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Aylesbury Vale & Wycombe Branch

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ROYAL OAK JOINS LIST OF CLOSURES



The *Royal Oak*, Great Kingshill, has become another unwanted statistic on the list of country pubs that have closed.

Despite a campaign by locals to keep it open, it closed in September and a big 'SOLD'

sign has appeared outside.

The pub plus its large car park, were put up for sale by *Morrells* for over a million with alternative redevelopment schemes proposed. The first scheme was to build three houses but retain the pub, whilst the other is for seven houses and no pub.

A petition to save the pub was signed by 300 village residents as it is effectively the last pub in Great Kingshill.

The *Red Lion* is basically a restaurant and the *White Horse* was demolished some

years ago to become (what a surprise) housing.

Pubs are an important part of village life, and the closure of the only pub must have an adverse affect on the surrounding house prices.

Local planning authorities cannot prevent pubs from closing, but they can make closure unattractive by refusing planning permission for change of use.

We do not know yet what the final fate of the *Royal Oak* will be, but it serves as a warning against complacency!



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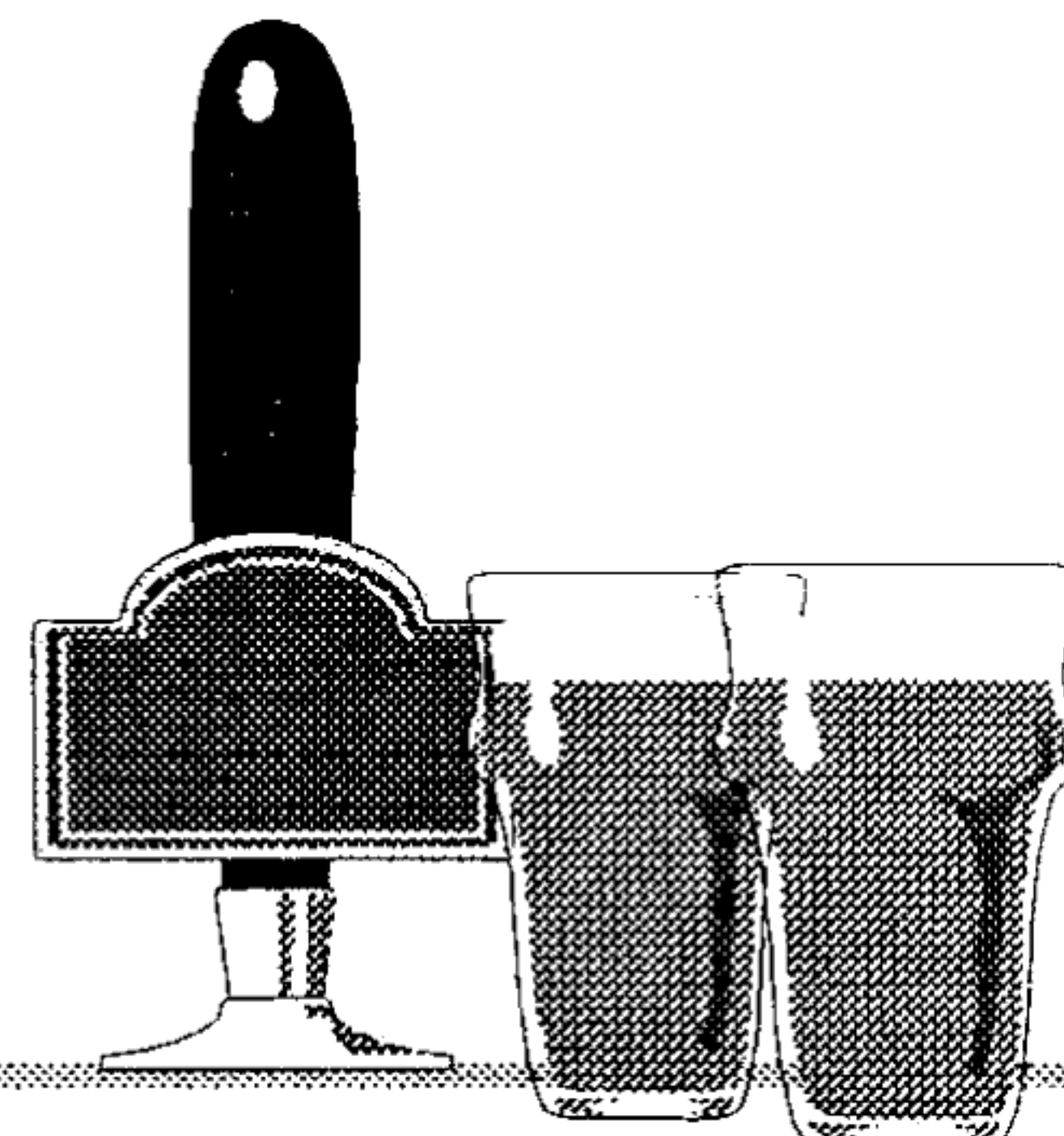
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ASTON CLINTON

Mick and Cilla Addley have taken over the **Rothschild Arms**. They are serving *Wadworth 6X* and *Boddingtons Bitter*. Some redecoration has already been done, especially the three rooms that are available for Bed & Breakfast.

AYLESBURY

Geoff Smith, of the **Rose & Crown**, Wingrave, has taken over the tenancy of **Butlers Bar** since August 26th and it will be renamed the **Market Tavern**.

It has been redecorated and it is planned to make more use of the upstairs room for food, especially at lunchtimes.

The beers currently on offer are *Benskins Bitter* and *Marstons Pedigree*.

The **Whistlin' Duck** is offering *Courage Directors* as their only real ale. This is priced at £1-60 per pint during happy hours and £1-85 at other (unhappy) times.

BEACONSFIELD

Greene King IPA is to replace *Brakspears Bitter* at the **Prince of Wales**. This is one of the rare places for bar billiards, and the pub team gained promotion earlier this year.

BIERTON

The **Bell** is now offering a guest beer in addition to a full range of *Fullers* beers. *Gales GB* was available at the time of going to press.

The pub has also won two awards recently for its frontage.

BLEDLOW

The **Lions of Bledlow** was featured in a recent episode of 'The Midsomer Murders' where it was called 'The Red Queen'.

BOOKER COMMON

The **Live & Let Live** is being advertised for sale in the **Licensee**.

BROUGHTON CROSSING

The **Prince of Wales** has been closed for renovations and is due to reopen in October.

Its name has changed to the **Moat House Inn** and the sign outside advertises food and wine. We will include any details on beer in the next issue.

BUTLERS CROSS

The **Russell Arms** has been taken over by Christian Wioland who owns the **Chequers** in Weston Turville. The pub has been refurbished and is now being run by Simon and Julie Asquith. The restaurant now seats fifty people, but the bar still has a traditional feel.

CADMORE END

Ray Court and Sue Hewitson at the **Old Ship** have been offered (and have accepted) a six year lease on the pub by *Brakspears*. They had been running the pub on a series of six month leases.

CROWELL

The **Shepherds Crook** is now offering *Donnington BB* as one of its regular beers.

CUBLINGTON

The chef has left the **Unicorn** and the pub no longer does food. There are fears that this will seriously affect the viability of the pub, and it is hoped that the situation will be resolved soon.

GAWCOTT

Vale Brewery's only pub, the **Cuckoo's Nest**, has a new manager, Phil Wyatt, who has run a number of pubs in the area. The refurbishment of the pub is also nearing completion.

HADDENHAM

ABC Bitter has been replaced by *Youngs Bitter* at the **Red Lion**.

HIGH WYCOMBE

The revamped **Beaconsfield Arms** is serving *Benskins Bitter* but not *Burton Ale* as it did previously.

