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Campaign for Real Ale

Aylesbury Vale & Wycombe Branch

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JUNE/JULY 2004



A SUMMER OF REAL ALE



Summer is approaching and we are, as always, hoping for a lot of good weather. The downside to this is that, traditionally, lager sales increase due to the heat and real ale sales decline.

This is a shame as there are so many opportunities in the summer to enjoy the good stuff.

Not only do we have a host of beer festivals at this time of year, there are coach trips and (for some) the delights of watching lots of football matches while Euro 2004 is on.

As well as the *Great British Beer Festival* to be held at Olympia in August, there is a beer festival in Haddenham at the village hall on

Saturday July 10th. The same weekend has a beer festival at the **Oak** in Aston Clinton. Later in August, there is a beer festival to celebrate their *Pub of the Year* award at the **Shepherd's Crook** in Crowell. Outside our branch area, there are festivals at the **Asheridge Arms**, Asheridge and one at Boxmoor near Hemel Hempstead.

We have our annual coach trip to the Black Country on the first Saturday in July (a few spare tickets are left, but these are going fast!) and in August we are again off to Cambridge to enjoy their wonderful pubs.

Further details on all these events can be found in this issue of *Swan Supping*.

The European Football Championships have inspired a lot of brewers to produce special beers to commemorate the event, so check out your local free houses for their availability. These can be enjoyed while either watching the match in the pub or avoiding the football altogether.

A refreshing pint of traditional ale served at the correct cellar temperature, slips down the throat far more easily than a super-cooled pint of fizzy stuff. If it doesn't have the desired effect of cooling you down, then the treatment will have to be repeated until the pub closes!

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ASTON CLINTON

The **Oak** is holding its annual beer festival over the weekend of 9th/11th July. They are planning to have twenty real ales in addition to their usual range of **Fullers** beers plus a few traditional ciders. There will be food (including a pig roast) and lots of entertainment available.

AYLESBURY

Work is still continuing at the **Broad Leys** as the stables are being converted into a dining area which will seat about forty people. The roof has been renovated and underfloor heating installed and it is hoped that the work will be finished by July. A feature of the new-look pub will be an inglenook fireplace (complete with two seats) which was discovered when the work started. Also discovered with the fireplace was a bottle of **Bass Pale Ale**, wrapped in old **Johnny Walker** paper, left by a previous landlord (T. Brooks), presumably in 1934, as a form of time capsule.

The **Farmyard & Firkin** closed for a few weeks and has now reopened as the **Harrow**. The inside has been refurbished, there is a lot of new furniture (including some plush

armchairs) and a sun-trap beer garden (with heaters for use in the evenings) has been opened. They intend to have four traditional beers available on handpump and two beers on gravity. When visited they had only **Tetley Bitter** and **Charles Wells Bombardier** on gravity as the fittings for the handpumps had not been finished. Another check will have to be made! They are also offering a range of bottled beer from around the world. Of the ones listed, **Fruli**, **Delirium Tremens**, **Budvar**, and **Duvel** may prove of interest, especially on a Tuesday night when there is a two for one offer.

The landlord has changed again at the **Hobgoblin**. Gary Luddon, who had done a great job in getting the number of real ales available up to three, has left to take on a leasehold pub in Staffordshire. The new landlord is Rick Windell who has had eight years in the trade and comes from another **Balacava Inns** pub, the **Puzzle** in North Finchley. The three real ales will continue with **Wychwood Hobgoblin** permanently available, a **Vale Brewery** beer (currently **Edgar's Golden Ale**) and ever changing guest beer, all at £1.90 per pint.

Perhaps we were a bit dismissive last issue about the reports of ghosts at the **Kings Head**! According to local newspapers, a team of paranormal investigators has concluded that there are several ghosts haunting the oldest pub in Aylesbury. Anybody fancy a ghost-hunting social there one night? Well worth a visit anyway as they were making May a Mild Month with **Vale Black Swan Dark Mild** available alongside **Highgate Special Best Bitter** and **Hook Norton First Light**.

Since the name change, trade has improved dramatically at the **Old Plough and Harrow** and the number of real ales available has increased to two: **Adnams Bitter** and **Charles Wells Bombardier**.

The **Rockwood** is carrying on business as usual despite the chaos outside due to the renovation of Kingsbury Square and is still serving **Young's Bitter** and **Draught Bass**. Their beer garden is now open.

Christina Smith has left the pub trade to concentrate on catering and the new landlord at the **Saracens Head** is Kyle Michael.

Since taking over the **Steeplechase** last August, Kevin Whitby, ably assisted by his partner Arlene, have begun to transform the pub out of all recognition. When they took over, it had been closed for a while and was in a pretty rough state. Although the work is no where near complete, they now have one bar open for the adults and the other bar is available for children to play pool etc. The garden has been improved by having the fences replaced, a small pets' corner is being developed and the patio area is now covered. The lawn has been re-seeded, and the borders are steadily improving, making it a pleasant place to sit when the weather is good (and enjoy one of their Sunday/Bank Holiday barbecues). They now have three handpulled beers available which are currently **Charles Wells Bombardier**, **Brains Rev James** and **Young's Waggle Dance**. Lunchtime food is limited to baguettes as the kitchen facilities are not geared up for doing a lot of hot meals.

