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## GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL

As reported in July's Newsletter the Beer Festival will go ahead in Marquees in front of Alexandra Palace. It's within walking distance of Wood Green British Rail station or from Wood Green underground station catch bus W3.. 300 Real Ales from 114 U.K. and continental breweries will be available. Entertainment will be provided by Folk singers and Ompah bands. Of particular interest is a parade of preserved buses on Sunday lunchtime and the parade of horse drawn drays on Friday Lunchtime. Scheduled opening hours are as follows:-

Sat 30th Aug 5.30 p.m. - 11.00 p.m.

Sun 31st Aug 12.00 - 3.00 p.m. & 7.00 p.m. - 10.30 p.m.

Mon 1st - Thurs 4th Sept 5.30 p.m. - 10.30 p.m.

Fri 5th & Sat 6th Sept 11.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. & 5.30 p.m. - 11.00 p.m.

You are advised to go early as people were turned away on the Friday evening and on the Saturday last year.

## REAL ALE IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE

The sixth edition of the Cambridgeshire Guide is now available in many local pubs and at branch meetings. It lists 450 real ale pubs, a staggering increase of 109 in about 12 months. It contains many photos and drawings of local pubs and for just 60p must be the bargain of the year! What's more Camra members can get a discount at branch meetings. Anybody having trouble getting a guide contact:- Roy (Huntingdon 73364). Amendments to Guide.

Page 49. King of the Belgians is in Hartford, not Hilton.

Page 52. Victoria Inn, Huntingdon has no longer got Bar Billiards.

Page 81. Globe, St.Neots, sells Bulmers Dry Cider by gravity.

## BEER PRICES TO RISE

Once again, beer drinkers face yet another round of price increases; this time we are warned that beer could increase by 10p or more over the next year. The signs are that customer resistance to high prices, coupled with high unemployment and the recession, are beginning to have an effect, as beer consumption in June fell by more than 125 million pints. (R.E)

## FUTURE MEETINGS

3rd Sept: Three Horseshoes, Longstowe - Meeting.

17th Sept: Millers Arms, Eaton Socon - Social (Greene King I.P.A.)

1st Oct: Racehorse, Catworth - Meeting (Greene King IPA & Tolly Original).

15th Oct: Hare & Hounds, Eynesbury - Social (Paines Special Mild).

29th Oct: Black Bull, St.Ives - Meeting (Tolly Bitter, Original).

12th Nov: Crown, Litlington - Social with North Herts. (Greene King).

26th Nov: Falcon, Buckden - Meeting. (WELLS IPA & Bombardier).

Meetings usually start at 8.00 p.m.. We look forward to seeing some new faces.

## RAMSEY BEER EXHIBITION 9TH AUG

Due to bad weather the barbecue had to be cancelled but fun was still had by all in the hall behind the Lion, Ramsey. Quarter pounder beefburgers and hotdogs were supplied from the kitchen and 13 different real ales were available including Wadworths 6X, Fullers ESB, and London Pride. As there was full bar facilities, Camra members also got some practice with cocktail mixes. Entertainment was provided by a Country & Western band and a disco.

## CAMRA TUG O' WAR TEAM

At the St. Neots show on Priory Park, Sunday 10th August, our brave CAMRA lads set off to tug their way to 4½ gallons of beer and Guinness tankards. Unfortunately this did not prove to be enough incentive and they rapidly left the knockout competition. The other teams including some pub teams fought bravely on but the victors showed themselves in the form of Rampleys who beat Cambs' Police by 2 straight pulls in the final. (S.O)

## RING MY BELL

After their success in the Eaton Socon area last Christmas, SOUND APPEAL ( the Eaton Socon handbell ringers) would welcome invitations from Landlords to play Carols this Christmas. No charge is made, but as they are fund-raising for extra bells, they would welcome the opportunity to pass the hat round. Book early to avoid disappointment, ring Rosemary Galloway (Huntingdon 213468) or Tom Piercy (Huntingdon 212563) (G.B.)

## SOCIALS IN TOP PRESSURE PUBS

Over the next two months St. Neots CAMRA branch will be holding social meetings in two pubs which do not usually serve their beer by Camra approved dispense. These will provide real ale by gravity just for the night, so give us your support and prove there is a demand for real ale. The meetings are at the Millers Arms, Eaton Socon Wed 17th Sept. serving Greene King IPA., and the Hare & Hounds, Eynesbury Wed 15th Oct. serving Paines Dark Mild.

## BEDFORD BEER FESTIVAL

The 3rd Bedford Beer Festival takes place Thurs 2nd - Sat 4th Oct in the Corn Exchange, St. Paul's Square, Bedford, with lunchtime and evening sessions. Admission is free. There should be over 40 different beers with entertainment provided by a Barbershop group and a Trad-jazz band.

## PUB NEWS

Woolpack, St. Neots has stopped selling Bombardier due to lack of demand. Market Inn, Huntingdon has now discarded its' Air pressure pumps for proper handpumps to dispense Fined Stag and Mann's IPA. Crown, Litlington has changed from Greene King KK mild to XX Mild. This occurred after the brewery had sent the wrong mild and the locals all decided the dark mild was a much better brew. Stephenson's Rocket, Eaton Socon is now open and serving Paines E.G. & XXX by handpump (not Adnams as reported last month). Greene King should be bringing out a winter beer this year probably based on the St. Edmunds brew and dispensed from polypins. We would like to welcome Anthony and Kathleen Clark who have taken over the management of the Three Tuns, Huntingdon.

Bill Hayes, the licensee of the Windmill, Somersham won the Whitehorse Trophy in the Cambridge Licensed Victuallers Golf Society tournament.

## CAMRA MEMBERSHIP

Join Camra for just £5 single, £6 for a married couple. Contact Ian Roberts (Huntingdon 212761)

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