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NEWS OF THE BOOZE!

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

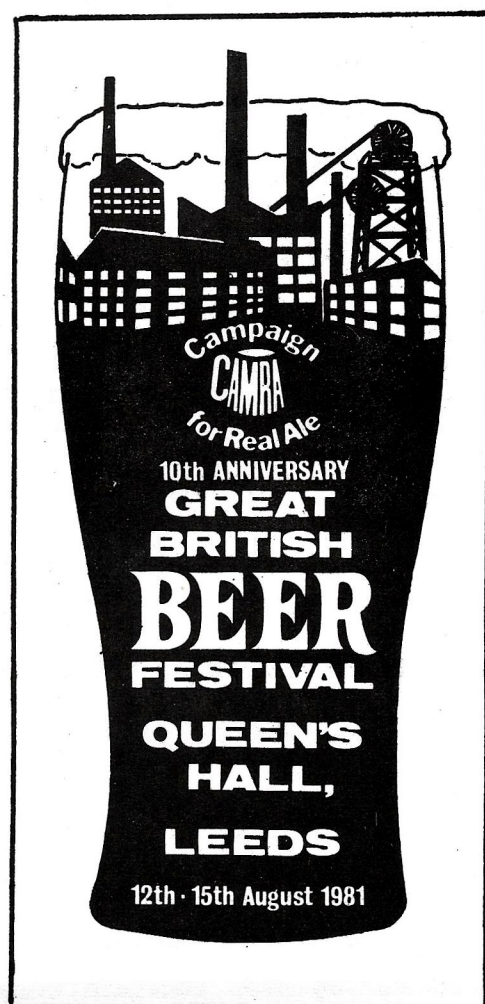
MORE CHOICE FOR WOKING

...AS CAMRA FIGHTS FOR STILL MORE!

A WINE bar in Woking is about to expand and become the town's newest free house. Good real ale is difficult to find in Woking, and the proliferation of Ind Coope-Friary Meux tied houses, whilst providing the town with more real ale outlets than it has had for many years, ensures that variety is limited. This situation is set to change soon, when Tristin's Wine Bar, situated near the station, is to open a new cellar bar selling Draught Bass, Fullers London Pride and ESB. The proprietor is to stage a special opening night with CAMRA participation, details of which will be published in the local press and What's Brewing, nearer to the time. We wish him well in his venture, which will provide a welcome alternative to the products of the national brewers.

THE planning and licensing applications are currently the subject of discussions both within the local councils and with the local Licenced Victuallers Association. CAMRA's team, headed by Alan Mason and Dave Brittain, are making their voices heard, and gaining local press publicity. Should the need arise, CAMRA will use legal representation to put our case forward during the hearing of the licensing applications. Hopefully, the outcome will be known in time for the next edition of News of the Booze.

MEANWHILE, further choice could be just round the corner for Woking drinkers. The Bridge Barn, a listed 17th Century building next to the Basingstoke Canal, is being made available by Surrey County Council on a 125 year lease for conversion to a pub and/or restaurant. Four applications have been received, from Courage, Wethered and two private concerns. Despite CAMRA concern regarding some practices of big brewers, investigations by members of the branch committee show that the best bet for the Bridge Barn becoming a real ale outlet, rather than just a restaurant, is for Courage or Wethered to be the successful applicant. It was felt that Courage's application for a licence should be opposed, on the grounds that there is a demand for the products of brewers other than Courage in the area, and that Wethered's application should be supported, as they have no other houses in the district, and are enthusiastic supporters of traditional beers, unlike Courage and their negative attitudes.



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EDITORIAL

AS always, we are having problems with distribution of News of the Booze. Relying on our "volunteer postmen" means that at this time of the year holidays result in the newsletter often being out of date when it arrives. If every member is to get a copy the postage bill would be huge - and judging by the feedback from readers, only the active branch members read 'NotB' anyway. If the present system is to continue we must have further volunteers (particularly in the Farnborough, Farnham, Guildford and Haslemere areas) to help deliver. A possible alternative is for us to supply at least one pub in each area with copies for collection, or for any interested members to send a stamped envelope for each copy. Your views would be appreciated, in order that they can be taken account of at the next Committee meeting.