BIERTON

The **Bell** has now achieved **Cask Marque** status.

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FIVE GO MAD IN NORFOLK

At the special invitation of the Swindon **CAMRA** branch (through my historical connections), I spent a long weekend sampling the delights of beers from East Anglia. After being picked up from



Woodfordes Brewery

Aylesbury at lunchtime we made the four hour journey to Norfolk, the only downside was the stop, unfortunately not some quaint English pub but, um, a *Little Chef* – the first drink of the trip was, er, a cup of tea. My fellow **CAMRA** members were John Keepin (Chairman, Swindon branch), Richard James (Webmaster, Swindon), Keith Jenkins (Cardiff branch) & Cyan Ellis (Swindon) who I am indebted to for organising this trip!

A brewery visit around the **Woodfordes Brewery** was scheduled at 4pm and we arrived with about five minutes to spare. The brewery was found after navigating what seemed endless miles of narrow country roads at the village of Erpingham, a few miles east of Norwich. The brewery was originally located in Drayton and started brewing in 1981 but the need for a reliable water supply led it to its current location with its own borehole and nitrate free (ish) water. The brewery is best noted for '*Wherry Best*', voted champion beer of Britain 1996/1997 and one of my earliest memories of drinking real ale in the late 80's at the Greenwich beer festival. Other well known beers are *Norfolk Nog* and *Admirals Reserve* as well as *Mardlers Mild* and seasonal beers.

The brewery shop was quite impressive and



The Fat Cat in Norwich

included a plaque from the Aylesbury branch (i.e. us) as *Wherry Best* was the beer of the Aylesbury festival in 1997! We had the honour of being shown around the brewery by Mike Betts the dual owner and director of **Woodfordes**.

After the tour we were taken by Mike to the **Fur & Feathers** brewery tap adjacent to brewery complex where he proceeded to buy us three (or four) rounds from a selection of about six beers (bless him!!). As well as the above, this included, *Great Eastern* and *Nelsons Revenge*. I can say they were all spot on but that's stating the obvious. What I thought was exceptional was the food,

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(AND SUFFOLK TOO!)

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costing not much more than a fiver, the helpings were enormous. One of three tied **Woodforde's** pubs I can say this was an



St. Peters Brewery

exceptional pub.

After checking into the B&B on the outskirts of **Norwich**, we made our way to the first & only pub of the evening, the **Fat Cat**, 49 West End Street, NR2 4NA and believe me you won't want to ever leave. Conveniently within walking distance of our accommodation, although if you were on a Norwich pub crawl this would be somewhat out of the way, this is an oasis of real ale. Fifteen beers direct from the barrel and twelve on handpump as well as Belgian beers on tap (including **Kriek**, **Lefse** & **La Chouffe**) and lots of foreign bottled beers. The wooden interior pub was pretty crowded with a long (it had to be) bar. I won't bore you with my consumption but this is the biggest selection of beers I have ever seen. Amen to that.

The following day saw us driving to Suffolk to visit **St Peters Brewery**, (address: St Peters Hall, St Peter, South Elmham, nr Bungay, NR5 1NQ) known best for their fruity beers and distinctive 500ml bottles.



St. Peters Hall

However on driving through Bungay we came across the **Green Dragon** microbrewery. A large nondescript sort of pub, a basic boozer really, no frills but serving three beers; (the **Mild** 4.2% and the **Dragon** 5.5% were not on) **Chaucer** 3.7%, very pale and very hoppy, **Gold** 4.5%, thankfully less hopped and **Bridge Street** 4.5%, a stronger version of the **Chaucer**. They were also notable for a good selection of pizzas and toppings. Worth a visit but don't expect a red carpet!! (turn up and you'll see what I mean).

The Cock Inn at Wing



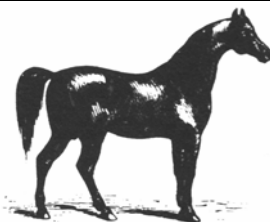
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STILL GOING MAD!

St Peters Hall was in stark contrast to the rather flat and boring fenland area, partly surrounded by a moat, this hall dated from 1280 but was extended in 1539 – it looks different on either side. The interior houses a rather splendid restaurant; the impressive tapestry on the wall overlooking the table, which was occupied by what sounded like lots of Spanish (?) families, the bar and lots of 16-18th century furniture. The shop on the other side of the courtyard, like *Woodfordes*, was very well equipped with choices of their full range of beers (ten plus) which could be brought pre-picked or mixed according to your specifications.

We had an 'official guide' to take us around the brewery which was adjacent to the shop and she explained that the first brew was in June 1996 and that these buildings were formerly used for agricultural purposes in the sixties. The brewery has its own borehole and like the *Woodforde* brewery has a good balance of minerals and is low in nitrates.

