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DOMINO EFFECT OF BREWERY TAKEOVER?



It is feared that the purchase by **Marston's** of **Ringwood Brewery** in Hampshire will encourage a 'domino effect' of consolidation in pubs and brewing.

Ringwood Brewery is based in the village of Ringwood in Hampshire. It began brewing in 1978, owns seven pubs and provides beer to some 650 outlets. A major new development in 2005/6 saw the addition of seven new conditioning tanks and there were plans in motion to install a new 120-barrel fermenting vessel because of the increase in growth. Its beer portfolio includes *Best Bitter*, *Fortyniner*, and the famous *Old Thumper*.

The practice among larger breweries of acquiring smaller competitors is a race where the only loser is the consumer who is often denied a locally brewed beer. As one of the larger breweries buys a brewery and expands their estate their competitors start hunting for their next purchase to keep up. **CAMRA's** fear is that an increasing number of smaller breweries will be lost if this race continues and consumer choice will suffer as a result.



In the last three years alone we have seen another Hampshire brewery, **Gales**, bought and closed by **Fuller's** and **Greene King** bought and closed **Hardys and Hansons** in Nottingham, as well as buying and closing **Ridley's** brewery in Essex.

Marston's have recently purchased **Jennings** in Cumbria and invested in the future of the brewery and it is hoped that they will continue this model

with **Ringwood**. But, it begs the question, who is next in line for acquisition?

CAMRA has tried to seek assurances that **Marston's** will continue to make all **Ringwood's** beers available in its pubs around Hampshire - as well as in the freetrade - and not be substituted by **Marston's** own brands. The consumer group is also seeking assurances that the acquired pubs will keep their **Ringwood** identity.

Ringwood beers are not common in our branch area and by a perverse twist, this takeover might well change this.

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Local News

ASTON CLINTON

The **Oak** will hold its annual beer festival over the weekend of 7th - 9th September. It will be open all day from 12 noon and will have 32 real ales, 10 ciders and there will be live music as well.

AYLESBURY

The **Bell** is still closed for refurbishment.

The **Harrow** has live music and a barbecue on the 26th of August and will also be holding another 'Beer and Bands' festival with 15 guest ales during the week of Monday 8th to Sunday 14th of October.

The **Horse and Jockey** has been reopened after a major refurbishment.

The **Kings Head** held a very successful mini beer festival at the beginning of July, selling out by the Sunday. This was in conjunction with the welcome return of one of **Chiltern's** seasonal beer, **Cobblestones**. **Chiltern Copper Beech** is due to return at the end of September. Evening meals are proving ever popular and the eating area has been changed to separate the diners from the drinkers. This, surprisingly, has allowed more room for both diners

and drinkers. Live music is available in the courtyard every Saturday.

The **Queens Head** is run by Bob Perez who used to be at the **Ex-Servicemen's Club**. He took over this **Punch** pub in May and has increased the number of real ales from two to five. The ones on parade when visited were **Black Sheep Best Bitter**, **Charles Wells Bombardier**, **Greene King Old Speckled Hen**, **Theakston's Old Peculier** and **Wychwood Hobgoblin**. All the beers are £2.50 per pint. Smokers are catered for in the small covered outdoor drinking area which has been enhanced by hanging baskets.

CADMORE END

Just as we were going to press we heard that there has been a change of landlord at the **Old Ship**. Further details will be in the next issue.

CROWELL

The **Shepherd's Crook** will be holding a beer festival over the Bank Holiday at the end of August. Besides a great selection of beer and a jazz band on the Sunday there will be a special treat on the Friday night when there is ferret racing! We don't know of any other pub that has offered this!

GREAT KIMBLE

The **Bernard Arms** had a visit from ITN to enquire after their new neighbour - Gordon Brown - the pub being his new local when using Chequers. Hopefully he will call in more often than his predecessor did - John Major, Harold Wilson and Edward Heath all visited. Being a dour Scot, the new Prime Minister may be more inclined to sample the pub's selection of single malt whiskies rather than their real ales - of which **Adnams Bitter** and **Broadside** and **Fuller's London Pride** are normally available.

The **Swan** continues its themed food evenings with Chinese night scheduled for 19th September. There is also a thriving fortnightly quiz every other Monday evening. A two man team from **Swan Supping** was recently just pipped into third place but enjoyed the **Adnams Bitter** and **St. Austell Tribute** on offer.

HAMBLEDEN

The Hambleden Estate which includes the utopian **Stag and Huntsman** public house, has been bought by a Swiss financier for a undisclosed sum, allegedly circa £38 million. Urs Schwarzenbach, 58, and a pal

of Prince Charles, is rumoured to be worth £850 million. According to the pub landlord Andy Stokes, the **Stag and Huntsman** will still function as normal. Their annual beer festival is to be held on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd of September.

HIGH WYCOMBE

Greene King locals pub **Terriers** at Terriers, offer brewery beers **IPA** (3.6) and **Abbot Ale** (5.0). A novel crazy golf course adorns the rear garden for family participation.

LACEY GREEN

The **Whip**, which is at about 800 feet above sea level, must be one of the highest pubs in the country to be flooded and pumped out by the Fire Brigade! During the recent intense storms, torrential rain ran off the fields which are higher than the pub and filled up the areas outside the building to a depth of nearly ten inches. Despite sandbags and scaffold boards wedged in the doorways the water started lapping into the kitchen and dining areas. Thankfully the Fire Brigade arrived just in time to prevent any major damage.

The **Whip**, in conjunction with the **Wheel** at Naphill, will be running a (Continued on page 23)

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IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT CAMPAIGNING!

CAMRA isn't all about campaigning. We also like to visit pubs for the pure enjoyment of sampling good ale in good company. In fact, the large majority of the dates in the branch diary at the back of *Swan Supping* are for socials.

All are welcome at socials. There is no agenda to get through or minutes to take – just interesting pubs to visit and beer to sample. One of the most rewarding aspects of socials is to break the routine and get out and visit the many different types of pub in the branch – which include pubs in busy town centres, suburban pubs, villages and isolated picture-postcard locations.

Our branch boundaries stretch from Granborough (well to the north of Aylesbury) down to Marlow in the south and from Ickford (near Thame) in the west to Wooburn Common (near Bourne End) in the south-east. However, we try to get around it – in spring this year we

organised social events at pubs in all the places mentioned above.

In fact, it is an aim of the branch to organise a social at every pub in our area that serves real ale. Sadly, given that there are well over 300 pubs in total in the branch (the vast majority serving real ale) this is an aim to be realised in the long term. So many pubs, so little time.

We normally tend to visit two or three pubs in a local area, usually on a midweek evening. However, we also try to include regular pub crawls, usually on a Friday, around those places lucky enough to have several pubs within staggering distance. The pre-Christmas Aylesbury crawl has near legendary status.

