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FIRST WOMAN CHAIRMAN FOR CAMRA!



Paula Waters will become the first ever female Chairman of CAMRA, on April 13th.

Paula, aged 44, has been active in CAMRA since the early 1980s when she first developed a taste for beer.

'When I reached pub going age in the late seventies my Pomaine and Martini drinking friends were amused by my preference for *Vaux Double Maxim*. My taste for decent beers has grown over the years and most of my female friends also drink it now!', said Paula.

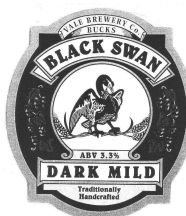
'CAMRA's recent research shows that most women don't drink beer. One of my biggest ambitions as Chairman will be to convince them to try it and realise that the diversity of tastes available leaves wine in the shadows.'



Paula was born in Seaham, County Durham and is married to Tony, with one child, James, aged five. Paula is a graduate in Textile Science & Technology from the University of Bradford and recently attained a Law Diploma from the University of Wolverhampton. She is currently enjoying her professional career as a Teacher of Design & Technology in Shropshire, where she moved in 1991.

Paula has played many roles in CAMRA since the early 1980s including Chairman of CAMRA Books, Organiser of the *Great British Beer Festival*, Regional Director for the North West and Vice Chairman of the Campaign since 2000.

Paula said, 'I'm very much looking forward to taking the helm at CAMRA. I would like to thank the current Chairman, Dave Goodwin, for his support and for leaving the Campaign in such great shape. CAMRA is facing many challenges over the coming years including establishing real ale as Britain's favourite pub drink and convincing the Government to act to improve competition and consumer choice in beer and pubs. CAMRA's army of 67,000 members is the voice for British beer drinkers and I am honoured to be their Chairman.'



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Local News



ASTON ABBOTTS

The Bull & Butcher closed on the 13th March and is currently boarded up pending redevelopment. Several houses are planned to the rear of the car park with the pub itself being converted into apartments.

ASTON CLINTON

The Oak is planning to hold their annual beer festival from Thursday 10th July through to Sunday 13th. Full details next issue.

AYLESBURY

Andy Phipps has taken over at the **Britannia**. It is his first pub, so we wish him all the best for his new career!

Greta and Keith Kent have finally taken over the tenancy at the **Emperor Inn**. Regular readers of this column will have seen many changes, proposed changes and promises for this pub, so we hope that things will now settle down there and allow the pub to develop. They are currently serving *Brakspears Bitter* and *Special*.

There is to be a new person in charge at the **Hobgoblin** as Mark Adams is due to leave at the end of March. He is moving to the Plymouth area and

may be taking over a pub called the **Back Street Trader**. More news on this, and his replacement, in our next issue.

The **Kings Head** is planning a summer beer festival. It is proposed that it will be held over the first weekend in July. More details next issue!

The **Market Tavern** has reopened after being refurbished. The upstairs room has been opened which allows you to watch the market at work while you enjoy a pint of *Adnams Bitter* (that was the only beer they had on when visited, although they do plan to have two beers). The pub is currently open from 7.30AM to 11pm from Monday to Saturday, but is currently closed on Sunday. They are now serving both breakfasts and lunches, with the possibility of evening meals in the future.

Colin Beland now has the tenancy of the **Rockwood** directly from *Punch Taverns*, as there is no longer an intermediary company in *Lion Inns*.

BIERTON

St Georges Day will be celebrated at the Bell on Wednesday 23rd April. The event will have a definite traditional English theme and a late

licence has been applied for. Hopefully support for this event will make it an annual event.

BURROUGHS GROVE

Rebellion Beer Company's first pub the **Three Horseshoes** opened its doors in late February after some rapid renovations. The new licensee is Nigel Teesdale, previously the cellarman at the **Blackwood Arms**, Littleworth Common. The official opening was held on Friday 14th March where the full range of their six ales were on offer. We wish them well on their new venture.

CADMORE END

Gravity dispensed ales are the order of the day at the **Old Ship**. *Cottage Wicked Hound*, *West Berkshire Maggs Magnificent Mild* and *Youngs Special* have all been imbibed, amongst others, at a recent social here.

CHINNOR

The **Bird in Hand** has a sign hanging outside saying 'Morland House - Managed Offices'.