The brewery produces no less than ten cask ales and seventeen bottled beers (near enough by my count) including *Elderflower* and *Grapefruit* beers as well as *King Cnut* which is based on beers in the 15th century, no hops and with the addition of stinging



The Fat Cat in Ipswich

nettles (nice). After the tour we were taken to the tasting room where alas there were no full pints but 'nips'. The *Elderflower* was a

pleasant surprise as I'd pretty much written off fruit beers by my experiences in the past. The *Honey Porter* however was a little disappointing, honey overtones at the front then bitter at the back – no I wasn't too keen on that. A little later Mark Slater, head brewer at *St Peters* was handed the *Best Beer of Swindon Beer Festival* certificate for *Lemon & Ginger spiced ale*.

Our B&B that evening was in Ipswich but reached via Southwold where we visited the *Lord Nelson*, an *Adnams* pub and sampled the *Oyster Stout* and even some *Adnams* port! Close to our accommodation was a certain *Fat Cat* at 288 Spring Road, IP4 5NL, this time only a mere twelve beers on gravity and handpump. It's a good range but when you've been hideously spoilt in Norwich it doesn't seem too many, although really it was marvellous. A lot more roomy than the last one with a couple of large rooms but nonetheless still crowded. Again, because of the beer range and its isolation, our only pub of the evening.

Three breweries and two excellent pubs, what a way to spend a long weekend. How do you follow that one up?

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NATIONAL NEWS

WELSH SOCIAL CLUB WINS NATIONAL 'CLUB OF THE YEAR' TITLE

Sebastopol Social Club, Sebastopol, Cwmbran, has been named *Britain's Best Real Ale Club* in the prestigious **CAMRA** 'Club of the Year' competition.

Great Britain has approximately 30,000 licensed and registered clubs that are all eligible to enter this competition and the clubs were judged on a wide range of aspects including, of course, the choice, variety and quality of real ale available to the members.

Since guest beers were introduced in 2001, over 750 different real ales have been on the bar at the **Sebastopol Social Club**. **CAMRA**'s Clubs Committee Chairman and National Executive member, John Holland, said, "This is a phenomenal success story, bearing in mind the Club was nearly wound up in 2001. The club is a fantastic place to socialise and try a variety of quality real ales. I would like to congratulate steward Trevor Stanbridge and his team for winning our National Club of the Year award."

The delighted Club Steward, Trevor Stanbridge said, "It is a great honour to be recognised by **CAMRA** in this way but it is

the discerning members in the club that keep me on my toes ensuring that the beer quality is top notch! They have become connoisseurs and demand the best!"

MANIFESTO FOR EUROPE

Beer consumers published their key priorities to improve matters for the European beer drinker at the European Parliament in Brussels.

The **European Beer Consumers Union**, which draws its membership from twelve national beer consumer groups throughout Europe, was founded in 1990 to represent the views and interests of beer consumers across Europe.

EBCU members will be lobbying prospective MEPs in the run up to the June Parliamentary elections to adopt the priorities set out in their manifesto. **EBCU** chairman Terry Lock called on all candidates for the forthcoming European Parliamentary elections to support and empower the consumer by promoting and pressing for:

- * Ingredients listing for beer in Europe
- * Effective legislation to ensure consumers receive a full measure of beer
- * Initiatives which encourage the moderate

and responsible consumption of beer.

"We also wish to see an end to excise distortions in the single market and look forward to the adoption of a reduced rate of excise duty for small breweries throughout Europe." Lock continued.

The **EBCU** represents beer consumer organisations from Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland and The United Kingdom.

BREWERY CLOSURES

The decision by **Scottish and Newcastle** to close the Tyne Brewery in Newcastle next year has been condemned by **CAMRA**.

Beer has been brewed at the site for well over 100 years. John Holland, **CAMRA**'s Brewing Industry Director said, "The loss of the brewery is a blow and represents another nail in the coffin for the British brewing industry. **S&N** is now very much a global company, but its roots lie in Newcastle and they would do well to remember that."

S&N announced the closure of Fountainbridge Brewery in Edinburgh in February.

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PUB OF THE YEAR



As we announced last issue, the **Pub of the Year (POTY)** for the **Aylesbury Vale & Wycombe Branch** of **CAMRA** is the **Shepherd's Crook**, Crowell. The certificate was presented to landlords Steve and Elizabeth Scowen by Branch Chairman David Roe.

The **Shepherd's Crook** will enter the **Regional POTY** and if it is successful in this it will be entered into the **National POTY** competition. To do this, it will have to score better than the following pubs selected by branches in the Central Southern region:-

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FORTY DIFFERENT ALES



House, having purchased it from *Charles Wells*. In the mid-late nineties they were regularly featured in the *Good Beer Guide*.

They sold the *Rising Sun* in 2000 with retirement in mind but found they missed the trade so much that they returned to manage **Bobs Barn** in August last year. Mick also runs the bar at the Eskdale Road Centre as well as doing outside bars for functions and parties.

Due to the success of the changing ales, with more people coming in to see 'Whats on today', and summer on its way, Mick is considering installing a second handpump to enable quicker changeover at the end of a barrel (to a ready clean line) as well as the possibility of an additional ale as demand increases.