Early evening socials and family socials at particularly child-friendly pubs are occasionally organised to add to the variety. We also organise pub games sessions, such as snooker and Aunt Sally, especially against other **CAMRA** branches. These all need to be fitted around beer festivals, brewery visits and social events elsewhere, such as the annual Black Country trip.

While emphasising the undoubted pleasurable aspects of socials, they are also important for gathering first-hand information. For example, if we hear a pub has improved under new



management and could be worthy of a place in the *Good Beer Guide*, we will try to arrange a social to collectively check it out.

The credibility of the branch is improved if members actively get out of their local haunts, excellent though they may be, and see what else is on offer in the area's pubs. If we have a pleasurable time doing, so then so much the better.

Some recent highlights include the 'Risen from the Ashes' social – celebrating what might be the unique occurrence of not one, but two, pubs being re-opened after huge fire damage. Both are very attractive thatched pubs in village locations and it is encouraging they have remained as pubs and not been converted into other uses.

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THE SOCIAL SIDE OF THE BRANCH

(Continued from page 3)

The **Bottle and Glass** in Gibraltar (near Dinton) was shut for four years before its refurbishment. A bottle and glass of the wine variety are shown on the sign outside – a clue that its owners, **Greene King**, have rebuilt with a keen eye on the dining pub market. Nevertheless, there is a spacious bar area and two real ales – one of which, the seasonal *Ale Fresco*, was on excellent form for our social.

The **Rising Sun** in Ickford, which regularly featured in the *Good Beer Guide*, burnt down at the start of last year and has been more speedily rebuilt. The refurbishment retains its village local character and it normally serves four real ales. With a nod to its recent history,

perhaps, as much as the smoking ban, a large shelter has also been built for smokers in the garden.

On almost the longest day of the year we ventured out to the most rural north-western reaches of the branch and enjoyed the unspoilt character of the **Bull and Butcher** in Ludgershall almost as much as their very good *St. Austell Tribute*. The two pubs in Brill, the **Pheasant** and the **Red Lion**, were visited on the same evening. The **Pheasant**, by the famous Brill windmill, has magnificent views from its large patio area. We caught a spectacular

sunset – enjoying a sensory pleasure of a more unaccustomed variety on a social.

Unfortunately, evening visits to the likes of Ickford, Brill and Ludgershall require car transport. The branch supports responsible drinking so where practical, we try to organise an informal car pooling system with rotating designated drivers. However, we also try to maximise socials where there is the opportunity to use public transport so everyone can enjoy the beer.



One example was a recent Friday night crawl in Haddenham – easily accessible by bus from Aylesbury and train from the south of the branch. All five village pubs were visited including the **Rising Sun** (pictured above).

So getting a little more involved in local **CAMRA** activities is really a lot more play than work. We would welcome new faces with a shared interest in good pubs and real ale. The Branch Diary is published in *Swan Supping*, *What's Brewing* and on the website. There is even a dedicated social mobile phone number (0792 215 8971) so you can find out exactly where we are in the pub.



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CIRCULAR WALK

This is an excellent circular walk of around six miles through magnificent Chiltern countryside and woodland, passing on the way seven pubs that serve real ale.

The route links Naphill, Bradenham, West Wycombe and Downley Common. It would be possible to start or finish from any of these points but the itinerary as described begins at Naphill, which is most convenient for public transport, being served by the 300 bus route.

Walked in the direction indicated, there are two moderately steep climbs and one steep descent. Most of the route is on wide trackways, which should be generally dry, although certain portions of the route are on smaller paths which could be a little troublesome in wet weather.

Most footpaths in the area are well signposted – some by the Chiltern Society. Some paths, especially in woodland, are a little indistinct but there are no paths crossing arable fields and most of the route is on very easy-to-follow bridleways and similar.

We have a sketched illustration to show the route. However, this is not a map and is not to scale. It is strongly recommended that a good Ordnance Survey map is also used – in this case Explorer 172 (1:25,000 scale) Chiltern Hills East.

While a couple of the pubs have generous hours and tend to be open all day, at least at weekends, some maintain rather unenlightened or unpredictable hours – so it is well worth contacting the pubs to check.

Started at Naphill, the walk begins just off Main Road, where the **Black Lion** can be found at the end of Woodlands Drive – a cul-de-sac of modern detached houses with the flint-covered pub curiously located at the end.

The **Black Lion** is long, narrow pub with a spacious conservatory at the far end, which is pleasant for dining. It has a sizeable garden with a pleasant patio area and childrens' play equipment. Three real ales are normally served. On our visit, local brewery **Rebellion's IPA** was on offer.

To continue the walk, exit the beer garden through the back gate and turn right on to a gravel track. Head along the track between the woods to the left and gardens to the right. Continue for a few hundred yards until you reach a small road on the right with a number of public footpaths



signposted to the left. Don't take the paths that lead off at a right angle but head on the path signposted diagonally left slightly to the left of an outbuilding in a large garden adjoining the woods.

Heading down hill through the woods, the path becomes a little less distinct but it doesn't matter if you stray a little off the route (we did) as the general direction is quite straightforward – you will eventually hit Bradenham Woods Lane, the road from Naphill to Bradenham, which is not far away.

If you emerge on to Bradenham Woods Lane at the right spot (the Ordnance Survey map will help), you should be able to continue to a path on the other side of the road. Follow this but ensure you take the first path to the left while heading downhill – take care not to follow the original path too far towards the living quarters of RAF Strike Command. This emerges out of the woods into a small field which should be crossed diagonally to emerge on to the road.

If in any doubt about directions, just walk straight down Bradenham Woods Lane when you reach it. It leads directly to the next pub – the **Red Lion**.

Follow the lane to the bottom of the hill through the National Trust owned village of Bradenham – used as a location for various films and television programmes. The **Red Lion** is a traditional multi-roomed country pub with a bar in the core. Tables and chairs are on the lawn adjoining the lane.

The landlord arrived at the start of the year from the **Old Ship** at Cadmore End, from where he brought a good reputation for ale quality. Three real ales are on offer (apparently the fourth handpump isn't in working order).

Food is on offer at the busiest times. If planning to arrive outside the busiest hours it is worth calling the pub to ask after opening hours – and it may be worth mentioning to the landlord exactly when you plan to visit.

Cross the busy A4010 opposite the **Red Lion** and take the public footpath signed by the gate opposite. Follow the path under the railway bridge into the field beyond.

After a short distance there is T-junction of paths. Head right (parallel to the railway) for a hundred yards or so into a field until a path on the left is reached which heads uphill towards a wood. Follow this path, with a hedge on your left, until you enter the wooded area. Continue uphill until a farm track is reached, just before Nobles Farm near the top of the hill.

