

Memory Lane



COMPETITORS tear away at the start of the Bampton Great Shirt Race in 1965

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Divine intervention called for by Jubilee Angels duo

THE Jubilee Angels probably needed some heavenly help as they raced through the streets of Bampton in the annual Shirt Race.

This picture was taken in 1975 when the first-time winners were John Fox, 25, and

Frank Piercy, 29. Twenty-five pairs took part in the gallop, outrageously dressed and pushing each other in turn in old prams and other contraptions.

They stopped at a number of pubs where one of them gulped a glass of ale before swapping places for the next stretch of

the race. The event was organised by the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Junketing to raise money for Bampton's pensioners.

This year's race takes place on Saturday, starting with the fancy dress parade at 6.45pm.