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## BRAKSPEAR'S BREWERY TO CLOSE AT THE END OF THE YEAR



On Monday 22nd July the workers at *Brakspear's* Brewery were given the news that we have all been dreading: the brewery will close at the end of the year!

The brewery has been in existence since 1779, although brewing took place there before 1700, and its closure will end the long tradition of brewing in Henley.

In a press release from the brewery it stated that following a full strategic review, it has been decided that the company

should focus on developing its pub and property estate and that the Henley brewery site should be sold.

It also states that the *Brakspear* beer brands will continue in an 'innovative brewing, sales and marketing partnership' with *Refresh UK*.

There will be 35 job losses in addition to the loss of one of the country's best loved breweries.

Further details and comment start on page 3.

### Great British Beer Festival



*Olympia*  
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## KINGSBURY SQUARE, AYLESBURY

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### ASTON CLINTON

On Sunday the 7th of July, the **Bull's Head** was still there, closed, boarded up and looking very forlorn. By Tuesday the 9th it had been flattened and there was a large sign advertising a new development of two to five bedroom houses called Lark's Rise. Although the **Bull's Head** only ever had one real ale and was never a favourite for **CAMRA** members, it is always sad to lose yet another village pub.

The **Oak** held their annual **Beer Festival** in July and of the 25 barrels of beer plus the four ciders only about three gallons were left at the end of the Sunday night! The customers enjoyed all aspects of the festival, from the quiet family atmosphere on the Sunday to the community singing on the Saturday night, and John & Jan want to pass on their thanks to all who came for making the festival so enjoyable for them as well.

### AYLESBURY

**Big Hand Mo's** is due to close soon for an internal refurbishment.

The **County Arms** is currently closed and it is uncertain whether it will reopen before its planned demolition when the area around Cambridge Close is redeveloped! The darts team have arranged to complete their league matches by playing their games at the **Emperor Inn**.

The Thai restaurant at the back of the **Emperor Inn** has closed and the room is now available for hire for functions etc. and discos are held there every Thursday night.

As we were going to press, it was announced that the **Hobgoblin** chain of pubs are to become part of the **Balacava** pub group. We will report if any changes are likely to the pub in a later issue.

The **Kings Head** held a successful beer festival at the beginning of July (unfortunately it clashed with our **Black Country Coach trip**). There is the possibility of another festival at the end of September - see local press for details!

There is still no news on the date

of the planned refurbishment for the **Market Tavern**.

### BENNETT END

The **Three Horseshoes** closed on Saturday 20th July, although it may reopen soon whilst planning permission is sought for some changes. The pub, which dates back to 1745, is now owned by a Mr Howard who, many years ago, used to run the **Red Lion**, Whiteleaf.

### CADSDEN

**Greene King XX mild** is reported as having been spotted at the **Plough**.

### GAWCOTT

The **Cuckoo's Nest** is going to hold a Beer & Cider Festival over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

### GRENDON UNDERWOOD

The **Swan** is now under the new management of Fraser Gumm who we understand has taken over the management as well as being the chef.

### HOLTSPUR

The **Harvester** (originally the **Kings Head**) has finally reopened.

### HUGHENDEN

The **Harrow** has closed for major changes. Basically it looks like they are going to leave the front wall in place and build a new pub / restaurant behind it.

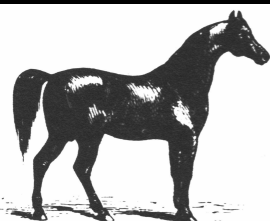
### MARLOW

Good Beer Guide 2002 entry the **Carpenters Arms** is replacing its **Morrells** ales with those from **Greene King** after the recent purchase of ownership. **Greene King IPA** along with **Abbot** and/or **Speckled Hen** are expected to feature initially at the handpumps.

**Brakspears Downpour** is available at the **Chequers** during August as a seasonal guest beer.

Street-corner pub the **Marlow Donkey** has been credited with a jubilee heritage award for one of the prettiest locals in the country, after winning the honour from

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## LOSS OF BREWERY IS A TRAGEDY!



**CAMRA** has hit out at plans announced on the 22nd of July by **W.H. Brakspear and Sons** to quit brewing and close its Henley on Thames based brewery. It is predicting that the move will lead to the **Brakspear** pub estate being swallowed up by a larger competitor and that the unique and traditional nature of the pubs will then be lost.

