

# 'ITS A KNOCKOUT'

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## LONG CRENDON

A team of young people from Chinnor drawn from members of the Youth and Leisure Club in Station Road, joined with six teams from other local villages in competing in the first local 'Its a Knockout', competition, held last week on the Recreation Ground at Long Crendon. The occasion was the first day of the Long Crendon Festival and over 3000 people turned up to watch the fun. The team, captained by Gerry Avery, was; John Bailey, David Taylor, David Hardy, Terry Gray and Andy Kos, with help from Helen Bradbeer, Bernadette Diamond, and Lindsay Orpin. Other teams taking part were from Thame, Haddenham, Shabbington, Brill Oakley and of course Long Crendon. Music at the festivities was provided by the Youth Section of the Chinnor Silver Band. In true 'Knockout' style, there was plenty of fun for both competitors,

and watchers. Led by Mervyn Smith, there was a large contingent of Chinnor supporters, who were there to cheer on their 'heroes', but even they were not enough to bring Chinnor any honours. The team from the smallest village entering, Shabbington, were the eventual winners, with the largest town, Thame bottom of the table. The climax to the show and by far the funniest event was the competition between Thame and Chinnor on the greasy pole, with the additional hazard of a water tank to accept those who fell off the pole. Members of both teams were soaked as they fell off the swarfega smeared pole, on which they were only permitted to support themselves with one hand. The other hand was used to clutch as many balloons as they could to put into the basket at the end of the pole. Plenty of clowning from the Chinnor team and a happy holiday atmosphere helped to make this a very enjoyable day. The carnival floats and fancy dress of the children in the procession which preceded the competition were marvels of ingenuity and colour and brought many well deserved rounds of applause from the crowds which lined the route. The Junior Section of the Silver Band was also given well deserved praise on their first outdoor appearance.

