

Coronation Tug of War

Earlier in the year *Aspect* published two photographs of a special Tug of War challenge between Market Bosworth and Carlton, held as part of the local celebrations of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. The site of the contest was the Mill Dam Stream off Barton Road.



A few of the spectators on the photographs were identified at the time but readers were asked if they

could name others. Alf Pallett took up this challenge and identified just about everyone on the photos.

Looking from left to right Alf has identified Brian Calderwood, Eddie Pallett, George Castell [holding mug], George Goddard, John Woods [also with a mug], Tom Drackley, Walter Pallett, possibly Harry Grewcock [drinking from mug], Walter March [although this could be Gene Perry], John Jones in the light jumper [known as Jack – later the Leicestershire Miners Leader], Don Hextall, Arthur Hincks, Joe Farren, Jock Keats, John Coleman, Walter Baines, George Hirons [holding bottle and mug], Charlie Johnson, Owen Stanton, Eddie Wright, Freddie Hirons and Ron Hill.

We are not sure if there is an almost hidden face between Freddie and Ron which someone might be able to identify?



On the second photograph a few more names were added by Alf and these included [roughly left to right] Stuart Heath [extreme left], Albert Brindley [light suit and flat cap], Fred Hextall, Harry March, George Baines, Brian Calderwood, Charlie Smith, Walter Pallett, David Poole, Charlie Butler, Albe Lancaster, Gene Perry next to Percy Poole [extreme right].

Many thanks again to Alf Pallett.



Out of interest there was a third picture in the collection not printed earlier. Alf and other readers might be able to identify some of the people shown.

Who was the person about to fall into the stream and who was the chap in the only pair of shorts visible on the day?

For those of you who may gather with friends and family over the Christmas period, if your reminiscences include questions and memories about Bosworth do please remember to make a note of them and do please make contact with Ask Aspect. You can email directly to askaspect@robertleake.com or hand to a member of the Aspect committee.

We wish all our readers a Happy Christmas and a Memorable New Year!

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