



# NEWS OF THE BOOZE!

- NEWSLETTER OF THE SURREY AND HAMPSHIRE BORDERS BRANCH OF THE CAMPAIGN FOR REAL ALE -

## EDITORIAL

Once again it's apology time, but this time it's not my fault (honest!). The edition of "News of the Booze" due out in early February was on time until the copy was sent to the printers six weeks ago. After repeated pestering the goods have still not arrived, so a different printer has been given the job of rushing this emergency edition out to let members know that the branch still exists.

*-Mike*

## BRANCH CONTACTS

For further information about local CAMRA activities please contact any of the following Committee members:

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## NEW BREWERY OFFICER

Geoff Dye has taken over from Mike Andrew as Brewery Liaison Officer for Ind Coope-Friary Meux. Any queries or problems regarding that company's beers or pubs should be addressed to Geoff at 17, Plovers Way, Alton.

## WATNEY'S PROMISE BROKEN

Watney's statement last year that in future beer engines would be supplied instead of DCL air pressure pumps to new outlets for their cask-conditioned beers has no basis in reality as we know it! The Duke of Cambridge in Farnham had a DCL pump fitted in February to serve Tamplins bitter.

## PRICES FIDDLE

We've grown used to the dubious practice of odd halfpennies on half pints being rounded up, but the Frensham Pond Hotel has gone one stage further: their beers, already overpriced at 60p a pint cost 31p a half!

## FARNHAM BEER EXHIBITION 1981

The 5th Farnham Beer Exhibition, organised jointly by Farnham Lions Club, Farnham Maltings Association and CAMRA will take place at the Farnham Maltings from Thursday 7th May until Saturday 9th. The opening hours will be from 6pm - 11pm each day, plus 11am - 3pm on the Saturday. Tickets will cost £1.50 for each of the four sessions and will include a souvenir glass. The tickets will be available on a first come, first served basis from the Maltings Box Office or from News of the Booze. If you choose to buy from us, please send the correct money plus a S.A.E. to the address on the left. The tickets will then be sent as soon as they are available.

## GET WELL SOON!

Chairman Alan Mason is recovering from an operation. We all wish him well and hope that he is soon back on his beer.

## THANKS...

...to Mike Roberts and the Live Wire Theatre Company for the excellent Christmas Party at the Royal Staff, and Mr & Mrs Young for providing the venue and the food.

...to Dave Jones for organising a splendid day out in Oxford.

...to Dave Mould for further 'Clublist' information, which we will one day have room to publish (I hope).

## COURAGE CAMPAIGN

With the closure of Courage's London brewery imminent, anyone who has not yet sent their petitions and letters of protest should send them straight away to CAMRA Regional Organiser, Colin Riddett at 20, Chart Street, London N1.



# ***CAMRA Branch Meetings***

## **MARCH**

WEDNESDAY, 4th at 8.30pm. - Tour of Guildford pubs starts from the Britannia, Millmead.

THURSDAY, 5th. at 8pm. - Social evening at the QUEEN'S HEAD, FARNHAM. (Gales pub in The Borough, for those who don't already know!)

FRIDAY, 6th. at 8pm. - Pub crawl around the village of North Warnborough (near Odiham) starting from the Anchor (Courage) and ending at the Jolly Miller (Eldridge Pope).

JOINT MEETING WITH NORTH HAMPSHIRE BRANCH.

TUESDAY, 17th. at 8.30pm. - Social at the Crown & Anchor, Old Woking.

THURSDAY, 19th. at 8.30pm. - Social and business meeting at the Royal Staff, Aldershot. (Friary Meux house at the top of Waterloo Road)

FRIDAY, 20th. at 8.30pm. - BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING AT DAVID BRITAIN'S HOME.

## **APRIL**

WEDNESDAY, 1st. at 8.30pm. - Darts night at the ALBERT, Stoke Road, GUILDFORD.

THURSDAY, 2nd. at 8.30pm. - Social at the ANCHOR, COVE, near Farnborough. (A Bass Charrington house in Cove Road.)

SATURDAY, 4th. - Not strictly a CAMRA event, but the day of the Sandrock's annual outing to the Midlands. Andy has kindly invited anyone whose first love is ale on a "first come, first served" basis. The coach will leave Farnham around 8am at a cost of £10-12 including food. Further details from the Sandrock.

FRIDAY, 10th. at 8pm. - PUB CRAWL OF FARNHAM, starting from the Blue Boy (next to the station). We will depart from there about 8.30, so please arrive early.

MONDAY, 13th. at 8.30pm. - Social at the HEN & CHICKEN, FROYLE. An old inn on the A 31 serving Brakspear's Mild & Special, Ringwood Fortyniner and Badger Best.

