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# THE CAMPAIGN FOR REAL ALE SOUTH HERTS. NEWSLETTER

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On 1st May the subscription for CAMRA membership went up to £4. Many people have suggested that the resulting drop in membership will mean the end of the Campaign. This need not be so. £4 a year represents a mere 8 pence per week! This seems very little to pay for the benefits that CAMRA has earned, and will earn for all discerning drinkers. One reason that an increase to £4 seems so steep is that the subscription was kept artificially low at £2 last year - a fact which has, to some extent, been responsible for the Campaign's financial position now. Even at £4 the organisation will still only be ticking over - it will still need to raise money through publications, beer festivals and the like in order to carry on an effective campaign.

If you've been a member in the past but let your membership lapse - don't desert the Campaign now just because your local now sells real ale and you feel that the battle has been won. It hasn't by a long way. Many parts of the country are still as badly off as ever and, since our area has undoubtedly benefitted as a result of national support, then these areas deserve our support in return. On many other matters - prices, monopolies, etc. - there is still a lot to be done.

If you've never been a member - now's the time to join. The benefits of CAMRA membership have never been greater. What is 8 pence a week towards the Campaign to save perhaps Britain's greatest institution - its beer and its pubs?

Come and join us!

## HERTFORDSHIRE FESTIVAL - 1st to 3rd July

To co-ordinate the effects of the three Branches involved in organising this event, namely Herts/Essex Borders, Herts North and Herts South, a committee has been formed of the following members and their respective duties:-

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### Finance

Russell Patten

### Entertainment

David Bundy

### Manpower

Ken Matthews

### Publicity

Jim Axford

The success of the Festival depends largely on the support of the members of our Branches.

The Committee need now the offer of your services and suggestions in any of the above sections.

So get those offers rolling in and make our Festival THE event of 1977.

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## CAMPAIGN FOR REAL ALE LIMITED

Details of the Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association are now printed and copies may be obtained from Headquarters or from Jim Axford, 117 Queens Road, Watford enclosing s.a.e.

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## BURTON-ON-TRENT - a magical mystery tour

Probably you are starting to think about summer holidays, and what better way of spending a days holiday than a trip to Burton-on-Trent - the ancestral home of the brewing industry.

On Thursday morning, 9th June, a mini bus will leave Watford stopping for

"elevenses" at Beeston and then onto Burton for lunch. A tour of the Bass Worthington brewery in the afternoon and returning via Woburn for "tea", to Watford early evening.

Tickets can be obtained from Jim Axford and will cost approximately £3.50.

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## NEWS SHORTS

Charles Wells are brewing a limited batch of cask conditioned mild during the third week of May.

Trumans are launching their cask conditioned beer - any volunteers to find them.

Black Lion, Shenley - for the very rich - with 40p for Burton (that's 8/- in real money)!

Victoria Tavern, Watford - now complies with the G.B.C.

Boddingtons 1976 Chairman's report - "Seventh Record Year" - well done Dave and Tony.

Mild Ale - current total of cask conditioned milds in Herts South pubs - Ind Coope 17, McMullen 11 and Greene King 1.

"77" Hertfordshire GBC - available end of May from Dave Burns, 44 Torrington Place, Potters Bar - Price 30p plus 9" x 4 1/2" s.a.e.

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## PRICES SURVEY

From the information researched by Branch members, a report has been forwarded to Nick Hawkins at CAMRA HQ on the price of beers sold in the pubs in Hertfordshire South area.

Along with other Branch reports, these statistics will be used in CAMRA's Watch Dog price report published in Whats Brewing.

The results show that of the real ales currently available in the public bar (where they still exist!) they fall within the following price range:-

	<u>Per Pint</u>		<u>Per Pint</u>
<u>Brakespear</u>		<u>McMullen</u>	
Bitter	28	Mild	24
		Bitter	26
<u>Courage</u>		<u>Ruddles</u>	
Bitter	29	Bitter	28
Directors	33	County	31
<u>Fullers</u>		<u>Sam Smith</u>	
ESB (Battle Axes)	32	Bitter	32
<u>Greene King</u>		<u>Wethered (Marlow)</u>	
Mild (light)	24	Mild	26
Bitter	28	Bitter	29
Abbott	31	Special bitter	
<u>Ind Coope</u>		<u>Youngs</u>	
Mild KK	27	Bitter	28
Bitter	28	Special	
Burton Ale	34	Bitter	30

From the information received it is apparent that some prices vary wildly and next month's newsletter will have a Best Buys Guide and a list of the "baidies".

My thanks to all who helped in collecting the information.

JIM AXFORD

#### HERTS SOUTH BRANCH DARTS COMPETITIONS

Singles and doubles tournaments were held at the Bell and Crown, Hertford on the 21st and 23rd April. There was a large entry of 14 players of extremely assorted quality.

From the start shock results were the order of the day, your gallant being sunk without trace by Tony (the red **Peril**) Burns, Tony King displaying hitherto unsuspected skill in disposing of Steve Bury and Les Middlewood going down to Dennis Brown after half hour marathon which had the large crowd yawning and sent most of them to the bar to await the result. With only one second round match completed on the first night we had to adjourn until the following week.