Turn left along the track, passing through a gate. This easy-to-follow path leads directly to West Wycombe, mainly through woodland, and should be followed without deviation.



NAPHILL - BRADENHAM - WEST WYCOMBE - DOWNLEY



After approximately one mile the path starts to descend downhill. You should take a fairly distinct path to the right through grassland, which heads further downhill. At this point glimpses can be had of the nearby road to Bledlow Ridge. (Don't worry too much if you miss it as there is another later). These paths lead out of the woods and the route ahead towards West Wycombe becomes evident. Join the main road at the junction and turn left into the village.

West Wycombe is well worth a visit in its own right, regardless of beery pursuits. Most of the buildings in the village are owned by the National Trust due to their rare 16th to 18th century architecture. Many tourists come to visit the Hell Fire Caves and the Dashwood Mausoleum (the spectacular building at the top of the hill).

There are actually three pubs in West Wycombe village but when researching this article we weren't able to go in any of them despite passing through in mid-afternoon on a sunny Bank Holiday. Two of the pubs were closed – despite a large number of tourists in and around the village – and the other one would not let us in as we had under-14s in our party. Nevertheless, they are well positioned on the walk for a refreshment stop (the next pub is about half an hour's walk).

Continue along the main A40 out of West Wycombe village until the nearby roundabout. Cross Bradenham Road at the junction and head along Cookshall Lane opposite – to the left of a garage.

Pass under the railway bridge and continue straight ahead uphill as the road becomes a bridleway. Bear slightly to the right at a fork in the path and ignore the footpaths signposted on the right. The bridleway forms a steady climb of nearly a mile up to Downley Common and is relatively tough going.

Eventually the path reaches Downley Common, where you might be lucky enough to see a cricket match in progress. Turn left and join the road, then take a right turn as it skirts the common. When a row of houses is reached at what seems like the end of the road, turn left and follow the un-made-up road for a hundred yards or so to reach the **Le De Spencer Arms**.

The **Le De Spencer Arms** offers a warm welcome and, happily, is open all day at weekends. It is a traditionally built brick and flint **Fuller's** house and keeps a wide selection of their beers in excellent condition. The interior is unspoilt and cosy – with a number of small

rooms opening off the bar area. There is a sizeable patio and garden area to sit out on in good weather.

Coming out of the pub, turn right and head towards woodland down a continuation of the rough road, which becomes a bridleway. The actual path becomes a little indistinct at times within the woods but carry on heading in the same general direction. Some houses appear on the right as you continue out of the woods. Soon after this turn right on to the end of Downley Road, this is a residential street that leads back to Main Road in Naphill.

On reaching Main Road, the **Wheel** is only a stroll to the right of a hundred yards. This re-invigorated pub has been mentioned a number of times recently in *Swan Supping* due to its four real ales and frequent beer festivals. The **Wheel** also has generous opening hours so is more than likely to be open for a friendly welcome at the end of the walk.

Unlike nearly all other pubs in this excellent walking area, the landlord does NOT mind muddy boots being walked into his pub. Aside from the good beer, the pub has two large outdoor seating areas, which would be an excellent venue to restore your health, so to speak, after the exertions of the walk.

To return to the walk's starting place turn right out of the **Wheel** along Main Road where the **Black Lion** is about half a mile away.

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Most usefully a directory section provides details of the nearest 'decent pub' to each of the campsites – reflecting the philosophy that any outdoor activity is only properly completed by a few pints of local ale at a rustic hostelry.

One of the featured campsites, Clippesby Hall in the Norfolk Broads, goes a step further as it has its own pub, the **Muskett Arms**, on site. Even better is that the **Muskett Arms** serves two real ales on handpump. When we visited both were award winners: the famous past *Champion Beer of Britain*, *Woodforde's Wherry Best Bitter* and *Wolf Golden Jackal*.

Such is the real-ale friendliness of the campsite is that it holds its own annual beer festival -- this year over the weekend of 7-9th September. The beer festival showcases 15 excellent local ales from the many microbrewers in the local area. *Woodforde's* brewery at Woodbastwick is only a few miles away – easily reached by the bikes that can be hired from the campsite.

The campsite features much wildlife in the landscaped grounds, with evocative night-time hooting of owls and other sounds of nature. Perhaps the only drawback to the beer festival might be the temporary addition of the distinctive snore of the greater pickled *CAMRA* member through the canvas walls?

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BEER SHOWCASE



The *Great British Beer Festival* will be hosted this year at Earls Court between Tuesday 7th and Saturday 11th August.

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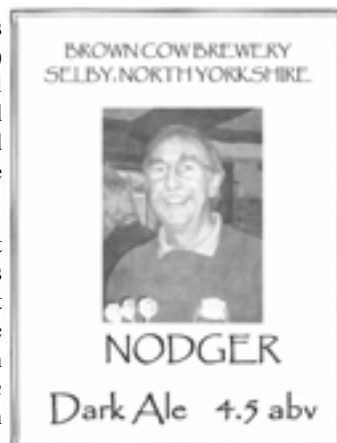
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NEW BEERS

John Williamson, known as 'Nodger' (spellings tend to vary!) to his friends in **CAMRA** and all others who enjoy beer, received a shock when he recently visited the beer festival held at the **White Horse**, Hedgerley.

Drinkers, even those who he didn't know, were greeting him by his nickname. It was only when he got to the bar that he realised that one of the beers was named after him and his picture (from the *Chiltern Tapler*, *Mid Chiltern's* branch magazine) was on the pump clip!



The **Brown Cow Brewery**, based in Selby, North Yorkshire, had brewed a special dark ale (4.5% ABV) and named it after him - a worthy accolade for a true beer lover.

The **Hare & Hounds**, still fresh from a recent extensive make-over, has added another eating venue to the very popular Marlow cuisine scene. Local brewer, John Trueman, has a new joint venture in the **Hare & Hounds** and has brewed a new house beer, exclusive to this public house. Described simply as 'a light on the palate, session ale',

Hare of the Dog (3.5), is a variation of the **Sam Trueman's Best**. It now accompanies *Brakspear Bitter* (3.4) at the pubs hand pumps. It is also rumoured that *Percy's Downfall* (8.2), the legendary winter warmer from the **Sam Trueman's** stable, may be available at the pub over the festive period. More details nearer the time.

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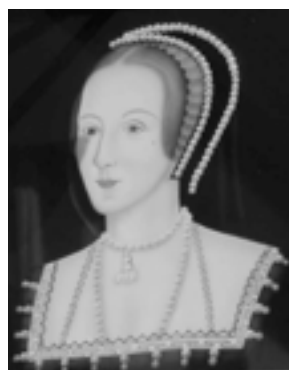


The **King's Head** in Aylesbury celebrated the last Harry Potter book on 22nd July with a magic-themed event on the day of its publication.

