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Festivals Remembered

In October 1977 the Norfolk and Norwich branch of CAMRA held the very first Norwich Beer Festival at Blackfriars Hall. At that time there were only 25 pubs in Norwich selling real ale, and only Watneys was brewing beer in Norfolk. The festival, however, was a financial loss. Undeterred by this loss a second festival was held in 1978 using St. Andrews Hall, and was organised in little over a month. The small profit made was used to pay off the 1977 loss.

The third festival in 1980, organised by Terry Storer, set the precedent for the festivals that followed. At that time real ale was becoming more popular with over 100 pubs in the city selling it, and we were able to promote that popularity even further. The festival was also used to test market a trial brew from a new Norfolk

brewery. It was called Woodfordes Wherry – the rest is history.

The fourth beer festival, which was open for four days, had over 80 beers available. For the first time two special festival brews were available from local brewers Woodfordes and Star Brewery. Star Brewery was a new micro-brewery situated at the Golden Star freehouse which is now a tied Greene King house.

By 1983 the beer festival had become a well established Norwich event. The sixth festival was open for six days and had an even greater range of beers including beers from the new Reepham Brewery (which started in September 1983), Tap Brewery (formally Star Brewery) and another new special festival brew from Woodfordes called Phoenix XXX.

The years passed by and the festival grew from strength to strength becoming more and more popular and hence becoming the biggest regional CAMRA festival in the country. Special beers for the festival continued to be brewed by our local independent brewers such as Woodfordes Nog and Headcracker and Reepham Brewhouse and Stout.

Perhaps one of the most memorable festivals was the tenth one in 1987. It was opened by George Bateman and launched Bateman's Victory Ale, a beer to celebrate the family firm's victory in

preventing a takeover. It also had special anniversary ales Woodfordes Domesday and Reepham Rapier, and beers from the new Reindeer Brewery which opened in May 1987.

This year's twelfth festival is once again being held at St Andrews Hall (23rd – 28th October). It will have some old favourites, some new unusual beers, and some festival specials from our local Norfolk breweries which in years (or months) to come could become part of their regular portfolio.

Festival Competition

Six bottles of Tolly Final Brew will be awarded to the person who correctly states on a postcard or sealed down envelope the name of the person who pulled the

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teer Stores, the bar and furnishings of which the Bystanders salvaged when the demolition men moved into Chapelfield, but for the adventurous the more exciting beers were generally speaking to be found by negotiating the narrow staircase to the upper floor or the basement – tricky for the infirm or inebriate. I must say, this was the first beer festival for a long time I have actually enjoyed; I hope that other visitors enjoyed it as much as I did. The scale was right and the atmosphere relaxed. All the beers I opted for were good – any dubious beers were mostly those which have also been of poor quality in the free-houses during the past few weeks.

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JAZZ SOCIAL

In the last issue I wrote about the forthcoming tour of the Cambridge based band Amadeus Boldwicket's Red Hot Peppers Jazz Band around the Broads area, and what a tremendous success it turned out to be. The weather was kind, the jazz was terrific, and the fans turned up in droves at most of the venues to listen to this truly remarkable band. Many of the pubs visited are of course well known to CAMRA members, and mention should be made of Hotel Wroxham, South Walsham Ship, Reedham Ship, Stokesby Ferry where the morris men turned up, and in particular that well-known freehouse the Beauchamp Arms at Langley, which has an excellent range of real ales and also boasts its own jazz sessions at times.

Special thanks to Laurie Flynn at the New Inn, Rockland St. Mary where CAMRA ran a coach to the Friday even-

ing session - what a pity more members did not take advantage of this outing but those who went had a marvellous evening, and with three real ales at £1 a pint to celebrate CAMRA's visit there were no complaints. This was the band's second visit to the area, and on the strength of this year's success it is hoped to make it an annual event.

In the meantime, help to keep jazz alive in the area by supporting the local scene. There is an excellent session every Monday at the Golden Star in Norwich (Greene King house), and the Vintage Hot Orchestra are at the Oval on Wednesdays. A new venture is starting at The Talk, Oak Street, Norwich with the visit of Humphrey Lyttleton on October 31st, and Monty Sunshine will be at the Royal Oak, Ormesby St. Margaret on October 28th.

Keith Chettleburgh

NATIONAL NORWICH A.G.M.

In previous years CAMRA's National Annual General Meetings have been held in such places as Edinburgh, Durham, Birmingham, Bradford, Hull and Aberdeen. In 1990, however, it will be held for the very first time in Norwich. The two days of official business will take place on 7th and 8th April at St. Andrews Hall, home of the Norwich Beer Festival and an exhibition of local beers will be provided for delegates at Blackfriars Hall, home of the first Norwich Beer Festival. Accommodation will be provided at the University of East Anglia with a regular transport service to link delegates with the city centre. Branch members will be recommending local pubs of interest for delegates to visit

and trips further away will be arranged.

