



*The **RACS** business meetings are usually held on the last Wednesday of the month in The Gate at 8.00pm — but check with the **RACS** Noticeboard for up-to-date details.*



*The purpose of **RACS** is to enjoy good beer, visit breweries and be companionable over a glass of decent ale*



*Don't forget that on Club Nights after 7.30pm, production of your **RACS** card in The Gate gives a discount on all pints of beer. One very good reason for joining!*



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DOOM BAR JOINS THE UK'S MOST DIVERSE BEER PORTFOLIO AT MOLSON COORS Molson Coors acquires Sharp's Brewery Ltd

On February 2nd 2011, Molson Coors (UK) announced the acquisition of the award-winning Sharp's Brewery including Doom Bar, the UK's most exciting cask beer brand. Founded in 1994, Sharp's Brewery is a modern brewer of cask conditioned beer based at Rock, Cornwall and has grown to become the largest brewer of cask beer in the South West. Doom Bar, already the number-one selling caskbrand in the South West and Wales and the fastest growing cask brand in Greater London, represents a tremendous opportunity for growth in volume and distribution. Mark Hunter, Chief Executive, Molson Coors (UK & Ireland) said: "The team at Sharp's have a passion for brewing beer of the highest quality with the finest natural ingredients available making this a great marriage of two businesses with similar values. This is a new chapter for Sharp's Brewery and we are excited to play our part in taking Doom Bar to the next stage of its brand evolution." With over 8.6m cask beer drinkers in the UK and cask beer representing 15.2% of on trade beer volume (its highest share of on-trade beer for a decade), the addition of Doom Bar alongside the developing Worthington's family of ales allows Molson Coors to add real choice to the UK's most diverse beer portfolio. Nick Baker, Managing Director Sharp's Brewery commented, "We have worked exceptionally well with Molson Coors for many years and they have played an important part in the growth of Sharp's Brewery. We recognised that they have the capabilities, comprehensive routes to market and the culture to build on and accelerate the progress the business is making which is why we are delighted to have done this deal. "It was, and is, important to us to know how Molson Coors will manage Sharp's and their plan to invest in developing the brewery at Rock and the Doom Bar brand is spot on. We are excited to watch Sharp's Brewery achieve even more under their stewardship." Stuart Howe, Head Brewer at Sharp's Brewery said: "We are delighted to be joining the Molson Coors team, all of whom are passionate about Sharp's Brewery and committed to the Doom Bar brand. We are incredibly proud to be voted the best regional cask beer by our customers, with the support of Molson Coors we're looking forward to being recognised as the best cask beer in the country." Doom Bar is a strong addition to Molson Coors' diverse portfolio and is the latest in a series of recent extensions including Cobra, Singha, Corona and Blue Moon. It follows the launch of the William Worthington's Brewery in December 2010. Constructed in listed buildings at the National Brewery Centre, the William Worthington's Brewery produces well-known Worthington's brands such as Worthington's White Shield, the most decorated beer in CAMRA's history, Worthington's Red Shield as well as a range of Worthington's Seasonal Ales and other limited edition brews.



Brendan Sothcott, RACS Member & Chair of HEB (CAMRA) had this to say about the announcement: *I do not like all the talk about preserving the brewery or beers. I hope it does not suggest a future brewery closure and cloning the Sharp's Beers elsewhere as contract brews. Oh well – makes beer festival beer ordering easier – one less brewery to choose from.*





*In December 2010, Norman Brown who has been a member of **RACS** and is a well-known and regular drinker in The Gate, was personally presented with his OBE by the Queen.*

The Sawbridgeworth Brewery provided a couple of beers for the 4th Colchester Winter Ale Festival, which ran from Thursday January 20th to Saturday January 22nd 2011, they were Gold 4% and Malt Shovel Porter 6%. Mark Watson in *Essex Days*

Out, commented that the porter was "a very moreish porter with a smoky taste." It is interesting to note that the glasses provided for the festival were half-pint ones, reducing the risk of drinkers getting seriously drunk on the strong winter brews!