Children aren't allowed in the **Farmer's Bar**, which continued as normal, but the rest of the sizeable historic National Trust property was thrown open for family orientated events, such as hat making, a wizard apprentice certification scheme and sessions from a magician (see photo above).

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Opinion is divided among **CAMRA** members about **Greene King**. Its name is enough to start the **CAMRA** lunatic fringe frothing at the mouth with apoplectic rage. The company is regarded by some as the **Whitbread** of the new century, having swallowed several other regional brewers (**Morland**, **Hardy and Hanson**, **Ridleys**, etc. etc.) and consigned their breweries to oblivion.

On the other hand, **Greene King** is country's largest brewer of real ale and, despite its predatory instincts, seems committed to the real ale cause. In spite of centralising its production at Bury St. Edmunds, many of its

ales are (dare it be said) rather drinkable – even the much-maligned **IPA** when it is on song.

Nonetheless, all who value pub history are united in horror at the frenzy of cultural vandalism that **Greene King** is inflicting on its pub signs. Its 'trail of destruction' involves the replacement of traditional signs when refurbishing pubs, replacing them with the bog-standard **Greene King** corporate logo (oddly enough a green king – see accompanying photograph).

The rot has arrived in our local branch with the **Red Lion** at Wooburn Green (see photograph) and the **Aylesbury Duck** on Bicester Road having the identikit logo inflicted upon them – there are surely many more.

The situation is so bad in deepest **Greene King** land that their local branches, such as Cambridge and District, are encouraging members to report such incidents to the planning authorities and to write to complain to the brewery.

Ironically, the marketing whiz-kids who are perpetrating this defilement are showing an ignorant lack of respect to the history of their own profession. Dating back to Roman times, pub signs were the first form of advertising.

Pub names are often intimately connected with

local history and tradition and the signs often help to explain the origins of obscure names. The sign for the **Seven Stars** at Dinton (see photograph) complements the pub's unusual name – which no doubt has a fascinating story behind it.

In an age of bland corporate identities, pub signs are often the only external expression of a pub's individuality. It is crass commercialism and corporate egomania to replace this individuality with a company logo.

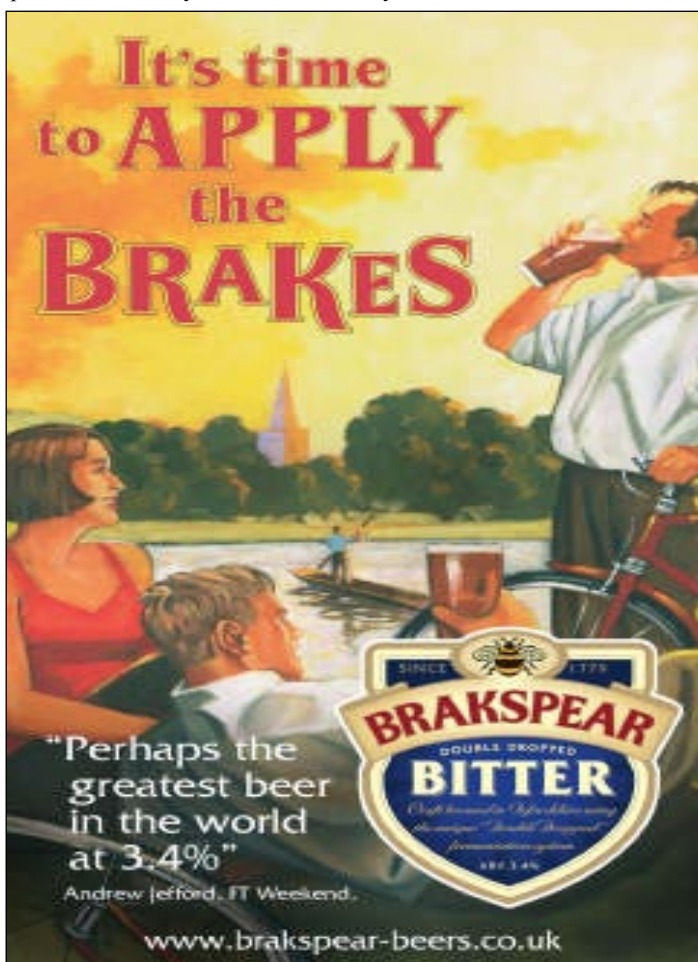
It is a throwback to the bad old days of the late 70s when **Bass Charrington** placed grotesque black identikit name boxes over the entrances to their pubs – and whatever happened to **Bass**?



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LOCAL BREWERY NEWS



VALE BREWERY

Vale Brewery are still in the middle of their move from Haddenham to their new site (pictured) on the Tramway Business Park in Brill. All the brewery, apart from the actual brew plant, moved over at the end of July and things are still hectic with boxes lying around the place waiting to be unpacked. We hope to feature the finished brewery in our next issue (and organise a visit).

The brewery has had a very busy couple of months despite the terrible weather (waters have been lapping at the door of their pub in Oxford, the **General Elliot**). *Summer Glory* has sold exceptionally well and the first reports on the *Gravitas* are positive. The *Gravitas* is a strong (4.6% ABV) summer ale which first appeared in July.

Brewer, Dave Renton, is planning on a new beer for late autumn, which will also see the return of the *Autumn Ale*, despite having to recover from a bad cut on his finger, which he sliced as far as an artery.

The **Victoria** in Northampton has reopened following a major refurbishment and it now has eight handpumps. Simon and Bonnie are the managers, who will be familiar to drinkers at the **Hop Pole** in Aylesbury after they spent some time training under the stewardship of the **Hop Pole** manager Stuart.



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Over the weekend of 30th June/1st July, **Rebellion Brewery** held one of their open days which they do every two years.

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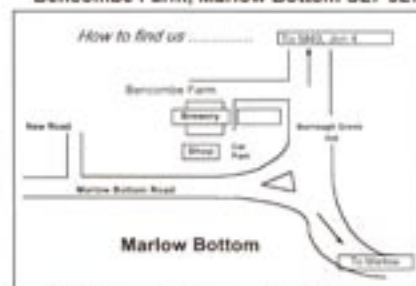
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WHY REAL ALE IS COOL



Fourteen years ago John Major, in a speech supposedly evoking indefatigable icons of Britain, unintentionally inflicted perhaps more damage on the real ale movement than a string of brewery closures. 'Fifty years on from now, Britain will still be the country of long shadows on cricket grounds, warm beer, invincible green suburbs...'

