

It's a family affair!

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THE annual brick and rolling pin throwing contests at Stroud turned out to be very much a family affair.

For while husband Stanley Thevenin from Slad Road came fifth in the brick throwing, his wife Gillian threw her rolling-pin 120 feet to take first prize.

Impressive

Their daughter Michele went on to gain the Champion of Champions trophy, for past gold medalists, with her 114ft three-inch rolling-pin toss.

And her brother Daniel managed sixth place in the bricks, just behind his father.

The overall men's brick throwing winner emerged as Steve Arch, who threw an impressive 111ft 10in.

The contest originated as part of

Stroud Show every summer.

It was traditionally held simultaneously between the four Strouds of Gloucestershire, America, Australia and Canada.

A 5lb American patio brick is thrown by the men while the women throw a 2lb Australian Mulga wood rolling-pin.

But local organiser of the competitions, Eunice Guy from Thrupp, said insurance problems had forced the Canadians to drop out in recent years, and international results of the contests would only be available this time after next weekend, when both the Australians and Americans are due to throw.

Champion of Champions with the bricks this year was Malcolm Brown at 101ft five inches.



■ Lynn Smart and Malcolm Brown prepare to take part in the contest.