GREAT KINGSHILL

As briefly mentioned last issue, Alan Sandall has left the **Full Moon**. The new landlord is John Slade who took

over on 10th February. He is new to the trade, but intends to keep things very much as they were.

HUGHENDEN VALLEY

The sole village local, the **Harrow**, owned by *Scottish Courage* are serving a rotating guest beer every four days or so, alongside *Courage Best* and *Brakspear Bitter*. Recent offerings include *Everards Perfick* and *Theakston Hogshead*. Others are to follow throughout the year.

ICKFORD

In our last issue we included the **Royal Oak** in the list of 'Pubs Under Threat'. We did, of course, mean the **Royal Oak** in **OAKLEY!** Our profound apologies for any inconvenience!

MARLOW

New licensees Cedric and Elaine Booles of the **Carpenters Arms** have introduced an alternating beer from the *Greene King* portfolio, to accompany the resident *IPA* and *Abbot Ale*. First stablemate at the handpumps was the *XX Mild*. More soon!

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TRIUMPH FOR THE CARPENTERS

The **Carpenters Arms**, Stewkley, has won the *Aylesbury Vale Village Pub Competition* for 2003.

It is run by Ian Young and Paula Bratton Young who took over the pub on Halloween



in 2001. They had no experience so they started from cold and had to learn the trade as they went along.

Ian was previously an operations manager for a car firm and Paula used to work at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. However, they were regular drinkers at the pub and thought that they knew what would be the best way to run it.

When they took over, they spent a lot of money on changing the interior around, getting rid of the pool table and redecorating throughout. They now do the cooking themselves, and have a restaurant with eighteen non-smoking covers, and 10 smoking. They cater for all tastes including Gluten free and vegetarian (Paula is a vegetarian herself).

The pub has a garden with a children's play area, and a car park.

They have three real ales. *Brakspear's Bitter* and *Fullers London Pride* are the staple diet and they always have one guest ale. They were awarded the *Cask Marque* in November 2002 and sell take away draught beer.

Ian and Paula's main philosophy is to run the



pub just as they would like it to be if they were coming in as customers themselves, and this attitude has brought much deserved success!

Councillor Maureen Payne, who chaired the panel of judges for the competition explained why the judges were so impressed 'One of the most important aspects of a village pub is the welcome it gives to visitors and all of the judges were impressed with the warmth of the welcome given at the **Carpenters Arms**. The pub appeared spotless, is clearly popular with the residents of Stewkley. It offers information on a range of village activities

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PUB COMPETITION

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and the inclusion of a smoke free area in the restaurant also impressed the judges.'

For winning, the **Carpenters Arms** won a hand crafted trophy from the Gladstone Pottery in Stoke, a free internet site and extensive local publicity from *Mix 96* and the *Bucks Herald*, the competition's co-sponsors.

The runners up in the competition were the **Seven Stars**, Dinton, and third place went to the **Wheatsheaf Inn**, Maids Moreton. In addition, a special award for continued excellence went to the **Bell**, Chearsley, who have won the competition twice in the past.

Other short listed pubs, which will feature on the District Council's website and in a guide of recommended pubs in the Aylesbury Vale area include:- **The Green Dragon**, Haddenham; **The Oak**, Aston Clinton; **Five Elms**, Weedon; **Crooked Billet**, Newton Longville; **Rose & Crown**, Wingrave; **Cuckoo's Nest**, Gawcott; **Old Thatch**, Adstock; **Bell Inn**, North Marston; **George & Dragon**, Quainton.

Previous winning pubs have benefited through the increased trade generated by the publicity from the competition.

The competition was initially set up in commemoration of Councillor Ted Payne, who was a great champion of the role village pubs played in community life.

The pubs are judged on a number of criteria including the range of community services offered, the quality of food & drink available, the range of activities and events hosted, friendliness of welcome and the overall appearance of the premises.

COUNTRYSIDE FULLERS!



We are all used to seeing new town-centre pubs being opened, but not many new ones are created out in the countryside!

One such is the **Grove Lock** (pictured above) between Leighton Buzzard and Ledburn. Slightly outside the area covered by *Swan Supping*, it falls inside the area covered by the *Mid Chilterns* branch of *CAMRA*. It is just in Buckinghamshire, but no doubt most of its custom will come from Leighton Buzzard in Bedfordshire.

