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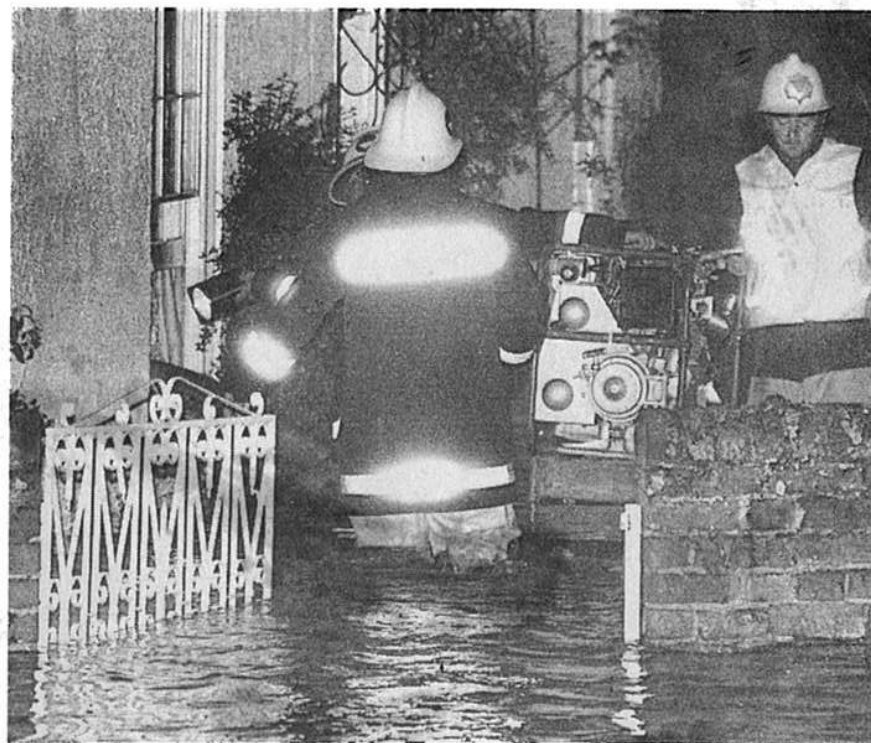
Scenes from a water-swamped village



■ Taking it with a smile — villagers in Aldermaston were forced to abandon their cars, don plimsols and wade home through the flood water ©



■ A fireman loaded down with sandbags plods across streets flooded after a lake burst its banks ©



■ The floods reach well above this fireman's knees as he works to clear one of the many homes engulfed by the rising water ©