So, if like me, you enjoy being surprised by something different then go and see what is on at **Bobs Barn** at Aylesbury Golf Centre at the northern end of Birtton. The barn takes its name from an old shepherd who lived in it many years ago. Non members are welcome at the bar and can use both the course and range. Maybe take your clubs and work up a thirst before enjoying your mystery pint in the restored ancient barn that comprises the clubhouse or outside in the peaceful garden.

Mick White



Bobs Barn at Birtton may only have one handpump but a new policy of changing the brand of ale after each barrel means that now at least forty different ales have been served here since last August when Mick Mock and Aline Streeter took over the bar here. Beers have come from all over the country, many of them from micro breweries and are too many to list in full, but I must mention some of those that are rarely seen in this area. They include: *Grand Union Brass Monkey*, *Hampshire Three Leprechauns*, *Deuchers IPA*, *Highgate Natterjack*, *Lions Den Conciliation Ale*, *Robinsons Enigma*, *J.W. Lees Bitter*, *Loddon Hoppit*, *St Austell Tribute* and *Woodfordes Nelsons Revenge*. Others have been regional brewers seasonal ales like *Shepherd Neame Late Red* and *Batemans Spring Breeze*. Some have been repeated at times by popular request such as *Jennings Crag Rat* and *Youngs Special*.

Since Mick and Aline took on the management of the bar here they have built a strong following based on a warm welcome and relaxed atmosphere complemented by excellent bar snacks and meals and of course the ever changing ales. They have been in the trade for many years and previously ran the *Rising Sun* at Haddenham as a Free

The Oak at Aston Clinton Beer Festival 8th-11th July 2004

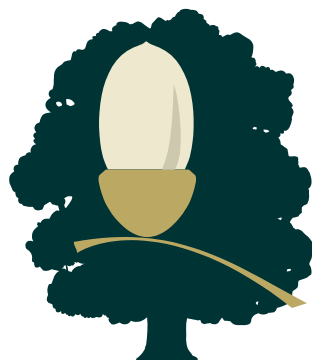


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VEGETARIAN REAL ALE

CAMRA celebrated National Vegetarian Week in May.

Vegetarian real ales, both in cask and bottles, are becoming increasingly popular and more brewers are producing this style of beer. There are now a number of breweries producing a huge range of vegetarian real ales that offer a variety of different tastes.

CAMRA have matched some vegetarian beers to recipes that the Vegetarian Society have suggested.

Artichoke and Sunblush Tomato Tarts can be accompanied by a number of floral style ales which go well with summer foods. *Lagonda IPA* from **Marble Brewery** in Manchester described in the *Good Beer Guide* as 'A classic pale ale, immense citrus and floral hop notes balanced against a dry bitter finish,' or **Porter Brewery's** *Floral Dance* which is 'pale and fruity'.

Zerodegrees of London brews a fantastic beer called *Pale Ale* which goes well with

Mediterranean Tians; it is described as 'a dry, hoppy beer with malt notes initially and then a bitterness that lingers. Becomes sweeter on warming.'

Caramel Banana Berry Brioche is a gourmet choice by the Vegetarian Society which can be accompanied by **Townes' Pynot Porter** available in bottles. Its bitter coffee and chocolate notes goes well with sweet dishes. Real ale goes equally well with full-flavoured foods such as Tortilla Beany Bake, although you need to select a smooth and full-bodied beer so that its taste is not overwhelmed by the food. Select a beer with a lot of taste and flavour such as **Marble's Uncut Amber** or **Rossendale Ale** from **Porter Brewery**.

Vegetarian real ale makes an excellent accompaniment to food. Why not try it for a change in place of wine? Further details of all the beers can be found in **CAMRA's Good Beer Guide** and **Good Bottled Beer Guide** or at www.camra.org.uk.

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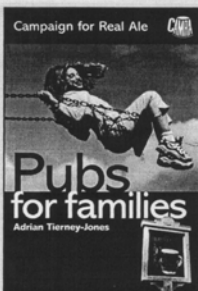
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By Jeff Evans

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PUBS FOR FAMILIES By Adrian Tierney-Jones

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The festival brings together the widest beer range from around the country and the bar staff are happy to advise you on the wide-ranging international choice of beers and real lagers from all around the world at Bières sans frontières.

Cider drinkers will find a wide choice of real ciders on offer at the Real Cider and Perry Bar and there is also a large range of bottled real ales to enjoy at the Bottled Beer Bar.

To truly appreciate the tastes on offer, you could even attend one of the tutored beer tastings hosted by an international team of beer experts. This year the tastings include Beer and Chocolate and Belgian Beers.

Not only is a trip to the **Great British Beer Festival** an enjoyable day out, if you book your tickets in advance you can save money. Book your ticket by 23rd July and receive a £1 discount on all single session tickets. **CAMRA** members receive a further discount.

Family Room

The **GBBF** welcomes families and provides a Family Room with entertainers and games open until 9pm every night. Children must be supervised by a family member at all times and under 18s must remain within the Family Room.

Entertainment

As well as enjoying your pint, you can also enjoy the live music which takes place every day in the National Hall.

