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Campaign for Real Ale

Aylesbury Vale & Wycombe Branch

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HOW MANY PUBS WILL WE HAVE LEFT?



Following our article regarding the plight of our country pubs and the number closing, the last thing we wanted to hear was that one of our best known pubs had burnt down!

Saturday April 5th saw fire setting the thatch ablaze at the **Bottle and Glass** (pictured right) in Gibraltar on the main Aylesbury to Oxford road. It is assumed that an electrical fault caused the fire, as there was an electrical fault in February. Our photograph shows the pub with its chimney still standing, but unfortunately this had to be knocked down as it was unsafe.

Surveyors from brewers **Greene King** have inspected the damage in order to see if this historic pub can be rebuilt and we trust that the insurance money will cover the cost. However, it is very doubtful that the pub will ever regain its former glory!



We have also heard that the **Old Hare** in Beaconsfield has been bought by a Pizza retailer and will be converted into a restaurant. If this turns out to be correct, we have little chance of opposing the conversion of the pub as an application for change of use is not needed. This removes the public's usual last chance of stopping the closure of a much loved pub.

Under the eyes of the local council and the planning regulations it works to, there is no difference between a pub and a restaurant.

This seems to be a fundamental flaw in the rules as there is a world of difference between an old English pub and a pizza restaurant.

Hopefully, the rumours of the change will prove to be unfounded, otherwise it will join the long list of 'lost locals' in Beaconsfield. In recent years the **George** has been lost as a pub and is now an exclusive hotel, the **Prince of Wales** has been shut for months, the **White Horse** is now the Loch Fyne Fish Restaurant and the **White Hart** is a fully fledged restaurant.

It looks like the traditional pub is under threat in both the town and the country – your local could be next!



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Local News



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The **Oak** is holding its annual beer festival from Thursday 10th to Sunday 14th of July. As in previous years, there will be a pig roast on the Sunday plus many charity events and a bouncy castle to keep the kids amused. The country-wide range of beers and cider will again be housed in a marquee and the popular Passport scheme, where the purchaser is entitled to four pints and can then keep the glass used, will be in operation again.

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The **Aristocrat** has opened its extension which has nearly doubled the drinking area inside the pub. However, it is still a shame that they only offer *London Pride* when compared to the days when it was in the *Good Beer Guide* when there were three real ales available!

There has been a lot of work done at the **Broad Leys** which has seen refurbishment both inside and out. In addition to the *Tetley Bitter*, an extra handpump offering *Fullers London Pride* has been seen there!

The new person in charge at the **Hobgoblin** is Gary Luddon who

took over from Mark Adams at the end of March. Gary has been in the pub trade for over ten years and has been mainly based in South London, with his last pub being in Croydon. The intention is to raise the average age of the customers by playing music that appeals to a wider range of the public as opposed to the latest hits, and initial signs are encouraging. During May and June (and hopefully after that) they are selling their cask ales at £1.50 per pint and the ones available when visited were *Hobgoblin* and a seasonal ale *Whirligig*.

The **Kings Head** is holding two summer beer festivals in their courtyard area. The first is on the first weekend in June (Friday 6th - Sunday 8th) and the second is in July from Friday 4th to Sunday 6th. There will be around twelve beers available for each festival.

The **Millwrights** has a large notice saying that its lease is on offer!

The **Priory** (formerly the **Greyhound**) in Southcourt has been closed for five months and has now been damaged by vandals, presumed to be some of the local kids. After a spate of window smashing, it had to

be boarded up, but now the vandals have damaged the beer garden and its furniture, and the fire brigade had to be called to a fire there. Although the pub has never been a great supporter of traditional beer, it is especially sad to see a pub with such a large catchment area closed. The owners, **Punch Pub Company**, are actively searching for a new landlord, but this sort of vandalism will not help attract anyone!

BEACONSFIELD

There are strong rumours that the **Old Hare** has been sold to a pizza group and will cease to be a pub. See the article on page 10 for further information.

The **Prince of Wales** is still closed and we are hearing that the owner is planning to apply for a change of use to a residential property. Please keep your eyes open for any such planning application and then write and object!

BENNETT END

The **Three Horseshoes**, due to be reopened in May, is still shut.

BOOKER

The landlord at the **Turnpike** has been awarded the *Cask Marque*.

GIBRALTAR

The **Bottle and Glass** has been gutted after its thatch caught fire in April. *Greene King* have sent surveyors to ascertain whether or not it can be rebuilt.

GREAT KIMBLE

There has been a change of landlord at the **Bernard Arms**.

HAMBLEDEN

The whole estate of Hambleden, which includes the **Stag & Huntsman**, is being put up for sale by the village's landlord, Henry Smith, who is the heir to the W.H. Smith fortune. Anyone got £30 million to spare?

HENTON

The **Peacock Hotel** reopened in April just weeks after a fire had caused half a million pounds worth of damage. It has been reported that there are three real ales available.

