



108 M.P.H. TRIUMPH AT LE MANS

Speeding on to motoring glory

Gas turbine car wins special award and makes motoring history

The Rover-BRM gas turbine sports car gained glory for Britain at Le Mans on June 14 and 15 when it became the first gas turbine car to enter, and complete, this tremendously tough 24-hour event.

Driven by world champion Graham Hill and Richie Ginther, the car raced against the clock to make motoring history and win a special £1,800 award for the first gas turbine car to complete the course at a minimum speed of 150 k.p.h. (93 m.p.h.).

From the start the car was ahead of the clock, and so effortlessly, too. It finished lapping at 108 m.p.h. covering 2,592 miles—nearly 300 more than required—and was the most trouble-free car in the event.

Mechanics in the Rover-B.R.M. pit had a comparatively easy day. They changed the front disc brake pads once and the oil in the transmission. A slight oil leak at the gearbox end of the engine cleared itself during the run.

The only real activity in the pit was refuelling and changing air filters—easy tasks. Even the tyres were not changed during the event, though they were well worn at the end of the 2,592 miles.

Mr. R. N. Penny (Chief Engineer, Gas Turbines) told ROVER NEWS: "There was a complete absence of any major trouble throughout the race and the fact that the engine is so vibrationless, and therefore the car so smooth running, must have contributed very considerably to this trouble-free run. This feature of the gas turbine car also reduces driver fatigue very considerably."

The Rover-BRM crossed the finishing line in 7th position, but it cannot be classified in finishing order because it was not competing in the race—it was against the clock for its own award.

Press praise for the car was fullsome and telegrams and telephone calls of congratulation poured into the Rover Company offices at Solihull from Britain and many parts of the world.

The DAILY MAIL described the car as "whining home like a giant vacuum cleaner"; the DAILY EXPRESS called it the "whispering ghost".

Graham Hill was quoted as saying the run was "like a Sunday afternoon spin" and a "wonderfully comfortable race".

The car's success makes a triple first for Rover—the first company to demonstrate a gas turbine car, first to establish a speed record in such a car and the first to race one (in association with the Owen Organisation).



Motoring history in the making as the speeding Rover-B.R.M. sports car races on to triumph for Britain in the Le Mans 24-hour event. It was the most trouble-free car on the circuit.

Second term in S.M.M.T. Presidency

A second term as President of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders has been conferred upon Mr. L. G. T. Farmer, Executive Vice-Chairman of The Rover Company.

This is the first time for 14 years that such a re-election has been made and therefore it must be considered a great honour.

During his first year of office, Mr. Farmer played a prominent and forthright part in urging a reduction in the tax burden placed on new cars sold at home, and the motor industry derived considerable satisfaction from the cut in



Mr. FARMER

Purchase Tax announced last year by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. This reduction provided a much-needed stimulant to the home market.

Mr. Farmer was recently re-elected President of the Motor & Cycle Trades Benevolent Fund for the second term. Amongst his many outside appointments are membership of the Advisory Council of the Export Credits Guarantee Dept., the Engineering Advisory Council to the Board of Trade, Council for Middle East Trade, Midland Regional Board for Industry, and the Management Board of the Engineering Employers Federation.

NEW SAVINGS SCHEME ADOPTED

To meet an increasing popular demand, a new savings scheme is to be introduced with Management approval for the convenience of Birmingham area employees of the Rover Company. The scheme whereby National Savings Certificates could be purchased by deductions from wages or salaries is to be replaced by a system which will enable employees in the Birmingham group of factories to save through the Birmingham Municipal Bank.

BANK DEPOSITS TO REPLACE NAT. SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

For some time many employees have pressed for a bank savings scheme, the argument being that household mortgages and bills could be saved for, and paid, through a bank, whereas National Savings Certificates had to be cashed by individual holders before the money could be utilised. Thus, the new scheme makes for greater convenience for employees.

Temporary suspension of the issue of National Savings Certificates earlier this year provided the opportunity for Secretarial Dept. to negotiate and agree the changeover to the Birmingham Municipal Bank scheme.

Employees will be able to join the scheme at any time, but new entrants and alterations to the value of deductions will be dealt with only at the beginning of each monthly savings period. In order to ensure the smooth functioning of the scheme, deductions for savings will be made in units of 5/- a week or £1 a month.

The new savings scheme will come into operation as soon as possible but not before the holiday fortnight in July. Enrolment forms may be obtained from any of the Company's Wages or Personnel Offices or the Salaries Department at Solihull.

There have also been numerous requests for facilities for the purchase of employees' shares by deductions from wages or salary. The new savings scheme will meet this need since it may be used to accumulate funds by deduction from wages or salary for the purchase of employees' shares up to the normal entitlement under the Employees' Shares Scheme. When sufficient money has been saved arrangements can be made to transfer this sum to the Company in payment for employees' shares.

THREE VOLGAS IN LIEGE RALLY

Three Russian-made Volga cars fitted with 2½-litre Rover diesel engines have been entered in the August Liege-Sofia-Liege Rally.

This news adds to Rover interest in this forthcoming gruelling event. The Company Competitions Section has four 3-litre cars in the Rally and the Volgas are being entered by Sobimpex,

of Brussels, and will be driven by Belgians.

While the diesel-driven Volgas will not be in the same rally class as the 3-litres, they will be competing with them for overall positioning.

Drivers so far selected for the 3-litres are Ken James and Mike Hughes; John Sprinzel (journalist) and Willy Cave (television reporter)—newcomers to the Rover team, though not to rallying. The other two pairs have still to be chosen.

Three Rover 3-litres which competed in the East African Safari have been repaired and serviced and lent to an Army team competing in the Wiesbaden rally on July 4.



Talks under the bonnet of a Volga car fitted with a Rover diesel engine. Discussing Liege Rally prospects at Solihull are, left to right, Mr. Ralph Nash, Rover Competitions Liaison Manager, M. Lambrechts, who will drive a Volga in the Liege; M. Corteville, Managing Director of Sobimpex, of Brussels, and Mr. P. Crowther (Assistant Chief Engineer, Engines).

NIGERIANS AT SOLIHULL

A two-hour visit to the Solihull factory was made by the Nigerian High Commissioner in London, Albaji Abdul Maliki, C.B.E., on June 12. He was accompanied by Nigerian education, commercial and information attaches.

On arrival at the factory the visitors were met by Mr. J. Harwood, Works Guide, and taken along the Land-Rover and car assembly and finishing lines. A demonstration of 2.6 and 3-litre cars followed, and His Excellency drove the 2.6-litre car round the test track.

The Nigerians left after having tea with Mr. A. B. Smith (Director and General Manager) and other members of Management.