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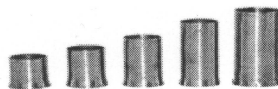
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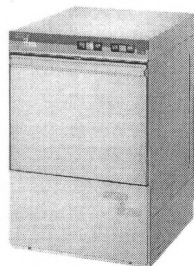


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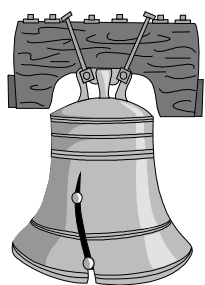
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NATIONAL PUB OF THE YEAR

The **Swan**, Little Totham, Essex was named **CAMRA's 'National Pub of the Year'** in the same week as the launch of their first ever '**National Pubs Week**'.

The *Good Beer Guide 2003* describes the Essex winner as a 'Delightful Grade II listed cottage pub set behind a pleasant garden. A good selection of beers includes a house ale from **Mighty Oak**. Essex **CAMRA** pub of the Year 2000 and 2001, the cosy saloon, with its low ceiling and beams is

complemented by a traditional public bar with a 1950s bar billiards table. The new dining room offers good value meals. The hub of the village, it supports many local activities.'

At the presentation of the award, overjoyed licensee John Pascoe said 'Today I am the happiest publican in the industry. To be awarded the highest accolade by **CAMRA** has been my aim since buying the pub in 1996. My thanks to all the villagers in Little



Totham for supporting the **Swan** and making sure of its future. I would also like to thank Dengie **CAMRA** branch for their confidence in the **Swan**, all our staff for their hard work, and all of our regulars for their support.'

Tony Jerome, **CAMRA's** Press Manager said 'On behalf of the Campaign for Real Ale I would like to congratulate the **Swan** and John and Valerie Pascoe on winning **CAMRA's National Pub of the Year** award. This award not only considers beer quality

but also atmosphere, campaigning, service & welcome, community focus, style/décor and value for money. The key to their success is they excel in all of these areas.'

Mr Jerome continued 'The **Swan** is an ideal example of a pub that markets itself to its local area, offering its local community a pub that suits their needs. **National Pubs Week** has been designed to encourage more pubs across Britain to follow suit. If we are to reduce pub closures then pubs have got to learn to be more proactive and find

out what their locals want from a pub. Over 15,000 pubs have come on board with **National Pubs Week** and **CAMRA** hope that all of the British pub industry will benefit from this new campaign.'

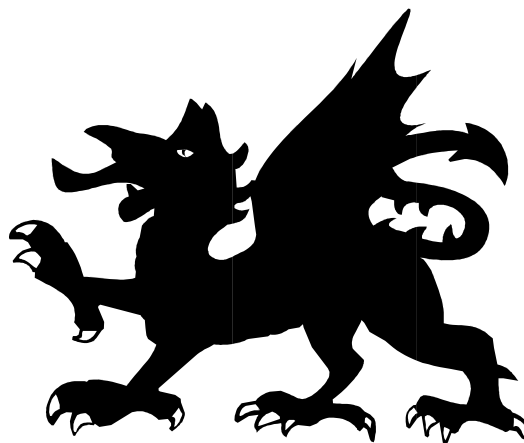
The runners-up in the competition were the **Albert**, Freuchie, Fife, Scotland; **Plough & Harrow**, Monknash, Gwent, Wales and the **Railway**, Stockport, Cheshire

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A CRAWL AROUND SHEFFIELD



The Fat Cat

I have not been drinking in Sheffield for many years so I thought it was about time I paid another visit.

I met my friend Dave who lives in Nottingham at Sheffield Railway Station about 11.30 in the morning and we made our way to the nearby tram stop. We purchased our Day Rover for £2.20 on the tram and went to our first pub of the day, the **Stumble Inn**.

The **Stumble Inn** is a pub in the *CAMRA National Inventory* and although it had several hand pumps, it did not have any real ale connected to them!

As with all *Inventory* pubs the interior was

excellent and it even had a room with a full sized snooker table. Instead of making our excuses and leaving we both had a 'short' before walking back to the tram stop.

