



Solihull & District Area
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"BORO BANTER"



TWO NEW BEERS FOR SOLIHULL

This Christmas Solihull drinkers are being treated to two new cask-conditioned beers, one from Ansells and the other from M.&B. Ansells are introducing "GIBBS PREMIUM BITTER" (OG.1039) into some of their houses in Solihull. We are not quite sure which houses will be selling this beer which, incidentally, is brewed in Wiltshire, as it appears to be available at the discretion of the Manager, but we do know that it is available at the Lyndon, the Royal Oak at Hockley Heath, and the Saracen's Head at Balsall Common. The beer is described as distinctive and malty, coming somewhere between Ansells Bitter and Ind Coope's Burton Ale in strength, and probably price.

M.&B. are re-introducing their winter brew "HIGHGATE OLD ALE" (OG. 1055) which is brewed in Walsall. This beer is a typical potent winter brew which is available just for the winter season, and a few pints are guaranteed to warm the parts other beers just boast about. Definitely worth sampling but beware, especially if driving! Try it at the following houses: Masons Arms, Red House and Sharmans Cross in Solihull: The Nags Head in Hockley Heath, and the Wilson Arms in Knowle, and the Railway at Dorridge.

PUB OF THE MONTH

Each month the branch will be having a Pub-of-the-Month social at a house in the area. January sees the pub-of-the-month at the Tom O' the Wood in Rowington. This pub is situated just off the Hockley Heath to Claverdon road, about one mile from Lapworth village, turning right down Finwood Lane towards Lowsonford. Beers available are Whitbread Traditional and Flowers Original (avoid the Best Bitter which is "fizz"). The standard of the beer is usually good and a wide selection of bar snacks is available. The pub is delightfully situated alongside the Stratford canal, so come along and join us. -everybody is welcome - on the 18th January 1983.

FLEXIBLE LICENSING HOURS

Are you happy with England's licensing hours? Do you find that the pub closes whenever you are thirsty? Then you are not alone. Support CAMRA to change our out-dated laws. Sign our petition forms which will be found in many Solihull pubs. CAMRA nationally is aiming for 1,000,000 signatures by March. Flexible hours would enable publicans to open and close their premises to suit YOU, the customer, not what suits the Magistrate.

SOCIAL DIARY

Tuesday, 4th January 1983. Branch Meeting, Lyndon, Richmond Road Olton. (Now four traditional beers on sale).

Tuesday, 18th January 1983. Pub-of-the-Month - Tom O' the Wood, Rowington.

Coming soon: Davenports and Holdens brewery visits.

Cheers, and Merry Christmas!

Malcolm Glass