In the competition of the previous week Arthur Taylor put paid to the challenge of Tony (**TRP**) Burns by winning the final game and in the other second round match Dave (the Blue **Peril**) Burns struggled manfully to beat Mike Birch (consort of **Marion**) after losing the first game. In the first semi final Arthur Taylor defeated Robb Langston after a breath-taking display of skill by both players, scores never dropping below 50 and the double being hit first shot. In the other semi final Tony King (who had got a bull in the second round) lost to Dave (**TBP**) Burns but put up such a doughty struggle that the crowd could not believe that this was the Tony King of old and suspected that a Muppet had been substituted for him. In the final Arthur Taylor, no doubt suffering a reaction from his fine performance in the semi-final had no answer to Dave (**TBP**) Burns in killer mood and lost 2-0.

A doubles competition was then played and was completed on the stroke of 10.30. In the final Jim Axford and Les Middlewood defeated Dave (**TBP**) Burns and Arthur Taylor (them again) to win the coveted trophy.

The losers competition was won jointly by Pete Foy and Steve Bury who failed to turn up and they will both be presented with the specially designed trophy. A special trophy is being presented to Tony King and all prizes will be presented at the next meeting.

It was unanimously agreed that the tournament was a great success and we hope to hold them regularly. Our grateful thanks are due to our hosts, Alf and Joan, at the Bell and Crown who treated us right royally and served up a fantastic spread on both nights.

#### A FIRKIN FOR FIESTA

CAMRA's latest competition, with a first prize of a new Ford Fiesta car, also has an added bonus from the promoters - a firkin of ale to the branch which sells the most tickets. So bring your counterfoils and money to the next branch meeting or hand or post them to Dave Burns at 44 Torrington Drive, Potters Bar and you will not only stand a chance of winning but also help the branch to win a firkin of ale.

Additional tickets may be obtained from Fiesta Competition, 58 Elmete Hill, Leeds, LS8 2NT and the competition closes on 16th June.

# DIARY of EVENTS

## HERTFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH

- May 17 May Branch Meeting plus auction of brewery paraphernalia. The Red Lion, Radlett (Greene King, Bass) 8pm. Hopefully a Greene King Mild and perhaps Bass Mild will be available.
- May 19 Social with South Beds. Branch. The Musgrave Arms, Shillington (Near Hitchin) 8pm (Greene King on gravity).
- May 24 Mild and Darts evening. The Bell and Crown, Crowbridge, Hertford. (McMullen's) 8pm.
- May 26 Friendly Darts Match -v- Enfield and Barnet Branch. The Railway Bell, New Barnet. (Ind Coope) 8pm.
- May 31 Mild and Pub Games Evening (plus Grand Raffle) The Victoria Tavern, Queens Road, Watford (Ind Coope) 8pm.

## ENFIELD AND BARNET BRANCH

- May 21 East Anglian Mild tasting trip to Wisbech. Ring Colin Riddet on 01 837 4242 ext. 100
- May 31 Social - Trent Tavern Cockfosters.
- Plus Sunday morning socials at Windsor Castle N2 during May.

## GENERAL

- June 6&7 Ally Pally Silver Jubilee Festival - 11 bars and 30 beers. Admission Free.
- June 4 Jubilee Disco/Barbeque at New Fiddle, Hatfield. 11am to 11pm. Tickets £1 approx. from pub. Ring Hatfield 60815
- July 21 Young's Brewery tour, 2.30pm - a few tickets left.

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Further copies are available from the Editor -Please send large SAE.

# Changes

- Croxley Green Red House and Artichoke both now have Ind Coope Bitter.
- Weston White House has Greene King IPA on gravity.
- Codicote Goat has Ind Coope Bitter.
- Reed Cabinet has Directors (in addition to superb Cantab).
- Therfield Fox and Duck for Adnams and Theakstons Bitter and Ind Coope Mild (everything a pub should be).
- Stocking Pelham Ind Coope Bitter on gravity in the Cook.
- Woolner Green Chequers for Ind Coope Bitter.
- Datchworth Inn on the Green has switched Old Peculiar for Fargo.
- Royston Old Bull now sells Bass.
- Hoddesten Bell Ind Coope Bitter and Burton.
- Turners Hill Cheshunt Old English Gent Ind Coope Bitter and Burton
- Wheathampstead Abbot John - All three Ind Coope beers.



## MEMBERSHIP FORM

CAMRA is an independent organisation fighting to improve the quality of beer and pubs throughout the country. Why not join and help us improve the lot of the drinking person?

For your £4.00 subscription you will receive a copy of the monthly 'What's Brewing', CAMRA's newspaper on what is going on in the world of beer.

### SOUTH HERTS NEWSLETTER

I wish to become a member of CAMRA Ltd.  
I agree to abide by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Campaign.  
I enclose £4.00 as my annual membership subscription (Any additional amount will be welcomed as a donation).

Name . . . . .  
Address . . . . .  
Signature . . . . . Date . . . . .

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