Hold on, warm beer? Warm beer is ghastly to drink and often unfit for consumption. Warm beer isn't traditional in this country and no-one

campaigns on its behalf. Unfortunately, as we reach the warmest months of the year (that is, on average – who know what the rest of 2007 will bring), real ale drinkers occasionally come across rogue warm pints but, whatever the bar staff might say, it is not supposed to be like that.

About the only time a real ale should be ever be drunk above the ambient temperature is if the drinker is singing Christmas carols in the snow outside the pub. In fact, extremely few alcoholic drinks should ever be served warm – with the honourable exception of the hot toddy and the more dubious one of mulled wine.

Temperature alters the way drinks are enjoyed. Flavoursome alcoholic drinks stimulate the sense of smell as much as taste. Fermentation (and the addition of hops in the case of beer) creates delicate and complex flavours. These are sensed by the nose as the volatile aromas evaporate from the glass.

A drink needs to be just warm enough to allow the release of its full flavour. If it is served warmer than its makers intended, uncontrolled evaporation releases unwanted and, possibly, unpleasant aromas. A real ale must also be cool enough to aid the perception in the mouth of the subtle carbonation that gives it condition.

A refreshing drink is usually associated with a cool temperature, especially in summer – as promoted by any number of lager advertisements. Yet excessive cold prevents the proper functioning of both smell and taste and any flavour complexity is lost. This is partly the reason why mass-produced carbonated drinks are served as close to freezing as possible. It is also a tacit admission by the brewers of 'ice-cold' keg beers that their products have very little inherent flavour.

However bland, these beers often sell in huge quantities on sunny summer days. Sadly, and much to the frustration of real ale lovers, part of the reason for this is that some pubs serve ales in summer that are not even fit to sprinkle on your chips. Even if it is not faulty, an ale served at too high a temperature will be unappealing and a shadow of its proper self. But things don't have to be this way – good publicans pay as much attention to serving temperature as to all other aspects of the beer.

Both serving and storage temperatures are important for real ale. Serving temperature can be a matter of personal taste, within certain limits. The exact optimum temperature varies according to style of beer with golden ales better at the cooler end of the scale and robust, old ales served slightly warmer (but not warm). **CAMRA** recommends that real ale should be served between 12-14°C (54-57°F), which is the traditional temperature of a pub cellar.

Many drinkers complain that some pubs serve real ale much cooler than cellar temperature. This practice inhibits the development of its full flavour, although the temperature of the beer will rise in a warm pub as the pint is consumed.

This sometimes happens as a by-product of the refrigeration or flash chilling technology that can be used to serve keg beer. In such systems

the keg beer can be stored at any temperature but is rapidly cooled down to serving temperature while it is being dispensed – either through a dedicated machine near the bar or through an insulated sleeve containing very cold water around the beer pipes. Some publicans also run their real ale lines through the same cooling equipment, usually for logistical reasons.

A small number of publicans deliberately cool their real ale lines to the optimal temperature. Cooling real ale at the point of dispense is not necessarily a bad thing, unless it is done excessively and masks the signs of poorly kept beer. However, it does not improve the quality of beer being served.

Keg beer is normally filtered and pasteurised. It can have a shelf life of well over a year and, being sterile, is far less likely to spoil no matter how badly it is treated. This is why accountants and idle landlords like it so much.

By contrast, as all **CAMRA** members know, real ale is a living product which owes its freshness and complexity to millions of live yeast cells in the cask. For most of the year, cellar and exterior temperatures are satisfactory for its storage but our increasingly hot summers have caused problems. Prolonged exposure to excessive temperatures increases the chances of ale spoilage through unwanted bacterial activity and also increases the rate of oxidation of beer exposed to air in the cask (i.e. it doesn't keep as long).

To counter this, many modern breweries take care to keep their beer cool in storage – often in refrigerated storerooms. Similarly, a fair number of pubs also have refrigerated or naturally cool cellars which keep the beer at optimal temperature all the year round. However, not all pubs are so fastidious and it has been known for licensees to cut costs by switching off refrigeration.

Even with conscientious pubs and breweries, there may still be a couple of weak links in the chain where the beer is vulnerable to spoiling.

Vast quantities of goods are trucked around the country in refrigerated lorries but a worrying number of beer distributors do not afford their cargo the same protection. While not a problem for keg beers, the complexities of real ale do not benefit from being baked at 100°F in a curtain-walled truck going up and down the motorway – something which distresses quality-conscious microbrewers.

Fortunately for local drinkers, Aylesbury's local wholesalers, **Dayla**, have **Cask Marque** accreditation for their supply chain – including the use of temperature controlled warehousing and delivery of beer well before its sell-by-date.

While only a small minority of beer barrels may be spoiled in this way, it provides another argument for supporting your local brewers during the hot summer months. If drunk in local pubs, products from **Chiltern**, **Vale**, **Old Luxters**, **Rebellion**, **Loddon**, **Tring** and **Oxfordshire Ales** and other local firms are unlikely to have clocked up many beer miles.

The most preventable cause of receiving bad, tepid beer is when it has been sitting in warm beer lines for too long. Good bar staff will recognise when a beer needs 'pulling through' to ensure the lukewarm stuff is drawn off and fresh beer from the cask is served. Whether through ignorance, penny-pinching or laziness, this good practice is not universally applied – although the work done by quality accreditation schemes, such as **Cask Marque**, aims to raise standards.

When ordering a round of the same beer in warm weather, it is quite common for the later pulled pints to show a remarkably different character from the first – usually much fresher. That's why, when in an unfamiliar pub, it's often a good idea to watch out for what the last real ale drinking customer has ordered and have a pint of the same. Or maybe not if your name is John Major.

Charlie Mackle

FESTIVAL FUN

I had hoped these scribblings would be published in the last Swan Supping (issue 60), but due to a laborious spine (a bad back), they have surfaced a little later than forecast in this issue.

With April and May covering the Easter and the May Day bank holidays, these months are a great chance to attend some local pub beer festivals. First port of call for Marlow **CAMRA** was a Good Friday double header in Aylesbury. A mini-beer festival at the **Hobgoblin** sourced **Mordue Geordie Pride** (4.2), **Archers Fanny's Your Aunt** (4.3) and a rather tasty **Spring Ale** (4.3) from the exciting **Twickenham** brewery.

After thanking the landlord for his worthwhile event, we ambled up to the **Hop Pole** for a somewhat larger occasion. Twenty or so gravity dispensed ales in the rear conference room, were backed up with another ten on hand pump in the front bar. Pick of the beers consumed, **Vale Mix 96** (4.2), (a dark festival special), **Millstone True Grit** (5.0), but favourite among the **CAMRA** cohorts was the **Joint Effort Oatmeal Stout** (5.0), a unique ale concocted by the **Potbelly** and the **Twickenham** breweries. A super brew!

