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**RIPON RACECOURSE
SUN 5th MAY**

50 p



THE RIPON HORNBLOWER — The Hornblower blows the horn at the Market Cross every night at 9-0 clock — a practice which has been carried out since the 9th Century; he then blows the horn outside the Mayors house to let him know the watch has been set. The present Hornblower is **BRIAN WAINES** who is a rent collector for the city.



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**IT'S A
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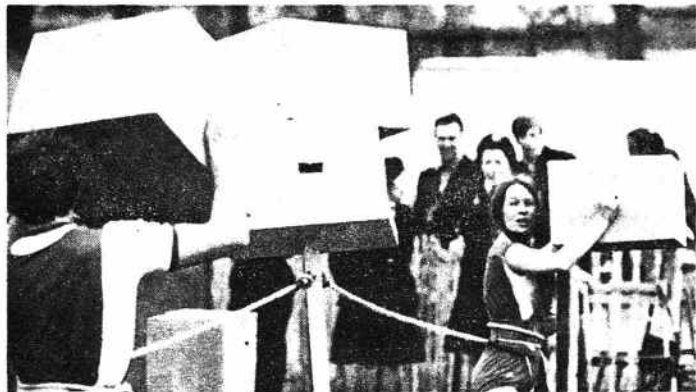
ON SUNDAY 5th MAY

REMEMBER you must bring this programme with you to obtain admission to "It's a Knockout" through the main gates of Ripon Racecourse.

Gates open at 3.30 p.m. and you should be in your seat by 4.30 p.m.

Ample car parking is available and we ask you to obey the instructions of the Marshalls who will be on duty in the car park. They are there to ensure that you can park as quickly as possible with as little fuss as possible and to speed up the traffic flow after the event — thanking you.

IT'S A KNOCKOUT.



'It's a Knockout', the BBC's brand of midsummer madness, is now an international fun-and-games spectacle. It was born in the North by way of the BBC's 'Top Town' contests of the Fifties, and has grown into a madcap, Olympian event watched by some 15 million viewers in this country and, via Eurovision, some 150 million more fans in Europe.

Teams of dolly girls and tough hairy young men get up to the zaniest antics imaginable to overcome almost impossible obstacles — all in the cause of entertainment. The British 'Knockout' series provides teams for international heats, staged in each of the countries taking part, leading up to the Grand Final and a chance to win the coveted golden champion's trophy.

"Gamesmanship" counts in this crazy contest, and some of the Continentals treat the event very seriously. Teams have looked hopeless in rehearsal — suddenly to produce sparkling form when the actual contest is on!

The games are the usual mixture of water obstacles, comedy relays, spectacular contraptions, crazy ball games and the like, and for the national heats teams will be given advance details of the games they will have to play. But for the international contest (Jeux sans Frontières) the rule still stands: the games are a closely guarded secret until the day of the event.

Who thinks up these games? Throughout the winter

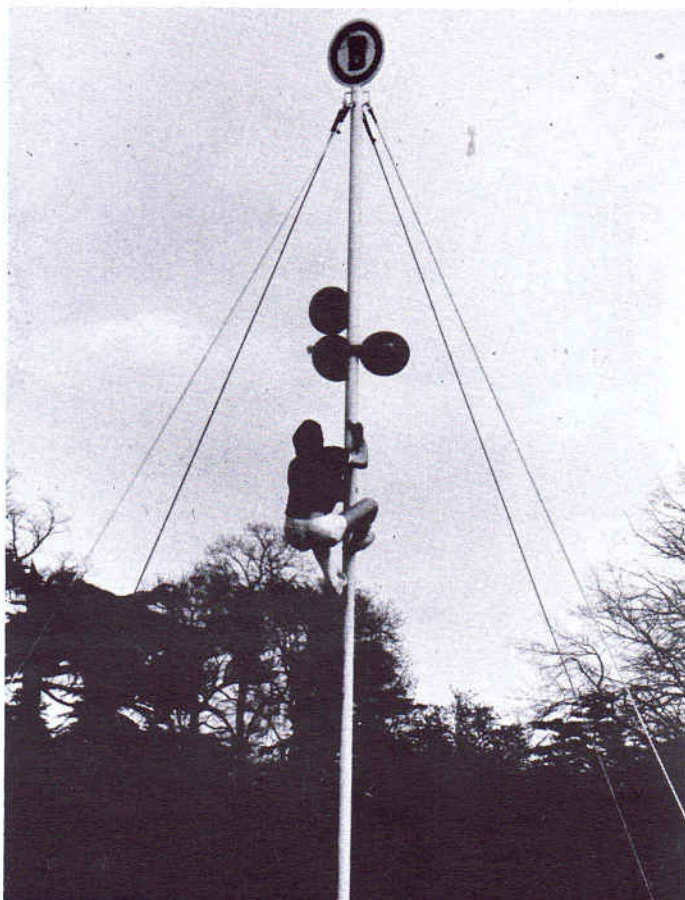
Bottom left: Stuart Hall, Glynne Geldart; Arthur Ellis; Eddie Waring.