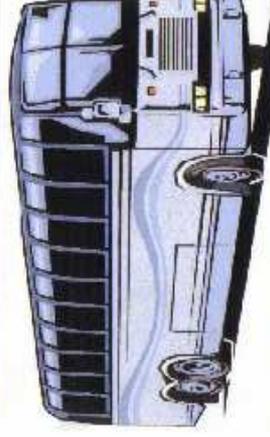


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ADRIAN JOLLIFFEE

SAD NEWS

Adrian I'Anson Jolliffe

31 December 1960 – 15 January 2011

January 15th 2011

Dear Everyone,

Sadly there is no easy way to break this news to you. It is such a shock, especially as we were all feeling so pleased that Adrian had finally moved to Jacobs Centre, at the Rivers Hospital in Sawbridgeworth. His blood pressure dropped into his boots suddenly yesterday and although they managed to stabilise him overnight, the battle must have been too hard for Adrian to fight and he slipped away from the struggle and died this morning.

Jane Fox

De Merc Chamber Choir



St Mary-at-Latton Church, Harlow
Thursday, 27 January, 2011 at 12:30 pm

Adrian's funeral service in St Mary-at-Latton, Harlow on January 27th was attended by **RACS** Members Jan, Caroline, Nicholas and in a double role, Brendan (**RACS** & CAMRA). During one of the tributes, mention was made of Adrian's love of real ale, his membership of **RACS** and the musical programmes he provided with the De Merc Chamber Choir for several of our social evenings in The Gate.

At the monthly meeting the previous evening, **Ann Dodkin** had found a video she made on one occasion when the De Merc Chamber Choir was entertaining **RACS**. She had also found the words to the **RACS** "anthem" "Toss the Pot" – discovered and dedicated to us by Adrian – so a rousing rendition was followed by raising our glasses in a toast to Adrian. The video is to be put on the **RACS** website (www.racs.org.uk) as a tribute to Adrian (thanks to Webmaster **Mark** and **Ann**).

RACS have dedicated a tree to Adrian's memory, which is in the Woodland Trust's plantation at Theydon Bois.



A tree is dedicated in memory of **Adrian Jolliffe**, who enjoyed beer and provided wonderful music for



RACS BURNS' NIGHT EVENT

Another successful evening — thanks to Jan for cooking for more than 35 eager mouths, Deb and John for waiting at table and Gary for washing up! Neeps, tatties, a wee dram and haggis were as popular as ever.

Throughout the evening six teams competed in the quiz — which had a Scottish marathon and other Scottish questions sprinkled about. Jan, as always, was a calm, easily-heard, competent questioner. Caroline who had compiled the quiz was taken to task on a couple of occasions by Nicholas when he knew the correct answers which weren't the ones on the sheet!! Ah well, they say nobody's perfect, least of all a wife.

The evening ended with the usual enormous and prize-varied fund-raising **RACS** raffle.





Society for the Preservation of Beers from the Wood
38th Annual General Meeting of the NEC - 14th March 2011
Royal Oak (Tabard St London SE1)

AGENDA

1. Introduction and apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the previous AGM.
3. Matters Arising.
4. Chairman's Annual Report.
5. Questions on Item 4.
6. Treasurer's Report. –approval of 2010 accounts.
7. Questions on Item 6.
8. Amendments to Constitution:
9. Election of Temporary Chairman.
10. Election of Officers: (a) Chairman/(b) Secretary/(c) Treasurer/(d) Vice-Chairman
11. Election of Four Committee Members.
12. Appointment of Honorary Auditor.
13. Branch Subscriptions
14. SPBW products available
15. Any Other Business.
16. Close of Meeting.