- Mike.

COPY DATE FOR NEXT ISSUE:
July 31st.

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GUILDFORD & GODALMING R.F.C.

Guildford & Godalming Rugby Club recently held a Beer Festival at their ground. The organisers kindly asked CAMRA if we would like to provide a sales stall, which, at short notice, we did. A small profit was made for branch funds, but more importantly, we made a dozen new members (not including the six or seven who took away forms, promising to join when they got paid). The recession means that more and more people are deciding that they cannot afford to renew their CAMRA subscription, but it is now perhaps more important than ever that we have a strong Campaign, so many thanks are due to the Rugby Club for allowing us this recruitment opportunity.

NEW FREE HOUSE

The Jolly Farmer at Worplesdon is now a free house, selling Youngs and Wethered beers.

FARNHAM BEER EXHIBITION

This year's Beerex at the Maltings went off smoothly, despite a few snags during the last minute preparations.

The 68 different beers and 8 ciders went down very well (hands up anyone who tried them all... I would be surprised if you can even raise a smile, let alone a hand!) The exception was Selby Dreadnought draught stout, which you either loved or hated (9 out of 10 drinkers hated it!). Timothy Taylor's Landlord bitter and Porter were again the firm favourites, with Winkle's Saxon Cross Mild being the most popular mild ale.

The final arithmetic has not yet been completed, but it is anticipated that local charities will benefit by approximately £6,000!

HOOK NORTON BREWERY & HENLEY

REAL ALE RAMBLE NO 21, SUNDAY 19 JULY
TRAIN DEPARTS READING 1012, FARE £6.90
TICKETS FROM CROOKHAM TRAVEL, 11 ATTLEE
GARDENS, CHURCH CROOKHAM, ALDERSHOT.

FREE HOUSES TAKE NOTE!

The Queen's Head, Farnham have recently introduced Gales Light Mild for the duration of the summer. The beer sells in the public bar for just 45p a pint!

An excellent pint of Courage Best can still be obtained for just 50p at the Forest Inn, Holt Pound, near Wrecclesham. Landlord George Eaglen however, is considering retiring soon, so sample your cheap beer in this fine 'local' now, before Courage get their hands on the pub.

REAL ALE CLUBLIST

Additions to last edition's 'Clublist':

Knaphill Social Club (members only) serve Courage Best.

Woking Hockey Club (at the Lawn tennis & croquet club-room) sell Fullers London Pride during the winter.

HEREFORD & WORCESTER BEER AND PUBS - Some holiday recommendations from Alan Davies.

At Easter, with a group of friends we went for a long weekend break in the Hereford & Worcs area. We found this to be a good area for real ale, and I am taking this opportunity to give a few details of some of the pubs we visited.

On the Friday whilst staying with friends at Abingdon we visited the White Hart at Fyfield, which is a free house, a very old building with a wide range of beers and very good food. The beer was very good, but it is interesting to note that Bishop's Tipple was 98p a pint (needless to say, we drank Morrell's Varsity, 6X or Morland's BB). On Saturday we travelled westwards and met the rest of our party at the Plough, Longdon, near Tewkesbury - an excellent free house at present being altered, but with no plastic in sight! I was able to count 15 different real ales including Old Tom, Owd Roger and Old Peculier. A lot of beers were from the small breweries in the area, and we were able to try Malvern Chase Longdon Ale at 44p a pint - a very enterprising Landlord. On Saturday night we tried the Nag's Head at Canon Pyon near Leominster. A nice pub with excellent bar food and a good games room. The beers were Jones' 1st Brew from Penrhos and Hook Norton Best Bitter, both drawn from the wood, and although both were cloudy, they tasted very good.