Our next port of call was the **Cask & Cutler**, one of Sheffield's best-known real ale pubs and right next to the Shalesmoor tram stop.

The pub also brews on the premises (*Port Mahon* brewery) but due to heavy demand had none left! I tried *Beckstones Strong Beck Ale* and Dave tried *Khean Seamer* which were both new breweries to us.

While at the pub we were able to purchase the 'Real Ale Guide to Sheffield' that had just been published.

Just a five-minute walk down the road from the **Cask & Cutler** is the **Fat Cat**, which is the Brewery Tap of the nearby *Kelham Island* brewery. Luckily this is a bigger operation than the *Port Mahon* brewery and they had several of their beers on. I tried one of my favourites, which is the *Pale Rider*, and Dave had the *Irish Traditional Bitter* that had been brewed for St. Patrick's Day.

No more than a hundred yards from the **Fat Cat** was the **Kelham Island Tavern**, a pub that had been closed for three years, but a year ago was reopened and now holds its

own with both the **Cask & Cutler** and the **Fat Cat**.

Here I had another of my favourite beers, *Abbydale Last Rites* which weighs in at 11%. I only had a half but it was enough to blow my socks off. Dave was less adventurous and had *Brown Cow How Now* at about 4%.

As you can see from the above directions there are three superb pubs within a few hundred yards of each other.

At about 16.00 we wove our way back to the Shalesmoor tram stop and went off to the **Bath Hotel** which is accessible from the



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This is another **CAMRA Inventory** pub and had just been carefully refurbished without changing any of the original features. We both had the **Abbeydale Moonshine** which was excellent This used to be a **Tetley Heritage** pub but on speaking to the landlord we found it was now a free house hence the **Abbeydale**.

Just a few minutes walk from the **Bath Hotel** was the last pub of the day, the **Devonshire Cat**. A new pub built in 2001 and sister pub to the **Fat Cat**.

This pub had the largest selection of beers out of all the pubs visited; ten on handpump plus two on gravity, three ciders and an extensive selection of Belgium beers. I went for a 9% Belgium beer and Dave went for **Wylam Bohemia**.

We then caught the tram from the



Devonshire Cat

West Street stop back to the station for the 18.20 back home.

All the pubs and beer were excellent and all within a few minutes walk of a tram stop. There are still several notable pubs we did not do so another visit is essential.

Dick Moore

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Letters



With all of the bad news of last year, highlighting pubs and breweries closing, I thought that a real ale success story would be a welcome addition to *Swan Supping*.

A few members of **St Johns Social Club** in Stone were mulling over a pint of *Greene King Fizz*, the fact that you could not buy a decent pint of Real Ale in the club.

It was decided there and then that a 'Research committee' should gather and attend the Annual *Dayla* Trade Day. We 'researched' until we found logical speech and coherence impossible, and reported our findings back to the Club Committee on the following Sunday (We had sobered up by then).

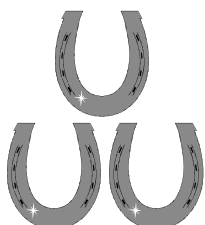
I must add that all of the people that we spoke to at the Trade Day were extremely helpful and knowledgeable about their products, and maybe their enthusiasm finally swung our decision.

In principle it was decided that real ale should be made available to the club members, despite some apprehension about shelf life and turnover, and that maybe a 30 pint polypin could be brought in to 'test the water'.

It was at this point that our formidable Chairman, Dave Cooke, stepped in and stated that if we were going to try something, let's go for it in style, and a meeting was arranged with *Dayla*.

The following Tuesday a hush descended over the club, as a hand pump was fitted to the bar and a 9 gall cask of *Batemans XB* was lovingly placed into our cellar and prepared by our barman Ray, to be ready for the Friday night.

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Friday came and the first pint was pulled by Christine, and carefully placed onto a red velvet cushion, as an expectant crowd watched for the expression on our Chairman's face. A broad smile appeared and the beer was declared as excellent, so excellent in fact that all 72 pints had been consumed by 8.00 pm on the Sunday.

It was then that things turned nasty and individuals were asked to account for how many pints that they had drunk, and members were accused of drinking more than their fair share. Things soon calmed down as the members were placated by the knowledge that two casks would be purchased for the following week.