The **Black Boy**, Terriers, has been renamed **Terriers** following its reopening after its £125k facelift on 17th September. According to the landlord Colin Nicholls and his wife Pauline, it is a locals pub offering food and is not a theme pub. They also said that the name change was to associate the pub with the local area and had nothing to do with political correctness.

The recently opened **Litten Tree** is a large space with different areas including tables, raised sections, no smoking area, dance floor and library! It has *Courage Directors*, *Theakston's BB* and *Worthington BB* under the name of 'Litten Tree BB'.

There are various special events and theme nights each day of the week.

They have a strict dress code, with bouncers enforcing - smart casual, no trainers, and leisure shirts must have collars.

It has been reported that the nearby **Bell** put out a notice saying 'Trainers Welcome', and that it has also benefited from the increase in trade in the area.

ICKFORD

The **Rising Sun** has had a new floor put into its cellar. They are currently serving *Hancock's HB*, *Marston's Pedigree* and *Wadworth 6X*. A fourth beer is planned to be available from early October.

MARLOW

The **Chequers** has become one of the pubs to be leased from *Brakspears* by a new pub group called *Honeypot Inns*. This group is being headed by *David Bruce*, founder of the *Firkin* pub chain and a director of *Brakspears*.

Planning permission has been sought for a single storey side extension and alterations to the **Clayton Arms**. The proposed alterations will change the pub completely as the plan is to open it up into yet another food and drink tourist facility, the like of which Marlow has in abundance.

At present, the pub caters for the local people, and the earlier renovations carried out only three years ago managed to maintain its character, whilst bringing it more up to date.

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GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



ABC Best Bitter has gone forever. The familiar 'Jemimah Puddleduck' logo will be seen no more.

Carlsberg Tetley have discontinued the beer after a long term decline in sales and the announcement was not unexpected.

ABC stood for Aylesbury Brewery Company and the beer was brewed in Aylesbury until the brewery stopped producing beer in 1937.

Production moved to Burton, and during the war, the limited supplies were delivered to

Aylesbury by train.

It was a traditionally brewed, cask conditioned bitter almost exclusively served by handpump and used to be found all over Buckinghamshire and parts of Oxfordshire and Berkshire.

The beer had a good rich colour, with a clean and hoppy taste, and an original gravity of 1037 degrees. Its hoppy flavour came from the Styrian Hops that were added to each barrel when they were filled.

When the beer was on form, it was superb, but was quite often only served in a very average condition and its reputation tended to suffer because of that.

Eddie Ball, former landlord of the Waggon & Horses, Stone, said that ABC needed a bit of care and was at its best if allowed to stand in the cellar for four days before being served. This time gave the beer a chance to fully condition. Where the publican

had limited cellar space, or had to serve the beer early, the ABC tended to suffer.

After Aylesbury Brewery merged with Halls and then became part of Ind Coope Retail, ABC Bitter became scarcer as Tetley Bitter was pushed into many of the pubs. Recently it had survived due to a loyal following in local pubs, but was virtually impossible to get in Aylesbury itself.

Geoff Smith, landlord of the Rose & Crown in Wingrave, said that the loss of ABC Bitter was causing him a problem. It had been very popular and four 18s a week had been the norm. He is now having to try various alternatives to find a replacement.

Clarence Robinson of the Red Lion, Haddenham, replaced his ABC Bitter with Young's Bitter.

Lack of promotion of the beer was the main reason for its decline. If it had received the

advertising budget that breweries seem happy to lavish on their smooth flow beers, it would have done very well.

One notable exception was an advertising promotion in the late eighties when the Duck Trail was started.

This was a scheme that involved getting different numbered stamps from the 170 pubs involved in the scheme on a special sheet.

The more pubs that were visited, the better the free gifts that could be claimed, starting with a very attractive enamel badge bearing the Best Bitter logo, all the way to a colourful travel bag.

There was an additional competition based on a similar idea to 'Spot the Ball' where you had to put a cross where you thought the 'Golden Nest Egg' was located. The £500 first prize was won by Swan Supping's previous editor, Bryan Spink.

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Local Brewery News

Rebellion Beer Company Open Weekend

16th/17th October 1999

Rebellion was established in January 1993 and after five years of expansion on their old site in Marlow Bottom, have now moved to a purpose built site half a mile up the road, in Bencombe Farm, at the entrance to Marlow Bottom, Marlow.

To celebrate the opening of their new site, they will be having an open weekend on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th of October, and everyone is welcome.

The attractions will include:

Free Brewery tours every 15 minutes, showing how a traditional real ale brewery works, covering the entire

process from grain arrival to finished beer

Free tasting of all Rebellion beers

The launch of the new bottled version of Rebellion Blonde

Both brewers will be on hand to answer any brewing related questions you may have.

The new site took twelve months in the planning stage and a further six months to build. They have completely renovated two farm buildings to produce a purpose built brewery, which allows them to expand their capacity ten fold and retain Marlow's brewing heritage for at least another twenty years.

With the growth in size, they needed a completely new brewery and were very fortunate to purchase the

Courage development Let it warm up to cellar brewery, from *Courage* at temperature, (10° – 14° C), Reading. It was their main ale and the complex flavours of and lager development plant, the bitter malt are liberated and was used to develop and the product becomes a light, easy drinking bitter, with a dry finish and delicate hop aroma.

An early example of this flexibility, is their new bottled beer, *Rebellion Blonde*.

Rebellion Blonde is a blend of both lager and bitter malt. It is claimed that when combined, they offer the unique qualities of both a lager and a bitter, within the same bottle. If drunk cold, out of the fridge, the lager qualities dominate and it tastes similar to a German style Pilsner.

There is an *Aylesbury Vale & Wycombe* branch of CAMRA visit to the brewery planned for Tuesday 5th October – see the Branch Diary on the back page for details.

