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ST.NEOTS & DISTRICT

OPENING TIMES



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This edition is as you can see devoted predominantly to our 'Booze on the Ouse' Beer festival being held at the St. Ivo Centre, St. Ives from 17th - 20th June.

We have received plenty of interest from the trade as well as the public.

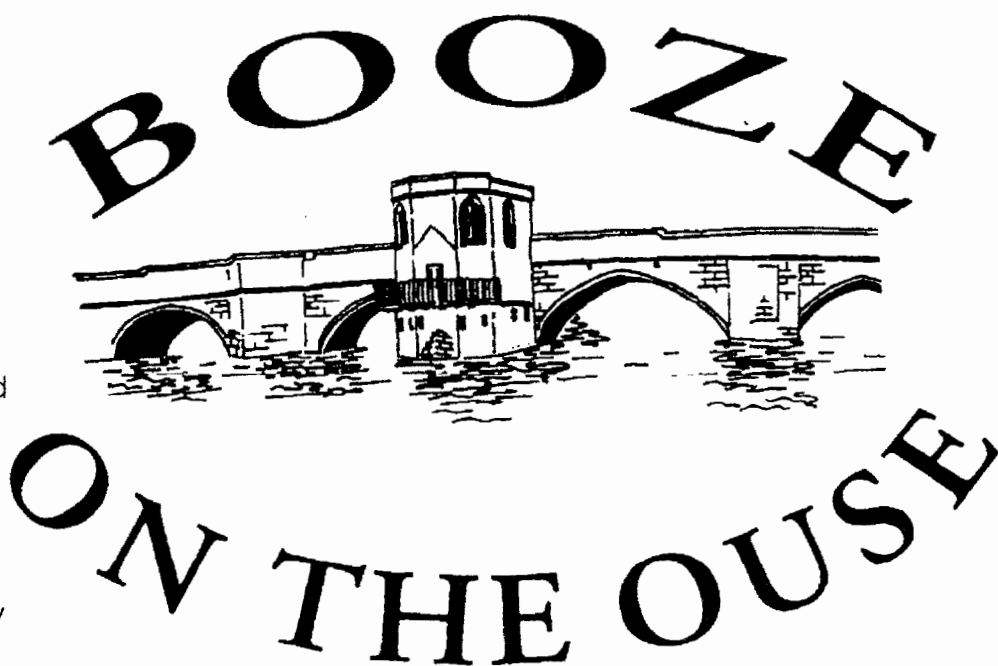
We have trade stand from James Paine of St. Neots and Clipper Wholesale who are part of Adnams operations.

We will also have something different with Rushden Heraldry taking a stand. They will be offering your family coat of arms engraved on a variety of items, plus other ancillary bits and pieces.

On to the serious matter of the beers. We have ordered a grand total of 53 ales from all over the country. 39 breweries will be represented, so there should be something there for all palates.

Because of the success of last years festival, we can go
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BEER FESTIVAL 17th - 20th June Burgess Hall, St. Ivo Centre, St. Ives

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Thursday 17th		6.00 - 11.00
Friday 18th	12.00 - 3.00	5.30 - 11.00
Saturday 19th	11.00 - 3.30	5.30 - 11.00
Sunday 20th	12.00 - 3.00	

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How to get there

St Ives is served by public transport buses:

United Counties Service Nos 73 & 74

Depart Huntingdon Bus Station at regular intervals - Mon-Sat - examples are From 9.00 onwards at 15, 40 00 mins past hour until 14.40-15.00-15.15-15.45-16.05-16.35-17.00-17.20(Not Sat)-17.40-18.10-19.05-21.30

Returning from St.Ives Bus station at 15.40-16.00-16.15-16.25-16.45-17.15-17.45-18.15-18.45-22.35

Whippet Service 1A/5
Depart Huntingdon Bus Station - example times -

Mon-Fri 17.20-17.55

Sat 11.00-12.00-12.30-13.00-14.00-14.30-15.00-15.30-16.00-16.25-16.30-17.05-17.20-17.30-18.-00-19.00.

Returning at Mon-Fri 18.15-18.50.

