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2002 WAS AN 'ANNUS HORRIBILIS' WILL 2003 BE ANY BETTER?



At the turn of the year, it is customary to review the events of that year and spiral into a reflective mood. So we followed this trend and thought about 2002 and, quite frankly, began to realise what a terrible year for the branch it had been.

One of the main losses that affected the branch was the closure of **Brakspear's Brewery**. Much has been written about this event and there is now nothing more that can be done, so we have to look to the future and consider areas where we can make a difference. We should, however, take this opportunity to note the number of pubs which have tried the new version of **Brakspear's Bitter** and are replacing it with another beer!



The sadly boarded up White Hart, Quainton

We have lost too many of our traditional landlords through well deserved retirement, including Mick Rolley from the **White Hart**, Quainton, and the **Carpenters Arms**,

Marlow (see the article on page 8). Mick Dunton has left the **Royal Standard**, Wooburn Common and as we were going to press, we learned that Alan Sandell of the **Full Moon**, Great Kingshill, was having to leave the trade due to family illness.

These pubs, and others, will probably change in character, or join the long list of closed and threatened pubs in our area (see the article on page 6).

Traditional landlords who take pride in their beer and try to look after the whole community instead of concentrating solely on the under 25's, are rapidly becoming an endangered species! Treasure the ones that are left before they disappear from the area completely!

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The **County Arms** reopened on August 15th and is now managed by Phil Caine who has run a number of pubs in the past including ones in Luton and Southampton. He runs the pub for the pub group **Elite Leisure**, and intends to stay there as long as the pub is still standing (it is likely to be demolished as part of the intended redevelopment to the Cambridge Close area). There is still no real ale available in what was once a regular in the *Good Beer Guide*.

The **Market Tavern** is currently closed for a major refurbishment and is due to reopen in early February. The intention is to open up the upstairs bar and convert the pub into more of a 'Breakfast Bar/Restaurant'. There will be flooring improvements and it will be repainted throughout on the inside (the pub has already been painted on the outside). Following the refurbishment, it is intended to have *Draught Bass* plus a guest beer.

BIERTON

Real ale has returned to **Bobs Barn** at the golf club. The franchise for the bar was taken over by Toni Mitchell and Loraine Wagenaar on 2nd December. Popular demand soon

decided them to introduce *Fullers London Pride* which is selling well and may lead to additional ales as trade progresses. They are currently offering food Tuesday – Sunday lunchtimes and Wednesday to Saturday evenings.

BOURNE END

The **Black Lion** reopened after refurbishment and enlargement. The dining area has been made much bigger but, as it is tucked away to one side, the pub retains its former atmosphere. A sensitive refurbishment of a pub: is this a first?

BURROUGHS GROVE

Roadside pub the **Three Horseshoes** has been closed since Christmas. Various rumours had been doing the rounds, but we heard just before going to press that **Rebellion Brewery** have taken the lease. After a bit of tidying up and repainting, it is intended that the pub will reopen on 7th February. More details, hopefully, next issue.

GREAT KINGSHILL

As we were going to press, we learned that Alan Sandell of the **Full Moon**, was having to leave the trade due to family illness. More details next issue.

HEDSOR

Hedsor's sole tavern the **Garibaldi** has been shut and its future was uncertain. Good news though, recent rumblings suggest that it is to remain a pub and is being renovated.

HIGH WYCOMBE

The **Bell** on Frogmore (*Fuller's London Pride* and *ESB*) now serves a variety of home cooked dishes in the evenings up to 9.30 p.m. as well as at lunchtimes.

We have been shown the plans for the new **Rose & Crown**. It is no longer going to be just a pool hall, but will be an open-plan pub with three areas. One for a traditional pub, one for food only and one for pool tables. It was pointed out that it couldn't be a traditional pub if this was all open-plan. The new pub will be about four times the size of the present one.