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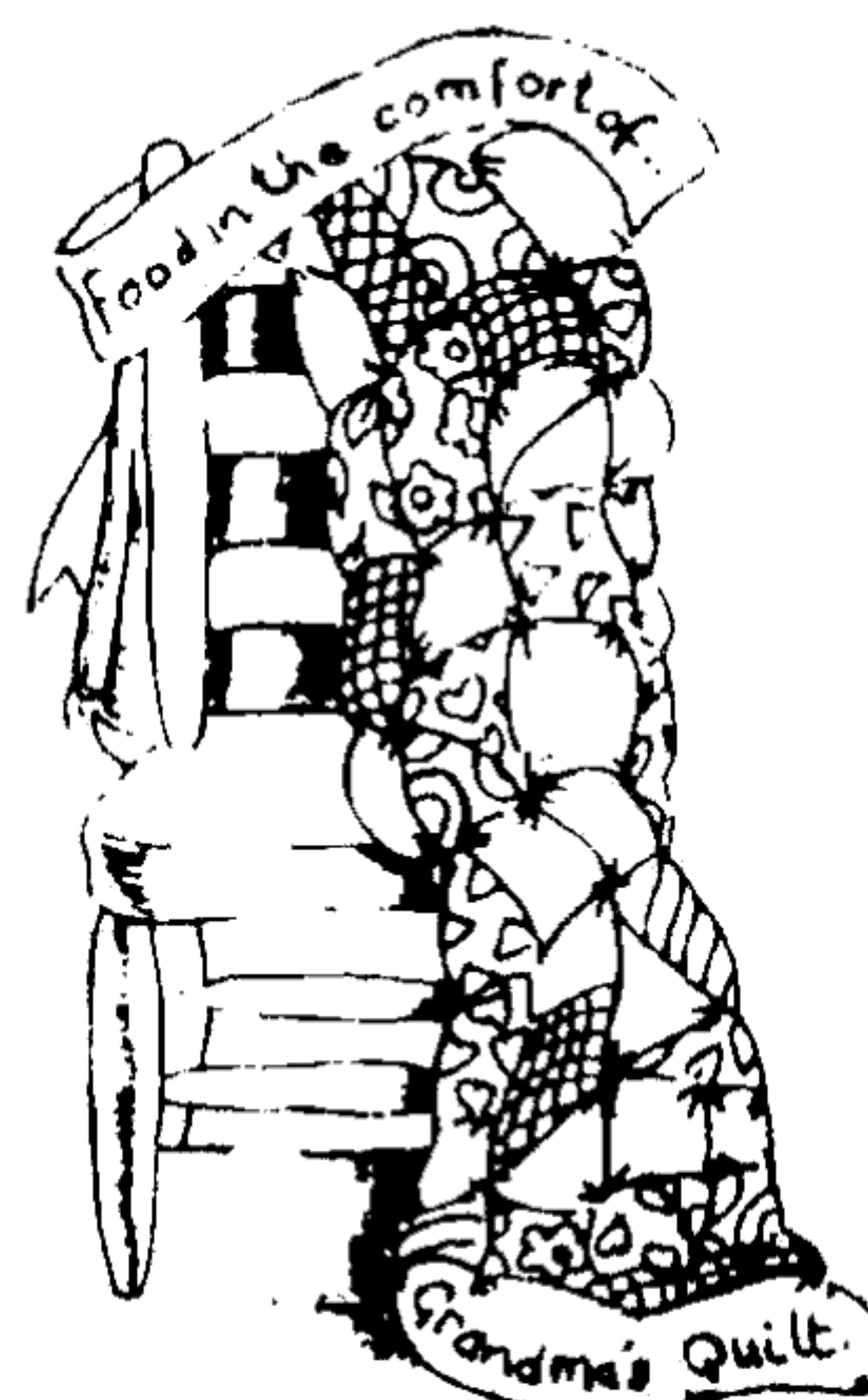
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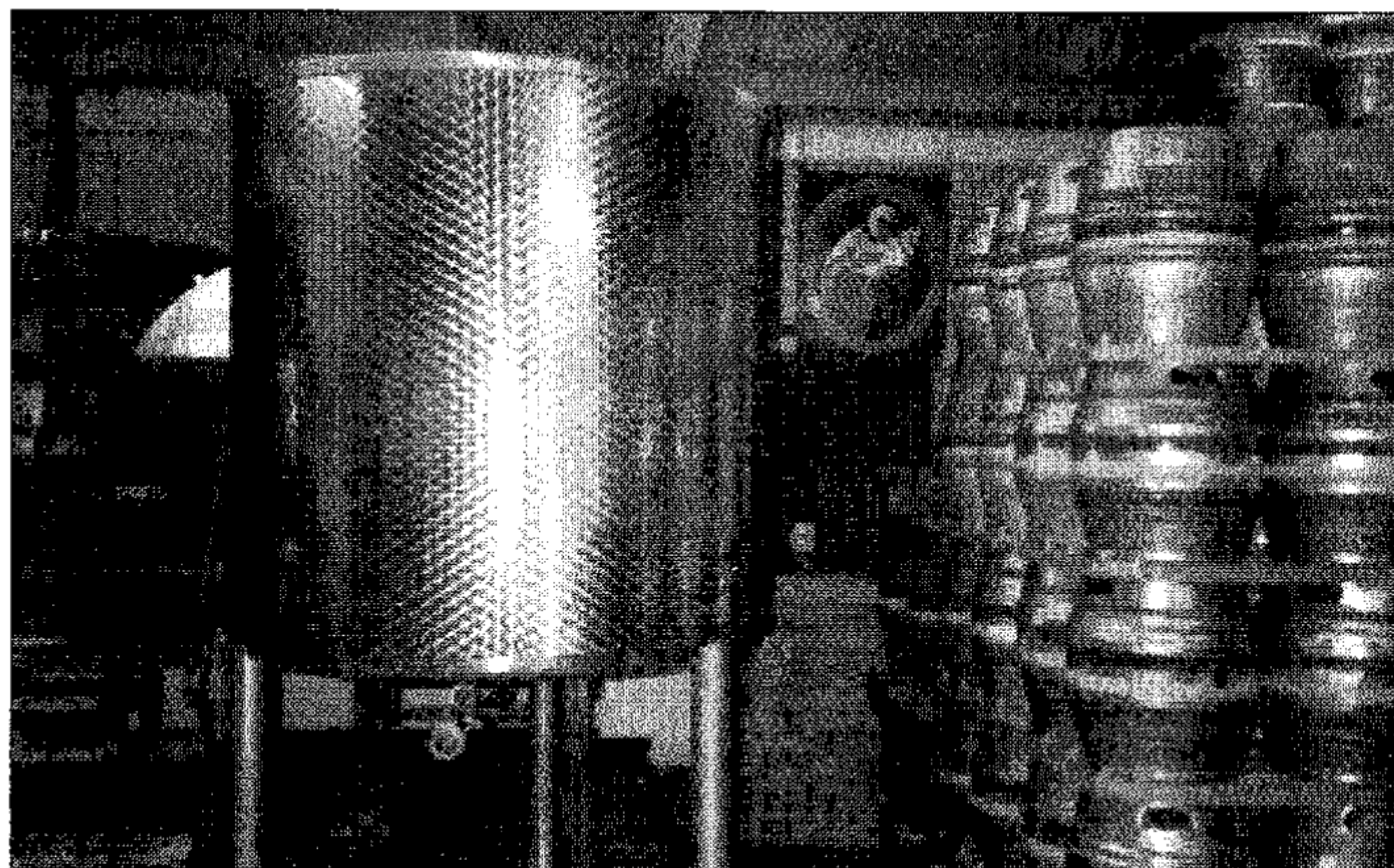
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Local Brewery News



The new fermenting vessel installed at Vale Brewery

Vale Brewery increase capacity

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The new tank increases the

capacity of the brewery by 25% to 50 barrels a week (that's 14,400 pints for the drinkers in our midst).

Hadda's Autumn Ale with its blend of British and American hops is currently available.

The Christmas brew, *Good King Senseless* will be available in bottled form from November and in cask form from December.

Branch Pub of the Year



The presentation of the Branch Pub of the Year award

Cock Inn receives the Branch Pub of the Year award

David Roe, chairman of the Aylesbury Vale & Wycombe branch of CAMRA, presented the certificate for the *Branch Pub of the Year 1999* to Steve Naghi, landlord of the

Cock Inn, Wing in August.

In his speech, the chairman praised the commitment to *Real Ale* shown over the seven years since Steve Naghi took over the *Cock Inn*.