We are now regularly turning over two 9 Gallon casks of *Batemans XB* per week, with *Ruddles County* as our first Guest Beer appearing in the near future. At last a success story for Real Ale in Bucks!

Geoff Dawson,

Trustee,

St Johns Sports and Social Club,

Oxford Road,

Stone

(Many thanks for that good news! Stone has had more than its share of the opposite with the closure and demolition of the County Arms. Please keep up the good work and perhaps we can arrange a Branch Social in the village and include your club as part of the evening's itinerary. - Ed)

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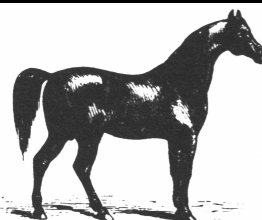
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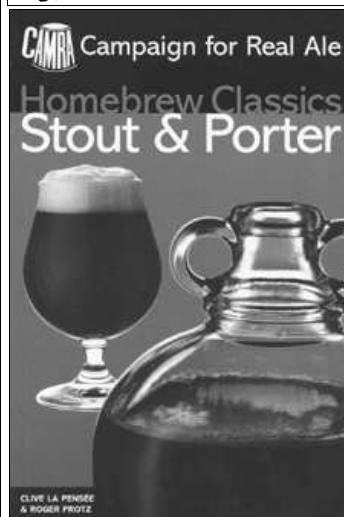
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Onion Bhaji, Sheek Kebab,
Aloo Vora, Chicken Tikka
Massalla, Lamb Rogon,
Bombay Aloo, Channa
Massalla, Pillau Rice,
Nan and Green Salad

Adult £ 7.50

Child (under 12) £ 4.50

Book Reviews



selling *Good Beer Guide*, Roger Protz, '*Homebrew Classics - Stout & Porter*' explores the streets of Dublin where stout was born and travels to London to establish the beginnings of porter.

'I hope it is a historical contribution as I have tried to put stout and porter into their historical context,' says Clive La Pensée. 'How can we understand the beer if we ignore the people and their reason for doing it?'

Historical observations are supported with extracts from stout drinkers James Joyce and Flann O'Brien, exploring how brewing styles have developed as part of the country's tradition and culture.

CAMRA tried to encourage everyone to try a pint of cask-conditioned stout this St Patrick's Day.

Roger Protz adds, "The importance of the new **CAMRA Homebrew Classics** title is that it

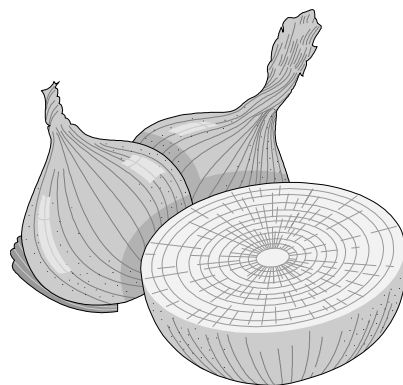
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To celebrate St Patrick's Day on 17th March, **CAMRA** launched a new book detailing the history of stout and porter as part of its campaign to encourage the drinking of the real cask-conditioned variety, rather than the better known brands.

Written by historian and home brew enthusiast Clive La Pensée, and the author of **CAMRA**'s best-

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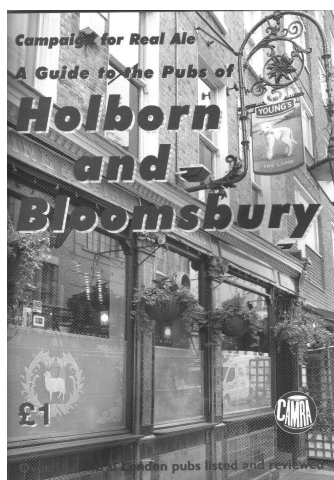
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not only tells the fascinating story of porter and stout but enables both homebrewers and craft brewers to fashion versions of the beers using Clive La Pensee's recipes."

Published by CAMRA books priced at £8.99, it is the latest addition in the 'Homebrew Classics' series which includes titles for India Pale Ale, Lager, Mild, Bitter and other famous beer styles. To order a copy please call 01727 867201 or contact the editor (details elsewhere in this issue).



Also of note to people who go to London on a regular basis is a new guide from the *North London Branch of CAMRA*.