Following a hard-hitting campaign to keep brewing in Henley, which had the backing of local MP Boris Johnson, thousands of drinkers and dozens of **Brakspear** shareholders, **CAMRA** has urged the company to remain vertically integrated and not to take the easy option of

quitting brewing.

Mike Benner, Head of Campaigns and Communications said, 'We believe the company should remain vertically integrated as it is very likely that the pub estate will be lost to a larger company in the same way as their Oxford neighbours, **Morrells**. I think some bad decisions have been made in the past with management concentrating too much on getting low profit heavily discounted volume through pub chains and not enough on marketing the beers as the truly unique and

flavoursome premium beers they are. We seriously doubt whether the decision to stop brewing will have long-term benefits for shareholders.'

### Support for new brewery plans

Despite the loss of the Henley Brewery, **CAMRA** is hopeful that the partnership of **Brakspear** and **Refresh UK** will ensure the future of the beers and warmly welcomes plans to build a new specialist brewery as near as practicable to Henley on Thames.

However, **CAMRA** will be seeking assurances from **Refresh UK** that it will keep brewing all the **Brakspear** beers including many of the award winning bottled and organic beers.

Mike Benner said, 'It's good news that **Refresh UK** is planning to build a new brewery and we will be seeking assurances that this will happen as quickly as possible. We will also be looking for a commitment that the quality of the beer will be maintained and that its taste will not change. Maintaining the quality and integrity of **Brakspear** beers is central to their future and we will be urging **Refresh UK** to ensure the brands are positioned and marketed appropriately.'

Mr Benner added, 'There's no doubt that this outcome is preferable to the total loss of the beers and brewing in the area and we urge consumers to support **Brakspear** beers by asking for them in their local pub.'

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## INNOVATIVE REFRESHMENT



**Brakspears** believe that they have a solution to preserve the quality and consistency of their award winning beers!

They have done this by forming a partnership with **Refresh UK** who are also the owners of the **Hobgoblin** range of beers from **Wychwood** brewery following another recent major change at one of our favourite breweries.

**Refresh UK** was formed two years ago when Rupert Thompson led a management buy out of the **Ushers** beer business. The **Brakspears** brands will join a portfolio that includes the off-trade sales for **Wadworth 6X**, **Caledonian Breweries** and **Exmoor Ales**.

The company is actively looking for a site for a new brewery in the Thames Valley area. To help with the search, they are offering a 'year of beer' to the individual who helps them find a perfect location, preferably out of town, on a major road and as close to Henley on Thames as possible.

## GREENE KING TAKEOVER

**Greene King** have announce that they will be buying 107 pubs from the Oxford based pubco **Morrells**.

For the sum of £67 million, they have acquired 57 managed and 50 tenanted pubs, mainly within thirty miles of Oxford, together with the rights to the **Morrells** name. Reports from our branch pubs that are affected show that the main result will be that from now on they will be only serving the **Greene King** range of beers.

## A FOOTBALL JUBILEE!

What with the Queens Golden Jubilee preceding the ultimate football contest of the World Cup, and a lot of breweries doing 'one off brews' for one or both summer events, it was time to explore my local Marlow taverns to unearth some new beer, uncle.

To mark Elizabeth Regina's celebration of fifty years on the throne, local breweries **Rebellion** and **Brakspear** brewed **Nifty Fifty** (4.0% ABV), a light summer beer, and **Jubilee 50 ale**, respectively. **Rebellions** cheekily named brew was available at the **Ship**, with **Jubilee 50 ale** weighing in at a hefty 5.0%, clever marketing **Brakspear**, only being served at selective **Brakspear** inns, thankfully the High Street **Chequers** being one of them.

Peter Baker sourced **Jubilation Ale** (4.3%) from **Greene King** for his Hand & Flowers public house in West Street, while the **Hogshead** paraded **Bateman Jewel in the Crown** (4.5%), **Adnams Jubilee** (4.3%) and **Jubilee Ale** (4.5%) from **Gales**.

