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OAKHAM JHB CROWNED AS CHAMPION BEER OF BRITAIN 2001



As we were going to press, the announcement came through from the *Great British Beer Festival* of the results of the *Champion Beer of the Year!*

This year's *Supreme Champion* is *Jeffrey Hudson Bitter (JHB)* from the *Oakham Brewery* in *Cambridgeshire*. The *Silver Medal* went to *Hop Back Summer Lightning* and the *Bronze Medal* went to *Brains Dark*.

The results in the other categories were as follows:-

MILDS

Gold: *Brains Dark*

Silver: *Moorhouses Black Cat*

Bronze: *Boat Brewery Man in the Boat*

BITTERS

Gold: *Oakham JHB*

Silver: *Adnams Bitter*

Joint Bronze: *Harviestoun Bitter and Twisted* and *Barge & Barrel Bargee*

BEST BITTERS

Gold: *RCH Pitchfork*

Silver: *Woodfordes Nelson's Revenge*

Joint Bronze: *Goddards*

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STRONG BITTERS

Gold: *Hop Back Summer Lightning*

Silver: *Goacher's Gold Star Ale*

Bronze: *Slaters Supreme*

SPECIALITY BEERS

Gold: *Oakham White Dwarf*

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Bronze: *Cheriton Village Elder*

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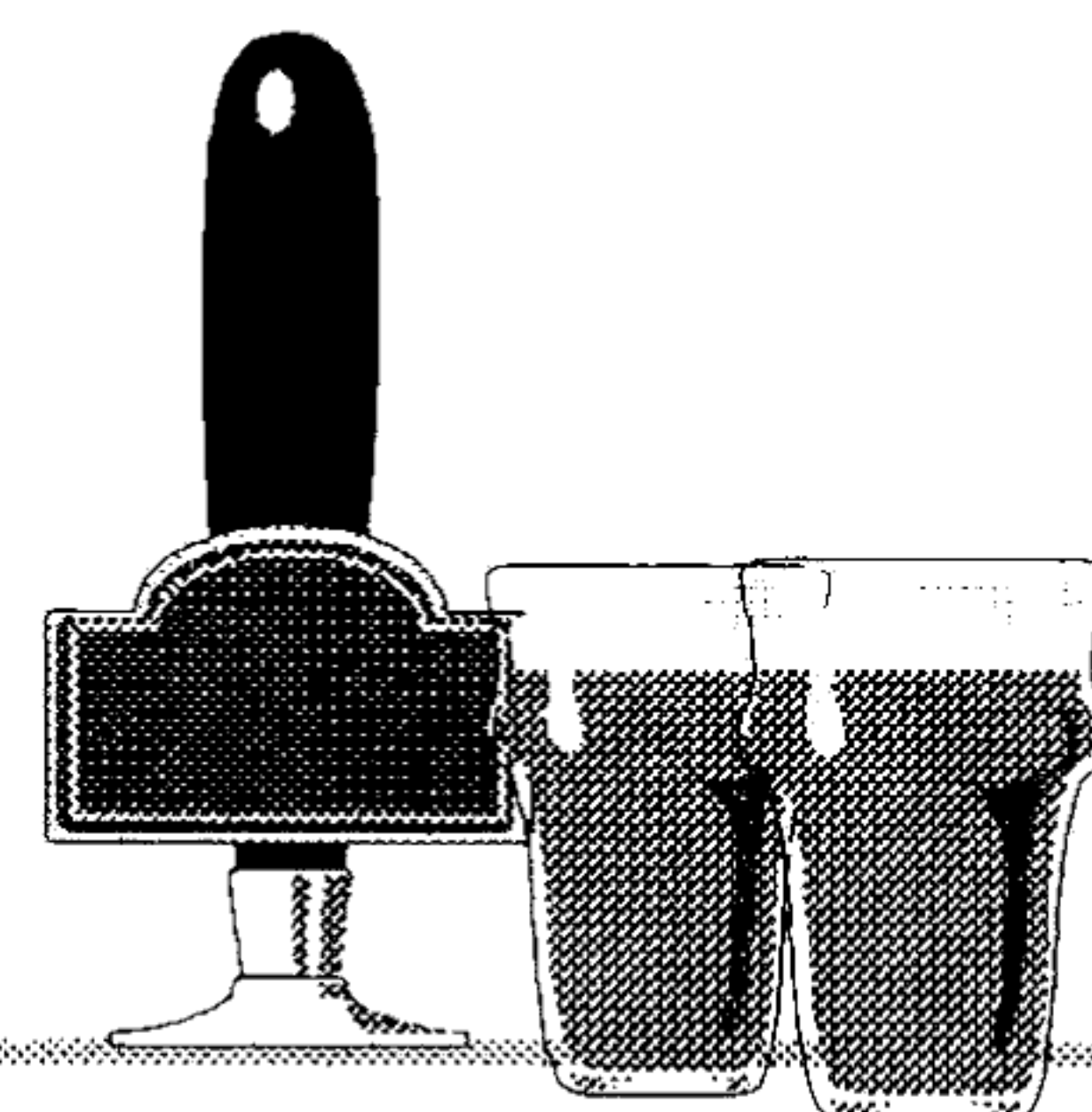
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The **Oak** held its *Summer Beer Festival* in July. This was very successful with the twenty beers and four ciders running out early on the Sunday evening.

AYLESBURY

The **Buckingham** has reopened after having been closed for five weeks. It has been renamed as the **Emperor Inn** and has been redecorated throughout. The bar at the front has been decorated to be more in keeping with a country town pub and the best news is that the ghastly orange paint has been replaced by white! The back bar has also been redecorated and it is intended that this area will be used more for food. The beers they have on offer are *Brakspear's Bitter* and *Special*.

The **Buckinghamshire Yeoman** has been under new management since the end of April when Trevor Cook took over from Steve Evans. Trevor has about thirteen years experience in the pub trade and he and his staff are gradually getting trade back up to former levels. The real ales remain as before, but food has changed as they are doing their own menu and sales have increased.

The **Greyhound**, in Southcourt, has been renamed the **Priory** following recent work on the pub. Hopefully we will have more details next issue.

Also reopened recently, after having been closed for three weeks, is the **Hobgoblin**. These renovations took an extra week to be carried out because they were waiting for their special Axminster carpet to be delivered!

The bar down the left hand side of the pub has been removed and this area has now been carpeted. The big TV screen has gone and the pool tables are now there (with enough room to use proper cues all the time!).

In the main bar, the long tables have all been replaced with a series of smaller ones. This is in order to make the pub more 'food friendly' and there is a new menu available. It is hoped that they will be offering *Broughton Bramling Cross* as one of the regular guest beers.

The **Horse & Jockey** has had a few changes in the entrance to the bar following the enlargement of the adjacent hotel which now has 64 rooms.

If you fancy a drink in the morning, the only place to go before the other pubs open is the **Market Tavern**. Formerly called the **Green Man** and **Butler's Wine Bar**, it has a Market Licence which allows it to open from 6:30am Monday to Saturday. However, as demand at that time in the morning is limited, the pub actually opens at 7:30am and has most of its real ale trade by the end of lunchtime. Evening trade can be slow and the pub may close early if there are no customers. It is also closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings. For a relatively small pub, it manages to sell a lot of both *Adnams Bitter* and *Draught Bass* which are available on handpump. Food, in the form of thick beef sandwiches, is hoped to be available from the end of August.

BIERTON

Michael French is to leave **Bob's Barn** at the end of September. Customers past and present are invited to a farewell party from 7.30pm onwards on Thursday 20th of September. Entertainment in the form of soul music is planned.

BLEDLOW RIDGE

The **Boot** is reopening on Saturday

4th August and villagers are being invited to a special session on Thursday 2nd, with a private party on the 3rd. Food service should start on Sunday 5th, and the beers planned are *Brakspear's Bitter*, *Fullers London Pride* and a beer from *Rebellion Brewery*.

CHRISTMAS COMMON

The building work at the **Fox & Hounds** has been finished. A large restaurant has been built on the side of the pub, but the main bars appear largely the same, although handpumps have replaced gravity dispense.

GREAT KIMBLE

The **Bernard Arms** is under new management. No further details were available as we went to press.

HEDGERLEY

White Horse regulars would love to know who it was gave the pub a splendid plug on a radio quiz, late afternoon Tuesday 19th June. When asked by the presenter where he was off too next, he said 'Down to the **White Horse** in Hedgerley

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Opening Times Disappointment in Queen's Speech

**'Time Please'
for Government
commitment on licensing
reform**

**Pub-goers 'feel cheated' on
opening hours reform**

Members of *CAMRA* and pub-goers throughout England and Wales are calling for the Government to make a firm commitment to ensure plans to reform antiquated licensing laws are included in the next Queen's speech in 2002.

Mike Benner, Head of Campaigns and Communications said on the day of this year's Queen's Speech, 'Many pub-goers will feel cheated today. Licensing reform featured heavily in Labour's election campaign and drinkers deserve to know when the Government is planning to stick to its commitment. The Government has stated its commitment to reform on several occasions, but its omission from today's Queen's speech has derailed this important reform yet again.'



CAMRA is calling on the Government to work closely with the industry and consumers to ensure that disputes over the details of the proposed new system are dealt with quickly.

Disagreement between sectors of the industry over who should administer licensing under a new Act have led to delays, but *CAMRA* claims these problems can be easily dealt with through strong guidelines to ensure consistency.

Mr. Benner added, 'The devil may be in the detail on an issue as complex as liquor licensing, but it is essential that the

Government and the industry do not lose sight of the objectives of reform. It is ridiculous that responsible adults in England and Wales can't enjoy a drink with friends in a local pub after 11pm.'

'It is important that people understand that reform will not lead to a free-for-all. Under the Government plans, pubs will not be allowed to open 24 hours a day when they feel like it. Rather each pub will have to seek agreement for its opening hours as part of a business plan. Most pubs will probably only apply to open for an extra hour or two at weekends and residents and the police will have a say in all applications.'

CAMRA has welcomed the move for responsibility for liquor licensing to the Department of Culture Media and Sport (DCMS) from the Home Office.

Mr Benner said, 'We hope that DCMS will be able to strike a better balance between the public order and crime aspects of licensing control and the importance of pub-going as an important part of the British way of life.'

