International Briefing, consider it a great privilege to use Farnham Castle for our work. We try to be good stewards of the Castle and to make its facilities available for special occasions. We are an independent organisation with a Board of Governors which is broadly representative of the Government, the Churches and Commerce and Industry. The Castle itself belongs to the Church Commissioners who have leased it to the Centre for 60 years. The main task of this Centre is to brief people who are about to work overseas, many of them for the first time, on the background and conditions in the countries to which they are going. We make a special point of inviting husbands and wives to come to Farnham together when they find that our Course helps to overcome pre-departure family anxieties and uncertainties. More than 1,000 people pass through our one-week Courses every year. Africa and Asia are still key areas for briefing, but we are also involved with other parts of the world, over 50 countries in all. Since the Centre was founded by Dr. Harry Holland in 1953, and carried on under the leadership of Mr. Michael Thornton, the work has expanded in several new directions. We now run Courses for those who come to Britain. We give them a Farnham-centred birds-eye view of life in Britain today. In all sorts of ways, and not least in providing local hospitality, we are grateful to the Farnham community for their co-operation in making it possible for us to give this programme a special family flavour. With today's event in mind it's interesting to note that the B.B.C. regularly sends broadcasters from other countries to our Britain Course. We are also glad to play a part in helping the national Export Drive. We arrange short residential Conferences which concentrate on new areas which are becoming especially important to British exporters. Recently, for instance, we have had Conferences on Trading with China, Japan, Russia and the Middle East. On the local front, we are also in touch with the Surrey and Hants Export Association. In spite of the speed of modern communication, toleration between peoples of different nationalities in the world today is hard to achieve—lasting friendships harder still. In the years ahead, all of us at this Centre will be striving to break down the formidable barriers of ignorance, prejudice and misunderstanding which still block the pathway to an as yet undiscovered order of international unity and peace.

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THE HEDGEHOGS

In June 1959 it occurred to several young Farnham men that, to maintain the comradeship that had been theirs through youth and to create a sense of achievement in their lives, they should form an organisation which would complement those two aims. They therefore founded 'The Hedgehogs', dedicated to helping the older people of the Town, and the giving of assistance to other charitable organisations in fund raising efforts.

The Hedgehogs have been unable to maintain their original wish to be anonymous; they have however retained their two original objectives and their donations now approximate to £1,000 per year.

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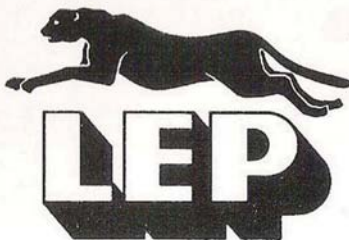
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