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GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL BINGLEY HALL, BIRMINGHAM 7TH - 10TH SEPTEMBER

With over 300 different beers from 100 different breweries it must be the event of the year, and the St. Neots branch are running a coach on Saturday 10th September, calling at St. Ives, St. Neots, Huntingdon, tickets around £3. To book your seat phone 64233 or come along to one of the next socials/meetings.

FUTURE MEETINGS. EVERYONE WELCOME. MEETINGS START AROUND 8PM

Wed. 3rd Aug. Prince of Wales, Hilton. A social

Wed. 17th Aug. The Bell, Southoe, 8-9.30pm and Three Horseshoes 9.30pm - closing time

Wed. 31st Aug. The George, Somersham, 8-10.00pm and Windmill 10.00pm-close

Wed. 14th Sept. The George and Dragon, Eaton Socon. A meeting

Wed. 5th Oct. The Green Man, Leighton Bromswold, 8-9.30pm, then onto The Swan,

Old Weston

PUB CHANGES

Best wishes to Scotgrange on the opening of The Coneygeare at Eynesbury, extensively modernised and decorated. At the moment the pub is selling three real ales: Ruddles bitter, Sam Smiths and Adnams.

The Falcon, St. Neots is now selling Springfield bitter, instead of the Charringtons I.P.A.

The Pike and Eel, Needingworth have added Springfield bitter to their selection of real ales.

The Bell, SOuthoe has a new landlord, Dennis Blower, having moved from The Old Crown, Ashton and is now selling handpumped Charles Wells bitter and Bombardier.

The Hardwick Arms, Gamlingay now has Banks and Taylors Shefford bitter on handpump.

CAMRA pub of the month for the sillyest name. David Bruce has just opened his fifth Firkin pub, named 'The Ferret and Firkin In The Balloon Up The Creek'.

CHANCE OF A GAME?

Calling all landlords and team captains. Have you a quite night in your pub? If so, then why not invite the local branch of CAMRA along for a friendly game of darts, pool, bar billiards or skittles. Contact social secretary Paul on 64233.

BEER FESTIVALS - BEER FESTIVALS - BEER FESTIVALS

If you are one of the many drinkers who enjoyed the St. Neots Beer Festival recently, then you may be interested in a few more local beer festivals. Below is a list, to keep you hardened real ale drinkers busy for the next couple of months.

Peterborough Beer Festival 'Mine's Real' August 25th - 28th, The Gildenburgh Rooms, Bishops Road, Peterborough

First Suffolk Beer Festival September 8th - 10th, Corn Exchange, Ipswich town centre 6th Bedford Beer Festival September 28th - October 1st, Corn Exchange, Market Square Bedford

MICRO BREWERIES - MORE NOW THAN EVER

With the news that 5,000 pubs could close by 1990 unless brewers adopt 'saner pricing policies', It is not suprising that many more micro breweries are popping up all over the place, with their tighter prices and good value for money beers. There are now 34 small brewers in the South of England plus 28 pubs which now brew their own beers. Locally, we have Mickles Brewery at Walkern, Stevenage; Hereward Brewery at Market Deeping; Banks and Taylors at Shefford, Beds; Mauldons Brewery at Sudbury, Suffolk. But as yet no St. Neots area pubs have started brewing on their premises, the nearest home brew pub being The Fox and Houns at Barley, Royston.

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MICKLES BREWERY TRIP COMING SOON.