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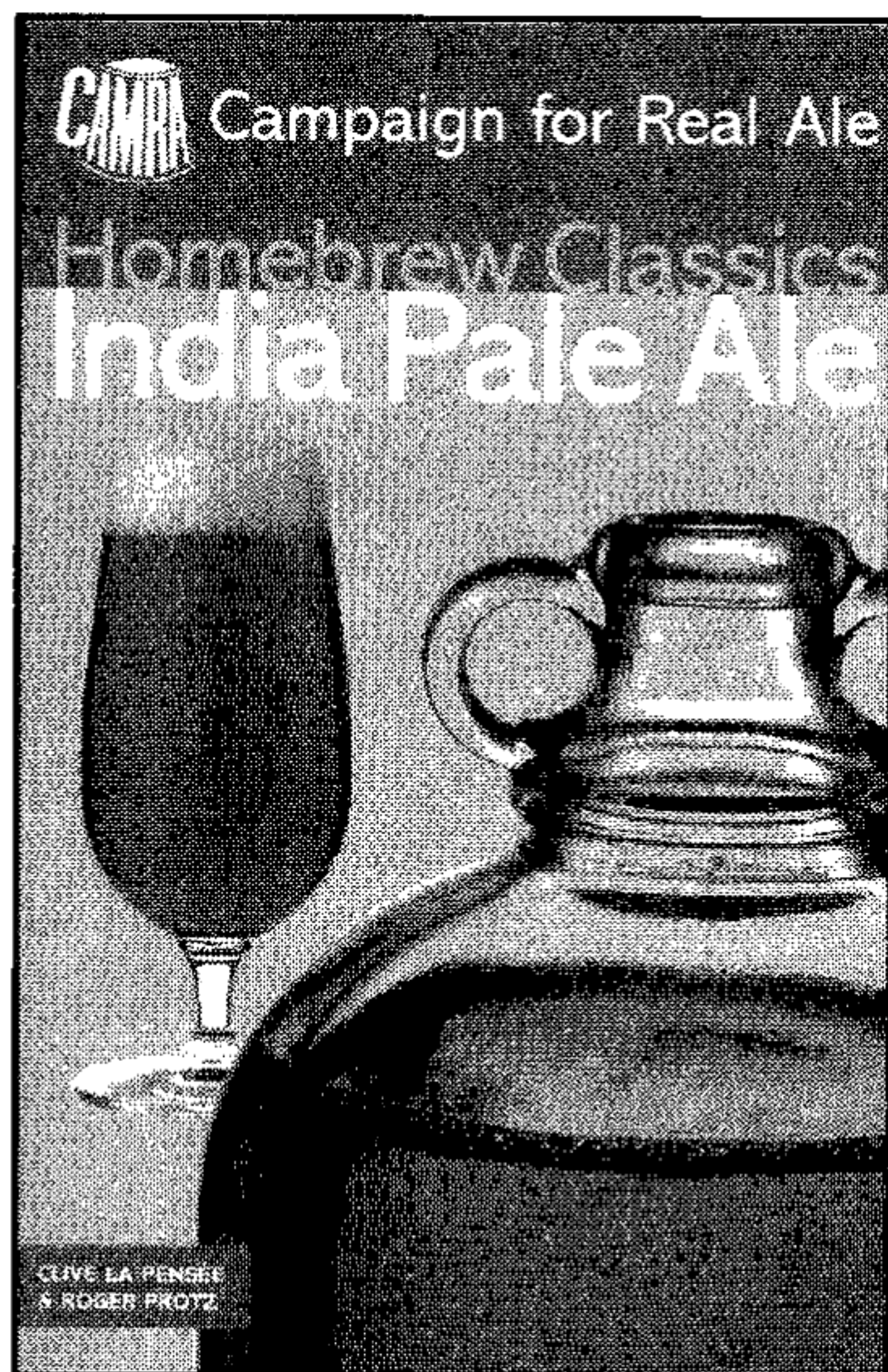
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Book Review



A top beer writer's Passage to India

Award-winning beer writer Roger Protz, who edits CAMRA's annual *Good Beer Guide*, has researched the roots of one of Britain's major beer styles, *India Pale Ale*, in the first of CAMRA's new series, *Homebrew Classics*.

IPA has powerful links with Burton-on-Trent, where the style was brewed by such 19th and 20th-century giants as Allsop, Bass and Worthington. But Protz reveals that *India Pale Ale* was brewed first in the late 18th century by *Hodgson's Brewery* at Bow Bridge, Bromley-by-Bow, in East London.

'Most historians have made only passing reference to *Hodgsons*,' Protz says. 'The official history of British Brewing calls it 'an unremarkable brewery'. But by digging into the archives of Tower Hamlets council, I found that *Hodgsons* was a large and technically-advanced brewery. It even had a laboratory at a time when most brewers worked by rule-of-thumb and tested temperatures with their elbow'. A colour print of the brewery, from the Tower Hamlets archive, appears in the book.

Hodgsons was eventually eclipsed by the Burton brewers, who had access to better water supplies, but at long last the East London brewery has been given its rightful place in history. Protz found the site of the brewery, which has been a block of former-LCC flats, Prioress House, at Bow Bridge

since the 1920s, and photographed the block for the book. Although he now lives in St Albans, Protz is an East Ender by upbringing. He lived in East Ham for 20 years and still retains links with the area as a season-ticket holder at West Ham United. 'I was asked to write an introduction to a book for home-brewers,' he explains, 'but the more I looked into the subject of IPA, the more I discovered about the style, which even inspired the first brewers of pale lager in Bavaria and Bohemia. So my introduction became a 20,000 word treatise on the subject.'

Internationally-acclaimed home-brewing expert Clive La Pensee, who lives in Beverley, Humberside, adds a major section to the book that explains in great detail the raw ingredients of genuine India Pale Ales and gives dozens of recipes that will enable lovers of pale ale to recreate them in their homes.

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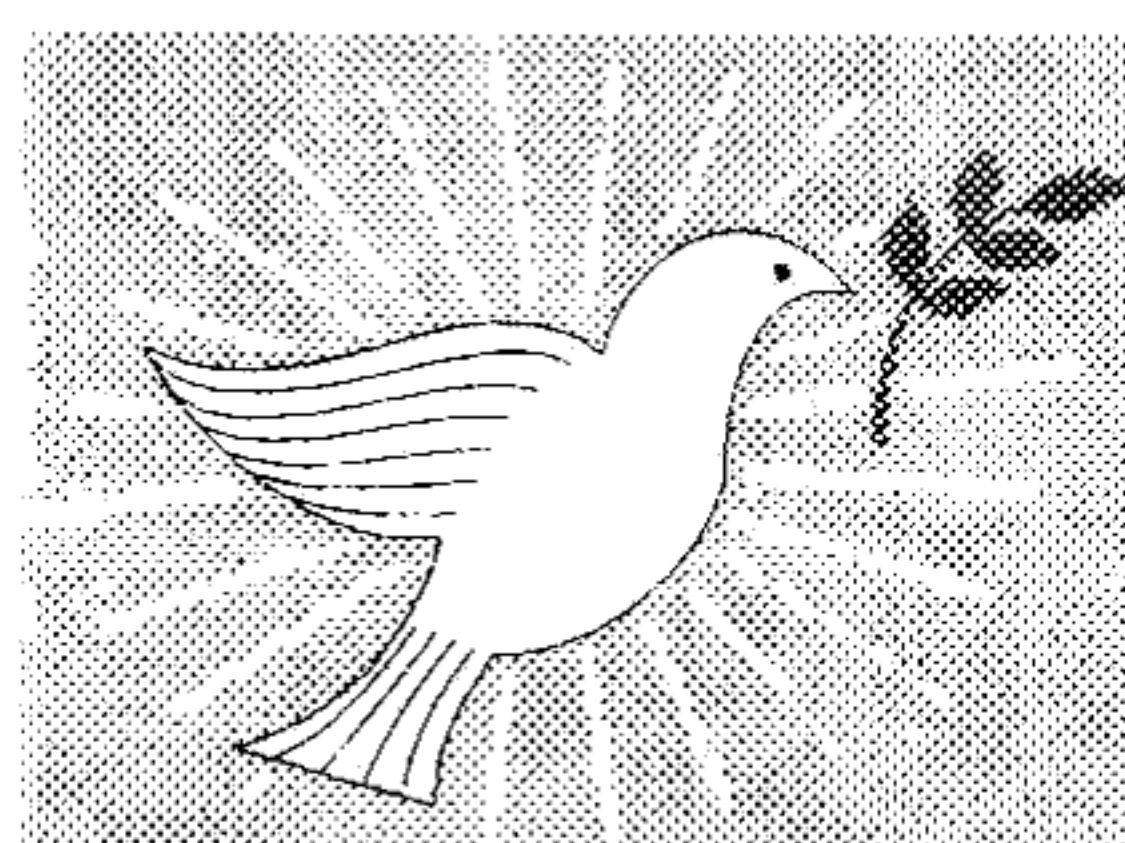
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The evening of Monday 18th of June saw the presentation of a certificate for our very own *Pub Of The Year* – the *Clifden Arms* in Warminghall.

Tony, who normally does all the cooking decided to hang up his chef's hat for the night in order to join in the celebrations but also provided an excellent buffet with different cheeses to help soak up the ale.

All in all a very pleasant evening. Many thanks to Tony and Barbara.

Mick White

Many thanks to Nick Holt for organizing a people carrier to the event as otherwise it was my turn to drive. An enjoyable evening was had by all who attended.

Whilst the pub owners Neil and Christine Mitchenall were away on holiday on the day we were welcomed as usual by landlord Tony Cartwright and his wife Barbara and soon started sampling the ales. Branch Chairman, David Roe, then presented Tony and Barbara with their well earned certificate and wished them well in the regional contest.

In addition to the regular *Adnams*, *Brakspear* and *Hook Norton* ales was *Stonehenge Second to None*, at 4.6% an extremely drinkable seasonal ale from Netheravon, Salisbury which had quite an effect on the evening, especially on those who had more than one or two.



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NATIONAL NEWS

Consumer fears over hostile bid for Wolves

CAMRA launches campaign to keep W&D Breweries independent

Consumers and the UK brewing industry face three months of uncertainty following a late-night hostile bid by **Pubmaster** for **Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries**. **CAMRA** is set to 'fight to the bitter end' to maintain **W&D's** independence and so preserve consumer choice in the Midlands - the heart of Britain's brewing industry.

Pubmaster launched the hostile bid late on Friday night following the rejection of its latest bid by the Wolves board. **Pubmaster** has 28 days to produce its offer documents, followed by a further sixty days for shareholders to make up their minds.