Bottom right: The man who started it all — Barney Colehan.



what it's all about

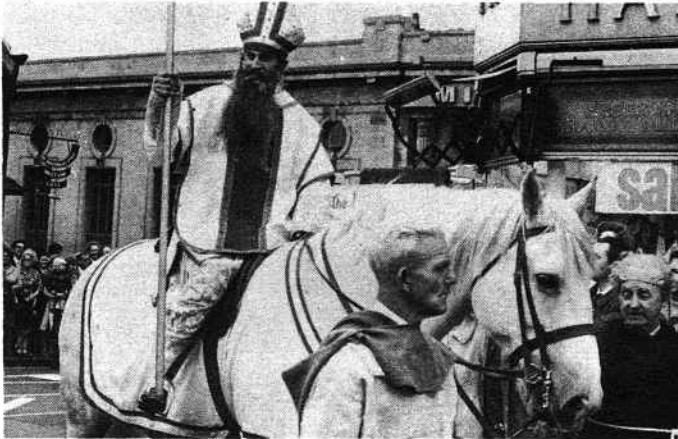
months, producer Barney Colehan and designer Stuart Furber have been sifting through ideas sent in by viewers, suggestions from other countries, plus some of their own. A lot of the games are based on proven favourites of past series.



RIPON....



Ripon Cathedral



St. Wilfrid's pageant



Deer in Studley Park

In the year 672 A.D. St. Wilfrid established his church in Ripon — which was then a community of some 40 houses. Of St. Wilfrid's first church only the crypt remains — under the floor of the present cathedral. In 886 A.D. Ripon's first charter was granted by King Alfred and under this charter Ripon was governed by a body of men led by the Wakeman as chief citizen. The Wakeman (it means Watchman, of course) was required to keep guard over the city through the night, and the charter horn was blown nightly at 9 o'clock to mark the setting of the watch — and the watch was continued until three or four o'clock in the morning.

If, during the hours of the watch, anything was stolen and the loss could be proved to be due to the negligence of the Wakeman or his underlings, then the Wakeman had to make good the loss. For this protection the householders of Ripon had to pay two pence (2d. — old pence) per year — or four pence if the house had two doors.

Ripon no longer has a Wakeman. On the granting of the King James 1 Charter in 1604 the then Wakeman (Hugh Ripley) became the first mayor of the City of Ripon — and the unique title of "Wakeman" lapsed into abeyance.

THE CHARTER HORN of those Saxon times still exists and is carried by the Sergeant-at-Mace (Cyril Hawley) on ceremonial occasions.

The Charter Horn, when not being carried ceremonially, is kept with the City Regalia in the Town Hall. It is attached to a Baldric, or shoulder belt, on which are displayed badges of past Wakeman and Mayors. There is also a second baldric with a similar collection of badges and on this baldric is the "Millenary Horn" — a horn from one of the Chillingham herd of wild cattle which was presented to the City by the then Dean of Ripon in 1886 — a thousand years after Ripon received the first Charter Horn.



The Wakeman's House

city of traditions

The Wakeman never blew the horn himself. Ripon's "Towne Book" of 1598 in which the Archbishop of York, as Lord of the Manor, set out afresh the rules governing the duties of the Wakeman and other officials says:

.....the Wakeman for the time being, according to ancient custom, shall cause a horn to be blown every night during the time he is in office, at nine of the clock in the evening, at the four corners of the cross in the market stead, and thereafter to being his watch.....

but as there is no mention of a hornblower in the Towne Book it is probable that the Neatherd or the Swineherd or the Shepherd were told off to blow the horn.