KINGSWOOD

The **Plough & Anchor** is now back to normal after the damage caused when a police car hit the pub back in February.

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BRANCH PUB OF THE YEAR



The *Aylesbury Vale & Wycombe Branch* has decided after a vote by the Committee that the **Pub of the Year (POTY)** for our part of the Central Southern region of *CAMRA* will be the **Stag & Huntsman**, Hambleden.

This pub has been in the *Good Beer Guide* since the year 2000 and in the current guide it is described as an 'Unspoilt, characterful local gem'. Very popular with ramblers and holidaymakers wanting to enjoy the tranquillity of the idyllic village, the like of which is now becoming all too rare.

The **Stag & Huntsman** caters for all tastes with a public bar mainly used by the locals, a lounge and a very cosy front bar where the branch members tend to congregate on our, all too rare, meetings and socials in the pub.

There are generally three real ales on offer, *Brakspear Bitter*, *Wadworth 6X* and a guest beer which changes every week. This guest beer often comes from the *Rebellion Brewery*, although the *Cottage* and *Eccleshall* Breweries are very often represented. Also on offer is *Thatcher's Dry Cider* which, especially being available all the time on handpump, is a rarity in our part of the world.

As well as the three drinking areas, there is a dining room. In all these places it is possible to choose food from an extensive menu (not available on Sunday evenings) both lunchtimes and evenings. Please note

that the pub closes in the afternoon.

If the weather is kind, there is a garden area for drinking, if not, pub games may be enjoyed in the public bar. Accommodation is also available, but booking is essential, especially if the film companies are in the area.

Parking can be difficult, especially on a sunny Sunday lunchtime, as the car park gets filled very quickly, and the narrow village streets do not make things any easier!

As reported in the Local News section, the whole of the Hambleden estate is being sold by the heir to the W.H. Smith fortune, Henry Smith, after it has been in the family for 150 years.

This lovely estate, which has featured in many Hollywood films such as 'Charlotte Gray' and 'Sleepy Hollow', plus more television programmes than it is possible to list here, is valued in the region of £30 million. Much of the area is covenanted to the National Trust, which protects the area from development and it is hoped that any change of ownership of this picturesque brick and flint village will have no adverse affect on the pub.

The **Stag & Huntsman** will now enter the competition for the *Central Southern Regional Pub of the Year*, the winner of which goes on to compete

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IT'S POTY TIME

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for the national **Pub of the Year**. **CAMRA** members from the region will act as judges for the competition and the pubs will be marked on quality of beer, atmosphere/style/décor, service and welcome, value for money, clientele mix and sympathy with **CAMRA** aims.

It's a hard job, but if any local **CAMRA** members want to get a copy of the judging form, traipse round a lot of really lovely pubs and drink some excellent real ale, please can they contact the editor (details on the back page) for further information and an explanation of the judging criteria.

The result of the competition should appear in the next issue of *Swan Supping*.

The final Branch selections for the Regional **POTY** Competition are:

Stag & Huntsman, Hambleden (Aylesbury Vale & Wycombe)

Broad Street Tavern, Wokingham (Berkshire SE)

Kings Arms, Tring (Mid Chilterns)

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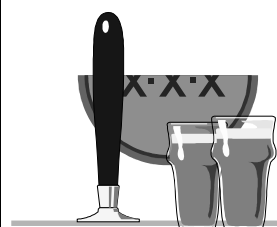
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SPARE THE HARE CAMPAIGN



Rumour of pending closure of the Old Hare Public House, Beaconsfield

A concerned drinker, Charlie Broadbridge, from Beaconsfield, has warned us about a rumour regarding one of the town's watering holes.

It comes from a reliable source that the brewery has sold the **Old Hare** to a Pizza retailer (this would make the third in the confined area of Beaconsfield Old Town), depriving the town and its residents of yet another proper pub.

In recent years the **George** has been lost as a

pub and is now an exclusive hotel, the **Prince of Wales** has been shut for months (with rumours abounding that the owner is attempting to obtain change of use to residential) and the **White Horse** is now the **Loch Fyne Fish Restaurant**. The **White Hart** is no longer a pub, but a fully fledged restaurant - despite the signage which states 'Inn Keeping with Tradition'. How that doesn't defy the Trades Description Act beats us as you are not permitted to stand at the bar and drink, let alone smoke. Some inn keeping tradition there!

But, back to the main point. The **Old Hare** has been traced back as far as 1707 as an inn. It retains its pub ambience and beamed structure - plus witness the stained glass windows, 'Taproom' and 'Parlour' and the old inscribed '*Cannon Brewery Company's Ales & Stout*' across the frontage. The main concern is that presumably being A3 use, the pizza company will claim no change of use. There is a great deal of difference of use to the residents of Beaconsfield!

