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NEWS OF THE BOOZE!

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

GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL - TRAVEL BY COACH

Thanks to the Alder Valley 'bus company, drinkers in many parts of our branch area will be able to travel cheaply and in comfort to Britain's best Beer Festival, on Saturday September 11th. Please try to support this venture - our own branch-organised coach trips have been so badly supported that they are now a thing of the past. Don't just wish Alder Valley luck - buy a ticket and ensure that this excursion becomes an annual one. Full details of the excursion are below, but if you have set your heart on visiting the festival for more than one session (it opens on Wednesday Sept. 8th and closes on Sunday, Sept. 12th) concessionary rates are available at the nearby Queen's Hotel - see the advertisement on page 2 for further details. The festival takes place at the Queen's Hall, just yards away from Leeds City Station, and features the biggest choice of real ales in the U.K, cider, good food, brass bands, Morris dancing, jazz, pub games, etc. The Great British Beer Festival, apart from being a thoroughly enjoyable event, raises vital cash for the Campaign. It may be a long way off, but it is well worth the journey!

Great British Beer Festival Leeds 11 SEPTEMBER

Pick ups:-	Hindhead	08.00	Bell Inn	08.54
	Haslemere	08.10	Westfield Cricket Club	09.02
	Witley Star	08.18	Kingfield Green	09.05
	Milford Cross Roads	08.22	Woking Railway Station	09.15
	Godalming Mecca	08.28	St. John's	09.25
	Queens St.	08.30	Knaphill	09.30
	Railway Hotel, Farncombe	08.33	Westend Wheatsheaf	09.40
	Guildford	08.45		

Arrive in Leeds with free afternoon and evening. From 17.00 to 23.00 at Beer Festival.

Live entertainment and Traditional Pub Food available - Beer at normal pub prices.

Fares - including admission - £7.50

Due to Police requirements no person under 18 years of age will be admitted. Coach will leave for return journey at 23.45 prompt.

For information and to book please contact:-

Friary Bus Station Travel Office. Tel. Guildford 75226/7

Woking Travel Office. Tel. Woking 63619

Hindhead Bus Depot Travel Office. Tel. Hindhead 5757

ALDER VALLEY >>



Queens Hall, Leeds
September 8 - 12

**Special accommodation rates at the
QUEEN'S HOTEL, LEEDS,
only three minutes from the Festival.
Only £13.75 per night for 4-star luxury, room
and breakfast.**



**For reservations, please contact the
Receptionist, QUEEN'S HOTEL,
CITY SQUARE, LEEDS LS1 1PL.
(Telephone 0532-31323)**

British beer needs you



Membership form

I/We wish to become a member/members of the Campaign for Real Ale Limited. I/We agree to abide by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Campaign.

- I enclose £7 (£10 Overseas) for full membership for a year ☐
 We enclose £7 for husband and wife membership ☐
 or I/We enclose completed standing order authority ☐
 (Any additional amount will be welcomed as a donation)

FULL NAME(S) (Block capitals)

FULL POSTAL ADDRESS (Block capitals)

SIGNATURE DATE

Cheques should be made payable to Campaign for Real Ale Limited.

STANDING ORDER FORM

To (your Bank)
 Please forward to Barclays Bank Ltd., 3 High Street, St Albans (20-74-09) for the credit of
 CAMRA Limited subscription account; A/c No. 50187887; now the sum of £7 and continue
 to pay this sum on the
 annually until further notice.

SIGNATURE DATE

NAME (Block capitals)

BANK A/C NO. AND ADDRESS

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● All applications should be sent to Membership, CAMRA, 34 Alma Road, St Albans,
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EDITORIAL

Editor of the July edit-
 -ion, Roland Edwards,
 has set a new branch
 record, having lasted
 one month as editor!
 Roland's long-suffering
 wife Lynette has enough
 to put up with, having
 a husband who, to the
 neglect of his house-
 hold duties, spends
 much of his time jogging
 to and from local ale
 houses, so Roland has
 now done the decent
 thing, and put down his
 pen in order to pick up
 a paintbrush! Anyway you
 lucky readers are lumber-
 -ed with me again, but I
 too have paintbrushes,
 sitting cobweb-covered,
 awaiting the call to
 action, so don't expect
 News o'th' Booze to be
 too regular!

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Owd Rodger... 50p a pint!

Some of the branch socials of recent months have had fewer members than if they had been business meetings- a very worrying trend, as the committee cannot function successfully without the input of news and opinions from other members. A recent meeting in Alton attracted just four members: myself and my wife, Lesley, Mike Roberts and John Lucas - all of us making round trips of between 15 and 25 miles for the evening. The South Oxfordshire coach trip had to be cancelled, as we received applications for only SIX tickets. With the news that the Wilts & Somerset Borders Branch has recently folded, I find this a very bad omen, and hope that members will make every effort to attend at least their local meetings.

- Mike Andrew.

REAL ALE OFF-LICENCE OPENS

Decanters, an off-licence in Downing Street, Farnham, have begun selling draught beer to take home, "bottle and jug" style. Bourne Valley Andover Ale and Weavers Bitter are available at only 50p a pint. So if you fancy an evening with your feet up, give this enterprising shop your custom!