As for the volumes of 'soccer brews' on offer at the handpumps, early kick-offs in this country meant early beer breakfasts at most pubs which had its novelty factor. While football fanatics agonized over our country's exploits out in the Far East, they could celebrate, then commiserate, supping various ales such as **Cains Englands Glory Ale** (4.2%), **Wychwood Englands Ale** (4.5%), **Rule Britannia** (4.2%) from Staffordshires **Titanic** brewery and **Harviestoun Golden Goal** (3.9%), all in squad formation awaiting the referees whistle.

England may have yet again not fulfilled their footballing potential, but the choice of 'soccer specials' lined up at Marlow's **Hogshead** certainly lived up to expectations. Roll on Germany 2006! **'Sir Geoff Hurst'**



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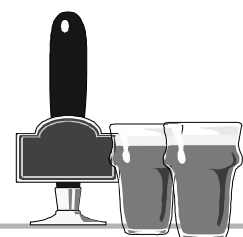
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## AN EVENING IN THAME



Part of our branch's social calendar, which includes our weekly '1 pub' socials around the county of Buckinghamshire' is the pub crawl. Usually on a Friday night, this is a great way of discovering/blitzing those pubs we would never get around to visiting throughout the year.

bar consisted of wooden chairs and tables with a sprinkling of fruit machines, Both were carpeted and the walls were covered with wooden framed pictures. Incidentally, two beers were available: *Fullers London Pride & ESB*.

Slightly further along at 26 High Street we came to the **Rising Sun**, another busy welcoming pub with a semi-circular drinking area around the bar. The interior was very wooden with a low oak-beamed roof. The walls were a mixture of wood, brick and plaster and again the walls were adorned with paintings. The beers were *Brakspears Bitter* and *Coniston 'Brakspears' Bluebird* since this award winning beer is contract brewed in Henley and not the Lakes!

A group of us from Aylesbury using the hourly (in the evening) 280 bus to Oxford visited Thame, an old agricultural market town just inside the Oxfordshire border and being part of the *Campaign for Real Ale*, it was important for us to 'sample' these different beers and see how well they are being kept – a place in the *Good Beer Guide* could be at stake here!

Thame was in the last 200 years an important stopping place for coaches – this gave rise to a large number of pubs in the town and thankfully that is still the case today. Still in an evening you can only do so many pubs – in this case seven!

Our first port of call was the **Six Bells**, close to the market square (44 Lower High Street) and directly on the Aylesbury-Oxford bus route. This is a very pleasant and at the time a quiet pub (this was 7:30pm), consisting of two spacious bars. The 'snug' bar had a very homely appeal about it with plush seating and the 'lounge'

Our third pub was very close by, **The Abingdon Arms** is very busy and very noisy – more for the twenties and under crowd. The drinking area is quite narrow except at the back of the pub and almost surrounds the bar. The décor is almost irrelevant considering the music and the amusement machines. Still it's worthy of a visit when it's less crowded – we couldn't find anywhere to sit! The beer were rather uninspired being *Tetley's*, *Boddingtons* and the very ubiquitous *Brakspears*. Having said

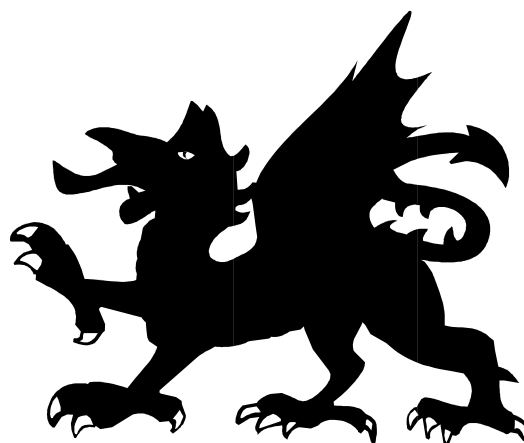


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## THAME PUBS VISIT

that, being **CAMRA** members we are very fussy, so don't take any notice of us!

Diagonally opposite at number 4 Cornmarket is the **Bird Cage**, a very noticeable mock tudor building and one of the oldest pubs in Thame. By this time the evening was well under way and this pub was packed with punters and loud music in the background. This was another oak-beamed pub with the roof being decorated by hops which I thought was a nice touch. The beer choice was a bit more varied comprising of *Brakspears*, *Charles Wells* *Bombardier* and *Youngs Special*.