That apart, because of the drink drive laws most patrons of the pub do not use their own cars and thus the already awful parking situation is not made any worse by a pub. An eating establishment would be a different ball game! The back garden could be turned into

a small car park, but that would be unacceptable to the adjoining residents, creating noise and its own highway difficulties.

This amenity would be a tragic loss to the town and just be added to the names of others over the centuries - the **Crown**, the **Quart Pot**, the **Three Horseshoes**, the **Chopping Knife**, the **Red Ox**, the **Paschal Lamb**, the **Peacock**, the **Weavers Arms**, the **Buckingham Arms**, the **Old Elm Tree**, the **Queens Head**, the **Farriers Arms**, the **Cross Keys**, the **Orange Tree**, the **Star Inn** and the **Bull** - to name a few!!

The letter this article is based on has been copied to the Town Clerk as clearly the Town Councils views will be an important factor in the decision making of the Planning Authorities. It is hoped that they will support the efforts to halt the growth of restaurants in the Old Town and retain some of the town's original charm and character which is being destroyed.

If you can help with the '*Spare The Hare Campaign*', please contact the editor (see details on the back page) and the information will be passed on to Charlie.



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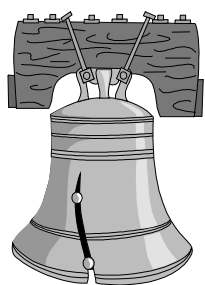
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BEER RELATED WEBSITES

The continued rise of people accessing the internet through home computers and flat rate deals from Internet Service Providers has given **CAMRA** another medium through which to promote its successes and aims. Information relating to beer styles, breweries, pubs and selling beer are all now accessible online. This report will give a brief overview of the better (in my view anyway) websites.

It's only fair to mention first the **CAMRA** website at www.camra.org.uk. This gives information on the **Great British Beer Festival** and the **Good Beer Guide**. It promotes 'current' campaigns such as national pubs week, pub preservation and heritage and national mild day. Comprehensive with lots of links and you can even join online!

Individual branches which campaign at a local level can be found using the '**CAMRA near you**' link which lists branches all over the country. The website for our branch area can be found under '**Central Southern**' and then '**Aylesbury Vale & Wycombe**'. Ideally if you're interested in participating in branch activities then contact your local branch site for further details.

Our branch area has a number of breweries. Most have websites with the content varying

wildly depending on how they wish to promote their business.

The **Vale Brewery** in Haddenham can be found at www.valebrewery.co.uk. This site lists the breweries own pubs, their range of beer, beer cost and ordering information.

The **Chiltern Brewery** site at www.chilternbrewery.co.uk is more comprehensive showing its history, an explanation of the brewing process and an online order form which includes all of its range of food products.

The best local brewery website is at www.luxters.co.uk. The **Luxters Brewery** (& winery) in Hambleden is very professionally produced and promotes its beers, wines, its 120 seat restaurant and hospitality events.

If you can ever remember the television series '**Beer Hunter**' some years back then the programme's host Michael Jackson has his own website at www.beerhunter.com. If you have a spare day then take a look it's VERY big! The **Real Beer Company** hosts the website and as a result has an American slant but there is a lot of emphasis on beer all over the world. Learn about the history of brewing and beer styles which are presented in the form of individual write-ups.

Roger Protz, he of **CAMRA** and editor of the **Good Beer Guide** has a site at www.protzonbeer.com which is also hosted by **The Real Beer Company**. This is similar to Michael Jackson's in that each link leads to a series of articles but on a much smaller scale. Interesting to visit for his own views.

A good directory site can be found at www.quaffale.org.uk. It has listings with contact details of breweries, pub groups, pubs and wholesalers. This site is entirely UK based.

For a good range of bottled beers, especially from the UK, Germany and Belgium is the **Pitfield** beer shop. Adjacent to the brewery of the same name it has an online catalogue at www.pitfieldbeershop.co.uk.

A site for the holidays is www.frenchbeer.info. This site lists the breweries by district in France and Wallonia (southern Belgium) and within those districts, bars and their addresses. Also if you like strong tasting Belgian beers try <http://perso.wanadoo.fr/cyril.pagniez/Trappist.htm>.

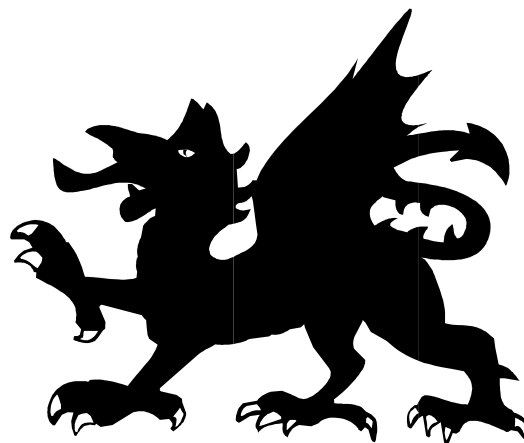
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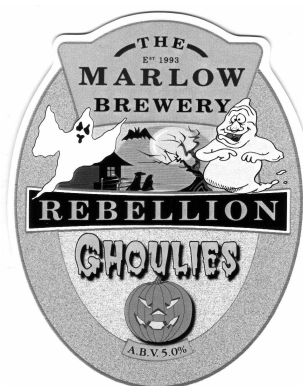
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After the despicable demise of Marlow's sole brewery, *Wethereds*, in 1988 by **hitbread*, the Thameside town was in need of an influx of some quality locally brewed real ale. Cue schoolboy 'muckers' Mark Gloyens and Tim Coombs, instigators and proprietors of the *Rebellion Brewery*.