Tuesday 3rd August

Evening - Chaminade String Quartet

Wednesday 4th August

Afternoon - National Steel Band

Evening - Chas 'n' Dave

Thursday 5th August

Afternoon - Wild Willy Barrett's Sleeping Dogz

Evening - Noel Davies (ex Selecter)

Friday 6th August

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1. Which member of the Royal family is involved in a campaign to save rural pubs and make them more viable?
2. Approximately how many members does *CAMRA* have: 22,000, 42,000 or 72,000?
3. Which cockney duo that hit the charts in the 1970s and 80s will be playing at the *Great British Beer Festival* this year?
4. How much does it cost to join *CAMRA* as a single member: £16, £32 or £40?
5. How many pints of beer in one gallon?
6. Which famous British brewery is based in Southwold in Suffolk: *Tetleys*, *Fullers* or *Adnams*?
7. What was the average price of draught bitter in 1994 according to the British Beer and Pub Association: 99 pence, £1.42, £1.87?
8. According to *CAMRA*'s research approximately how many pubs are closing down in Britain every month: 5, 10, 20?

Please send your answers to the Editor (full address details are given on the back page). All entries must be received by the Editor by Saturday 17th July. The winners will receive their tickets in plenty of time for the festival and the answers and winners names will be given in the next issue of *Swan Supping*. The Editor's decision is final.



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A FEW INTERESTING PUBS IN LONDON

London may be pricey, but it shouldn't put you off the number of pubs and breweries which, with a bit of company makes, for an enjoyable day out.

I used the *'Time Out' Guide to Pubs & Bars* which I bought a year earlier, this proved highly useful in tracking down some of the Belgian bars of which I wrote an article in a previous edition of *Swan Supping*. Why didn't I use the *Good Beer Guide (GBG)* you might say? Well for one thing the guide has a pro *real ale* stance. It lists some *GBG* pubs and of course the Belgian pubs don't do Real Ale so they don't get in the *GBG* – but I still like my Trappists thank you very much. Another important thing is that the definition of *real ale* does not apply to some of the beer that is produced. It may be too cold or kept in the barrel under a blanket of CO₂ (blanket pressure) which maintains its life but does not conform to *CAMRA's* definition of 'real beer'. Nonetheless we were not after tip top 'London Pride' and 'Youngs Special' but an interesting place to drink....

The first pub we visited was **MASH**, 19-21 Great Portland Street, W1 about 200 metres from the Oxford street tube. Adjacent to the long bar was the seating area, chairs, armchairs and all with some jazzy music in

the background (bit 'poppy' later on). Looking a bit different (60's?), the decor was shades of green with flashes of red. A sunken lounge area opposite the bar was occupied by wall hugging seating. The brewery (the bit that actually gave us the reason for visiting) was at the end of the room behind a glass screen, but was it any good?

Well, I hadn't been to London for a few months and I joked about when we would see the first £3.00 pint, well here it was. Time to bite the bullet, the beers & drinks (a sample) on the menu were:

Mash Blonde Beer 4.8% £2.90/pint

Wheat unfiltered 4.8%, £3.10

Vienna Lager 4.9%, £3.30

Spring Ale (with honey) 4.5%, £3.10

Wine/glass, £4.50

Whisky/50cl, £5.00

Waiter(tress) service of course, I ordered the blonde (the beer I mean) and Antony, my companion, the wheat beer. The blonde was virtually a lager, toooo cold, not much fizz mind you, but it was very pale. I had a sip of the wheat beer and found it very nice but very cold. Being experimental I tried the spring ale, again very cold. I wasn't too keen though, the honey taste certainly predominated but behind it there wasn't

much else.

The toilets were weird man! All chrome – reflections everywhere. The urinals were a trough but I kept thinking 'is this right, should I go here?' No taps just a constant stream of water. Don't go in there feeling sick....

Having said that, I would come back again, but my only criticisms are that it's too expensive and the beers are more lager-like than ales. Full marks to the wheat beer mind you.

The next pub was a *GBG* entry, the **Carpenters Arms**, on 12 Seymour place, W2 near the Marble Arch tube. A classic free house serving 5 real ales (often with silly/unusual names). We saw a curved bar with a very wooden interior and 'push button seating' and ordered the *Tring Brewery*, 'Jack o' Legs', never heard of it but at least this time it was several degrees warmer! A nice pub, go visit it. Price for two pints was about £4.60 (at a guess).

After, shall we say a detour not relating to alcohol, we walked down the Kings Road in Chelsea, about a mile and a half to Parsons Green, passing various pubs filled with Chelsea supporters after the 4-0 win over Southampton. Turning left at the green and



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about 300 metres distant was the **White Horse**, 1-3 Parsons Green, SW6, the tube was another 200 metres distant. Unfortunately it was packed! It least the Chelsea supporters knew a good pub when they saw one. There was a sizeable drinking area outside the pub with a barbecue selling burgers at £5 a time (at least the salad bits were free).

The U-shaped bar was surrounded by chairs and tables (obviously) but all were occupied; who cares – there were five ales on offer, one of which was **Oakham JHB** which we had with our £5 burger! It was nice though.

