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BRANCH AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the St. Neots and District Branch of CAMRA will be held on Wednesday March 17th 1982 in the Cannon, St. Neots. All committee positions are up for election and nominations should be given to the secretary, Geoff Parsons, anytime before the meeting begins. The posts on the committee are:

Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Newsletter Editor
Social Secretary
Publicity Officer
Membership Secretary

The meeting will start at 8.00pm prompt and limited free beer will be available, so COME EARLY.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Wed. 20th Jan. Three Shuttles, Tilbrook, a joint social with the new North Northants Branch.
Wed. 3rd Feb. Green Man, Gamlingay, a meeting.
Wed. 17th Feb. Vine, Buckden, a social.
Wed. 3rd Mar. Royal Oak, St. Ives, a social.
Wed. 17th Mar. Cannon, St. Neots, the AGM.

ADNAMS BREWERY TRIP

On Tuesday 11th November, three members and an ex-member of St. Neots CAMRA branch set off to Southwold. This was truly an historic day as we had all been enjoying Adnams for years and finally we had reached our ambition.....a brewery trip around Adnams, Southwold Brewery!

We had attained our goal by visiting all 72 tied Adnams pubs and drinking at least a half pint each in all of them. This feat of endurance (well we had to endure not drinking whilst moving on to the next pub) had actually been achieved over 3 long weekend visits to Suffolk and two day trips, one to Norwich and one to Colchester.

Having reached the brewery we had a tour with the deputy head brewer, then partook of some refreshment. All (there were people from all over the country) were given Adnams 72 Club ties, engraved 72 Club glasses and ordinary Adnams glasses with the 'Southwold Jack' trademark on them. We then adjourned down the road to sample some 'Olde' (as none had been available at the brewery) and started all over again.....

Roger and Sarah Orbell
Clive Parcell
Bob Ebdon (lives in
Weymouth)

BOOK REVIEW

Just before Christmas I was sent a complimentary copy of the book "Mines a pint-Whats yours?" by Bill Tidy and published by Pearl Books. The book is subtitled "The KegBuster Story" and it consists of a collection of about 60 KegBuster cartoons that have appeared in previous editions of Whats Brewing.

Centred on the exploits of the legendary KegBuster, the drinkers champion, its a rip-roaring and irreverent poke at tasteless, fizzy keg beers and at the big brewery combines in general. Its also a celebration of the year-round pleasures of pubs, good beer and good company. This is what the promotion material says, by the way.

In fact the content of the book is very amusing and it makes for a very pleasant 30 minutes reading which, unfortunately, is the books main drawback. It is far too short and as a result not the best value for money at £1.95 a copy. However no doubt some people will be taken in, notably those who feel at a loss without every possible item of CAMRA material in their possession.

Then again is £1.95 a high price to pay for 30 minutes of escapism in the cold, miserable and cynical world of today?

Joe Greenway

PUB NEWS

The Grange at Brampton is a new Free House which sells Greene King Abbott and IPA on handpump.

The Falcon at Buckden is selling real ale in a porta-kabin while alterations are being made to the bar. There's devotion to the cause for you.

The Bell at Eaton Socon is doing its own winterbrew which is a mixture of Charles Wells IPA and Bombardier.

The following Charrington pubs are currently offering Paines in a reciprocal trading agreement: Golden Knight, Huntingdon; March Hare, Stevenage; Roundhead, Peterborough; Little Rose, Cambridge; Earl of Beaconsfield, Cambridge; Crown, New England, Peterborough; Black Squirrel, Letchworth; and the following free trade outlets: Conservative Club, Peterborough; and the Wine Bar, Peterborough.

BULL ENRAGES A BREWERY

Paines, the St. Neots brewery, is being taken to court by Allied Breweries over the use of the John Bull trademark. Paines use the name for its beer and wine making kits. Allied Breweries recently launched a big promotion of its John Bull bitter. Allied Breweries is seeking a High Court injunction, with damages, against Paines using the name. Allied alleges Paines is in breach of a 1936 agreement under which, it claims, Paines would drop the trademark. But Paines, who, also used to brew a beer called John Bull bitter, dispute the claim.

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