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Although just outside our branch area (it is located just the other side of the motorway from Tetsworth) is a wonderful simple country alehouse, the **Red Lion** at Stoke Talmage.

The **Red Lion** has featured in many editions of the *Good Beer Guide* and in lists showing unspoilt pubs in Britain. In fact, it is one of the few pubs near our branch to feature in a brand new **CAMRA** guide, *'The CAMRA National Inventory'*, which lists the pubs **CAMRA** feels that are Britain's true heritage pubs, namely those with interiors of outstanding historic interest. The only pub actually in our branch area to feature in the guide is the **Swan**, West Wycombe.

However, we have learned that the **Red Lion** has been sold as part of a parcel of land which includes a twenty acre livestock farm and is likely to become yet another casualty



of the demand for housing, especially as it is so close to the motorway.

It is, surprisingly, not a listed building, so it will be up to the locals to put up a fight if they want to keep this historic gem. Planning permission will have to be obtained, so the fight can begin there. We have learned from bitter experience that saving pubs is very difficult and takes effort.

It has been in the same family for sixty years and is very popular, especially in summer, with walkers and cyclists.

We have held socials there with the South Oxfordshire branch of **CAMRA**, who have managed to trounce us regularly at Aunt Sally. However, that never seemed to matter as we had three beers usually available, one generally from one of our many local micro brewers, plus some gravity dispensed cider.

If what we have heard is true, and the **Red Lion** is to close, then it will be yet another bitter blow to add to an already too long a list of closures.

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ASTON CLINTON

The annual summer beer festival at the **Oak**, Green End, was held on 10th-13th July in glorious sunshine. This well established event offered thirty real ales, three ciders and a perry. Pick of the hoppy crop were *Okell's MacLir* (4.4), *Warwickshire Lady Godiva* (4.2), *Robinsons Northern Glory* (4.4) and a certain *Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby Mild* (6.0). This well attended episode culminated in a Sunday pig roast.

AYLESBURY

A new bar and grill seems to be opening shortly at the end of Walton Street, as they are already advertising for staff!

Following the success of the promotion during June and July, the **Hobgoblin** is continuing to sell its traditional beer for £1-50p a pint! It is also promoting itself as a 'Party Pub' and is open until 2am every night except Sunday.

The **Kings Head** beer festival in June was such a great success that they sold out of beer! The following one in July had more beers available for sale and was also a rousing success. Both festivals were held in the courtyard and the marquee

specially erected (probably to protect us from the rain of the usual British summer) gave welcome relief from the blazing sunshine which blessed the punters that came along to enjoy both the range of real ales (plus lagers etc. for the non initiated) and the music. The popularity of these festivals means that there will be a third festival over the August Bank Holiday (Friday 22nd - Monday 25th). We have also heard that they intend to do a cask conditioned lager, possibly called *Regally Blonde* in the near future!

The **Priory** is being refurbished so it is hoped that the pub, formerly the **Greyhound**, will be reopening soon.

The small restaurant area of the **Queens Head** is designated as a no smoking area whilst food is available, but it is proposed to make the room no smoking at all times.

The **Ship** is under new management! John Heydon, previous partner of Les Shardlow at the **Queens Head**, and famous for the *Haddenham Ceilidhs*, has teamed up with Derek Day to take over the lease from David and Angela Holdaway. David has been ill for a long time and has had to leave the trade and

we wish both him and Angela good luck for the future. Under their stewardship, the pub had been in the **Good Beer Guide** for six years and it was only uncertainty over the future of the tenancy that prevented the **Ship** appearing a lot more.

The new management has no plans for major changes except for a general refurbishment, an expansion of the food and an improvement in the range of wine available. The pub will be run by Derek's step-daughter, Silke Ballhausen. The beers on offer when visited were *Adnams Bitter*, *Fullers London Pride* and *Morlands Old Speckled Hen*.

The **Steeplechase** has been closed for a couple of months.

CHINNOR

Jo, the landlady of the 'Hole in the Wall', **Kings Head**, vacated the pub on Monday 14th July. When the new tenants, Steve & Trudy, took over that day the remaining beer ran out, so they had to have an emergency delivery of *Greene King IPA*. So far nothing seems to have changed at the pub.

CROWELL

The **Shepherds Crook** has won the

award for **Real Ale Pub of the Year** for the Central England area in the **Les Routiers Pubs and Inns Guide 2003**.

FLACKWELL HEATH

Jean & Ed Atkins, landlord and landlady of the **Stag**, serve *Brakspear Bitter* (3.4) and a well kept pint of *Rebellion IPA* (3.7). With its pleasant congenial atmosphere and rear panoramic views, worth a look-see.

