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THE GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL THE QUEENS HALL-LEEDS 12th to 16th AUGUST, 1981

Preparations are now well advanced for the biggest and best Beer Festival ever to be staged in the North of England. Yes, CAMRA's Great British Beer Festival is to be held at the Queens Hall, Leeds, from Wednesday 12th August to Sunday 16th August.

Orders are being placed for more than 125,000 pints of real ale, with traditional beers from more than 100 breweries in England, Scotland and Wales. In addition there will be traditional English Cider, and a range of fascinating old pub games where everyone can test their own skills.

The Great British Beer Festival will be open at lunchtime on Wednesday to Saturday (11a.m. to 3p.m.) and on Sunday (from midday), and in the evenings from 5.30p.m. to 10.30p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, and from 5p.m. to 11p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Admission will be 50p after 7p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and all day Saturday; at all other times admission will be FREE.

A.J.G.

BAR BILLIARDS MATCH V THE LORD JOHN RUSSELL

On Wednesday 8th July the St. Neots branch of CAMRA played the Lord John Russell, St. Neots at bar billiards. It was a close match, the final result at the end of the evening being 3 games each. However it has to be said that the Lord John Russell did score about 2000 points more than St. Neots CAMRA, so the match was reluctantly awarded in their favour. High-light of the evening was a score of 1580 by Nobby and Mark of the LJR who achieved this mammoth total in the first game. A very pleasant evening was had by all concerned and we would like to thank landlord, Les Lawrence, for his kind hospitality and excellent beer.

A.J.G.

FUTURE MEETINGS - ALL WELCOME

- Wed. Aug. 12th; Three Horseshoes, Southoe, a meeting.
- Wed. Aug. 26th; The Fox, Bourne, a social.
- Wed. Sep. 9th; Pub crawl round Ramsey, start at The Lion.

ALL MEETINGS ETC. START AT 8.00P.M.

TRIP TO LINCOLN APRIL 25th, 1981

We were all picked up during a wet miserable afternoon for our trip to Lincoln, arranged to reach the pubs just after evening opening time. On arrival we all scurried off in different directions to sample the available brews.

Strangely enough everyone seemed to arrive at the Roebuck at the same time! To avoid taking over the pub some people adjourned to another and 15 minutes later we found out where they had gone when we arrived at the Crown & Anchor too! (Shipstones beers available at both pubs).

We split up again some going via the Stag's Head on their way to the Strugglers to drink M & B mild and Bass bitter, others visited the Strugglers on the way to the Home beers at the Stag's Head; where we were also able to try our skills on the dartboard-with NO trebles.

From there 3 hardy souls set off to sample Whitbread's Queen's Ale, but 1½ pouring wet miles later, via 2 pubs and 200 puddles, we found there was no beer to be had....what idiot forgot to tell us about the brewery strike?

About this time most people began to head back through town, stopping en route of course but aiming ultimately on reaching the City Vaults where we were to sample Wards beers until the coach arrived.

All of the mild drinkers were spoilt for choice in Lincoln - it's a shame there are so few milds around here! The weather marred the trip somewhat but Mick arranged everything else well. Next time let's see you on the coach too!

S.O.

PUB NEWS

The Ferryboat Inn, Holywell has started selling Bass on gravity.

The Engine and Tender, St. Neots started selling Paines real ale at the beginning of July.

The Red Cow, Covington has a new landlord, Allan Allardice, who has moved from The Ship at Oundle. He sells Bass at 62p a pint.

The Golden Lion Hotel, St. Ives, now has Adnams on handpump instead of the Bass. They continue to serve IPA and Abbott on handpump.

The Fox at Catworth is also changing hands.

The King William at Fenstanton started selling real Tolly Mild at the beginning of April.

Kisby's Hut, Papworth Everard has raised money for equipment for Huntingdon hospital with sponsored non-smoking. Their next venture is to be a sponsored bed-push!

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