

RACS DIARY 2011

Regular monthly Meetings — usually the last Wednesday in the month at The Gate from 8.00pm.

Nibbles after the meeting

Wednesday October 26th

Wednesday November 30th

RACS Famous QUIZZES

Sunday November 16th at 7.15pm

in The Gate

Tables of 4, or not more than 6, please

£5 per person to include supper

Book with Jan as soon as possible

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Date to be announced later

and

RACS CHRISTMAS BASH

Saturday November 26th

Have you voted for a venue yet?

Contact Jan or Hannah with your suggestions

NOW

RACS

The Magazine

of the

Real Ale Club

of Sawbridgeworth

(established 1995 and based at The Gate, Sawbridgeworth)



OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2011



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YOUR RACS COMMUNEE 2011-2012



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(Old Speckled Hen) &
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Committee Member

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR



I have not written in **RACSQ** for some time since the issues have been coming out monthly, but I feel I should make everyone aware that **RACS** has not got a bottomless purse. The last two trips we organised (Chappel and Ascot), because they seemed to be popular at the time and so were organised; Chappel, which is normally a very popular trip and usually pays for itself, had only 29 people signing up and then several Members and their friends letting us down on the day, so that **RACS** had to subsidise heavily. And the Ascot trip, even when tickets were purchased in advance, we were still let down at the last minute and the coach cost had to be subsidised for more than we had calculated. The coach price is worked out on the names given for the trip, so if anyone lets us down that is money out of **RACS** purse. We are now very low on funds so will unable to give very large subsidies in the future.

I do my best to raise money for the club, with raffles, quizzes etc, but with no income from a tombola this year it means that our funds are depleted. I hope you all will rally round and help raise funds by attending the winter quizzes and I look forward to seeing **you** at one of them soon.

Jan



Staggering! It would take 25 years to taste every UK beer

By Tom Morgan

BRITAIN'S beer drinkers have more time in living memory, with nearly 100 breweries opening in the past year, the Campaign for Real Ale said today.

There are now a "staggering" 5,500 beers in regular production from 840 breweries across the country.

Roger Protz, editor of Camra's Good Beer Guide, said: "The choice and diversity of beer in Britain is staggering and if one hardy soul was to attempt the challenge of sampling every beer produced in Britain, including seasonal offerings, you're going to be looking at an estimated 25-year stretch."

He said that despite economic difficulties and pub closures, Britain's pioneering brewers were

more than rising to the challenge. Never will anyone alive today have seen 5,500 regular beers produced on these shores at any one time."

Yorkshire was leading the way, with over six times more brewers in the region - regularly producing more than 600 beers - than when the first Good Beer Guide was compiled in the 1970s.

"Not only is there an exploding number of breweries operating in Britain, but also the quality of real ale has never been better," Mr Protz added.

"Speciality brewers are using the finest raw materials - malt and hops - to make their ales." He said. "Britain is a great place to be drinking good beer."

From The Daily Express



SPBW NEC MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month in

The Royal Oak,

44 Tabard Street, London SE1.

RACS

A Day out at Ascot

Saturday October 1st 2011



What a superb day **RACS** and their friends had when they went for a day out at the races. We went to Ascot, which was also running a CAMRA beer festival - what a bonus!!

We were graced with glorious weather for October, you'd have thought it was still high summer. This was a great event - all areas of the race course were open to us, for just an entrance fee of £8.50. The beer actually ran out by 4pm, but still a great day was had by everyone.

This is an event to watch for next year!!!



APPLICATION FORM for MEMBERSHIP of

The Real Ale Club of SAWBRIDGEWORTH
to May 2012

If you wish to join or renew Membership of **RACS**, please fill in this form, in BLOCK CAPITALS, then send to JAN MEAD, 23, Crofters, Sawbridgeworth, Herts CM21 0DE or NICHOLAS MACY, 26, Riverside Court, Harlow, Essex CM20 2AD and **INCLUDE** a subscription of £5 per person per year

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