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And They All Had a Jolly Good JARP

They came from miles around, they were packed in like sardines, the sale of hard boiled eggs had never been better and everyone agreed that there is nothing like a jolly good JARP.

The occasion was, of course, the great 'Jarping Competition' held at the Crown at Chinnor on Good Friday.

News of the competition had achieved national fame with a mention in 'The Sun' newspaper on Thursday, April 19th.

By 12 noon (opening time) on Good Friday the Crown car park was already full and eager competitors had to abandon their cars further afield.

After a good two- hours solid 'Jarping' a winner was eventually declared. The honour went to Mr. Graham Carter of Glynswood, Chinnor, whose jarping egg had achieved the proud record of being an eighter.

(For the un-initiated, jarping is a competition something like conkers but played with hard boiled eggs).

Winner of the prize for the best decorated egg was won by Mrs. Chloe Hawkins of Mill Lane.

Two additional and somewhat unexpected prizes were awarded and presented by Daily Mirror writer Eddie Laxton.

The first was to the man who initiated the competition, Mr. Pete Sherwood of Rectory Meadow. As a special prize Pete was invited to have a drink on the house (an egg flip of

course) but what he did not expect was the raw egg that was quickly dropped down his trousers (on the inside) whilst he was knocking back his free drink.

The other special prize was awarded to the biggest cheat of the day. This prize, I am not too proud to say, was won by yours truly, whose reward was to be forcibly fed with yet another hard boiled egg - smothered with mustard.

Despite achieving the doubtful honour of winning this prize, I like everyone else present, thoroughly enjoyed having a 'jolly good jarp' and am convinced that this event will now become established as another annual event in Chinnor.

The entry fees, amounting to over £10 were donated to the Old Folks Fund.
Brian Jackson.

LADS VERSUS LASSIES - AT RUGBY!

Chinnor Rugby Football Club are acting as hosts at a somewhat unusual match to be played at their club ground in Towersey on Sunday, April 29th.

A group of players wives and girl friends have got together and have issued a challenge to the men to play them in a Lads versus Lassies match on that date.

We understand that there are plenty of lassies volunteering to play in this challenge match, but the lads are having some difficulty in finding enough players with sufficient courage to take them on!!