* The organising committee are asking for local members' help in staffing this event. If you are able to help at all during this weekend please contact Neil Macleod at the Pottergate Tavern, Norwich 614589.

National AGM



Norwich
1990

Codename Budvar

Our arrival in the first BA 747 to land at Poprad, Czechoslovakia, was an object of interest for the airport staff. Czech Television cameras were trained upon us, since we were probably the first plane load of potential British hooligans to disembark and make our way to the arrivals lounge. Although they were obviously unprepared for such huge numbers, we were not expected to unload the plane - just to collect our baggage from the tarmac! After seriously scrutinising our faces and passports, the uniformed officials allowed us to remove our baggage to the ageing coaches and we were driven to our hotel over icy roads. Since they form part of the National Park, no roads are salted, but the drivers are skilled in gliding over the gritted icy surfaces.

Kitted out with brand new ski boots and skies, we made our way to the nursery slopes. It was easy to move downwards, and we soon found out how to stop! The skill lies in going in the required direction and stopping where required on one's feet! Day two saw us using the ski lift. Coming down was an interesting experience, but unfortunately I sprained my thumb badly in one of the several hundred falls, and had to go to Poprad for an X-ray.

So, having abandoned skiing, we walked through snowy woods, till the pathway gave out onto snowfields hemmed in by frozen waterfalls and high rocks.

The Beer? well, yes, we tried the famous Budvar, and Pilsner Urquell, both light lagers min. 3.1% alcohol. There were other similar lagers about, both bottled and draught, but we

didn't find a pub or club or brew to match those at home. We had heard of small breweries, but found none in the area where we stayed. Still, we are gluttons for punishment, and hope to make a return trip in the summer on our bikes in the continued search for the (in)famous Czech beers.

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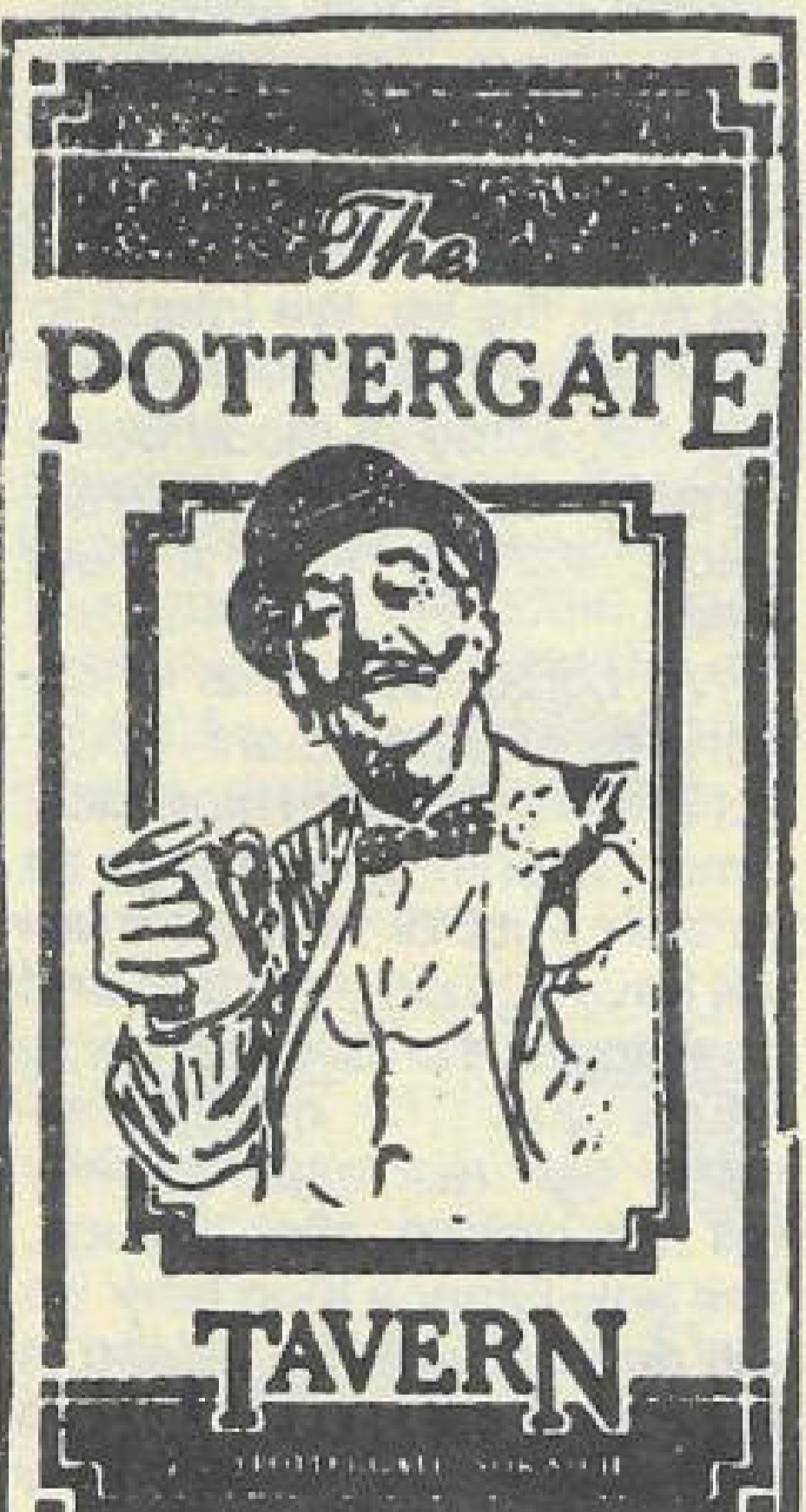
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THE BEER FACTS

