

## COLD ENOUGH TO SPLIT A CHIEF JUSTICE

A famous statue of a chief justice has been severely damaged by frost and ice. The statue, of Sir Edward Coke, is a famous landmark for golfers at Stoke Poges Golf Course.

It faces towards the Law Courts, where Sir Edward Coke was intimately involved in championing the people's rights. He was called to the Bar in 1578 and later achieved fame as attorney general, Speaker of the House of Commons, and Chief Justice of the common pleas. He fought King James VI on many issues connected with the rights of the people. He finally became Chief Justice of the King's Bench — and in this position tried Sir Walter Raleigh. Earlier in his career he represented Oliver Cromwell in a libel suit.

The statue, situated on top of a 70 ft. high pedestal had split at the sides and back, due to the water trapped inside expanding as it froze. The statue has been restored by Szerelmey Ltd., who have filled the inside with cement and hardcore and stitched the terra cotta frame with non-ferrous cramps.

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