

OPENING HOURS



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OPENING HOURS

Recent events have brought this forever controversial issue, to the fore. The recent defeat in the Houses of Parliament, of the Bonsor Bill, which would have allowed publicans to have flexible, but not extended, opening hours, and enabled pubs in different environments to stay open later in the afternoon or evening, depending on their particular trade, has been a setback. The main stumbling block of the Bill proved to be the highly controversial issue of providing childrens rooms in pubs and the bill failed to get a second reading.

But all is not lost, the E.E.C. is now undertaking a further study to examine our out of date licensing laws. We await its recommendations with interest. Nearer to home, the application by Biggleswade and District L.V.A. to open until 11pm each night except Sunday has been approved, with later opening (6pm instead of 5.30pm) from Monday 7th April, bringing the area in line with Ampthill.

Isn't it time the Huntingdon area was brought into line. We are even limited on extensions over Bank Holidays. (RE)

BOMBARDIER IS HERE

Brewed by Charles Wells originally for the London Free Trade, Bombardier has become widely available in this area since March 17th. It replaces Fargo and with an O.G. of 10.42 if falls midway between Wells Bitter and Fargo in strength.

It is available in the following outlets:- Handpump (H) Gravity (G). Falcon and Spread Eagle, Buckden (H); Red Cow, Covington (H); Bell, Eaton Socon (G); Crown & Pipes and Chequers, Fenstanton (H); New Tavern, Great Staughton (H); Crown (G) and the Royal Oak (H) Hail Weston; Barley Mow, Hartford (H); the Half Moon, Kimbolton (H) and the Globe, St.Neots.(H).

The Three Shuttles, Tilbrook should have its new bar by the end of March, and will dispense Bombardier through a new handpump. (SO)

REAL ALE IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE 1980

This years local real ale guide should be on sale at the end of May. It will be bigger with 120 pages, listing more outlets (about 20 extra pubs in the St.Neots area alone) and will have more details on each pub.

GOOD BEER GUIDE

The new national Good Beer Guide will be on sale in shops and pubs from mid April. It lists 6000 pubs and contains a 36 page colour map section. It will cost £2.60, and members can purchase it at branch meetings at £2.30.

EMAP

Probably from May, East Midlands Allied Press will produce a monthly newspaper in conjunction with Northants and Cambridgeshire Camra branches, so if your local is doing something unusual contact the Editor of Opening Times. In the St. Neots area, it will initially be distributed to pubs with Opening Times.

St. Neots Riverside Festival.

Once again St. Neots Camra Branch is running the Beer Exhibition Tent at the Riverside Festival on Friday evening 30th May, all day Saturday 31st May, and all day, excluding the evening on Sunday 1st June.

This year as well as having our regular and local beers which will feature Bombardier and Original for the first time, it is hoped to have a choice of Northern beers. More news next newsletter.

We shall be running a Tug of War competition on the Sunday sponsored by Paines. 1st prize is ~~9 Gallons of Beer~~, 2nd Prize is ~~4 1/2 Gallons~~. Entry fee is £2.00 per team of 3 persons, League teams are not allowed to enter. Contact Geoff Parsons, 12 Green Lane, St. Staughton, Huntingdon, Cambs. (Tel: Kimbolton 551). (SO/CP)

A.G.M. 1980

St. Neots Branch A.G.M. was held at the Cannon on 5th March. Three long-serving members stood down. These were Derek Giles (Chairman), Dave Cox, (newsletter Editor), and George Cottam (Publicity). I would like to thank them on behalf of the Branch for their good work and to further congratulate Derek who is father to a baby daughter.

The new committee consists of Sarah Orbell, (Chairman), Roy Endersby (Treasurer), Wendy Endersby (Secretary), Geoff Parsons (SOCIAL Secretary) Jon Papworth (Publicity), Ian Roberts (Membership Secretary) and Clive Parcell (Newsletter Editor). (CP)

Derby Draw

Tickets for this years draw should be available from Camra members until mid May. They cost £1 a book, every horse chosen wins £25 plus 1st £1,000 2nd £750, 3rd £500, 4th £250.

PUB NEWS

Manns IPA at the Black Bull, Brampton is now dispensed by handpump instead of Air Pressure. Manns are seeing sense at last! Original is available at the Manchester Arms, St. Ives, served by handpump. Tolly Original should also be coming to the Racehorse, Catworth by Easter and the Black Bull, St. Ives, soon. Both served by handpump.

Kisby's Hut, Papworth did not borrow the branch handpump as reported in February's Opening Times, but Tolly are to fit a handpump to serve the bitter soon.

P.S. GET WELL KISBY.

The Sun, Kimbolton is awaiting a handpump to serve Paines Bitter. The Manchester Arms, Tilbrook won the Three Shires Food Skittle League. Three Horseshoes, Longstowe (Free House) would like a mention.

Dates to remember

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.

Wed 14th May: Branch Meeting at the Pear Tree, Bassingbourne.

Wed 28th May: Setting up Beer Tent, Riverside Site, Eaton Ford.

MEMBERSHIP OF CAMRA

Join Camra now! For details contact Ian Roberts, 122 Queens Gardens, Eaton Ford, Cambs.