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ENJOYABLE REUNION

What an enjoyable weekend "the National" at Caister Holiday Camp turned out to be! In many ways it was one of the best we have ever had, in our opinion, which we are fairly certain was that of the great majority of the 800 who attended. The camp proved to be excellent—streets ahead of others we have patronised as regards food and service—and the chalets were clean and comfortable, the only complaint being that it was difficult enough to keep this summer accommodation warm enough in the bitter weather prevailing. The programme was not overloaded, and left plenty of time for conversation and meeting old friends and acquaintances, and since many of us have now been going to these annual get-togethers for twelve years they are bound to take more and more the character of an annual reunion. The wine show was impressive beyond description; as the Chairman quite rightly pointed out, it is difficult to see how it can go much bigger until the Guild of Judges has had a breathing space to train and recruit more members. But our guess is, in the light of twelve years experience, that even such regulations as are being mooted—restriction of the number of entries an individual may submit—may prove inadequate. The obvious difficulty is that it will be necessary to impose some restriction. That restriction cannot be so rigorous as to virtually kill the show, but if it is not rigorous enough it may not be effective, and may be nullified by further natural growth; this will certainly be an exercise in nice judgement by the National Executive.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Whilst on the subject of Caister may we on behalf of all of you congratulate three of our contributors in this issue, who were successful against very stiff opposition at this year's National, Marjorie Gregory, of Twickenham, who was a joint winner of the Bastin Cup for dessert wine, winning six prizes, and Tilly Timbrell, our regular contributor on wine cookery, who won a first and a second in the cookery classes. Eric Clarke, our resident malt beer expert, was also in the prize list—in the judges' wine classes. Warmest congratulations to our happy trio!

MORE RUBBISH

Perhaps we need make no apology for referring yet again to some of the rubbish which is lately being published on the subject of home winemaking and brewing in the national and local press. Talk about a little knowledge being a dangerous thing! Mr. F. J. Wilson, of Preston sends us, for instance, an article cut from the March 30th issue of the Lancashire Evening Post. (which, he observes satirically, "can achieve the same degree of accuracy in other fields."). The article discusses home wine

in the most patronising—but ill-informed—way and advances the argument that the commercial wine trade welcomes winemaking clubs because they make people interested in commercial wine too. This we would have thought self-evident; it has been our argument for years. But the writer, Jane Howitt, is not content with this. Winemakers become interested in commercial wines, she argues, not because their interest in wine generally has been aroused, or because of their success (which is really the case) but because they haven't the patience to wait for their wine to mature. She declares: "My guess is, if wider experience is any guide, that fewer than a quarter of our original enthusiasts will become permanently hooked on the sight of bubbling jars of soupy 'must' and have patience to wait a year or more to discover the potability of their brews". Just what she means by "wider experience", just how she arrives at the magic figure of a quarter, just what she means by "permanently hooked", and why she is so sure her "guess" has any value at all she does not, of course, deign to explain.

INSPIRED?

She goes on, patronisingly: "For the rest, they will learn to appreciate the wine that can be bought across the counter of the corner shop and the beer that can be quaffed at the bar of the local." We can tell Miss Jane—and so can thousands of other winemakers—that it is perfectly easy to make wine infinitely superior to most of that which can be bought (God help us!) "across the counter of the corner shop," and beer better than the pressurised rubbish at many "locals." We suspect that the whole article is inspired by some commercial wine huckster: it is certainly illustrated by a picture of a commercial bottle! But, lest you think us hard on the lady, consider these further pearls from her pen: "Home made wine needs to mature for at least 12 months, and preferably two years (commercial wine doesn't, of course?) before it is not only fit to drink, but safe. This is the time it takes to get rid of the quite dangerous methyl alcohols and fusel oils." And "Moreover, home brewed beer does not taste at all like the bright and heady 'pint' they pull at the local, being rather flat and heavy by comparison, and often strong as to be a menace to society and sobriety . . . so the brewers have no qualms about inviting amateur fermenters to sup their fill of the proprietary products, confident of a generally generous comparison with home brew."