Mike Benner, Head of Campaigns and Communications said, "This is a worst case scenario following months of uncertainty over the future of Britain's biggest regional brewer. The strategic plan launched by **W&D** in May demonstrates the foresight

and commitment of the current Board and we strongly urge shareholders to stick with what they know and reject the **Pubmaster** bid. Short-term shareholder value cannot replace long-term benefits from growth."

CAMRA fears that **Pubmaster**, which does not own any breweries currently, will close breweries and sell-off beer brands, killing the brewing industry in the Midlands and devastating consumer choice.

Mr. Benner added, "We have approached **Pubmaster** in the hope that they will reveal their plans should their bid be successful. They have refused meetings and failed to respond to letters. I think it is unlikely that they intend to run **Wolves** as a vertically integrated company. The threats to the industry and consumer choice are very real. We could face the loss of plants in Wolverhampton and Burton, further thrusting the power in the brewing market into the hands of a few large multinationals. That would be disastrous for consumer choice and for the regional brewing sector."

CAMRA intends to lobby the Government to act to protect Britain's brewing industry from further erosion. Mr Benner said, "We

need to see a long-term plan to promote competition and consumer choice in this great British industry before there's nothing left to save."

CAMRA is calling on the Government to take action to promote competition and protect consumers from continued consolidation in the British beer and pubs industry. The move follows a new report by **CAMRA** that shows that one in five British pubs are now owned by foreign investors, with one in six owned or controlled by German and Japanese investment banks.

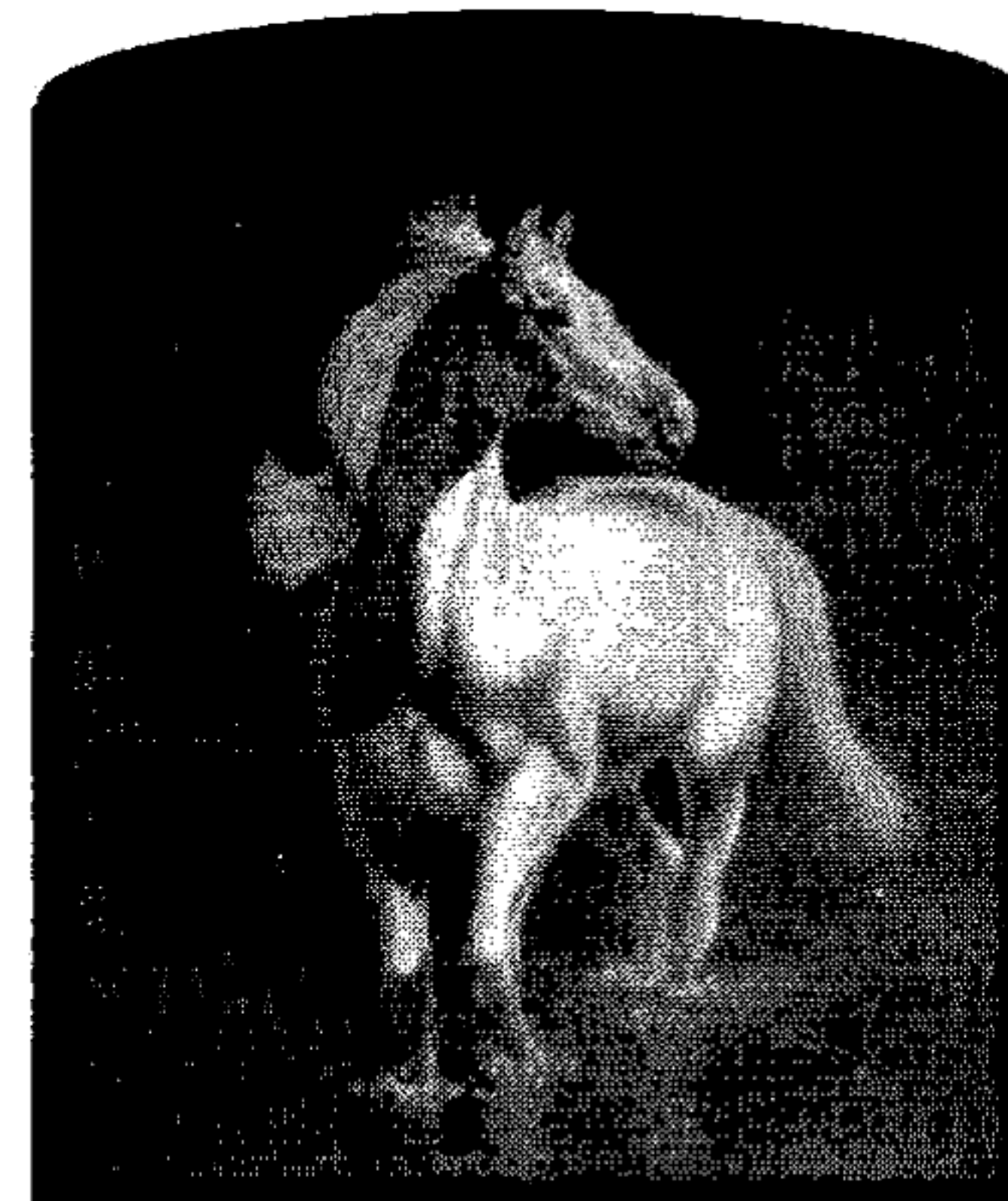
Mike Benner, Head of Campaigns and Communications said, 'An uncoordinated and case by case interventionist approach into individual mergers and takeovers is failing to stem the low of consolidation in this major British industry. Detailed Government strategy is required to prevent further consolidation before consumer choice and competition is eroded forever. The British beer and pubs market is unique in a world where global brewers have massive market shares. Failure to preserve it will have devastating consequences for the 15 million British consumers who enjoy a pint.'

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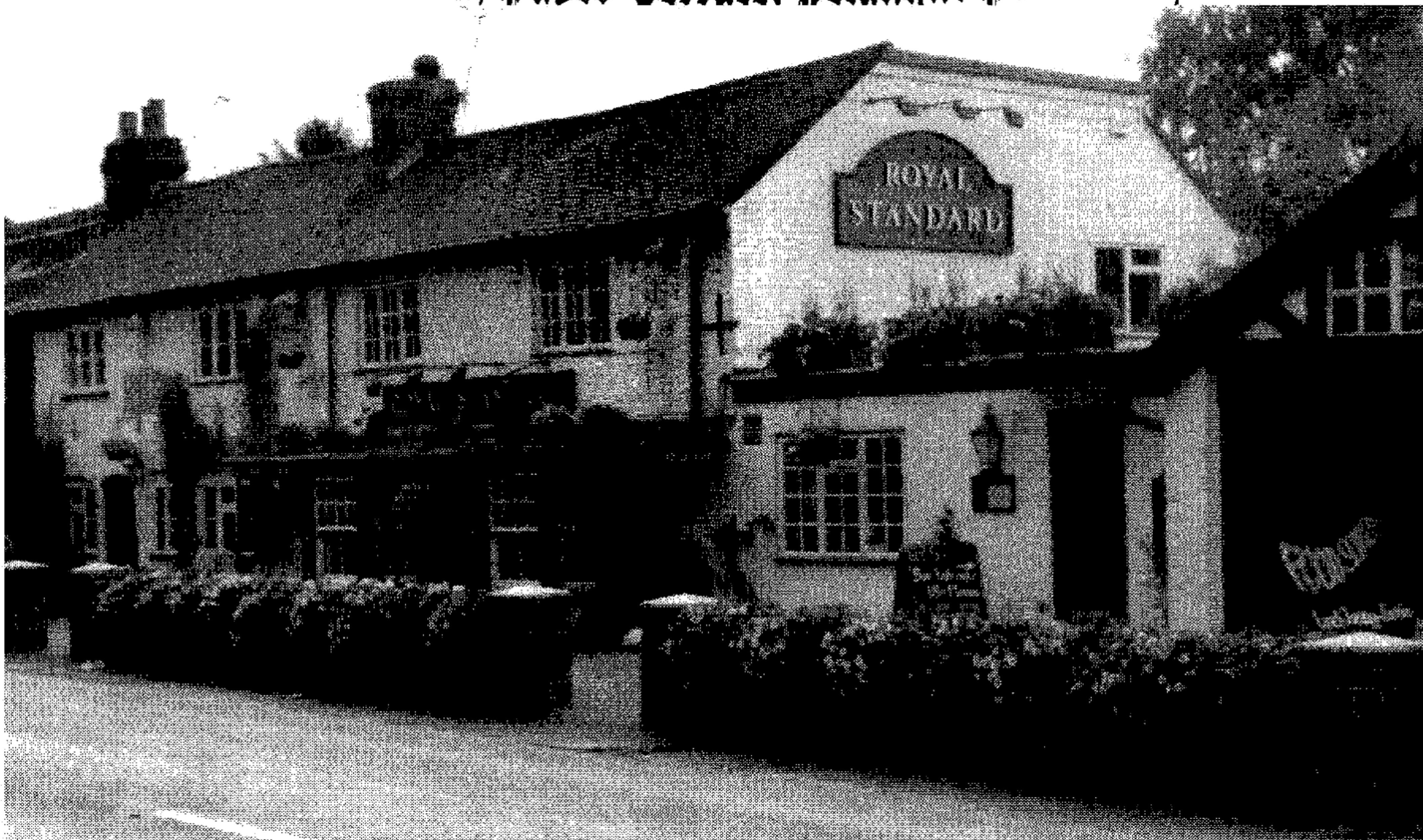
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LOCAL BREWERY NEWS

REBELLION

The *Rebellion Brewery* had its **Brewery Open Day** during July and over 3000 people took the opportunity to taste the seven draught and three bottled beers on offer.

One of the beers, the award winning *Rebellion White*, was available in both bottled and draught form. It is planned to offer this in draught on a regular basis at the **White Horse**, Hedgerley, as their regular Belgian style wheat beer!

Their new beer for August is *Tight Fisted* which is a 4.2% ABV, copper coloured beer with a bitter sweet flavour and powerful hop aroma.

During September, *Rebellion* are offering *Money Grabber* (4.4% ABV). This is a deep ruby coloured beer which is enhanced by ripe fruit aromas.

Also available during the months of September, October and November, will be *Rebellion Red* (4.7% ABV) which is the new name for *Red Oktober*, but rest assured, there has been no change to the recipe!

Tight Fisted and *Rebellion Blonde* will be available at the **Great British Beer Festival**.

Rebellion also brewed the special beer '100 Not Out' for the **Royal Standard**, Wooburn Common, which was a 4.1% ABV amber ale that.



VALE

The pub owned by the *Vale Brewery*, the **Cuckoos Nest** in Gawcott, has become a tenanted house. The first people to take up the lease are Keith Templeman and Jane Creswell who took over on the 23rd of July.