QUEEN MOTHER'S 3-LITRE

A Rover 3-litre Automatic was recently supplied to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. It was similar to the vehicle supplied in May 1961, and which it replaces, except that all engineer-

ing improvements made in the last two years have been incorporated. Bucket seats also replaced the bench variety and the car has power-assisted steering.

The car (pictured on the left) is finished in black with red interior. In each of the rear doors is a pocket containing a leather-bound mirror and the rear floor has a detachable thick curly pile carpet in charcoal grey which fits over the normal carpet. The boot is also carpeted.



Across the Broads . . . by Ruston Rover marine engine

THERE'S POWER UNDER
THE DINING TABLE



Valentine III shows her turning agility on Barton Broad.

marine engine

If you are planning a holiday on the Norfolk Broads this year, keep your nautical eyes skinned for a sight of Valentine III, for she is powered by a Ruston-Rover engine.

Valentine III—one of three similar vessels which can be hired through Blakes—is a beautiful 6 to 7-berth new hire cabin cruiser, 38 ft. long and with an 11 ft. 6 in. beam. Her Ruston Rover engine gives 26 b.h.p. at 1,500 r.p.m., producing a speed of 8 knots.

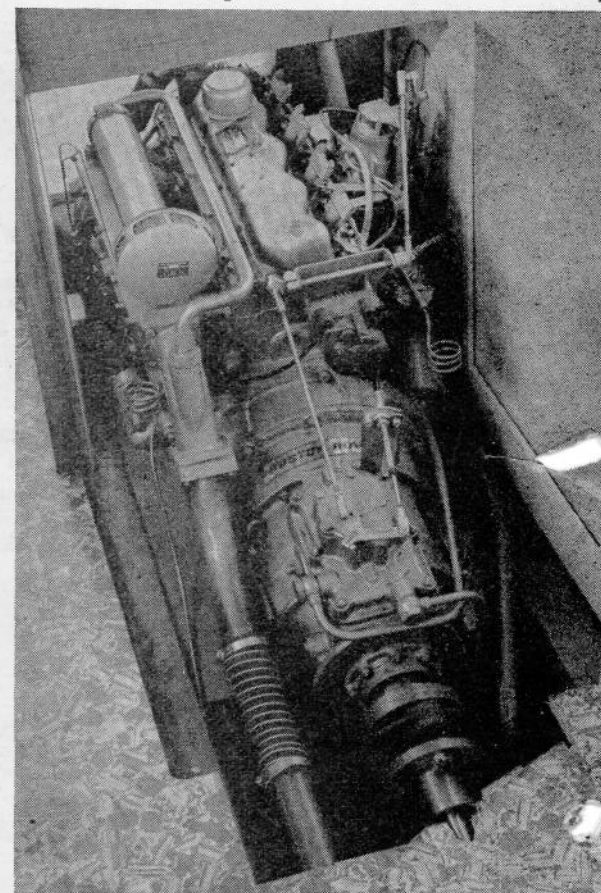
Power in hand

A correspondent who was present at the cruiser's trials before she was put into service writes: "It was found that the Ruston Rover had bags of power in hand and operated perfectly throughout the trials which included the checking of engine operating data, the smooth working of the controls from the wheelhouse to the engine and, of course, how Valentine III behaved on the broad.

"The engine is housed attractively in formica, the top of which forms a table top. Also on board is a large calor gas cooker, refrigerator and a television set will help to keep children happy on wet nights and days."

John Linford, of Neatishead Boat Yard, Barton Broad, near Wroxham, who designs, builds and operates these vessels, is agent for the Ruston Rover on the Broads and he is delighted with the engine.

(Editor's note: Thanks are due to the Editor of "Rover News" for providing the above story and photographs for publication in "Rover News".)



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The Ruston Rover engine in its formica-covered housing, the top of which forms the dining table.
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Beware! Accidents can happen even in the best of offices

Most of the earlier articles in this series have stressed safety in the machine shop and on the shop floor, but so far little has been said of the need for a safety policy in offices. Yet without a little care, attention and common sense, the office accident rate can be surprisingly high.

Some time ago a clerk employed by a large insurance company brushed against a wooden desk in his office and ran a sliver of wood into his leg. He squeezed it out himself, but an infection which required hospital treatment developed and, finally, the leg had to be amputated.

Office accidents that cost so much in human suffering, and possibly financial loss, are fortunately rare. It is commonly believed that accidents seldom happen in offices, and that when they do they don't amount to much. This is a fallacy, of course; infections from small cuts and splinters, hernias from lifting, injuries from falls, all happen in offices and can be just as serious and costly as when they occur in the workshop.

Invisible costs

The cost of all these accidents go far beyond the medical care of the employee. Invisible costs are always present in the minor mishap which does not cause loss of time. The breaking of routine action, the distraction of the minds of the person injured and those of his colleagues are overhead costs never entered in the ledgers under their true levels.

No office is immune to accidents. A few years ago a study into the causes of office accidents revealed that one third were due to falls. Other sources were striking against objects, lifting, objects falling, cuts and infections. Here are some typical causes of office accidents:—

- Running and crowding on stairs, in corridors and entrance ways.
- Tripping over telephone cables, open bottom drawers of filing cabinets, etc.
- Improper lifting (hernias and back strains are no respecters of trades or professions).
- Careless people not looking where they are going and so colliding with others or into office furniture.
- Cuts and infections from using knives, scissors and razor blades. The gummed edge of an envelope can also produce a deep, painful cut.
- Climbing on chairs, upturned waste baskets or other improvised supports. If climbing is necessary, a step ladder should be used.
- Electrical hazards. With the increasing use of motor-operated office equipment, employees must be aware of the importance of disconnecting unused electrical equipment when it is being cleaned. Many cleaning solvents are inflammable.
- Water on polished lino or tiles is a menace to anyone wearing rubber heels.
- Cigarette ends and waste baskets don't mix; get into the habit of using the ashtray.
- Horseplay can be just as dangerous in the office as anywhere else; so cease

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By W. G. KANE
Safety Officer, Tyseley Group

fire with the rubber band and paper clip catapult.

- And spare a thought for the office cleaner. Broken glass and crockery should be wrapped in paper and clearly marked—not just thrown haphazardly into the waste basket.

Perhaps to some much of the above may seem elementary, but it is surprising how many accidents result from the causes I have mentioned. Only continued efforts by everyone will reduce all forms of accidents.

300 Land-Rovers ordered by the Mali Government

A valuable order for 300 Land-Rovers placed by the Government of the Mali Republic is the highlight of the latest news from the Sales Dept.

Breakdown of the order is: 175 Regulars, 100 Long, 15 Long station wagons and ten short station wagons.