WRONG ASSUMPTION

Another knock: "Only the most enthusiastic and persistent winemakers find that the time and space it takes to brew sufficient to provide the average household with regular supplies of drinkable "tipple" is worth while. The majority, wine merchants find, deem it simpler to go to the off-licence." A little slanted, perhaps? Some 28,500 people now buy the A.W., which means that probably nearly 60,000 read it. We'll guarantee most of them would disagree with our Jane. And the 580 exhibitors who produced those 4,000 superb bottles at the National might differ from her on the subject of quality, too. Having in the last 12 years probably tasted as many home-made wines—and commercial!—as anyone in the country, we certainly would. We can never understand why such writers assume that it is "either/or"; that wine-lovers

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THE BIGGEST

That was the description that the Chairman, Dr. R. A. Webb, quite justifiably applied to the 1970 Conference of the National Association of Amateur Winemakers, held at Caister Holiday Camp the first week-end in April.

It was far and away the biggest show of its kind ever held in this country — and therefore, probably, in the world — for entries reached the staggering total of 4,100, sent in by some 580 exhibitors.

Indeed, the entry was so large as to prove something of an embarrassment to the organisers. Not only was the physical task of dealing with all the paperwork and bottles a formidable one, but the finding of enough judges to cope with the 60 classes, some of them enormous, would have daunted anyone. Finally the Convener of Judges, "Andy Andrews", had to call upon every available member of the Guild of Judges to "man the defences"!

Socially, the Conference was one of the pleasantest we can remember, for the Caister Holiday Camp was found to have an atmosphere far superior to any others we have visited—the chalets were comfortable (despite the Arctic conditions and bitterly cold wind!) the decor was pleasantly restrained, the food was really excellent throughout, and the staff gave consistently swift and friendly service.

Nearly 800 winemakers booked in for the whole weekend, and it was a delight, of course, to be all together under one roof, meeting old friends and acquaintances at what has now become the biggest reunion and the biggest social event of the year for winemakers from all over Britain.

Some of the committee arrived on Thursday to get things under way, and by teatime on Friday the show stands had been erected, entries were beginning to roll in, and the trade stands (in the same hall) were complete. Amongst the firms who took space were Munton & Fison Ltd., W. R. Loftus Ltd., "The Amateur Winemaker", Colley Nockolds Ltd., and Grey Owl Laboratories Ltd., and there was also a tombola stall with a most impressive array of prizes arranged by members of the King's Lynn Circle.

Staging was completed and after dinner all the judges and stewards—a most impressive assembly, for there must have been close on 200 of them—met in the conference room for a briefing by Mr. Andrews in preparation for the morrow's work.

Judging occupied the whole of Saturday morning and went off incredibly smoothly, with no mistakes or hitches, and later in the day all the judges stood by the classes they had dealt with, and exhibitors were able to ask for a detailed appraisal of their

individual entries. This is always helpful to competitors and many availed themselves of the opportunity.

WEST KENT WINS AGAIN

West Kent added further lustre to their already proud reputation as winemakers by emerging once more as the Circle with the most points. They thus won back from Epsom Downs the much-coveted "Amateur Winemaker" shield, which they had previously held in 1967 and 1968. They thus have the unrivalled distinction of having won it three out of four successive years. Our warmest congratulations to these formidable champions!

They notched, incidentally, 123 points; Nottingham were runners up with 82, and Southall third with 55.

The individual scoring the most points this year, and thus winning the Bournemouth Master Winemakers Cup, was Mr. D. Bowler, of Derby. Other awards were scattered "nation-wide," as a glance at the list will show, but winning the Andrews Cup must have given great satisfaction to Mr. & Mrs. A. Webster, of Norfolk, batting on their own home wicket, as it were.

The lecture programme was not quite as full as in some previous years, and this was good in that it allowed more free time to wander round the displays and "have a natter".

Highlight of Saturday was Mr. Bill Millett's talk on judging in which he outlined quickly and concisely the points a judge looks for when judging wine, and then invited questions from the floor. They came thick and fast, and he answered them no less speedily, so that by the end of the session he had cleared up many misunderstandings, removed some of the mystique which surrounds the subject, and persuaded his audience (or most of them, anyway!) that perhaps judges were not such a bad lot after all.

Another useful session was the "Any Question?" panel chaired by your Editor, Cyril Berry, in which those taking part were Mr. S. Trivett, Mr. A. Ritchie, Mr. A. Peel and Mr. B. C. A. Turner. The team

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dealt with a wide range of questions, most of them of a technical nature, on lager gravity, measuring acidity, determining alcohol content, "mousiness," throwing away bad wine and madeirisation, amongst other things. Several of the audience were given a chance to take part in the informative discussions.