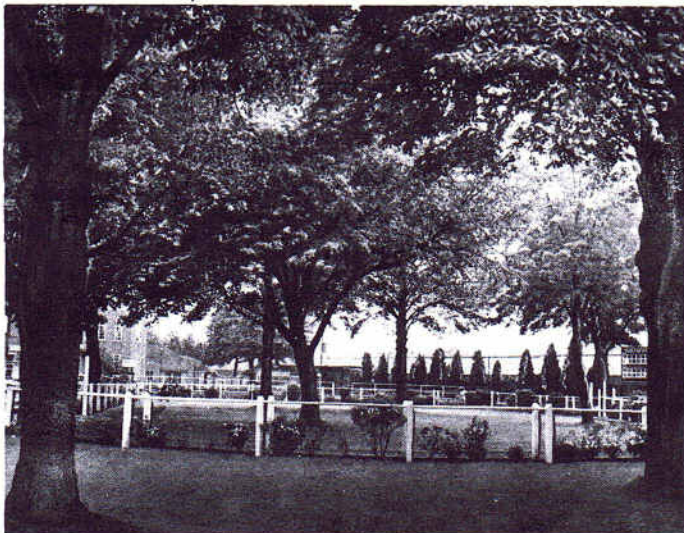
ST. WILFRID is the patron saint of Ripon (in fact the Cathedral is dedicated to Saint Peter and Saint Wilfrid) and every year the anniversary of St. Wilfrid's return from exile is celebrated by a procession of carnival floats led by a citizen dressed to represent St. Wilfrid, and mounted on a white horse. This traditional procession is held every year on the first Saturday in August.

Our present "St. Wilfrid" is Geoff Tanner who lives in Low Skellgate, Ripon. The white horse he rides is owned by a Coxwold farmer who sends it over to Ripon whenever "St. Wilfrid" needs it.

Present day Ripon offers that rarely to be found idyllic situation — a city which has all the conveniences and requirements of modern living, subtly combined with a 'village' atmosphere of friendliness. To the tourist or holiday maker Ripon makes an excellent centre from which to visit the many attractions of Yorkshire. Ample accommodation is available together with one of the North's finest caravan sites. Details of accommodation and the Caravan site can be obtained from the Town Hall, Ripon. For the industrialist wishing to know more about the benefits of development in Ripon, there is an extremely helpful Development Association which will be pleased to advise on local matters.



Fountains Abbey



Ripon Racecourse



Ripon's Picturesque Caravan site.

RIPON...



TEAM MANAGER

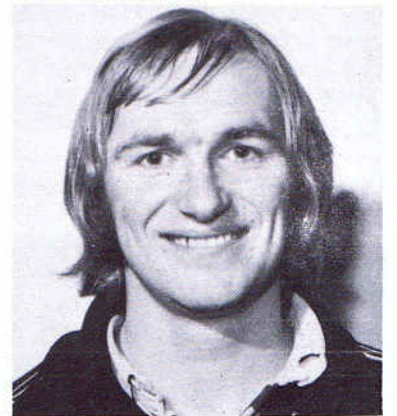


Mike Falkingham
Member of the Ripon Council. Organiser of Ripon's own 'It's a Knockout'. Ex-R.A.F. Athletics Champion. Six months ago, when he first started to organise this event, Mike was 37 — he is now 53.

HERBY HORNBLOWER



TEAM COACH



Peter Squires
England International Rugby Union. Yorkshire County Cricketer. As well as having a degree in Physical Education, the team squad are convinced that Peter has also taken a degree in sadism.

the Team Squad



JOHN WILLIAMSON
Mens Captain



MICHAEL MART



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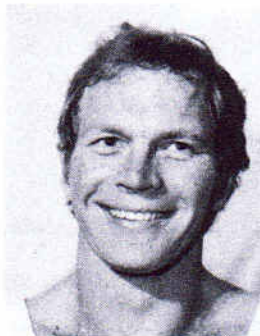
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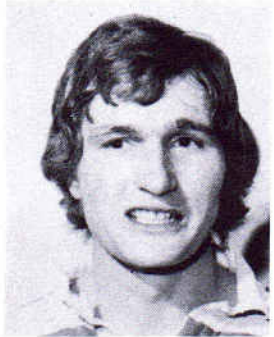
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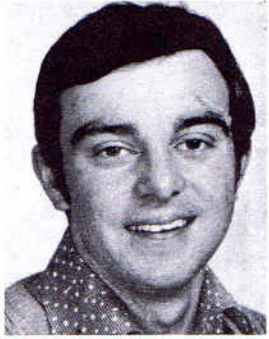


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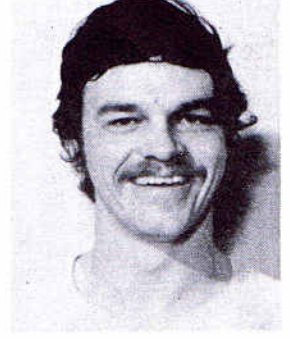
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SUE LEVER