Sandy Benning has replaced Graham Curzon-Thompson as licensee of the **Wycombe Cricket Club** (*Courage Best Bitter* and *Directors*). Graham is licensee at the **Bird in Hand** on West Wycombe Road.

LONG CRENDON

The **Star** has reopened after five

months' closure. The new tenants for **Pubmaster** are Jane Tombs and Phil Julian who took over in early November. Two ales were available at the time of visit (*Adnams Bitter* and *Greene King IPA*) but they hope to vary the choice and add to the range as soon as demand allows.

MARLOW

Bill and Jessie Frew are to retire from the **Carpenters Arms** at the end of February, but a final date has yet to be announced. This has been a regular *Good Beer Guide* entrant of late, and we at **CAMRA AV&W** wish the Frews a very happy retirement.

At Red-pits Hill, the **Hare and Hounds** is up for leasehold sale at £150,000. Hopefully this quaint olde-worlde pub can be brought back to its former glory several years previous.

The **Hogshead** offered 25p off of a pint of real ale during November and December to card-carrying **CAMRA** members. Pick of the array of Christmas beers sampled over the festive period were **Archers Robin Red Breast** (4.0), **Lees Plum Pudding** (4.8) and **Thwaites Good Elf** (4.9).

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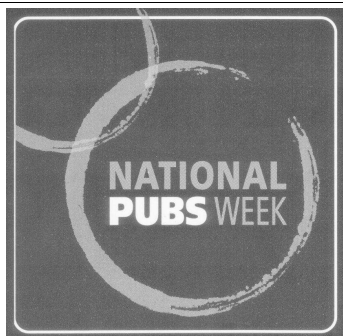
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NATIONAL PUBS WEEK



NATIONAL PUBS WEEK WILL BE LAUNCHED ON SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2003

The aim of National Pubs Week is to encourage more people to visit pubs more often. New research compiled by **CAMRA** shows an astonishing 20 pubs close every month and over a quarter of adults (27%) NEVER visit a pub. If this trend continues then Britain's unique pubs will disappear very quickly!

Mike Benner, **CAMRA**'s Head of Campaigns said 'The aim of National Pubs Week is simple - to encourage people to visit pubs more regularly. Its slogan is 'There's a pub for everyone' and we seek to highlight the enormous variety of pubs in the UK. We are

not only supporting the quaint country pubs but also community and town centre pubs as we want all of the pub industry to benefit from this initiative.'

PUB PARTICIPATION

CAMRA, and a number of industry partners, are currently encouraging as many pubs as possible throughout Britain to take part in National Pubs Week and organise a variety of events throughout the week to encourage more people to attend pubs more regularly.





Two different poster designs and beer mats have been produced for pubs to display and advertise National Pubs Week. These are FREE and can be ordered through **CAMRA**'s web site - www.camra.org.uk/pubsweek or by calling Head Office on 01727 867201 (or by contacting the editor - see back page for address).

WHAT EVENTS CAN YOUR PUB ORGANISE TO ATTRACT MORE CUSTOM?

There is a wide range of events that pubs could put on without them having to spend

money. The pubs could try these for National Pubs Week and if they prove effective could become a regular event to increase business, particularly at quiet times midweek or in the winter.

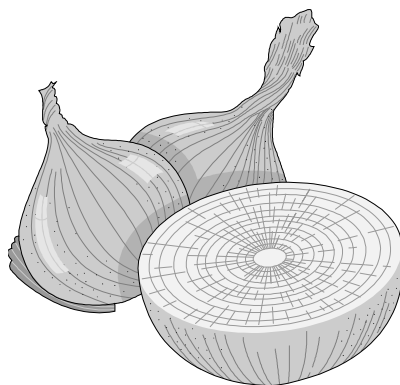
Ideas that we have about so far include:

-  A charity fundraising event, with a themed meal in the run-up to Comic Relief in March or a pub quiz / raffle to raise money for charity.
-  Rural Pubs running a 'free soft drink for the driver' promotion to encourage customers to come and visit their pub on a winter evening and bring a car-load of people with them.
-  Cask ale or wine tasting one weekday evening - you can get tasting notes from the producers, and customers can enjoy sampling a variety of either beer or wine. You could also offer bread and cheese and charge per head.
-  Business people being encouraged to have lunch at your pub during the week. Distributing menu flyers to local

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THERE'S A PUB FOR EVERYONE!