We asked for suggestions for beers for this year's festival and finished with a list of over 230. There were no hard and fast rules applied, Big 7 beers were considered along with all the others, so we sat down and tried to make some sense of it all. The idea is to provide a taste of beers not freely available in the area, to encourage small breweries both local and "foreign" to Norfolk and to do a bit of campaigning.

We can do positive campaigning by ordering endangered species like milds, stouts and porters as well as not considering beers from breweries who serve keg beers on fake handpumps. We have tried to obtain all the beers placed in the top 3 in their categories of the Champion Beer of Britain contest run by CAMRA. All the various areas of Great Britain should be represented so you will be able to plan future holidays around our finest heritage. All of the above is rendered meaningless if our suppliers cannot produce the goods. We order all our beers on the assurance that our agents can obtain them but in between order and delivery anything from bankruptcy through too much demand to act of God can conspire to prevent their actual arrival.

We have managed to reduce the list to around 130 beers at the moment but beers are still being added to and lost from the list. We intend to have around 100 beers on our final list, some of those being considered are mentioned below, starting with the local ones.

We could have the whole Adnams and Batemans range but this would mean nine ales, almost a tenth of our range so as with a lot of breweries we will have a good selection and hope to get the others at some future date. The mild enthusiasts can rest assured they will be looked after though. The only Greene King beer we will definitely not be having is Rayments as there is no longer a Rayments Brewery although a beer trading under the good name of the extinct brew is produced at Bury St. Edmunds. For the same reason there will be no Tolly beers, Brent Walker having shut the Ipswich brewery are now producing beers in Hartlepool at Camerons to sell as Tolly in Tolly houses.

All three Norfolk breweries will be represented by new

brews for the festival. Reepham, Woodfordes and the Reindeer beers are known to most people and the festival provides a perfect showcase for them. The plethora of Suffolk brewers should all be displaying their wares: Forbes and Scotties of Lowestoft, Nethergate, Mauldon and Earl Soham will be in evidence. We will again try for McMullens AK Mild and Country Bitter and Burts beers, both of which are remarkably difficult to obtain although there's no harm in trying.

We realise that not to have any Marstons, Taylors or Fullers will result in lynch mobs but you will have to wait and see which particular brews get our vote. Will we have Merry Monk, Golden Best and E.S.B. or Pedigree, Porter and Chiswick? Only time will tell.

Strange names sell beer. We could go for Big Lamp Old Genie, Blackawton Headstrong, Uley Old Spot or Whitby Force 9. There is Bunces Old Smokey, Clarkes Burglar Bill, Cotleigh Old Buzzard, Hop Back Summer Lightning, Malton Pickwick Porter, Premier Old Merlins Ale, Titanic Captain Smith or the wonderfully named Bullmastiff Ebony. We could have all of these and more or we could go for a completely different range.

Our ciders and perries will reflect a Devonian bias with some rare offerings not usually available but will include at the organisers insistence Cow Hill. Local ciders will also be available provided we can get them. It all seems to add up to the traditional mix of mystery, excitement, thrills and pleasure. **See you there.**

*Alan Edwards
Festival Organiser*

Twelve years on and here we go again. After all this time there are still people who are visiting the festival for the first time. There are those who have been in the past and need their memories jogging, those who have been every year and who still need reminding and those who can't get it right in any circumstances! Here we go again then:

* On production of a CURRENT membership card CAMRA members can walk straight in free, avoiding any queues and admission fees. Yes, you can join at the festival and get in free for the rest of the week.

* You will need a receptacle to drink from. Your souvenir glass can be purchased from

the counter on your left as you enter the hall. Should you not want this delightful moment of your visit your money will be refunded when you leave.