SUE HIRST



JUDY CARLING

the Team Squad continued

RIPON CHEERLEADERS



LANA SIMPSON

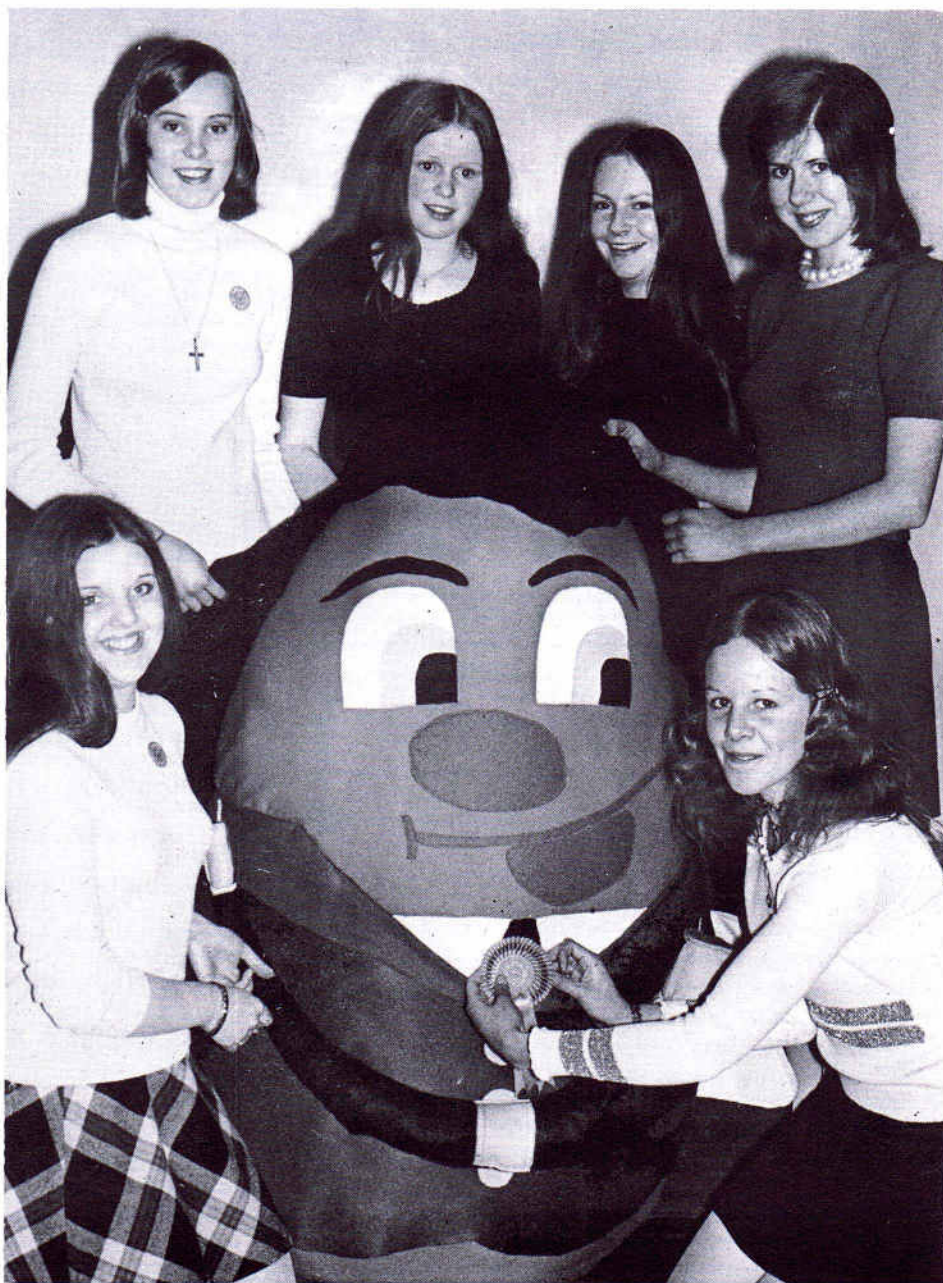


MARGARET CLOUGH



HELEN BROCKLEBANK

L to R (back
Christine Baker,
Elizabeth Falkingham,
Karen Cossey,
Linda Scratchard.
Front: Janet Flockton,
'Herby Hornblower',
Jane Reeves.



Rotherham – the Team Squad



JOHN BICKFORD, team manager and coach, ex Royal Marines Warrant Officer – Commandos, Acting Manager at the Leisure Centre.

ALAN SIMPSON, international athlete 1500 metres record holder.

KEITH BROWN, 3rd Dan Black Belt, silver medal international, north-eastern area champion, Hull and District champion.

IAN FERGUSON, Yorkshire 800 metres champion 1970/71/72, 3rd indoors national champion 800 metres.

DAVID CRUTCHLEY, teacher, 3rd in Yorkshire trampoline championships 1972.

