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## "THE RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL", ST.NEOTS

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY 29th, 30th, 31st MAY 1981

Once again, the St.Neots Riverside Festival is nearly with us and as in previous years, the St.Neots CAMRA branch is running the Beer Exhibition Tent for the duration of the event.

A wide selection of beers, from many parts of the country is planned. From the Midlands there will be ales from Davenports, Marstons, Banks, and Everards; from further North comes Shipstones, Sam Smiths and Jennings; while from the South there will be brews from Fullers and Wethereds. In addition there will be many examples of East Anglian ale such as beers from Tolly Cobbold, Elgoods and Greene King. Finally we hope to have a "Festival Ale" to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of CAMRA and also to have "Dixies" Real Cider on sale.

The beer tent will be open on Friday evening, all day Saturday and all day Sunday, excluding Sunday evening. For further details as to the exact opening times, see the local press nearer the time and also next month's newsletter. During the opening hours, there will be Folk and Jazz Groups performing and also souvenir glasses and tee-shirts will be on sale. Admission to the beer tent will, of course, be free.

We shall be running a Tug-of-War competition on either the Saturday or Sunday. The entry fee is £2.00 per team of eight persons, League Teams are not allowed to enter. CHARLES WELLS have been approached with regard to sponsoring this event. Contact: Geoff Parsons, 12 Green Lane, Great Staughton, Huntingdon, Cambs. (Tel: Kimbolton 551).

Joe Greenway.

## FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- Sat April 25th: Coach Trip to Lincoln. Departs St.Neots (Market Square) 3.30pm; Godmanchester (Royal Oak) 3.45pm; Huntingdon (Opposite Bus Station in Walden Road) 4.00pm; Cost about £3.50.  
Contact Mick Ewen on Huntingdon 50150 for further details.
- Tue April 28th: Nags Head, Hargrave; A joint meeting with Northants Branch.
- Wed May 6th : Crown & Cushion, Great Gransden, a meeting.
- Wed May 20th : Wagon & Horses, Eaton Socon, Festival Meeting.
- Fri/Sat/Sun  
May 29th/30th/31st: RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL, ST.NEOTS.
- Wed June 3rd : Lord John Russell, St.Neots, a meeting.
- Wed June 17th : Pike & Eel, Needingworth, a Social.

ALL MEETINGS START AT 8.00PM PROMPT

## BRANCH NEWS

At the Committee Meeting on March 18th 1981, held at the "Cannon", St. Neots. The following members were elected to the posts that were not filled at the previous week's AGM:

CHAIRMAN	ROY ENDERSBY
PUBLICITY OFFICER	SUE ROBERTS
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	KAREN EWEN

After much discussion it was agreed that the overall aims of the new committee were as follows:-

1. To put the Branch Handpumps into use;
2. To increase the membership of the Campaign;
3. To increase members involvement in the Newsletter
4. To convert more pubs in the area to REAL ALE;
5. To reorganise the areas within the Branch;
6. Finally, it was hoped that there would be a greater participation by the present membership in the Branch's activities.

## 1981 AGM OF CAMRA

On March 28th/29th, the Campaign for Real Ale held its' Annual General Meeting this year at the University of Durham. The main motions that were passed were as follows:-

1. The National Executive are to impose a levy on Branch funds to supplement the income of the Campaign. This levy will be a 10% minimum of Branch profit; however, this figure is open to negotiation with the respective Regional Organisers;
2. The membership fee for all classes of member (i.e single person, husband/wife) is to be raised immediately to £7.00 per annum. The proposal to increase the fee to £8.00 was defeated as it was thought that a 60% rise was too much in one go;
3. The Good Beer Guide for 1982 would have the same number of entries as for this year, but in an effort to reduce costs, the maps would be less coloured. Also, the possibility of the guide accepting advertising was discussed;
4. To reduce costs, the magazine "What's Brewing" will now be printed by East Midlands Allied Press. It is hoped that the magazine will be printed bi-monthly.

## WHY NOT BECOME A MEMBER?

As mentioned above, the membership fee has now been raised to £7.00. However, CAMRA Headquarters will continue to accept monies at the old rate for a short time to come; how short, no one knows; Therefore if you join now, you will be getting in at the old rate, that is £5.00 for an individual and £6.00 for a husband and wife. For this you will receive the Campaign's newspaper "What's Brewing" every month and also get the opportunity to purchase the "Good Beer Guide" at a reduced rate. This is on top of being able to attend brewery trips and other local events. Contact Karen on Huntingdon 50150 for further details.

## POSSIBILITY OF A NEW MEMBER ???

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I announce the birth of a daughter, Frances, on March, 24th, to Wendy and Roy Endersby, our former secretary and present chairman respectively. May I, on behalf of the branch, send our congratulations and good wishes to all three and express the hope that Frances will grow up with the same enlightened attitude towards ale as her parents!

THE EDITOR

## PUB NEWS

No room for pub news this month, will get it all in next month's Riverside Special edition!

THE EDITOR

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