Sat 14.40-15.15-15.50-16.25-16.45-17.10-17.40-18.15

CAMRA PUB OF THE SPRING

This award went to Ann Geary and Brent Stevens at The Queens Head, Needingworth an enterprising, bustling, free house.

What was once a Tolly pub, has been transformed with good beer, good food and friendly service the order of the day. The pub has five 'resident' beers and always has a guest ale or two to try. The pubs improvement over the last few years has been marked with its inclusion in CAMRA's Good Beer Guide and now its selection as pub of the season. By the way don't panic if you venture into the pub for the first time, and see no handpumps. It means that you are in the lounge bar - the pumps are situated in the public bar!

FUTURE MEETINGS

Tuesday 29th June. **Cross Keys, Caxton** (Greene King) 8.30pm
Beer Festival de-brief.

Wednesday 7th July Social
Aviator, St. Ives (Free) 8.30pm.

Tuesday 13th July -
Presentation of 'Pub of the Summer' certificate to The **Millers Arms, Eaton Socon** (Greene King) - 9.00pm.

Tuesday 20th July Social,
George at Ramsey (Free) 8.30pm

For further details contact: Roy Endersby (Secretary) on 0480 473364



Pictured above Brent and Ann at The Queens Head, Needingworth, receiving their certificate from local CAMRA member Paul Moorhouse.

CROWN & CUSHION

Barbara and Chris Clark

- ★ Outside Bars - Home Cooking ★
- ★ Buffets - Small Parties ★
- ★ Live Music Tues-Thurs ★

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TOLLY·COBBOLD
Brewing since 1723.

LAUNCH OF TOLLYSHOOTER

However, the water supply at Harwich became brackish and for some years, supplies were ferried down the River Orwell from crystal clear springs on the Cobbold family's Holy Wells estate at Ipswich.

a successful management buy-out, the Hon Peter Strutt, Chairman of Tolly Cobbold, raised once again the Company flag above the Cliff Brewery to signify the return of brewing to Ipswich.

We are pleased to have available at our Beer Festival a brand new beer from one of our independents, Tollyshooter from Tolly Cobbold of Ipswich. The Company have donated a firkin of the beer to the festival, for which we are very grateful.

This was the procedure until 1746, when the enterprising brewing pioneer transferred the whole business to his new brewery on the Cliff Quay at Ipswich, where it remains to this day.

Indeed the Company is once again thriving and we thank Managing Director Brian Cowie for helping to save the brewery and in making himself so readily available to talk to CAMRA about the Company's products and plans for the future.

The Company, Tollemache & Cobbold Brewery, better known as Tolly Cobbold, is a regional brewery supplying high quality cask and bottled beers throughout East Anglia and beyond. The Victorian Brewery built in 1894-96 stands proudly on the banks of the River Orwell at Ipswich, and is one of the finest examples of a traditional 'tower' brewery in the Country.

The merger with the Tollemaches took place in 1957 and the company remained family controlled until the late 1970's, but unfortunately two more changes of ownership led to the brewery being closed in 1989 and its beers being brewed at Camerons, Cleveland, Brewery.

The Company is currently half-way through a five-year supply deal with Brent Walker, but needs to push strongly into the Free Trade to ensure its future. Part of that future is the launch of their new premium bitter - Tollyshooter

The history and heritage of this brewing tradition dates back to 1723, when Thomas Cobbold built his first brewery at Harwich.

This led to great sadness in the local community and elsewhere, where the beer were much respected and enjoyed, and also obviously led to job losses in the town.

This is a beer with an ABV of 5.0% described by Tolly as a full-bodied beer with a lovely malty nose and a rich-ruby colour. It is a smooth drinking beer, and its pump-clip features the photograph of Sir John Harvey-Jones, a famous businessman, who introduced the recent TV programme about the Company. he is pictured wearing the specially-designed Tollyshooter tie.

However, exactly one year later on the 14th July 1990, following

There will be a representative from Tolly on the Thursday night of the festival, ready, I'm sure to take all of you landlords orders for firkins of the new beer, or contact the brewery direct on Ipswich 0473 231723 for further details.

The White Hart Inn

The Highway, Gt. Staughton Telephone 0480860345

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