FORD

The local council has approved planning permission for the **Dinton Hermit** to be extended to create five new guest bedrooms, plus more facilities for staff. This was despite much local opposition as villagers feel that the amenity will not benefit them, but the council expressed their fears for local pubs (as do we all!) and felt that it would help the viability of the pub.

GREAT KIMBLE

'Supreme Champion Beer of Britain 1996', *Woodforde's Wherry* (3.8) was the guest ale at the **Swan** when a recent branch meeting was staged there. Two other beers are available,

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It is a deep brown coloured premium ale brewed with marris otter, crystal & chocolate malts blended with choicest hops.

NEW BREWERY FOR OXFORDSHIRE

Loddon Valley Brewery, based at Dunsden in Oxfordshire had its official launch on the 22nd of July at the **Shepherd's Crook**, Crowell. We hope to have a full report next issue.

A REBELLIOUS WEEKEND IN MARLOW

It was that bi-yearly time again when the local **Rebellion** brewery in Marlow Bottom opened its doors to the public.

After two previous successful 'openings', this year's event on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd June was expecting a larger than ever captive audience to enjoy this thriving brewery's hospitality.

Glorious weather, brewery tours, hot food, a live band, and, oh yes, six of their best ales to deliberate over. Yours truly deliberated over them. All of them!

Permanent brews *IPA* (3.7), *Smuggler* (4.1) and *Mutiny* (4.5) were on offer alongside seasonal brew *Blonde* (4.3), monthly special *Ratted* (3.9) and the ever excellent tenth anniversary beer, *X Ale* (4.3). All six brews were served gravity dispensed and 'on the house' courtesy of Tim Coombes and Mark Gloyens, **Rebellion's** zamindars.

Among the Saturday matinee brethren was a sprinkling of local AV & W **CAMRA** branch members, including the chairman and treasurer. Hey! Duty calls boys.



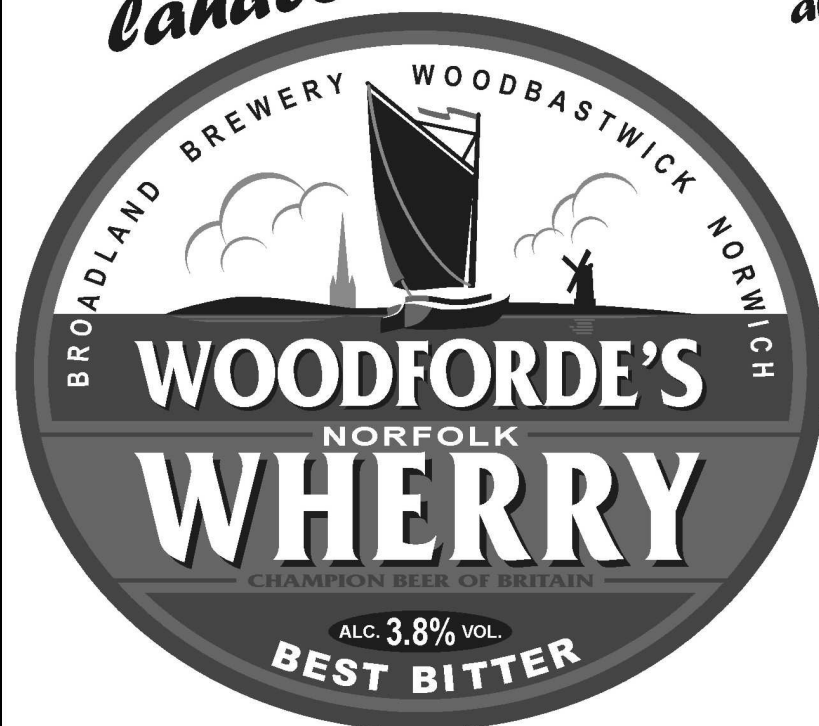
Various Marlow pariahs were also in attendance namely the BBGG. They were relishing some quality real ale, instead of some of the dross that we have to suffer sometimes, following the fortunes of our local football team.

Bottled **Rebellion Blonde**, *Red* and *White* were available for purchase on departure and many retired from the afternoon session with take-outs.

So, another well organised open day was gratefully negotiated as I head for my taxi to inspect further real ale a yonder.

