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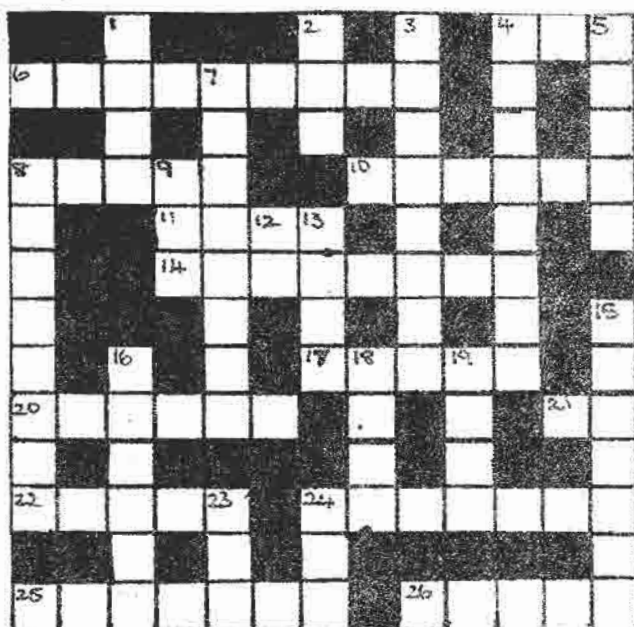
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All material for inclusion in the July Newsletter should be in the Editor's possession not later than 25th June.

## RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL CROSSWORD

Why not try your hand at the Crossword. They should be sent or given to the Editor by 8th July. The winning entry to be drawn at the Spread Eagle Croxton. The prize is £1.



### Clues - Across

4. Container for liquid (3)
6. & 3 down. Where you should be  
May 30th-June 1st (9,8)
8. Original Brewers (5)
10. Drink for the gunners? (6)
11. French friends (4)
14. Bili from Scotland (8)
17. Underground Beer? (5)
20. Sea Fish. (6)
21. Elevated railway (2)
22. Pass-on (5)
24. Brave Beer (7)
25. Artists from Abingdon? (7)
26. Watneys Northampton (5)

### Clues - Down

12. Institute of linguists (1,1)
15. London's Pride? (7)
18. Repeat (4)
23. Yes - it's the beginning of  
the year (3)

1. Wicked (4)
2. Small cask (3)
3. see 6 across
4. Cockermouth brewers (8)
5. Bird from Yorkshire? (5)
7. Greene King subsidiary (8)
8. Pulling competition (3,2,3)
9. Place for experiments (3)
13. Exhibition (4)
16. Sewer of suits from Keighley (6)
19. Teller of untruths (4)
24. Payment on arrival (1,1,1.)

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Fri 6th June: Evening trip to Batemans Brewery.  
Wed 11th June: 8.00pm Meeting at the Lord John Russell, St. Neots (Not at the Globe as reported last month).  
Wed 25th June: Social, 8.00pm the Sun, Kimbolton and 9.15pm Half Moon, Kimbolton.  
Wed 9th July: Meeting, 8.00pm at the Spread Eagle, Croxton.

## NORTHANTS REAL ALE GUIDE

The new 64 page guide is now on sale in pubs and bookshops in Northamptonshire, price 50p or by post from Brian Willmott, 23 Kingsway, Northampton price 65p including postage and packing.

### PUB NEWS

The Black Bull, St.Ives sells Tolly Original and Bitter on handpump. The Queen's Head, Needingworth and the Swan, Bluntisham serve RealTolly. The Hardwicke Arms, Gamlingay changed hands in April and is still selling a range of Real Ale.

Ted Francis is leaving the Half Moon, Kimbolton and John and Christine Siemens from Thrapston will move in on the 13th June.

The Cannon, St.Neots sells Bombardier as well as Eagle Bitter, both served by handpump.

The Bull Inn, St.Neots ceased being a pub in January. This brings the number of Paines tied pubs down to 23.

It's rumoured that the Cross Keys, Molesworth sells Tolly Original by handpump.

### SOCIALS

We well and truly lost our friendly darts match against the Hardwicke Arms, Gamlingay 11-4. If any other non-league darts teams would like to challenge us to a friendly please contact Geoff (Tel: Kimbolton 551).

### AN INTRODUCTION TO CAMRA

CAMRA was started in 1971 as the 'Campaign for the Revitalisation of Ale', but as this was a mouthful, especially after a few pints, it was later changed to the 'Campaign for Real Ale'.

Its priciple function is as a consumer movement, to give the drinker the choice of traditional ale by an approved method of dispense (gravity, handpump, electric pump) without the use of gas, and to prevent the big Six, Watney, Whitbread, Bass Charrington, Courage, Allied Breweries and Scottish and Newcastle from increasing their monopoly. CAMRA also concern themselves with other items such as prices, licensing hours and pub preservation.

CAMRA holds beer festivals including the Great British Beer Festival and publishes the Good Beer Guide annually. Local branches often publish a local beer guide as well.

Unlike some organisations, anyone can join CAMRA. It's £5 or £6 for husband and wife joint membership (Rates as from Junelst, join at our Festival and save £1 on these rates). This entitles you to attend and vote at branch meetings, attend regional conferences and the AGM. You would receive the CAMRA Handbook which explains the campaign fully and every month receive 'What's Brewing', the Campaign's monthly newspaper.

### 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 my annual subscription. (see rates above).

FULL NAME (Blocks).....

SIGNATURE .....

ADDRESS .....

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