Easter Saturday, my local football Marlow FC were playing Hanwell FC away, who are rock bottom in the division. It just so happens that there was an Easter beer festival at their local **Fox** public house. A early start for myself and 'CAMRA Coops' as we indulged in a pre-match pub lunch, washed down with **Goose Eye No Eyed Deer** (4.0), **Twickenham Original** (4.2), **Fuller's IPA** (4.8) and a hefty **Frog Island Croak and Stagger** (5.6). Marlow incredibly lost the match and I now wished I'd drunk the **Frog Island** barrel dry.

The following weekend, the local Marlow rugby club staged their inaugural mini-beer festival. It coincided with their last game of the season against local rivals Henley RFC. A great effort with beers sourced through the **Rebellion** brewery. **Pictish Gold** (3.8), **Oxfordshire**

Ales April Fools (4.2), **Little Valley Hebdens Wheat** (4.5) and a tasty **Naylors Gonzo's Black Porter** (5.5) were a few of the ales available alongside the mandatory barb-be-cue. Thanks for the **Felinfoel Double Dragon** (4.2), brought direct from the brewery by the Welsh contingent. Respect!

After a further week of toils, it was the St. Georges weekend, and yes more beer festivals. The **Jolly Farmer**, Cookham Dean, duly obliged with another of their two yearly real ale gatherings. The theme this time around, beers from the North-West of England. **Hesket Newmarket Doris's 90th Birthday Ale** (4.3) and the legendary **Robinson's Old Tom** (8.5) were the two beers that were investigated.

The same weekend, the **Marlow Donkey** held their first beer festival weekender. Two real ale festivals in Marlow in a fortnight, has the world gone mad! Top of the hops, **Wadworth St. George and the Dragon** (4.5), **Titanic English Glory** (4.5) and **Piddle in the Wind** (4.5), the latter I hadn't had for a while, the beer of course! **Wyre Piddle** are the brewers of this good solid hoppy beer. Many thanks to managers Craig and Claire Edwards. Sorry about the lack of a photograph - next time perhaps when you have your August Bank Holiday beer festival (24th-27th).

The welcoming **Wheel** at Naphill was next on the agenda the following weekend. Fifteen brews were on from five local breweries, **Chiltern, Loddon, Rebellion, Tring** and **Vale**. Tony Gabriel and myself honoured a mutual Friday luncheon appointment with the **Chiltern Nut Brown Mild** (3.4) and a pleasing **Royal Poacher** from **Tring** being our well chosen pints. A cracking, vastly improved pub, staging further beer festivals in the future. Watch this space.

The May Day Bank Holiday, only one beer festival on the radar here, the unmissable Reading beerex with its circa 430 plus real ales. No I didn't



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drink them all, but I had a great time trying. Myself and 'Cooperman' had a sabbatical on the Thursday night, followed by a return visit on the Saturday for a full day's drinking with the boy Lovell and a certain 'Nodger' joining us. The festival was the busiest that I've seen it, with three hour queues on Saturday, one in, one out. Just ask 'the Noj'. Early bird next year, son!

We alternated from bitter to dark beer to enrich the taste buds, so to speak. Best beer tasted, *Gorlovka*, an imperial stout, (6.0), from the fantastic *Acorn* brewery in South Yorkshire was awarded gold by us. Runner-up *Bingham's Mocha Oatmeal Stout* (5.0), a local home brewer producing ales only for charity events. I might have to make an enquiry for Mr. Bingham to donate a special brew for the Alan Sheppard Real Ale Medical Fund! A blinding beer festival and I can't wait until next year.

On a considerably smaller scale, the **Stag & Hounds**, Pinkneys Green ale fest was a very dignified drinking session with sixteen well chosen barrels to keep the Marlow (beer monsters) *CAMRA* occupied on the following Friday evening. *McMullens Cask Ale* (3.8), *Rugby 1823* (3.5) and *Everards Sly Fox* (3.9), stood out from the rest. We will be monitoring for future events at this friendly semi-rural roadside pub.

Next on the horizon, the **White Horse** annual beer fest, one of the biggest pub beer festivals in the country. Events and a mystical *Nodger Ale* (4.5) took on an amusing and gratifying conclusion to our real ale pursuits.

Earl Lea

< For an explanation of the 'Nodger Ale' remark please refer to the article on page 10 - Ed >.



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BREWERY TREAT



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The guest ale at the **Swan** is more often than not drawn from the extensive range at **Tring**, as the ever growing collection of pump clips behind the bar testifies. This has been the case ever since Karen took over the pub, nearly two years ago, so it seemed a good idea to visit the brewery to acquaint everyone with the brewing process (and get drunk).

A minibus took 16 of us, including some **Guinness** and lager drinkers for conversion, to the brewery for a 7.30 pm start. After a few beers to settle us, hosts Andrew Jackson and Mick Flynn gave us a most informative tour and answered many questions. A fish and chip supper came next followed by much more comprehensive sampling of the brewery produce. This continued until the coach arrived to drag us screaming - back to the **Swan** - for more of the same.

Altogether an excellent evening. Thanks to Karen and all at **Tring Brewery**.
Mick White

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HADDENHAM BEER FESTIVAL SUCCESS!

The fourth **Haddenham Real Ale Festival** was held at the Youth and Community Centre on Saturday 28th June. No way would we run out this year; we had ready 48 barrels of real ale, two of lager and ten of cider and perry. All were ready in good condition on Saturday morning, and we made ready under cloudy skies and a steady drizzle. What could we do with all that beer???

Local **CAMRA** had organised a lunchtime social at the festival and members arrived in force, got busy with tasting, and were soon joined by the villagers of Haddenham. Hungry beer drinkers were looked after by Val Young's team serving bar food, and by the Haddenham Freemasons Lodge who organised and ran a magnificent all-day barbecue.

