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NEWS OF THE BOOZE!

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

Dear All!

Firstly, apologies for the lack of April and June editions; Secondly, the excuse! Having taken over as "temporary" editor with the September 1980 edition, it seems time I had a holiday from Producing "News of the Booze". Seriously, a complete lack of free time forces me to lumber someone else with the job for a while, so this edition comes to you courtesy of Roland Edwards. If you have any news or views, please send them to Roland at:

9, RIVERDALE, WRECCLESHAM, FARNHAM, SURREY.

Cheers, Mike Andrew

50p PAID FOR A 1970 CALENDER!

A small, but affluent, bunch of Camra members and a number of breweriana collectors attended the first Grand National Auction of Breweriana at the Clarendon Hotel Hammersmith on June 5th. Lots ranged from two sets of Dalex handpumps to a 1970 Tetley's calender. Fears that excessive prices would be reached were quickly dispelled as a mint Hammond's ⁰²Gaards Ale waiters tray, circa 1950, was knocked down to your reporter for a mere £3: 50. Nevertheless some items were definately oversold. A full bottle of Labologists 21st AnniversAry Ale went for £9:50, whilst a Watneys illuminated Red Barrel sign was sold for a staggering £24! There were plenty of bargains, however, with the handpumps going for £50 and £38 and a Courage 1953 Alton Anniversary Ale going for only £21. At the end of the day approximately £1500 was paid for over 300 lots; including 50p for the Tetley's calender- and very nice it is too.

Campaign for Real Ale

Surrey/Hampshire Borders Branch

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NEWS FROM HASLEMERE AND POINTS EAST

Haslemere, Liphook and environs has largely been the forgotten part of our branch. An area of generally uninspiring courage and Ind Coope pubs with the odd Gales outpost and hidden gems such as the Holly Bush at Headley. However, there are now some signs that things are improving. The Passfield Oak at Passfield, about halfway between Lindford and Liphook, has now added Youngers No. 3 and MacEwans 70/- to their range of beers. There are also plans to start brewing on the premises in the not too far distant future.

There is another(?) new Ind Coope bitter, as opposed to Friary bitter, outlet in Haslemere, the Haslemere Hotel opposite the Station. David Hill reckons that this is a good pub and informs me that they even have a "happy hour". Finally Youngs Special and Ordinary are on tap at the Wheatsheaf Inn Grayswood. The owners are very friendly so if you are in the area why not drop in.

HOLIDAY HAUNTS

The following are recommended for overnight, or longer stay.
York Arms (Sam Smiths), Hill Petergate, York
Cross Keys (Paines), Market Place, St. Neots
QUEENS HEAD (FREE), MILBORNE PORT nr SHERBORNE,

SURREY/HANTS BORDERS

CAMRA Branch Meetings

NON-MEMBERS WELCOME
ESPECIALLY MARATHON RUNNERS
Meetings begin at 8.30pm unless otherwise stated.

BRANCH DIARY FOR JULY

This month we visit some really cracking pubs so why not join us?
WEDNESDAY 7th BLACK HORSE GOMSHALL. Disreali is supposed to have held cabinet meetings here so it seemed right for us to meet here as well.

TUESDAY 13th ALBION WATERLOO ROAD ALDERSHOT. Gales latest aquisition and a welcome return to Aldershot for HSB. This pub is well worth a visit so why not make it tonight.

TUESDAY 20th LAMB BLACKWATER (SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION). Newly rebuilt Morlands pub. This is a ~~joint social with North Surrey.~~
POSTPONED

THURSDAY 22nd BARLEY MOW, THE SANDS. Our annual pilgrimage to the finest Courage country pub in Surrey. A real gem.

TUESDAY 27th BAKERS ARMS, HIGH STREET, ALTON. I drank my first pint of real ale here so this will be a sentimental journey.

SATURDAY 31st. A coach trip to South Oxfordshire to sample all that lovely Brakspears. Booking form below.

To: M. Andrew, 13 St George's Road, Farnham, Surrey GU9 8NA.

Please reserve ___ seats on the coach @ £3.00 each. I enclose cheque for £___ (total).

Coach departs Farnham at 6.30pm and will pick up at main towns & villages in the Branch area as required. Receipt of postal applications will be acknowledged within 14 days.

Name.....Address.....

.....town/village of boarding, if different.....

Exact boarding point and time will be notified nearer to date of excursion.

THE YORK BEEREX

When cast adrift in Leeds the only thing to do is go to York. ~~This I did~~ ^{I did this} recently and found my visit coincided with the York Beerex. By using some charm and a small bribe I was able to see how ^a Northern Beerex is run. The setting was the Georgian Assembly Rooms close to the Minster. Instead of arranging the beer barrels around the perimeter of the room a central island in the ~~centre~~ ^{middle} of the room was set up. There was no commemorative glasses "people don't go in for that sort of thing up here", and you paid over the bar for your beer. The strange thing about this festival was that about half the floor space was given over to chairs and tables so that a lot of talking, and not much drinking went on. Very different from Farnham!

The range of beers was restricted but as they were mainly from breweries that I was unfamiliar with this did not matter. Camerons brewed a special festival beer for the York branch (I suspect it was one of their strong bottled beers in cask form) but also shipped in some Tolly Cobbold, which was in fine form. Other beers were Frank^lins (superb), Kingsley- very strange, a cross between HSB and vinegar[!], but very addictive, Marstons, Tim Taylors, Thwaites, Trough and West Riding. All in all it was a very good festival with an excellant silver band playing the hits your mother should know. My only complaint was that the Matty Browns tasted like OMD. Oh well it was fun and not a bit like Farnham.

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