Although that was our only beer they had plenty of foreign beers including five (?) Belgians on tap, *Chimay & Delerium Tremens* were two and I could see someone having two *pints*, of the latter. It's 7.5% and traditionally comes out of a 330ml coloured bottle. Price for two pints was about £4.80

Our next pub was in Covent Garden about 300 metres south of the tube at 21-2 Maiden Lane, WC2. The **Porterhouse** is a huge multi-floored pub with a range of the Irish brewer's beers and like the district, packed to the rafters. Copper piping and plenty of walkways made this look industrial but pleasant nonetheless. If you've ever been to

the Temple Bar area in Dublin you'll know what I mean. Unfortunately that time I'd had about four pints of **Guinness** on that occasion and was almost completely stuffed – I managed about two halves at the Irish **Porterhouse**, very silly and a bit of a shame.

Beers available were; *Plain Porter* 4.3%, *Hersbrucker Pilsner* 5% and *Oyster Stout* 4.8% which we imbibed and found to be a lot more palatable than **Guinness**. The *Porterhouse Red* 4.4% might have been on but memory was beginning to fade by then. Price for two pints was £2.69 (near as dammit).

Our last pub was featured in the 'Beer' section of *What's Brewing*. The **Cittie of Yorke** at 22 High Holborn, was about a mile and a half away – the long walk because a recommended French pub in the guide had closed (for good it looked like, although the name was still there). With origins in 1430 it actually dated from 1923 but you could be easily fooled. The long corridor led to a large medieval type hall with a high wooden ceiling and large wine vats being supported above the bar. Small wooden drinking booths were found on the right which is where we found a seat. Price for TWO PINTS of **Sam Smiths OBB**, the only real ale

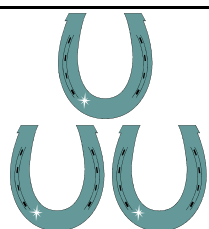


sold, was £3.68!! We had two each before we caught the train home.

We visited some interesting and varied pubs; brewery pubs, local boozers and quality real ale pubs. Prices varied from £1.84 to £2.90 (cheapest) per pint but it's a paradox with a beer brewed in Tadcaster, North Yorkshire being the cheapest and beers brewed just a few feet away were the most expensive (and rather lager like).

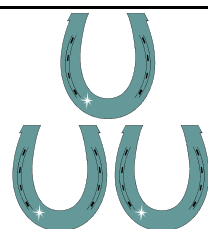
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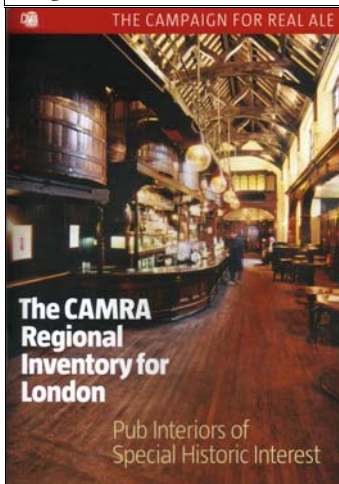


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CAMRA has launched a new 'Regional Inventory for London: Pub Interiors of Special Historic Interest'. This Guide highlights alarmingly that there are only 134 of London's 5,700 pubs have interiors of special historic interest.

"That's the conclusion of a major new survey by **CAMRA**'s London Pubs Group. Despite pub signs like 'Ye Olde ...', 'the oldest pub on Fleet Street' or the

fact that Charles Dickens may have derived literary inspiration from his visits, precious few pubs have interiors with much heritage value. This is the result of recent decades of modernising, theming, opening out and conversion to trendy cafés or gastropubs.

Robin Forshaw-Wilson, **CAMRA** Regional Director for London says, "It's frightening how much we have lost. This new guide is a wake-up all to bring attention to the problem and help people seek out those pubs which do still have significant, genuinely old work inside."

Geoff Brandwood, an architectural historian and co-editor of the Inventory, says, "**CAMRA** is calling on brewers, pub-owning companies and local planning authorities to recognise how rare authentic historic pub interiors, are and to see and use them as cultural and commercial assets. History and heritage are

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This new publication follows on from a survey by **CAMRA** identifying the most important examples nationally. This London Inventory is the first in a series intended to cover the whole country, listing both fully intact pubs and also others which, though altered, still have much which can be appreciated and enjoyed.

Jane Jephcote, co-editor of the Inventory, explains, "There is still some wonderful work around, especially from the great London pub boom around 1900 when pubs glittered and sparkled with magnificent ornamental glass, wood and ceramic work. Our guide, which is the result of twelve years work by **CAMRA**'s survey teams, will lead visitors to some splendid examples."

The guide has an introduction which brings home how much we have lost, describes how the entries were selected, and tells something of London's rich pub history. The gazetteer is arranged by postal districts and gives a description allowing visitors to appreciate what they will find at each pub.

The **CAMRA Regional Inventory for London** is available on line - www.camra.org.uk or from the Campaign for Real Ale, 230 Hatfield Road, St Albans AL1 4LW by post or, for credit card sales, by telephone 0177 867201, price £3.50 plus £1 for p&p.

The guide can also be obtained by contacting the editor of **Swan Supping** (full details are given on the back page).