Opened in 1993 at Unit J on the Rose Industrial Estate in Marlow Bottom, their first brew and flagship beer *IPA* (initially 3.9% ABV, now 3.7) was soon joined later that year

by *Mutiny* (formerly *ESB*, 4.5) and an occasional wheat beer *24 Carat* (4.8)

As the first two beers were being enjoyed in pubs locally, further brews were added to their increasing varied portfolio. *Smuggler* (4.1), a clean fruity reddish brew and personal favourite, completed the trio of permanent beers. With *IPA*, *Smuggler* and *Mutiny* cemented as their stalwart brews, *Rebellion* added seasonal ales *Overdraft Ale* a malty 4.3 offering for January/February, *Zeberdee* (4.7), a light in colour semi-floral 'Spring beer'.

For the summer months *Rebellion Blonde* (formerly *Blonde Bombshell* (4.3)) is a crisp tasting delight while *Rebellion Red* (formerly *Red October* (4.7)) covers autumn with its red hue and tangy overtones to the welcoming connoisseurs palate. Another favourite of yours truly! A stronger 'Winter Warmer' ale (5.0) *Old Codger* appears during the latter months of the year. The Christmas

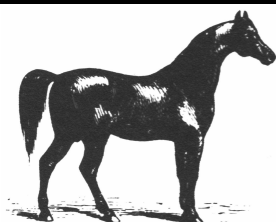
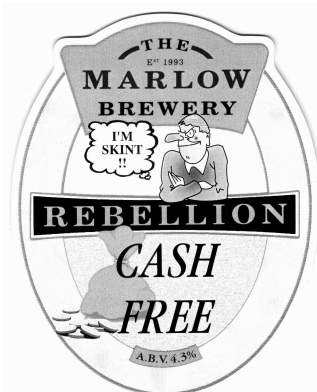
period is merrily served with the now renowned *Roasted Nuts* (4.6), a glorious dark brew that 'snowballs' its fan club every December.

During the mid to late nineties, the *Rebellion Brewery* was in a desperate need to be re-housed in larger premises. While a few local sites were viewed, Bencombe Farm, a few hundred yards away, was selected to be the headquarters for the next phase of this expanding brewery. Renovations were made to the existing farm buildings including a tithe barn, to accommodate the new brewing equipment purchased from various brewery auctions.

Rebellion can now brew up to 200 barrels of beer a week and can offer a more varied range to meet the public's craving for traditional real ale. Further brews have been formulated, monthly specials, one-off brews for certain events on the social and sporting calendar and an award winning vanilla tasting wheat beer christened *Rebellion White* (4.5)

Last year saw a monthly 'drunken range' of twelve brews appearing at selected hostelrys. *Pickled Ghoules* (4.3) and *Half Cut* (4.6) were two of the beers created. The previous year the 'miser range' included *Skinflint* (4.4) and *Freelander* (4.2) to name but two.

Earlier this year *Rebellion* acquired its first pub. The *Three Horseshoes* at Burroughs Grove serves a selection of their beers, one



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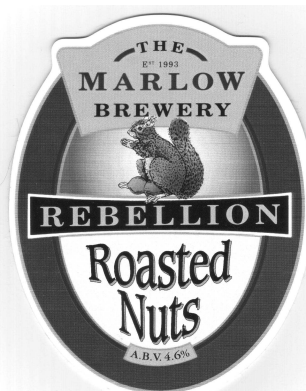
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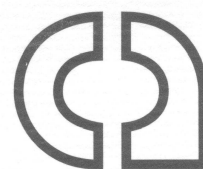
of which is the seasonal brew. The official opening was held recently and *Rebellion* is set to stage another of their popular open weekends again at the brewery over June 21st/22nd.

The beer club is flourishing and is in its second year. Its members enjoy various discounts and brewery tours are held on the first Tuesday of each month. On these tours *Rebellion* real ale may be sampled and an insight into the brewing process gained by talking to the brewer.

Since the dishonourable asset stripping of the famous Henley brewers Brakspear by certain supposed scholars which has robbed the country of one of its favourite breweries and made a parody of hundreds of years of heritage, *Rebellion* has gone a long way to bridging the void left by *Brakspear* and *Wethered* which are now but a memory.