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businesses in the run-up to National Pubs Week. You can present your pub as an alternative location to hotels, restaurants and coffee bars for meetings and lunches.

- ☞ Country-themed night such as a French or Scottish night and have a selection of national cheeses, meats, breads and drinks for a set price.

HAVE A GOOD PROMOTIONAL IDEA FOR NATIONAL PUBS WEEK AND WANT TO WIN A 2003 GOOD BEER GUIDE?

CAMRA are offering ten *Good Beer Guides* as prizes and all you have to do is visit CAMRA's web site at www.camra.org.uk/pubsweek, and state what events or promotions you think will help National Pubs Week fulfil its objective of encouraging more people to attend pubs more regularly.

The best ten ideas, judged by CAMRA's National Pubs Week marketing team, will each be sent a FREE 2003 *Good Beer*

Guide. The ideas will appear on the web site.

MEDIA STORIES

Due to CAMRA's small marketing budget, promotion of the event will be obtained through positive publicity in the media. Interesting pub related stories will be issued and will include:

- ☞ Announcement of the National Pub of the Year winner - the Best Pub in Britain
- ☞ New research findings into people's pub going habits - what age groups, sexes and regions are visiting pubs the most / least, what pub promotions will attract more pub custom and the main reasons why customers choose a particular pub.
- ☞ The Pub is the Hub - A year on since the launch of this initiative by the Countryside Agency and the British Beer and Pub Association, CAMRA takes a look at how the pubs market has changed.

- ☞ Announcement of Britain's top ten Pub names - Has the 'Rat and Parrot' taken over from the 'Red Lion'? CAMRA looks at pub names through time and how they have changed.

PHOTOGRAPHS

If one of your pubs organises a special event in the week of the 22nd February then CAMRA would love to receive any photographs that could then be incorporated in publications that we produce.

Please send your photographs in to:

Tony Jerome, Press Manager, CAMRA, 230 Hatfield Road, St Albans, AL1 4LW or email to tony.jerome@camra.org.uk.

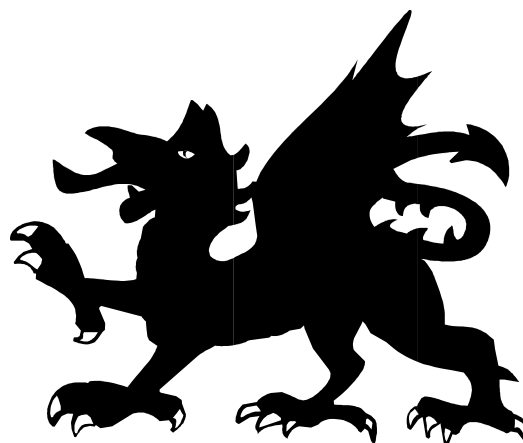
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OUR SECRET RETREAT IN WALES



I shouldn't be telling you about this place really, so please don't tell anyone... but my wife, Pam, and I have discovered the most delightful pub in Carmarthenshire – the **Royal Oak Inn**, a free house at Rhandirmwyn (try saying that after five pints of *Dorothy Goodbody's Christmas Ale* and a couple of single malts). It's easy to get to from Aylesbury: A40 then turn right at Llandovery – the OS ref. (that's Old Soak) is GBG2003p608 ! The pub is located in the stunning river Towy valley – great for walking and bird-watching which happen to be two of our interests.