Another pub just a stones throw away and right by the main square is the **Black Horse**. An interesting pub, fairly busy with a plain bar area and an adjacent 'games' room. We helped ourselves to *Green King IPA*, leaving the *Tetley* alone and made our way to the conservatory area at the back. This is lovely room



covered in creepers and lots of foliage – well worth a visit. A smaller room off to the side was the dining area.

The penultimate pub in the square itself was the **Nags Head**. A large open plan room with lots



of memorabilia and a beamed ceiling. Beers available were *Morrells* (not Oxford) *Oxford Blue* and yes, *Brakspears Bitter* just for a change!

Finally the **Swan Hotel**, opposite the Nags Head across the car park. This pub probably has the best choice of beers in the town. This has a main bar area with a lounge area to the right, the sofas look like they've just retrieved from the local tip – but they're pretty comfortable!. The beers never fail to impress – *Slaters Top Totty*, *Hook Norton*

*Best*, *Marstons Pedigree* (well that's fairly common) and *Brakspears Bitter* (oops!!)

Seven pubs in just under four hours wasn't bad, none of the beer was a real let down, although a couple of beers tasted like the barrel was 'on the turn' but that's Real Ale for you.

Yards away we waited for the return 280 bus from Oxford which arrived about 11:45pm (very convenient!) and another crawl was over. Till next time!

Simon Allen



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## ALL CHANGE IN BIERTON & BROUGHTON

It must be nearly three years since I described in these pages the pubs in Bierton and Broughton, having moved to the locality within the previous year. At the time I was happy to report that between the three pubs was a choice of eleven different ales and a wide range of food and facilities to suit all walks of life. Over the last six to eight months all these pubs have changed tenants or managers so it is therefore a good time to review the changes.

### THE BELL



Pete and Angie Thomas took over the lease of the **Bell Inn** in Bierton early in January of this year. They have run many pubs, most recently the Bugle Horn as well as the **Five Bells** in Weston Turville and the **New Duck Inn** at Aston Clinton for

*Vintage Inns*. They have two daughters Nikki and Katie and have taken over their new business with great optimism.

With an internal redecoration and other improvements planned, the pub continues much as before appealing to drinkers as well as diners. The pub still retains a good sized public bar complete with dart board and is host to active crib, dominoes and football

teams.

Peter is the chef and takes a meticulous approach in the kitchen which shows consistently in the end results. A big improvement has been the installation of new air extraction facilities in the kitchen thus keeping the pub free of cooking odours. Food is available lunchtime and evenings all week with a diverse menu catering for all including vegetarians. On the liquid side the three ales available are *Fullers Chiswick*, *London Pride* and *ESB* all of which also benefit from Pete's care.

A new fortnightly quiz night has been launched every other Tuesday and is gradually developing a devoted (if not intelligent) following. Also, as you may have already seen in the local press, an amazing £3,500 was raised over the Jubilee weekend for the special needs Park School in Aylesbury. The many fund raising events included a sponsored head shave, an auction of donated items and a Bric a Brac sale.

### RED LION

The **Red Lion** changed hands in February of this year following the decision of Derek and Carol French to move a hotel in Cornwall. The tenancy with *Inn Business* was taken over by Mary Laffan, her daughter Victoria Spencer and Hannah Gordon.

They have settled in very well and are making good use of the large restaurant with a new menu including a wide range of home

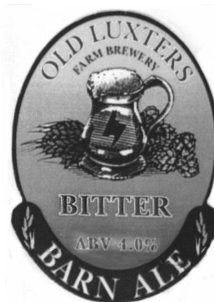
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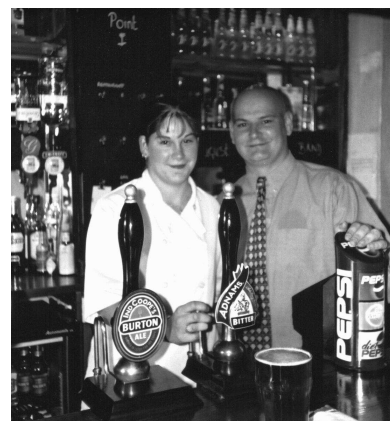
prepared meals. The pub itself is run much as before and retains a strong local following as well as the passing trade attracted by the meals and helped by the ample parking. Four ales are currently available on handpump - *Tetley's Bitter*, *Greene King IPA* and *Fuller's London Pride* together with draught *Bass* as a guest. One improvement I was

delighted to see was a set of new comfortable bar stools, promised by at least the last two previous tenants but never materialised, now present and available to help you put the world to rights.