Saturday evening was the high spot of the get-together for the dances, for after the "gala dinner," to which the chairman of the Caister council, Mr. Jack Chase and his lady had been invited, dancing got under way immediately (no winemakers' dance ever seems to hang fire!) and grew steadily more lively as the night wore on, ending with the ever-popular "Knees-up," Conga, and customary high jinks! It went on for an hour or so longer than intended, we understand, and even after that there were parties in innumerable chalets which continued until the small hours! Certainly a night to remember...

Understandably, there were a few on Sunday morning who were a little subdued, but the conference hall was comfortably full for Mr. Lucas's talk on Sparkling Wines—and for the free samples that he generously provided.

After this came the big moment for the prize-winners, the presentation of the trophies. The Association President, Mr. C. J. Berry, introduced Mr. Jack Chase, who in a light-hearted speech told the visitors a little about Caister and its history, and then presented the trophies. He was thanked by Mr. Philip Delmon, who also presented bouquets to Mrs. Chase, Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Farmer, "representing all lady winemakers."

Mr. B. C. A. Turner, a former hon. secretary of the Conference, thanked all the committee for the vast amount of work they had undertaken to make such a smooth-running Conference possible, and then it only remained for the Chairman, Dr. R. A. Webb, to wind up the weekend.

Next year's conference? It will be held in Hull, he said.

National Favourite!

The fact that the Grand National fell on the same day as OUR National had some curious coincidences.

Two winemakers, for instance, swore to us at Caister that they were discussing "our" event in the office and one of them observed "I hear there are about 4000 entries in the National."

A colleague intervened: "What absolute rubbish; they'd not get that many horses on the course!"

and Frank Rayner, from Baildon, Shipley, Yorks., sends us this quip:

1st Punter: Today's the National. Who do you think will win?

2nd Punter: (a winemaker): Oh! I think Rosa Dodds again, don't you?



GETTING TOO BIG?

The size of the annual show is worrying the committee, Dr. Webb, the chairman, told his audience at the prizegiving. With over 4000 entries it was becoming impossible to find enough judges and stewards, and if the show became any larger they ran the risk of an administrative breakdown in this respect; that had been narrowly avoided this year.

The remedy? Exhibitors might have to accept some form of restriction upon the number of entries allowed per person. In this way a high standard of quality would be maintained, but the selection of the best few wines from 20 or so from one winemaker would have initially to be done by the winemaker himself rather than by the overworked judges. In this way winemakers might be persuaded to exhibit only their very best wines and not all those which "might have a chance"!



THEY DID THE WORK!

At the end of the Conference there was a really appreciative round of applause for the Executive who had organised it so well. This hardworking band of enthusiasts consisted of: Dr. R. A. Webb (who took over as chairman after the annual meeting), Mr. S. W. Andrews (Vice-chairman and Convener of Judges), Mrs. S. Hill, general secretary, Mr. F. W. Forster, treasurer, Mr. D. R. Martin, membership secretary, Mr. P. Awbery, Entries secretary, Mr. W. Millett, Show supervisor, Mr. F. G. Bastin, supplies officer, Mr. C. W. Martin, chief steward, Mr. L. P. Stagg, deputy chief steward, Mr. K. Hill, programme secretary, Mr. J. C. Luker, Awards secretary, Mr. P. J. Delmon, Accommodation secretary and P.R.O., Miss M. Disney minutes secretary and journal editor, and Mr. Buck, local liaison secretary.



Our cover picture shows one of the most popular Conference personalities, "Andy" Andrews, Chairman of the Guild of Judges and Convener of Judges for the National.

FULL LIST OF 'NATL

TROPHY WINNERS

MARCONI CLUB TROPHY (most points, Classes 1-3): WEST KENT

ERIC MARLIN TROPHY (Classes 6-10): MR. R. WARD, Coventry

VINA TROPHY (Classes 4-12): MR. D. GRAY, Stockton

BASTIN CUP (Classes 11 and 12): MRS. M. GREGORY, Twickenham, and MR. A. SKINNER, not attached