Besides offering the full range of *Vale* beers, the **Cuckoos Nest** will have guest beers from micro-brewers around the country and *Thatchers Old Rascal Scrumpy Cider* on draught.

Vale have sent the following bottle conditioned beers to the **Great British Beer Festival**. These are *Grumpling Premium Ale*, *Hadda's Head Banger* and *Black Beauty Porter*.

The brewery has also supplied *Edgar's Golden Ale* for the main festival, as well as *Black Swan Mild*, *Hadda's Summer Glory*, and *Black Beauty Porter* for the '**Volunteers Arms**'. This is the name given to the bar providing drinks for the people staffing the festival.

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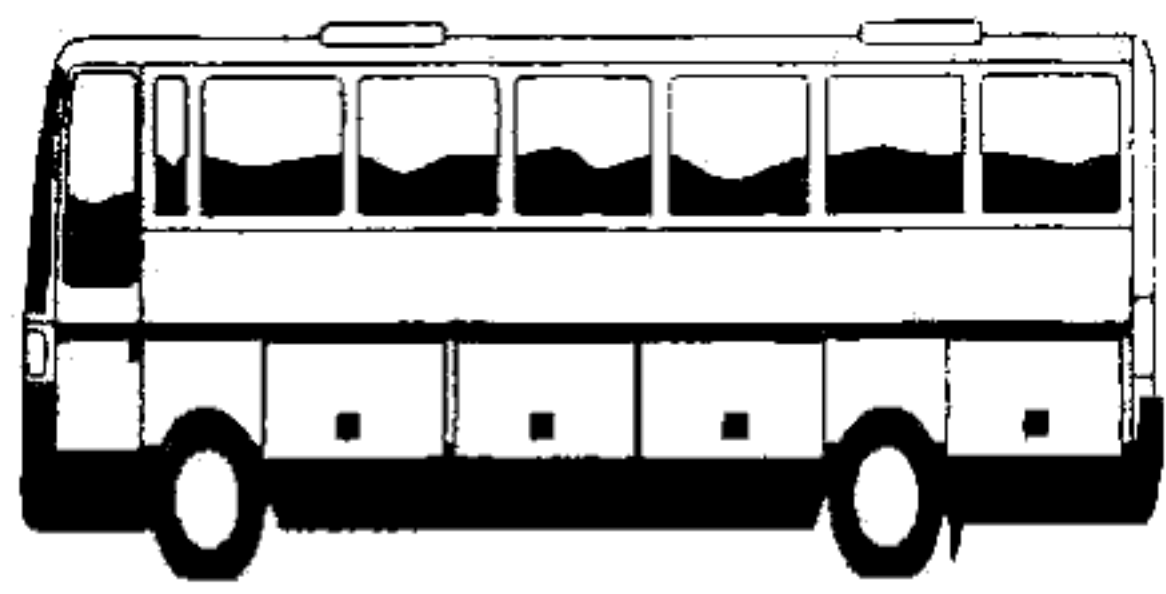
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BLACK COUNTRY VISIT



**Black Country Trip
Saturday 23rd June**

The appeal of this popular annual event is growing every year! We had to arrange for a larger bus this year following the demand for extra tickets!

Pickups were made from **Bierton, Aylesbury, Wendover, High Wycombe and Stokenchurch**, and this all went smoothly and this year we managed not to leave anyone behind!

As this trip has been running for so long, there are a lot of old favourites to be included during the day, but we try to add a few

other pubs which may become favourites for our future coach trips.

We started at the **Weatheroak Inn**, Weatheroak, which we have been to for the last few years. Well worth the detour from the motorway because besides having its own brewery with a lovely range of beers, they can also cope with feeding a whole coach load of people in a remarkably quick time! The faggots and peas were just the job to soak up the beer as I attempted to go through the full range – not the best way to start a pub crawl!

We then drove to the Black Country where we headed to the Waterfall at Blackheath. As always, there was a superb choice of beer, but the *RCH Old Slug Porter* could not be resisted! Food was also laid on for us and we are once again very grateful for this



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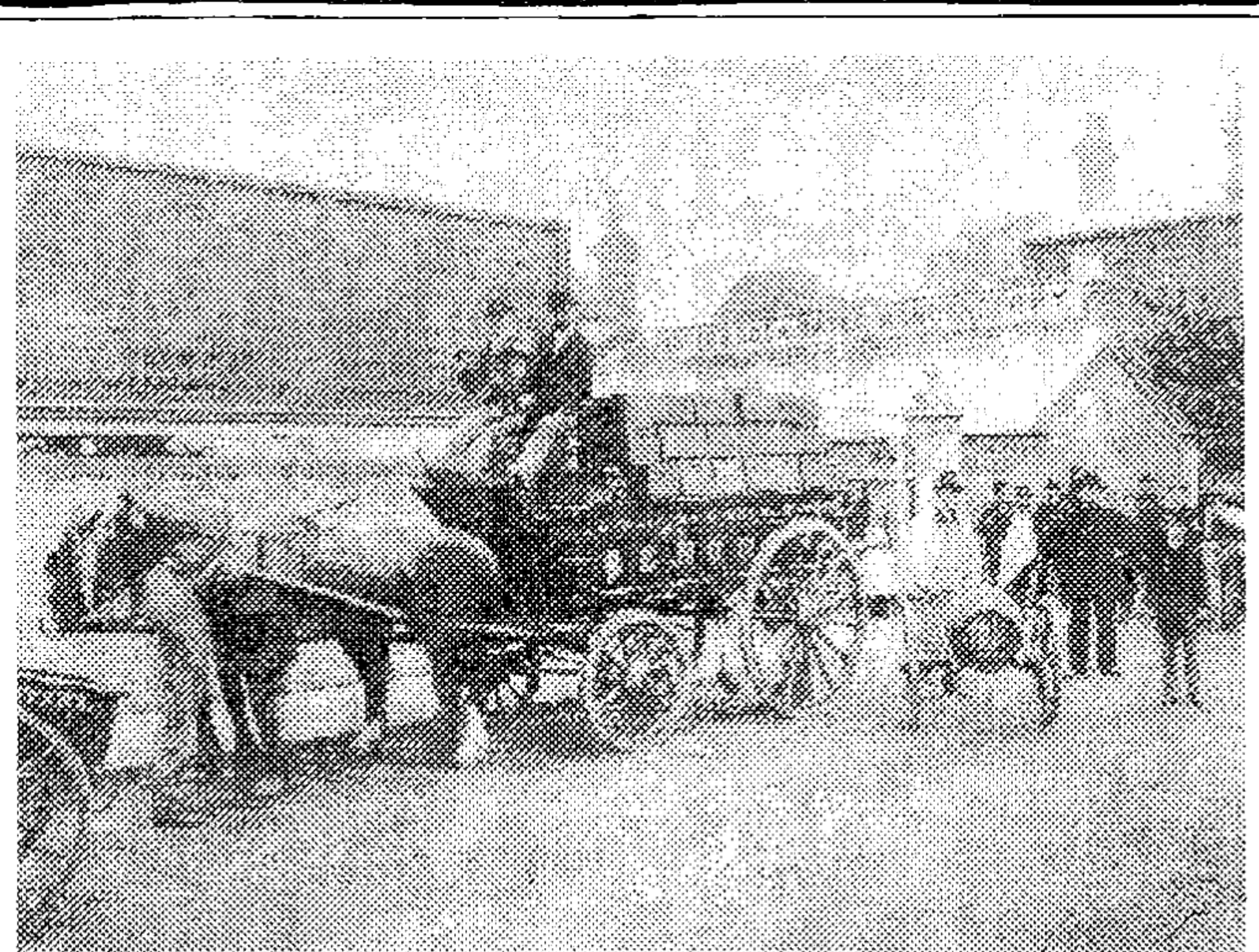
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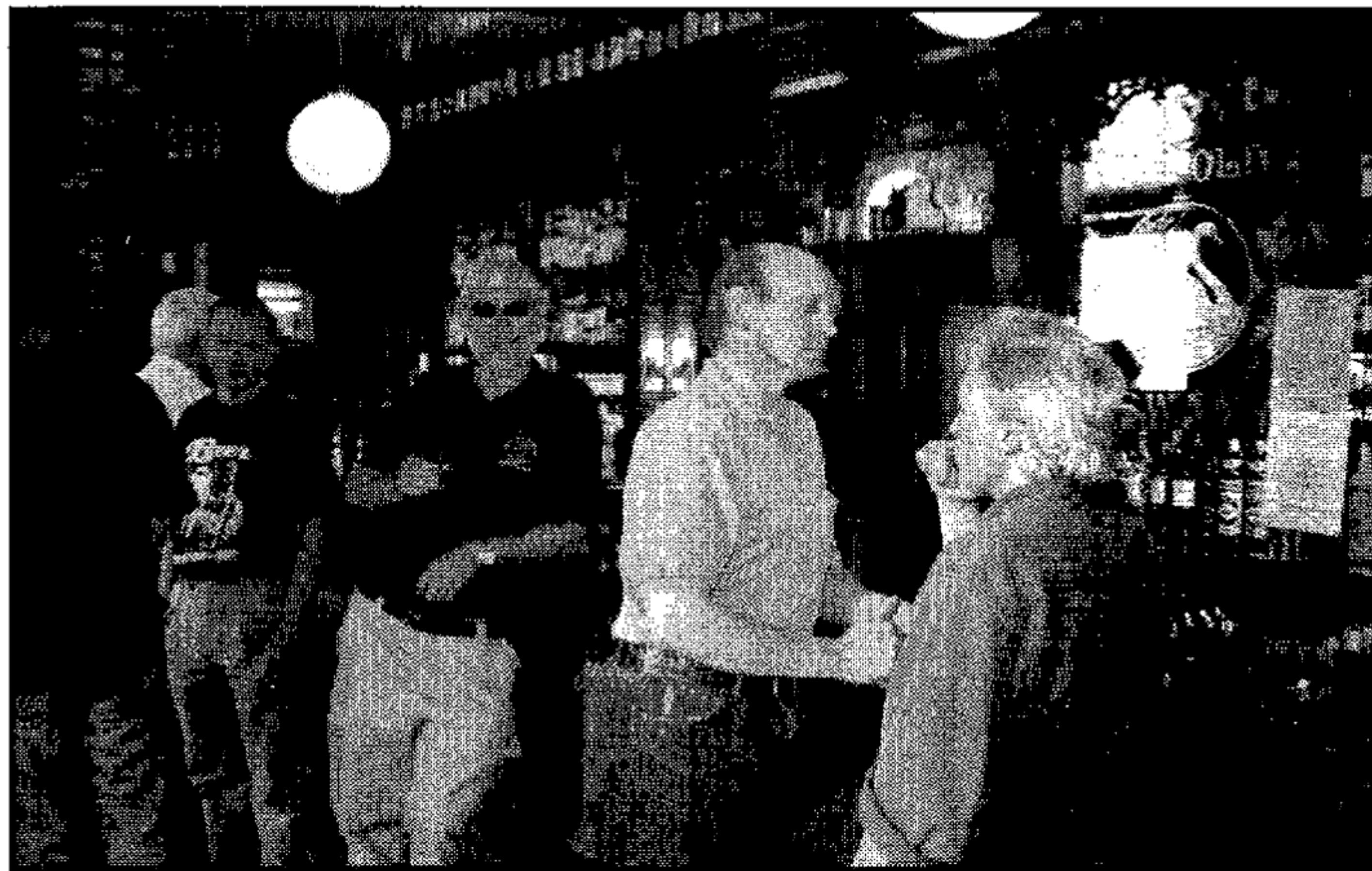
**The Drays are out on their rounds
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BEST TRIP OF THE YEAR!

unexpected kindness. Two other beers were had – both delicious, but the names have disappeared from my memory!