VICTOR TYLER, ex regular Army P.T.I. Southern Command light individual boxing champion.

BRIAN PEARSON, national junior squash player.

WILLIAM GREEN, county footballer.

RICHARD SHAW, athletics, sailed in British National Championships.

BRIAN HARNEY, distance running.

H. EVANS, attendant at Leisure Centre, regular rugby club player.

GRANVILLE WILD, junior athletics champion.

DAVID O'HARA, Rotherham Hockey Club and South District Hockey Eleven.

MALCOLM DALTRY, club athletics and swimming.

PETER COULTON, Duke of Edinburgh Award.

GERARD TYLER, club basketball player, volleyball.

GLEN PINE, long distance running.

STEPHEN WEBB, school athletics and rugby.

LEN EVANS, swimmer and diver.

JOHN JONES, club hockey player.

CHRISTINE GREEN, P.E. teacher specialising in swimming and athletics.

EILEEN BAKER, P.E. teacher, director of contemporary dance group, netball and athletics.

VIVIENNE BURNS, P.E. teacher, gymnastics, specialising in trampolining, swimming and netball.

ANNE FITZGERALD, ex P.T. instructor Women's Royal Air Force, attendance at Leisure Centre.

SUSANNE JONES, ex P.T. instructor W.R.A.C., attendant at Leisure Centre.

J. WINCHCOMBE, Yorkshire Juniors Hockey, attendant at Leisure Centre.

LYNNE HUTTON, Duke of Edinburgh Award, netball and athletics Yorkshire Junior.

LYNNE DALTON, attendant at Leisure Centre, athletics Yorkshire Junior.

JOY WOOLLER, Duke of Edinburgh Award, Athletics.

KAREN MAPLEBECK, club hockey and athletics.

SUSAN HIBBERT, skating, swimming, athletics.

MARION BROWNETT, club athletics.

SUSAN HUNT, club athletics.

PAMELA ELLIOTT, club athletics.

MARY PEARSON, club athletics.

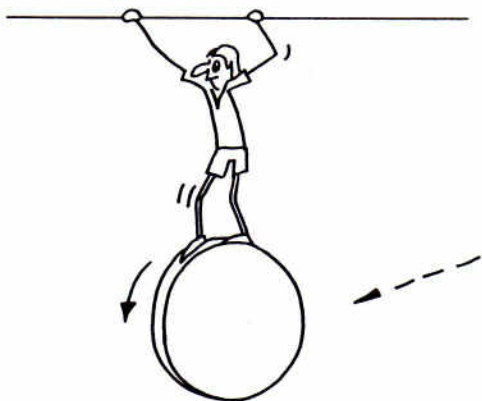
CAROLE FLETCHER, club athletics and hockey.

SANDRA BEASLEY, housewife.

KATHRYN HARRISON, Rotherham and District schoolgirls Canoeing Champion.

- 1530 Spectators allowed on site
- 1545 Approx Meeting for Team Captains with Producer, Referee, Production Assistants and Designer to finalise games rules etc.
- 1530 to 1645 Teams to relax and prepare for programme. Discuss rules etc. with Team Captains and get ready in best kit.
- 1645 Teams to be ready to start programme either for parade or otherwise, with competitors for Game 1 ready in position.
- 1700 Commence programme (earlier if weather necessitates)
- 1800 End of programme – provided there are no breakdowns, etc.

game 1



DRUM BALANCE

1 heat

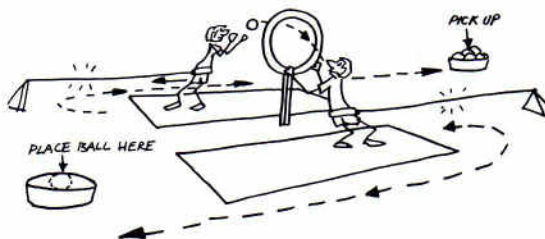
2 males, 1 female

Each team is equipped with a narrow drum. The men – the second taking over from the first – having to revolve the drum along the course. They do this with the aid of a rope which is positioned above.

The girl is there to replace the drum if it rolls away from under the man.

