That Coronation Tug of War

Aspect printed photographs of a special 1953 Coronation Tug of War challenge between Market Bosworth and Carlton during 2016. *Ask Aspect* then included another picture showing someone about to fall into the stream while looking on was the only chap in a pair of shorts.

Harry Whitehead got in touch to say that he thought the man in shorts was Albert Brindley, but Albert himself has denied this. We apologise to Albert for the well-intentioned mistake. So who was that man? Several people, including Kay Palmer, John and Bruce Coleman, have said that they attended the event

but can't remember the man's identity. *Someone somewhere will let us know.*

Meanwhile Roger Loseby passed on to us a programme for the day of the event. The "Challenge Tug-o-War between Market Bosworth and Carlton" was advertised as taking place at 12.00 noon on Coronation Day, Tuesday 2nd June, 1953. Other events shown on this typed sheet, issued by the Coronation Committee, were 9.30 to 11.00 *Distribution of Souvenir Beakers* for all children of school age and under at St. Peter's Hall.

2.00 *Open Fancy Dress Parade* in the grounds of the Park Infirmary. Prizes to the value of £8 were to be awarded.

3.30 *Children's Free Tea* [for under 10s] at St. Peter's Hall. Then at 4.30 for the 10s and over. On the previous afternoon an "*Old People's Free Meat Tea*" for the over 60s was held at the Central Café.

8.00 *Open Public Dance* at St. Peter's Hall [free admission].

10.00 *Bonfire*, held in Bosworth Park by kind permission of Major Vero.

The sheet ended by mentioning, *"A Coronation Souvenir will be delivered to each household which has subscribed to the Coronation Fund"* and that *"prizes totalling £4 will be awarded for the best decorated houses and shops in Market Bosworth and Coton"*. *"God Save The Queen"*.

Ask Aspect is bound to ask if anyone has photographs or stories of this memorable day which we can include in June – the 64th anniversary of the coronation in Her Majesty's 65th year on the throne.