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ROYAL OAK, ICKFORD



In an article in this newsletter earlier this year the **Royal Oak** at Ickford was wrongly described as "under threat". In actual fact it was the **Royal Oak** at Oakley under threat due to a change of use application. To make amends a social was arranged at the Ickford **Royal Oak** which took place on a warm summer evening in July. Those attending all enjoyed the visit and the outdoor tables were welcome after the heat of the day.

The **Royal Oak** is a small traditional one bar pub situated on the corner of the road to Tiddington out of Ickford. As a village pub it tries to cater for all walks of life, rich and poor, young and old. These have included over the years the family of Sophie Wessex who was born in the village and some of the

Great Train Robbers, who are said to have visited the pub whilst in the planning stage of the robbery. (Their hideout after the robbery, Letherslade Farm, is only a few miles away near Oakley whilst the location of the holdup itself is north of our branch area close to the **Hare & Hounds** at Ledburn near Cheddington).

Current landlord Eddie Buy and his wife Carol moved from the **White Horse** at Forest Hill to take over the **Royal Oak** in October 2001 from Carol Bonney who retired after 15 years in the pub (but still does the odd relief for Carol and Eddie).

They have settled into the pub and the village very well and extend a warm welcome to all visitors so give them a visit.

The pub is open 11am – 11pm Monday – Saturday and 12 – 10.30 pm on Sundays. Bar snacks and meals are available 11am – 9pm all day except Sunday when they are available between 1pm – 7pm. Children are welcome. Two ales are regularly available, *Marstons Pedigree* and *Morrells Oxford Blue*. Pub games are popular with local favourite Aunt Sally, Darts and Pool being played in local league competitions.

Mick White

REVIEW

The CAMRA National Inventory edited by David Gamston

This is a book for lovers of classic unspoilt pubs. Essentially it is a listing of pubs with interiors of outstanding historic interest. Less than 250 pubs out of 60,000 in the UK are considered by **CAMRA** to be worth including on this list. Too many pubs have been spoilt by that dreaded term 'modernisation'. This listing celebrates pubs which have retained their original layout, different rooms for specific purposes, distinctive architecture, fixtures, fittings and interior decoration. All kinds are included: Victorian and Edwardian 'gin palaces' as well as rural time-warps; some are centuries old, some may be from the 1930s.

Our branch has only one such pub, the **Swan** at West Wycombe, and we have already mentioned the **Red Lion** at Stoke Talmage.

This book is not a tourist guide in the normal sense and some pubs may not even sell real ale, but if you appreciate traditional pub values then they will all be worth visiting.

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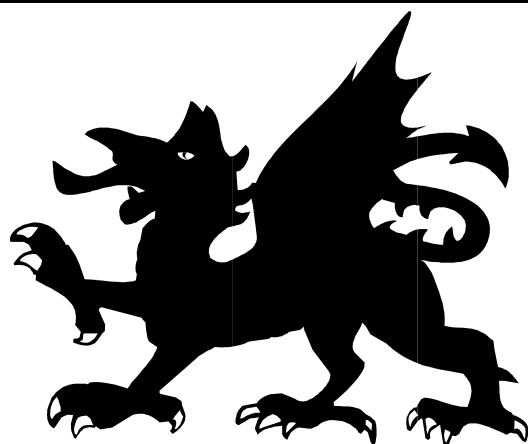


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25 YEARS FOR RINGWOOD



One of the (few) perks of being editor of a *CAMRA* magazine is that sometimes you get an invite to something special!

When I received the invitation to the 25th anniversary of *Ringwood Brewery*, I jumped at the chance, especially as I had never been to the brewery. So I packed my bag for a weekend in nearby Bournemouth and headed off to the train.

I spent Friday night in some *Good Beer Guide* pubs in the seaside resort (I would especially recommend the unlikely sounding *Goat and Tricycle* and the local *Ringwood* pub, the *Porterhouse*). Then on the Saturday morning I met up with a group of eager

drinkers, including quite a few familiar faces including ex-chairman, John Cryne, waiting outside Bournemouth station for the bus to the brewery.

Once we arrived at the brewery, we were treated to a glass, lots of beer from the full range of the brewery's wares, a pig roast and a jazz band (pictured top left). All this and a tour round the brewery and blazing sunshine made for a perfect way to spend a few hours.

There were casks of *Best Bitter*, *Boondoggle*, *Fortyniner* and *Old Thumper* set up outside (see picture below), and these and the *Bold Forester* were also available in the Pin Room. As you can imagine, all of these were tried (some more than once) and all were



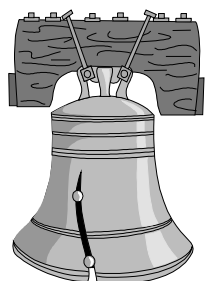
superb!

