

# Steve sets a blistering pace

★ A protest march to Downing Street convinced Cllr Steve Pound these boots are definitely not made for walking.

Cllr Pound set about finding a pair of stout boots to wear on a march to number ten with Elthorne High School pupils the other day.

He was delighted to find this nearly new pair of Metropolitan Police-issue beetlecrushers for only 50p at a jumble sale.

But after tramping the ten miles from Ealing to Downing Street in them his mood rapidly darkened. Almost every inch of his feet was covered in blisters.

The whole episode uncovered an amazing coincidence, however. Cllr Pound said he related this tale to a colleague at a meeting of the Oaklands School governors last week.

She asked him if he had any idea who

the boots belonged to.

Cllr Pound said he had found the name Stanton written inside them.

Suddenly fellow governor Josephine Stanton chirped: "Those were my son's boots. He gave them to the jumble sale."

Why did he give away such unworn boots, wondered the heavily limping Cllr Pound?

"Because they gave him such terrible blisters," laughed Mrs Stanton.

## School debate is a bit late

YOUR front page story about Walford High School (Gazette, March 25) raises some interesting points.

The idea of a community school to provide courses and other facilities for the unemployed, housewives, retired



OUCH: Steve Pound's aching feet.