The order—the first direct one to be received from this source—was signed in Paris by Mali Government officials and Mr. D. Gower-Johnson (Regional Manager).

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Brigadier General R. Hartono, Commandant of the Indonesian Marine Corps, left the Solihull factory most

impressed after a one-day visit on May 17.

Accompanied by a staff officer, Col. Mukijat, and Lieut. Col. J. A. Taplin, Royal Marines, the General was undertaking an official visit to Royal Marine establishments in Britain and he specifically asked to see "the manufacturer who makes the Land-Rover", having seen the vehicles operating in Indonesia.

He and his party toured the engineering shop and Land-Rover and car assembly lines. The General was driven from London to Solihull in a 3-litre

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and he was impressed to hear that the car was a standard production model.

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The War Office has approved a design for a 4-stretcher ambulance based on a Long wheelbase Land-Rover. The proportion of Land-Rovers among British Army vehicles is increasing all the time.

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Other recent visitors: a party from Franco Britannic Autos Ltd., our French distributors, comprising Mlle. Jannine Bahier, their energetic commercial manager, whose special interest is Land-Rovers; M. Clouet, general manager whose sphere is the car field, and M. Bonnet, a Land-Rover field salesman. The trio were at Solihull for three days for discussions on present sales and future developments.

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Mr. H. Gulek, our distributor for Turkey, visited Solihull for discussions relative to that market.

Mr. Heath, a director of the Borneo Company Ltd., our new distributors for Thailand, paid a one day visit to the factory for discussions with Mr. E. Armitage, Regional Manager.

Towards the end of May, Mr. Armitage left for India to investigate the possibilities of increasing our exports to that territory.

Recent collections

£26.4.4 for Cancer Campaign from Tyseley Group of Factories made up as follows: Perry Barr £5.4.9; Percy Road £4.0.1; Ryland Road £2.16.1; Tyseley (night shift) £2.0.8; Tyseley (day) £12.2.9.

£18.11.10 for Alexandra Rose Day from Tyseley group made up as follows: Ryland Road £1.10.11; Perry Barr £4.11.4; Percy Road £3.6.2; Tyseley £9.3.5.

£7.10.0 for Lady Hoare's Thalidomide Appeal from Export Dept., Solihull.

£6.17.6 for Cancer Campaign from Works Engineers Dept., Solihull.

IN POCKET

An idea for salvaging obsolete paint was worth £5 to Mr. M. A. Fowler (Stores Dept., Solihull). He received the money under the Solihull Suggestion Scheme.

Have YOU got an idea? It, too, might be valuable to the Company and you.



Russian visitors and Rover hosts drink a toast in the Solihull Guest Room. Left to right: Mr. Tchumburidze, Mrs. Semionova, Mr. G. Sofonov (secretary, Engineering Workers' Union, U.S.S.R.), Mr. A. J. Worster, Mr. V. Katayev (interpreter), Mr. R. R. Hillen, Mr. T. Hastings (A.E.U. head office representative), Mr. Ignatiev, Mr. N. T. Cook (Birmingham district secretary, A.E.U.).

RUSSIAN TRADE UNIONISTS SEE FOR THEMSELVES

A party of trade unionists from the Soviet Union toured the Solihull and Tyseley factories on May 9.

The party of five, under the leadership of Mr. G. Sofonov, secretary of the Engineering Workers Union of the U.S.S.R., were shown over the Land-Rover and car assembly lines and had lunch in the Guest Room with Mr. A. J.

Worster (Director and Production Consultant), who presented delegation members with souvenirs of the visit.

Among the party was Mme. Semionova who is a toolmaker and a Member of the Soviet Parliament. Except when away on special assignments, Mme. Semionova works for 41 hours a week toolmaking and carries on her duties as

a Member of Parliament in her spare time.

After lunch the members of the Russian delegation, who were guests in Britain of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, went to Tyseley and then left to visit Warwick Castle and places of interest at Stratford-on-Avon. Their knowledge of Shakespeare and his works was excellent.

ROAD ROVING

If you're in the vogue and you take to the road in any kind of weather. A Rover car will take you far, in comfort, speed and pleasure.

(Mrs.) G. Juxon
(wife of Solihull Works
Engineer's Dept. employee)

Dance championship 'Victory parade'



The sweetness of success after the All-England Old Time Dance Championship had been decided in the Rover Ballroom last month. **LEFT** : Mr. Jim Williams, President of the Dance Teachers' Association (Great Britain) presents the championship trophy to Mr. Lawrence Norton and Miss C. Wightman (Runcorn), who were runners-up last year. **RIGHT** : Mr. Leonard Wood and Miss P. Gosling (London) receive their second place prize from Mrs. W. Martin-Hurst, wife of the Rover Managing Director, while **BELOW** are pictured a happy Mr. Neville Boswell and Miss A. Parkinson (Blackpool) after they had received third prize.



ACOCKS GREEN MAN WINS TALENT COMPETITION

The 1963 Rover Talent Competition has been won by singer Mr. B. V. Humphreys (Machine Shop, Acocks Green).

He was judged winner in the final of the contest which was held in the



Singers Brian Humphreys (above) and Ivor Hodges (below), winner and runner-up respectively of the 1963 Rover Talent Competition.



£10 retirement gift to machine operator

A gift of £10 was given to Mr. A. H. Brierley (machine operator, Percy Rd.) by Mr. A. Bailey (Machine Shop foreman, Percy Rd.) on his retirement from the Company.

Although Mr. Brierley had only been at Percy Rd. for five months, his service with the Company had been spread over some 20 years, mainly at Acocks Green. He was transferred to Percy Rd. five months ago.

Friends and colleagues at Percy Rd. wish him health and happiness in his retirement.

Solihull main canteen on May 10. Runner-up was Mr. Ivor Hodges (Trim Shop, Solihull), also a singer.

Judges were Messrs. L. J. Hare, R. Dixon, C. Chadwick, J. Hart, H. Harris and Mrs. L. Ellis. Mr. Humphreys' prize was £10 and Mr. Hodges' £5.

Semi-finalists each received £2-10-0.

ENGAGEMENT : Miss S. J. (Jackie) Clements-Davies (Works Supt's office, Ryland Rd.) and Mr. Frank Banks (P.E.D. Springfield). Congratulations and good wishes.

YOUR ROVER NEWS

ROVER NEWS is posted free each month to all employees. It is normally published on the last Friday in each month. Date of our next issue : July 26.



Dancers tip-toe through tulips

A party of 41 members of Solihull Modern Dance Section toured the tulip fields at Spalding, Lincs., on May 19 and an enjoyable time was had by all.

