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BEER FESTIVAL

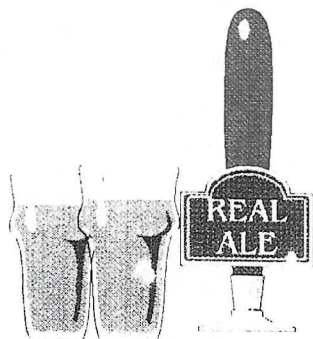
TO RETURN IN 1997

The Great North Western Beer and Cider festival is set to return next year in a new venue. The festival will be held at Bolton Excel located at Bolton College on Manchester Road and will run from Wednesday 19th March until Saturday 22nd March 1997.

The cost of admission and the opening times have yet to be fixed, but should be announced soon. The festival will feature locally produced ales from micro-breweries along with beers from Scotland. The later selection are not normally available in the local pubs so there should be a wide choice of ales available outside the norm.

Due to the closure of Silverwell Street Sports Centre the festival has not been held for the last few years, but it is hoped that the event will flourish at its new home.

If there are any members of CAMRA who wish to help at the event then they can contact the staffing officer, Richard Spedding, on (01204) 653924, or see the organisers, Jonathan Seddon and Jim Fletcher.



EC Threat To Real Ale Choice

In 1990 a law was brought in that meant that tenants of larger brewers were able to buy one cask conditioned beer from the supplier of their choice, since its introduction this law has been very successful. This 'guest beer' was defined as a 'cask conditioned beer' - a term which covers traditional British ale along with various continental ales and lagers. As a result there has been an increase in the number of small brewers providing local beers for local pubs.

In August 1996, the European Commission threatened to take legal action against the British Guest Beer, claiming that it discriminated against foreign beer.

1) Beer choice in the British market is wider than any Continental country,

2) Over 300 microbrewers rely very heavily on guest beers for their business,

3) There are 220 foreign beers on sale in the British market, more than any other serious beer drinking European nation,

4) The organisation representing European brewers, the CMBC, has argued that it is happy with the current rule in Britain!

If the law was changed a number of things may happen

1) The nationally promoted beers would get most of the guest beer business

2) Choice will decrease, with pubs having the same 'guest' on as each other,

3) Microbrewers will be forced to close, thus decreasing choice further.

To prevent this CAMRA needs your help, if you care about your beer choice act now. Write to

1) your MEP at 2 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1A 9AA

2) your MP at House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

GOOD BEER GUIDE 1997

The 1997 edition of the Good Beer Guide was launched on Thursday October 17th 1997, and to promote this event locally Bolton Branch held a meeting of landlords whose pubs had gained entry to the guide.

At this event, held at the Clifton Arms in Bolton town centre, the landlords were issued with their confirmation of entry letters and were able to buy the guide from the branch.

The pubs within the branch boundaries that are in the guide are listed below for you to try out, if you think that your local should be in the guide then please let us know, listing your reasons, but remembering that the following criteria must be met:-

- 1) That the pub serves good quality real ale,
- 2) That the landlord has had the pub for over twelve months,
- 3) That the pub does not serve 'keg' beer or cider using a misleading method of dispense, such as a fake handpump.

1997 Good Beer Guide entries:-

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| 1 Bob's Smithy Inn, Bolton | 8 Rose Hill Tavern, Daisy Hill |
| 2 Clifton Arms, Bolton | 9 Old Original Bay Horse, Horwich |
| 3 Lodge Bank Tavern, Bolton | 10 Horseshoe, Little Lever |
| 4 Maxims, Bolton | 11 Lord Nelson, Ringley |
| 5 Sweet Green Tavern, Bolton | 12 Bull's Head, Turton |
| 6 Watermillock, Bolton | 13 Cross Guns, Westhoughton |
| 7 Flag Inn, Bromley Cross | 14 Lord Clyde, Bolton |

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BRANCH DIARY

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 7TH

BRANCH A.G.M
MAXIMS 7:30 START

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10TH

BEER FESTIVAL MEETING
CLIFTON ARMS 12:15 START

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 22nd

BANK TOP BREWERY TRIP
MEET AT HOWCROFT AT 7:30
BOOKINGS TAKEN AT BRANCH AGM

THURSDAY DECEMBER 5TH

BRANCH MEETING
LODGE BANK TAVERN 8:00 START

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8TH

BEER FESTIVAL MEETING
CLIFTON ARMS 12:15 START

BRANCH CONTACT:- RICHARD SPEDDING 01204 653924

APPLICATION TO JOIN CAMRA

I/We wish to join the Campaign for Real Ale Limited, and agree to abide by the Memorandum and Articles of the Campaign.

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

POST CODE: _____ TEL: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

I/We enclose remittance for individual/joint membership for one year:

☐ £12 individual ☐ £14 joint

☐ £6 concessionary (student/retired/unemployed/disabled)

send your remittance (payable to CAMRA Ltd.) to:

Membership Secretary, CAMRA,

230 Hatfield Rd, St Albans, Herts, AL1 4LW