CEDRIC AUSTIN CUP (Classes 14-18): MR. A. FRANCIS, York

ATCHERLEY TROPHY (Class 22): MR. AND MRS. M. SIMS, Solihull

SWEET 'N DRY CUP (most points, Classes 19-31): MR. A. MYERS, Canterbury

SHAW PORTER CUP (Classes 22-31): MR. D. BOWLER, Derby

ANDREWS CUP (Class 31): MR. AND MRS. A. WEBSTER, Norfolk

BILHAM TASTEVIN (Class 37): MR. D. USHER, West Kent

ROYCROFT CUP (Classes 37-42): MRS. M. STEAD, Manchester

SOUTHERN VINYARDS TROPHY (Class 43): MRS. J. TANNER, Reading

LOFTUS CUP (Class 44): MR. G. HOLT, Epsom Downs

HIDALGO TROPHY (Classes 45-46): MR. V. OWEN, Reading, and Mr. D. GRAY, Stockton

BOURNEMOUTH MASTER WINEMAKERS CUP (Classes 19-46): MR. D. BOWLER, Derby

HILL CUP (Runner-up, Classes 19-46): MR. AND MRS. M. SIMS, Solihull

TURNER TROPHY (Classes 13 and 47): MRS. J. EVANS, Woolwich

ITONA TANKARD (Class 51): MR. D. MORGAN, B.E.A. Silver Wing

WILF NEWSOM CUP (Classes 51-54): MR. P. CUSNETT, Twickenham

TEMPLE TANKARD (Runner-up 51-54): MR. D. MORGAN, B.E.A. Silver Wing

GORDON INSTONE CUP (Class 57): MR. W. LAX, Harrow

AMATEUR WINEMAKER SHIELD (Circle winning most points): WEST KENT

LUCAS CUP (Bournemouth member gaining most points, Classes 4-56): W. AGGAS, Bournemouth

CIRCLE CLASSES

1. Table, Red, Dry (Judge, Dr. C. B. Lucas): 1 Liphook, 2 King's Lynn, 3 Manchester, 4 Mid-Cheshire, v.h.c., West Kent, h.c., B.E.A.

2. Table, White, Dry (Judge, Mrs. Pat Baker): 1 West Kent, 2 Southall, 3 Mid-Cheshire, 4 Birmingham, v.h.c. Luton, h.c., Heighington.

3. Dessert, Red (Judge, E. Hickson): 1 West Kent, 2 Nottingham, 3 Wood Green, 4 Luton, v.h.c., Hounslow.

MEMBERS' CLASSES

4. Aperitif, Dry (Judges, A. H. Ritchie and D. Rouston): 1 D. Gray, Stockton, 2 A. Fowlds, Croydon; 3 C. Coley, Bexley Heath; 4 B. Thomas, Mid-Cheshire; joint 5 Mr. and Mrs. Blacklock, Heighington; F. Rose, Harrow; Mrs. F. Stagg, Birmingham; Mr. and Mrs. Watts, West Kent; D. Sayers, unattached; v.h.c. Mrs. R. Golding, Misbourne; h.c. Mrs. M. Gregory, Twickenham.

5. Aperitif, Sweet (Judges, F. A. Whippay, G. Whitehouse): 1 Mrs. A. Newton, Hull; 2 C. Howden, Croydon; 3 V. Owen, Reading; 4 V. Thomas, Mid-Cheshire; 5 T. Richardson, Coventry, h.c. Mrs. W. Luker, Guildford.

6. Table, Red, Dry (Judges, E. Marks, A. Ackroyd, V. Tubb): 1 D. Garrett, Vauxhall; 2 A. Clitheroe, Mid-Cheshire; 3 Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith, Wolverhampton; 4 W. Coleman, Croydon; h.c. Mr. and Mrs. F. Russell, Totnes, and C. Chambers, Birmingham.

7. Table, White, Dry (Judges, Mrs. A. Beall, D. F. Rudkin): 1 R. Ward, Coventry; 2 K. Bilham, Epsom Downs; 3 Mr. and Mrs. Watts, West Kent; 4 Mr. and Mrs. M. Sims Solihull; v.h.c. Mr. and Mrs. E. Scott; h.c. E. Maynard, West Kent.

8. Red, Medium Sweet (Judges, Dr. A. Avison, C. Austin): 1 G. Smith, Southall; 2 Mrs. F. Trivett, Nottingham; 3 J. Grindell, Hertfordshire; 4 Mrs. A. Lilley, Manchester; joint 5 W. McCarthy, Ilford; Mrs. D. Salmon, Guildford; R. Wilson, Stockton on Tees; Mrs. J. Croucher, Southall; L. Green, West Kent; E. Maynard, West Kent.

9. Table, White, Medium Sweet (Judges, Mrs. G. Skelton, W. Millett): 1 V. Goffen, Liphook; 2 L. Green, West Kent; 3 V. Owen, Reading; 4 Mrs. B. Ward, Coventry, 5 C. Chambers, Birmingham, and R. Ward, Coventry.

