



Sporting News

Amesbury

Clouted by a World Champion

This memorable incident was found in the Compass section of Wiltshire Life Magazine October 1967.

Mr. F. Cooper of Parsonage Road, Amesbury told the story of when he was clouted by a world champion heavyweight.

It happened way back in 1912. Leaving Sunday School one afternoon, he saw a car outside a garage. To him, as to every other schoolboy in those days, the machine was a great novelty, so he looked closely at the vehicle, climbed on the running board, and tooted the horn.

While he was enjoying the fun, he felt a light cuff on the ear and looking round, saw a huge black man smiling down at him. Placing a shilling in his hand the big man said: "Now you can tell all the other boys you have been hit by a world champion".

The man was Jack Johnson, who was on his way to Stonehenge with his wife.

A biography and fight record can be found on [Wikipedia](#) by following the link