

ETON STEEPLECHASE:

Eton College's annual mass steeplechase isn't compulsory - but everyone's hurrying to take part, because as one headmaster explains, "it's rather the done thing". Prince Richard, son of the Duke of Gloucester, is one of three Royal princes joining in; somewhere among the 400 other boys anxious to cover themselves in glory - in mud - are his elder brother Prince William, and his cousin Prince Michael of Kent.

There's Prince Richard again. Some of the runners seem less interested in the race than in our cameraman. By now, some of them are wishing their fathers had sent them to Harrow instead...Who said that?

Look chaps, it's that man again!

All right, we'll soon fix him.

There's Prince Michael of Kent, with his head well down - and if anyone's still dry, the water jump puts that right. We regret to report that no one clears it - for once, everyone at Eton is a "Wet Bob". Including the winner, a lad named Pope. Oh well, it was voluntary!