

NEWS of the BOOZE

Newsletter of the Surrey/
Hampshire Borders Branch of
the Campaign for Real Ale.

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Editorial

Preparations for a Surrey Guide, the Flexible Hours Petition and last, but certainly not least, the 7th Farnham Beer Exhibition are the reasons for a more basic newsletter this time, but I hope to manage a better effort for the April/May edition, although there is a very good chance that it may be a little late.

On the subject of a Surrey Guide, the surveys in our branch area are nearing completion - thanks very much indeed to our regulars and the few newcomers who volunteered to help out.

The petition has had lots of publicity in the local press, and I only hope that the petition forms have found their way into plenty of pubs - it would be a shame if a large number of potential signers have read about the petition but cannot find a pub with a petition form available.

Organisation of the Farnham Beerex began in early January. The CAMRA/Lions/Maltings joint committee hope to provide a Beerex every bit as good as in previous years. A members' ticket application form can be found on the next page. Reserve your tickets now to avoid disappointment - they will be sent to you as soon as they are printed.

Cheers! *Mike*

We lose another Gales pub

Following the news in the December/January edition that The Duke of Cambridge in Tilford, and the Good Beer Guide listed Anchor at Normandy were to revert from Gales to Courage houses, we heard that the Woodcock, Beacon Hill, Hindhead had also come to the end of its lease, and that again Gales were not renewing it.

The Woodcock had been rented by Gales from Watneys, and is now selling Tamplins bitter and Ushers best bitter.

By the time this is published, the Anchor will again be selling Courage's beers, whilst the Duke of Cambridge is apparently to change over in April.

WHEATSHEAF CHANGING

The Wheatsheaf, West Street, Farnham is currently closed for renovation. Another Watney group pub in Farnham has just reopened after renovation. It is the Marlborough Head in East Street, which is richly decorated with polished wood and sumptuous real leather upholstery. The beers on handpump are Ushers Best, Stag and "Tim's Tipple", which tastes remarkably like Tamplins. There is talk of Websters and Ruddles becoming available before too long. The Coach & Horses in Castle Street, Farnham has also been closed for renovation recently, and has reopened with an odd decor including wattle sheep hurdles above the bar, and murals on the wall. The beers are still Charrington I.P.A. and Bass.

CHRISTMAS PARTY SUCCESS

The branch Christmas party at the Albion Aldershot was a great success, with an estimated 60plus CAMRA members crowding the public bar. Many thanks to Chris and Angie for the usual warm welcome and the excellent food and beer. Thanks also to their regulars for putting up with us!

DON'T FORGET...

...that Sat & Sun the 19th and 20th of Feb are the dates of a beer festival at the Cove Labour Hall, Cove Road, Farnborough. Send £1 for each ticket, plus a S.A.E. to Trevor Willatts, 25 Highfield Path, Farnborough, Hants.

ANOTHER REAL CLUB

The Ex-servicemen's Club in Woking now sells Wethered Mild by handpump.

THE WINCHESTER CRAWL

As a rail fan as well as beer drinker, I knew it was going to be a good day when the 214 bus passed beneath a steam-hauled ballast train near Alresford! I was not to be disappointed! After some Eldridge Pope ales at the friendly Railway Inn, we set off on the trail of Messrs Jones, Severn and Cave (who were running approximately 1 hour early) to the Fulflood Arms - an excellent backstreet pub boasting a well preserved Winchester Brewery exterior and beer at 47p a pint! (Although to be fair, that was the Capital light mild

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Winchester Crawl - cont'd from pl.

- the bitter was all of 50p!)

Meanwhile the aforementioned Jones/Severn/Cave contingent had gone ahead to try the Roebuck, another Marstons house... rather than spend the entire day gulping our drinks while chasing them, we awaited their return. It was apparent that we would be unable to visit everyone's favourite pub, so we then went our separate ways, arranging to end up at the Mash Tun. Those of us who travelled via the Theatre Pub (excellent Gales) met some Winchester members and also bumped into Ray Henbest, who, having arrived a little late, had been chasing around the Railway Inn, etc! The Mash Tun was eventually reached, where we tried the (in my opinion) disappointing home-brew, Lawn Brewery bitter. Some Ringwood 4X Porter, a glass of Chidham, and it was time to leave. After a bite, those of us who had arrived by bus had to set off for Farnham - the last bus of the day (on a Saturday, too) leaves at twenty to six! The train travellers remained in Winchester for the evening session, but I don't envy them their Sunday morning heads!

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FARNHAM BEEREX

Please note that ticket sales enquiries should be addressed to the branch secretary. Volunteers who can spare a day or so in the few days before the beerex are welcome - please contact the Lions Club member in charge of staffing: Ray Pascoe, 9 Broomleaf Road, Farnham.

FARNHAM BEER EXHIBITION

To: Alan Davies, 68 Bishops Wood, St Johns, Woking, Surrey.