It's not at all surprising to read in the **GBG** that the **Royal Oak** (www.rhandirmwyn.com) was voted 'local **CAMRA Pub of the Year** 2001 and 2002 and **South and Mid Wales Regional Pub of the Year** 2001'.

Claire and Leigh Alexander took the pub over as a family concern in 1986 having moved from, yes, the Aylesbury area (!) and they have built up a solid business serving superb real ales (there are one or two fizzy

drinks also for the uninitiated), more single malts than you can shake a stick at, good food and comfortable rooms.

On our arrival on Boxing Day, for our third stay in 2002, we were greeted by Leigh behind an array of handles promising *Caledonian Deuchars IPA*, *Fuller's London Pride*, *Adnams Broadside*, *Cottage Norman's Conquest* and the above-mentioned *Wye Valley Dorothy Goodbody's Christmas Ale*. I could see there was work to do, so as Pam went off to unpack the suitcase (she's teetotal by the way but very tolerant...), I settled down to the serious business of tasting – it took some time...

Leigh is punctilious at cleaning the lines thoroughly at every change-over and the beer was impeccable. It's amazing how such a remote pub can regularly sport four or five real ales at any one time – but clearly the locals and visitors, like us, spend a fair amount of time sheltering from the rain by the log fire.

Leigh knows his beers and how to keep them. He likes to have one or two local ales, and a balanced range of strengths on at all times, ringing the changes between old favourites and new for constant variety.

The next difficult choice was between one of

Claire's superb curries, or beef strips in pepper sauce or chicken with honey and mustard sauce or..., well we were staying for three days, so we decided to work our way through the menu each evening.

After a great day's walking and visiting the nearby RSPB reserve, the log fire and Welsh beef curry warmed us through. Pam went off upstairs to read her book whilst I settled down to a closer acquaintance with the finer points of *Dorothy Goodbody*: she did not disappoint – at 6% she has a good and glorious body indeed, as I apparently mumbled later to my wife, mercifully not forgetting to substitute, but admittedly with a hint of a slur, the 'she' for 'you'. By our last night the *Deuchars*, *Broadside* and *London Pride* had been replaced by *Wye Valley Butty Bach*, *Wye Valley Bitter* and *Golden Valley* (from the new "Breckonshire Brewery" – not to be confused with *Golden Valley* from Scattor Rock in Exeter). Unfortunately, the next to go on, *Timothy Taylor Landlord*, was not ready before it was time to leave – but there's always next time...

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COUNTRY PUBS IN PERIL!

A review of the *Swan Suppings* for 2002 showed a horrifying number of pub closures and other pubs under threat, which individually are a tragedy with their own story, but when listed together reach the proportions of a disaster!

CLOSED VILLAGE PUBS

The saddest sight is a pub that you love being boarded up and what has happened to the **White Hart**, Quainton, (see the front cover) since Mick Rolley retired. His parting words were that if a quarter of the people who turned up to his leaving do had

regularly used the pub, he would continue on as landlord! The nearby **White Swan**, Westcott, is also closed 'until further notice'.

The **End of the World**, near Wendover, closed in September last year and is on the market as a free house. However, the price seems to be putting buyers off!

The **Three Horseshoes**, Bennett End, which dates back to 1745, closed in July.

The **Plough**, Weston Turville, is closed and its large site threatened with lots of expensive houses.

These are not the only ones!

PUBS UNDER THREAT

The owners of the **Bull and Butcher**, Aston Abbots, have successfully applied for planning permission to build houses on the site. It is a large free house with function room and was enlarged as recently as 1994, but



Desborough Arms, High Wycombe

there has been a massive downturn in its popularity. There has been some talk about an appeal over the granting of the planning permission, but we do not hold out much hope.

Among other pubs we feel are threatened are the **Royal Oak**, Ickford, and the **Horse & Groom**, Tyler's Green.

TOWN CENTRE PUBS

Even pubs in large towns are not immune!

