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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 7th Nov: Social at the Royal Oak, Wennington.

Tues 13th Nov: Social at the Wheatsheaf, St.Neots.

Wed 21st Nov: Branch meeting at the Red Lion, Bassingbourne.

Sat 1st Dec: Badminton match against Ernulf School. Any persons interested contact the Editor.

Wed 5th Dec: Social at the Swan, Old Weston.

Fri 14th Dec: Branch Christmas party at the Bell, Eaton Socon.

Social and branch meetings begin around 8pm.

## WORD PUZZLE.

This month we feature a different puzzle. In amongst the jumble of letters are the names of brewers. They are spelt horizontally, vertically or diagonally, backwards or forwards. Name as many REAL ALE brewers as you can and send or give your entries to the Editor by 21st Nov. The person whose entry has the most names will be the winner. In the case of there being more than one entry with the same number of names there will be a draw. The winner will receive £1 and will be named in the next newsletter. (R.O.)

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## DESIGN A BEER MAT

The St.Neots branch is offering a pin of beer to the person whose design is chosen for the branch beermats. The design should cover both sides and be capable of fitting onto a beer mat 97mm square. Entries should be given or sent to the Editor by 31st Dec. The committee will choose the winning design.

## CROSSWORD NO.4

On the right is October's solution. The winner of last month's crossword was Mr.D.W.Moore of the Hardwicke Arms, Gamlingay.

GREENE	RUDDLE
AVON	BECK
SPARK	RHINO
COGNAC	CAGE
UNION	AVON
APRIL	CASOK
EMPTY	ASSAY

PUB NEWS

The Hardwicke Arms, Gamlingay has added Greene King Abbot and Tolly Original to the Cantab and Bass already on sale.

The Jolly Sailor, Ramsey now sells Manns IPA by air pressure.

The Barley Mow, Hartford has opened and is selling Charles Wells Bitter and Fargo on handpump.

Kisby's Hut at Papworth Everard and the Golden Lion at St.Ives now sell Tolly Original by handpump.

The Three Shuttles at Tilbrook is changing hands in November. We say good-bye to Dick and welcome Bob and Alice Mills.

MCMULLENS BREWERY VISIT (10th OCTOBER)

At last our first brewery visit of the year. It was a dull morning when members of our party started to gather outside the gates of the brewery, even if they were at two different gates. Eventually we found each other and the tour started.

We were first shown the recently opened museum which is full of McMullens old bottles, beermats, pump clips & other publicity material and a whole host of brewery antiques.

The head brewer then gave us a very interesting tour of the brewery including the new external enclosed fermenting vessels, the compact cask washing plant, the yeast presses, bottling hall and kegging plant. There were a few disappointed faces as we were shown past the sampling room without trying any beer. However the tour continued to their wine and spirits store where spirits rose again as we were shown 1927 Vintage Port but no chance of a taste.

Finally we were rewarded when we were taken back to their newly opened social room and bar. where to our amazement a tremendous lunch had been laid on, with at last a chance to sample Mac's excellent Country bitter served by handpump.

Our thanks to McMullens and Sarah for a superb visit. (W.E.)

BARLEY MOW, HARTFORD

On the 19th October the Barley Mow was reopened after being shut for about 10 years.

The building was constructed as a farmhouse in 1867 from stone beleived to be from the ruins of Ramsey Abbey. It has a history of being a Public House since 1923, when records show it belonged to Mills brewery of Wisbech. It was subsequently owned by Huntingdon brewery in 1947, East Anglian breweries in 1950, Steward & Patterson in 1963 and finally Watney Mann (East Anglia) and Watney Mann (Midlands) in 1970. It is now owned by Charles Wells and is managed for them by Mr.&Mrs.J.Herron.

Whilst the outside of the building remains basically unchanged, the interior has been tastefully modernised. Of particular interest are some old photos of the Huntingdon area, one showing the old Marshall's brewery in 1901. (C.P.)

MEMBERSHIP FORM

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SIGNATURE .....

ADDRESS (Blocks).....

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