Society for the Preservation of Beers from the Wood

37th Annual General Meeting of the NEC - 8th March 2010

Royal Oak (Tabard St London SE1)

Minutes

1. Apologies for absence – Caroline Macy, Bill English, Elaine Fairless, Dave Samuel, Peter McGill, David Laing, Colin Donald, Roger West, Linda West, Douglas Dodd, Kian De La Cour, John Dearing, Dot Brown, Ray Goodearl.
20 Members present. - Meeting commenced 19.10.
2. Minutes of the previous AGM, read by Nick Martin. Minutes accepted by the meeting. Proposed Brent Wheatley, seconded Bill Smith.
3. Matters Arising. None.
4. Chairman's Annual Report. The chairman Chris Callow (CC) Thanked the NEC and members attending the AGM, despite the inclement weather. He referred to the national weekend in Sheffield, and beer and buffet events, Burns night, the East end curry, and the Tony Littler trophy as other social successes. He thanked the editor of Pint in Hand Roger Jacobson, and the contributors, for sustaining its freshness for 28 years. Membership numbers are keeping level. The Pembury Tavern won the 2010 London pub of the year, and the diligence of the judging panel was commended. The website was plugged and Mark Hutchinson thanked for running it, and members urged to make more use of it (www.spbw.com). And the forum: www.spbw.com/bb. Dave Samuel was praised for designing and purchasing interesting new products. The chairman raised a glass to absent friends, who had departed during the year, John Gore, Dave Humpies and David Hudgell.

5. Questions on Item 4 –None.
6. Treasurer's Report (Jim Woodcock) JW. –Jim presented the slightly amended draft accounts for 2008, and the draft accounts for 2009. These showed a profit of £322.32.

The balance (net asset value) is currently £5126.36, although some payments to be made for printing of PIH are still outstanding. The cash in the bank is about £5,500. The audited accounts will be available soon and published in PIH.

7. Questions on Item 6. – Sue Hart asked whether the accounts were subject to confirmation of stock levels held by Dave Samuel. Jim said that was the case. JR thought that Dave was holding very little stock. Accounts passed by the meeting, proposed Brent Wheatley, seconded Sue Hart. JR made the comment that it is difficult to allocate some revenues specifically, because of the convoluted trading off between products, some donated, and some discounted, events, and expenses, and Jim does a good job managing to allocate this.

8. Amendments to Constitution: - None
9. Election of Temporary Chairman. Richard Philips filled this role, in order to facilitate the election.
10. Election of Officers: - (a) Chairman/(b) Secretary/(c) Treasurer/(d) Vice-Chairman
11. Election of Four Committee Members.

(Committee Nominations 2010 AGM)

<u>Post</u>	<u>Nomination</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
<u>Chairman</u>	Chris Callow	R.Jacobson	M.Hall
<u>Vice Chairman</u>	Mike Hall	J.Rooth	R.West
<u>Secretary</u>	John Rooth	R.West	R.Jacobson
<u>Treasurer</u>	Jim Woodcock	M.Hall	R.West
<u>General (1)</u>	Dave Samuel	R.Jacobson	J.Rooth
<u>General (2)</u>	Roger Jacobson	J.Rooth	M.Hall
<u>General (3)</u>	Bill English	R.West	C.Callow
<u>General (4)</u>	Roger West	M.Hall	R.Jacobson

Webmaster Mark Hutchinson proposed R.Jacobson, seconded J.Rooth

As no other nominations were received - the above members were re-elected:

12. Appointment of Honorary Auditor. – Mike Berry. –carried.
 13. Branch Subscriptions. Several of this year's have already been received and Bill English is collecting the outstanding ones. –These were frozen at current rates.
 14. Attention was drawn to the availability of society products as per contact telephone numbers or on the website.
 15. Any Other Business. A glass was raised in memory of Dave Humphreys and John Gore and Dave Hudgell, who had all contributed to the SPBW.
The National Weekend 2010 will be in Shrewsbury from Friday November 12th – Sunday November 14th. There will be the usual mix of brewery and pub visits.
- RACS** are organising the 2010 Tony Littler Trophy. This will be a beer quiz at the Shooting Star Middlesex St –near Liverpool St Station on April 26th (Monday).
16. Close of Meeting 20.08.

£100 of buffet food was provided