Customers in Marlow, were greeted in April with a notice saying 'We regret to announce

that after 250 years, the **Crown & Anchor** is closing as a pub and is becoming a house, due to lack of support.' The pub is now being used for office training.

In High Wycombe, the **Queen** is currently being converted into student accommodation and the **Desborough Arms** is steadily decaying since closing last year.

The **Prince of Wales** in Beaconsfield is currently closed and the nearby **White Horse** is now a fish restaurant.

In Bourne End the **Heart in Hand** is now an Indian restaurant and the **Red Lion** is now also a restaurant.



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LOST LOCALS?



Plough, Weston Turville

The **Bird in Hand** in Chinnor, which closed in 2000, is still shut and is likely to become a private house.

LOST COMPLETELY

Pubs still standing can be saved, but once they have been flattened, there is no hope at all!

The **Bulls Head**, Aston Clinton was demolished last July and the site is a housing development.

In Loudwater, we have seen the demolition of the **Papermakers Arms** and the **White Blackbird**, and despite an estate being built next to it, the **County Arms**,

Stone, was 'unviable' and is now housing.

THE FUTURE

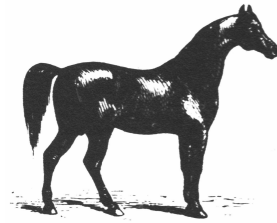
All pubs can survive, either in the town or the country, but only if they get support from locals who should be prepared to fight to keep their local amenity open.

The **Unicorn**, Cublington, was under threat for a long time but is now reviving under more enterprising ownership. The **Three Horseshoes**, Burroughs Grove, is now leased by nearby **Rebellion Brewery**.

There is always hope, but the best way to preserve a pub is to USE IT!



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END OF AN ERA



Carpenter Bill hangs up his tools

After a decade at the helm of the **Carpenters Arms**, Marlow, Bill and Jessie Frew have decided to retire from the licensing trade, circa late February, to live in sunny Spain.

The Frews took over at the Spittal Street watering hole when the late **Wethereds**, aka **Whitbread**, owned the property. **Morrells of Oxford** acquired the pub in 1992 and it has been a regular in the **Good Beer Guide** since 1995. It has only recently become a **Greene King** pub after their latest take-over deal.

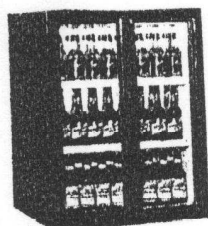
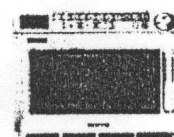
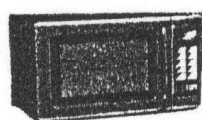
Bill, a proud Scotsman, has kept this pub a little oasis of yesteryear, in a town where loud music, 'yuppie culture' and poxy mobile phones seems to be the criteria for having a quiet pint!

His **Greene King IPA** (3.6) and **Abbot** (5.0) are always available in this, as his mandatory bi-monthly **Swan Supping** advertisement

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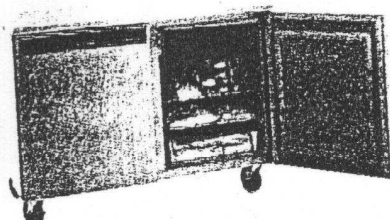


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CHANGE AT THE 'CARPS'!

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boasts, 'the only proper boozer left in town'. I've been in this pub countless times in the summer months when the boating fraternity from the nearby River Thames walk through the door to breathe a sigh of relief after finding what they have been seeking for the last hour or so. With their new blue and white plimsolls and *Good Beer Guide* in hand, they settle down for some fine ale and lively banter from the pub's regular patrons. It is a genuine working man's local but attracts a cross-section of people from all walks of life.