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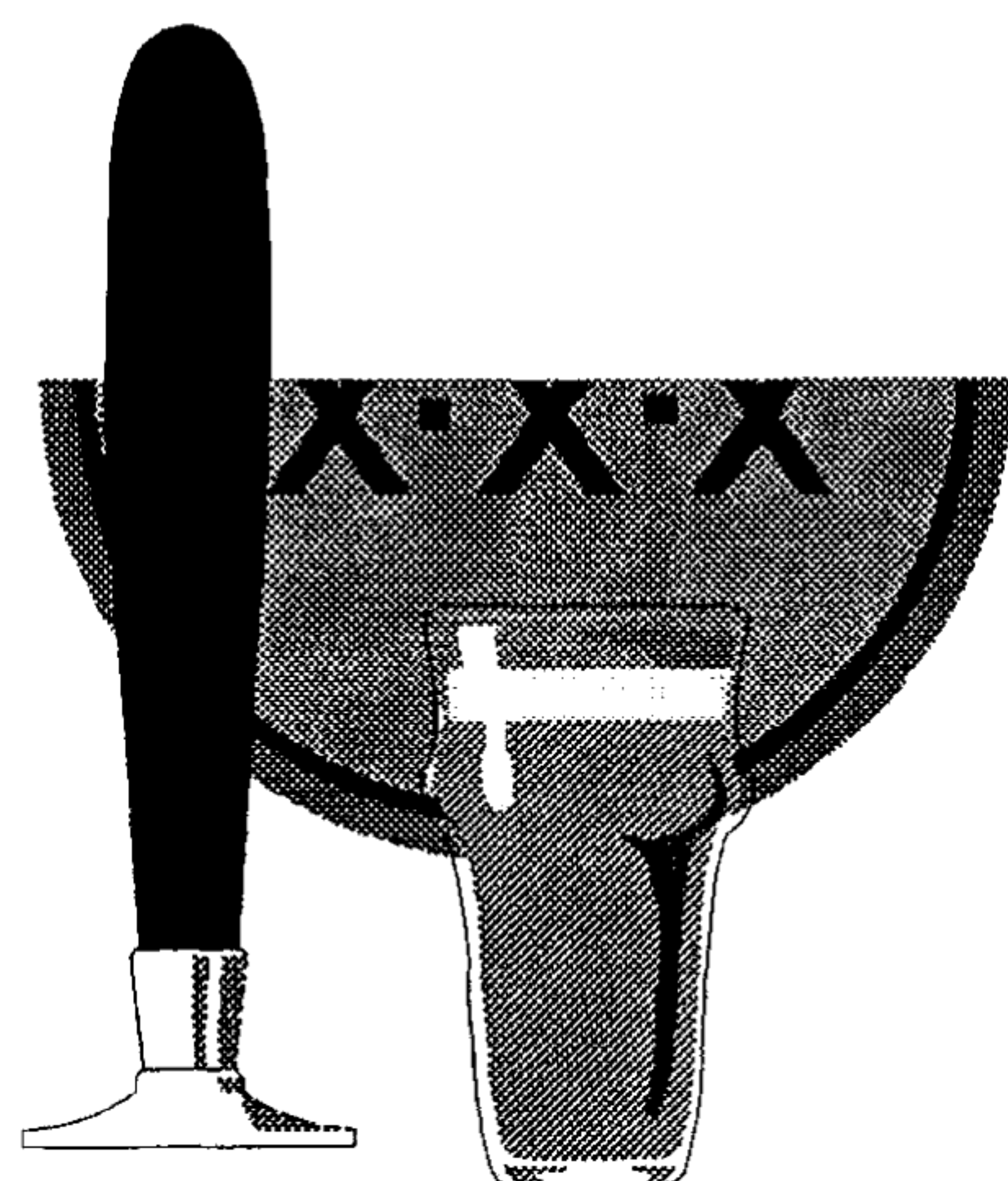
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However, we must thank **Mick Fountain** for his sterling support during those years, and we are pleased to find that he is prepared to sponsor one of the beers!

There will be thirty real ales available including many prize winners from the *Great British Beer Festival*.

Some of the beers that it is planned to have available starting at £1-20 per pint are:

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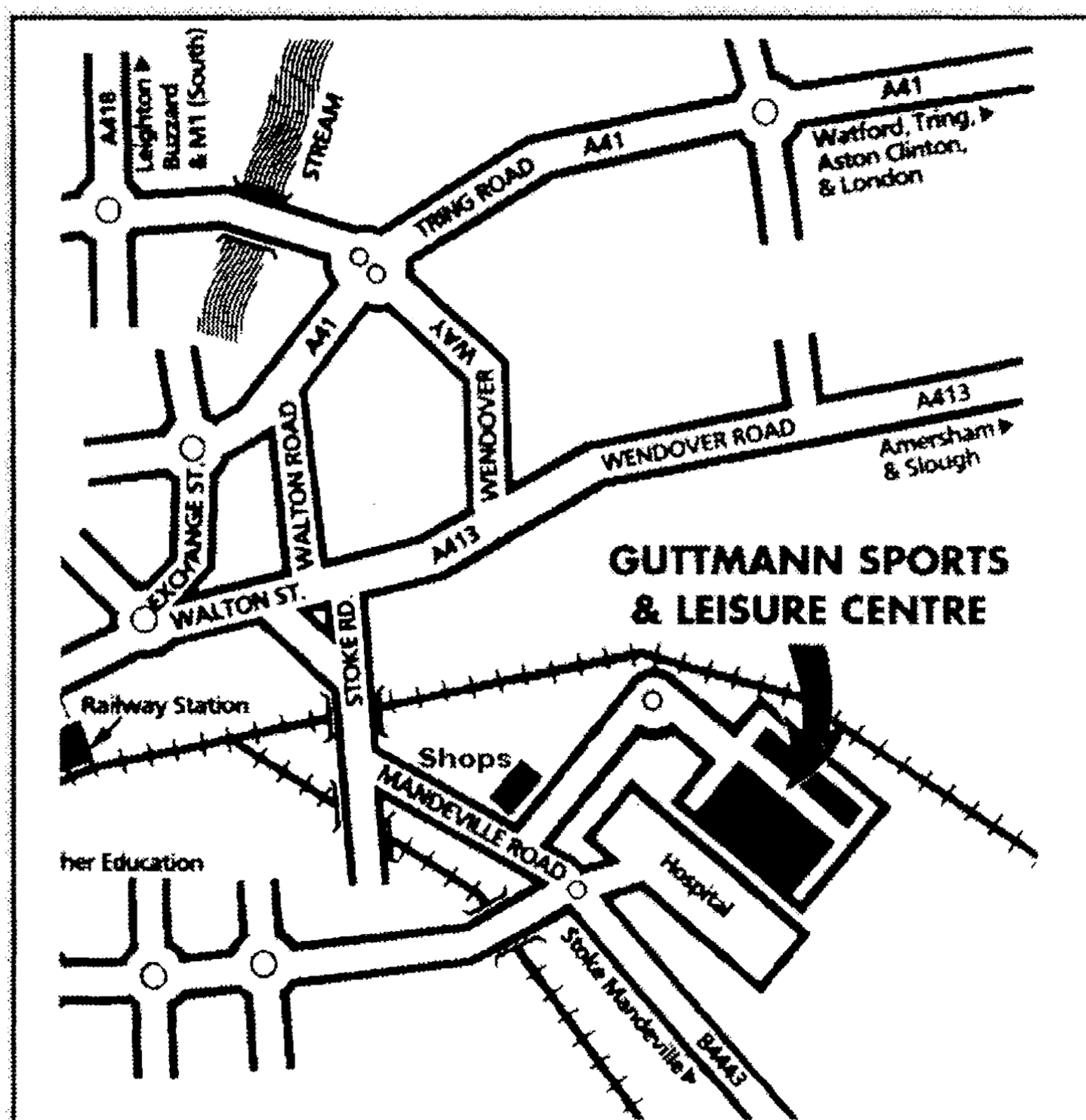
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FIRKIN BAD NEWS

Punch Taverns' decision to close the in-house breweries at 24 Firkin pubs will kill the value of the pubs and further reduce consumer choice. CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale, is to lobby Punch's directors to reverse this decision.

Mike Benner, Head of Campaigns and Communications said, "The *Firkin* chain has offered a unique service to pub goers since it was created in 1979 and has helped revitalise interest in craft brewing. Closing the breweries will make the pubs the same as all the other boring theme pubs which already rule our high streets."

The decision to close the breweries follows the *Punch Taverns* takeover of the *Allied Domecq* pub estate including the *Firkin* chain. Beers like *Dogbolter* will be lost forever.

Mr Benner added, "CAMRA has urged the Office of Fair Trading to refer this merger to the Competition Commission for a full investigation of the effects on consumer choice. These closures prove that referral is the only way forward as consumer choice is already being affected only days after the deal has been finalised."