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

game 2



ELASTIC SLIDE

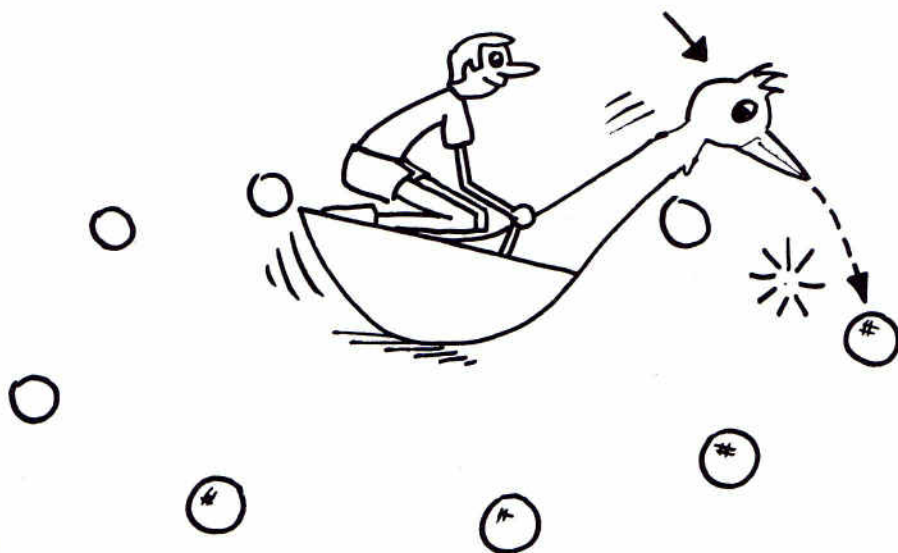
2 heats

2 males

The two men are anchored by elastic rope. They start from opposite ends of the course. One man collects a ball and has to throw the ball through a hoop to the second man, who then has to place the ball into a container.

The team that successfully collects the greatest number of balls in the time allowed will be the winners.

game 3



PECKING HEN

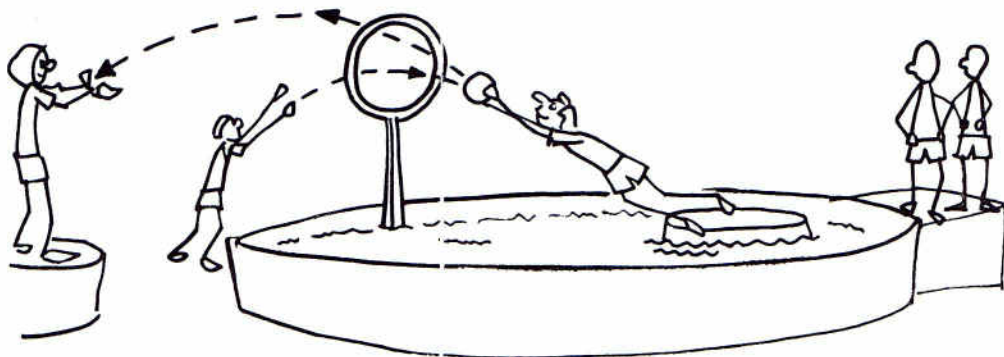
2 heats

1 male

The man from each team has to rock the 'bird' so that its beak bursts the balloons. The balloons are positioned around the bird in a circle.

The team bursting the greatest number of balloons in the time allowed will be the winners.

game 5



WATER JUMP

2 heats

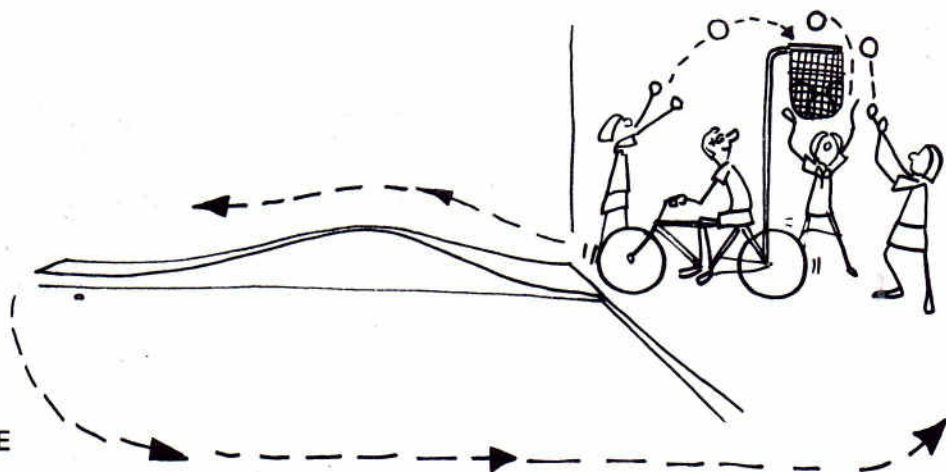
3 males, 2 females

The man on the raft has to pass the ball — which is thrown to him by the first girl — to the second girl who is standing on a podium at a distance from the pool.

The hoop through which the ball must pass is so positioned that the man must dive from the raft to reach the ball.