10. Table, Rose (Judges, J. Capon, Mrs. D. Austin): 1 Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, York; 2 T. Smith, Epsom Downs; 3 J. Gibbs, Lume Valley; 4 Mrs. F. Trivett, Nottingham; joint 5 Mrs. R. Dodds, Southend; L. Piper, Hounslow; C. Howden, Croydon.

11. Dessert, Red (Judges, Mrs. H. Saunders, G. Hancock): 1 Mrs. M. Gregory, Twickenham; 2 Mrs. M. Broadwater, British Radio Corporation; 3 L. Green, West Kent; 4 Mr. and Mrs. M. Sims, Solihull; v.h.c. G. Holt, Epsom Downs.

12. Dessert, White (Judges, F. L. Leadbeater, Mrs. H. Baker): 1 A. Skimmer; 2 R. Ward, Coventry; 3 W. Aggas, Bournemouth; 4 Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith, Wolverhampton; 5 F. Hudson, West Kent.

13. 3-bottle (Judges, G. Woore, W. J. Vincent, J. A. Toule): 1 J. Stevenson, Nottingham; 2 K. Bilham, Epsom Downs; 3 J. George, Bexley Heath; 4 Mrs. R. Dodds, Southend; v.h.c. R. Dransfield, Mid-Cheshire; h.c. K. Gunn, South London.

JUDGES AND STEWARDS

14. Table, Red, Dry (Judges, Dr. R. A. Webb, Dr. G. Paxman): 1 Mrs. R. Dodds, Southend; 2 J. Toule, Oakfield; 3 Mr. and Mrs. Watts, West Kent; 4 E. Evans, Hull; 5 J. Dickson, Spen; v.h.c. Mrs. P. Farmer, High Wych; h.c. Mrs. E. Johnson, Hertfordshire.

15. Table, White Dry (Judges, A. T. Moore, C. Rickman): 1 M. Chase, Kidderminster; 2 F. Haswell, Southampton; 3 Mr. and Mrs. Watts, West Kent; 4 W. Harvey, Bournemouth; joint 5 Mr. and Mrs. D. Munchin, Hertfordshire; A. Francis, York; Mrs. H. Timbrell, Harrow.

16. Dessert, Red (Judges, D. G. McWilliams, R. C. Lucas): 1 P. Dransfield, Mid-Cheshire; 2 M. Brown, Colchester; 3 H. Bennett, Marconi; 4 Mrs. E. Gould, Chantry/Hull; joint 5 A. Francis, York; F. Wilson; G. Hancock, Hemel Hempstead; v.h.c. G. Ghyne, Rushden, and Mrs. J. Dilley, Nottingham; h.c. Mrs. H. Timbrell, Harrow.

17. Dessert, White (Judges, T. B. Hutchinson, D. W. Lancaster): 1 W. Trivett, Nottingham; 2 J. Brewer, Cleveland; 3 Mr. and Mrs. C. Tubb, Nottingham; 4 T. Whitehouse, Torbay; 5 F. Haswell, Southampton; v.h.c. E. Clarke, B.E.A., and D. Garrett, Vauxhall; h.c. Mrs. P. Palmer, High Wych.

18. Sparkling (Judge, B. Acton): 1 A. Francis, York; 2 J. Toule, Oakfield; 3 E. Clarke, B.E.A. (Silver Wing).

GENERAL

19. Flower, Sweet (Judges, C. G. Howden, K. Bilham): 1 A. Myers, Canterbury; 2 Mr. and Mrs. M. Simms, Solihull; 3 Mrs. M. Simmons, Luton; 4 S. Jenkins, Bexley Heath; 5 S. Malone, Canterbury; h.c. F. Darlow, South London.

20. Elderflower, Sweet (Judges, M. J. Dickinson, P. Delmon): 1 H. Silvester, Solihull; 2 W. Barnett, Southall; 3 Mrs. D. Cowley, Hounslow; 4 Mrs. D. Harrison, Nottingham; 5 H. Cooke, Liphook; v.h.c. A. Myers, Canterbury; h.c. D. Bowler, Derby.

21. Rosepetal, Sweet (Judge, T. R. Brown): 1 Mrs. E. Wood, Ide-Hill; 2 Mr. and Mrs. S. Sullivan, Southport; 3 Mrs. J. Evans, Woolwich; 4 Mr. and Mrs. Slatter, Nottingham.

22. Fruit, Red, Dry (Judges, E. Malin, Mrs. H. Timbrell): 1 Mr. and Mrs. Simms, Solihull; 2 W. McCarthy, Ilford; 3 F. Darlow, S. London; 4 H. Slade, Hounslow; 5 G. White, Liphook.