Jessie's deluxe sandwiches have become a lunchtime legend, along with the Sunday lunchtime meat raffle. Bill has overseen the pub's football and darts teams and even an annual Forfar weekend away during his term in office at the 'Carps'. Live television football matches engross the regulars on match days, but never drown out the colourful conversation at the bar.

I know for a fact that Bill stills holds great esteem for the Oxford brewery, *Morrells*, when they were trading, with their personal touch to their employees. A great loss to all concerned when they brewed their last pint.

So, all the best Bill and Jessie, you have always been a role model for other licensees and a great advocater for *CAMRA* and its campaigning for the traditional pub and real morrell (sorry) values. Have a well earned rest and an enjoyable retirement, you both deserve it.

Happy retirement!

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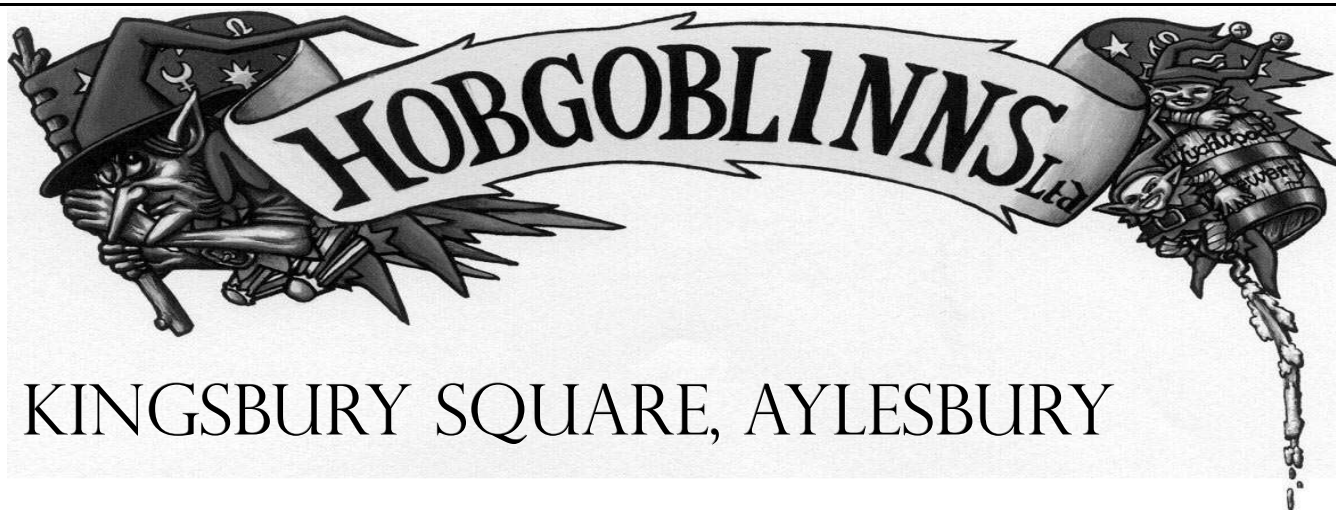
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NATIONAL NEWS

SEARCH FOR THE BEST 'REAL ALE' CLUB IN BRITAIN

CAMRA have launched their *Club of the Year* competition to find the most committed club to real ale in Britain.

Britain has around 30,000 licensed and registered clubs that could enter the competition but unlike CAMRA's *Pub of the Year*, club members, whether they are also CAMRA members or not, can enter their own club directly into the competition.

John Holland, Chair of Clubs Committee said 'CAMRA's *Club of the Year* judges are mainly interested in the club's range of well kept real ales, but we also take into consideration success stories such as the introduction of real ale into the club and the commitment of staff to pulling the ideal pint.'

Mr Holland continued 'Somer's Sports & Social Club has won

this award for the last two years and it will be interesting to see if they can make it a hat-trick in 2003!'

The competition is open to all membership run clubs i.e. non-proprietary regardless of type or any affiliation.