David Welsh accepted a certificate on behalf of *Ringwood* from the local branch (final picture) to commemorate 25 years of excellence. As we were driven back to the station we all wished them luck for the next 25 years.

All that was left was for me to spend the rest of the weekend doing most of the *Good Beer Guide* pubs in nearby Poole!

Many thanks to Jim Street for providing the photographs.

David Roe



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BLACK COUNTRY TRIP REACHES ITS TEENS!



The highlight of the local discerning drinkers' social calendar reached the 'inauspicious' thirteenth year on the last weekend in June. Thirty-six real ale enthusiasts hopped aboard our friends at Motts' motor carriage to be propelled up to some of the cream of the Black Country hostellers.

After some country lane shenanigans, due to road works on our slip road exit, our dextrous coach driver delivered us to the **Coach & Horses** at Weatheroak for a noon (plus) start to the tour. The mandatory pint of *Light Oak* (3.6) brewed 'on campus', so to speak, by the **Weatheroak** independent brewery was closely followed by an extremely moreish *Castle Rock Mild* (3.8) from Nottinghamshire. This pleasing dark beer was one of about eight available and complimented my Chinese chicken baguette with salad garnish rather well in the sunshine on the beer garden patio.

Onwards and upwards north to Sedgeley and the **Beacon Hotel** for some legendary *Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby* (6.0). Two further brews from Sarah Hughes, including a guest from the Stonehenge brewery were on offer, but it's the *Ruby Mild* which takes centre stage and the plaudits. This glorious spicy beer is the holy grail to some on our excursion and writes its own script for many **CAMRA** connoisseurs in Britain. All three *Sarah Hughes* beers are again brewed on site, as this National Inventory pub is now folklore every summer for our party. This is one of the few pubs that I have visited that only serves beer in Ravenhead Glass pint and half pint pot dimpled jug.

A short hop to the **Jolly Crispin** at Upper Gornal was next on our itinerary and a beer festival (see the photo – top left) was being held at the rear of the building. I was forced to imbibe as much as our short stay here permitted, chairman's orders! Pick of the thirty brews that I tried to scoop were Clarks *Mulberry Tree* (5.0), a clean, fruity, with hop aftertaste ale, *Moonshine* from Abbeydale (4.3) and a festival special from the Church End brewery, *Crispin Festival Ale* (5.5), which put an early nail in my coffin. There was something strangely gracious about standing in a pub car park talking football to the local natives in the sunshine and using an industrial wheelie bin as a beer table. The choice of real ales was as rich as the choice dialect from the mixture of Villa, Wolves and Albion lads.

Next port of call was another favourite, the **Olde Swan** at Netherton, and another home-brew pub. The *Olde Swan Dark Mild* (4.2) has a slightly higher ABV than before but tastes just as delicious. Monthly special *Rowley Rag* (4.9) was also tried and enjoyed in this traditional boozier where lively banter rules supreme and has firmly embedded its place on our Black Country jaunt.

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by *Church End* were selected. Managed to babble a conversation to Dave Badminton and his merry band of fellow Mid-Chiltern parishioners, while draining my glass.

Final deliverance is the **Waggon & Horses** with its galaxy of hand pumps (shown in our final picture) which extracts punters from miles around to become a local institution. *Tring Pie Man Ale* (4.3) was the lone brew collared here as the ballvalve in my body registered full. One day I'll make a sole pilgrimage to this freehouse and do some proper justice to the beers on parade here. Still, another day, another dollar! A dozy trip back to Bucks where Uncle Nojer and I snagged a late cab back to our beckoning beds.

Good-bye Mr. Chips



off at the **Vine (Bull & Bladder)** for some *Bathams Mild* (3.4) and a natter. Some of our **CAMRA** branch run an annual card school in the rear lounge bar, while others just drift into a cloud of escapism over the home-brewed *Bathams Mild* and *Bitter*.

My personal favourite appeared on the horizon in the form of Blackheath's **Waterfall** freehouse. Always a great choice of ales, friendly articulate verbal intercourse and sandwiches by kind donation from the landlord and management. *Enville Ginger* (4.6), a pleasant refreshing beer and a *John Joules Victory Brew* (5.2) (brewed by **Museum**) were sampled at the stay here.