We then headed off to the **Old Swan**, Netherton. An old favourite from the past, it had been out of favour for many years. However, it now appears to be back to its former glory with the famous old bar reopened. Pints of both the *Old Swan Bitter* and *Mild*, brewed on the premises, had to be tried while wandering round the lovely old place. For some, there was also the opportunity to look at the old Victorian Brewery and next year we will organise a proper visit that will allow everyone interested to see round it.

Then there were the delights of the **Bull & Bladder**, Brierley Hill, (*Bathams Mild, Bitter*, a game of cards and a couple of packets of



scratchings) then on to the **Rising Sun**, Tipton (a winner of the *CAMRA National Pub of the Year Award*) for two pints of mild, and then the **Beacon Hotel**, Sedgely, for a pint of *Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby Mild* without which no *Black Country Trip* is complete.

Off now to Halesowen with the realisation that the trip is coming to its end! A quick visit to the **Porters Ale House** which is new to the *Good Beer Guide* for a pint of *Fullers London Pride*, followed by one of the fourteen ales in the ever popular **Waggon & Horses**.

Ten o'clock arrived all too quickly, and everyone climbed back onto the bus for the journey home. All seemed happy, but very sleepy, and despite one person's attempts to get off at every stop, everyone managed to get off safely at the right place! Roll on next year!

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NATIONAL NEWS

What happened to 'Tony's Honest Pint'?

New research shows drinkers are still being short changed on beer measures

Consumers are challenging the Government to stick to its commitment to introduce new laws to protect beer drinkers from short measures in pubs.

New research from CAMRA shows that many pints are short by more than 5%, and some by as much as 10%, short-changing drinkers by up to 20 pence a pint.

On the run-up to the 1997 election, Labour promised to bring in new laws to ensure drinkers would be guaranteed to get a full pint of liquid, excluding the froth, or head, on the beer (1). Although proposals have been prepared by the DTI, the Government has failed to stick to its promise.

Mike Benner, Head of Campaigns and Communications said, "The Government has made a clear commitment to full pints to deal with the growing problem of customers being ripped off in some pubs, but the issue

is being bounced around like a yoyo in the corridors of power. It's quite simple; a pint of beer should be 100% liquid and no pub should be able to profiteer from the current system of self-regulation which has clearly failed."

Snap shot research of beer measures in Cardiff carried out this month reveals that the average beer measure in town centre themed pubs is less than 95% (94.7%), with one beer containing only 87%. (2)

These latest findings are consistent with previous surveys by CAMRA and Trading Standards Officers. (3)

Mike Benner added, "This problem is getting worse as the trend of serving beers with large creamy heads gathers momentum. There is a clear need to protect consumers. While the DTI appears committed to reform, the interests of big business seem to be carrying more weight with the Government than those of consumers. We urge the Government to stick to its commitment and introduce full pints as soon as possible."

"The industry claims it is happy to provide customers with a full pint if they request a

top-up, but rejects efforts to legislate the full pint. Drinkers should not have to ask for a top-up. They should consistently get a full pint first time."

164 MPs have signed early day motion No. 263 calling for full liquid pints. 107 election candidates have signed up to support CAMRA's Election Charter.

(1) 'Drinkers will get what they pay for under Labour', Labour press release 11th March 1997

(2) Research commissioned by CAMRA in May 2001.

17 pints of different beer brands were ordered in six national branded pubs in Cardiff town centre. Measures were taken after the froth (or head) on the beer was chemically dissolved leaving only liquid. Ten of the 17 beers ordered contained less than 95% liquid. A minimum of 95% represents the industry's own guidelines. Only one pint contained 100% liquid. The smallest pint contained only 87% liquid.

(3) Full details can be found on the DTI website.

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GBBF TICKETS COMPETITION – WINNERS & ANSWERS



31st July - 4th August,
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Last issue, we gave you the chance to win three pairs of tickets to the *Great British Beer Festival*.

The three readers who each won a pair of tickets to the afternoon session of Tuesday 31st July, the session for the trade and when the *Champion Beer of Britain* was announced, are as follows:-

R.N. Inman, Egham, Surrey
Brian Pipe, Ealing, London
C. Trantor, Beaconsfield, Bucks

As we are going to press before the *GBBF* we can only hope that all the winners enjoyed themselves! We will report on the festival in our next issue, and will try to include some photographs of the winners!

Here are the answers for the twelve questions in the quiz:-

- 1: From which country does Leffe beer originate?
A: Belgium
- 2: Apart from the price of a pint, what is an alecost?
A: A herb
- 3: Although the start of brewing may be lost in the mists of time, which is the earliest civilisation that has been found to have all the ingredients of beer production?
A: The Egyptians
- 4: I'm only here for the beer", was a slogan used in the advertisement of which drink?
A: Double Diamond

- 5: Which northern brewery was taken over by Whitbread in 1989?
A: Boddingtons
- 6: How many gallons in a firkin?
A: Nine
- 7: What is the device called that is fitted to a handpump nozzle to give beer an artificial head?
A: Sparkler
- 8: Which type of beer does Homer Simpson favour? **A: Duff**
- 9: In the original definition, what ingredient differentiated beer from ale? **A: Hops**
- 10: In the TV series, what was Rodney's and Del-boy's local?
A: The Nags Head
- 11: A beer mug in *CAMRA's Good Beer Guide* is used to symbolise what?
A: A Public Bar
- 12: From which type of workers in London did a style of beer get its name?
A: (Market) Porter

Questions supplied by Quizlink suppliers of pub quizzes via the Internet at <http://www.bedgrove.demon.co.uk> [Free Quizzes to registered charities for special events]