The section restarts its activities on the first Monday evening in September and anyone wishing to join will be most welcome. Professional instruction is available for beginners and advanced dancers who wish to improve their style.

Further information can be obtained from Mr. S. Morris (West Block Paint Shop), Mr. Murray (Land-Rover Final Line), and Mrs. F. Edwards (Land-Rover Trim).

3-litre winner of Economy Run



A Rover 3-litre driven by M. Alphonse Gay Para and Mlle. Barbara Haik won its class for vehicles of over 2½ litres and the overall award in the 1963 Mobil Economy Run held in Beirut. The car averaged 30.2 m.p.g. in its class and in the above photograph it is seen on the starting line in Beirut before beginning the 490-kilometre run over hilly roads with bad surfaces. Keen competition was met from Continental and American makes of vehicles.

Parrot gave its name, address to finders

A quiet evening walk down the garden on the shoulder of Mrs. Rene Harrison was not exciting enough for Polly Parrot. After all, it had done the walk many times before!

So on this occasion, Polly made a decision—and flew off!

A thoroughly alarmed Mrs. Harrison and husband George—both work in the Car Trim Shop, Solihull—reported the parrot's disappearance to the police the next morning. Neighbours and local children helped in the search and the Harrisons drove up and down in the Sheldon area in a police car trying to spot the truant.

Two days after its disappearance, the parrot was found in a tree in Brays Road. As it was calling out its name and address it's a reasonable assumption that the bird wanted to go home! It was taken to an aviary and the relieved owners were notified.

The following ode was composed after the Great Flight had ended back in the cage.

*Rene had a parrot, they called it Pretty Polly,
It sat upon her shoulder, she thought it very jolly.*

She took it in the garden, not quite the thing to do,

It got the glad-eye from a sparrow, and off the blighters flew.

The Flying Squad were alerted, and news came, the pair were seen,

Flying up the Great North Road, bound for Gretna Green.

They were next seen honey-mooning, so the story says,

Nesting down at Sheldon, in a road called 'Brays'.

Listeners say, Jim Sparrow to his wife did discourse,

"If our kids have hooked noses, I'm getting a divorce!"

Please read the moral of this story, before you turn the page,

If you wish to keep a parrot don't let it out the cage.

(by Bird Fancier)



Heavy going in West Germany, but this Land-Rover made it all right. Four vehicles demonstrated their prowess and reliability to German Civil Defence officials interested in 4 x 4 vehicles for deployment with bridge-building platoons. The Land-Rover acquitted itself very favourably indeed in quagmire conditions.

Shipping Dept. trip goes down the river

Shipping Department employees, families and friends went on a trip to Oxford and Abingdon on May 26. They travelled to Oxford by coach and after lunch embarked on a boat for a river trip to Abingdon where they had tea.

The coach trip home provided a tour through the beautiful countryside of Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire, Worcestershire and Warwickshire.

Gambia trainees go

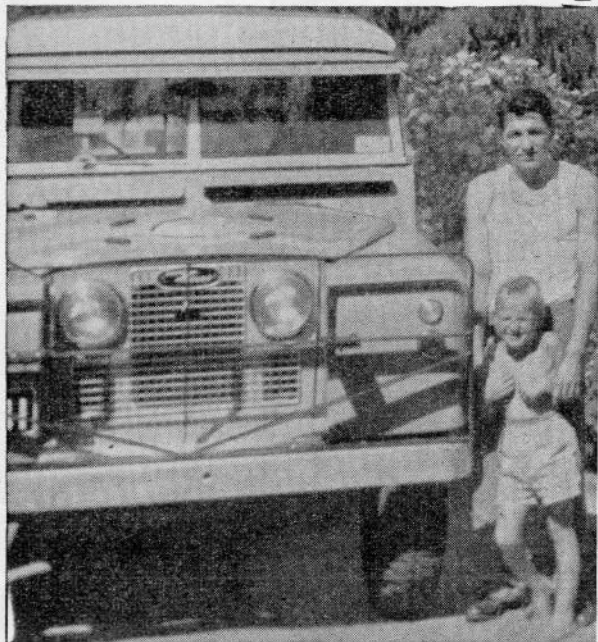
One apprenticeship was completed in May—that of Michael Carter (Machine Tool Repair, Tyseley).

Two trainees from Gambia left Solihull to go to Vauxhalls for six months. They were Hassan N'Jie and Ousman Tourey. During a six-month stay, the pair had training at Tyseley, on Land-Rover Test and Rectification and in the Service Repair Shop, Solihull.

DIARY DATES

Diary dates reminder — Rover Horticultural Society's third annual vegetable and flower show in the Solihull Main Canteen on Saturday, August 17, and . . . a trip to the Royal Horticultural Society's gardens at Wisley, Surrey, on Monday, September 23.

Ex-employee in Australia



A face out of the past for employees on the Land-Rover Finishing Line, Solihull. Remember Mr. Kenneth D. Beeby, who left Rover to go to Australia five years ago?

In the above photograph from 'Down Under' sent to his sister, Mrs. Nell Tromans (Viewroom, Bought Out Parts, Solihull), Mr. Beeby is seen with his 7-year-old son, Dean. Ken ferries Land-Rovers for our distributors in Western Australia, Faulks Pty. Ltd., of Perth. He was running in this particular Land-Rover for its owner.

Son Dean is a keen Rover fan and pride of his toy car collection is a model Land-Rover—"just like those Daddy drives".

Mr. and Mrs. Beeby live near Perth and the post brings them their ROVER News from Mrs. Tromans.

Another sister, Miss Dorothy Beeby, is in the Works Office, Solihull.

Sudden death of Mr. R. H. Cutter

Colleagues and friends were shocked to learn of the sudden death on May 11 of Mr. R. H. Cutter (Chief Jig and Tool Designer, Solihull). He was 47 and had been with the Company since 1948.

He joined Rover as a senior body design layout draughtsman under Mr. H. H. Lloyd and was subsequently transferred to Planning Dept. where, until September 1957, he was engaged on Press Shop planning and, later, on special projects.

In September 1957 he became Chief Jig and Tool Designer.

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Village family a Rover community

The name of Village is synonymous with working for the Rover Company. Some 123 years' service have been chalked up by five members of the family—and the three Villages still with the Company have 95 years between them!