By now I'm three-quarters full of ale as we head for Halesowen and the final leg of our day out. The **Somers Club** (second picture) offers up to nine real ales of which *Enville Queen Bee* (4.5). *Church End Holy Bones* (5.0) and *Somers Percys Best* (4.2), a house beer, brewed

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The landlord, Andy Stokes, of the **Stag & Huntsman**, Hambleden, and his staff looking very pleased following the presentation to them of the certificate proclaiming them the *Pub of the Year* for the **Aylesbury Vale and Wycombe Branch** of CAMRA. This award, announced in our last issue, was presented by the Branch Chairman, David Roe, and local activist, Alan Sheppard (Photograph taken by Dick Moore).

Please note that the Vale of White Horse *Pub Of The Year* is the **Prince of Wales**, Shrivenham and not the **Rose & Crown** as we stated in the last issue (please don't blame us for the mistake – we only report what we are told! - Ed).



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The longest day of 2003 saw the third annual weekend real ale festival organised by hosts Phil Buckley and Kate Lamb, at the Falcon, Wooburn Moor. Having made my debut appearance here twelve months ago, I was keen to put in an attendance again to support a local pub beer banquet and to scoop several more ales.

Twenty beers were on duty, mostly direct from the cask, so I kicked off with a trio of northern brews, *Spring Knights* (4.0) from **Cameroons**, **York** brewery's *Full Bloom*

(4.1) and a **Hydes** of Manchester offering, *Hubble Bubble* (4.4).

Live music was commencing in the evening with nourishment in the form of a barbecue. With the weather in fine fettle, most enjoyed the pleasant summer climate in the rear beer garden. **Robinsons Young Tom** (4.2), and **Hall and Woodhouse** (*Badger* to most folk), *Fursty Ferret* (4.4) were duly imbibed alongside Essex brew **Ridleys Cobbold's Conquest** (4.2).

A real ale tasting notes menu with full beer descriptions, and a selection of bottled ciders were also available alongside Addlestone's *Cloudy*. As my speech was slowing and my visits to the Gents lavatory were becoming more frequent, it was time to hop on my skateboard while signing off with Northants **Frog Island**, *Fire Bellied Toad* (5.0) and the aptly named *Festival* (5.5) from **Burton Bridge**.

Well done to Phil and Kate, nice couple, nice

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Tony Hawk



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Letters

BEACONSFIELD

The **Old Hare** has closed its doors and awaits 'refurbishment' as a Pizza place.

There was obviously a great deal of disappointment at this further loss of a traditional pub in the Old Town setting. 950 people signed our petition against the proposal, but clearly it was a 'done deal'. A Planning Application has been received by South Bucks District Council and is due for consideration shortly. The building is a Grade Two Listed and therefore the new owners have had to apply for Listed Building Consent. I have sent in a letter, as an individual, objecting to several aspects of the application, which involves amongst other things an extensive glass conservatory to the rear of the building. It seems to me to be quite out of keeping with the building's listed status.

There are other matters such as the conversion of the small upstairs living accommodation into a plant room and wine store (accommodation of any sort is at a premium in Beaconsfield). My main concern is protection of the fabric of the building and, particularly, the retention of the frontage as it exists. Who knows, fads change and the day may come when pubs regain their importance in the community. It is therefore vital that we fight to keep these buildings as close as possible to the original.

You may be interested to know that the owners (or lessees of the **Greyhound**), another listed traditional English pub, in the conservation area of the Old Town have applied for Listed Building Consent to change the colour of the exterior to light and dark blue and add dark blue canopies to the windows. Again there is outrage amongst the regulars and I believe many others (including Beaconsfield Old Town Residents Association). The Town Council have also objected. This would be completely out of keeping with the building's important situation. More worrying is the commonly held belief that this is just a pre-cursor of worse to come.

Eldridge Pope, the Applicants have also indicated that the name will change to **Easy Street**. Clearly, the colour scheme is the corporate colour of this group. I have been shown a menu from the Berkhamstead branch and, indeed it is printed in light and dark blue. As for the contents they are a far cry from the fare you would expect from a traditional English pub - clam chowder, Mississippi Mud Pie etc (all very much along an American theme!). I have been told, but cannot confirm, that their intention to change the name has been withdrawn, following the public outcry. Without wishing to be cynical,

with the Listed Building Consent still to be considered, this is good news but there would be nothing to stop them in the future from reverting to their original intention once any of their other aspirations have been met.

Our MP, Dominic Grieve, has been very supportive in both the **Old Hare** and **Greyhound** situations, but as we all know the Planning system is against us. It really will take an amendment to the current A3 rules as to change of use laws before we can have any hope of success in fighting these changes. It seems to me there is a

fundamental difference between a pub selling predominantly alcohol (with food on offer) and a restaurant predominantly selling food (with alcohol on offer).