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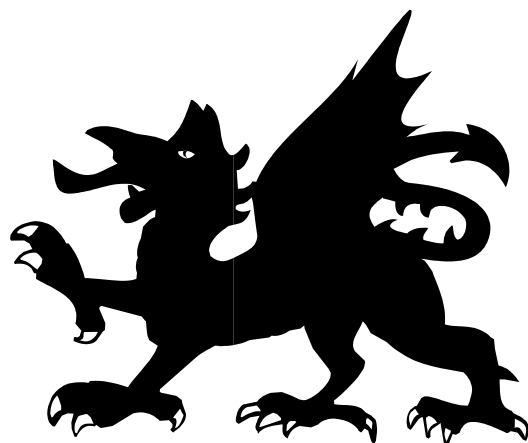
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The festival will run from 11.00am to 11.00pm and to encourage families to come, there will be some entertainment, soft drinks and simple food, which can hopefully be enjoyed

outside on the grass.

Set up under the auspices of Haddenham Parish Council, the festival is a celebration of real ales from micro and independent breweries, mostly local, all proceeds of which will go to the Parish Council's tree-planting around the village programme this next twelve months. This programme will replace dead or damaged trees as well as planting new ones.

Tickets cost £3 in advance or £4 on the door (if there are any left).

Tickets are available from various outlets in Haddenham, Aylesbury and Thame. Full details are available on the website: www.ymn.net/beerfest/

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The **Asheridge Arms** (formerly the **Blue Ball**) in Asheridge, near Chesham is holding a beer festival from Friday 25th to Sunday 27th of June.

Don't forget that we hold our festival on 29th/30th October!

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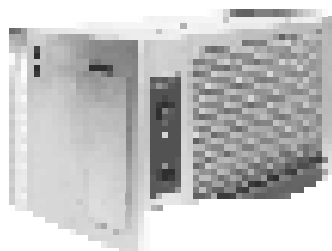
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Local News



Beer Festival Diary

(Continued from page 2)

HADDENHAM

The **Rose & Thistle** is now managed by Gary Hooper and Jenny Osman. They are both fairly new to the pub trade and took over the pub on the 13th of April.

ICKFORD

The **Royal Oak** closed in March and is now boarded up. The future of this ex-**Morrells** pub is very much in doubt and it will be up to the locals to be aware of Planning Applications for Change of Use and OPPOSE THEM!

LACEY GREEN

The **Black Horse** has been sold by the **Enterprise Inns** pub group to another pubco called **Admiral Taverns**. No changes to the pub are planned at present except to replace the **Hook Norton Bitter** with an ever changing guest beer as the third beer alongside **Brakspears Bitter** and **Adnams Bitter**.

LOUDWATER

Ed Bevan, a Loudwater resident, has written to us to complain that his local, the **Derehams Inn** doesn't get a mention in the magazine. He wrote: 'I read *Swan Supping* avidly and would like to know what the landlord and landlady have done to **CAMRA**. They never get a mention despite serving about six real ales. They are probably one of the few pubs to constantly support **Loddon** and several micro breweries. It would appear to me, a layman, that in order to get a mention pubs have to have only 2-3 beers ie. **Fullers London Pride/Greene King IPA/Youngs Bitter**. This pub's beers constantly rate a 5 on your scale and if there were a 'dodgy' beer it would be changed immediately. Still, perhaps it's better not to get a mention and keep the pub more exclusive for the regulars.' Well, the pub has got a mention now - lets hope the regulars don't mind!

MARLOW

The **Chequers**, Marlow's sole **Brakspear** real ale outlet, offered the spring seasonal beer, **Three Sheets**, (4.6), (originally 5.0 when Henley

brewed) lately beside their **Bitter** (3.4) and **Special** (4.3).

Queens Road back street watering hole the **Duke of Cambridge** still offers the cheapest pint in Marlow. **Rebellion IPA** (3.7) is still £2.10 a pint! This, **Greene King IPA** (3.6) £2.20 and **Fuller's London Pride** £2.30 complete the trio of well-kept ales.

West Street pub the **Hand & Flowers** has reopened after its recent refurbishment and become a total non-smoking establishment. A breath of fresh air in more ways than one. Good luck in this new concept, an ever-increasing phenomenon nationally in our town and city taverns. **Greene King IPA** and **Abbot Ale** grace the bar at this particular smoke free watering hole.

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Village pub the **Black Lion**, owned by **Courage**, had **Courage Best** (4.0), **Greene King Speckled Hen** (5.2), **Rebellion Sabotage** (4.3) and **Ridleys Old Bob** (5.1) at their four hand pumps during an April visit.

PENN

The currently closed **Horse & Groom** could become a doctor's surgery if planning permission is obtained. Yet another pub will be lost forever!

SHABBINGTON

The **Old Fisherman** has reopened after a £250,000 refurbishment and extension. It will still be a pub with dining and not just a restaurant and the three beers available are **Greene King IPA**, **Speckled Hen** and **Ruddles County**.

STUDLEY GREEN

There seems to be a lot of interest buying the freehold of the currently boarded up **Studley Arms**. Further details as we get them!

