

NEWS OF THE BOOZE

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Newsletter of the
Surrey & Hampshire Borders Branch
of the
Campaign for Real Ale



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ROYAL DEER SAFE ?

Those members who signed the "Save the Royal Deer" petition at Farnham Beerex will be interested to hear the latest news of the pub. For those who do not know the Deer, it is a Charrington pub in Farnham town centre, which, whilst unexceptional, serves a good pint of beer. The pub has featured in the Good Beer Guide, but its uncertain future has ruled out the possibility of its appearance in the forthcoming edition. The uncertainty derives from a report in the Surrey & Hants News during May, which stated that the pub was likely to be sold as offices, possibly for Sainsburys, who have recently acquired and demolished many shops and offices almost adjacent to the Royal Deer, in order to build a new supermarket. The Branch wrote to Christopher Wade, landlord of the pub, requesting a meeting to discuss the report, but we did not receive a reply. We then contacted John Ward, CAMRA's liason officer with

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or branch policy. Copy date for next issue: October 22nd.

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CAMRA
topic

With the A.G.M. approaching,
it seems appropriate to return
(if you will forgive me) to the
subject of my previous editorial:
apathy. I realize that other branches
also suffer from a lack of active members,
but it seems most important, in my view, that
every member's views should help to shape our branch
policy - this means attending the A.G.M. if possible, or
at least making your views known at socials or in a
letter to the branch. One of the subjects to be debated
is a Branch Committee motion, prompted by the absence of
progress towards a new edition of Real Ale in Surrey,
calling for the production of a West Surrey guide. Do
you agree that we should "go it alone"; or should we
perhaps forget local guides altogether? Please try to
come along and give the branch a sense of direction.

- Mike Andrew

NEWSLETTERS BY POST

If you cannot get to CAMRA meetings regularly, or if you
prefer to receive News of the Booze as soon as it is published
(every 1 - 2 months), send this form to:

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

Please send me the next _____ issues of News of the Booze;
I enclose first/second* class stamps for each copy.

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

I am/am not* a member of CAMRA (*delete as applicable)

ROYAL DEER (continued from pl)

Charrington, who took up the matter with their head office. John later informed us that, according to the brewery, "The rumour is a gross exaggeration".

"The article in the Surrey & Hants News apparently piles speculation on speculation", said John. "It is no more and no less likely that this pub will be sold than that any other pub will be disposed of; it is certainly not under active consideration. Presumably, like anybody else, Charrington's are susceptible to an offer they cannot refuse, but at the moment no such offer is in sight, nor is one being sought."

Any suggestion that the Royal Deer is not viable as a pub does not stand up to scrutiny; the scramble to reach the bar, or merely a glance through the windows reveal the pub as a thriving business. If, however, the decision was ever reached to close, change of use would probably be permissible, but permission for "redevelopment" of the site would be unlikely, as the Farnham conservation area was specially extended in 1979 to include the Royal Deer Buildings. It seems, therefore, that the Deer is safe from the developers - let us hope that it stays so.

ALAN ON THE MEND

Former branch chairman Alan Mason has been well enough to pop in to a few meetings recently, and although he has to endure an alcohol-free existence for yet some time to come, he reports that he now feels "much better". I am sure that everyone who has met Alan will want to join me in wishing him a speedy completion of his recovery from an unexpectedly long and gruelling series of operations. Also, full marks to his wife Annie, who, I would guess, has had a lot to put up with during Alan's enforced abstinence - the proverbial bear with a sore head must surely be better tempered than a CAMRA member deprived of beer!

LOCAL WINNER!

Congratulations to local member Paul Rampton, who was among the winners in the St Leger Draw. Paul's ticket was drawn against "Broken Rail", which was joint favourite, but which was sadly unplaced. Still, the £50 "runners-up" prize will no doubt be some consolation.

APATHY STRIKES AGAIN!

So few people booked for the excursion to Leeds for the Great British Beer Festival in September, that Alder Valley were forced to cancel the coach.

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**A TREAT FOR
REAL ALE
DRINKERS
!**

SURREY/HANTS BORDERS

Branch Meetings

AUTUMN 1982

Meetings begin at 8.30pm unless otherwise stated.

Tuesday, October 12th - Kings Head, Alton.