23. Elderberry, Red, Dry (Judges, Mrs. O. Trivett, Mrs. P. Farmer): 1 S. Jenkins, Bexley Heath; 2 D. Bowler, Derby; 3 Mrs. A. Dovey, Wakefield; 4 Mr. A. Coley, Bexley Heath; 5 J. Holgate, Harrow; v.h.c. R. Craine, Bristol; h.c. Mr. and Mrs. S. Bagot, Wakefield.

24. Fruit, Red, Sweet (Judges, W. Grainger, D. Sayers): 1 Mr. and Mrs. E. Scott; 2 P. Foster, Thames Estuary; 3 H. Cook, Liphook; 4 W. Sullivan, Tally Ho; 5 W. Aggas, Bournemouth, and D. Bolar, Derby.

NATIONAL' PRIZEWINNERS

25. **Blackberry, Red, Sweet** (Judges, F. Bastin, L. Argent): 1 Mrs. D. Salmon, Guildford; 2 W. Lax, Harrow; 3 Mrs. E. Ramsay, Guildford; 4 W. Whittear, King's Lynn; joint 5 A. Hatley, Bexley Heath; Mrs. A. Lilley, Manchester; G. White, Liphook; J. Kelly, Ilford; Mr. and Mrs. R. Ward, Coventry; v.h.c. Mr. and Mrs. M. Simms, Solihull; h.c. J. George, Bexley Heath.

26. **Elderberry, Sweet** (Judges, A. P. Broadwater, R. Brooksbank): 1 Mrs. L. Chapman, Canterbury; 2 J. Kelly, Ilford; 3 H. Forsyth, Derby; 4 Mrs. H. Simmons, Luton; 5 G. Smith, Southall, and M. Neal, Luton.

27. **Citrus** (Judges, E. Adcock, V. Goffen): 1 Mrs. I. Harris, Brighton; 2 Miss J. Radcliffe, Merseyside; 3 W. Sullivan, Tally-Ho; 4 Mr. and Mrs. Slatter, Nottingham; 5 L. Peachey, Pressed Steel Fisher; v.h.c. D. Bowler, Derby.

28. **Citrus, Sweet** (Judges, W. Harvey, F. Haswell): 1 J. George, Bexley Heath; 2 D. Bowler, Derby; 3 B. Tass, Twickenham; 4 D. Harrison, Nottingham; 5 Mrs. E. Barnard, Bexley Heath; v.h.c. Mrs. H. Daines.

29. **Apple, Sweet** (Judges, Mrs. S. Hill, R. Skelton): 1 Mrs. B. Barker, West Kent; 2 V. Deane, Southall; 3 A. Dellamore, Hemel Hempstead; 4 Mrs. F. Free, Southall; joint 5 R. Bastick, Upminster and Cranham; Miss A. Seymour, Surbiton; F. Rose, Harrow; R. Johnson, Crosby; v.h.c. L. Hart, West Kent; h.c. Mrs. M. Gregory, Twickenham.

30. **Fruit, White, Sweet** (Judges, C. J. J. Berry, B. C. A. Turner): 1 F. Dotter, West Kent; 2 M. Karkut, Nottingham; 3 B. Larke, Twickenham; 4 A. Kinch, Pressed Steel Fisher; 5 F. Hudson, West Kent; and Mr. and Mrs. M. Simms, Solihull, v.h.c. Mr. and Mrs. M. Hixson, Bournemouth, and B. Tass, Twickenham; h.c. Mrs. M. Reynolds, Croydon.

31. **Fruit, White, Dry** (Judges, J. Greenfield, C. N. Martin): 1 Mr. and Mrs. A. Webster, Norfolk; 2 Mrs. M. Elsmore, unattached; 3 W. Fairholme, Nottingham; 4 R. Haslam, Manchester; joint 5 G. Williams, Liphook; Mrs. M. Gregory, Twickenham; D. Usher, West Kent; Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith, Wolverhampton.

32. **Blended, Dry** (Judges, A. Dransfield, Mrs. C. M. Andrew): 1 W. Aggas, Bournemouth; 2 Miss M. Price-Stevens, Ilford; 3 H. Slade, Hounslow; 4 D. Bowles, Derby; 5 Mrs. D. Linnegar, Chertsey; v.h.c. J. Stephenson, Nottingham; h.c. R. Bastick, Upminster and Cranham.

