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ST. NEOTS A.G.M. - THURSDAY 22ND MARCH, THE CONYGEARE, EYNESBURY, ST. NEOTS.

All CAMRA members locally, should note the above date and venue for this years A.G.M.

The last year has seen the branch involved in a successful beer festival, as part of the St. Neots Riverside event. Coach trips have been organized to both the Mickles brewery, and the national 'Great British Beer Festival' at Birmingham and numerous trips to pubs locally to sample the 'Real Ales'.

The number of pubs in the area selling 'Real Ale' has again seen a healthy increase with some local pubs going over to all 'Real Ale', selling no keg beer apart from lager. In such rosy circumstances for the drinker of traditional beer, these questions need to be asked; Why be a CAMRA member? Why bother going to meetings? Why attend the A.G.M.? If you have read this far, chances are that you are already a CAMRA member; if not you certainly should be. So the first question answers itself. As for why you should come along to meetings, and, especially the A.G.M. the answer remains, there is still much to be done.

Pub closures, long a problem nationally, have in the past year become a local problem, where breweries from James Paine, Manns and Whitbread have seen fit to close or sell off pubs rather than spend any money on maintaining or renovating them. Beer quality and blandness has become a topic, literally on the lips of every beer drinker. In such circumstances, we need the views, reports and above all, interest of all CAMRA members in our area. So please make the effort to attend on the 22nd March this year. We have booked an especially large venue for the A.G.M., so lets have a big effort to fill it. The usual bribe of at least one free pint for every CAMRA member attending must surely make even the most hard up of you make the effort to get down to the Conygeare on Thursday 22nd March, start around 8pm.

FUTURE MEETING - ALL MEETINGS START AROUND 8PM

Wednesday 22nd February - Dun Horse, St. Ives
Wednesday 7th March - Mermaid, Ellington
Wednesday 4th April - Black Bull, Brampton
P.S. More brewery trips coming soon.

PUB NEWS

The Queen Victoria, St. Neots has a new landlady, Margaret Clark, James PaineXXX bitter and E.G. are available on handpump at this pub, James Paine brewery special 'Olympic Light' was unveiled recently at this pub, for every case of this beer drunk will add £1 to the Cambridgeshire Olympic Appeal.

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PUB NEWS

More Manns pubs in the area are now serving 'Wilson's Original Bitter' as well as Manns bitter, IPA and stag. The Dun Horse, St. Ives, The Axe and Compass, Hemmingford Abbots and The Green Man at Colne are known outlets at the moment.

Customers at the Plough, Eynesbury certainly know their sport. They have beaten 900 other Manns pubs in a sports quiz to win an all expenses paid trip to London and a chance to visit the World of Sport studios and spend the night in an hotel.

The Engine and Tender have won a second round match in the Sunday People National Sports Quiz, but will they have a chance to go through to the final before the closure of the pub, which James Paine have sold off for a factory extension?

The King of Belgians, Hartford have a new landlord, Jim Taylor, who was very nearly without a pub when fire broke out upstairs as the previous landlord, Gordon Broom, was packing to leave. Fortunately, firemen quickly put out the fire and the bar was not effected.

Huntingdon new snooker hall could be putting 'Real Ale' in their bar, when it opens in March.

Anne and Peter Foard and their son David, have taken over the Red Lion at Clopton.

GOOD BEER GUIDE

Yes! It is here, as seen on television, the 1984 Good Beer Guide, available at all good book shops, or at a special members price of only £3.00 at the CAMRA A.G.M. Come along to the next meeting to order your copy, The Good Beer Guide should also be available at your nearest local which is featured in this years edition. Landlords, do not forget to obtain your copies at discount price from committee members or direct from H.Q.

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