

Egham United Services Club - Newsletter July 2010

Club awards:

CAMRA – CAMPAIGN for Real Ale have again awarded the club “North Surrey CAMRA Club of the year” for the third year running; we also won regional and super regional awards and reached the finals of UK CAMRA Club of the Year for the second year running. The club has also been accredited as a CAMRA LocAle Club as we sell and promote many locally produced real ales; we have also been accredited as a CAMRA Real Cider outlet due to the amount real ciders we stock in the cellar.

Real Ale & Cider Festivals:

We are hosting the 6th Egham Real Ale & Cider festival between Thursday 19th and Sunday 22nd the club will be open from 11am each day, we will have hot and cold food available and lots of real ale and cider on sale. Entrance for club members is free but you can bring in two guests at £1 per person, CAMRA & CIU is only £1 other guest will be charged £3.00. If you want to bring your guest on Saturday night to watch the band “Sketch” entry is free.

All guests must sign in on the door where they will receive a copy of the tasting notes, you can then buy your festival vouchers from the bar. The ales & ciders will be sold from the club bar by club staff or the bar on the patio area by CAMRA Volunteers. If you are unsure of an ale or cider ask for a taster we will be more than happy to oblige.

Visit the dedicated festival website for full details of the ales and ciders available.

<http://www.eghambeerfestival.co.uk> If you cannot attend this festival you can find the dates of the next festivals on the appropriate page of the festival site.

We will have Club and CAMRA membership forms available and North Surrey Pub Guide's on sale.

The club bar:

We have such a high demand for real ale and cider that we have invested in two additional beer engines for the bar; they should be fitted in the next few weeks; we continue to sell a wide range of lagers, Fosters, Beck Vier, Stella4 and Staropramen, including bottle beer like Budweiser and Becks, and low and non-alcoholic drinks.

We also have an ever changing selection of real ciders from the cellar for local and national producers along with Strongbow and bottle ciders and perries.

The “double up for an extra £1” offer continues on many of the spirits, our wine selection seems to have now settled in, we have spent a year trying to find a wine selection that appeals to most people, the wine menus are in production and should be on the tables soon.

We also sell Tetley's Smooth, Guinness and Extra Cold Guinness.

Social Events:

- Tuesday nights: Quiz Nights hosted by our Vice President and resident quiz master Tim Richardson.
- Wednesday nights: Bingo hosted by our lovely President Margaret Hutchin
- Thursday nights: League snooker when in season.

- Friday nights: Family nights, Irish Bingo, hoy, free members draw and raffle.
- Saturday nights: Entertainments night, various bands, groups, solo artists and a disco once a month. Check out the entertainments page on the Egham United Services Club site or the diary on Facebook. <http://www.eusc.co.uk/event.html>

Works & Buildings:

Some of you may be aware that we have recently had a new roof fitted to the club, not only the tiled roof but the entire flat roof's too.

The kitchen is currently undergoing a refit, new wiring, replacement ovens, fryers, fridges and counter tops will be fitted, we estimate that the kitchen will reopen in the middle of August.

All the work carried out in the club is paid for with club funds, we do not have any loans or outstanding debts, we have money in the bank and again plan to invest some of the funds into a guaranteed interest account.

Food:

Our new chef will be starting shortly after the refit has been completed. We will be launching the reopening of the kitchen with a new menu and offering food on a Friday and Saturday evening to get us going again. Then hopefully the Sunday Roasts will return if the demand is high enough. Bar snacks will also be available through-out the day and early evening.

Feedback:

The committee needs your feedback, we need to know what you would like at your club; there are numerous way to contact us:

1st Visit our Discussion site on Facebook where you can review other members comments and put your own comments on or create a new discussion. Here is the direct link http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=66175602338&v=app_2373072738 You don't need to be afraid of Facebook as long as you use your common sense, you do not need to share all your information with the world to be able to join the largest social networking site. (If you need some advice about Facebook please contact me directly I will gladly help)

2nd Come to the first of our Feedback sessions at the club at 7pm on the 31st July 2010 and meet some of the committee face-to-face and put your suggestions forward. Please these sessions are for you to provide positive feedback, if you have something else that you need to bring to the committees attention please do so in writing addressed to the Committee and it will be read out at the next monthly meeting.

3rd Email me directly I will put your comment on Facebook for other members to review if you wish or pass it to the Feedback sessions.

4th Put pen to paper addressed to the committee.

Essential club rules:

- No swearing in the club.
- Dress appropriately.

- Each member is allowed to sign two guests in per visit the member must pay £1 per visitor into the desk where the signing in book resides, the guests must leave when the member leaves, the member is responsible at all times for their guest.
- Membership renewals are from the 1st of January to the last day of January every year.

Future communications:

I do not want to flood you with regular emails but I would like to suggest that you either visit our website for regular updates, subscribe to the RSS or Twitter feeds or better still join the rest of the members on Facebook.

Committee 2009/2010:

Hon. President - Margaret Hutchin

Hon. Vice President - Tim Richardson

Hon. Treasurer - Devinia Boardman

Hon. Secretary - Richard Griffin

Entertainments Committee - Julie Griffin, Katrina Dunn and Doreen Catlin

Finance Committee - Jack Marks, Keith Wright and Keith Hopkins

Works and Buildings Committee - Alan Purvis and William Baker

If you would like to join the committee and help us run a successful award winning club please contact me for further details.

Regards,

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