Only costing a pound, the *Guide to the pubs of Holborn and Bloomsbury* covers around fifty pubs in that area.

Sponsored by *Youngs Brewery*, it has a very nice cover and the main photographs are very good.

However, it badly needs a map of the area to be included, or is it assumed that everyone has a copy of the London A-Z, and the main text on the pubs could do with breaking up with some small pub pictures or illustrations.

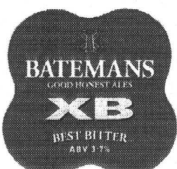
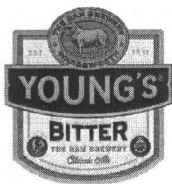
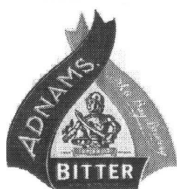
This guide is available from *CAMRA HQ* or can be picked up at a beer festival (as I did!!).

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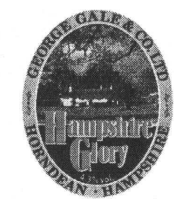
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Black Country Trip

We are once again holding our annual coach trip to the Black Country and the date has been set for **Saturday 28th June**.



We will be visiting all the old favourite pubs, so the usual great time will be had by the regulars! If you haven't been along on the trip before, you are severely missing out, so sign up today!

Pickups (and dropdowns in reverse order) will be made from Berton, Aylesbury, High Wycombe and Stokenchurch.

The number of tickets will be limited to 35 to allow reasonable serving times in the pubs – **SO BOOK EARLY!**

Although at the time of going to press the price of the trip has not been confirmed, tickets are expected to be £20 each. Tickets and further information can be obtained by ringing **Tony Gabriel** on **01494 527884**.

London Pub Crawl

We are continuing our pub crawl through London on Friday 25th April, starting at 5:30pm at the **Anglesea Arms**, Selwood Terrace SW7. The current plan is to go via the **Black Bird**, Earls Court, **Britannia Tap**, **Warwick Arms** and **Radnor Arms** (all Warwick Road) and end up at the **Britannia**, Allen Street, which has been in every issue of the *Good Beer Guide*.

Please contact the editor (see contact details on the back page) for the latest information, or check out the branch website.

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Local News

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The **Duke of Cambridge** has **Badger Sussex Bitter** to replace the **Brakspear Bitter**. **Rebellion IPA** and **Fullers London Pride** make up the trio of ales.

Novelty **GREEN** beer *Sign of Spring* from the **Stonehenge** brewery has appeared at the **Hogshead** during February and March.

Mill Road watering hole the **Prince of Wales** have four real ales to deliberate over. Stalwart beers **Adnams Bitter**, **Brakspear Bitter** and **Fullers London Pride** are joined by a rotating guest beer from *Rebellion* or an independent brew obtained through the Marlow Bottom brewery. Recent treats included *Nethergate Suffolk County* and *Springhead Bitter*.

MARSWORTH

Although it is outside our branch area, we thought that our readers might be interested in a beer festival at the **Anglers Retreat** from the 3rd to the 6th April. We have received a list of nine beers that should be available. These are *Nethergate Old Growler*, *Brains Dark Mild*, *Tring Sidepocket for a Toad*, *Brewsters Marquis*, *Hart Nemesis*, *Mighty Oak*

Bottoms Up, *Tring Pie Man*, *Frog Island That Old Chesnut* and *Milton Pegasus*.

MEDMENHAM

Vale Brewery *Notley Ale* has been on offer at the **Dog and Badger** of late.

QUAINTON

The **White Hart** and its surrounding land is reputed to have been sold by **Punch Taverns** for £500,000.

WADDESdon

The **Five Arrows** has now received **Cask Marque** accreditation.

WING

The **Dove** is holding a beer festival over the Easter weekend.

WINGRAVE

Current tenants Simon and Linsey are leaving the **Rose and Crown** on 30th April. They have decided to return to Yorkshire to be closer to family and are looking for another pub there. We wish them well in their new venture.

WOOBURN MOOR

The **Falcon** is holding a beer festival over the weekend of 21st/22nd June. They are hoping to have about 20 ales, barbecues, and ska band Zen Baseballbat on the Saturday evening.