To mark the tenth anniversary of *Rebellion*, *X Ale* (4.3) was brewed to commemorate this local brewery which has grown steadily thanks to some collective acumen, has looked after its loyal clientele and brewed some cracking ales to boot! Let us hope the next decade is as productive as the last decade has been. Well done and I'm off to the pub for a *Rebellion Skinfull* (4.2)

'Thomas Wethered'



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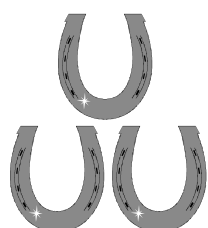


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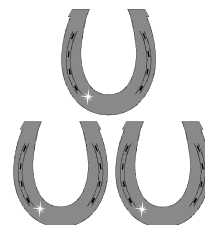
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Pop superstar Madonna's love for British real ale announced on 'Tonight with Jonathan Ross' in May has sparked off a wave of interest in Britain's traditional drink with widespread media coverage including Sara Cox's Radio 1 Breakfast show.

Mike Benner, Head of Campaigns and Communications said, 'Real ale's become the trendiest drink in Britain almost overnight! **CAMRA** has been working hard to attract younger people and women to try real ale with campaigns such as '*Hale Ninkasi, the Goddess of Beer*' launched in August last year, but when a trend setting icon like Madonna backs real ale, the World listens. I think this will make a genuine difference to sales of real ale and will hopefully prompt younger and female drinkers to give it a go.'

Research carried out by **CAMRA** in 2002 shows that most women don't drink real ale.

* Over one fifth (22%) of women don't drink real cask ale because it isn't promoted to them

* 17% of women think it is 'old fashioned'

* 29% don't try it because their friends don't drink it

* 17% think it will make them fat!

Mike Benner said, 'It's clear from our ongoing research that British women don't feel that real ale is promoted to them by brewers and they see it as old fashioned. Our *Hale Ninkasi* campaign has had an impact and the percentage of women who have tried real ale has increased from 23% in July 2002 to 27% in December. A quarter of **CAMRA** members are women and our new national chairman is also female. I'm confident that Madonna's love for real beer will further help it to shake off its flat cap image and stamp out the myth that beer is fattening - it

contains no fat!'

There are about 2,500 different real ales brewed in the UK compared to a handful of nationally brewed and heavily marketed lagers. **CAMRA** is urging pubs and brewers across the land to make the most of this opportunity to attract new drinkers through special promotions for real ale in pubs.

Mike Benner added, 'Real ale brewers are having a better time than they've had for years and Madonna's ground breaking plug for this unique and traditional product will help bring real ale's image bang up to date.'

CAMRA has invited Madonna, Jonathan Ross and Sara Cox to be judges at the *Champion Beer of Britain Competition* which takes place at the *Great British Beer Festival* (5th - 9th August) - the biggest pub in the World - on Tuesday 5th August at London Olympia.



Friday, 8th August, 12 noon-10.30pm, £6 (**CAMRA** members £5)

Saturday 9th August, 11am-7pm, £5 (**CAMRA** members £4)

Season tickets also available for all sessions, £17.50 (**CAMRA** members £15)

GBBF Competition

To have the chance of winning one of three pairs of tickets for the Trade Session (Tuesday Afternoon) and be present for the presentation of the CAMRA BEER OF THE YEAR just write to the editor (details on the back page) and give the name of Madonna's first UK Number 1.

GBBF Prices & Dates

Tuesday 5th August, 5pm-10.30pm, £6 (**CAMRA** members £5)

Wednesday 6th August, 12 noon-10.30pm, £6 (**CAMRA** members £5)

Thursday 7th August, 12 noon-10.30pm, £6 (**CAMRA** members £5)

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VILLAGE WASP STINGS DEVELOPER

WASP (Westcott Against Swan Planning) is flying to save the **White Swan** in Westcott. The group is composed of villagers that have come together to save their local pub from being demolished and re-developed.

Susan Raynor who lives in Westcott (near Waddesdon), is spearheading the campaign to save this local amenity. The **White Swan** has been a part of the village since it was built in 1934. Its garden and the barn to the rear have been regularly used over the years for village fetes etc., making the pub an important local community asset.

The previous landlord of 26 years, Phil Conway, eventually retired last spring, raising a question mark over the future of the pub. **Greene King** (the owners at that time) installed a temporary tenant with the intention of selling the pub in a lot of forty. **Punch Taverns** then purchased this in the autumn retaining the temporary tenant. After a short while the new landlord went bankrupt due to previous business problems, and the place has remained closed ever since without proper explanation.

In February, Sue contacted **Punch Taverns** to enquire about its future and the possibility of purchasing the pub. She was told that negotiations with developer Lea Plane were well advanced and only an offer for a similar amount would be of interest. Knowing that the Land Registry document showed the pub had been sold to **Punch Taverns** for at least half this amount, she asked if they would wait to let her first view the property and raise funding before making an offer, however the request was flatly refused.