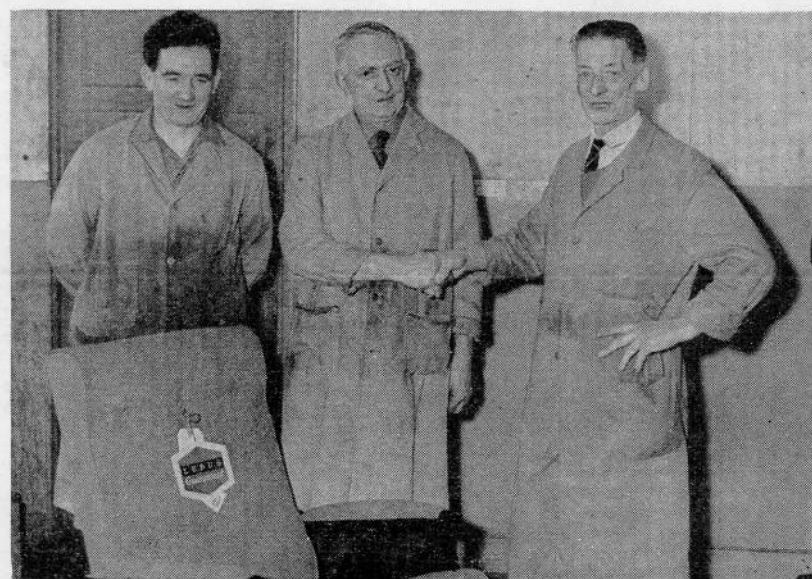
Sharing top place in the family scoreboard are brothers Frank and Harry Village each with 42 years' service. Frank is in Field Service Dept., and Harry in Service Repair Dept., Solihull.

Frank's son, Mr. Ray Village, in Stock Audit, has been with the Company for 11 years and his cousin, Mr. Henry Village, Harry's son, did 12 years with Inspection at Tyseley, Solihull and Ryland Road before leaving for new pastures.

The late Mr. Frederick Village, father of Frank and Harry, was the fifth member of the family to work for Rover—for 16 years, in fact, as a maintenance machine fitter at Tyseley.

Footnote. Other members of the Village family had an indirect link with Rover. Brothers Charles and Albert and sister Rose worked for Components Munitions, Tyseley, but left before the firm became Rover Tyseley in 1918.

VACANT: four seats on a plane taking a Percy Rd. party to Basle, Switzerland, on July 15, returning July 28. Further details from Mr. Les Coombes (Inspection, Percy Rd.).



Presentation to Mr. Jim Whitehouse of a turquoise-blue fireside chair by Mr. Harry Hands (Section Chargehand) on behalf of fellow workers at Ryland Road on May 17. Mr. Whitehouse, who retired after 41 years with the Company, is in the centre of the picture shaking hands with Mr. Hands (right). His eldest son, Mr. J. A. Whitehouse, is on the left.



Messrs. Harry, Frank and Ray Village, who have 95 years' Rover service between them. Frank holds a picture of the late Mr. Frederick Village, also a Rover man for 16 years.

Miss Motor Show 1963 —Rover entries invited

Girls! Any one of you could become Miss Motor Show 1963. Entries are invited from Rover employees for this year's Miss Motor Show Beauty Contest, which is organised by the London and Home Counties Centre of the Motor and Cycle Trades Benevolent Fund.

Poise, personality and appearance will count in selection of the eventual winner. The rules for the final remain the same as last year in that finalists will be asked to parade in short evening or cocktail dresses, NOT bathing costumes.

The winner will receive the Babs Henly Trophy and a prize of her choice to the value of at least £50. Each of the 12 finalists will also receive prizes, with additional rewards to contestants placed second and third.

Judging panels in previous years have included many well-known personalities of stage and television, and the car world, and the 1963 panel will be just as distinguished.

So, come on, you pretty Rover girls at Solihull, the Birmingham factories, Cardiff, Coventry and London. Why not 'have a go'? Entry forms can be obtained from the ROVER NEWS Editorial Office (Internal phone Solihull 713), situated in Hut 6, near Service pumps.



WEDDING GIFTS

Mr. J. Slater (Supt., Finish Stores, Tyseley) presents Miss Pat Cockerill with a wedding present of a carpet sweeper from work friends before she married Mr. K. Gilhooley on June 8. Pat works in Finish Stores, Tyseley.

BIRTHS

We offer our congratulations to . . .

BAILEY—To Mr. and Mrs. Eric Bailey, a son (Irevor Robert) on May 29. Mr. Bailey works in the Statistical Section of M.C.D. Solihull.

BEDFORD—To Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Bedford, a daughter (Wendy Margaret) on April 13. Mr. Bedford is a designer, Gas Turbine Project Dept., and Mrs. Bedford was formerly secretary to Mr. Seale, Chief Designer.

FINNEY—To Mr. and Mrs. Alec Finney, a daughter (Julie Margaret) on May 17. Mr. Finney works in Gas Turbine Buying Dept.

HOLLIS—To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hollis, a son (Ian David) on March 17. Mr. Hollis works on Land-Rover Final Line, Solihull.

O'SULLIVAN—To Mr. and Mrs. O'Sullivan, a son (Stephen John) on May 4. Mrs. O'Sullivan formerly worked in Land-Rover Trim Shop.

WHATELEY—To Mr. and Mrs. Whatley, a son (Ian William) on May 6. Mrs. Whatley formerly worked in the Land-Rover Trim Shop.

MARRIAGES

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to . . .

BLISSET-HUTTON—On June 8 at St. Margaret's Church, Olton. Mr. Dennis Blisset to Miss Susan Hutton (Purchase Dept., Acocks Green).

FORD-DUNN—On May 11 at Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Church, Acocks Green. Mr. John Charles Ford (P.D.E.D. Springfield) to Miss Frances Mary Dunn, (Works Liaison, Solihull).



PERSONAL NEWS FROM THE FACTORIES



GILHOOLEY-COCKERILL—On June 8 at Yardley Old Church, Mr. Kevin Gilhooley to Miss Pat Cockerill (Finish Stores, Tyseley).

GUY-BULL—On May 25 at St. Giles' Church, Sheldon, Mr. Terence Guy to Miss Maureen Bull. Mr. Guy is a hide cutter in the Trim Shop, Solihull.

HEWINS-SHEPHERD—On June 1 at St. Cyprian's Church, Hay Mills, Mr. Ray Hewins to Miss Carol Enid Shepherd (Cost Dept., Solihull).

McCURRY-McGRORY—On April 15 at St. Katherine's Church, Bristol Road, Mr. P. McCurry to Miss K. McGrory (248 Inspection, Ryland Road).

PERKINS-RUFF—On May 4 at Hall Green Church, Mr. B. Perkins to Miss J. Ruff (Land-Rover Trim Shop).

WILLIAMS-WILDGOOSE—On June 1 at Hall Green Parish Church, Mr. Michael Williams (P4 Production) to Miss Pamela Wildgoose (Bought Out Inspection).

GOLDEN WEDDING

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to . . .