33. **Blended, Sweet** (Judges, E. D. Evans, D. Fairfield): 1 A. Bodger, Peterborough; 2 V. Deane, Southall; 3 Mrs. M. Gregory, Twickenham; 4 G. Smith, Southall.

34. **Mead, Dry** (Judge, E. Roycroft): 1 Mrs. R. Jones, Hemel Hempstead; 2 Mrs. M. Biddlecombe, Coulsdon; 3 H. Timmins, Canterbury.

35. **Mead, Sweet** (Judge, E. Roycroft): 1 J. George, Bexley Heath; 2 H. Cooke, Liphook; 3 Mr. and Mrs. H. Simms, Solihull; v.h.c. S. Miles, West Kent; h.c. C. Chambers, Birmingham.

36. **Sparkling** (Judge, W. Trivett): 1 Mr. and Mrs. F. Russell, Totnes; 2 K. Gunn, South London; 3 W. Shand, South London.

37. **Table, Red, Dry** (Judges, Mrs. J. Nicholls, Mrs. V. Taylor): 1 D. Usher, West Kent; 2 Mrs. R. Hebb, Twickenham; 3 G. Smith, Southall; 4 P. Amesbury, Welwyn Garden City; 5 Mr. and Mrs. T. Richardson, Coventry.

38. **Table, Rose** (Judges, O. D. J. Smart, W. B. Smith): 1 Mrs. M. Stead, Manchester; 2 J. Gibbs, Lune Valley; 3 R. Johnson, Crosby; 4 A. Smalley, Southall.

39. **Table, White, Dry** (Judges, M. Chase, Mrs. R. Golding): 1 W. Davey, Surbiton; 2 Mrs. E. Barns, Croydon; 3 V. Deane, Southall; 4 Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith, Wolverhampton; joint 5 Mrs. H. Watts, West Kent; F. Lane, H.E.S.A.; C. Gething, Sarum; Mrs. E. Murphy, Hull; Mrs. M. Stead, Manchester; v.h.c. J. Fowles, Marconi; h.c. Mr. and Mrs. F. Russell, Totnes.

40. **Table, White, Medium** (Judges, S. G. Finch, A. C. Pickering): 1 Mrs. I. Harris, Brighton; 2 L. Green, West Kent; 3 Mrs. J. Evans, Woolwich; 4 B. Johnson, Hertfordshire; joint 5 Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, York; F. Foster, Faversham; L. Holder, Winchester; Mrs. E. Murphy, Hull; Mrs. M. Gregory, Twickenham; R. Cole, York.

41. **Dessert, Red** (Judges, A. E. Rowland, Mrs. N. Tubb): 1 Dr. J. Harrison, Wembley; 2 R. Crane, Bristol; 3 A. Hatley, Bexley Heath; 4 P. Robinson, Solihull; 5 S. Jenkins, Bexley Heath; v.h.c. J. Smith, Epsom Downs; h.c. W. Sullivan, Tally-Ho.

42. **Dessert, White** (Judges, D. Conyers, H. Beall): 1 Mrs. J. Houston, York; 2 Mrs. J. Weston, West Kent; 3 W. Aggas, Bournemouth; 4 Mrs. G. Biggs, Peterborough; joint 5 D. Bowler, Derby; L. Peachey, Pressed Steel Fisher; G. Dickson, West Kent; K. Madden, Thornbury; h.c. F. Hudson, West Kent, and H. Presley, Peterborough.

43. **Grape Concentrate, Red, Dry** (Judge, Mrs. Dobson): 1 Mrs. J. Tammer, Reading; 2 H. Newby, Coffey; 3 G. Holt, Epsom Downs; 4 Mrs. F. Williams, Faversham.

44. **Grape Concentrate, Red, Sweet** (Judge, A. Mower): 1 G. Holt, Epsom Downs; 2 I. McDougall, Crosby; 3 E. Maynard, West Kent; 4 Mrs. G. Williams, Faversham.

45. **Grape Concentrate, White, Dry** (Judge, J. Wadham): 1 D. Gray, Stockton; 2 D. Bowler, Derby; 3 I. McDougall, Crosby.

46. **Grape Concentrate, White, Medium** (Judge, L. P. Stagg): 1 V. Owen, Reading; 2 F. Rose, Harrow; 3 K. Robinson, S.T.C. (Paignton); 4 A. Fowls, Croydon; v.h.c. A. Coley, Bexley Heath; h.c. D. Bowler, Derby.