Sue pointed out to **Punch Taverns** that this pub is the centre of the village community, given its location and the fact that other amenities such as the post office and village shop have disappeared over recent years. As



such any developer would be hard pressed to obtain the necessary planning permission. However she was told that the developers were prepared to purchase despite this and bide their time to realise their profits.

Knowing that the loss of this last village amenity would be against Council & Government Policy, Sue now contacted the Council's planning office, and discovered that a full planning application to demolish the pub and build seven houses, had just been received from Lea Plane Limited.

By now Sue had gained the support of several other villagers and so the 'Westcott Against Swan Planning' group was formed to oppose the development and re-open the pub. 'WASP's intention is to sting any developer who attempts to suck the life blood from our village, we simply refuse to let these developers line their pockets at the expense of our community.'

WASP then set about mounting the campaign, an information sheet and an example letter of objection, was delivered to every household in the village, and also interested locals in neighbouring villages. As a result the Local Planning Office received ninety-eight letters of objection, many of

which were hand written, including two from local councillors. The case will now come before the Development Planning Committee in the near future.

Publicity was then arranged with the local Bucks Herald newspaper. The paper obtained a statement from **Punch Taverns**, who claimed the pub had in fact now been sold to the developers. Suspecting the developers probably had just an option to purchase pending planning consent, WASP contacted **Punch Taverns** again to investigate. Four days later **Punch Taverns** confirmed that the pub had been sold, however WASP found that just hours before this, a caution was placed upon the Land Registry file to stop anyone checking this.

WASP now obtained a copy of the planning application and enlisted the help of an Architect and Planning Consultant to examine the technical aspects of the case. In their professional opinion the planning should be rejected outright, regardless of local opposition, so WASP have a strong case. Sue now plans to speak along with local councillor John Cartwright at the Development Planning Committee.

The Parish Council are in full support, and Local MP John Bercow has written to the Local Council in support of the campaign.

WASP's efforts may indeed bear fruit! The latest news is that the developer's planning agents have now asked to meet with WASP and its advisors to discuss the issue. It shows how much work has to be done to save what is an essential village amenity. We will keep you up to date with progress *Swan Supping*, meanwhile, if you would like to support WASP please do contact Sue Raynor on 01296 658881.



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A TOWN THROUGH ITS PUBS



On Friday May 16, James Rattue of Wycombe Museum gave a talk entitled 'A Town Through its Pubs', at the Reggie Goves Centre in High Wycombe.

High Wycombe's position, half way between London and Oxford has always guaranteed a good number of travellers in need of rest and refreshment.

An engraving of 1778 shows nine pubs in the High Street; the **Three Tuns** (now the **Hobgoblin**), the **Maidenhead**, the **Catherine Wheel**, the **George Inn**, the **Falcon** (still here), the **Antelope**, the **Red Lion** (Woolworths), the **Cross Keys** and the **Wheatsheaf**.

The pubs served many purposes. Groups such as the Turnpike Commissioners and The Almshouse Trustees would meet there, and, in 1799, Sandhurst Military College was founded in the **Antelope** (High St.).

In 1723, a by-election was held in the **George Inn**, but the result was annulled when it was discovered that the landlord was the agent for the successful candidate!

In 1830, the **Beer House Act** was passed, giving anyone the right to open a beer house for two guineas (£2.10). This was an attempt to stem the tide of social ills caused by excessive gin drinking. The number of pubs in Wycombe doubled in 15 years, and continued increasing. Even the coming of the railway did not affect the situation, as pubs with names such as the **Porters Arms** and the **Steam Engine** were built east of the town.

The late 19th century brought a moral backlash against alcohol, and a beer tax was levied to help support education, and this funded Wycombe's School of Art and Technology. The number of pubs began to decline after World War One.

By 1930, **Whealers**, the large town centre brewery had closed, and several of the old pubs were demolished due to redevelopment, and re-built on the fringes of the town, to serve the new estates. These included the **Black Boy** (now the **Terriers**) and the **Half Moon**.

There are now around nine pubs in the town centre.

The talk will now be available as part of Wycombe Museum's range of local history talks and slide lectures that are offered to adult groups in the Wycombe District and

surrounding local area. To find out more details about making a group visit to Wycombe Museum or about staff visiting your group to provide a talk or slide lecture, please contact the Museum on 01494 421895 or visit their website at www.wycombe.gov.uk/museum.

Wycombe Museum is located on Priory Avenue in High Wycombe and is open Monday – Saturday 10 a.m.- 5 p.m., Sunday 2p.m.-5p.m., closed on Bank Holidays. Admission to the Museum is free.

