

EDITORIAL

Here we are again after lapsing for several months, and under new management, like the N.E.C. itself. This is a brief issue to set the ball rolling, in the meantime, please send lots of contributions to Richard Graham, 4, Sudbury Croft, Wembley, Middx. and he will pass them to me.

JOHN MORGAN

N.E.C. NEWS - THE A.G.M.

The A.G.M. was held on 9th March and although most London Branches were represented, the overall attendance was abysmal. Zest determination and hard work will be required from the newly elected committee, which is:-

Chairman	Richard Graham	Woolwich & Campden Hill
Vice-Chairman	Ozzie Tillett	Special, Wantz & Campden Hill
Secretary	John Morgan	Campden Hill & Pagoda (not yet off)
Treasurer	Leo Kelliher	Pagoda (not yet off)
Committee Members	Dan Appleton	Campden Hill
	Derek Legge	Special

Branches should take the earliest opportunity of debating future structure and role of the society's N.E.C. and of reporting their views to the April or May meetings

PRICES

We have agreed to highlight high and low figures, so please supply the appropriate information to Robert McGowan, 5, Sanford Walk, London SE15. (H. 692 16663)

THE RULES OF ETIQUETTE

I'm no wineman - the nearest I usually get to wine is the vinegar on my fish and chips, but I vaguely remember James Bond detecting someone as not the gentleman he was pretending to be owing to his gaffe in having red wine with fish.

The screenwriter Herman Mankiewicz, a noted toper, went to a posh Hollywood dinner party where he drank too much and threw up on the table. The shocked silence was broken by his assuring his host, "It's alright, Arthur; the white wine came up with the fish."

A BOOK OF PILE'S

The Weakest Beer Ever Brewed '...was brewed in Germany by Sunner Colne-Kalk in 1918. It had an original gravity of 1,000.96 degrees.' No wonder the Germans lost the war.

The Least Successful Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting 'A 1974 dinner dance for the Belfast branch of Alcoholics Anonymous ended in a cloakroom brawl after £385 had been spent at the bar.

The Manager of the hotel at which the event was held said the trouble was not so much caused by those who abjured the grape. "It was their friends."

The Fullest Errata List. 'A booklet entitled The History of Cornish Pubs gained extreme popularity in 1978 on account of its impressive errata list. It contained 140 corrections to a 70 page survey.'

The Least Successful Golf Club 'The City Golf Club in London is unique among such organizations in not possessing a golf course, ball, tee, caddy or bag. Its whole premises, just off Fleet Street, do not contain a single photograph of anything that approaches a golfing topic.

"We had a driving range once," the commissionaire said, "but we dropped that years ago." The membership now devotes itself exclusively to eating and drinking.' - proper beer, too, I hear.

These interesting facts are derived from the Official Handbook of the Not Terribly Good Club of Great Britain. - Stephen Pile's The Book of Heroic Failures (London: Futura Publications, 1980 95p) a very amusing read.

PRODUCTS

	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Individual</u>
Badges - Enamel	£0.60	£0.65
Plastic (100 or more)	£0.09	£0.10
Christmas Cards -1979 (undated)) quotes	£0.10
1980 (undated)) available	£0.15
T-Shirts	£2.25	£2.50
Ties	£3.25	£3.50

S.P.B.W. LONDON PUB OF THE YEAR 1980/81

After much pleasurable sampling, the judges have announced the results:-

1. "Cross Keys" W.6
2. "Buckingham Arms" S.W.1
3. "Melbourne Arms" S.E.18

The presentation will be made on Thursday 9th April so lets have a bumper turn-out. Press releases have been sent and there has been a local publicity. Congratulations to Mac and Shirley for a well deserved honour and our thanks to organiser Geoff Austin, and his team of judges.

DIARY DATES

See how other Branches operate - attend one of their events - make yourself known, I'm sure you will be made welcome.

APRIL

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| 1 | Wed | Wingfield - Branch Meeting - | |
| 2 | Thurs | Woolwich - Branch Meeting - "Railway" Blackheath | 20.00 |
| 4 | Sat | Pagoda - Assistance & Social - Sandown Park Festival | 11.00 |
| | | (possible pub crawl of Kingston in the evening) | |
| 6 | Mon | Campden Hill - Branch Meeting - "Churchill Arms" Kensington | |
| | | Church Street W.9 | 19.30 |
| 7 | Tues | Pagoda - Branch Meeting & Social "Express Hotel" Kew Bridge | |
| | | | 19.45 for 20.00 |
| 8 | Wed | Coate - Branch Meeting "New Inn" | 20.00 |
| 9 | Thurs | N.E.C. - S.P.B.W. London Pub of the Year 1980/81 | |
| | | Presentation "Cross Keys", 59, Black Lion Lane | |
| | | W.6 | 20.00 |
| 13 | Mon | N.E.C. - Monthly Meeting - "Ludgate Cellars" EC4 | 18.30 |
| 14 | Tues | Special - Branch Meeting - "Rose & Crown" Colombo St. SE1 | |
| | | | 19.30 |

DIARY DATES Cont./..

- 22 Wed Wantz - Branch Meeting - "Royal Oak" Victoria Road
Romford, 20.00
- 28 Tues Campden Hill - Pub Crawl in W.6, in conjunction with
"London Australian Magazine" commences
9.00 Riverside Studios, Crisp Road
then "Blue Anchor", "Cross Keys",
"Thatched House", curry afterwards.
- 29 Wed Central London - Social Gathering - "Buckingham Arms"
Petty France SW1.

MAY

- 5 Tues Campden Hill - Branch Meeting - "Churchill Arms 19.30
- 6 Wed Wingfield - Branch Meeting - "Poplars" 19.30
- 7 Thurs Woolwich - Branch Meeting - "Railway" Blackheath 20.00
- Campden Hill Theatre Visit (Pat Welford W. 637 9144 x246)
- 11 Mon N.E.C. - A.G.M. Continuation
- 12 Tues Special - Branch Meeting - "Rose & Crown" 19.30
- Central London Brewery Visit - Green King (Biggleswade)
(Nick Martin W. 505 3333 x2339 re: spare places)
- 13 Wed Coate - Branch Meeting - "New Inn" 20.00
- 18 Mon Wantz - Branch Meeting - "Royal Oak" 20.00
- 23 Sat Special - Outing - Isle of Wight
- 26 Tues Pagoda - Branch Meeting & Social (Venue to be arranged)
- 27 Wed Central London - Social Gathering - Buckingham Arms SW1.

JUNE

- 8 Mon N.E.C. - Monthly Meeting - "Wellington " Waterloo Road
SE1. (Upstairs) 18.30
- 10 Wed Central London - Brewery Visit - Shipstone, Nottingham
(Nick Martin W. 505 3333 x2339 re: spare places)
- 20 Sat London Branches - Outing to Greenwich Beer Festival 13.30 etc
- 27 Sat Central London - Brewery Visit - Everards, Barton
(Nick Martin W. 505 3333 x2339 re: spare places)