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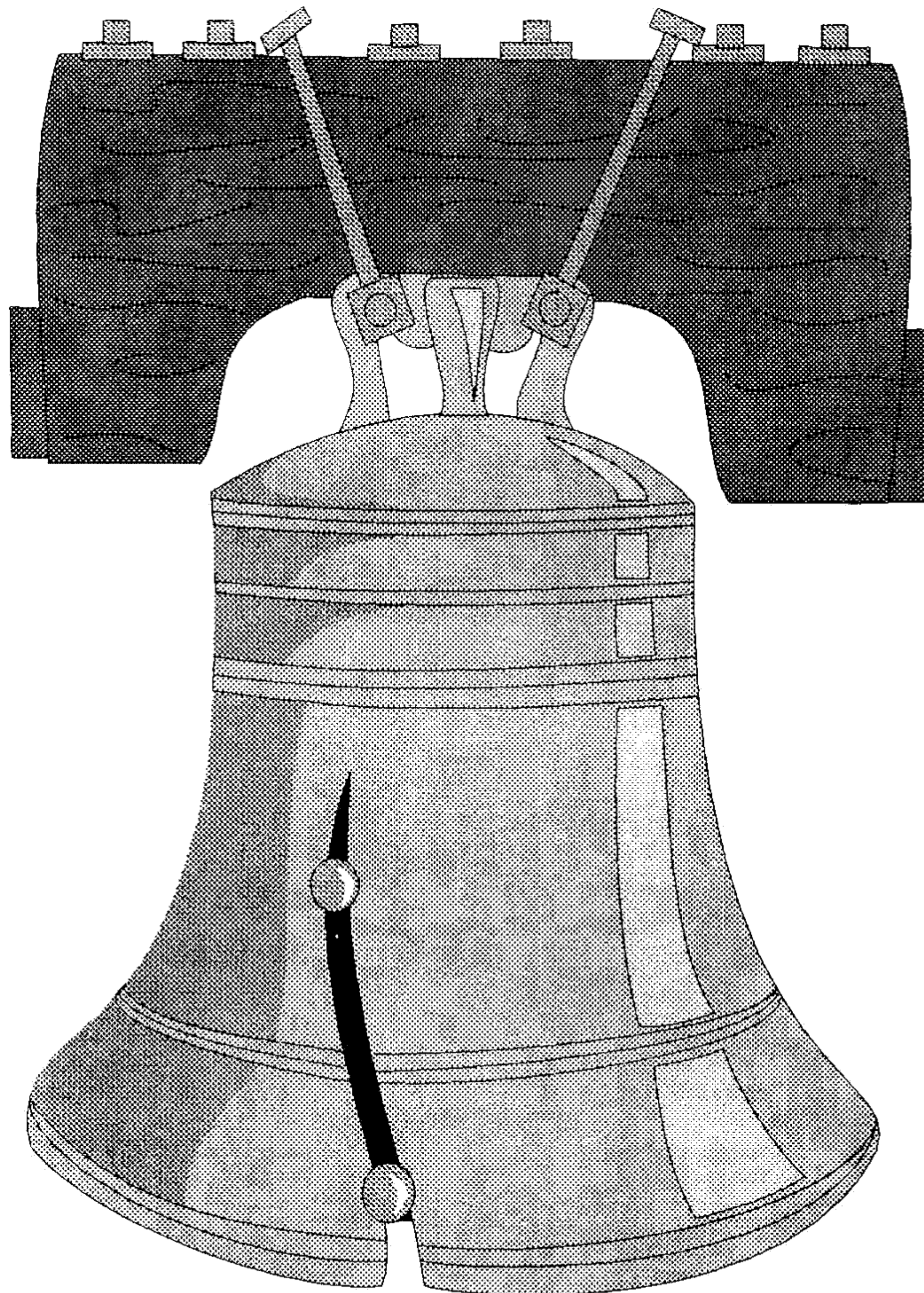
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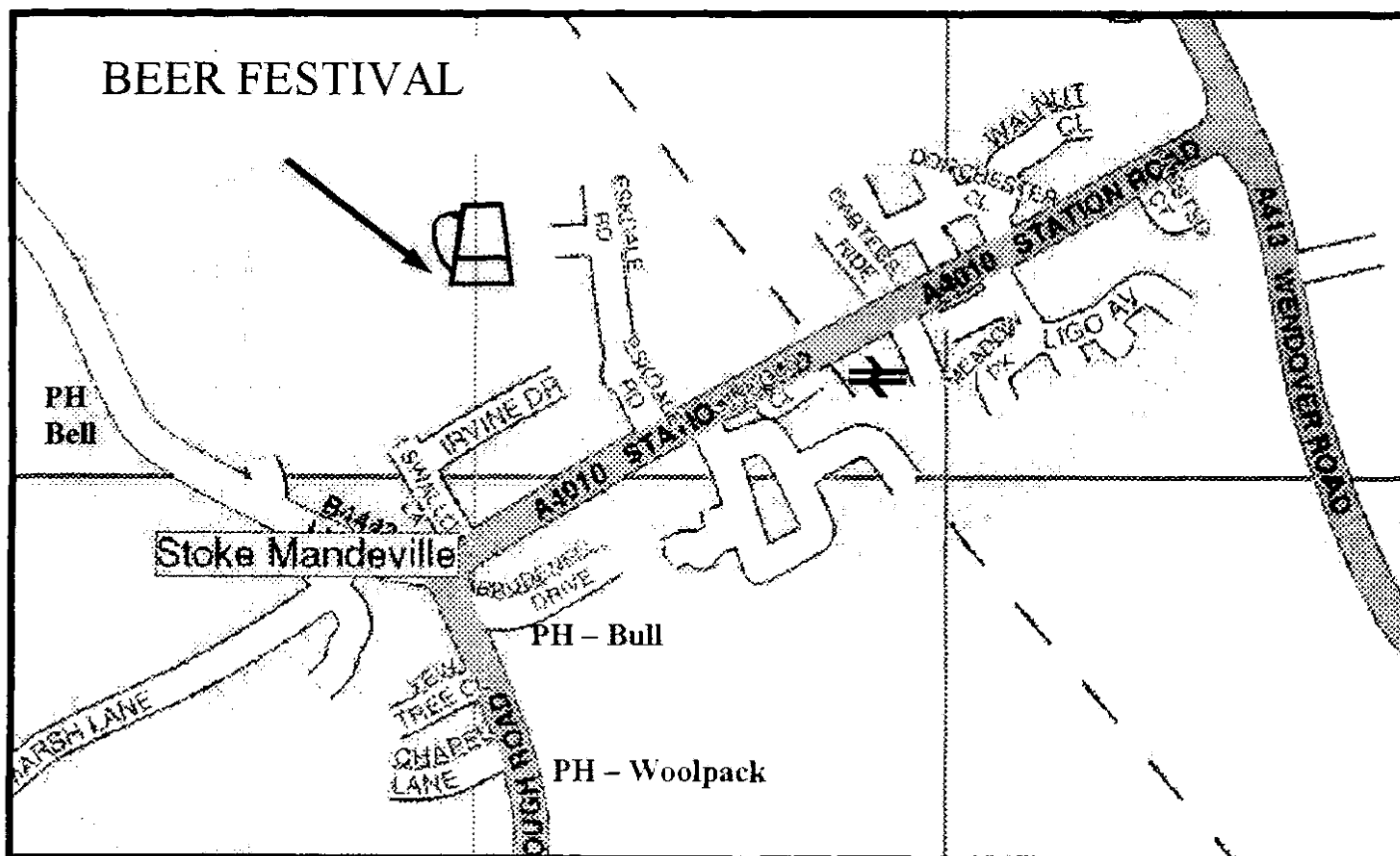
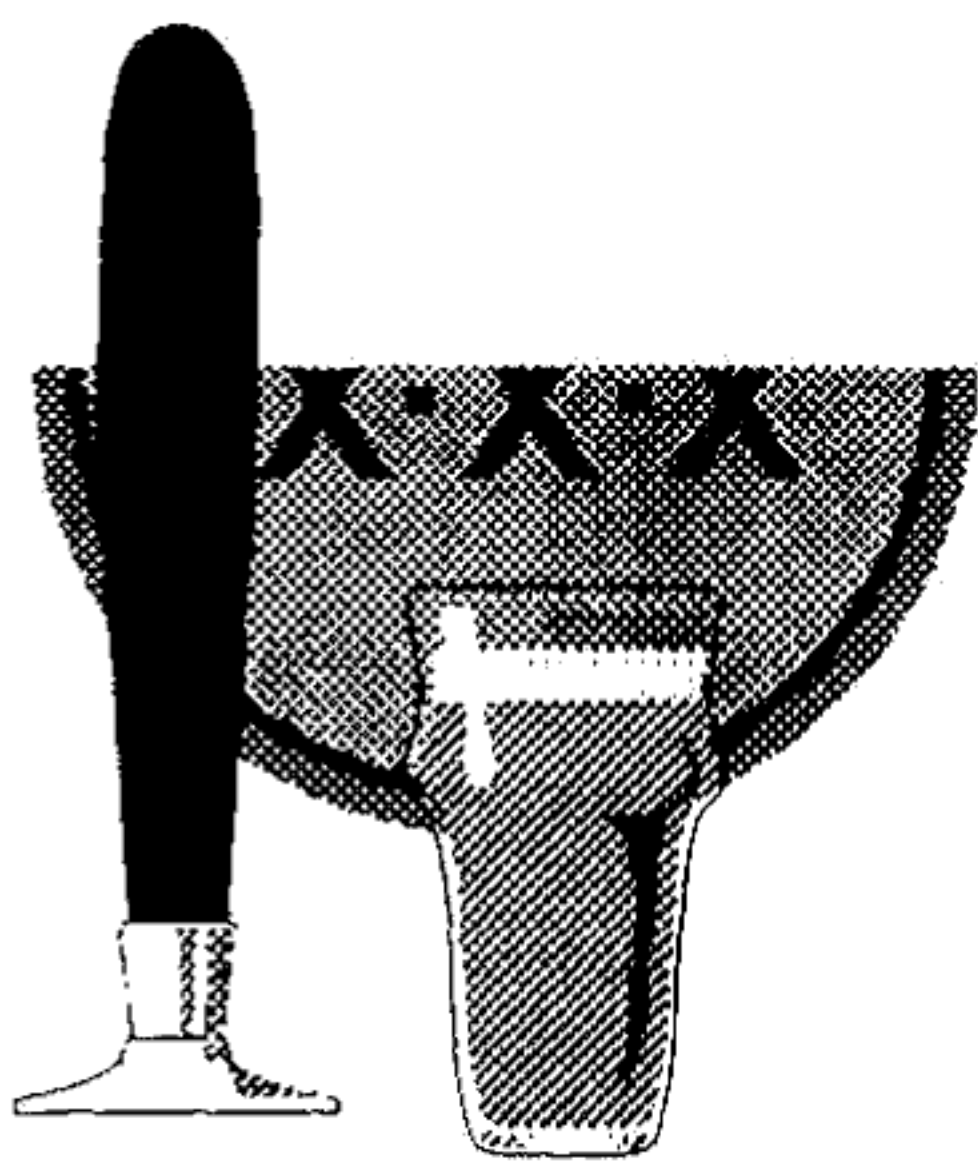
Branch Activities

Pub Competition

The 7th Annual Vale of Aylesbury Beer Festival

*Friday 26th October 6pm-11pm
& All Day Saturday 27th October*

Eskdale Rd. Community Centre, Stoke Mandeville



The annual competition to find the best village pubs in the Aylesbury Vale area is again underway.

The *Aylesbury Vale Village Pub Competition* is run by the Aylesbury Vale District Council and is sponsored by Mix 96 and the Bucks Herald.

All pubs in the competition must have been nominated (nominations have now closed for this year) by a member of the public. Judges then visit as many as possible and complete a form covering various aspects one normally expects to find in a village pub.

After the initial judging session, the list is whittled down to allow for further checks by judges, then a winner is decided. All pubs in this final round will feature in the next leaflet '*Recommended Village Pubs in the Vale of Aylesbury*'. The leaflet for the 2000 competition are available in pubs and Tourist Offices.

Last year's winner was the **Bell**, Chearsley, and as it cannot take part this year, landlord Peter Grimsdell will be helping judge this year's entries.

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NATIONAL NEWS

BET LYNCH-ES RIVALS TO REMAIN 'QUEEN LANDLADY'

Bet Lynch is voted most popular TV pint-puller!

Coronation Street icon Bet Lynch is Britain's top TV landlady - six years after she pulled her last pint at the Rovers Return. Bet's victory follows a national survey by CAMRA, released as part of the publicity for the World's biggest pub, the **Great British Beer Festival**.

Bet Lynch beat off the competition from other famous TV pub bosses and remains the 'Queen of the pint pullers'. Mike from Only Fools and Horses was voted second, with Moe from the Simpsons and Bernice Blackstock from Emmerdale closely behind in joint third.

Julie Goodyear, who first played Bet Lynch on our screens in 1970, was overjoyed with the news and gleamed, 'I am delighted to be the nation's favourite after being off The Street for six years. It just goes to show that

the likes of Sharon, Bernice and Moe from the Simpsons have some way to go to live up to the legend of Bet Lynch'.

Men vote for men; Women for women!

17% of females voted for Bet Lynch. Males favoured Mike (Only Fools and Horses) with 16%. Females' three favourites were women (Bet, Bernice and Peggy) whilst for the men, their two top characters were male (Moe and Mike).

Homer's barman is tops for under 35s!

Moe from the Simpsons came out top in the 16-24 and 25-34 age groups, Bet Lynch was most popular in the 44-54 and 55+ age groups.

North/South Divide

Londoners voted for their fellow Londoners, Peggy Mitchell (10%) and Mike from Only Fools and Horses (14%) as their favourites. Bet Lynch didn't even appear in their top 3 and Bernice Blackstock only received 2% of the London vote.

Lancashire voted for Manchester based Coronation Street's Bet Lynch as their number one with the highest figure for one

person in all regions with 21%. Londoner's Peggy Mitchell and Mike only received 7% each of the vote in Lancashire.