Many thanks to Steve Parker of Johnson Wax at Frimley Green, who invited a few local CAMRA members to the firms' social club's first "Beerex". The event took place in the bar at Johnson Wax H.Q. and thanks to low overheads, etc, beer was available at only 50p a pint... including Owd Roger! A choice of 24 beers were available, including some rarities for this area, such as Bateman's XB, Chudley Local Bitter, Matthew Brown's Lion Mild (an excellent pint, well worth 50p a pint even when competing with Owd Roger at the same price!), Tower Brewery's Bermondsey Bitter (this and the Chudley could give London beers a bad name, I'm afraid) and the dark delights of Everards Burton Mild. Admission tickets entitled the holder to an informative 12 page programme, souvenir glass, ploughman's supper and a free half-pint! All in all a well organised and good value for money event, which I feel could have been given a bit more support by the staff at Johnson Wax. Thanks again to Steve, and also to Johnson Wax themselves.

- MA

The Wheatsheaf, West Street, Farnham now serves Ushers Best Bitter alongside the Tamplins and Stag - all of them on genuine handpumps.

DEVON DELIGHTS

Some more holiday recommendations:

The Tower Inn, Slapton: free house with several local beers, good food and accommodation.

Elephant's Nest, Horndon (just off Tavistock - Okehampton road). An excellent, friendly pub with good food plus beers from Palmers and St Austell, among others.

London Inn, Ashburton. Home-brew pub offering accommodation and meals as well as their mild, bitter (a fine beer, at just 57p a pint) and IPA. Beers from Cotleigh and Wadworth also available.

Dartmouth Inn, Totnes. An uninviting pub at first glance, but homely within minutes. Only a Courage pub, but this is made up for by a friendly, CAMRA minded landlord.

Tavistock Inn, Poundsgate (on Ashburton-Princetown road): another Courage pub, but this time featuring the rare and delicious Courage Heavy (54p), and opposite an inexpensive campsite.

And in Dorset...

The Angel, Lyme Regis.

Palmers ales straight from the cask; excellent B&B.

Square & Compasses, Worth Matravers (near Swanage):

A fine pub, of a character only found in the Purbeck hills- now threatened by Whitbread with "improvement and renovation". Visit it soon and sign the petition.

The Globe, Herston, Swanage: Not to be missed!

GET YOUR NEWSLETTER POSTED

NEWS OF THE BOOZE is normally published as a monthly news sheet, with larger editions published occasionally. News of the Booze is available at CAMRA meetings in the Surrey/Hants Borders area, or by post on receipt of this form.

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

PLEASE SEND ME THE NEXT _____ EDITIONS OF NEWS OF THE BOOZE. I ENCLOSE A S.A.E. FOR EACH COPY.

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

RAIL ALE TENT

Once again, local CAMRA member and "Rail Ale Ramble" organiser Gerald Daniels is organising the refreshment tent at the Southern Railway Children's Home Fete. This is good news, for Gerald always supplies a fine range of beers, the profit from which goes to an extremely good cause. There will be all sorts of other attractions, for only 25p admission. A free bus service operates from Woking station to the fete, in Oriental Road. Open from 12 noon until 7pm.

ALTON BEEREX POSTPONED

Due to problems with the booking arrangements for the hall, this year's Alton Beer Festival has been postponed. As soon as a new date is set, it will be published in this newsletter.

DO THE BRITISH CARE?

American folk singer Debbie McClatchey, introduced to the delights of British beer during her current U.K. tour, has joined CAMRA, she proudly told Cambridge Folk Festival audiences. Perhaps we should invite more Americans to Britain in order to stop our current membership decline.



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Publications:

NEWSLETTER: see page 2
REAL ALE IN SURREY: inform
-ation to Steve Harrison,
23 Austen Rd, Guildford.

CAMRA Branch Meetings

AUGUST 1982

8.30pm. TUESDAY AUG 17th - THE JOLLY FARMER, Whitmoor Common, Worplesdon. (Free house)

11am. SATURDAY AUG 21st - Meet at the Bakers Arms, Alton for lunchtime cycle ride to the Three Horseshoes, East Worldham (Gales).

SEPTEMBER

8.30pm. WEDNESDAY SEPT 1st - THE CANNON, Guildford (Friary Meux) - social.

8.00am. SATURDAY SEPT 11th - Coach trip to GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL - see page 1.

8.00pm. FRIDAY SEPT 17th - Annual "yo-yo" meeting: 8-9.30 at the Sandrock, 9.30-11pm at the Bat & Ball. These excellent free houses are near Shortheath crossroads, off the A325 at Wrecclesham (nr Farnham).

8.30pm. WEDNESDAY SEPT 22nd - The PASSFIELD OAK, Passfield, near Liphook. An excellent free house with an unusual selection of beers.

8.30pm. THURSDAY SEPT 23rd - RAILWAY STAFF CLUB, Goldsworth Road, Woking (opposite the market place). Thanks to the club's committee for inviting us once again to sample the recently introduced mild and bitter from Trumans.

8.30pm. THURSDAY SEPT 30th - THE CASTLE, Ottershaw - joint meeting with North Surrey Branch.

OCTOBER

8.30pm. WEDNESDAY OCT 6th - THE TWO BREWERS, Castle Street, Guildford.