Please send the following tickets for Farnham Beer Exhibition 1983:

_____ tickets for Thursday, April 28th, 6pm - 11pm @ £1.75 each.....£	_____ -
_____ tickets for Friday, April 29th, 6pm - 11pm @ £1.75 each.....£	_____ -
_____ tickets for Saturday, April 30th, 11am - 3pm @ £1.75 each.....£	_____ -
_____ tickets for Saturday, April 30th, 6pm - 11pm @ £1.75 each.....£	_____ -
_____ TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS. I ENCLOSE CHEQUE/P.O.* VALUE.....£	_____ -

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

.....telephone.....

REMEMBER TO ENCLOSE A STAMPED, ADDRESSED ENVELOPE (9"x4").

* MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO CAMRA (SURREY/HANTS BORDERS)

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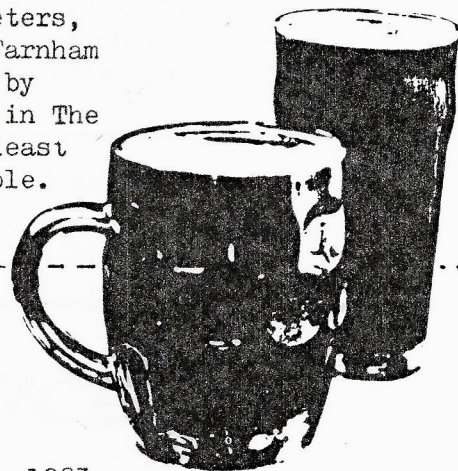
CLUBS LIASON: Ray Henbest, 4 Willow Way, Barnsbury Farm Estate, Woking.

&

John Lucas, Common Cottage, Headley Park, Bordon Hants.

FIZZ PUBS GO REAL

The Queen's Head, Robin Hood Road, Woking now has Directors Bitter on handpump; The Cricketers, Lower Bourne, near Farnham now has Stag served by handpump - all pubs in The Bourne now have at least one real ale available.



CAMRA Branch Meetings

Meetings begin at 8.30pm unless stated.

FEBRUARY Weds 2nd: Black Horse Gomshall (Youngs social).

Weds 16th: College Arms, Maybury, Woking.

Sat 19th/Sun 20th: Rushmoor Beerex, Cove Labour Hall, Farnborough. Not a CAMRA event, but well worth a visit. Open 10.30 - 2.30 & 7.00 - 11.00 on Saturday, pub hours lunchtime and evening on the Sunday. 44 beers(!) from 13 brewers for only £1 admission per session (plus a bit of money for the beer itself of course!). Admission fee includes a souvenir glass - tickets from address on page 1, or phone Farnborough 512981 for details. Some tickets may be available at the door, but don't bank on it.

Tues 22nd: Nelson Arms, Castle Street, Farnham - new GBG entry.

Sat 26th: Nutley Hall, Nutley Lane, Reigate. All Surrey meeting, 11am.

MARCH Weds 2nd: Queen Victoria, Shalford - an excellent village local.

Weds 9th: Albion, Waterloo Road, Aldershot (Gales, including dark mild).

Weds 16th: White Hart, Old Woking.

Weds 23rd: William Cobbett, Bridge Square, Farnham.

Weds 30th: Alton area meeting - phone Steve (Alton 83495) for details.

APRIL Thurs 28th - Sat 30th: 7th Farnham Beer Exhibition. Admission by ticket only (see page 2). Over 60 beers at public bar prices; real cider and entertainment.

FARNHAM PUB GOES "FIZZ"

The Jolly Sailor, West Street, Farnham has had its handpumps removed. It was only about a year ago that it was reported as having installed them.

Let us hope that this not the start of a decline in the availability of real ale - in the last edition we reported the

loss of the Mariners at Millbridge, Frensham, which had until recently been selling Ballards and Old Chidham bitters.

WRECCLESHAM ALL REAL

The Bricklayers Arms, Weydon Lane, Farnham now sells Directors Bitter.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

CAMRA'S NATIONAL A.G.M. IS TO BE HELD NEARBY THIS YEAR, AT READING UNIVERSITY.

THE ORGANISATION OF SUCH A CONFERENCE TOGETHER WITH ITS ATTENDANT BEER EXHIBITION IS DEPENDANT ON A LARGE NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE MANY VARIED TASKS. WILL ALL MEMBERS PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING THEIR SERVICES FOR ALL OR PART OF THE PERIOD INVOLVED. THE A.G.M. TAKES PLACE DURING THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 8th - 10th. EVEN IF YOU ARE UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO HELP, PLEASE COME ALONG ANYWAY, AND HELP SHAPE CAMRA'S POLICY. IF YOU CAN HELP

PLEASE CONTACT: J. F. WHEATLEY, 10 BOULTERS COURT, MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

(TELEPHONE MAIDENHEAD 30809) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WATCH OUT FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF THE A.G.M. IN "WHAT'S BREWING".