Wednesday, October 13th - Albion, Aldershot.

Wednesday, October 27th - The Fox, Worplesdon.

Wednesday, November 3rd - Drummond Arms, Woodbridge Road, Guildford.

Tuesday, November 9th - The Greyfriar, Chawton, nr. Alton.

Friday, November 12th - COMMITTEE MEETING: The Old Mitre, West Street, Farnham (8pm start, please).

Thursday November 18th - BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Railway Staff Association Club, Woking (see page 6).

Tuesday, November 23rd - Winter ale sampling at the Queens Head, The Borough, Farnham.

Thursday, November 25th - Fullers brewery trip: this is now FULLY BOOKED.

Wednesday, December 1st - The Robin Hood, Sydenham Road (behind parish church), Guildford.

Chairman: Mike Andrew, 13 St Georges Road, Farnham, Surrey GU9 8NA. Tel. Farnham 723116.

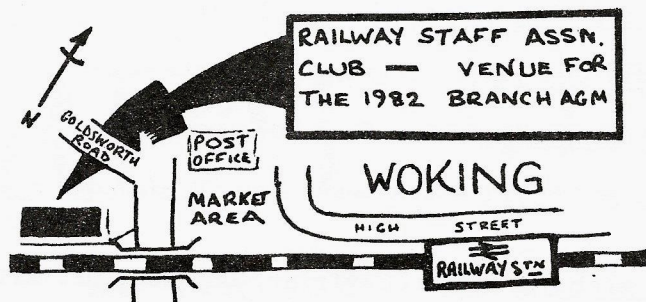
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Hon. Treasurer: Nick Spindler, 15 The Birches, Heathside Road, Woking. Tel. Woking 25812.

AGM

Members are informed that the 1982 Annual General Meeting of the Surrey/Hants Borders Branch of the Campaign for Real Ale will take place at 8pm on Thursday, 18th November 1982 at

The Railway Staff Association Club, Goldsworth Road, Woking. A full Agenda will be available at the meeting. The club is only a few minutes walk from Woking station, which is easily accessible from all stations in the branch area. Will all members please make an effort to attend - in order to tempt you out of your local FREE beer and refreshments will be available, but REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD!



LETTERS

Dear Mike,
I would like to ask why should beer be 10-15p a pint cheaper in the North than in this area? Indeed some of the pubs mentioned in the current GBG are charging 90-100p per pint (Carafino and Half Moon respectively). I feel that some action must be taken to ensure that such pubs receive no further mention in subsequent editions of the GBG. If we fail to halt this flagrant overcharging the goodwill towards the Campaign will evaporate and CAMRA will

be known as the expensive beer brigade. It is not necessary to pay such high rates for quality beer.

Yours sincerely,
Clifford Wray,
Pyrford.

No doubt the proprietors of such pubs would plead near poverty ("excessive rates... high overheads... etc") but my personal view is that they are simply milking the public for whatever they can get away with. Unfortunately for the less well off of us, this area is populated with a good number of drinkers who CAN afford such prices (and I suspect that many of them

The Branch keeps a stock of CAMRA products - these are for sale at bargain prices to members who collect them at meetings. Ring Farnham 723116 a few days beforehand to ensure availability.

Yes, the 1983 CAMRA/Letts
"BEER DRINKER'S DIARY" is
now in stock. Full price
is £2.10; price at meetings
is only £1.80.

The 1983 Good Beer Guide will be available before Christmas - reserve yours now at only £3.25. Smart P.V.C. covers for GBGs (brown with a golden CAMRA logo on the front and title in gold on the spine) are once again available at just £1.50.

1982 GBGs are now reduced to only £1.50 (free if you fill in the form on p8).

CAMRA bar towels - £1.15.
CAMRA ties - £2.95
Jean patches - 50p
Real Ale in Hampshire - 50p
Brewery Directory - £3.50
Cellarmanship guide - 75p
Stoneware CAMRA mugs - £3
 (1 pint) or £5 (pint).

SPECIAL OFFER!

FREE GOOD BEER GUIDE

When you join CAMRA

Yes, a free copy of the 1982 Good Beer Guide, worth £3.95 will be sent to you if you join by sending this form to: GBG offer, 13 St Georges Road, Farnham, Surrey GU9 8NA.*

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