AISH—Mr. and Mrs. John T. Aish celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on June 7. Mr. Aish recently retired from the Sawmill, Solihull, after 40 years' service with the Company.

SILVER WEDDING

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to . . .

BARTON—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barton celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on April 5. Mr. Barton works on Group 57, No. 2 Machine Shop, Tyseley, and has been with the Company for 16 years.

DEATHS

We record with regret the following deaths, and offer our sympathy to relatives . . .

BENTLEY—Mr. J. A. Bentley died on June 1, aged 52. Mr. Bentley was employed on the Finishing Line, Solihull, and had been with the Company for 7 years.

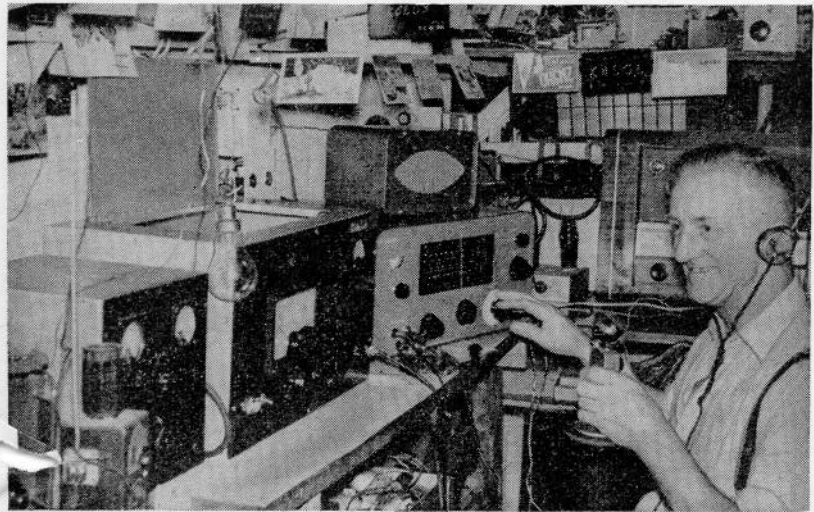
CUTTER—Mr. R. H. Cutter died on May 11, aged 47. Mr. Cutter was Chief Jig and Tool Designer, and had been with the Company for 15 years.

ESCHBORN—Mr. Eric Eschborn died on May 31, aged 58. Mr. Eschborn was a fitter, Experimental Dept., and had been with the Company for 15 years.



Miss Anne Finch (Inspection office, Percy Road) being presented with a pressure cooker by Mr. A. Stait (Inspection Supt.) before her marriage to Mr. A. Joyner. Also in the photograph are Inspection Dept. colleagues.

'Ham's' Land-Rover call cards go all over the world



Mr. Hassall engaged on making a radio contact. Pinned above his equipment are confirmatory cards received from other radio 'hams' in many parts of the world.

Every night, all over the world, men sit with headphones over their ears, and hands at work on a complicated assortment of radio equipment. These men, often operating from garden sheds, are radio "hams"—amateur radio enthusiasts who maintain personal links with their opposite numbers in other countries.

One such "ham" is Mr. John Hassall, of 35 Coppice Road, Solihull, formerly of Service Stock Audit, Solihull, and now of North Block Progress. He has been with Rover for eight years.

It is customary for "hams" to confirm contacts with an exchange of QSL cards, and Mr. Hassall—call sign G3LZB—appropriately uses cards bearing pictures of Land-Rovers. In the last four or five years he has sent out nearly 2,000 such cards. He has three kinds, one showing a Land-Rover as a farm vehicle, another pulling a boat up a sandy beach and the third of a stationary green Land-Rover.

CHEAPER POSTAGE

Mr. Hassall sends out his cards through the Radio Society of Great Britain which operates a system that makes postage cheaper than individually posted cards. From Mr. Hassall's garden shed—he calls it "the shack"—cards have gone all over the world, including behind the Iron Curtain to Russia, Lithuania, Estonia and Czechoslovakia. Politics and advertising are barred to British radio "hams" under the terms of their operating licenses and Mr. Hassall and his worldwide colleagues discuss their families, hobbies, etc.

"One contact is at the college of technology in Leningrad", Mr. Hassall told ROVER NEWS. "He speaks perfect English and try as I may I cannot detect any trace of accent. Almost as good linguistically is a doctor in Prague".

NOT EXPENSIVE

Because of the ban on advertising Mr. Hassall cannot directly refer to his Land-Rover call cards, but amateurs overseas are not so restricted and so many of them do refer to the vehicle on the cards by name.

Radio "hamming" is not a terribly expensive hobby, says Mr. Hassall who has been attached to it for eight years. Main essential is a good receiver and an amateur can build up his own transmitter. "You can get on the air for about £10", he says.

Other requirements are a City and Guilds Certificate in radio operating and passing a G.P.O. test of 12 words a minute in morse code. Then you get your licence and the world is at your fingers!

SUMMER SNAPS

Your Candid Camera can win cash

You can snap up some cash with your camera again this year. The annual ROVER NEWS Snapshots Competition is putting the camera eye on . . . children. Youngsters make excellent subjects for snapshots: they can be caught off-guard more often than adults, and some real gem snaps come out of cameras held by doting relatives.

First prize in the competition will again be five guineas, second three guineas and third two guineas. And

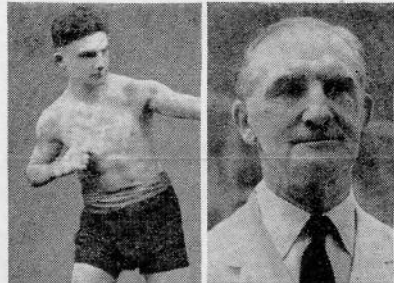
10s. 6d. will be paid for any other pictures selected for publication.

Send your snapshots (black and white only) with name, address and department to "Summer Snapshots", ROVER NEWS, Meteor Works, Solihull. Closing date for entries will be August 31 and the judging panel's decision will be final. A selection of entries may be published during the competition period. So get clicking, Dads!

One time boxer had 2 fights a night

Two fights a night and three in 10 days—that's how hard Mr. Thomas Ingram (Inspection B.O. Cars, Solihull) "worked" in the days of his youth when he was a professional boxer.

He started fighting in the 1920's as a featherweight with Owen Moran and fought many well-known fighters of their day, including Tiger Smith, Bert Taylor, Len Fowler, Bugler Harry Lake,



Mr. Ingram in a fighting pose of the 1920's and (right) a more passive one in 1963!

Johnny Cuthbert and others. He also had six months in the United States and won a local belt.

Before retiring from the ring upon marrying at the age of 24, Mr. Ingram had about 100 professional fights.