* At the same time you can purchase your beer tokens, I'll write that again in block capitals, BEER TOKENS. You purchase tokens here at an exchange rate of 10p per token and then, at the bar, hand over the requisite number of tokens for your beer. For beer costing £1.00 a pint you will hand over 10 tokens. If you wish for a beer costing 90p a pint and you want only a half you hand over 5 tokens, 50p's worth, and you receive 5p change. No this is not bureaucracy gone mad but a simple method to help you and the organisers enjoy

GOOD BEER GUIDE

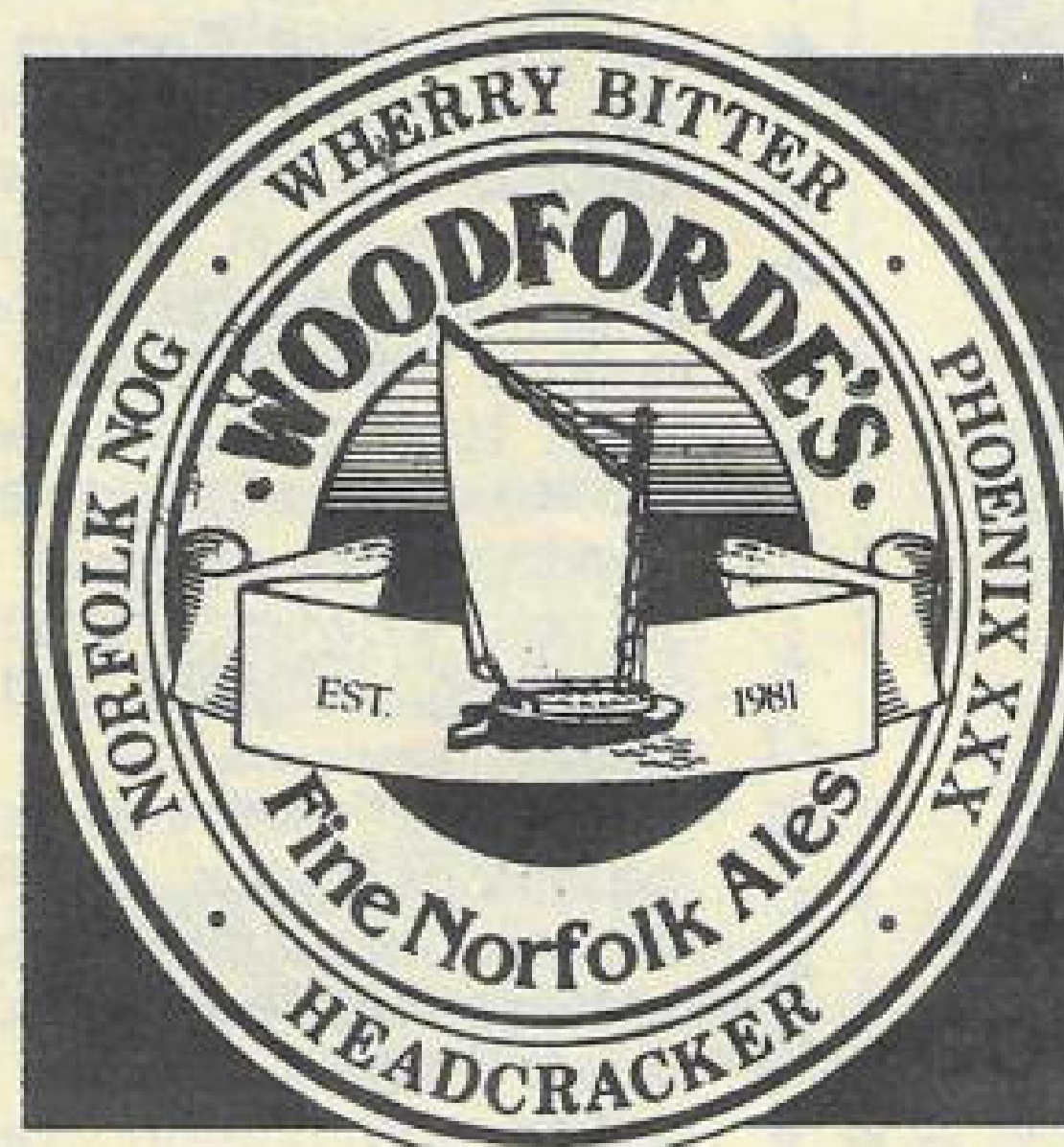
* The new 1990 Campaign For Real Ale Good Beer Guide will be launched at this year's Norwich Beer Festival. Festival goers can obtain a copy of this essential drinking guide at the CAMRA goods stall for £6.95 (reductions available for card carrying CAMRA members).

* If your favourite Norfolk pub is not included in the 1990 Good Beer Guide you can nominate it for the 1991 Good Beer Guide. Simply send the pub's name and address together with your own name and address to Cynthia Kirby, 49 Denton Road, Norwich. Don't forget the main criteria for inclusion is GOOD BEER.