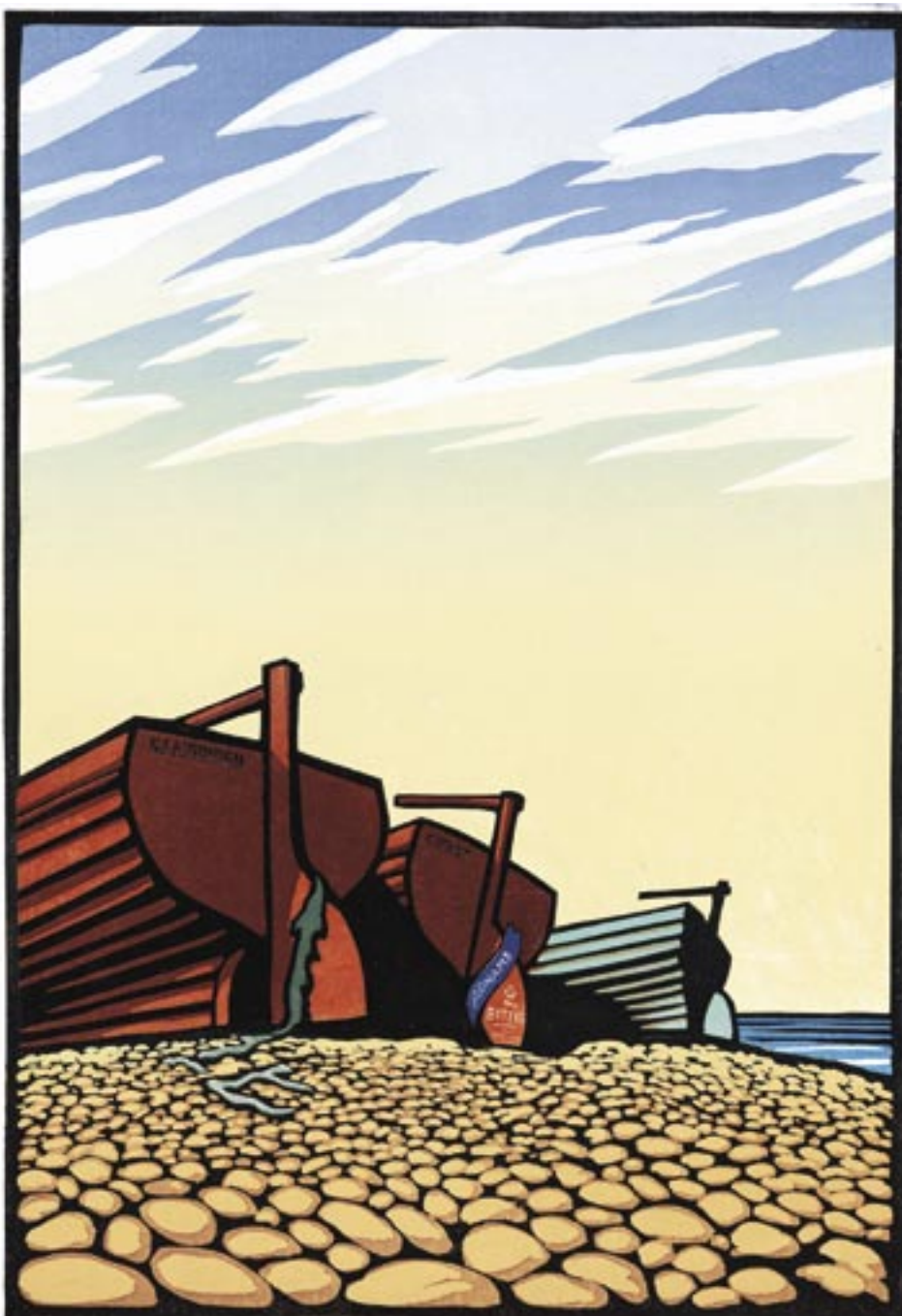
Among the beers was a special Festival Ale, named *Duck's Bottom*, brewed by **Vale Brewery** of Haddenham (they were still in the process of moving to Brill at the time), and which proved very popular. A straw poll for **Beer of the Festival** resulted in a very close run race, with the winner being *Helter Skelter*, from **Oakham Ales**.

As the day progressed we were entertained by the Ian English Jazz group, and by the Haddenham Hoofers, and the beers continued to flow – so much so that we observed tradition by running out, albeit only a short time before closing. All of the beers, ciders and lagers had been drunk, to say nothing of 70 bottles of wine, all helped down by some 1,200 hamburgers and hot dogs and a mountain of bar food.

The committee thanks all the sponsors, the entertainers, and the helpers who contributed to a memorable day. Around 1,200 people attended and we raised over £10,000 for local charities and good causes. We thank all of our friends from **CAMRA** for their support and hope we provided a tribute to the diversity and quality of this country's independent brewing industry.

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SURPRISE BIRTHDAY



A surprise birthday bash led to dancing in the street outside the **Swan** in Stewkley recently.

Local folk musician Jonathan Ginn went into the **Swan** for a quiet pint on the way home from work on his 50th birthday. Before he had finished his pint fellow musicians and friends from far and wide started turning up, many with their instruments. This turned into quite a party, with music being played inside and out and then two groups of Morris Men – the Grand Union Rapper and the Aldbury – turning up to join in as well.

Despite a couple of showers, the music and dancing carried on till dark, with Jonathan himself joining in with his fiddle.

Folk jam sessions are held at the **Swan** every third Wednesday evening and at some other local pubs.

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OVERCOMING THE HURDLES!

One of the most improved pubs in Aylesbury during the past few years must be the **Steeplechase** on the Southcourt estate. A few years ago it was very run down and only had sporadic attempts at traditional beer. It got to such a poor state that it was closed and boarded up, and there were rumours that it might be demolished.

This all changed on August 7th 2003 when the 25 year lease of this **Punch Taverns** pub was taken on by Kevin Whitby and his partner Arlene.

They quickly introduced real ale as part of their program of turning the pub around as well as doing as much decorating as funds permitted. The front of the pub was repainted, new signage put up and new lighting installed. The main bar has changed with the replacement of some of the old furniture with sofas to give a more relaxed atmosphere.

The pub still concentrates on sport with Sky TV (and Setanta) on the screen. There are two pool tables as well. However, what really sets it apart from other pubs is the full size snooker table in what used to be the lounge bar. This lounge bar was rarely used and had not seen a decorator since the 1970's. Now it is in constant demand.



The lease turned to a **London & Edinburgh** lease in 2005 and following the bankruptcy of that pubco it turned into a completely free of tie lease in September 2006. This meant that Kevin could buy his stock from a local wholesaler, **Dayla**, and expand the range of real ale he could offer. There are quite often two traditional beers available but this can drop to one if the demand is not there.

The smoking ban, which affects a lot of the drinkers at the pub, has not been costly following the introduction of a smokers' area outside the main bar.

The large garden, which had been an overgrown mud field when they arrived, has been transformed. There is now a brand new raised patio area (pictured) complete with flower beds and there is a lot of play equipment to keep the children amused as this is a very family friendly pub. There is also a new barbecue set up which might get used if the weather decides to play nice!

The pub, which celebrated fifty years on the 6th June, is still a 'work in progress' and will continue to improve over the years as long as it gets the support it deserves.

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AUGUST

Wednesday 1st EARLY PUBLIC TRANSPORT SOCIAL

7.00pm onwards, Harrow, Hughenden Valley (Use Line 300 bus - 15 minute stroll from 300 bus stop at Naphill turn roundabout).

Tuesday 7th-Saturday 11th GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL

Earl's Court, London.

Thursday 9th BRANCH SOCIAL AT GBBF

6.00pm onwards Earl's Court, London.