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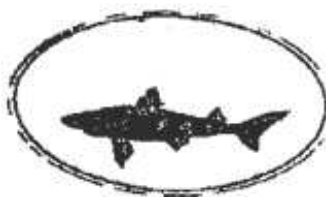
Bottled beer enthusiasts are in for a challenge with a new drinking phenomenon about to come from America.

Following the popularity of extreme sports, youngsters in the States are now turning to the concept of extreme beer and the world's strongest ale.

Dogfish Head World Wide Stout weighs in at an amazing 23% ABV which is the same alcohol level as some spirits.

It is brewed by Sam Calagione in tiny vats behind his restaurant in Milton, Delaware, who uses a secret combination of six yeast strains, including English ale yeast and champagne yeast to make *Dogfish Head*, which is fermented for seven months.

He does not like the U.S. mainstream brands because they pad out their hops with cheaper ingredients such as rice and corn and add chemicals, with the unintended side effect of encouraging hangovers.



Dogfish Head World Wide Stout will go on sale in Safeway's supermarkets for £6 for a third of a litre. While you are at the check out you can consider that normally a 'strong' beer is about 8% ABV with the average pub beer at a mere 4%!

Good Beer Guide editor Roger Protz has been reported in the Sun as saying: 'If you drink too much of this stuff you won't just drop down drunk, you could drop down dead. It should be sold in smaller quantities.'

Strict laws dating back to the Prohibition era prevent the beer being advertised in the States as the world's strongest, however its brewer hopes there will be no such problem in Britain.

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NATIONAL NEWS

**Beer Tax rise will hit
consumers and will not
increase Treasury
revenues**

CAMRA hit out at the penny increase in excise duty on a pint of beer announced in the latest budget.

Mike Benner, Head of Campaigns and Communications said, 'We understand that the Government needs to raise extra cash in this Budget, but increasing beer duty is a flawed strategy. As people only have so much cash to spend in pubs and bars, increasing duty reduces average consumption which in turn reduces revenues from beer duty. This increase is a blow for consumers after freezes in the last two budgets indicated a more sensible approach from the Government.'

CAMRA welcomed the freeze on cider duty which follows a small reduction in last year's budget.

**Summers and Hartland
win Gold at the Cider
and Perry of the Year
competition**

Summers' and Hartland's Farmhouse, both breweries based in Gloucestershire, won Gold Awards at this year's 'Cider and Perry of the Year' competition.

The full results were:

CIDER

GOLD - *Summers' Medium*, Gloucestershire
 SILVER - *Gwynt y Ddraig Medium*, Glamorgan
 BRONZE - *Hecks Hangdown*, Somerset

PERRY

GOLD - *Hartland's Sweet*, Gloucestershire
 SILVER - *Double Vision Perry*, Kent
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Local News

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LITTLE KINGSHILL

Our apologies to the new landlord, John Slade, at the **Full Moon** as we mentioned the change there under **Great Kingshill**. Despite this, there will be a beer festival at the pub in June, following the ones held by previous landlord, Alan Sandall.

MARLOW

New Honeywell Smoke purifiers have been installed in the **Carpenters Arms**.

The **Marlow Donkey** has a new manager, but no real ale at present.

STOKENCHURCH

The **Kings Arms** is up for sale.

WENDOVER

Landlady Pat Gower has just celebrated forty years at the **Pack Horse**. In these days of changes of management every five minutes, this is a remarkable achievement and we send her our heartfelt congratulations.

The **Red Lion** held another of their 'hush hush' beer festivals over the Easter weekend. If only they would tell people in advance then we might

get some details out to our branch imbibers. There were twelve barrels listed on the hymn sheet (plus the six handpumps on the bar) and these were available in a shed in the yard. All were from micros including **Hart**, **Belvoir**, **Chatham Dockyard** and **Buntingford Breweries**. The regulars on the bar are always **Tring Special** plus recently **Tring Fiddler George** (4.2%) plus always one from the **Mauldons** stable. **Black Adder** and **White Adder** (both 5.2%) passed in a bit of a haze and **Pegotties Porter** was nice.

WEST WYCOMBE

The ale at the **George & Dragon** is up for sale as the current tenants are hoping to leave for Somerset.

There has been a lot of work done at the **Plough** and it is hoped that it will be reopening as a pub in early June and the landlord is expected to be from the **Red Lion**, Bradenham. We will try and get full details for our next issue.

WHEELER END COMMON

The **Chequers** has passed its first **Cask Marque** inspection.



