



## Coronation Day Anniversary Celebration

Thursday being Coronation day, the morning was ushered in by the ringing of the bells of the once central church of the parish of Ludgershall in this county. At one o'clock, by the kind permission of the worthy occupier of the once renowned Castle Farm, there was a cricket match between the married and single. After some excellent play on both sides, the game was decided in favour of the married by 40 runs. There was also a well-contested race between the Flying Dutchman, Alice Gray, Touchstone, Muley Moloch, Riddlesworth and eight others, when Touchstone and Riddlesworth came off victorious, after as well-contested races as could have been run on any course in the kingdom. Between the heats there were various contests in gymnastic games such as jumping in sacks, running for gown pieces by some of the fair sex, dipping for oranges, drinking tea, &c. for prizes. The Ludgershall Brass Band volunteered their services, and the afternoon was spent in a most loyal and joyous way until nine o'clock, when, after joining in the National Anthem and three cheers for long life and happiness to our Gracious Queen, the party separated to their respective homes, highly delighted with their afternoon's excursion.

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