On Sunday we visited the Rhydespence Inn at Whitney-on-Wye on the Welsh border. A beautiful old inn with Penrhos Bitter, Robinson's Best Bitter & Best Mild and also Fleming's Cider. An ideal preparation for a walk along part of the Offa's Dyke Way near Hergest Ridge. Sunday evening was spent at the Angel Inn at Kingsland, near Leominster, a free house with Marston's bitter and Pedigree - another old building with excellent evening bar food. A brief visit was also made to the Mortimers Cross Inn which has Whitbread Bitter and also a special seat which gives unsuspecting visitors an electric shock. (are you sure this wasn't the after-effects of Tipple at 98p a pint? -ed) On Monday lunchtime our final pub was the award winning Cottage of Content at Cary, with Flower's and Hook Norton bitters. A very popular pub.

During our stay in the area we took the opportunity of visiting the newly opened Cider Museum at Hereford, which is very well laid out and gives a good insight into the cider making art. Many old pictures and implements are on show and although the displays are not fully finished I can recommend the museum as an interesting place to visit.

CAMRA Branch Meetings

Meetings begin at 8.30pm unless otherwise stated.

JULY

- Weds. 1st. - THE SANFORD ARMS, EPSOM ROAD, GUILDFORD. (social)
- Tues. 7th. - THE CHEQUERS, CROOKHAM VILLAGE. An unspoilt pub serving Courage and Badger Best Bitters straight from the cask for only 50p a pint. The Chequers is 1 mile north of the A287 (Farnham - Odiham) road.
- Sat. 11th. - "The Cedars Revisited" Cycle crawl, starting from Alton station at 11am. A ride through the countryside and a few pints on the way... what better way to spend a Saturday lunchtime?
- Fri. 17th. - COMMITTEE MEETING at 13, St Georges Road, Farnham.
- Tues. 21st. - THE ANCHOR, NORMANDY. Darts challenge versus N. Surrey Branch at this Gales' pub midway between Aldershot and Guildford.
- Sat. 25th. - Surrey & Hants Borders battles against other CAMRA branches in the annual "Dwyle Flonking" match at the Royal Oak, Midhurst. Flonk your Dwyle from 11am. There are usually plenty of beers and an extension. Don't wear your best clothes!
- Mon. 27th. - GOOD BEER GUIDE 1982 - meeting at 9, Falstone, St Johns, Woking, to consider additions and deletions. If you have any recommendations or suggestions, please come along and make your views known, or at least drop a line to that address before the meeting.
- Weds. 29th. - ROBIN HOOD, KNAPHILL. Royal Wedding day festivities from 10.30am to 4pm and from 5.30pm until midnight, including a barbecue, tug o' war, bonfire, yard of ale contest, etc.

AUGUST

- Weds. 5th. - LEATHERN BOTTLE, GRAFHAM. A King & Barnes pub on the A281 (Guildford to Horsham road) a couple of miles west of Cranleigh.
- Tues. 11th. - THE BARLEY MOW, THE SANDS. A country pub, 1 mile south of the A31 (Farnham - Guildford road), near Runfold.
- Sun. 16th. - RED LION, OAKHANGER (12-2pm) A lunchtime family social at this country local, situated between Kingsley and Selborne.
- Tues. 18th. - THE CARAFINO, WEST BYFLEET. A free house serving Wethered's and Bass.
- Sat. 22nd. - Not a CAMRA event, but well worth attending, is the fete at the Southern Railwaymen's Home for Children. As usual, there will be a good real ale tent with a choice of brews, the profits from which go to the Childrens Home. The Home is in Oriental Road, Woking.
- Sun. 23rd. - ABINGER HATCH, ABINGER COMMON (12-2pm). Lunchtime family social. The Abinger Hatch is a free house with several real ales.
- Thur. 27th. - BAT & BALL, FARNHAM. In case anyone doesn't yet know the Bat & Ball, it serves 7 ales, should not be missed, and can only be found with the aid of a "Farnham Ale" guide (obtainable from 13 St Georges Road, Farnham for 2 11p stamps)!
- Friday 28th - Monday 31st (Bank Holiday weekend), we are hoping to organise a CAMRA camping weekend outside a Hampshire real ale pub, with a joint meeting with other branches on the Saturday. See the August edition of What's Brewing, or ring Mike or Lesley (Farnham 723116) for details.