I have just heard, though I must stress as a rumour, that the **Prince of Wales** is to become a curry house. If this proves to be true, we stand to lose yet another watering hole in the once thriving pub world of the Old Town.

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The bus will pick up from Wycombe, Risborough, Wendover, Aylesbury and Bierton in that order (starting at 10am at Wycombe) and the cost will be the same as the ever popular Black Country trip (£20.00). The bus will deposit the happy drinkers back at their pick-up points in reverse order around midnight.

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Please ring either Tony Gabriel on 01494 527884 or Mick White on 01296 428266.

By popular demand, a third coach trip to Cambridge has been planned for **Saturday 13th September!**

Last year, we only got to the **Castle**, which is to the north of Cambridge city centre, just in time for 'last orders' at lunchtime. The beer was so good and the range of food looked so inviting that we have decided to make this our first stop.

This will be followed by a 'try also' or five such as the **Champion of the Thames**, **St Radegund**, the **Elm Tree**, the **Cricketers** (pictured bottom right) and the **Free Press** (pictured top left).

There will then be an optional bus pickup to take us to the south side of the city (it is an easy walk for the fitter/younger people on the coach) for the evening 'top up' crawl.

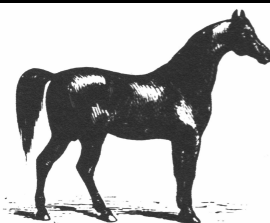


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Local News

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WINGRAVE

The **Rose and Crown** has changed hands with Brian Bishop and Nancy Bunting taking on a new lease from Punch on 28th May. Both come from Hertfordshire and this is their first pub. After a week of redecoration they opened and are establishing themselves very well. A range of home prepared meals are served in the separate restaurant (with no smoking area) on all sessions except Sun + Mon evenings. Four ales are currently available and Brian is keen to vary these to local taste. Functions are also catered for. We wish them all the best in their new venture.

WHITCHURCH

The **White Horse** is still closed for refurbishment.

WING

Jim Wooley is leaving the **Dove** in mid August. There will be a farewell party open to all on the weekend 8-10 August, with extra real ales and live music. The pub has become uneconomic due to poor trading and the high cost of utilities. So he has sold the lease and the pub will become an Indian restaurant (no change of use according to the local

planning people!). There does not seem to be enough trade for four pubs in Wing and other pubs may be on the market.

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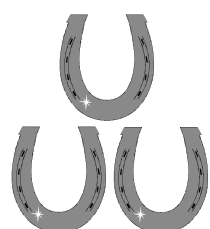
Planning permission for change of use for the currently closed **End of the World** to residential plus two new houses has been refused.

WORMINGHALL

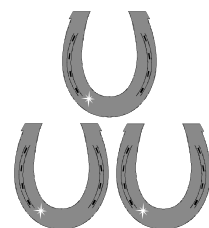
Murray Harding is the new manager at the fabled **Clifden Arms**, who takes the reins from Barbara and Tony Cartwright. Murray has been in the pub trade for a number of years and is best remembered for catapulting the **Crown & Anchor**, Marlow, to local fame and notoriety. The **Clifden Arms** serves four real ales, one a guest brew, and is renowned for its meals and wine.

COMPETITION WINNERS

The winners of our **Great British Beer Festival** competition are Phil Childs, Neil O'Donovan, and John Williamson. They correctly said that Madonna's first UK Number 1 was 'Into the Groove'. They have each received two tickets for the festival.



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but the *Wherry* was the favoured brew on the night by our local imbibers.

HADDENHAM

The **Rising Sun** is holding a beer festival over the August Bank Holiday. There will be over 20 traditional beers available throughout the weekend, plus entertainment and a barbeque.

HAMBLEDEN

Henry Smith is reported in the local press as having changed his mind about selling off chunks of the village - although the **Stag and Huntsman** isn't mentioned

HIGH WYCOMBE

The **Bell** in Frogmore is now offering a full range of Thai Cuisine to accompany the **Fullers** beers that are available. The **Thai Tom's** menu is on offer every day in the restaurant and for takeaway.

HUGHENDEN VALLEY

The rotating guest beer policy is also still in full swing at the **Harrow**. Recent appearances from **Jennings Crag Rat** (4.3) and **Ridleys Rumpus** (4.5) bear testimony to this. Local ale drinkers warm to this pleasure as the ale turnover testifies.

ICKFORD

The **Rising Sun** is looking resplendent under its new thatch, which has been done at last after many months being covered by a tarpaulin. It must be a great relief to Paul and Nancy after all the roof leaks they endured.