There is a Member's Lounge in which we hope to get a table which we can use a base during the evening.

Wednesday 15th STOKENCHURCH CURRY SOCIAL

8.30pm Royal Oak, 9.30pm Mowchak

Saturday 18th AUNT SALLY SOCIAL

Noon Mason's Arms, Headington, Oxford

Inter Branch Aunt Sally competition with Oxford City and Mid Chilterns branches. Let's try and win the beer leg this time!

Wednesday 22nd August STOKE MANDEVILLE CRAWL

8.30pm Bell; 9.15pm Woolpack; 9.45pm Bull.

Saturday 25th BANK HOLIDAY BEER FESTIVAL SOCIAL

12 noon Shepherd's Crook, Crowell.

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 1st PUB BEER FESTIVAL SOCIAL

12 noon Stag and Hunstman, Hambleden.

Monday 3rd BRANCH MEETING

8.30pm Unicorn, Cublington

Wednesday 12th OXFORDSHIRE SOCIAL

8.30pm Lambert Arms, Aston Rowant; 9.15pm England's Rose, Postcombe; 10.00pm Old Red Lion, Tetsworth.

Tuesday 18th SAUNDERTON SOCIAL

8.30pm Rose and Crown, Saunderton; 9.15pm Golden Cross, Saunderton; 10pm Red Lion, Bradenham.

Friday 21st AUTUMN EQUINOX LONDON CRAWL

Celebrate the end of the Cricket season in style!

Start Leadenhall Market 5.30pm. 6.00pm Swan, Ship Tavern Passage,

6.40 Red Lion, Eldon Street EC2, 7.10 Masque Haunt, corner of Bunhill Row and Old Street, 8.00 Wenlock Arms, Wenlock Road N1.

All pubs feature in the 2007 Good Beer Guide.

More detailed directions can be found on the website.

Wednesday 26th GREAT KIMBLE SOCIAL

8.30pm Bernard Arms; 9.30pm Swan

Saturday 29th OXFORD CITY CRAWL

Start 12noon, Eagle and Child, 49 St. Giles, Further details on website. etc.

OCTOBER

Friday 26th/Saturday 28th AYLESBURY BEER FESTIVAL

Eskdale Road Community Centre, Stoke Mandeville

Our annual charity beer festival held in conjunction with the 'Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity'.

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More Local News



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beer festival over the first weekend in October, about the time that the **Whip** will be having their 500th guest beer this year.

LANE END

Tring brewery beers outlet the **Old Sun** has changed their regular beer *Ridgeway* (4.0) for *Jack O'Legs* (4.2). The second beer ranges from the **Tring** seasonal and monthly specials portfolio.

MARLOW

Little Marlow Road public house the **Britannia** has exchanged the *Rebellion Smuggler* (4.1) for *Sharp's Doom Bar* (4.0). The *Rebellion IPA* (3.7) still resides as their stalwart brew.

The **British Legion** has two beers on handpump: *Courage Best* and a guest (currently *Vale Mild*).

The guest ale from the **GK** portfolio has made a welcome return to the **Carpenters Arms**. *Greene King IPA* (3.6) and *Abbot Ale* (5.0) are now joined by *Morland Original Bitter* (4.0) as we went to press. Further 'guests' hope to include **GK** seasonal beers *Hedgerow* (4.2), *Swing Low* (4.3)

and festive brews *Rocking Rudolph* (4.5) and *Abbot Reserve* (6.5).

Popular independent beers **Brakspear Bitter** (3.4) and **Fuller's London Pride** (4.1) are still available at the **Coach & Horses** alongside Chinese cuisine to takeaway or to eat in.

Marlow's most patriotic pub, the **Cross Keys**, celebrated St. George's Day weekend with another of their legendary England's day festivities. The pub is the town's only outlet for *Courage Best* (4.0), *Directors* (4.8) and *Charles Wells Bombardier* (4.3).

A new micro-brewery beer from Cheshire's famous **Borough Arms** has been spotted at the **Duke of Cambridge**.

Street-corner emporium the **Marlow Donkey** hosts another of their Bank Holiday beer festival bonanzas on Friday August 24th to Sunday/Monday 26th/27th. The **Timmy Taylor Landlord** (4.3) is also hopefully making a popular return this month.

The local off-licence **Odd Bins** has closed and been replaced with a **Nicolas** wine merchants.

The **Prince of Wales** has changed the *Adnams Bitter* (3.7) for **Tim Taylor Landlord** (4.3) and their

monthly special from **Rebellion**, for the seasonal beer *Blonde* (4.3) from the same local independent brewery. **Brakspear Bitter** (3.4) and **Fuller's London Pride** (4.1) are still on parade at the hand pumps.

The **Red Lion**: still no news, still derelict, and still a complete eyesore!

NAPHILL

The **Wheel** held a cider festival during July. There were ten ciders and six perries, all from Herefordshire except **Minchew's cider** which is from just over the border in Gloucestershire. All the cider was sold by the end of Saturday, so a good promotion of cider in the branch area. Maybe other pubs will think about putting some ciders on in anticipation of summer finally getting started.

In October, the **Wheel** will once again team up with the **Whip**, Lacey Green, and hold a beer festival.

PRINCES RISBOROUGH

The **Black Prince** had a makeover recently. The pool table has gone and has been replaced by sofas and real ale. **Brakspear's Bitter** and *Courage Directors* have been available lately. The pub also now operates an Indian

restaurant – the Tandoori Lodge - from its premises.

STEWKLEY

After two weeks closure the **Carpenters Arms** has a new landlord. Keith Stephenson is the new leaseholder and reopened on Friday 6th July. Three ales are currently available - **Fullers London Pride** and *Wadworth 6X* as regulars plus *Adnams Broadside* as guest. Freshly cooked and locally sourced food has been available since the end of July.

WOOBURN MOOR

Twenty beers and a sampling of ciders/perries were available at the **Falcon** during their beer festival at the end of July.



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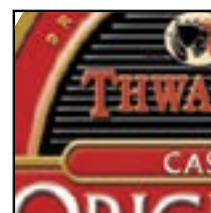
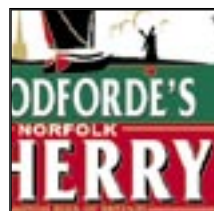
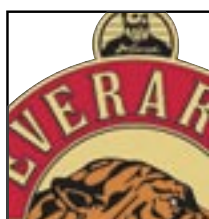
A friendly warm welcome waits for you here in this newly refurbished establishment. The management pride themselves on the provision of high quality home cooked lunches and evening meals.

They offer a good selection of real ales, draught lagers and cider complemented by a wide choice of wines. Sunday lunches are a speciality with food being served until 4.30pm.

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