The team successfully passing the greatest number of balls in the time allowed will be the winners.

game 4



CYCLE RACE

1 heat

1 male, 3 females

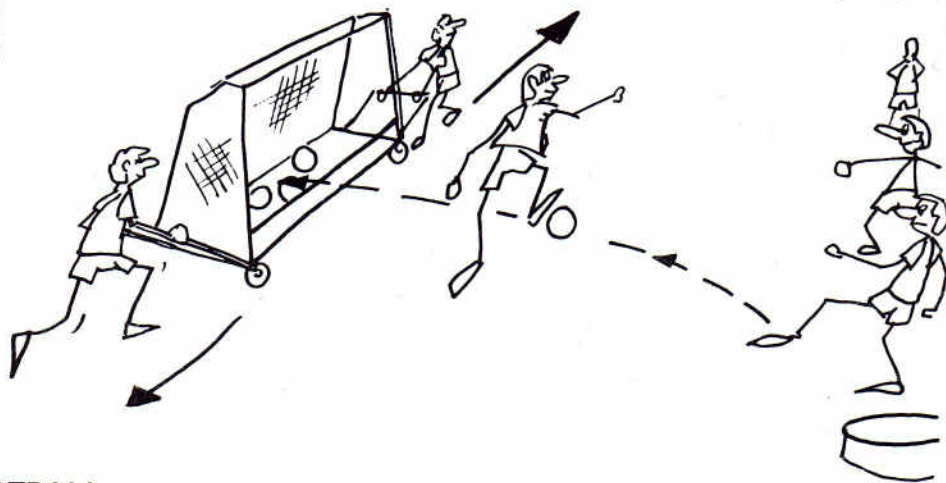
The man has to negotiate the course on a bicycle – attached to the bike is a net.

Within a given area along the course each girl has to throw a ball into the net, the man having to keep the bike moving while they are throwing.

Having collected the balls the man then cycles around the course and back to 'pick up' area.

The team collecting the greatest number of balls in the time allowed will be the winners.

game 6



TARGET FOOTBALL

2 heats

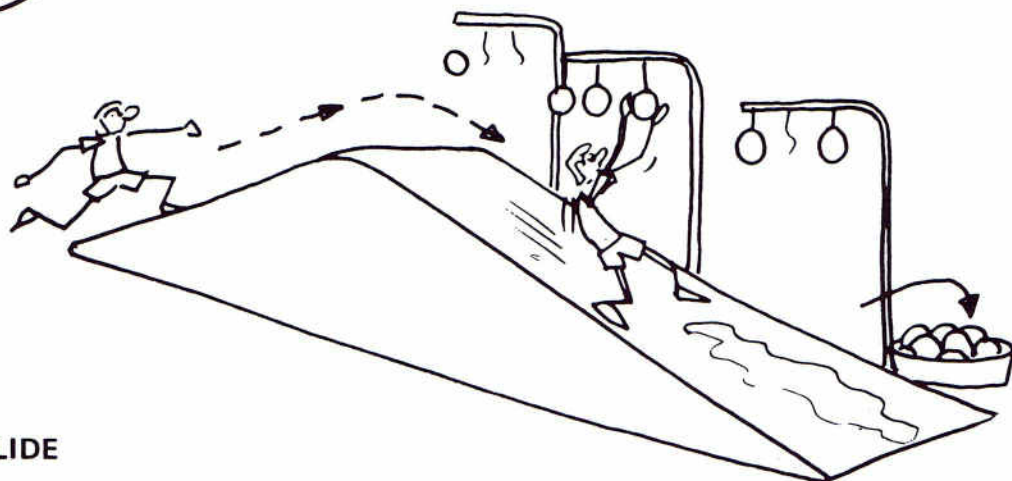
3 males, 3 females

Two men from the defending team have to push the goal up and down the track a given number of times. The third man runs in front of the goal trying to stop the balls kicked by the opposing three men from entering the goal.

The three females supply the kickers with footballs.

The team which is able to score the greatest number of goals will be the winners.

