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A "RIVERSIDE" THANK YOU

The St. Neots branch of CAMRA wishes to thank all these people who visited and drank in our Beer Tent at the Riverside Festival last month. It was our most successful event yet, with over 2000 gallons of beer being sold over the 3 day period. Such figures and the obvious satisfaction and enjoyment expressed by many customers, make all our hard efforts worth while.

The planning now starts for next year's festival, although whether there will actually be a Riverside in 1982 is not yet certain. If there is, rest assured that CAMRA will be there, and we hope that you will come and visit us again.

A.J.G.

"ALE'S AS GOOD AS THE PUBS IT SERVES"

In England not so long ago
More gas than ale through pipes did flow
And sadly drinkers oft were fated
To have their insides much aerated
And every drink which they completed
They found are long to be repeated.

Then a Bishop stopped to quench his thirst
But finding Gassy Gop the worse
He'd tried - He used much skill
Locating beer's which did not kill.

And thus he did - and wrote a book
Aguzzlers guide to where to look
To find the ales both strong and clear
Much loved by connoisseurs of beer
So with this cry let's end our tale
Campaign! my lads - for more real ale

Taken from "Ale" the Cambridge Branch Newsletter.

PAINES BREWERY TRIP - SATURDAY 25th APRIL

At 11.00am on the Saturday morning, 15 members and friends assembled outside the brewery at the Market Square, St. Neots, for a tour around the premises. Being a small country brewery housed in a small building we were surprised to find everything well laid out. You could easily follow the brewing process from the grain mill, through the mash tun and onto the copper. At the time the brewery were busy preparing a special ale for their 150th anniversary as well as an ale for the Royal Wedding. All of the ales produced at Paines are brewed in the traditional manner. Many thanks to Wally Pateman for showing us around and letting us have a very enjoyable morning.

M.E.

PUB NEWS

The Hardwick Arms, Gamlingay, has a guest beer every fortnight as well as the usual choice of Bass, Telly Original, Everards Tiger and Greene King IPA. They are also redecorating the ceiling with beer mats and matchboxes but are looking for more of both. They currently have 750 different beer mats and about 250 different matchboxes and they are looking for about 1000 and 500 of each. If anybody has any spare mats and/or boxes contact the Hardwick Arms or The Editor

The Sun, Kimbolton has a new landlord, Tony Yeoman. This is his first pub and he is very keen to have all beers on hand-pump.

The Queen Adelaide at Croydon is now selling Greene King XX Mild on hand-pump.

The Green Man, Leighton Bromswold now serves Charringtons IPA and no longer serves Newcastle Bitter.

The Crown and Cushion, Great Gransden now serves Charles Wells Bombardier Bitter.

Another outlet for Paines Special Mild has disappeared. The Royal Oak in St. Neots has withdrawn the beer due to lack of demand. It has been replaced by LO.41.

The landlord from the White Swan, Connington moved to the Bird in Hand Newmarket Road., Cambridge during May. A couple from Fenstanton are taking over.

The Landlord of The Axe and Compass, Hemingford Abbots is to retire on July 17th. He will be replaced by Brian and Pat Slade, who at present run the Dog (Greyhound) in St. Ives. They hope that internal alterations will soon be taking place to enlarge the bar area, add an eating area and provide real ales. They will be missed at the Dog but I'm sure they will do a good job at the Axe. As yet their replacements have not been named.

Also in St. Ives the landlord of the White Hart is leaving on July 9th; maybe a change of landlord would bring about a change in beers - not real at present

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Dave Cox, our longstanding cellar man, actually condescended to buy a "Booze by the Cuse" tee-shirt. Unfortunately this shirt is no more; blasted to shreds by the rigours of working a beer festival. Viewing of the remains is by appointment only. (Profuse apologies from the Editor)

FUTURE MEETINGS - ALL WELCOME

Wed. July 1st; The Bell, Huntingdon, a meeting.

Wed. July 8th- Lord John Russell, St. Neots; a friendly bar billiards match.

Wed. July 15th; Jester, Ashwell, a social.

Wed. July 28th, King William IV, Fenstanton, a social.

Wed. Aug 12th; Three Horseshoes, Southoe, a meeting.

ALL MEETINGS START AT 8.00PM PROMPT.

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