Beer Festival Diary

April

- 3-6 (Thu-Sun): 12TH MANSFIELD BEER AND CIDER FESTIVAL, The Mansfield Leisure Centre, Chesterfield Rd South, Mansfield, Notts, (10 mins walk from Mansfield Stn, Robin Hood Line).
- 4-5 (Fri-Sat): COVENTRY CITY BEER FESTIVAL, Coventry City Football Ground, East Stand Mall, Swan Lane, (no 17 or 27 bus from Railway Station, or city centre 7,31,32,33,75 buses from city centre).
- 9-12 (Wed-Sat): 27TH NEWCASTLE BEER FESTIVAL, Students Union, Newcastle University, Kings Walk, Newcastle upon Tyne, (2 mins walk from Haymarket Metro).
- 11-12 (Fri-Sat): CHIPPENHAM BEER FESTIVAL, Studio Hall, Olympiad Leisure Ctr, Chippenham, (5 mins BR & bus Station).
- 16-19 (Wed-Sat): 16TH PAISLEY BEER FESTIVAL, Town Hall, Abbey Close, Paisley, (2 minutes from Gilmour Street Station).
- 23-26 (Wed-Sat): 1ST MALDON BEER FESTIVAL, Town Hall, Market Hill, Maldon, Essex.
- 24-26 (Thu-Sat): 9TH DUNSTABLE BEER FESTIVAL, Dunstable Young Persons Centre (rear of 'Cubes' - formerly Union Bingo), Manchester Place (off High St North), Dunstable.
- 24-26 (Thu-Sat): 5TH FIFE BEER FESTIVAL, GUZZLE 2004, The Rothes Halls, Glenrothes.
- 24-27 (Thu-Sun): 5TH GAINSBOROUGH CAMRA BEER FESTIVAL, The Gateway Club, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

May

- 9-10 (Fri-Sat): 17TH ALLOA BEER FESTIVAL, Town Hall, Alloa.
- 9-10 (Fri-Sat): Macclesfield Beer Festival.
- 15-17 (Thu-Sat): 20TH RUGBY CAMRA BEER FESTIVAL, Thornfield Bowling Club, Rugby (next to the Ken Marriot Leisure Centre).
- 15-17 (Thu-Sat): CHESTER CHARITY BEER FESTIVAL 2003, Chester Rugby Club, Hare Lane, Vicars Cross, Chester, (in association with Chester, rosvenor, Round Table. Proceeds to local charities).
- 16-18 (Fri-Sun): 14TH YAPTON BEEREX, Yapton + Ford Village Hall, West Sussex, (Nr Arundel, 1.6 miles east from Barnham main line railway station on B2233).
- 29-31 (Thu-Sat): 28TH WOLVERHAMPTON BEER FESTIVAL, THE Wulfrun Hall, Mitre Fold, Wolverhampton.
- 29-31 (Thu-Sat): 17TH STOCKPORT BEER AND CIDER FESTIVAL, Town Hall Ballroom, Edward St (off A6), Stockport, (5 mins from bus + train stations).



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Branch Diary

Everybody welcome to all socials and meetings!

APRIL

Wednesday 2nd BRANCH MEETING

8:30pm Lions of Bledlow

Monday 7th REBELLION SOCIAL

8:30pm Three Horseshoes, Burroughs Grove (Rebellion's first pub!)

Sunday 20th EASTER SUNDAY SOCIAL

12:00pm (Noon) Bull, Stoke Mandeville

Friday 25th LONDON PUB CRAWL (Page 14 for details)

Starts 5:30pm Anglesea Arms, Selwood Terrace SW7

Monday 29th AYLESBURY SOCIAL

9:00pm Ship, Aylesbury

MAY

Wednesday 7th BRANCH MEETING

8:30pm Cock, Wing

Wednesday 14th BRANCH TWO-PUB SOCIAL

9:00pm Stag & Huntsman, Hambleden;

10:00pm Dog & Badger, Medmenham

Wednesday 21st BRANCH TWO-PUB SOCIAL

9:00pm Bull & Butcher, Ludgershall;

10:00pm Plough & Anchor, Kingswood

Wednesday 28th BRANCH SOCIAL

9:00pm General Havelock, Wycombe Marsh

JUNE

Saturday 28th BLACK COUNTRY COACH TRIP (Page 14 for details)

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