WEEDON

Claire Bignell is now in charge at the **Five Elms**. Claire originates from New Zealand, a fact reflected in the menu with the long Maori names!



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3-5 (Thursday-Saturday): SOUTHAMPTON BEER FESTIVAL, Guildhall, West Marlands Road, Southampton.
3-5 (Thursday-Saturday): 18TH STOCKPORT BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL, Edgeley Park Football Ground (Stockport County FC & Sale Sharks RFC), Hardcastle Road, Stockport.
3-5 (Thursday-Saturday): 29TH WOLVERHAMPTON BEER FESTIVAL at the Wulfrun Hall, Mitre Fold, Wolverhampton.
4-5 (Friday-Saturday): 10TH RARE BREEDS BEER FESTIVAL, Rare Breeds Centre, Woodchurch, Kent.
4-6 (Friday-Sunday): ST IVES BEER FESTIVAL, Concert Hall, Street-an-Pol, St Ives, Cornwall.
9-12 (Wednesday-Saturday): 12TH CATFORD BEER FESTIVAL at Broadway Theatre, Catford, SE6.
17-19 (Thursday-Saturday): SCOTTISH TRADITIONAL BEER FESTIVAL, The Assembly Rooms, George Street, Edinburgh.
19 (Saturday): FINCH FOUNDRY MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL at the Finch Foundry Museum (NT), Sticklepath, Devon.
25-26 (Friday-Saturday): 5TH KINGSTON BEER FESTIVAL, Surrey County Staff Club, Penrhyn Road, Kingston upon Thames.
25-26 (Friday-Saturday): 8TH SOUTHDOWNS BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL, Corn & Hop Exchange, Lewes Town Hall, Lewes, East Sussex.

JULY

2-3 (Friday-Saturday): SALISBURY SUMMERFEST, Castle Street Social Club, Scots Lane, Salisbury City Centre.
2-4 (Friday-Sunday): THE GREAT PLYMOUTH BEER FESTIVAL at The Plymouth Pavilions, Plymouth.
3 (Saturday): 6TH DEVIZES BEER FESTIVAL, The Wharf, Devizes, Wiltshire.
7-11 (Wednesday-Sunday): DERBY BEER FESTIVAL, Assembly Rooms, Market Place, Derby.
9-11 (Friday-Sunday): WOODCOTE FESTIVAL OF ALES, Off A4047, Woodcote, Oxfordshire.
9-11 (Friday-Sunday): 8TH LOUTH & DISTRICT BEER FESTIVAL, The Lord Tennyson, North Howme Road, Louth.
13-17 (Tuesday-Saturday): CHELMSFORD BEER FESTIVAL, Anglia Polytechnic University Sports Hall, Park Road, Chelmsford.
16-17 (Friday-Saturday): BROMSGROVE BEER FESTIVAL, Bromsgrove Rugby Football Club, Finstall, Bromsgrove, B60 3DH.
16-18 (Friday-Sunday): BOXMOOR ANNIVERSARY BEER FESTIVAL, Camelot Rugby Club, Boxmoor, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire.
22-24 (Thursday-Saturday): 30TH KENT BEER FESTIVAL in the Cowshed at Merton Farm, Merton Lane, Canterbury.
30-AUG 1 (Friday-Sunday): 28TH COTSWOLD BEER FESTIVAL at Postlip Hall, Nr Winchcombe, Gloucs.

OCTOBER

29-30 (Friday - Saturday): 11TH AYLESBURY BEER FESTIVAL

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Branch Diary

Everybody welcome to all socials and meetings!

JUNE

Wednesday 2nd AYLESBURY PUB CRAWL

8:00pm Steeplechase, 8:45pm Old Plough & Harrow, 9:30pm Broad Leys, 10:15pm Millwrights

Monday 7th BRANCH MEETING

8.30pm Red Lion, Chinnor.

Friday 25th EARLY EVENING SOCIAL

6:00pm Bird in Hand, Princes Risborough

JULY

Saturday 3rd BLACK COUNTRY COACH TRIP

Tickets £20 from Tony Gabriel, Tel: 01494 527884. Only a few places remaining.

Wednesday 7th JOINT SOCIAL

9:00pm Rose & Crown, Wingrave. 10:00pm Royal Oak, Aston Abbots.

Monday 12th BRANCH MEETING

8.30pm Lions of Bledlow.

Tuesday 20th WHITCHURCH SOCIAL

9:00pm White Horse; 10:00pm White Swan.

Wednesday 28th JOINT SOCIAL

8.45pm Frog, Skirmett; 9.45pm Stag & Huntsman, Hambleden.

AUGUST

Saturday 21st CAMBRIDGE COACH TRIP

Tickets £20 from Tony Gabriel, Tel: 01494 527884.

OCTOBER

Friday 29th/Saturday 30th AYLESBURY VALE BEER FESTIVAL

Eskdale Road Community Centre, Stoke Mandeville

Our annual charity beer festival held in conjunction with the 'Friends of Florence Nightingale House'.



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High Wycombe HP14 3PN

Tel: 01494 883496

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