MARLOW

Greene King Suffolk Summer (4.3) was available at the **Carpenters Arms** over the town regatta weekend. This seasonal brew was very well received by locals and holidaymakers alike. The beer has put in a sporadic appearance since mid-June, to accompany stalwart ales **IPA** and **Abbot**.

Martin and Rose Bates have left the **Duke of Cambridge** on Monday 16th June to pursue alternative employment. Martin always kept three well maintained beers and we at **CAMRA** wish them both all the best for the future. The new landlord is Julian Sutton.

There are new personnel at the **Hare & Hounds**. More details next issue.

Sharon Clarke is the new manager at the **Hogshead** in the High Street. She replaces Colin and Brenda Whiley who left for Devon in the Spring.

The **Prince of Wales** is still offering four real ales, one of which is a guest

beer. **Burton Bridge Golden Delicious** (3.8), **Adnams Regatta** (4.3) and **Broughton Greenmantle** (3.9) and **Merlin Ale** (4.2), have frequented the handpump recently. More of the same please Bob and Simon!

The **Two Brewers**, St. Peters Street, is reputedly up for sale at £190,000 for an eleven year lease.

MARSH GIBBON

Richard Cooley took over as landlord of the **Plough** on the 9th June. He has been in the licensed trade for many years in such diverse places as Africa, Spain, Southampton and Leicester. The pub still offers **Greene King IPA** and **Abbot** despite it having been sold by the brewery as part of a parcel of nine pubs to **New Wood Inns**

OAKLEY

As we were going to press we heard some great news about the **Royal Oak**, but you will have to wait until next issue for the details!

POUNDON

Chris, the landlord of the **Sow & Pigs**, sadly passed away on the 18th June. We all send our condolences to his family and friends.

PRINCES RISBOROUGH

There is a new landlord at the **Bell**.

THAME

The **Black Horse Hotel** has received a Shine award from **Punch Pub Company** in recognition of its exceptional standards of licensed retailing.

The **Six Bells** has been closed since June for a major refurbishment.

TURVILLE

Nick Abbott will be leaving the **Bull & Butcher** for the West Country on the 4th of August.

WADDESDON

Nigel Bradshaw will leave the **Bell** in January but he is not going far! He is to become the House Manager of the **Five Arrows!** The reason for the change is to allow him to have more quality time with his family.

Jean-Marie Descrettes is leaving the **Lion** at the end of July.

WEST WYCOMBE

Painting is still going on in the **Plough** but it should be open soon.

The **Swan** is the only pub in our branch area to feature in the new **CAMRA 'National Inventory'** which lists pubs of outstanding historic pub interiors.

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Beer Festival Diary

August



5-9 (Tue-Sat): **GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL**, Olympia, London (next to Kensington Olympia). Britain's biggest beer festival with over 450 real ales plus cider, perry and imported lager. Live music every day plus a family room. **CAMRA** lounge and corporate hospitality available.

14-16 (Thu-Sat): **5TH WORCESTER CAMRA BEER AND CIDER FESTIVAL**, Worcester Racecourse (Pitchcroft).

19-24 (Tue-Sun): **26TH PETERBOROUGH BEER FESTIVAL**

20-23 (Wed-Sat): **8TH CLACTON ON SEA BEER FESTIVAL**, St James' Church Hall, Tower Road, Clacton-on-Sea.

21-23 (Thu-Sat): **7TH MUMBLES BEER FESTIVAL**, OSTREME CENTRE, Newton Rd, Mumbles, Swansea.

23-25 (Sat-Mon): **THE MOORGREEN COUNTRY SHOW**, CAMRA Beer Festival Tent, Watnall, Nr Nottingham, Notts.

28-30 (Thu-Sat): **23RD DURHAM BEER FESTIVAL**, Riverside Room, Dunelm House, New Elvet, Durham City.

29-30 (Fri-Sat): **BRIDPORT BEER FESTIVAL**, Bridport Arts Centre.

29-30 (Fri-Sat): **HARBURY BEER FESTIVAL**, Village Hall, Harbury, Nr Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

29-31 (Fri-Sun): **GLOSSOP VICTORIAN WEEKEND BEER FESTIVAL** at Glossop Labour Club, Chapel Street, Glossop, Derbyshire

September

4-6 (Thu-Sat): **BIRMINGHAM BEER FESTIVAL 2003**, Aston Students Guild, Aston Triangle

4-6 (Thu-Sat): **TAMWORTH BEER FESTIVAL**, Assembly Corporation Street, Tamworth.