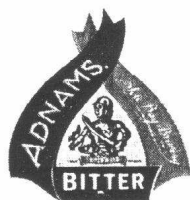
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ACTION LINE

After about seven years the low-call telephone Action Line is being terminated due to lack of use. The costs to CAMRA of the line now outweigh the benefits as more people use the web site (www.camra.org.uk).

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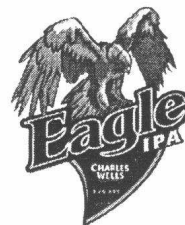
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Local News

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Marlow Football Club has been offering **Rebellion** ale straight from the cask on home match days since August. Football committee and real ale buffs Peter Edmonds and Brendan McGinty masterminded this innovation, fed up with keg beer. **Rebellion IPA**, *Smuggler*, *Mutiny*, *Roasted Nuts* and *Overdraft Ale* have all featured, priced £2.00 a pint.

West Street's **Red Lion** has been renamed **The Lion** on the completion of its recent refurbishment. No real ale!

Near neighbour the **Ship** continues to commit to the local **Rebellion** brewery, alongside **Brakspear Bitter** and **Fullers London Pride**. Marlow delights on parade over the Christmas period were *Sozzled Santa* (4.4), *Roasted Nuts* (4.6) and *Hangover From Hell* (4.6).

Due to the inclement weather of late, the **Two Brewers** in St. Peters Street had to close briefly after flooding from the nearby River Thames. Now reopened, this popular little pub serves four well kept ales which includes a **Rebellion** beer.

Rebellion Brewery celebrates ten years of brewing this year and will

once again hold an Open Day, which will be over the weekend of June 22nd/23rd. More details next issue.

MEDMENHAM

The new proprietors of **Ye Olde Dog and Badger** have added **Rebellion IPA** to accompany their **Flowers IPA** and **Fullers London Pride**.

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The new people at the **Wheel** are Roger and Linda Barlow.

SHABBINGTON

The new licensees at the **Old Fisherman** are Ruth and Dick Krol.

WOOBURN COMMON

After a five-year tenure at the **Royal Standard**, Mick and Cora Dunton left the pub on January 27th. During his time there, Mick served almost 150 different cask ales through the pumps, and the pub has entries in many publications, including the **Good Beer Guide**. Last year he was 'Highly Commended' in the **Wycombe and District Village Pub Competition**. New landlord, John Meredith, will be keeping up the cask ale tradition. As a regular for several years, John has embraced the 'I liked it so much, I bought it' ethic.



Beer Festival Diary

February

5-7 (Wed-Fri): 13TH BATTERSEA BEER FESTIVAL, Grand Hall, Town Hall Rd (rear of Arts Centre, Lavender Hill, London, SW11)
5-8 (Wed-Sat): 2nd DERBY WINTER FESTIVAL, Darwin Suite, Assembly Rooms, Market Plc, Derby
7-8 (Fri-Sat): CHESTERFIELD BEER FESTIVAL 2003, The Winding Wheel, Holywell St, Chesterfield
7-8 (Fri-Sat): DORCESTER BEER FESTIVAL, Corn Exchange, Dorchester
7-9 (Fri-Sun): 8TH TEWKESBURY WINTER ALE FESTIVAL, White Bear, Bredon Rd, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire
7-9 (Fri-Sun): BODMIN BEER FESTIVAL, The Public Rooms, Bodmin. Cornwall Branch 25th Anniversary Winter Ales Festival with over 40 Real Ales + Ciders and Perries
12-15 (Wed-Sat): WEAR VALLEY CAMRA'S 5TH FESTIVAL IN THE BATH, Bishop Auckland Town Hall
13-15 (Thu-Sat): 21ST FLEETWOOD BEER FESTIVAL, "COMING OF AGE", Marine Hall, The Esplanade, Fleetwood
14-15 (Fri-Sat): SALISBURY WINTERFEST 2003, Castle St. Social Club, Scots Lane, Salisbury City Centre
14-15 (Fri-Sat): WHITE CLIFFS FESTIVAL OF WINTER ALES, The Maison Dieu (Town Hall), Dover
14-16 (Fri-Sun): 8th ASHFIELD WINTER BEER FESTIVAL, The Festival Hall Leisure Centre, Hodgkinson Rd, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts (3 mins walk from Kirkby Stn, Robin Hood Line).
19-22 (Wed-Sun): LIVERPOOL BEER FESTIVAL, The Crypt Hall, Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, Brownlow Hill, Liverpool
20-22 (Thu-Sat): 13TH SUSSEX BEER AND CIDER FESTIVAL, Hove Town Hall, Norton Rd, Hove. Less than 10 mins from Hove Rly Stn.
27-MAR 1 (Thu-Sat): BRADFORD BEER FESTIVAL 2003, Victoria Hall, Saltaire. (2 mins walk from Saltaire BR Stn, major bus routes).
28-MAR 1 (Fri-Sat): GOSPORT'S WINTERFEST XI, Thorngate Halls, Bury Rd, Gosport.