As well as being a prizefighter, Mr. Ingram has been a bull terrier breeder for some 40 years and has done much judging and showing. He once sold a breeding sire to world boxing champion Jack Dempsey.

Mr. Ingram first joined Rover at Coventry upon retiring from the ring in 1931. He left and rejoined the Company at Acocks Green in 1937 and until 1945 was chargehand, stores and despatch. He then left the Company again on account of ill-health and for four years was licensee of the Junction Hotel, Bloomsbury, Birmingham. He rejoined Rover a second time at Lode Lane in 1949.

Giver and recipient . . . and all within a few hours!



LEFT: Mr. Guice presents Mr. Beale (right in picture) with his retirement gifts.

BELOW: Mr. Guice receives his own departure presents from Mr. A. B. Smith.



A few hours after presenting an Acocks Green Stores Dept. employee with retirement presents on behalf of the man's workmates, Mr. Thomas Henry Guice (Stores Supt., Acocks Green) was at another retirement presentation—his own!

During the morning of May 31, Mr. Guice presented an electric fire, kettle and toaster to Mr. Sidney J. Beale, who was retiring aged 65 after 13 years' with the Company.

Then, five hours later, he was himself receiving from Mr. A. B. Smith (Director and General Manager) a prefabricated greenhouse and two tubular gar-

den chairs to mark his own retirement after 23 years' Rover service.

Mr. Guice, who is 70, also received a sheaf of roses for his wife, who was unable to attend due to ill-health.

(For other recent retirements, see Column 5).

Freedom from Hunger drive: Bexhill buys Land-Rover for use in Africa



A Land-Rover figured prominently at a ceremony at Bexhill-on-Sea recently when a cheque for £3,827, the town's contribution to the Freedom from Hunger Campaign, was handed over to Earl De La Warr, chairman of the Campaign's national committee.

The vehicle which figured in the proceedings was a "stand in" for a similar vehicle to be bought in Africa out of the money raised at Bexhill for use with a mobile medical nutritional unit in Tanganyika. The token vehicle, a special type for use in hot climates, was lent by F. Dodson Ltd., Sackville Garage, our Bexhill-on-Sea dealers, and

was on view to the public before being handed over by the Mayor.

A special plate inscribed "Presented by the people of Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex, England, 1963", which will be a permanent feature of the Land-Rover bought in Africa, was fixed to the token vehicle by the Mayor and Earl De La Warr. The plate was donated by Serck Radiators Ltd. and attached to the token vehicle by Dodson Ltd.

In the "Bexhill Observer" photograph above, Earl De La Warr screws the commemoration plate to the token Land-Rover.

GONE INTO RETIREMENT

Mr. William Snape on May 17, after 12 years' service. He is 67 and worked on Inspection, Acocks Green.

Mr. Henry George Gibbs on May 3, after 12 years' service. He is 76 and worked in Transport Dept., Tyseley.

Mr. Joseph Turner on May 24, after 11 years' service. He is 67 and was an inspector at Ryland Road.

Mr. Harry Trench on May 27, after 8 years' service. He is 62 and was a machinist at Tyseley.

Mr. George Ince on May 24 after 32 years' service. He was a chargehand at Tyseley.

Mr. Daniel Davis on May 31 after 32 years' service. He is 67 and was latterly an inspector at Tyseley.



Mr. Thomas Copson (Planning Dept., Acocks Green) receives a gold watch from Mr. J. W. E. Walton (Executive Director, Production—Tyseley) on completion of 25 years' service with the Company. On the right is Mr. C. E. Field (Manager, Planning Dept., Acocks Green). The presentation was on May 27.

Bowls cup holders on top form

Tyseley bowlers, holders of the Worster Cup, showed their championship mettle in the first game of the inter-works bowls series which got under way last month.

Captained by stalwart Bert Dickinson, the Tyseley "woodmen" cleared the greens with ten wins over Solihull bowlers in the match at the Greet Inn on May 23. Bob Sharwood and Dave Cooper were the only two Lode Lane men to return winning cards.

Score details (Tyseley names first): L. Phillips 21, W. Hemming 10; C. Carpenter 21, L. Lawrence 10; K. Peirce 18, D. Cooper 21; H. Mason 21, K. Bayliss 12; G. McNally 21, W. Bygraves 12; L. Whitehouse 21, L. Ward 19; W. Edwards 17, R. Harwood 21; A. Harding 21, G. Banford 18; A. Boden 21, G. Docker 13; B. Dickinson 21, W. Green 20; D. Griffiths 21, W. Stubbs 16; D. Herbert 21, A. Long 14, Tyseley won by 59.

Despite 9 winners out of 12, Solihull only managed to beat Acocks Green by 23 shots at the Olton Hall on May 30. Acocks Green, which did not take part in last year's competition, fought hard to make Solihull go all out to win. The Acocks Green team included such names as Reg Holdsworth, Harry Silvers, Harry Richards and C. Courtney, who can recall when Acocks Green won the Worster Cup four times.

For Solihull Bob Harwood continued his winning ways. Arthur Smith had the best win of the night (21-9), and Les Lawrence played a great game to win 21-12.

Scores (Solihull names first): A. Smith 21, H. Pillage 9; L. Lawrence 21, J. Green 12; A. Long 21, J. Rowe 12; L. Ward 11, H. Silvers 21; L. Moore 21, H. James 11; D. Cooper 20, J. Edlin 21; W. Hemming 15, H. Richards 21; S. Higgins 21, L. Baker 21; W. Green 21, H. Wetton 14; W. Lock 21, J. Webb 16; G. Docker 10, C. Courtney 21; R. Harwood 21, R. Holdsworth 18.

Solihull's ten men held to a draw in City Shield final

Though reduced to ten men early in the Birmingham City Shield soccer final, Rover Solihull first team was unfortunate not to win an exciting game and had to be content with a goalless draw after extra time against B.S.A. Tools on May 18.

A head injury took Rover skipper and right-half Alex McNab off the field after only 15 minutes play. He went to hospital for five stitches and returned to the field seven minutes before the end of the game.

The ten men played really well. Cramer and Brown had near misses and Moseley hit the post a few minutes from the final whistle of extra time.

It is 12 years since Rover footballers won the Shield and this year they are sharing it six months each with B.S.A. Tools. Winners' medals were awarded to Solihull on the toss of a coin.

The Rover team's play was very commendable against opponents who finished the season fourth in Division I of the Birmingham Works League. Rover topped Division II to win promotion.

Spectators at the final held on the B.S.A. Recreation ground, Small Heath, included Mr. W. J. Robinson (Executive Director, Production—Solihull).

