

# Daughter who took over mother's

## crowning glory

WHEN 12-year-old Penelope Green was crowned as Miss Playing Fields at Twyford on Saturday afternoon, she received the same cup her mother won in 1954, the first time the competition was held.

Her mother, Mrs. Janet Blake, of 17, Portway Road, Twyford, was then Miss Beckett. At 16 she wore the crown, blue cape and sash which formed Penelope's regalia on Saturday.

The competition to find Miss Playing Fields was organised by Twyford Playing Fields Committee which is raising money towards the cost of levelling the field. It had not been held since 1958, and the idea of reviving it came from the chairman, Cllr. Arthur Hodges.

Entrants raise money by asking people to cast a vote for them at 1p per vote. Whoever secures the largest number of votes — and therefore the largest sum of money for the playing field fund — is declared the queen, and the runners-up are her attendants.

Penelope's mother obtained 6,030 1d votes in 1954, bringing in £25 2s. 6d. of the total sum of £76 3s. 11d. raised by that very first competition. She won again the following year.

Penelope, with fewer votes — 2,760 — raised more money than her mother, having the advantage of decimalisation! Runner-up in the competition was Alison King, who raised

£18.13.

The competition brought in £83.52 of the total profit of £216 raised at Saturday's fete. With the grant recently made by Twyford Parish Council the fund now stands at around £700.

### IN ST-LE

Before the fete Miss Playing Fields and her four attendants toured the village on a decorated trailer drawn by a tractor driven by Mr. Harvey Gilder.

## MOTHER WORE CROWN IN 1954

The attendants, all Twyford children, were Alison King, of 15, Portway Road; Della Whiting, of Delrenna, Main Street; Rosemary Harbour, of 15, Rosehill Crescent, and Deborah Wales, of 20, Portway Road.

When they reached the playing field the fete was opened by the East Midland Dairy Princess, Miss Caroline Howse, who was

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### Playing Fields"

### Raises £76

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performing her final official duty in her year as a Princess.

She then invested Penelope with the crown, cape and sash, and presented her with the cup which Cllr. Hodges gave, way back in 1954, for the youngster raising most money for the playing field

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Miss Playing Fields (Miss Janet Beckett) who was crowned by Mrs. Hodges of Twyford on Saturday afternoon, with her four attendants: Alison King, Della Whiting, Rosemary Harbour, and Deborah Wales.

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small posties. Assisting Miss Howse were other competitors, Judy Reynolds, Jacqueline Rainsbury, Karen Smart and Karen Oxlade. Jane Hubbard also competed but was not at



PENELOPE GREEN, Miss Twyford Playing Fields 1973, with her mother, Mrs. Janet Blake, who wore the crown in 1954.

During the first pull Keith Cherry, a member of the Three Bridge Mill team was injured and had to retire. But by winning two subsequent pulls as well as this one, the Crown proved the better team and received the prize of a crate of beer presented to them by Miss Howse. The beer was donated by the Seven Stars public house, Twyford.

### THE TEAMS

The Crown team was Reg King, coach, Tony Hill, Harvey Gilder, Brian Griffin, Paddy Rich, Roger Blake, Stan Watts, Colin Jones and Les Phillips.

The Three Bridge Mill team was Ivor Cherry, coach, David Plinder, Mervyn Hodges, Dick Beckett, Mick Taylor, Keith Cherry, Ray Phillips, Nigel Meakins and Bill Caterer.

The final event of the fete was the comic football match, in which a team of Twyford men beat a Three Bridge Mill team by three goals to two, and a team of Twyford girls scored the only goal in a match against Twyford boys.

The games were refereed by Mr. Ivor Cherry, and with the players handling

the ceremony. Alison presented a bouquet to Miss Howse.

The fete was organised by Cllr. Hodges and the secretary/treasurer of the committee, Mrs. Celia Whiting, with the help of all the organisations represented on the committee: Twyford and Charndon W.I., Twyford Village Hall Committee, Twyford Football and Cricket Clubs, Twyford Ladies' Sports, Twyford Young Wives' Group and the Crown 65 Club.

### ATTRACTIONS

The stalls and sideshows did brisk business, the cake and plant stalls being quickly cleared. The helpers serving refreshments in the pavilion were kept busy throughout the afternoon.

The darts competition was won by Mr. K. Hill, and the tip the dice by Mr. Fred Bryant. Mr. Peter Rouse won the gents' bowling, and Mrs. Pat Milne achieved the highest score for the ladies.

Mrs. June Gibbard, of Twyford, successfully guessed the weight of the cake.

Later during the afternoon a tug of war contest provided excitement for