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MARKET HARBOROUGH

SPORT STARS HAIL JACK GARDNER

New British heavyweight champion Jack Gardner with wife and family is the guest of local sportsmen at what you might call a dinner of the champs. Reg Harris, Cycling Sprint Champion of the World and British Sportsman of the Year, has a teddy bear for Jack's daughter. And now two champions from Market Harborough as Jack chats with former heavyweight champion Reggie Meen. There's a burst of applause as Jack and his wife make their entry.

Other guests include unbeaten welter champion Jack Hood, and Jack Holden the amazing marathon champion. As a memento Colonel Symington presents a watch to the 24-year-old ex-Grenadier, who now faces up to something almost as tough as beating Bruce Woodcock:

"I would like to thank the people of Market Harborough for the kind way in which they have supported me through my professional career. It is a grand feeling to know wherever you're boxing and wherever you're boxing that you've got a town at the back on you 100%. 'Tis a wonderful thing and it really gets me. Anyway, thanks all very, very much."