



## *Sporting Event*

### *Hankerton*

#### **Vale of White Horse Hunt Steeplechases**

This annual meeting took place at Oaksey Park, Cirencester, on Friday, with the following results

The Maiden Hunter's Hurdle Race, of 40 sovs., for Hunters that have been regularly hunted during the season 1882-83 with the V W H, Duke of Beaufort's, Heythrop, Cotswold, Craven, Old Berkshire, or Lord Fitzharding's Hounds---won by Mr E T Pritchard's Romeo, by 20 lengths, beating Mr J Coonan's Curlew, Mr T Hooper Deacon's Little Harry, Mr G Saxby's Sparsholt, Mr W Dolby's Leopardess, and Mr John Powney's Cock Robin.

The V W H Farmer's Cup, value 40 sovs., presented by C A R Hoare, esq., MFH, together with a purse given by the Ladies of the Hunt, for Hunters that have never won 20 sovs., that have been regularly hunted during the season 1882-83---won by Mr C Howse's Number One, beating Mr J C Barton's Oppopanax, Mr J Maskelyne's Hankerton, and Mr W Habgood's Doubtful.---Number One fell at the last fence, but neither of the other two were near him, and Mr Chisman remounted and cantered in and was placed second by the judge. An objection was lodged against Doubtful by the owner of Number One, on the ground that he was wrongly described, and the Stewards declared No. 1 the winner.

The Open Hunters Steeplechase, of 40 sovs. About 3 miles---won by Mr F Butler's Good Luck, against seven others.

The V W H Tradesmen's Steeplechase Plate, value 40 sovs., for Hunters that have never won 20 sovs., to be bona fide the property of Tradesmen residing within the limits of the V W H ---won by Mr C Clements' Happy Jack, by two lengths.

The R A C Race, cup value 20 gs., presented by G Stanley Harris esq., for horses that have never started for any description of race---won by Mr Harris's Cock Robin, by a neck.---Four others were in the race.

The United Farmer's Steeplechase, cup value 25 sovs., presented by Hugh Owen, esq., with 40 sovs. added; second to receive 10 sovs.---won by Mr E Robson's Hailstone; Mr W Pullen's Corn Flower second.

The V W H Red Coat Race, of 430 sovs., for Hunters that have never won 20 sovs., bona fide the property of gentlemen residing within the limits of the V W H Hunt, and that have been regularly hunted during the present season with the same ---won by Mr Hope Brooke's Longshanks; Colonel Trotter's Tourist second.

On the morning of the race one of the many strangers about the village audaciously entered the Wheatsheaf Inn, kept by Mr Moreton, went upstairs, ransacked the place, and carried off a considerable amount of valuable property, including watches, chains and jewellery, belonging to Mr Moreton and Mr Ayliffe (his brother-in-law). Mr Moreton, who is in weak health, saw the thief come out of one of the rooms and rush out of the house, but was unable to stop him, and he has not since been heard of.

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