Under the Beer Orders legislation, *Punch Taverns* would be regarded as a national brewer following the acquisition of the Firkin brewpubs. The OFT has been considering whether previous owner *Allied Domecq* should be released from the Beer Orders for over two years. CAMRA argues that the closures decision is not in response to consumer demand, but rather to outdated legislation.

Mr. Benner said, "*Punch* has decided to proceed with the takeover deal without waiting for the OFT to make a decision on referral and things are moving too fast to reverse some of the damage if the deal is eventually blocked by the secretary of state. Consolidation leads to less choice for pub-goers and it is time for legislation to stop these monster pub chains ruling the market."

Punch Taverns is considering making beers from Britain's 400 real ale micro brewers available to *Firkin* pubs. CAMRA challenges *Punch Taverns* to show their commitment to *Firkin* customers by allowing pub managers to buy their beers from whichever brewery they choose.

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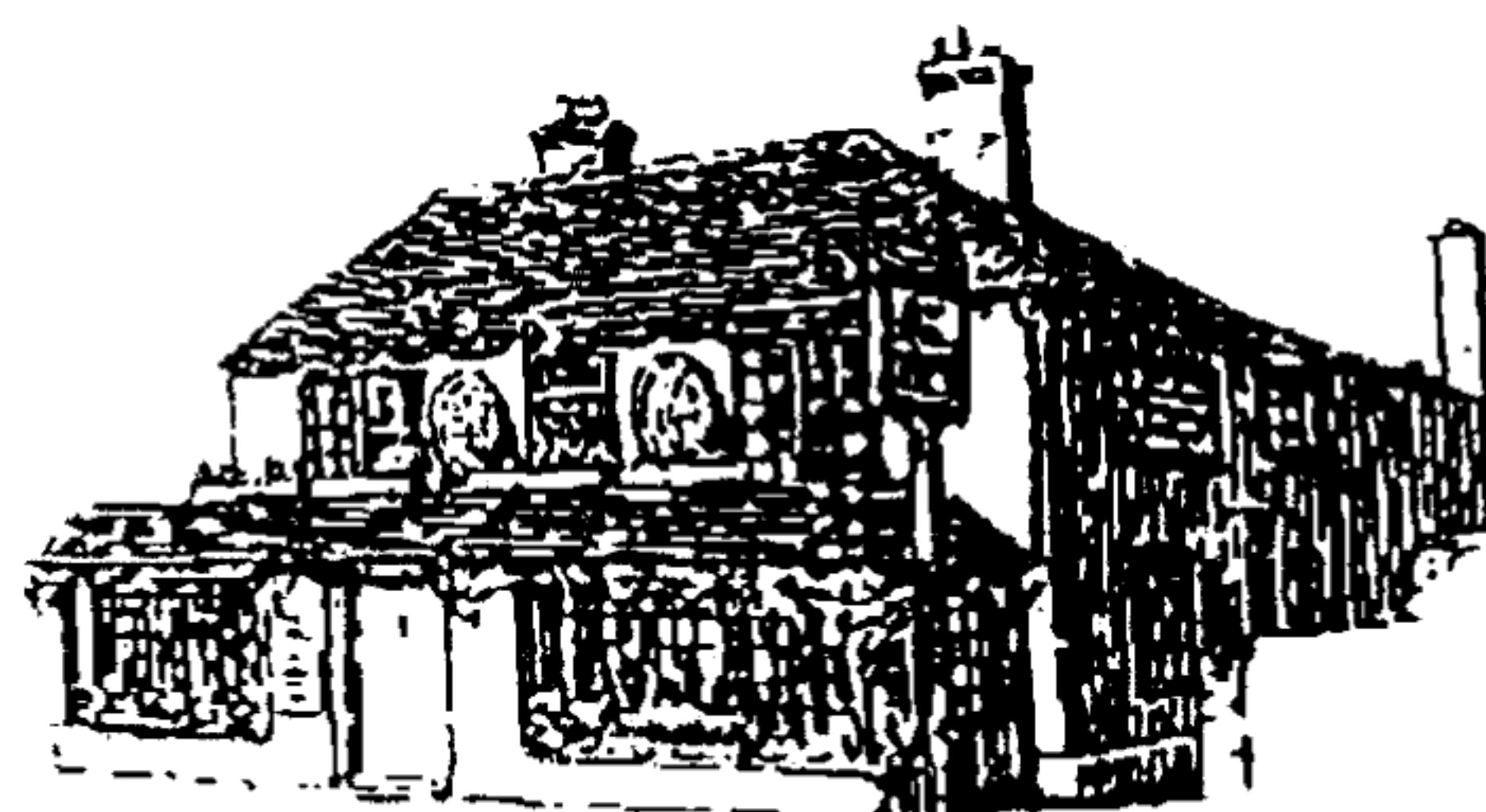


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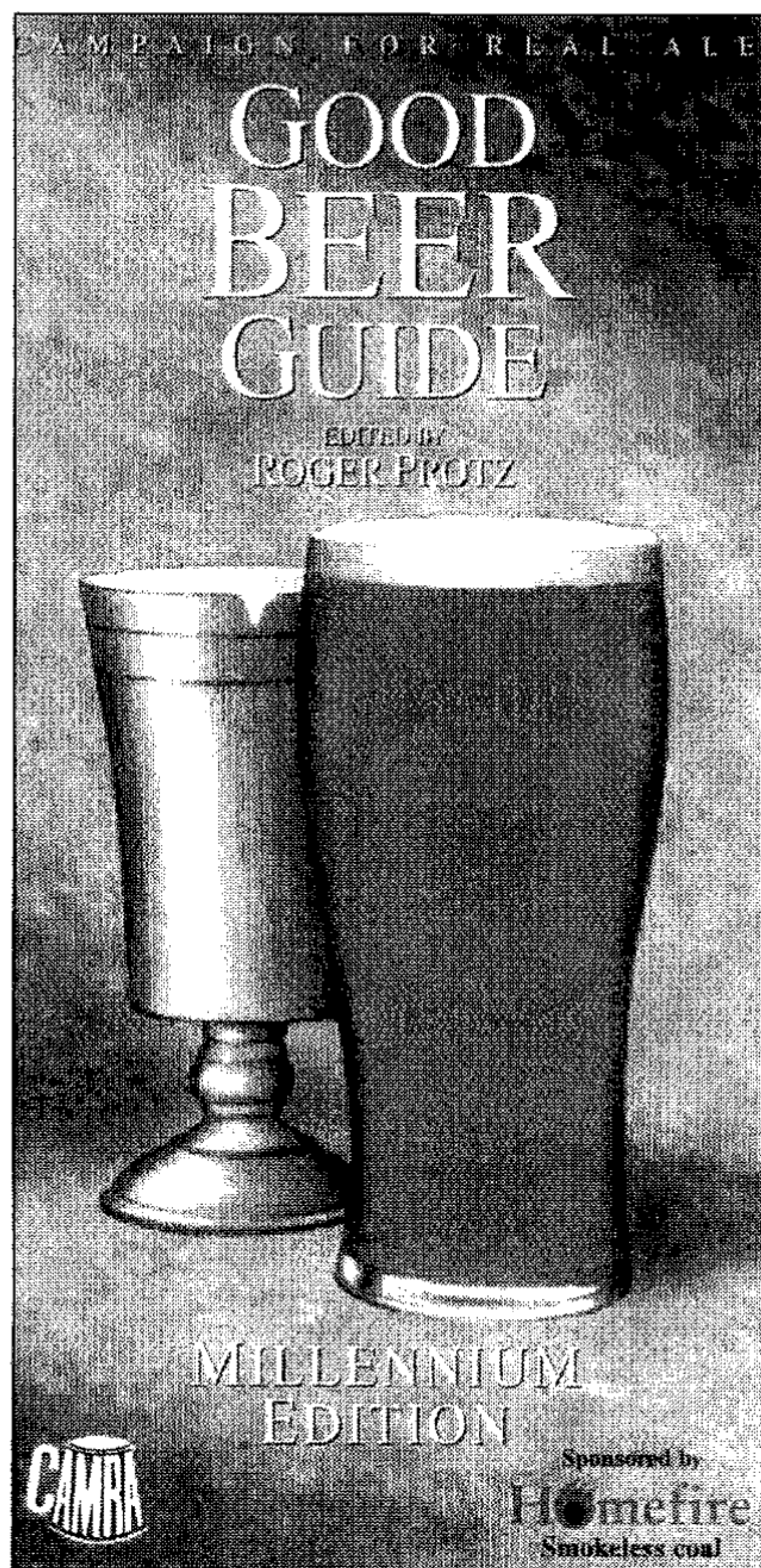
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A major analysis by Roger Protz of the state of the industry, showing that the "Real Ale Crisis" has been caused not by consumers moving away from cask beer but by the giant national brewers switching to nitro-keg.