15% of Yorkshire voted for Bet Lynch as their favourite, but she was closely followed by Emmerdale's Bernice Blackstock with 14%. This was Bernice's highest figure throughout the survey.

Scores:	Total	Male	Female
Bet Lynch (C. St.)	13%	10%	17%
Mike (Only F & H)	10%	16%	5%
Moe (Simpsons)	9%	13%	5%
Bernice (Emmerdale)	9%	4%	14%
Peggy (Eastenders)	8%	5%	10%

Age Groups (Top 2 favourites)

16:24 - 22% Moe, 16% Peggy Mitchell
 25:34 - 14% Moe, 12% Mike
 35:44 - 15% Mike, 13% Bet Lynch,
 45:54 - 15% Bet Lynch, 11% Den & Angie Watts (Eastenders)
 55+ - 17% Bet Lynch, 14% Bernice

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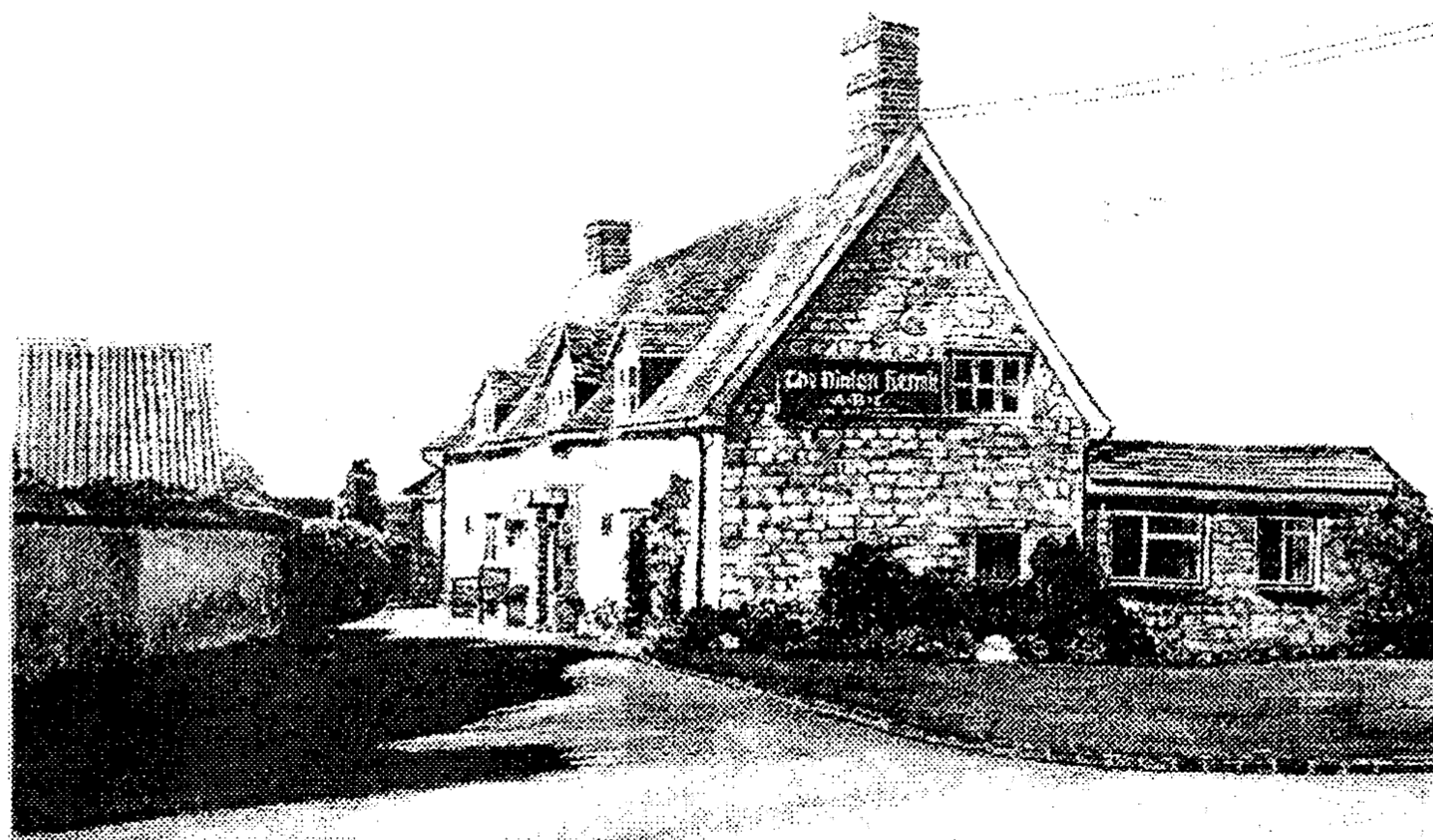
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Due to increasing products liability litigation, American beer Brewers have accepted the suggestion put forward by the *Federal Drug Administration (FDA)* that the following warning labels be placed immediately on all beer containers:

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may leave you wondering what the hell happened to your bra.

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may make you think you are whispering when you are not.

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol is a major factor in dancing like an idiot.

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may cause you to tell your friends over and over again that you love them.

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may cause you to think you can sing.

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may lead you to believe that ex-lovers are really dying for you to telephone them at four in the morning.

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may make you think you

can logically converse with members of the opposite sex without spitting.

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may make you think you have mystical Kung Fu powers, resulting in you getting your ass kicked.

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may cause you to roll over in the morning and see something really scary.

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol is the leading cause of inexplicable rug burns on the forehead/knees.

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may create the illusion that you are tougher, smarter, faster and better looking than most people.

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may lead you to believe you are invisible.

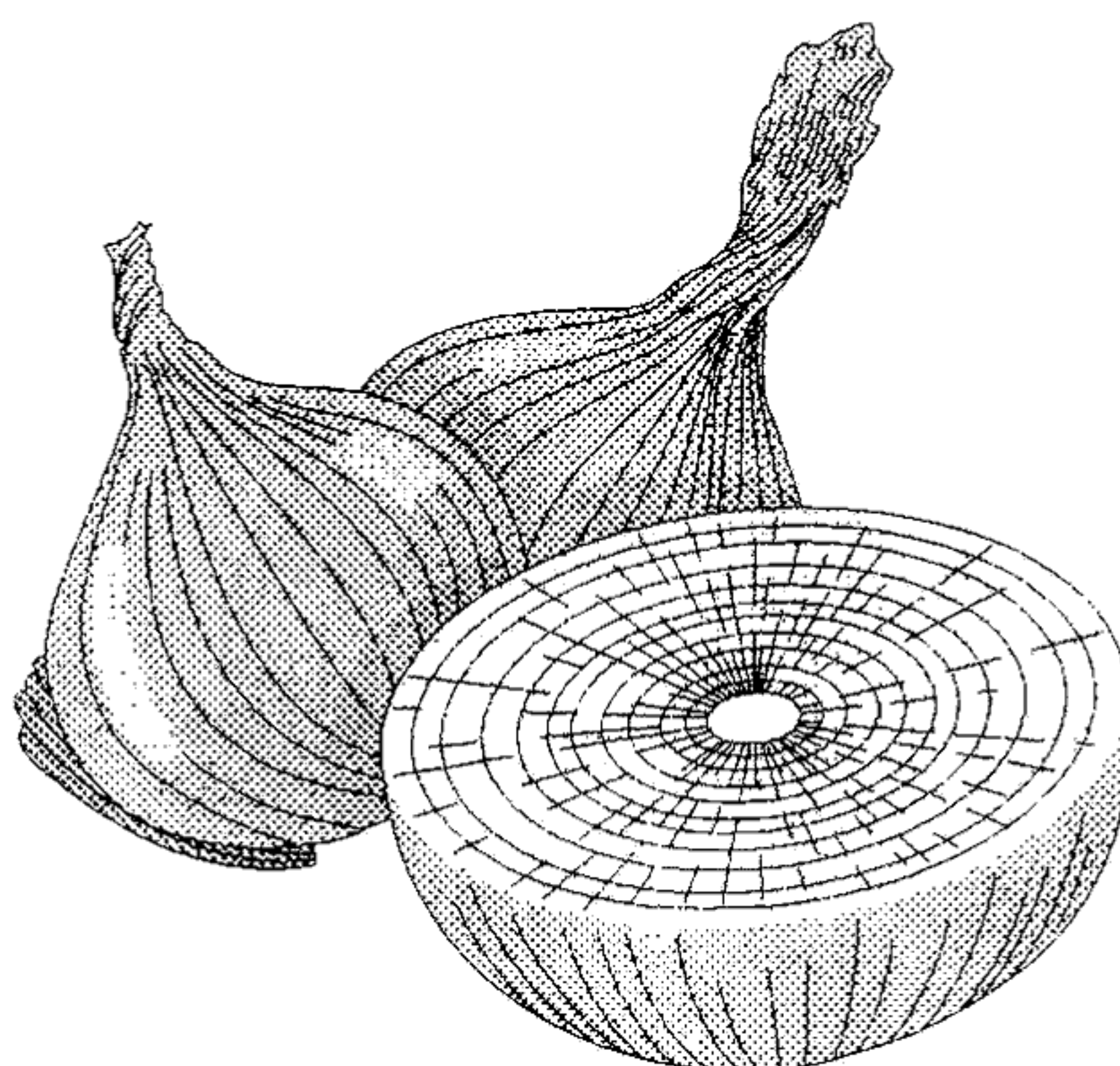
WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may lead you to think people are laughing WITH you.

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may cause a disturbance in the time-space continuum, whereby gaps of time may seem to literally disappear.

Many thanks to *Neil Adams* for passing on this vital information to the British drinking public!

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Local News

(Continued from page 2)
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HIGH WYCOMBE

Regulars at the **Desborough Arms** are fighting to save their pub! Following an announcement by the pub management company **Pennant Inns** that they intended to sell the pub, a petition was started and over a thousand signatures have been gathered. Conversion to student lodgings is the probable fate for the pub (the same happened to the **Queen**) despite it having improved as a pub with Jim Sturt and Sid Powys as tenants. Traditional ale has been reintroduced and there is great potential in the rear garden. We will keep you up to date with any changes and tell you who to write to when planning permission is applied for.

NORTHEND

Driving past the **White Hart** is very depressing as it is closed down with all pub signs removed and replaced by a sign putting it up for offer.

SOULBURY

There have been changes at **Boot**, with Anthony Saint having retired and pub interior has been altered quite a lot. Rather tending to concentrate on food but still using three handpumps.