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* The cheerful and helpful staff who serve you do not get paid and do not get free beer. They are all volunteers, many have used their holidays to work here and each and everyone would appreciate politeness and patience from the customers. They are here to enjoy the festival as much as you are.

* The beers themselves are representative of the many

and varied varieties available throughout this country. The strength of the beer shown by the O.G. and A.B.V. figures on the end of the barrel. The higher the number the stronger the brew. The idea of the festival is to gently sample as many of the ales as you like and still remain happy and healthy. It is not to drink as much of the strongest available liquid, talk loudly and act silly and finally fall over under the weight of your filofax. Should you enjoy the ales go back to your local pub and ask the landlord if he can get any of them either now or when the Monopoly Merger Commission's report is implemented.

Barnum T. Jugboat

FESTIVAL PARTY

On Saturday 28th October the annual Beer Festival Party will be held from 7 p.m. until late. Admission is free to card carrying CAMRA members, or by ticket for non-members, priced £2.50, available from the festival. This year's theme is to come dressed as a brewery or brew. e.g. a london porter, merry monk, wobbly bob, green king, archer or flower. Prizes for the best costumes will be awarded to staff and visitors.

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* Monday - USEFUL NUMBERS - Seven-piece band with female vocalist

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* Wednesday - TO BE ARRANGED - has not been decided yet

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* Thursday - AYLISHAM BAND/ADRIAN LUCAS - festival favourites

* Friday - LEE VASEY and EAST SIDE, WEST SIDE - jazz orchestra

* Saturday - LUCAS/FIFTH AVENUE - a party night extravaganza

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

As well as over 100 mystery brews and the best of Norfolk entertainment there are many other attractions at the Norwich Beer Festival.

* The ever popular Tombola Stall (every 1's a winner) with prizes of breweriana, bottled beers and other useful and valuable items.

* An array of sophisticated and tasteful T-shirts with logos and slogans for all the family.

* An exciting display of CAMRA publications and goods including ball-point pens, lucky keyrings and the ever popular 1988 Norwich Beer Festival tea-towel.

* A selection of bottled beers including Elgood's Highway for the driver.

* A thought-provoking range of ciders and perries that should not be mixed with the beers. Pure apple juice is also available for the driver who does not like Elgood's Highway.

* A good choice of food for hungry festival drinkers. Beer glass in one hand, bap in the other.

* The famous festival badge machine will once again be in operation.

* The chance to purchase a 1989 Norwich Beer Festival beer glass to add to your collection in the loft.

* The very latest in toilet technology is to be found at the left hand side of the stage.

MEMBERSHIP OFFERS

The normal price to join CAMRA is £9 but you will be able to join at this year's beer festival at the special price of £7 and gain free entry to all sessions, including Saturday party night. Students carrying

their student union card will be able to join-for £5. All members receive a monthly copy of "What's Brewing" to keep up with the latest news and receive discounts on CAMRA publications, goods, and social events.



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We have been used to seeing notices in pubs saying "no bikers" or "no leather jackets" despite the fact that many "bikers" dress neatly, behave impeccably and ride immaculate machines costing far more than the average family car. A year or two ago a friend who was a lorry driver called in a pub for a lunchtime pint, only to be told that, following the pub's recent refurbishment, he could not be served because

he was wearing overalls (in that case a smart green suit and perfectly clean.)

There is a disturbing trend for notices to appear in pubs both in the city and elsewhere saying "dress restrictions", "jackets and ties must be worn" or some other such nonsense. Not only should such snobbery prompt us to boycott the offending pubs, this kind of discrimination should be illegal.

Ken Chapman

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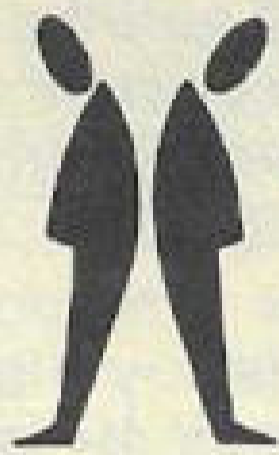
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RED HERRING NEWS

* The First East Anglia Open Marbles Tournament will be held in aid of charity on 8th October from 11a.m. - 4p.m.. There is a £5 registration fee for teams of 6.

