

# The Society For The Preservation Of Beers

## From The Wood - News Letter

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June 1977

### N.E.C.

The N.E.C. met on the 13th June.

It was decided to allocate around 5 £80 of the funds to the Alexandra Palace stand. This would be used to pay for our site and the production of literature and stand decoration.

The M.A.F.F. had acknowledged our submission which would be given full consideration before going to Ministers. The implementation date could not be predicted. Branches should supply the B.L.O. with names and addresses of M.P.s etc to be lobbied.

The Treasurer reported that the Society value was £436.40 of which £247.00 was stock. He proposed to write off £29.58 of stock to balance the books. This consisted of 9 sets of cuff-links, 46 Christmas Cards from 1975 and 141 Cards from 1976. This action was approved.

Branch Visits have been made to Wiltshire, Yorkshire, Woolwich and Wantz Branches during the past month. A full report on these visits will be given in the next News Letter.

The Branch Liaison Officer apologised for the delay in the issue of last month's News Letter and relative inactivity. This was due to having a minor operation. It would also possibly affect the size and date of issue of the June News Letter.

Three National Members had indicated that they would be interested in a quarterly News Bulletin. The National Membership Secretary tendered his resignation to be effective from the July meeting. He regretted having to take this action but it was due to heavy commitments at home and work. Nomination for the post will be accepted at the next meeting.

The Technical Sub-committee were awaiting replies to correspondence before arranging its next meeting.

It was agreed to produce a Christmas Card this year with a traditional greeting, irrespective of the design. It was hoped that this would be acceptable to buyers.

The N.E.C. are to purchase £10 worth of badges from Wantz Branch for sale at Alexandra Palace.

It is hoped to organise a social event in October.

### BRANCH REPORTS

Britannia The Branch has been relatively inactive recently due to members getting married and sitting examinations.

Campden Hill The Branch Tie has been presented to Mr Holliday, head brewer at Eldridge Pope as a token of gratitude for a successful visit. Lost the darts matches against the 135 Association (6-1) and Charlie Butler Ladies (4-3). Soon meeting St George., Visit to Paines on 13th August. Charity pub walk postponed till Friday 22nd July. Dinner on 8th September in White Cross to commemorate the Battle of Britain. Collected £23 in 3 hours at the Fete on 11th June at St. Mary Abbots Hospital.

St. George Hook Norton Brewery Visit on 24th June. Paines Brewery  
15th October. G. Sangster, Chairman, has left London to work in  
Nottingham: no replacement has been appointed.

Special Henekeys, Leicester Square, have reduced the price of  
Ruddles after a campaign by the Branch. They have been given free tickets  
for the opening of the pub in Portobello Road.

Wantz The weather was good for their Charity Walk and it is hoped to  
raise £250. Support is required for the Dagenham Town Show, 9/10 July  
and they are taking part in the Rainham Carnival.

Woolwich The June meeting at the Cricketers, Greenwich (Charrington  
I.P.A.) was quite well attended; much of the evening the Branch had the  
saloon bar to itself. The N.E.C. were represented by Simon Evans and  
Arthur Mitchell.

The summer frolic has been provisionally arranged for Saturday 6th August,  
and will consist of a trip to Oxford, several of the Branch members  
claiming to have been educated there (as well as at Cambridge, the scene  
of the 1976 frolic)

The next meeting will again be at the Cricketers, 22 King William Walk,  
S.E. 10 on Thursday 7th July at 8-00 for 8-00

#### KEITH HUDSON dec'd - MEMORIAL DINNER

Members will recall the tragic announcement of Keith's death in March  
1976. Keith was the N.E.C.'s Hon Auditor and had been treasurer of the  
Campden Hill Branch since its formation in 1965.

In his will Keith left £100 to David Allen to disburse on a festive  
occasion for his friends. After consultations, David arranged a Dinner at  
Simpsons in the Strand on Tuesday 10th May, where Keith and his friends had  
done justice to the traditional Menu on many happy occasions.

27 attended this moving event and enjoyed yet another fine dinner, and,  
of course, most of those there are members of the Society. Among those  
present were Arthur Millard and Dougie Chamberlain (founders), David  
Allen, Frank Manning, Ian Malcolm, Gray Sinclair, Jeff Weston and John  
Morgan.

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