David Fryer on how beer drinkers still get fleeced when they buy a pint.

Geoff Brandwood on the fight to save the nation's pub heritage.

Paul Nunny on the brewers' Cask Marque initiative to improve beer quality.

There are two new pubs in the selections made by the *Aylesbury Vale & Wycombe* branch of CAMRA:

The Hogshead, Marlow

The End of the World, Worlds End

plus five re-entries for pubs which featured in guides before 1999:

Three Crowns, Askett

Lions of Bledlow, Bledlow,

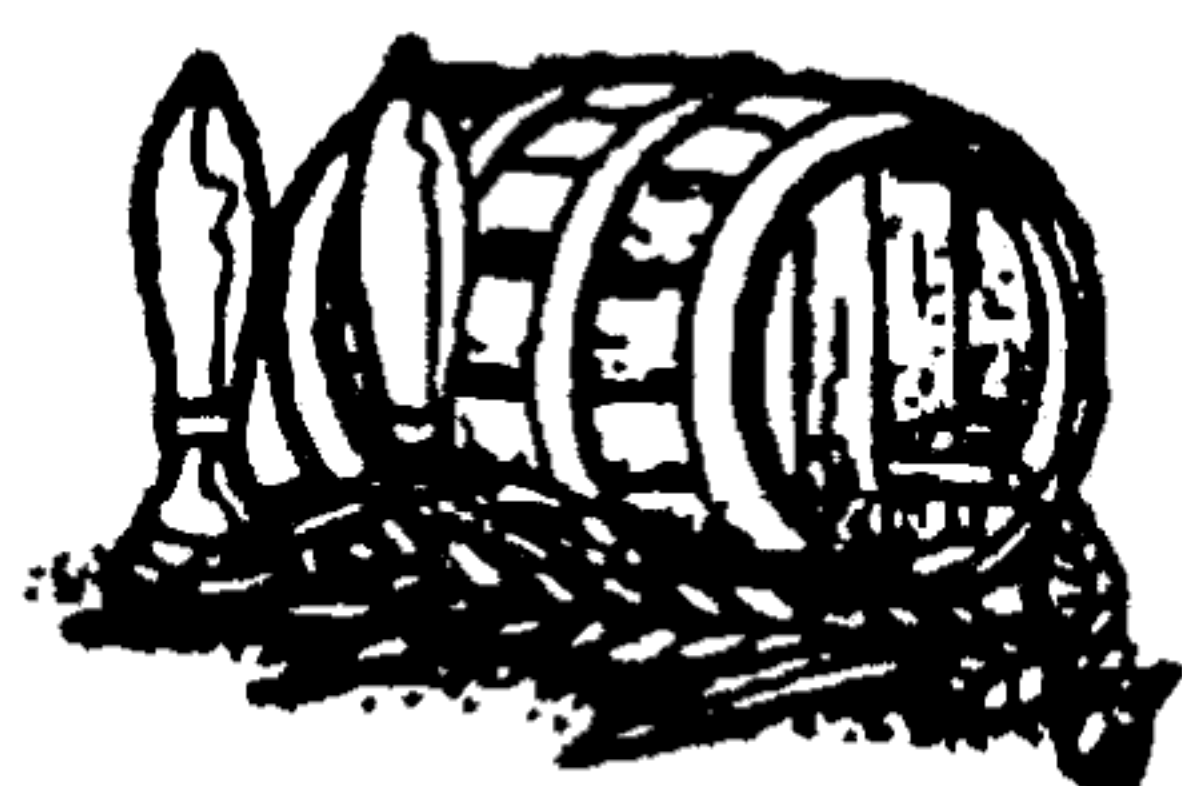
Stag & Huntsman, Hambleden

White Swan, Wendover

Clifden Arms, Worminghall

The guide is available in all good bookshops for £11.99.

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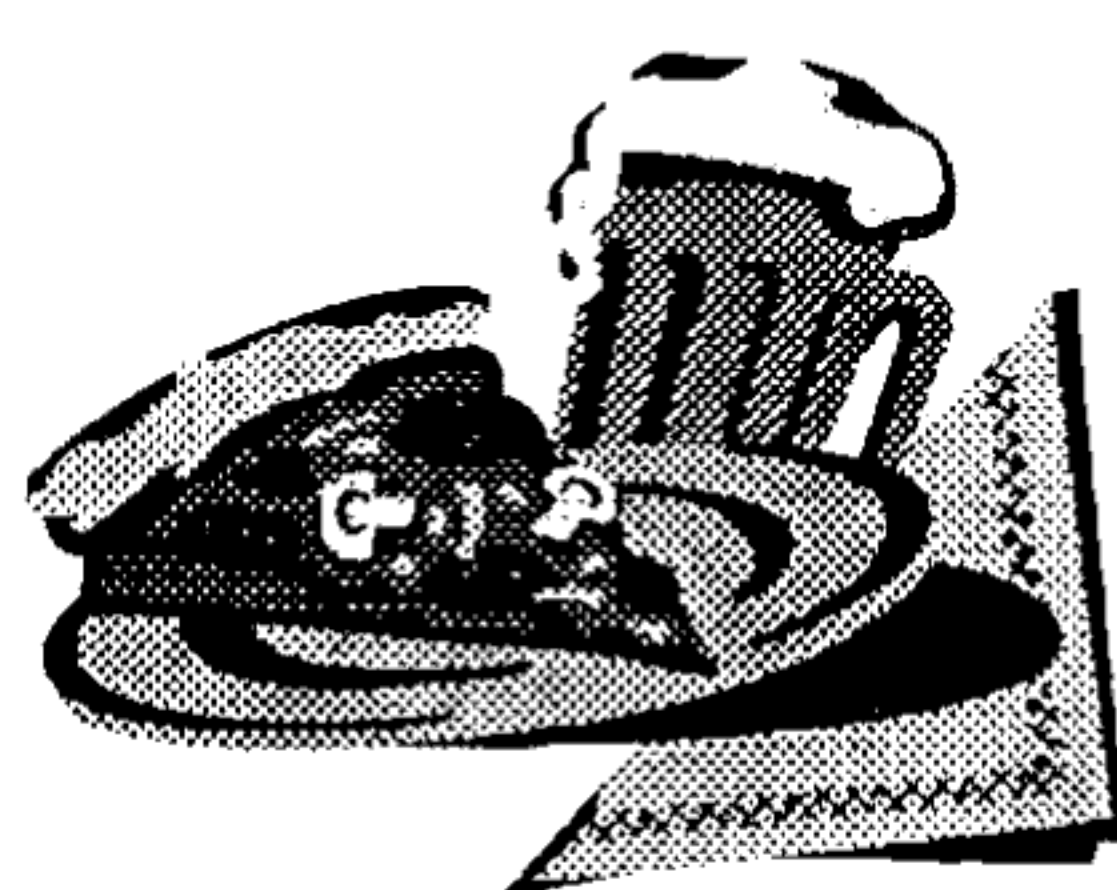
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MORLAND UPDATE