* A breweriana auction will be held on the 14th October during the lunchtime session in aid of children's charities. This will follow on from a beermat collectors meeting. Breweries have donated an array of items including beer mats, bar towels,

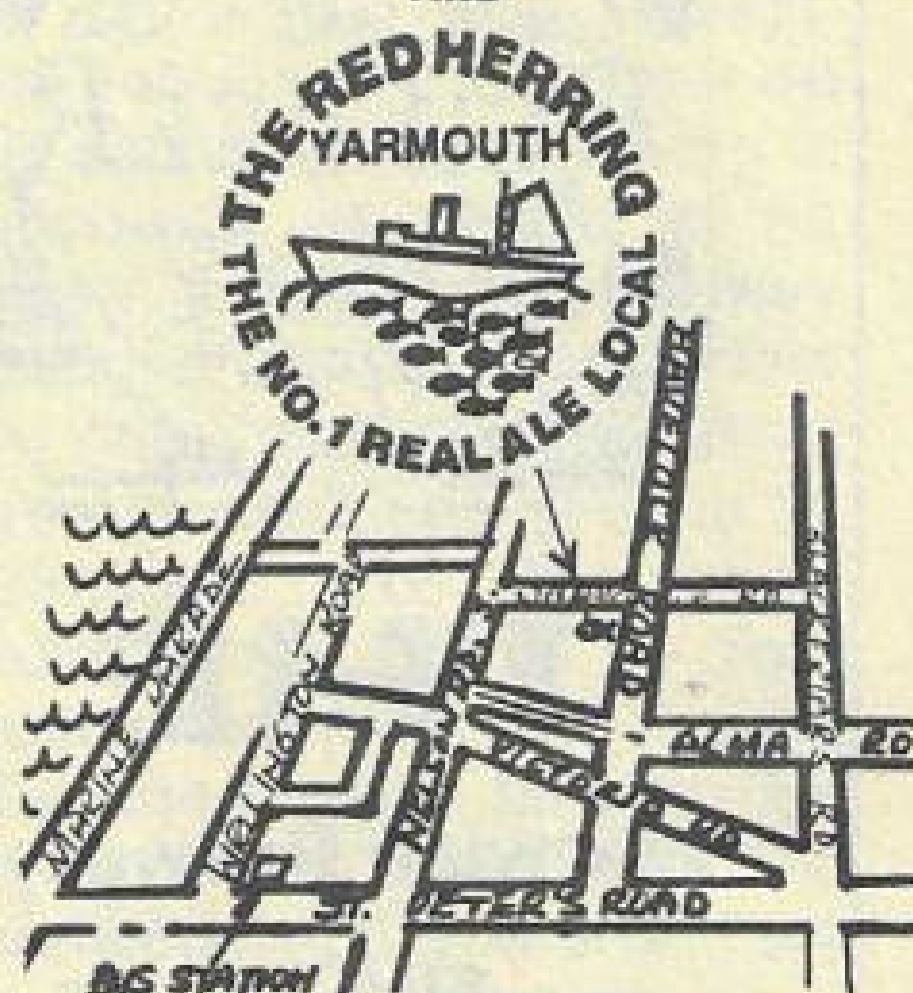
ashtrays, sets of prints, t-shirts, a bar mirror, a beer engine, several fonts, posters and labels. All are welcome to this event.

* A mini beer festival will be held from 8th November until the beer runs out with around 20 ales and food.

* Further details of these events can be obtained from The Red Herring, Havelock Road, Gt Yarmouth. Tel. 853384.

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BREWERY NEWS

* Norfolk's largest brewery WOODFORDES have moved to their new brewery site at Woodbastwick.

* Suffolk's newest brewery SCOTTIES sited at the Crown Hotel, Lowestoft is now in production with full mash brews.

* Ipswich Council has placed a preservation order on the TOLLY COBBOLD brewery to preserve the building and equipment inside. Brent Walker are now considering turning the site into a working brewery museum.

* BRENT WALKER are going to sell off 150 tenanted pubs in the North East and East Anglia. Former Manns and Norwich Breweries pubs sold to Brent Walker by Grand Met are up for sale along with pubs from both the Tolly and Cameron estates.

* GRAND MET has sold its William Hill and Mecca bookmaking chains to Brent Walker for £685m.

* South Hertfordshire CAMRA reports that before bulldozers move in to raze the disused TRUMANS Brewery in Brick Lane, the site is to be examined by archaeologists. Presumably looking for the mythical Ben Truman hop.

* BASS have bought the Holiday Inn chain making them the world's largest owner of hotels.

* Congratulations to BATEMANS Brewery in a triple victory at the 1989 Champion Beer of Britain awards. Mild came third in the Mild category, Victory came second in the strong ales category, and XXXB came first in the Special Bitters category.

TEGESTOLOGY - BEERMAT COLLECTING

As I recall I started in 1983 (1989 Guinness Book of when I went for a university interview. The guy whose room I'd been put in had a small collection on the wall, and for some reason or other it struck me as being a good idea. Since then a fair number of pubs have lost a few beer mats in the direction of my jacket pockets. Currently I have around 850, including some of interest like one for Watney's 1966 World Cup pale ale, some foreign ones, some promoting brews that have since deceased (e.g. Bullard's Mild, S&P), and even a red barrel. It appears that brewers recognise tegestology as a hobby, as evidenced by the numbers of beer mat sets that are produced, a number of which were being sold at last year's Norwich Beer Festival.