Badminton: A new men's champion

A new men's champion emerged from the singles finals of Rover Solihull Badminton Club held on May 2.

As last year's winner and runner-up did not compete, the way was open for a new champion in K. Greaves (Project Brochure Dept.) who, in a closely contested final, beat S. Jones (Land-Rover Assembly Shop).

At one stage Jones led the first game by 10-6 but eventually lost 15-12. In the second game he never managed to take the initiative and lost 15-5.

The ladies final for the F. R. S. Seale Trophy was once again won by Mrs. P. Barney (Sales Dept.) who had won this event over the two previous years under her maiden name of Miss P. Spink. Mrs. Barney played her usual steady game to beat a gallant loser in Miss J. Squires (Director's Office) by 11-5, 11-6.

Immediately after the matches the winners were presented with the trophies and cup replicas, and the runners-up with plaques.

Results:
Men's singles: K. Greaves beat S. Jones 15-12, 15-5.
Ladies' singles: Mrs. P. Barney beat Miss J. Squires 11-5, 11-6.

Benefit bowls

A bowls match with a strong Rover interest will take place between a Warwickshire County Cricket Club team and the Dolphin Bowling Club at the Dolphin Inn, Acocks Green on July 21. Many of the Dolphin bowlers are Company employees.

Proceeds from the match will go to the Ray Hitchcock Benefit. Tickets costing 1/- each can be obtained from B. Dickinson (Tyseley), N. Whittaker (Solihull), R. Holdsworth and H. Richards (Acocks Green).

An autographed cricket bat will be won by raffle during the evening.

The 'spoils' of victory



Tyseley footballers celebrated their past season's league and cup successes with a dance at Acocks Green on June 7. The Seniors are pictured above with the Callender League Championship Shield—the team topped Div. 3a of the Birmingham Works League—while, right, Mr. E. Scott (General Works Manager, Tyseley Group) presents Skipper J. Coldicott with the Lucas Challenge Cup won by the team.



A group taken at the fourth annual dinner and dance of Rover Solihull Ladies Darts Section on May 11. Left to right: Mrs. Molly Brookes (winner, Worster Shield), Miss M. Watkins (Secretary), Mr. A. J. Worster, Mrs. J. Wood, Mr. W. J. Robinson, Mrs. F. Edwards (Chairman), Mrs. W. Dugmore and Miss Bluck. Prizes were presented by Mr. Robinson. Other guests included Mr. P. W. Hall and Mr. J. Lawrence.

Karting international a great success

Pengam organising committee laid on a day of first class kart racing on the Cardiff circuit on June 9 when Rover karters from the Midlands and Welsh factories competed in the first international meeting of its kind. The event was covered by the local Press and television cameras.

Heat 6 Class I Special, developed into a real ding-dong battle between Dave Wells (Special West Bend), Vic Short (Fastakart 77 Ekikaze), and G. Haines (Fastakart 77 JLO LK 101). Short and Haines flashed past the winning post, sandwiching Miss Ann Steed, who was being lapped. The gruelling 20-lap finals left many competitors by the wayside but a grand time was had by all.

The organisers would like to thank the Company for its assistance and facilities granted for this event. The Rover Solihull kart club president, Mr. A. S. Ostler, and Mr. C. Goode accompanied the Midlands and also officiating from Pengam were Mr. D. Steed, Mr. J. Fisher-Evans and Mr. R. Boulton (kart club chairman).

It is hoped to extend an invitation for a return meeting at Solihull in the near future.

Results, Class I, Standard: 1. Frank Courtney (Solihull), 2. June Johnson (Solihull), 3. R. Shand (Pengam).

Class I, Special: 1. C. Richmond (Pengam), 2. B. Livesey (Solihull), 3. G. Haines (Pengam).

Class IV: 1. J. Watts, 2. B. Afford, 3. T. Nash (all Tyseley).

Rover Kart Club visited Little Rissington in the Cotswolds on two consecutive Sundays in May.

On the 12th, the Dowty Engineering Company organised its first major kart race meeting on the Central Flying School circuit. Full marks are due to the organisers for some of the new ideas

they introduced to karting and for the slick programme laid on.

Brian Livesey and June Johnson received awards; Brian with 78 points out of 80, June with 72.

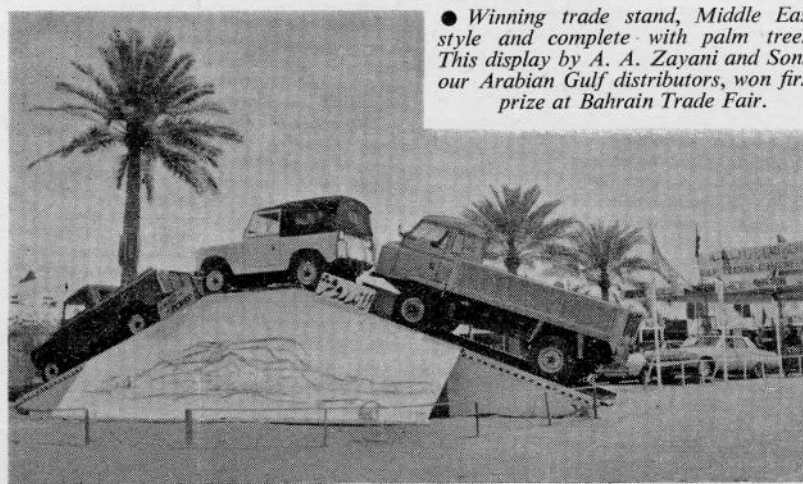
On May 19, the R.A.F. Kart Club organised the event at Rissington and the title of Champion of the Day went to Jack Watts (Tyseley), who had a field day in his Villiers-powered Dale Kart, scoring three wins and one second. He also set up the fastest time of the day.

Class I, standard events featured a tussle between June Johnson and husband Barry, June coming through to win. Barry had to be content with third place.

Brian Livesey's third place victory in Class I, Special constituted his fifth consecutive award in five weeks. June Johnson has had four awards in five weeks.

The racing Liveseys hit real trouble on June 2 at Honeybourne. Mrs. Lucy Livesey was injured when her kart flipped and came down on top of her. Lucy gamely finished her race however, coming in third before spending the next hour have her cuts and bruises attended.

Brian Livesey suffered a broken crankshaft shortly afterwards in his race. Not surprisingly Mom and Brian then retired!



● Winning trade stand, Middle East style and complete with palm trees. This display by A. A. Zayani and Sons, our Arabian Gulf distributors, won first prize at Bahrain Trade Fair.

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All set for a day in London. Pictured at Solihull before boarding coaches which took them to the capital on May 18, are 50 Capping Shop employees, families and friends.