game 7



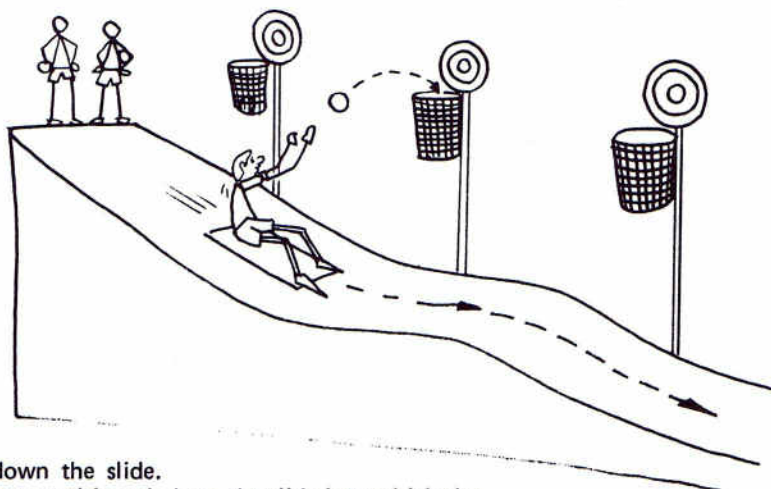
BALL SLIDE

1 heat
3 males

The three men take turns to go down the slide. Hanging above the slide are a number of footballs. The job of each man is to collect the greatest number of balls possible in the time allowed. The team doing this will be the winners.

game 8

The Marathon



BASKETBALL SLIDE

3 males

Each man takes it in turn to go down the slide.

There are a number of netball baskets positioned along the slide into which the men must throw balls.

The first netball basket will be removed after the first Marathon and the second after the second Marathon leaving the third netball basket – and most difficult – for the final marathon.

The team which has been able to place the greatest number of balls into the nets after the final Marathon will be the winners.

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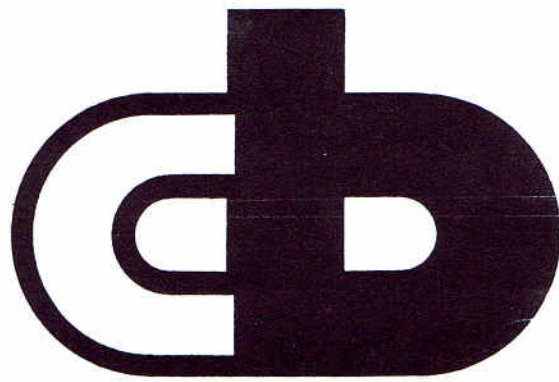
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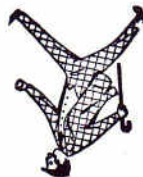


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Bus stop outside hotel farcical, says landlord

THE ERECTION of a bus stop outside Ripon's Black Bull Hotel, a listed and historical building, was farcical, its landlord, Mr. Jack Riley, claimed this week.

He says it has spoilt the appearance of the hotel, which he says is the second oldest building in Ripon apart from the Cathedral. A petition is being organised by bus passengers against the stop and a complaint is to be made to the city highway's committee by Ripon Old People's Welfare Committee.

The highway's committee turned down an application by the United bus company for a stop outside its office in the Market

Square and instead agreed to allow a stop, for a trial period, outside the Black Bull.

Mr. Riley told a staff reporter: "This is a historical building; to place a bus stop outside it is farcical."

"My first job in a morning is to pick up orange peel thrown on the pavement and remove empty Coke tins from the flower tubs outside."

"Fish and chip papers are often strewn on the ground, and on two occasions window panes have been broken by people using the window ledge as a seat."

"We have even had people waiting for a bus outside using the

hotel's toilets," Mr. Riley added.

The first bus arrives about seven o'clock in the morning and stands with its engine running for about 10 minutes. The noise is terrible — I have already had complaints from residents."

Mr. Riley said he had spoken to the town clerk and contacted his solicitors.

Mrs. K. Parsonage, proprietress of the bus station cafe, said she had lost a lot of trade since the stop had been moved. "Passengers don't have time now to pop in for a cup of tea, and I have heard they are signing petitions."

The highway's committee is to review the situation next week.



EMERGENCY CENTRES STAND BY TO HELP NEEDY

North Riding County Council is ready to open 28 emergency centres throughout the county if the fuel and power situation becomes worse and increases the hardship to the aged and handicapped.

Col. M. J. E. Burnett, chairman of the county's civil protection committee, has thanked the W.R.V.S. and British Red Cross Society for their excellent offers to co-operate and help in running the centres.

Meals service

The County's civil defence officer, Mr. J. A. R. Hodson, pointed out that an emergency committee, including W.R.V.S. and Red Cross members, had been established for some weeks. The voluntary services will be backed up where necessary by members of the council meals service and will be

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Wednesday 5th June. Wednesday 26th June. Saturday 20th July.
Monday 5th August. Saturday 17th August. Bank Holiday.
Monday and Tuesday 26th and 27th August. Saturday 31st August.

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Our job is to help you settle here, to smooth the path in whatever way we can, planning, staff, finance or what have you.

It is also to act as an intermediary between the newcomer and anyone in the area with land or buildings to sell or lease which are suitable for light industrial development.

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