The world's largest beer mat collection is owned by Leo Pisker of Vienna, who in April 1988 had more than 123,200 beer mats from 151 countries. The largest collection of British beer mats is held by Timothy J. Stannard of Birmingham who has 38,875 at the last count

(1989 Guinness Book of Records). A few pubs also participate in this hobby; they are after all ideally placed to acquire British beer mats. In this area a collection can be seen at the Beauchamp Arms, Carleton St. Peter, and a less formal one at the White Lion, Oak Street. There is a tegestology society, and enquiries at the Red Herring in Yarmouth may bear fruit for those of you that are interested.

Andy Mitchell

COLLECTORS ITEMS

Collectors of bottled beers might be interested in the following beers I have for sale: Oakells Pale Ale, Burton Bridge Porter, Gales Prize Old Ale, San Francisco Steam Brewery, Harveys Elizabethan, Davenports Top Brew Deluxe, Bass No 1 Barley Wine, Pitfield Dark Star, Morlands Old Spec-kled Hen Anniversary Ale, 10th GBBF Anniversary Ale, Mitchells Centenary Ale, James Paine Final Brew. Offers for all or any to Alan Edwards Norwich 661440

PUB NEWS

* The old Griffin at Bury is to be called the TAVERN (Brent Walker) and refurbished with bare boards and a "taproom environment"

* ST. ANDREWS TAVERN – formerly the Rumsey Wells – under the partnership of Adnams Brewery and Colin Keatley is due to open in October.

* Thieves who broke into a fruit machine at the BRICK-MAKERS, Sprowston Road, stole over £100. The machine was called "Break the Bank".

* Ebenezers, Norwich, is now called the RACECOURSE INN. (where's the racecourse?)

* Wreningham BIRD IN HAND, closed by Watneys in 1984, has re-opened as a freehouse selling Woodforde's, Adnams, Flowers and Websters.

Planning permission has gone in for a hotel extension and swimming pool.

* The Growler, GT YARMOUTH has become the MARKET TAVERN and now emphasises food.

* The CINEMA CITY Suckling Bar, Norwich, has been taken over by workers' cooperative Take Five and has become a cafe bar with real ale, selling Ind Coope Benskins and Burton. Now we can enjoy some real ale when seeing real films.

* After GrandMet has been refused planning permission to turn the 1860 SHIREHALL, Norwich, into offices, they now claim that newly discovered structural problems mean that the pub will have to be demolished instead for

redevelopment.

* GrandMet, continuing their trend to close pubs, have applied for planning permission to knock down the NELSON, Norwich, and build houses there instead.

* Co-editor Sara Dent (over 25, but not a businessman or tourist) decided to investigate the all new MISCHIEF ALE & WINE VAULTS. The notice outside stating "real ales served by hand to gentlemen" changed her mind.

* While the OSTRICH, South Creake, has stopped selling real ales, the FARMERS ARMS, North Creake, has enlarged its range. It makes you think.

* The JOLLY FARMERS, North Creake, Fakenham now has a new restaurant open.

* Apologies to the CHEQUERS INN, Bungay for our error in opening times. They are open 5.30 in the evenings and 12 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturdays.

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He now plans a follow-up Winter Warmer Extravaganza over Christmas and into the New Year. He intends to allow connoisseurs of the hop a whole month in which to savour the best of the British breweries' special Christmas and winter ales. Further details will appear in the next issue of Norfolk Nips.

Alf and Bridget Carrington

COUNTYPUBS – *The Bell, Saham Toney*

Saham Toney is named after one of its former owners, Simon De Toney (one of those Norman chappies), to whom it was given by William the Conqueror, and at its low point it had no pubs whatsoever. However, a while ago, the Bell re-opened as a free-house and currently sells Adnams Bitter and Greene King Abbott. It is situated on Bell Lane by the Mere, and could probably be described as being a real

pub: real ales, real fire, real oak beams, real floorboards and real wattle and daub walls (at least in part), a section of which is on display in the lounge behind a sheet of glass. Food is available most of the time but not Friday and Saturday evenings, and ducks are often available in the car park. Worth a visit if you're in the area.

