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CAMRA IS A NECESSITY

I have often heard people say, that CAMRA have done a good job in the past by bringing about the REAL ALE REVIVAL, but, that as there is so much real ale about there is no longer a need for such an organisation now. Well if you are one of those people then think again.

Would you believe, there are no less than 88 pubs in our area offering no choice of real ale, so of these being free houses! The rest being made up of 25 Manns houses, 20 Greene King, 8 Charles Wells, 8 Whitbreads, 4 Paines, 1 Courage, 1 Bass and 1 Ansells. Eynesbury which has seven pubs is a complete beer desert with no oasis for the real ale drinker.

As I say, think again, renew your membership, or join for the first time and get involved with your local branch of CAMRA in the fight to increase the number of real ale outlets.

C.P.

FUTURE MEETINGS - ALL WELCOME

Wed.	4th	August	Barley Mow, Hartford - a meeting
Wed.	lst	September	Manchester Arms, Tilbrook - a meeting
Wed.	15th	September	Crown, Eaton Socon - a social
Wed.	29th	September	Hardwick Arms, Gamlingay - a meeting
Wed.	13th	October	Royal Oak, Warboys - a social

GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL QUEENS HALL LEEDS SEPTEMBER 8th-12th

Over 200 Traditional beers and ciders.

Coach trip Saturday 11th September, seats available at £3.50. Ring Hunts. 51545

BREWERY TRIP TUESDAY 20TH JULY

Due to the Rail strike, 20 members and friends proceeded to Home Brewery Ltd., Nottingham, by coach. After a drink in the Old Spot, dead opposite the brewery, we gathered in the visitors room (glorified bar). Mr. Clarke from Home gave us run down on the brewery and then showed us around. Some interesting points arose, firstly that they collect the free Carbon Dioxide from the fermentation stage for their own requirements. They sell their beer by weight not by volume and every cask is weighed before leaving the brewery. Their workers do not get any free beer, but share the profits twice a year. Although Mr. Clarke stressed to us that everything Home produced was done as efficiently as possible to keep the prices of their beer to at least 10p below the big breweries, they are only

brewing to 40% capacity and rebuilding work is still being undertaken.

After the trip we saw a film about brewing, starring Bernard Cribbins and then gorged ourselves with as much beer and eats as we could.

On our return journey we made a port of call at Stamford to end a pleasant, drunken day.

PUB NEWS

For those people who've already managed to purchase a copy of "A GUIDE TO REAL ALE IN AND AROUND HUNTINGDON" here is a list of additions and alterations after 8 weeks in print.

The Vine, Buckden, Flowers Original not IPA.

The Crown, Eaton Socon, Adnams (H).

The Waggon and Horses, Eaton Socon, Fullers London Pride.

The White Horse, Eaton Socon, Flowers Original.

The Hardwick Arms, Gamlingay, Charringtons IPA not Bass.

The Royal Oak, Godmanchester, IPA but not Stag.

The Royal Oak, Hail Weston, Bombardier.

The Pike and Eel, Needingworth, add Bass.

The George, Ramsey, sells Adnams plus a guest beer.

The Golden Lion, St. Ives, Charringtons IPA not Greene King IPA.

The Greyhound, St. Ives, sells Stag not Mann's IPA.

The New Inn, St. Neots, Greene King IPA, Abbot, and KK (E).

The Wrestlers, St. Neots, Ind Coope Bitter (H).

The Three Horseshoes, Wistow, sells Mann's IPA (H).

The Three Horseshoes, Longstowe, Mickles Birch Bitter (H).

Anyone who hasn't purchased and would like a copy of the guide which lists over 100 pubs, should contact:-

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