

The Marquee Team's fifth annual 'Conker Smashing' championships were held last Saturday, 13th October, hosted at the Dinton Cricket Club and attended by 65 contestants intent on hoisting the coveted 'Conqueror's Trophy'.

Operating under the strict World Conker Championship rules, established in Ashton Northamptonshire in 1965, combatants engaged in a hostile assault on opponent's conkers. As contestants fell one by one it was the Gibson Brothers who emerged as unstoppable and entered into final arena like gladiators ready for the kill. It was cut and thrust until an ox felling blow from Billy split brother Sam's wrecking ball into a thousand tiny atoms as the crowd roared in appreciation. And so the Gibson family retained the Conqueror's Trophy for a second year bearing testament to the 'Old Chestnut' that blood is thicker than water and thicker than a conker's shell!! (Sophie Gibson won the trophy in 2016)

Much fun was had by all and the sumptuous Pulled Pork and Burger Buns were sold out and much beer and wine consumed by the (over 18) attendees.

Thanks to Bucks Press for photo shooting the event and thanks to both The Dinton Marquee Team and Dinton Cricket Club for making the evening so successful.

See you all at next year's event (Saturday 12th of October 2019) where the question will be Can the Gibsons achieve an unbelievable hat-trick of wins?

Hall of Fame

2018 Billy Gibson

2017 Luca Horgan

2016 Sophie Gibson

2015 Martin Hawes

2014 Olly Foxell