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It's over a year now since the government eased restrictions on pub opening hours and whilst Norwich drinkers can enjoy an afternoon pint in some city pubs, in the county of Norfolk it's a very different story. Some pubs which formerly opened at 5.30 p.m. now open later and several pubs are no longer opening at all on weekday lunchtimes. In August, the height of the tourist season, not a single pub could be found open in mid-afternoon along the coast between Hemsby and Sheringham. In Cromer on Carnival Day the crowds were enjoying the food and drink in a pub when, at 2.30 sharp, they were encouraged to leave so that clearing up could commence. In the same pub a few days before, drinks were still being served well after 11.00p.m.. This may be the publican's idea of "Flexible Licensing Hours" but unless they make more effort to open for the

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MMC SUMMARY

Lord Young's reshuffle successor Nicholas Ridley has now produced draft orders to implement decisions taken following the MMC report on the Supply of Beer. These orders can be divided into seven main points.

- * Brewers owning more than 2,000 licensed premises must release from all product ties one half of their premises above the 2,000 threshold or else cease brewing. Effective from 1st Nov 91.
- * New "free houses" must be leased at market rents.
- * All tenants of national brewers will be able to choose at least one cask conditioned beer from another brewer or supplier. Effective by May 1st 1990.
- * There will be no tie on wines,

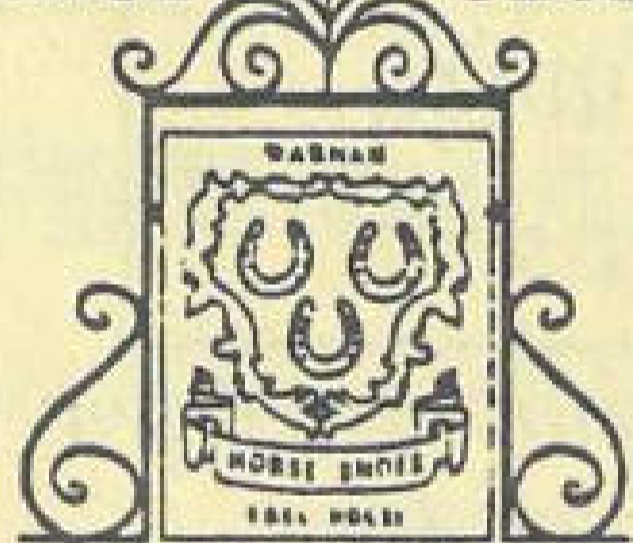
spirits, soft drinks, NABLABS and ciders for tenants of national brewers.

- * Licensees will be able to terminate any loan agreement at not more than three months notice without penalty.
- * All brewers must publish wholesale prices lists showing maximum prices for different categories of customers.
- * Brewers cannot impose restrictions on future use of licensed premises as pubs when they are sold.

At present it is difficult to predict the outcome of these changes. Although they may create new outlets for independent beers and ciders, they also allow the Big Six to use loan ties to maintain their monopoly.

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TUE 3rd OCT
CAMRA Crib Social and Presentation night. Norwich City Supporters Club 8.30. This is the annual joint social between CAMRA Crib and the Norwich branch of CAMRA.

MON 23rd - SAT 28th OCT
12th Norwich Beer Festival, St. Andrews Hall. The CAMRA event of the year - don't miss it!

MON 6th NOV
Committee Meeting. York Tavern, York Street 8.00.

TUE 21st NOV
Branch Meeting. Bath House, Cromer. Coach from Rosary (7.00), White Lion (7.15). New members very welcome.

For further details contact Pete Copeman on Norwich 57137.

CAMRA CRIB NEWS

- * The 1989/90 Campaign For Real Ale Crib League so far consists of Bakers Arms, Bell (Cawston), Berstrete Gates, Branford Arms, Castle, Cricketers, Duke of Norfolk, Freemasons, Galley Hills, Horse & Dray, Larkman, Lord Rosebery, Mustard Pot, Mill Tavern, N.W.M.C., Marlborough, Rosary, Rose & Crown (Frettenham) and Swardeston S.C.. Any late entries should contact Malcolm on Norwich 502513.
- * The 2nd Annual Social/

Dance is being held on Tuesday 3rd October 1989 at Norwich City Supporters Club from 8.30 - 11p.m. There will be presentation of trophies, a buffet and live music from the J Sound. All CAMRA members are invited along to this event, the last social before the beer festival. A special brew will be on sale. Landlords/managers of teams participating are invited to donate a bottle to help defray the cost of the evening by means of a raffle.

Terry Storer

CAMRA DARTS NEWS

- * Following the success of the taking over of the Courage Crib League, the Campaign For Real Ale has now taken over from Courage as sponsors of the Ladies Darts League. Further information can be

obtained from Terry Storer on Norwich 663745.

* There is no truth in the persistent rumours that Norwich Campaign For Real Ale is about to buy out the Courage tied estate in Norfolk.

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NEXT NIPS

Nips 46 (Christmas and New Year issue) will be published on FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER. The final date for articles, information, and advertisements is FRIDAY 10th NOVEMBER. The editors (address front cover) would like to hear from different people, and welcome new advertisers. Nips belongs to the whole branch - please put pen to paper and ensure we have a wide range of views.

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