Following the recent takeover Although press statements by Greene King, Morland, from Greene King say that Abingdon's brewing gem, will the Morland name will not close on 3rd April 2000, and just suddenly disappear, the employees have been given concerned pub-goers in the that as their redundancy date. Oxfordshire area feel that the This takeover has created long term strategy will be for Britain's second 'super' the name to be eventually regional brewer with some phased out altogether. 1600 pubs on a par with Greene King has also Wolverhampton & Dudley announced its intention to turn who took over Marstons some of the 'slightly quirky' earlier this year. Morland pubs into Hungry Horses. Mike Benner, CAMRA's Head of Campaigns & Communications said There are likely to be casualties amongst the "Morland invested over five Morland beer portfolio. million pounds in the brewery Those with the weakest sales, in 1997 and to see a modern such as IPA and Tanners Jack and viable brewery close is are likely to go, but Original simply a waste of resources. may not be automatically Consolidation is killing replaced by Greene King IPA. Britain's independent brewing Morland's unique 'Hen's sector as everyone within the Tooth' bottled beer, as a industry appears to be smaller Morland brand, is obsessed with getting bigger." also at risk of being axed.

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Bees Knees (4.3%)	£6.50	£21.90	£43.80	£78.50
Gold (5%)	£7.50	£24.90	£49.80	£88.50

all prices include VAT @ 17.5%

Beer Festival Reports

ASTON CLINTON

An excuse for jollification - a pub that has been 'welcoming guests' for five hundred years! So now we know, the **Oak**, Aston Clinton, opened on 8th August 1499!

I chose, along with several other local CAMRA members, to go along on the opening Friday evening, arriving just after the last spiles were being removed at 6pm. An interesting range of barrels were set up in a marquee in the garden including independents such as **Mordue** and **RCH** as well as the more familiar **Hook Norton** and **Timothy Taylor**.

Beers could be purchased individually, but there was a passport for £10 which got you four pints and a commemorative glass.

A 'tickers' paradise enhanced by of dancing (Morris and impromptu) plus a wild Aunt Sally session with cheeses flying everywhere.

The overall impression was of an excellent evening with lots going on, although somewhat different from your average CAMRA beer festival. If they hold another festival on 8th August 2499, I shall definitely try and get there!

John Wood

HADDENHAM

The **Rising Sun** held its annual beer festival on Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th of September.

Of the beers announced last issue, the only casualty was unfortunately **Tisbury's Alefresco**. This had not settled and was returned to the brewery without having come under starters orders!

An evening enjoyed by all, especially the lads from **Vale** brewery who attended despite not having any of their beers on show!

WINGRAVE

The 3rd Wingrave Beer Festival was held at the **Rose & Crown** from Friday 24th to Saturday 26th of September.

It was planned to have 15 beers available but it was only possible to have 14 barrels on display. The last (**Fullers ESB**) was served on handpump when one became available.

Our favourite beer was **Merlin's Oak** which is brewed by **Brains**. Unfortunately this beer is finished for the year and will not be available for the Aylesbury Beer Festival.

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Local News (Continued)

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The **Clayton Arms** is situated in the Marlow Conservation Area, but is not a listed building. A recent attempt to get it listed failed despite the fact that parts of the building date back to at least 1757 and the premises next door are listed.

A petition of over a hundred signatures was sent to **Brakspears** in an attempt to retain the character of the pub. The position of the pub is well away from the main street and it does not appear to be the best place to create a large food based establishment. The last thing that is needed is for a lot of money to be spent on the pub only for it not to succeed.

The **Cross Keys** has undergone a £300k refurbishment during the seven weeks that it has been closed, and will reopen to the public on Monday 4th October. The changes have included the removal of the pool table and the juke box (and, unfortunately, the dartboard) and the new landlord, Alan Faulds, said that they are hoping to appeal to local business people. Food will be available, but the intention is for that to represent only 30% of the trade.

The **Hogshead** will be holding a **beer festival** between the 21st and 31st of October. It is planned to have fifty-four different beers, with prices starting at £1-50, including many past winners of awards at the **Great British Beer Festival**.

They are continuing the offer of twenty pence off a pint of real ale for card carrying **CAMRA** members. Plus, if you are interested in bottled **Belgian Beer**, you can get a box of Belgian Chocolates if you buy five bottles.

The **Cider & Cheese** festival held last month was a great success with the eight ciders from the West Country running out well ahead of time and extra supplies having to be brought in.

STONE

An appeal has been lodged following planning permission to convert the **County Arms** to housing having been turned down.

TOWERSEY

The **Three Horseshoes** will be closed for six weeks for refurbishment. The chimney breast is to be removed in order to make the pub more open inside.

WENDOVER

The **Shoulder of Mutton** is closed for renovation until the 18th of October. Work was last done three years ago, and

although no major structural alterations can be made without a major rebuild, they are trying to open up the bar area further.

When the work is completed, the pub will become a '**Red Rose Inn**'.

WEST WYCOMBE

The **Plough** held its sixth beer festival during the second weekend in September. Ten real ales were on offer and landlady, Diane Carter, said that it had gone very well, especially the **Rebellion Red October**.

Also in September at the **Swan**, landlady Christine Barrie was celebrating her family's association with the pub since 1910, although the family name was Beauchamp then.

WESTON TURVILLE

Ian Brown, formerly of the **Queens Head**, Aylesbury, has returned to the area as landlord of the **Plough**. He is joint licensee with John Andrews of the **Oak**, Aston Clinton, and is intending to serve the full range of **Fullers** beers.

Over the next few weeks, he is going to get the food side of the business restarted.

WINGRAVE

The **Rose & Crown** now has three regular beers, **Greene King IPA**, **Courage Best** and **Marstons Pedigree**, plus a guest beer.

The September beer festival held at the pub was also a great success.

WORLDS END


The **End of the World** has reopened after having been closed for three weeks.

The car park has been tarmaced and extended to be able to accommodate eighty cars. The garden has been altered to allow two smaller beer gardens and a small patio which leads into the conservatory, and the kitchen has been enlarged to nearly three times the original size.


The toilets have been enlarged (and an extra 'Ladies' has been built). Wheelchair access has been improved to the toilets and throughout the building.

The pub reopened even though the work had not been completed, but this should have been rectified by the time this magazine appears.

They are now selling **Vale Edgar's Golden Ale** as well as a large selection of **Brakspears'** beers.