4-6 (Thu-Sat): **ULVERSTON BEER FESTIVAL**, Coronation Hall, Ulverston, Cumbria.

5-6 (Fri-Sat): **14TH SHREWSBURY REAL ALE FESTIVAL**, The Music Hall, The Square, Shrewsbury.

6 (Sat): **MAIDSTONE BEER & HOP FESTIVAL**, at the Museum of Kent Life, Sandling, Maidstone, Maidstone

9-13 (Tue-Sat): **17th CHAPPEL BEER FESTIVAL**, East Anglian Railway Museum, Chappel & Wales Colne Station, Near Colchester, Essex.

11-13 (Thu-Sat): **BOOZE ON THE OUSE**. St Ives Beer Festival at the Burgess Hall, St Ivo Recreation Centre, Westwood Rd, St Ives, Cambs.

12-14 (Fri-Sun): **4th NORTH NOTTS BEER FESTIVAL**, Banqueting Suite, Market Hotel, West Carr Road, Retford

12-14 (Fri-Sun): **4TH AYRSHIRE REAL ALE FESTIVAL**, The Concert Hall, Troon.

13-14 (Sat-Sun): **SOMERSET BEER FESTIVAL**, The Platform, Minehead Station, Minehead.

18-20 (Thu-Sat): **'RHYTHM 'n' BREWS' - THE 24TH DARLINGTON BEER & MUSIC FESTIVAL**, Arts Centre, Vane Terrace, Darlington.

18-20 (Thu-Sat): **LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY CENTENARY BEER FESTIVAL**, Plinston Hall, Broadway, Letchworth, Hertfordshire.

18-21 (Thu-Sun): **10TH SCUNTHORPE BEER FESTIVAL**, Baths Hall, Doncaster Road, Scunthorpe

18-21 (Thu-Sun): **4TH SANDGROUNDER BEER FESTIVAL**, Arts Centre, Lord Street, Southport, Merseyside.

18-21 (Thu-Sun): **"DRINKING WITHIN TENT TOO!" CAMRA JERSEY BEER FESTIVAL**, Peoples Park, St Helier

19-20 (Fri-Sat): **10TH NORTHWICH BEER FESTIVAL**, Memorial Hall, Chester Way.

19-20 (Fri-Sat): **28TH POMPEY BEEREX** at the Union, University of Portsmouth, Cambridge Road, Portsmouth.

19-21 (Fri-Sun): **1ST MELTON MOWBRAY BEER FESTIVAL**, Cattle Market, Scalford Road, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire.

24-27 (Wed-Sat): **ST ALBANS BEER FESTIVAL** at the Alban Arena, St Peters Street, St Albans

25-27 (Thu-Sat): **24TH BURTON BEER FESTIVAL**, Burton-on-Trent Town Hall, King Edward Place, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

25-27 (Thu-Sat): **15TH KEIGHLEY BEER FESTIVAL**, Victoria Hall, Victoria Park, Keighley.

25-27 (Thu-Sat): **19TH SOUTH DEVON BEER FESTIVAL**, Newton Abbot Racecourse, Kingsteignton Road, Newton Abbot.

25-28 (Thu-Sun): **9TH SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY REAL ALE**

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Branch Diary

Everybody welcome to all socials and meetings!

AUGUST

Tuesday 5th-Saturday 9th GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL

Olympia - Branch Social planned for Thursday night - some advance tickets are available from the editor

Tuesday 12th BRANCH MEETING

8:30pm Greyhound, Beaconsfield.

Wednesday 20th BRANCH SOCIAL

9:00pm Three Horseshoes, Bennett End; 10:00pm Crown, Radnage.

Monday 25th Aug, BANK HOLIDAY LUNCHTIME SOCIAL

Noon Black Horse, Lacey Green.

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 3rd WEST WYCOMBE SOCIAL

8:30pm George & Dragon, 9:15pm Plough, 10:00pm Swan.

Saturday 13th CAMBRIDGE COACH TRIP

See page 13 for full details

Friday 19th STOKENCHURCH PUB CRAWL

See website for itinerary of crawl, followed by curry (and beer) at Mowchak

Wednesday 24th BRANCH SOCIAL

9:00pm Clifden Arms, Worminghall.

Tuesday 30th ASTON CLINTON SOCIAL

9:00pm Oak, 10:00pm Partridge Arms.

OCTOBER

Friday 17th LONDON PUB CRAWL

Starts 5:30pm Britannia, 1 Allen Street W8

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