March

6-8 (Thu-Sat): 27TH LOUGHBOROUGH BEER FESTIVAL, The Polish Club, off William St, Loughborough.
MAR 7-8 (Fri-Sat): 18TH SOUTH DEVON BEER FESTIVAL, St John Ambulance Hall, East St, Newton Abbot.
13-15 (Thu-Sat): LEEDS BEER, CIDER & PERRY FESTIVAL, Pudsey Civic Hall (Dawson's Corner).
13-15 (Thu-Sat): 16TH WIGAN FESTIVAL, Mill at the Pier, Wigan.
14-15 (Fri-Sat): 1ST ELYSIAN BEER FESTIVAL, Larkfield Ctr, High Barns, Ely, Cambs.
19-21 (Wed-Fri): LONDON DRINKER BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL, Camden Ctr, Bidborough St, London WC1 (near Kings Cross).
21-22 (Fri-Sat): HITCHIN FESTIVAL, Town Hall, Brand St, Hitchin.
27-29 (Thu-Sat): DARLINGTON SPRING THING FESTIVAL 2003, ARTS CENTRE, VANE TERRACE, DARLINGTON.
27-29 (Thu-Sat): YORK BEER FESTIVAL, Priory St Ctr, Priory St, off Micklegate, York (10 mins walk from York rly stn).
27-29 (Thu-Sat): LEICESTER BEER FESTIVAL, The Charotar Patidar Samaj, off St Margaret's Way, near St Margaret's Church.
28-29 (Fri-Sat): BANBURY BEER FESTIVAL, Territorial Army Ctr, Oxford Rd, Banbury, Oxfordshire

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Branch Diary

Everybody welcome to all socials and meetings!

FEBRUARY

Monday 3rd BRANCH AGM

8:00pm Red Lion, Haddenham (in the Lion's Den)

All members welcome, past, present and future!

Buffet, bottle raffle and newsletter distribution

Thursday 13th MARLOW SOCIAL

9:00pm Carpenters Arms, Marlow

Thursday 20th CADMORE END SOCIAL

9:00pm Old Ship, Cadmore End.

Wednesday 26th GBG FINAL SELECTION MEETING

9:00pm Bird in Hand, Princes Risborough

MARCH

Tuesday 4th BRANCH MEETING

8:30pm Queens Head, Aylesbury

Tuesday 11th WOOBURN SOCIAL

9:00pm Queen & Albert, Wooburn

Wednesday 19th PRESTWOOD SOCIAL

9:00pm Travellers Rest, 10:00pm Chequers

APRIL

Wednesday 2nd BRANCH MEETING

8:30pm Lions of Bledlow

Friday 25th LONDON PUB CRAWL (Full details next issue)

Starts 5:30pm Anglesea Arms, Selwood Terrace SW7

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