

NEWS OF THE BOOZE

G.B.G PUB TO CLOSE

A last-ditch campaign is being mounted by the Branch to save a Good Beer Guide listed pub from closure. The pub is the historic (16th century) White Lion in Petworth Road, Haslemere. The White Lion is a grade 2 listed building ("Of rare architectural and historical interest"), noted for its fine timber framing and very old roof tiling. Unfortunately it is the roof which could be the cause of the pub's closure, for it needs repairs costing £20 - 30,000. The owners, Ind Coope - Friary Meux have allowed the pub to become very run-down in recent years, with the result that beer sales are now only about 2 barrels a week. They say that it would be "uneconomic" to keep the pub and repair it, but do not attempt to explain why they intend to de-licence it and sell it as a private house or commercial premises - the answer is clearly that Friary Meux are scared of competition. If repairs are "uneconomic" to Allied Breweries, they would certainly be uneconomic to a private buyer. If you wish to help save this pub, thought by many to be the best pub in Haslemere, send your objections to Mr J. Cartwright, Managing Director, Ind Coope - Friary Meux Ltd, 28 Commercial Road, Guildford.

STOP PRESS

Friary Meux have announced that the White Lion is to close forever within the next few weeks. The Licensing Justices raised no objection to the licence being revoked as from April 3rd, but the pub is to close before that date.

NEW TRUMAN'S ALES FOR BRANCH

Ben Truman can now stop turning in his grave, for Truman's have now introduced a respectable range of real ales, including, believe it or not, a mild! Even more surprising is that the first known outlet in the Surrey/Hants Borders Branch area is a club, the Railway Staff Association Club in Goldsworth Road, Woking. The club currently sells the fairly strong Best Bitter, and is about to replace its keg mild with the new cask mild - if these are a success the new bitter is likely to be added. The club have very kindly invited CAMRA members to sample the beers on Wednesday the 10th of March. A full CAMRA social has also been arranged at the club for the evening of Wednesday, May 5th, so if you can't get there this month don't be too dismayed! Good luck to the club and its steward (who I am told keeps the beer in fine condition) - the introduction of these new beers deserves to meet with success.

Many thanks to Ray Henbest for organising these meetings.

LONGER HOURS

The West Surrey L.V.A. have applied for a summer weekday extension to 11pm. A letter of support has been sent to the licensing justices by the branch. The hearing of the application takes place at Farnham Court House, Union Rd, on 24th March at 10am. A similar application in the East Hants district, covering the western end of our branch has recently been granted.

Castle, Ottershaw

Thanks to new landlord Graham Sage, the Castle, Ottershaw, on our border with North Surrey Branch now serves handpumped Burton Ale. This was previously a "fizz only" pub. Alan Davies is to organise a joint meeting with N. Surrey at the Castle. Thanks to Russell Gander for the information.

Withies, Compton

Roland Edwards reports that the Withies, Compton, now sell Huntsman Dorset IPA and Royal Oak, and Badger Best or Tanglefoot.

FARNHAM CHANGES

The Farnham Ale leaflet now contains an up to date supplement. The leaflet tells you where to find around 35 different beers in over 60 pubs within a few miles of Farnham, and can be obtained by post from the address below on receipt of two 15p stamps. During the 8 months between publication and amendment we have lost from the Farnham area old favourites such as Sam Smith's and Devenish beers, and the delicious Marston's Merrie Monk, but we have gained a number of outlets for the new Hall & Woodhouse Tanglefoot; Ballards ales have spread like wildfire (and seem to have improved tremendously); and the Sandrock has introduced us to the dark delights of Batham's old ale (or is this a trick? - there's no such thing according to the Good Beer Guide!). The Sandrock, incidentally, now sells Batham's mild all the year round, served by handpump.

CONSUMER ACTION!

Another Watney's pub has had its DCL handpump removed... in a local pub which shall remain nameless an irate customer wrenched the air pressure pump from the bar counter during a disagreement with the landlord!

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CAMRA Branch Meetings

FEBRUARY

Thurs. 25th -

The Lord Campbell,
Alexandra Road, Alder
-shot. A Good Beer Guide
entry, near Prince's Hall.

Friday 26th. - The Lamb, Black
-water: a social organised by the
North Surrey branch at this highly
recommended Morlands pub.

MARCH

Wednesday 3rd. - The King's Head, Stoke
Road, Guildford. A Friary Meux house.

Friday 5th. - Committee meeting: will any
committee member unable to attend please
persuade a deputy to come! Venue: 13 St.
George's Road, Farnham.

Tuesday 9th. - The Queen's Head, The
Borough, Farnham. A regular Good Beer
Guide entry, selling Gale's bitter, H.S.B.
and 5X winter brew. Social plus a little
sub-branch business.

Wednesday 10th. - Railway Staff Association
Club, Goldsworth Road, Woking: a meeting
has been arranged for this venue in May,
but in the meantime tonight's informal
gathering has been organised to welcome

Unless stated otherwise, meet
-ings are socials and begin at
8.30pm. Non-members are welcome.

the new Truman's cask mild, which will be
served alongside the recently introduced
cask best bitter as a replacement for
keg mild.

Tuesday 16th. - The Garibaldi, Knaphill,
Woking. A friendly Friary Meux house.

Thursday 25th. - The Cyder House Inn,
Shackleford. Situated just off the A3
south of Guildford (between Farncombe
and Elstead), this is yet another pub to
regularly find itself in the Good Beer
Guide. It is a free house, currently sell
-ing Courage Best, Fuller's London Pride,
Ringwood Best and Old Thumper,

Wednesday 31st. - The Jolly Farmer,
Blacknest. Turn off the A31 at Bentley
or the A325 at Bucks Horn Oak to
find this latest addition to the Good
Beer Guide. Another free house: beers
include Huntsman Royal Oak, Badger Best
and a special "guest beer".

APRIL

Wednesday 7th. - The White Horse,
High Street, Guildford.

Tuesday 13th. - The Royal Staff, Staff
Road (off Waterloo Road), Aldershot.

Friday 16th - Sunday 18th:
Sandown Park Beer Festival,
Esher. Details from Andy
Bagley, (01)548-2941 or
see "What's Brewing".

Surrey/Hampshire Borders Branch

FARNHAM BEER EXHIBITION

To: M. Andrew, 13 St Georges Road, Farnham, Surrey GU9 8NA.

Please send the following tickets for Farnham Beer Exhibition 1982:

- _____ tickets for Thursday, May 13th, 6pm - 11pm @ £1.50 each.....£_____
- _____ tickets for Friday, May 14th, 6pm - 11pm @ £1.50 each.....£_____
- _____ tickets for Saturday, May 15th, 11am - 3pm @ £1.50 each.....£_____
- _____ tickets for Saturday, May 15th, 6pm - 11pm @ £1.50 each.....£_____
- _____ TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS. I ENCLOSE CHEQUE/P.O. VALUE.....£_____

Tickets will be despatched as soon as they are available.

Name.....Address.....
..... telephone.....

REMEMBER TO ENCLOSE A 9"x 4" STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE (STAMPED AT THE NEW
POSTAGE RATE). MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO CAMRA (SURREY/HANTS). TICKETS CANNOT BE
SENT WITHOUT S.A.E.

