

At St Paul's Cathedral, the true meaning of the first holiday of the year was brought home in the Easter Garden where a special service was held. Against a background of the Cross and the empty tomb, the Processional Hymn was sung: "Jesus Christ is risen to-day".

Out in the country, the season has begun for looking over the stately homes of England. The Duke and Duchess of Bedford were having a busy time, showing visitors round the historic home of the Russell family in Bedfordshire --- Woburn Abbey.

Outside the Abbey, there was an additional attraction in the shape of a meet of the hounds. At the dying end of the winter, the Oakley Hunt were greeted by the ducal owners.

Part of the hunting-field tradition is the drinking of the stirrup-cup before moving off.... a relic of the good old days of horse transport, when there was no danger of a speed-cop coming up to smell your breath.

A holiday attraction with a new twist was to be seen at the Kennel Club Show in Ireland --- with sheepdogs dogging geese instead of sheep. The winning dogs' names were Nell and Scott --- but you'd have thought they were Sage and Onions.

There was an Easter instalment also in the story of Mr Malenkov's visit to Britain --- exciting, too! But even being held up by Texas bad men didn't wipe off the Soviet Minister's ever-present smile.

And there was an American flavour at London Airport when Davy Crockett came in --- the film star replica of the schoolboys' latest hero. The fur hats were out in force; and Mother was wondering who made the hole in her fur coat.

Hats were the main attraction, as usual, for the Easter Parade in London's Hyde Park. And one of the attractions under the hats was film star Adrienne Corri. London had one of the chilliest Easters on record --- but it takes more than a winter wind to keep a girl indoors when she's got a new hat.

But for those who prefer the sterner forms of sport --- there was this display of Judo at London's Albert Hall. ^{And} It takes more than a piece of millinery to throw these boys off their balance.....especially the young ones. It is ~~claimed~~ claimed that Judo trains its followers to recognise their true selves --- even when their friends turn them inside out.

There was one place at ~~least~~ least in Britain, where the stiff winds of the holiday week-end were welcomed --- and that was on the River Thames at Teddington. Record numbers of small ~~sailing~~ sailing boats were showing lively sport in the Sailing Regatta.

This kind of sailing is like eating water-melon. You only realise it's time to stop when you get your ears full of water.

Now to Oulton Park in Chester.....for the National Motor Cycle Race Meeting organised by the Daily Herald. Thousands of spectators watched a Bank Holiday afternoon of sport at speed.

~~and a national trophy was won by...~~
Herne Hill --- the Mecca for the millions who push with pedals. An inter-national meeting, with Tighe of Scunthorpe winning the Three Miles.

International Sprint --- a thousand metres. The winner was Lloyd Binch of Nottingham.

The champion of ~~champions~~ ^{News of the World} received his trophy from film star Stanley Baker.

And --- Goodwood --- with Stirling Moss No. 1 --- and his equally famous rival, Mike Hawthorn, No. 4 --- among the big names for a big day's motor racing.

Soon after the start Mike Hawthorn was fighting for the lead against Moss and Archie Scott Brown.

This day's racing was turned to tragedy by two fatal accidents. Hawthorn himself had a misgap that was nearly a tragedy; and it was Moss who took the big Trophy in the Richmond Formula I --- with a lap-record at over ninety-five miles an hour.