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GREENE KING XX DARK MILD CAMPAIGN

Greene King say that sales of this beer are dropping and so the brewing of XX may soon become uneconomic. XX is not promoted by Greene King so CAMRA has rectified this by producing badges, posters, beer mats and car stickers. Local branches of the Campaign in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire are distributing this publicity material to all XX outlets which includes those using carbon dioxide pressure. XX is one of the few remaining cask conditioned milds still available in this area. It is a dark, fruity brew, full of flavour and costs around ten pence less a pint than the heavily promoted Abbot. It is certainly as strong as many lagers and is far better value for money. Greene King (Biggleswade) brew only about thirty barrels (1 Barrel = 36 gallons) of XX a week now and many of the 100 outlets struggle to turn over a firkin (72 pints) a week. So drink XX dark mild and help save it from extinction.

MORE BAD NEWS FROM RUDDLES

Ruddles who have only just sold off all but one of their tied houses have now said they will stop supplies to free houses who took less than 50 barrels during the past year. Strict Water Board controls over the amount of effluent the company is allowed to discharge has meant the company has been forced to limit production and according to the Chairman demand is outstripping supply.

PUB NEWS

Barley Mow, Eaton Ford now sells Greene King XX Mild straight from the cask.

Crown, Broughton now sells Manns I.P.A. as well as the Fined Bitter (Now called Stag Bitter).

Darby & Joan, Abington Piggotts now sells Greene King XX Mild and Marston's Pedigree on handpump. Everard's Tiger is to arrive soon. Greene King I.P.A. and Abbot are already on sale.

Greenacres, St. Neots has now changed from a Ruddle's to a Whitbread tied house and sells Thomas Wethered's Bitter from two new handpumps.

Pear Tree, Bassingbourne now sells Adnam's Bitter and Everard's Tiger on handpump.

White Hart, Great Staughton now sells Mann's I.P.A.

Fined Bitter has now been withdrawn from the Three Horseshoes at Wistow owing to poor sales.

BEER GUIDES

The 1979 Good Beer Guide is now available listing 6,000 pubs. The Guide is a totally new publication not an updated version of the 1978 Guide. The new Guide contains 272 pages with a 36 page full colour map section. It will cost £2.35 but to members the price is £1.95 and it will be available at local branch meetings.

The third edition of the Northants Beer Guide is now available listing over 200 pubs and 20 clubs. The Guide contains detailed descriptions about the pubs and interesting facts about the towns and villages. The Guide will be on sale in Northamptonshire Real Ale pubs or for 50p (inc. P & P) from Brian Willmott, 23 Kingsway, Northampton.

STAMFORD BREWERY MUSEUM RECEIVES SECOND BREWERY

The Stamford Brewery Museum which was formerly Melbourns has been loaned the equipment from the former brewhouse at Kimbolton Castle by the trustees of Kimbolton School. The equipment should by now have been moved from Kimbolton to Stamford.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

ST.NEOTS BRANCH

- Wed. 4th April : Branch meeting at the Black Bull, Brampton at 8pm.
Wed. 18th April : Social with North Beds branch at the Fountain, Gamlingay at 8pm where the branch handpump is being installed.
Thurs. 3rd May : Social with Ely branch at the Windmill, Somersham at 8pm.
Wed. 16th May : Branch meeting at the Black Bull, Godmanchester at 8pm.
Fri. 1st June - Sun 3rd June : Beer tent at the Riverside Festival.
Wed. 13th June : Branch meeting at the Lord John Russell, St.Neots at 8pm.

NORTH BEDS BRANCH

- Tues. 3rd April : Branch meeting at the Crown, Willington at 8pm sharp.
Tues. 10th April : Meeting at the Windsor, Bedford where the North Beds branch handpump is installed.

MUST HAVE MORE NEWS

For the news letter to be a success information must be passed from members to the editor. The editor cannot be everywhere at the same time and cannot possibly know all that is happening in the area, neither has he the time to write every article himself. So, remember, if you want a news letter get the news to the editor.

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