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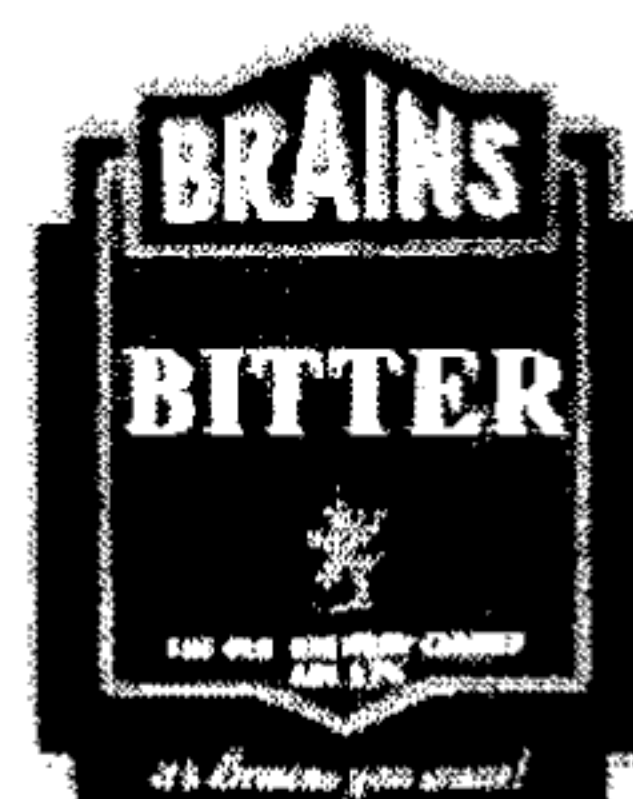
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Branch Diary

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October

Tuesday 5th REBELLION BREWERY VISIT

7:30pm Rebellion Brewery, Marlow. There will be a charge of £5 per head. Contact the editor (details on this page) to book your place for the visit as numbers will be limited.

Saturday 9th CAMRA REGIONAL MEETING

1pm Red Lion, Haddenham (Please note the change of start time)
CAMRA members only please

Tuesday 12th CUBLINGTON SOCIAL

9pm Unicorn

Friday 22nd - Saturday 23rd AYLESBURY BEER FESTIVAL

Guttmann Sports & Leisure Centre, Stoke Mandeville

This is a charity beer festival, organised by the *Friends of Florence Nightingale House* with assistance from the *Aylesbury Vale & Wycombe Branch of CAMRA*. Full details and a map appear on page 6.

Thursday 28th - PRESTWOOD PERAMBULATION

9pm Green Man, 9:45pm Travellers Rest, 10:30pm Chequers

November

Wednesday 3rd - BRANCH MEETING

8:30pm Swan, Great Kimble

Tuesday 9th - WHEELER END SOCIAL

9pm Chequers, 10pm Brickmakers Arms

Friday 19th - LONDON PUB CRAWL

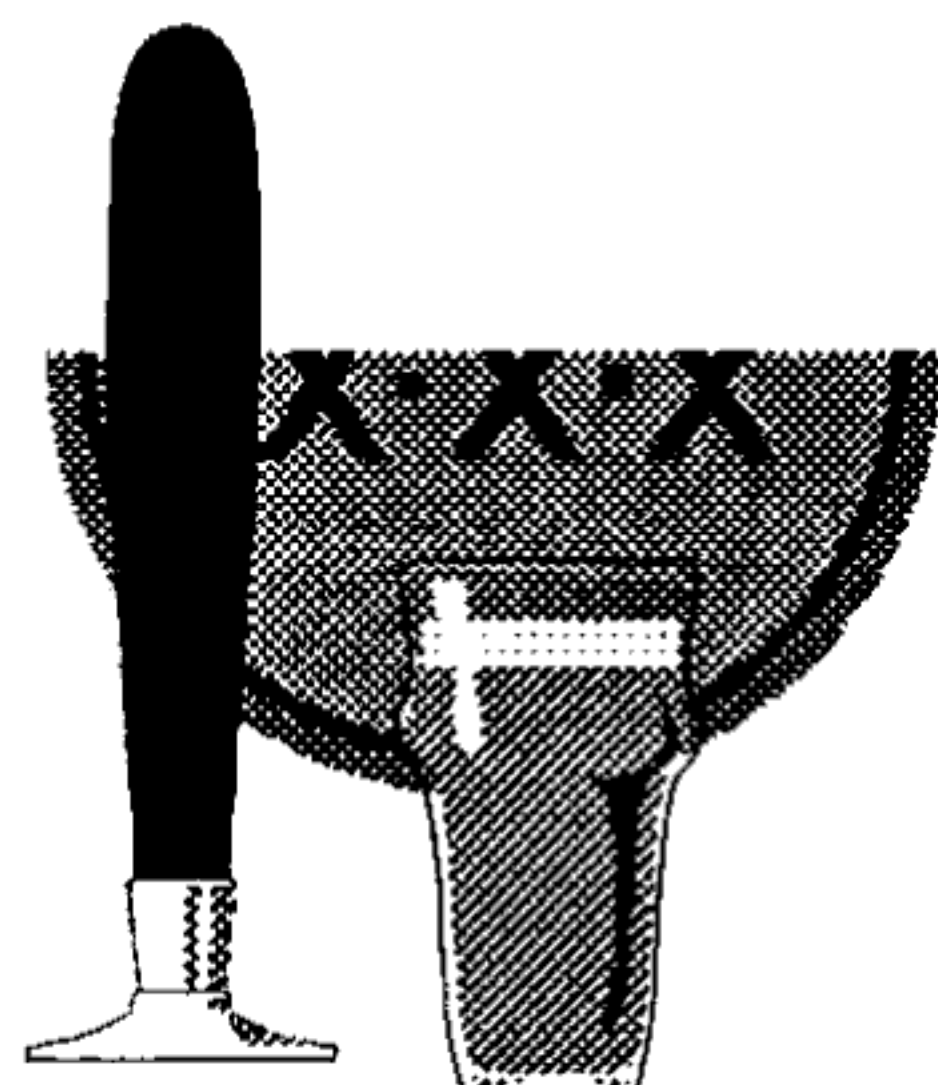
5:30pm Seven Stars, Carey Street, 6:15pm Weatherspoons, Carey Street,
7pm Old Bank of England, Strand

Please contact the editor if you require later pub times.

Wednesday 24th - HIGH WYCOMBE BODGE

8pm Litten Tree, 9pm Bell, 10pm Falcon

6TH VALE OF AYLESBURY BEER FESTIVAL



*Guttmann Sports & Leisure Centre,
Stoke Mandeville*

Friday 22nd October (6pm - 11pm)
Saturday 23rd October (11am - 11pm)

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Beer Festival Diary

October

1st - 3rd Huddersfield District Oktoberfest, Zeneca Recreation Club, Leeds Road (A62), Huddersfield

1st - 3rd 5th Bassetlaw Retford Beer Festival, Retford Leisure Centre, West Carr Road, Retford, Notts

1st - 3rd Severn Valley Beer Festival at both Kidderminster & Bridgnorth Rail Stations.

5th - 9th 6th Westmorland Beer Festival, Malt Room, Brewery Arts Centre, Highgate, Kendal, Cumbria.

6th - 9th 22nd Bedford Beer Festival, Corn Exchange, St Paul's Square

6th - 9th Liverpool Beer Festival, at the Metropolitan Cathedral Crypt, Brownlow Hill, Liverpool

8th - 9th 5th Carmarthenshire Beer Festival, St Peters Civic Hall, Carmarthen

13th - 16th Not Yet the Millennium Leicester CAMRA Beer Festival, Guild of Disabled People, Colton Street, Leicester

14th - 16th October Beer Festival, Cock Inn, Wing, Bucks.

14th - 16th 6th Croydon & Sutton Beer Festival, Wallington Halls, Stafford Road, Wallington (10 minutes walk from Wallington Station).

14th - 17th 6th Scunthorpe Beer Festival, Baths Hall, Doncaster Road

14th - 17th 9th Wakefield Beer Festival, The Town Hall, Wood Street

15th - 16th 22nd Bath Beer Festival, The Pavilion, North Parade Road, Bath

15th - 16th 3rd Gravesend & Darent Valley Beer Festival, Old Gravesendians Association, Fleetway Sports Ground

15th - 16th Worthing Beer Festival, Assembly Hall, Stoke Abbott Road

21st - 24th Nottingham, Victoria Leisure Centre, Nottingham.

21st - 31st Hogshead Second National Ale Festival, Hogshead, Marlow

22nd - 24th 5th Watford Festival, West Herts Sports & Social Club, Park Ave.

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