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All material for inclusion in the April newsletter should be in the Editor's possession not later than 24th March.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 5th March: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at the Cannon, St.Neots.

Wed 19th March: Branch meeting at the Royal Oak, St.Neots.

Wed 2nd Apr: Social at the Barley Mow, Hartford.

Wed 16th Apr: Branch meeting at the Market Inn, Huntingdon.

Wed 30th Apr: Darts match at the Hardwicke Arms, Gamlingay.

WORD PUZZLE (No.2)

In amongst this month's jumble of letters are pub names. As before they are spelt horizontally, vertically or diagonally, backwards or forwards. Name as many as you can and send or give your entries to the Editor by 2nd April.

The person whos entry has the most names will be the winner. In the case of there being more than one entry with the same number of names there will be a draw. The winner will receive £1 and will be named in the next newsletter. (RO)

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T T A V E R N W N I B O R
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H L J I K Z E L G A E E P
W A I N I A T N U O P S S

REAL ALE FOR THE U.S.A.

This possibility is the hope of 29 year old Jon Kowolaski. At the present time Jon is studying the art of brewing under the watchful eye of Wally Pateman at the Paine & Co brewery at St.Neots.

Jon became interested in real British beer on an earlier visit to this country and after home-brewing for some time he decided that there was scope for a small real ale brewery in Maryland (near Washington D.C.)- but before he can carry out his dream it is necessary for him to learn all the details of the brewing processes- and what better way than to learn in a small brewery as Paine's. (SO)

PUMPS WITH NO BEER

There are now 4 pubs in St neots which have had handpumps installed over the last few years but which no longer use them. The Kings Head, South Street, a Paines house had a set of 2 installed when a number of Paines pubs changed to Real Ale then for no apparent reason new pressure taps appeared alongside the pumps and Real Ale was discontinued, why? (continued overleaf)

The Angel, Cambridge St, a wells pub had 2 handpumps installed and served Real Ale intermittently. According to the landlord the top pressure beer outsold the Real Ale but he has said that Bombardier will be available on handpump.

The Greenacres, Longsands Parade, formerly a Puddles house serving County straight from the barrel, had 2 handpumps installed when Whithread took over. Wethereds bitter from Marlow has been on sale here occasionally and at the moment it has been withdrawn.

The Wrestlers, New St, tried Ind Coops Burton Bitter on handpump, a strong ale which did not sell well according to the landlord, perhaps if the ordinary bitter had been tried it would have been successful.

Campaigning is definitely required if you want Real Ale to return to these pubs so why not pop along to one or all of the four above and ask for Real Ale, then perhaps it might return. (RE)

PUB NEWS

The George at Ramsey reopened as a Free house on 31st January. Situated in the High Street midway between the Lion and the Angel it was a Truman's tied house which closed 4 years ago due to lack of trade. The new owner, Mr. Farry Gallagher, is the former landlord of the Nelson in March. The George dates back to 1630 and has 2 lounge bars, the rear bar, which, at 66 feet, claims to be one of the longest in the area. The opening struck a first by introducing Youngers 70/- (from S & N) to the St. Neots branch area served by handpump. (MS/RO)

The Bell in Huntingdon is now selling Manns IPA on air pressure.

The Robin Hood, St. Ives; the Crown, Earith; the Wrestlers & Greenacres, St. Neots no longer sell Real Ale.

CROSSWORD NO. 7

The winner of last month's crossword was Peter Sutton of Sandy.

ANOTHER BREWERY TRIP

Sarah Orbell, branch Social Secretary, will shortly be arranging with Batemans (Wainfleet near Skegness) for a party to visit their brewery. This will be on a Friday evening and the brewery will arrange P & B at the Vine Hotel for Fri & Sat nights at a cost of Approx £7 per person per night. The exact date has not yet been fixed but will be in April or May. Anyone interested should contact Sarah (13, Pipers Lane, Godmanchester).

MORE EXPANSION AT WELLS

Charles Wells Ltd. is planning to spend £½ million this year on their brewery in Havelock Street, Bedford. The extension is the third since 1976, when the brewery opened with a capacity expected to last until 1982. Unfortunately most of this expansion appears to be to increase production of supermarket take-home packs and also to double their kegging capacity. (SO)

'SEEK THE EAGLE' COMPETITION

Congratulations are in order for David & Johanna Walden of Fenstanton. They were presented at Charles Wells, Bedford Brewery with their prizes for being the first entry opened to have visited all 270 Wells pubs. On the way they travelled 3000 miles and raised £1260 for the Addenbrookes Cancer Scan Appeal.

Mr. Cliff Smith, licensee of the Crown, Broughton also visited all the pubs and hopes to have raised £800 to £1000 in sponsorship. (RO)

WHATS BREWING

This is the last month that 'Whats Brewing' will be distributed to pubs so why not join CAMRA and make sure you get a copy every month. Contact any branch member or write to Geoff Parsons (12, Green Lane, Great Staughton) and get an enrolment form with 3 months free membership.