Beer Festival Diary

JUNE

5-7 (Thu-Sat): 7TH SOUTHAMPTON BEER FESTIVAL, Guildhall, West Marlands Rd, Southampton, (5 minutes walk from Southampton Central Station).
6-7 (Fri-Sat): The 9th Rare Breeds Beer Festival, Rare Breeds Centre, Woodchurch, Kent.
9-14 (Mon-Sat): THURROCK BEER FESTIVAL at Thurrock Civic Hall, Blackshots Lane, Grays, Essex.
12-15 (Thu-Sun): DONCASTER BEEREX 2003, Exhibition Ctr, Doncaster Racecourse.
13-15 (Fri-Sun): LOUTH BEER FESTIVAL, Louth Town Hall.
18-21 (Wed-Sat): ACCRINGTON BEER FESTIVAL, The Town Hall, Accrington (5 minutes from Bus and Railway Stations).
18-21 (Wed-Sat): 11TH CATFORD BEER FESTIVAL, The Broadway Theatre, Rushey Green, Catford, London, SE6.
19-21 (Thu-Sat): SCOTTISH TRADITIONAL BEER FESTIVAL, Assembly Rooms, 54 George St, Edinburgh.
27-28 (Fri-Sat): 4TH KINGSTON BEER FESTIVAL, Surrey County Staff Club, Penrhyn Rd, Kingston upon Thames (near Crown Court and County Hall), buses 71, 281, 406, 418, 465, K2 and K3 pass door; 15 minutes walk from Kingston or Surbiton Railway Stations.
27-28 (Fri-Sat): 7TH SOUTHDOWNS BEER AND CIDER FESTIVAL, The Old Corn and Hop Exchange, Lewes Town Hall, Lewes, East Sussex, (approx 5 minutes from Lewes Station).

JULY

5 (Sat): 5TH DEVIZES BEER FESTIVAL, The Wharf, Devizes, Wiltshire.
9-13 (Wed-Sun): 26TH DERBY CAMRA BEER FESTIVAL, Assembly Rooms, Market Place, Derby, (5 minutes Bus Station, 20 minutes Railway Station).
11-13 (Fri-Sun): CAMRA WOODCOTE FESTIVAL OF ALES, Tidmore Lane, Woodcote, Oxfordshire.
15-19 (Tue-Sat): CHELMSFORD BEER FESTIVAL 2003, in the Sports Hall at the Anglia Polytechnic University, Park Road, Chelmsford (2 minutes from BR + bus stations).
18-20 (Fri-Sun): 1st BROMSGROVE BEER FESTIVAL, Bromsgrove Rugby Club, Finstall, Bromsgrove (10 minutes walk from Bromsgrove Station).
24-26 (Thu-Sat): 29th KENT BEER FESTIVAL, in the cowshed at Merton Farm, Merton Lane, Canterbury.
25-27 (Fri-Sun): 27TH COTSWOLD BEER FESTIVAL, Postlip Hall, near Winchcombe, Glos.
25-27 (Fri-Sun): TROUBLE AT T'MILL BIKE RALLY, Etruria Industrial Museum, Stoke-on-Trent.



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Branch Diary

Everybody welcome to all socials and meetings!

JUNE

Wednesday 4th BRANCH MEETING

8:30pm Dashwood Arms, Piddington, near West Wycombe.

Wednesday 11th, PUB OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION

8:30pm Stag & Huntsman, Hambleden.

Wednesday 18th MARSH GIBBON & POUNDON SOCIAL

8:45pm Greyhound, 9:30pm Plough, 10:15pm Sow & Pigs.

Tuesday 24th BRANCH SOCIAL

9:15pm Harrow, Hughenden Valley

Saturday 28th BLACK COUNTRY COACH TRIP

Pickups at Birtton 9.45am, then Aylesbury, Risborough, Wycombe, Stokenchurch. A few places left @ £20. Call Tony Gabriel (01494 527884)

JULY

Friday 4th THAME PUB CRAWL

Starts 7:00pm at the Six Bells, then Rising Sun, Birdcage, Abingdon Arms, Old Nags Head and the Swan

Tuesday 8th BRANCH MEETING

8:30pm Swan, Great Kimble

Monday 14th SHABBINGTON & ICKFORD SOCIAL

8:30pm Old Fisherman, 9:30pm Royal Oak, 10:15pm Rising Sun

Friday 18th LITTLE MARLOW TWO-PUB SOCIAL

9:00pm Kings Head, 10:00pm Queens Head

Tuesday 22nd TWYFORD & GRENDON UNDERWOOD SOCIAL

9:00pm Seven Stars, 10:00pm Swan

Tuesday 29th ASTON ROWANT, KINGSTON BLOUNT & CROWELL

8:30pm Lambert Arms, 9:15pm Cherry Tree, 10:00pm Shepherds Crook

AUGUST

Tuesday 5th-Saturday 9th GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL

Olympia - Branch Social planned for Thursday night - see website for details.

OCTOBER

Friday 31st - Saturday 1st 10TH AYLESBURY BEER FESTIVAL

Eskdale Road Community Centre, Stoke Mandeville

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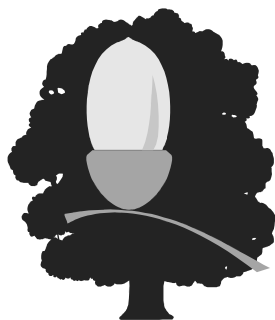
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