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FESTIVAL SPECIAL JUNE/JULY 1983

RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL CAMRA BEER TENT JUNE 3, 4, 5, 1983 REGATTA MEADOW, ST. NEOTS

Yes folks we're back, in conjuction with James Paine Brewery. The St. Neots Branch of CAMRA will be holding a riverside beer festival once again this year, making it the 8th St. Neots beer festival. On the 3rd - 5th June in a large marquee in the meadow by the river Ouse, around 20 different real ales will be available including such old favourites as Owd Rodger, Fullers E.S.B., Ruddles County and Adnams Southwold Bitter, as well as Bulmers Traditional Cider. This means that we have in excess of three thousand pints awaiting all you real ale drinkers, and don't forget to have a go at the yard of ale contest and win a free barrel of beer.

OPENING TIMES APPROXIMATELY:- Friday 3rd 6.30pm - 12 midnight

Saturday 4th 11.30am - 4.30 pm and 6.30pm - 11.30pm

Sunday 5th 12.00noon - 5.00pm

FUTURE MEETINGS: - EVERYONE WELCOME. MEETINGS START AT AROUND 8PM

Wednesday 25th May
Wednesday 8th June
Wednesday 22nd June
The Globe, St. Neots
Oliver Cromwell, St. Ives
White Hart, Alconbury Weston

TEN YEARS IN GOOD BEER GUIDE

Recently, 3 local pubs were awarded framed certificates for being in all ten editions of The Good Beer Guide, which is in the top ten bestsellers list, The Crown, Litlington, The Half Moon, Kimbolton, and The Three Shuttles, Tilbrook, are now proudly displaying their prized certificates above the bar.

PUB CHANGES

Well done to James Paine Brewery in spending money on improving their only pub in Huntingdon, namely The Victoria. While keeping the bar in it's traditional form, the pub now has a new coat of paint on the outside, and completely new indoor loos, an extended restaurant area and new carpets. New landlord, Tony Woods will be pleased to serve you with James Paines XXX Bitter, E.G., the new St. Neots bitter as well as a good pint of Bulmers Cider all on handpump.

Congratulations are also on hand to Charles Wells in the re-opening of the completely refurbished Bell at Eaton Socon. Charles Wells Bitter and Bombardier are available at this enlarged pub.

St. Neots Bitter, re-named from '41' by James Paine Brewery should now be available in all of the brewery's pubs as well as Bulmers Cider on handpump.

Readers should beware of the new font style pump for St. Neots Bitter. This is a keg pump. Only genuine handpumps dispense real ale.

PUB CHANGES CONTD/-

Millers Arms, Eaton Socon, now has a bank of three handpumps serving Greene King XX mild. I.P.A. and Abbot.

The George, Somersham, is the only pub in the area selling Rayments B.B.A. on hand-pump as well as the usual Greene King beers.

The Black Bull, St. Ives and the The King William IV, Fenstanton both have Bulmers Cider on handpump.

GOOD BEER GUIDE 1983

The 10th Edition of The Good Beer Guide, giving details of over 6,000 pubs serving real ale is available at this festival along with many other CAMRA products, T. shirts, ties, badges etc., also look out for the updated 'Local Guide To Real Ale' at only 20p per copy.

CAMRA MEMBERSHIP

For the third year running, membership has been held down to £7. Join now! and help ensure that this beer festival has someone to organize it next year. Find out more about real ale, help to promote good beer, come along to one of our local meetings and help us, to help, enjoy your pint.

GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL 7TH - 10TH SEPTEMBER 1983

Talking of beer festivals is thirsty work, so before nipping off down the local for a pint of Best, let me tell you about the G.B.B.F. This year the festival is being held at Bingly Hall, Birmingham, over one hundred different breweries will be represented with plenty of choice from Mild, Bitters and Strong Ales. The date to remember is 7th - 10th September and this branch proposes running a coach on the Friday or Saturday, book your seat now!

MORE PUB CHANGES

The Red Cow at Covington now sells Adnams Bitter and Draught Bass.

The Cross Keys at Molesworth now sells Adnams Bitter.

The Swan at Old Weston now sells Marstons Pedigree, Greene King I.P.A. and Adnams.

The New Sun at Kimbolton sells James Paine St. Neots Bitter and E.G. on handpump.

We welcome the opening of a new pub in our area, The Rivermill at Eaton Socon. This completely re-furbished old mill sells James Paine St. Neots Bitter and XXX on hand-pump.

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