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All material for inclusion in the September Newsletter must be in the Editor's hands not later than 24th August.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wed 1st Aug: Branch meeting at the Spread Eagle, Buckden.

Wed 15th Aug: Social at the Old Falcon, St. Neots.

Tue 21st Aug: Joint social with Northants at the Swan, Newton Bromswold.

Fri, Sat, Sun 24, 25, 26th Aug: Peterborough Beer Festival at the Rugby Club, Second Drove, Peterborough. Entertainment, camping and washing facilities are provided.

Wed 29th Aug: Social at the Royal Oak, St. Ives.

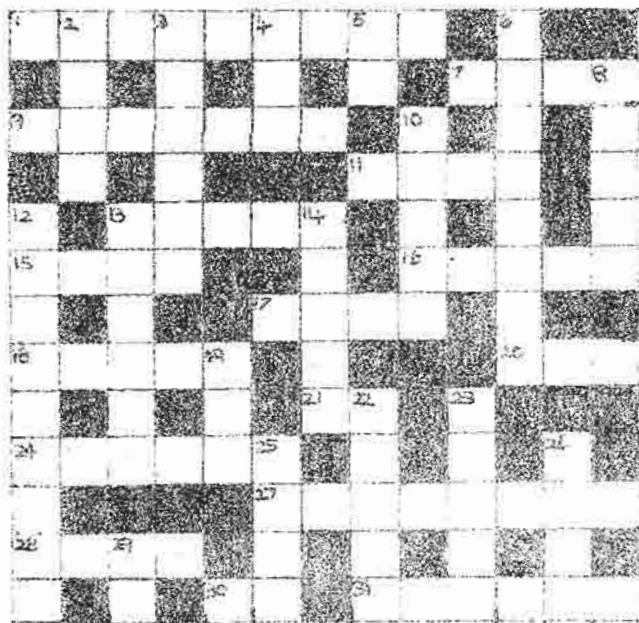
Sun 2nd Sept - Sat 8th Sept: The 1979 Great British Beer Festival at Alexandra Palace, Wood Green, North London.

Wed 10th Oct: Trip to McMullen's brewery at 10.15a.m. All interested should contact Sarah Orbell or the Editor.

All branch and Social meetings begin around 8pm.

CROSSWORD

Below is our second crossword. Why not give it a whirl! Entries must be given or sent to the Editor by Tuesday 21st August. A draw will take place at the social at the Swan, Newton Bromswold. The first correct solution drawn will receive £1. The winner's name will be published in the next newsletter.



Clues - Across

1. Marlow's big brewers (9)
7. See 26L
9. Brews greyhounds (7)
11. Gentle drink (4)
13. Two are more in Woughton (5)
15. Ale transport (4)
16. Explode (5)
17. Flavouring plants that jump (4)
18. Ansell's strong ale (5)
20. A sharp barrel? (3)
21. Paines large ale (2)
24. Pebbles from Bass (6)
27. Opening hours (3,5)
28. Sediment. J.W. (4)
30. Express (2)
31. Harpoons (6)

Clues - Down

2. Assistance (4)
3. Award for 1A (6)
4. What, no Emu? (3)
5. March mild (2)

6. Beer engine (8)
8. Guinness or Russian? (5)
12. They have seven in St. Ives (5)
12. Southwold's beer (9)
13. Skin drawings (6)
14. Abscond (5)
19. Maiden name (3)
22. Wiltshire tipple (5)
23. Fullers joy (5)
25. Working partner (4)
- 26 & 7A. Put your glasses on these (3,4)
29. All-Stage Pils (10)
32. (12)

PUB NEWS

The Red Lion at Kneesworth is now selling Tolly Bitter and Cantab on handpump. Two handpumps have been refurbished and two new handpumps installed.

WHO'S THE ENEMY NOW?

CAMRA has always demanded the need for choice, the need for REAL ALE to be available in all areas. Who were the friends of CAMRA? The chorus replies "the local brewers". Who were the enemies? The same chorus replies "the big six" i.e. Watneys, Whitbread, Allied Breweries, Bass Charrington etc. BUT WHO ARE OUR ENEMIES NOW?

Whitbread have 3 pubs in St. Neots, the Olde Sun and Greenacres sell Real Ale, the Bridge (a Beefeater inn) does not. 2 out of 3.

Watneys have 1 pub in Eynesbury, the Plough, and it sells Real Ale.

Allied again have 1 pub, the Wrestlers in St. Neots, and it sells Real Ale.

Bass Charrington have no pubs but the Old Falcon, a free house, sells Charrington's IPA.

What about the local breweries?

Paines sell Real Ale in 4 out of 7 pubs (the Lord John Russell, Cross Keys, Royal Oak and Queen Victoria) and Paines have said Real Ale is available to any tenant wishing to sell it.

Let's try Charles Wells; again 4 out of 7 (the Globe, Cannon, Woolpack and sometimes the Angel) sell Real Ale.

Now who does that leave? Greene King, perhaps the most well known local brewers, with Abbot famous throughout the land. What do we find? 7 Greene King pubs in St. Neots and Eynesbury, the same as Paines and Wells. How many sell Real Ale? The answer. NONE. Try to find some Real Ale in the Woolpack and Merry Boys (Eynesbury) and the Falcon, Wheatsheaf, New Inn, Blue Ball and Bulls Head in St. Neots. NONE.

WHO ARE OUR ENEMIES NOW? (G.C.)

AROUND EATON SOCON

Following the resolution last month of at least one of Whitbread's myriad of industrial disputes, Whitbread cask beer, in the form of handpumped Thomas Wethered's Bitter, is now regularly available at the White Horse in Eaton Socon. This historic inn which, at the turn of the century, brewed it's own ale, is situated on the old A1, The Great North Road, in the village.

Landlord, David Wood fought hard to get cask beer when he took over the pub, at first having to serve the beer by gravity from a stillage behind the bar. The handpump means that the beer can now be kept in the temperature controlled cellar.

David would be keen to try other Whitbread cask ales and may try to get Winter Royal for the winter.

The inn does excellent food (bar snacks or restaurant) to go with the beer and, all in all, is well worth a visit. (P.H.)

MEMBERSHIP FORM

I wish to become a member of CAMRA. I agree to abide by the memorandum and articles of association of the campaign, and I enclose £4 (£6 for overseas members) as my annual subscription.

FULL NAME (Blocks).....

SIGNATURE

Address (Blocks)

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Cheques should be made payable to the CAMPAIGN FOR REAL ALE LTD.

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