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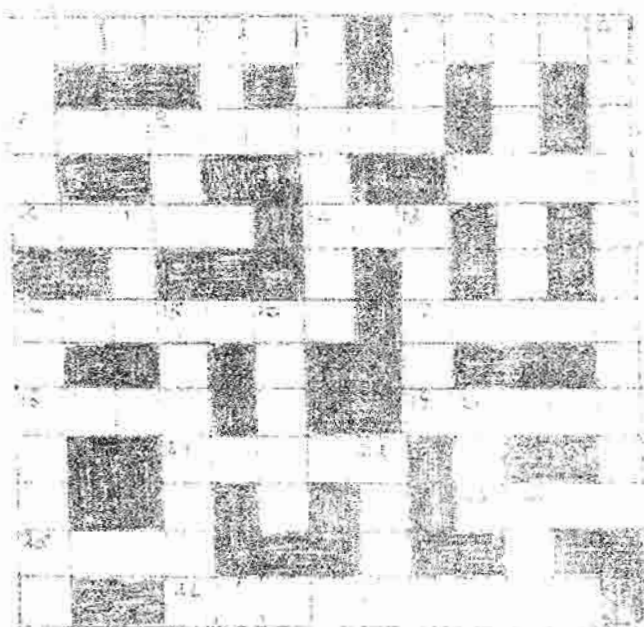
All material for inclusion in the June Newsletter should be in the Editors' possession not later than 20th May.

## 3 TO REMEMBER

- 14th May: 8.00pm Branch Meeting at the Pear Tree, Bassingbourn.
- Sat 17th May: Evening Coach Trip to Oxford picking up at Godmanchester, Huntingdon, Buckden and St. Neots. If interested contact Geoff Parsons on Kimbolton 551 for full details.
- Wed 28th - Fri 30th May: Setting up site for Riverside Festival.
- Fri 30th, Sat 31st May, and Sun 1st June: Riverside Festival.
- Fri 6th June: Evening Trip round Batemans' Brewery. For accommodation and a place on the trip contact Geoff Parsons on Kimbolton 551.
- Wed 11th June 8.00pm: Meeting at the Globe, St. Neots.

## CROSSWORD (NO 8)

Entries should be given or sent to the Editor by 1st June, the winning entry to be drawn at the Riverside Festival at 12 noon. The prize is £1. Winner of the Word Puzzle No 2 was Nan Lawrence of the Lord John Russell, St. Neots.



### Clues - Across

1. There's a tiger in their cask (7)  
4 across & 1 down. Next to St. Neots (5,5)
7. Huntingdons Triple casks (5,4)
9. Conveyor for bottles (4)
10. One direction from the Axe & Compass (5)
12. Not approved by CAMRA (3)
14. Colourful animal roams the A14 (3,4)
17. Southwold Jack's their Emblem (5)
18. Found outside pubs (4)
19. Longer in Winter (5)
21. Stormy brewers (5)
23. Malt even (4)
25. Floor covering (4)
26. Trophy from Marlow (9)

### Clues - Down

1. See 4 across
2. Originally was unhopped beer (3)
3. Intoxicating stupor (7)
4. How distressing, no bear (1,1,1)
5. Tolly's twin (7)
6. Manns H.Q. (11)
8. To supplement drinking (3)
11. Watneys defunct keg (3)
13. Textured corn? (5)
14. Lord John's surname (7)
15. Lengthy Sapley pub (7)
16. Isle of Man Brewers (5)
20. Don't drink this coloured liquid (3)
22. Occurs in January (4)
24. --- Coope (3)

### ST. NEOTS RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL

Beer Festival time is here again, folks. Once again we will be running the Beer Exhibition at St. Neots Riverside Festival on Fri 30th May (evening only), Saturday 31st May and Sunday 1st June. This year there will be at least fifty different beers on sale.

Our beers this year mainly come from Yorkshire, these include Theakstons Old Peculiar, Timothy Taylors Landlord Bitter, Tetley's Bitter and Stones Best Pitter. These will be on sale alongside Local beers and other favourites, such as Fullers London Pride, E.S.B. and Marstons Owd Roger. Paines will be brewing a special beer for us which will be on sale alongside their 10.41. Real scrummy cider will be on sale as will special commemorative glasses. The local folk band, Eynesbury Giant, will be appearing in the tent on the Friday night, and on Saturday musical entertainment is provided by the County Jazzmen. Anyway it should be a good time for all, so don't miss out. (GP)

### TUG-OF-WAR CONTEST

The tug-o-war contest which is sponsored by Paines will be held on the Sunday of the Festival at 11.30am SHARP. Unfortunately, we will limit the contest to the first twelve teams to enter. The entry fee is £2 per team of eight people. First prize is 9 gallons of beer and second prize is 4½ gallons of beer. For entry forms contact Geoff Parsons (Tel: Kimbolton 551)

### GREENE KING XX YARD OF ALE CONTEST

Once again Greene King have sponsored our Yard of Ale contest to promote their delicious dark mild. This will run over the whole weekend and this year we are looking for someone to better last years' winner, Kevin Halliday's time of 9.5 seconds. Ladies, we would like more of you to enter this year, last year Karen won the Ladies section with a time of 2 minutes.

### JOIN THE GREAT MILD REVIVAL

CAMRA have had a series of "Make May a Mild Month", since 1977 which have slowed the decline in sales of Mild, but many Milds are still under threat. Mild which at a few pence cheaper than bitter, comes in both light and dark forms, usually having a lower gravity than bitter. It is often brewed with darker malts and with fewer hops than bitter, although caramel is sometimes used for colouring, giving a sweet taste. Mild is often sold in bottle form as brown ale.

In our area the following milds are on sale in real ale pubs:-

Paines special mild - A sweet pleasant dark mild. On sale at the Royal Oak, St. Neots and the Prince of Wales, Hilton.

Greene King XX Mild (Riggleswade) - A dark malty mild. On sale at the Spread Eagle, Croxton Wheatsheaf, St. Neots and the Windmill, Somersham.

Greene King KK Mild (Riggleswade) - A pleasant light mild. On sale at the Crown, Litlington, and the Old Sun, Eaton Socon.

Greene King XX Mild (Pury) - A dry dark mild. Our only outlet is the Darby & Joan, Abington Pigotts.

We shall also be featuring several milds at the Riverside Festival including Marstons Merry Monk which is stronger than a lot of bitters. Greene King are also sponsoring our XX Yard of Ale competition.

Try it, and if you like it, keep to it, save money, and protect mild.

(CP)

### PUB NEWS

Old Sun, Eaton Socon to open shortly selling Greene King Abbot, IPA and KK mild on electric pumps.

Three Shuttles, Tilbrook serves Bombardier as well as Eagle bitter on handpump.

Wheatsheaf, Eaton Socon and the Woolpack, St. Neots serve Bombardier as well as Eagle bitter.

The Plough, Eynesbury is no longer selling Stag, leaving Eynesbury to be a Real Ale Desert.

The Bell, Stonely is now serving Real Ale Bombardier served by gravity. The Pear Tree, Bassingbourn held a cut price night at the beginning of April, selling Adnams Bitter and Everards Old Original on handpump. This was to celebrate the completion of alterations.