

NURSING CADETS IN QUIZ FINALS



A Melksham police constable, Mr. E.F. Pike, who has spent much of his off-duty time in recent years giving road safety instruction to children, was a happy spectator at Melksham Town Hall on Friday – a team of St. John Ambulance nursing cadets he had trained beat three primary schools to win the Stringer Cup road safety contest. They will represent Melksham in the Wiltshire finals for under 12's at Shurnhold School on the 22nd March.

In the team, which scored 80 points out of a possible 92, were Pat Brown, Linda Cook, Jill Oatey and Nina Selwood, all aged 10 years old. Linda, who captained the team, received the cup from Mr. N.A. Entwistle, managing director of Stringer (Melksham) Ltd.

Runners-up were Lowbourne Junior School "A" team, with 78 points, and the other teams taking part were Forest and Sandridge School (76 points), St. Michael's School, last years winners (74 points), Lowbourne "B" (69.5 points), and St. John "A" (55 points).

The question master was Mr. Les Hambling, urban council and road safety committee chairman, and police accident prevention officer Sergeant Alan Sutherland was presiding judge.

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Linda Cook with Dad Jack Cook & Cup

OPC Note: I remember being in this competition, we used to go once a week to the police station (then in Semington Road) to do our training, it was exciting at the time being in the police station. PC Pike was a great teacher and gentleman. I never forgot that training and 7 years later stood me in good stead when I passed my driving test first time.