47. **5-bottle** (Judges, Dr. P. B. Dransfield, H. Chandler): 1 Mrs. J. Evans, Woolwich; 2 Mr. and Mrs. M. Simms, Solihull; 3 G. Williams, Liphook; 4 C. Kent, Harrow; v.h.c. Mr. and Mrs. N. Mannakee, Hertford; h.c. T. Conway, Bexley Heath.

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48. **Sherry Type, Dry** (Judge, W. S. Trivett): 1 V. Thomas, Mid-Cheshire; 2 Mr. and Mrs. Slatter, Nottingham; 3 Mrs. M. Stead, Manchester; v.h.c. D. Gray, Stockton.

49. **Sherry Type, Sweet** (Judge, G. B. Acton): 1 R. O'Neil, Bishop's Cleeve; 2 G. Beard, Bristol; 3 V. Thomas, Mid-Cheshire; 4 Mr. and Mrs. M. Mannakee, Hertford; v.h.c. Mrs. P. Outen, Pressed Steel Fisher, and E. Miller, Epsom Downs.

50. **Port Type** (Judge, A. Francis): 1 Evans, Southampton; 2 T. Keene, Ross-on-Wye; 3 Dr. J. Harrison, Wembley; 4 D. Gray, Stockton.

BEER AND STOUT

51. **Lager** (Judge, A. Briggs): 1 D. Morgan, B.E.A.; 2 V. Owen, Reading; 3 J. Cotton, King's Norton; 4 R. James, Bishop's Cleeve.

52. **Pale Ale** (Judges, D. Hebb, W. Newsome): 1 F. Chapman, Canterbury; 2 H. Tomlinson, Manchester; 3 F. Forster, Faversham; 4 T. Whitehouse, Torbay; 5 P. Cosnett, Twickenham.

53. **Brown Ale** (Judge, E. Clarke): 1 P. Dranfield, Mid-Cheshire; 2 W. Carruthers, Merseyside; 3 P. Cosnett, Twickenham; 4 T. Whitehouse, Torbay; v.h.c. Mrs. E. Tilt, Kidderminster.

54. **Stout** (Judge, G. W. Newton): 1 P. Cosnett, Twickenham; 2 K. Hill, Merseyside; 3 L. Martin, Norfolk; 4 Dr. J. Harrison, Wembley; 5 D. Morgan, B.E.A.; v.h.c. R. Woodcock, Nottingham; h.c. Mr. and Mrs. R. Young, Belfast.

COOKERY

55. **Savoury** (Judge, Mrs. B. Lucas): 1 Mrs. A. Joyner, Bishop's Cleeve; 2 Mrs. H. Timbrell, Harrow; 3 W. Curtiss, Birmingham.

56. **Sweet or Dessert** (Judge, Mrs. L. Lucas): 1 Mrs. H. Timbrell, Harrow; 2 Mrs. H. Joyner, Bishop's Cleeve; 3 Mrs. G. Jackson, Coulsdon.

DISPLAYS

57. **Winemakers' Display** (Judges, Mrs. J. Adcock, K. Hill, P. Awberry): 1 W. Lax, Harrow; 2 Birmingham; 3 Solihull; 4 H. Forshaw, unattached.

58. **Useful Item** (Judges, Mrs. J. Adcock, K. Hill, P. Awberry): 1 D. Pearman; 2 T. Smith, Epsom Downs; 3 W. Lax, Harrow.

59. **Presentation Bottle** (Judge, Mrs. Adcock): 1 G. Holt, Epsom Downs; 2 Mrs. A. Dobson, Bournemouth; 3 Miss C. Hitchin, Birmingham; 4 Mrs. F. Stagg, Birmingham; v.h.c. W. Harvey, Bournemouth; h.c. Mr. and Mrs. T. Furnace, Epsom Downs.

LABEL

60. **Wine Label** (Judges, Mrs. Adcock, F. Bastin): 1 Hounslow; 2 D. Sayers, unattached; 3 H. Harrison, York; 4 D. Finch, Upminster; v.h.c. Mrs. V. Taylor, York.

A CHANCE TO EXHIBIT

Kent Wine Guild County Show: The show this year which is being opened by the Earl of Shannon is being held at Dartford in the club house of Messrs. J. and E. Hall on Saturday, 23rd May, where Sutton-at-Hone are host club.

There will be about 1,400 bottles entered from the 16 clubs competing, and in order to reduce the bottles per class we have extended the classes to 29, all of which are being judged by National judges; also there is to be a Judging Examination of selected members of the clubs present, being the first time that this has been carried out at a County Show in Kent.