THAME

The **Market Square** (latterly **Hogshead** and **Oxford Arms**) has been 'acquired' by Paul Campion, who runs the **Birdcage**. At the moment, the **Market Square** has *Greene King IPA*, *London Pride* and *Wadworth 6X*. The **Birdcage** will not be affected. More news next issue.

The **Old Nags Head**, now has a pub sign showing a horse's head, the other

'Old Nag' having been removed, partly due to the protests of the good people of Thame.

The **Six Bells** is now showing a sign 'Open all day, every day' (it used to close in the afternoons).

WENDOVER

Real ale in the form of *Greene King IPA* has returned to the **King & Queen**.

WING

The **Dove** is to hold its first beer festival from Friday 10th August to Sunday 12th August. The beer will be in a marquee at the back of the pub and there will be live music on Friday and Saturday nights, and on Sunday afternoon.

The beers they will have on offer are *Smiles Bitter*, *Batemans XXXB*, *Tring Jack O' Legs* and *Sidepocket*, *Hogsback Hair of the Dog*, *Tongham Tea*, *Hopgarden Gold*, *Summer This*, *Rippsnorter* and a special festival beer *Luvvey Dovey*. Ladies not interested in the beer might well be tempted by the offer of a free glass of *Pimms*.

WINGRAVE

The **Rose & Crown** will be holding its fifth beer festival from Friday 31st August to Sunday 1st September. There will be about ten real ales available plus a traditional cider.

WORLDS END

The **End of the World** is planning to hold a large beer festival over May Bank Holiday next year. There will be a marquee, lots of entertainment and, of course, a large selection of real ale. We will keep you up to date with any further developments.

Thank You

Vernon Mason and his wife Joan are retiring after 21 years of printing as **Northridge Printing Services Limited**. They have been on the Rabans Lane site since 1980 and have decided to stop printing by the end of August as their lease will end the following month and they have to redecorate the place before they leave!

They have been responsible for the printing of *Swan Supping* from our third issue in the Autumn of 1997 (remember in those days, the magazine only came out quarterly!). Since then they have had to show remarkable patience as we have put together 23 further issues with all the problems of late articles, last minute changes and generally having to run around and look after us. Whoever takes over from **Northridge** will have a lot to live up to!

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Beer Festival Diary

August

16-18 (Thu-Sat): THE 26TH BARNSELEY BEER FESTIVAL, at the Falcon Centre, off Eastgate

16-19 (Thu-Sun): W NORFOLK CAMRA RHYTHM & BOOZE FESTIVAL, opposite the Angel Inn, Larling, Norwich, Norfolk

16-19 (Thu-Sat): 3RD WORCESTER BEER FESTIVAL, at the Racecourse in the heart of Worcester City

17-18 (Fri-Sat): 26th PORTSMOUTH BEER FESTIVAL, at The Guildhall, Portsmouth

21-26 (Tue-Sat): PETERBOROUGH BEER FESTIVAL 2001, Venue on the Embankment, Bishops Road, Peterborough

23-25 (Thu-Sat): 5th MUMBLES BEER FESTIVAL, at the Ostreme Centre, Mumbles, Swansea

23-26 (Thu-Sun): CLACTON ON SEA BEER FESTIVAL, St James Hall, Tower Road (next to West Cliff Theatre)

30- Sept 1 (Thu-Sat): FURNESS BEER FESTIVAL, Coronation Hall, Ulverston

30- Sept 1 (Thu-Sat): HARBURY BEER FESTIVAL, Village Hall, South Parade, Harbury, Nr. Leamington Spa

September

1-2 (Sat-Sun): SOMERSET REAL ALE FESTIVAL on the Platform, Minehead Stn.

1-2 (Sat-Sun): CAMRA WOODCOTE FESTIVAL OF ALES, Woodcote Steam Rally

4-8 (Tue-Sat): CHAPPEL BEER FESTIVAL, at the East Anglian Railway Museum, Chappel & Wakes Colne Station, near Colchester Essex

5-8 (Wed-Sat): LINCOLN BEER FESTIVAL, Union Road, Lincoln

6-8 (Thu-Sat): TAMWORTH BEER FESTIVAL, at the Assembly Rooms, Corporation Street, Tamworth

7-8 (Fri-Sat): 12TH SHREWSBURY REAL ALE FESTIVAL, at the Music Hall, The Square, Shrewsbury

8 (Sat): MAIDSTONE BEER FESTIVAL, Museum of Kent Life, Sandling, Maidstone

12-15 (Wed-Sat): STOKE BEER FESTIVAL, Staffordshire University, Leek Road, Stoke on Trent

13-15 (Thu-Sat): 2nd AYRSHIRE BEER FESTIVAL, Concert Hall, Troon

13-15 (Thu-Sat): 22ND DARLINGTON BEER FESTIVAL, Arts Centre, Vane Terrace, Darlington

13-15 (Thu-Sat): BIRMINGHAM BEER FESTIVAL, Aston Students Guild, Aston Triangle, Gosta Green

14-16 (Fri-Sun): 1ST LESBIAN & GAY REAL ALE DRINKERS (LAGRAD) BEER FESTIVAL, Bedford Tavern, 30 Western Street, Brighton



Branch Diary

Everybody welcome to all socials and meetings!

August

Friday 3rd – BRANCH SOCIAL AT THE GBBF

6 00pm Great British Beer Festival, Olympia

Wednesday 8th – BRANCH MEETING

8:30pm Eight Bell, Long Crendon

Tuesday 14th – HIGH WYCOMBE SOCIAL

9 15pm Desborough Arms (Pub under threat), 10:00 Rose & Crown

Monday 20th – QUANTON CRAWL

8 30pm Swan & Castle, 9:15pm George & Dragon, 10:00pm White Hart

Monday 27th – BANK HOLIDAY LUNCHTIME SOCIAL

Noon Shepherd's Crook, Crowell

September

Monday 3rd – BLEDLOW RIDGE SOCIAL

9:00pm Boot, Bledlow Ridge

Saturday 8th – REGIONAL MEETING (CAMRA members only)

2:00pm Cannon, Newport Pagnell

Wednesday 12th – WOOBURN GREEN SOCIAL

8:30pm Red Cow, 9:15pm Red Lion, 10:00pm Queen & Albert

Wednesday 19th – BRANCH MEETING

8:30pm General Havelock, Wycombe Marsh

Wednesday 26th – AYLESBURY SOCIAL

9:00pm Market Tavern, 10 00pm Grapes

Saturday 29th – CAMBRIDGE COACH TRIP

Details of the itinerary and how to book are given on Page 9.

October

Tuesday 2nd – LUDGERSHALL & ASHENDON SOCIAL

9:00pm Bull & Butcher, Ludgershall, 10:00 Gatehangers, Ashendon

Friday 26th and Saturday 27th – AYLESBURY VALE BEER FESTIVAL

Eskdale Road Community Centre, Stoke Mandeville

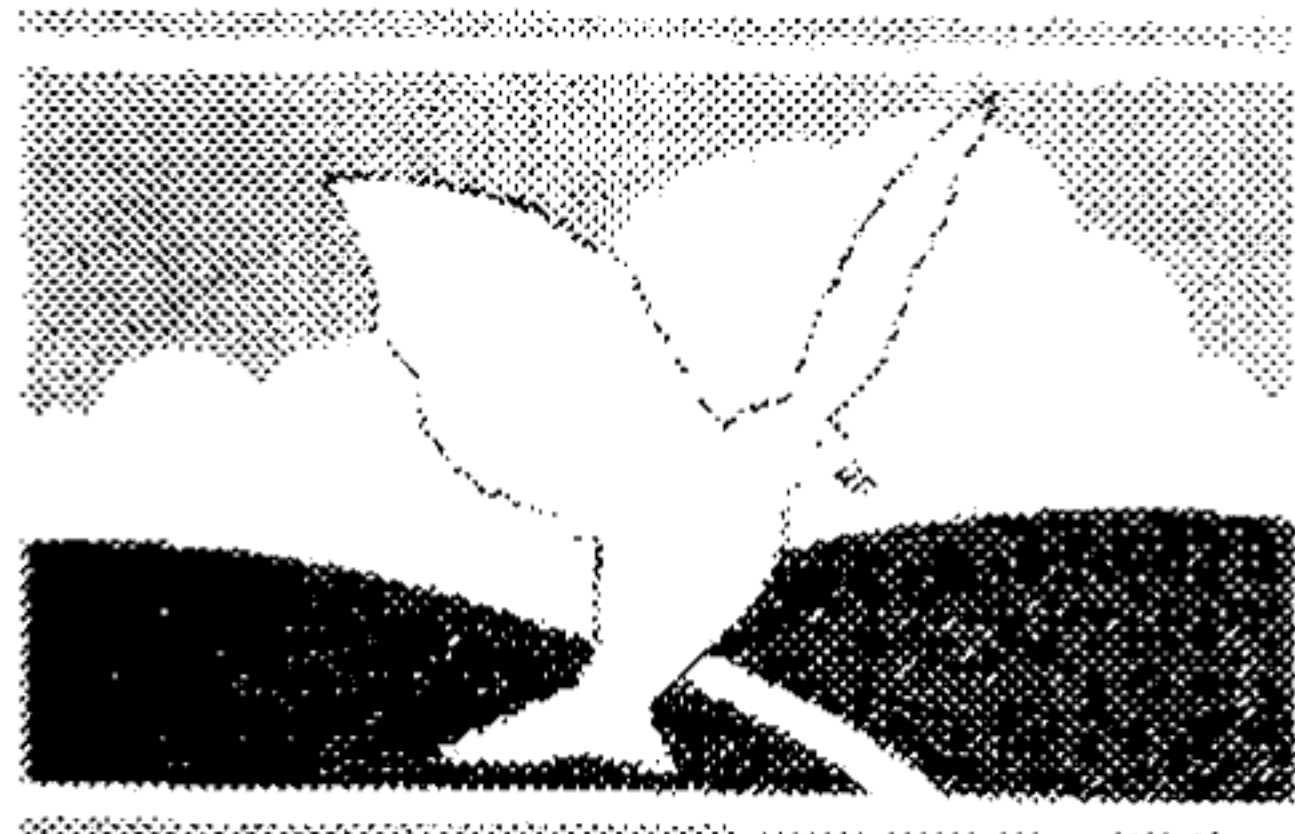
A map for the festival is shown on Page 16.

November

Friday 16th – LONDON PUB CRAWL

Starts 5:30pm Buckingham Arms, Petty France

Full itinerary details will be given next issue.



8th Vale of Aylesbury Beer Festival

26th/27th October
Eskdale Road Community Centre
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