### OLD MOAT HOUSE

The **Old Moat House** at Broughton Crossing has seen the most change over recent years. When I wrote previously, it had just reopened following major refurbishment and a name change from **The Prince of Wales**. It is one of a small group of *Pubmaster* Houses run by Peter and Annette Webster and called *My Kinda Pub*.

Since it opened it has had several managers come and go as the trade has developed - perhaps indicating that taking over such a business is no mean feat. Jono Cheetham and Abby Price-Owen have taken over quite recently but have been looking after the pub for some time, having previously worked at the **Chandos**, Weston Turville - another *My Kinda Pub*. Jono is now the licensee and Abby the Chef.



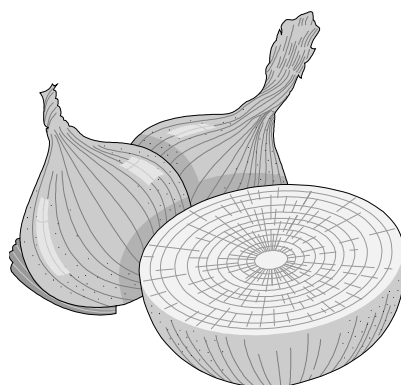
This is a traditional pub with a recently added 40 seat restaurant, a function room and large garden. A fine range of food is available lunchtime and evenings and booking is recommended for busy times and for large parties. Two ales are always available and are different each week. Jono hopes to venture into beer festivals in the near future.

In conclusion, I am still as happy to be in Bierton as a choice of nine ales in three pubs is pretty good with the possibility of more as business develops. So, if you fancy a decent pint over an excellent meal, take my advice and venture over to Bierton and Broughton.

*Mick White*

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## The Falcon's 'Crest of Ale'



Bucks pubs refrain from the spotlight of headlining a real ale jamboree. Well done **'The Falcon'** on that score for having the mettle to make a success of such an event.

On arrival I commenced proceedings with a *Batemans Summer Swallow* (3.9% ABV), a light, refreshing thirst quencher, as was the second pint to be consumed. *Spring Ale*, a 4.2% brew, from Wiltshire's *Archers* was a real hoppy, quaffing, little treasure which unfortunately seemed to just 'evaporate in my glass'?!

With twenty or so beers to choose from the drinking menu, some new, some old favourites such as *Jennings Sneek Lifter* (5.1%), *Adnams Regatta* (4.3%) and *Highgate Fox's Nob* (3.6%), there was plenty to enjoy.

Local Marlow brewery, *Rebellion*, had a trio of their ales from their portfolio on display, which included the June offering from their 'drunken monthly specials', *Beered Up* (4.2), one of which I've been looking to snag.

An all day barbecue supplied the nourishment and ska band 'Zen baseballbat' provided the entertainment from seven o'clock onwards outside in the beer garden as thankfully the weather was very good, to match the real ales on sale.

Moor of the same next year please, Wooburn!

*Eddie the Eagle*

*(Many thanks to the people at the Falcon for sending us the photograph of our two very contented Committee Members – Ed.)*

After learning of a local pub beer festival from the latest issue of *Swan Supping*, it was time to tread the boards once more in search of some new beer and hopefully a 'creme de la creme ale'.

High Wycombe fellow *CAMRA* committee member Elvis Evans laid down a gauntlet which was duly accepted to have a reconnoitre of this summer beer festival, staged at the **Falcon** of Wooburn Moor.

It was the second year that the Falcon has welcomingly taken on the honour of hosting an annual beerfest, as almost all other South

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## Little Kings & Queens

At the end of the month of May, a social took us to the quaint, tranquil village of Little Marlow, to enjoy the picturesque location, some congenial ambience and some fine real ale.

The village's serene appearance with its 12th century church and two period hostels have hosted various TV dramas, including 'The Midsomer Murders' with John Nettles, and the very last episode of 'Inspector Morse', 'The Remorseful Day' starring the late and great John Thaw with his ever dependable sleuth sidekick Kevin Whately. Recent resident of Little Marlow manor is pop diva Melanie Brown (aka Mel B of the Spice Girls) who occasionally frequents the nearby **Queens Head**.

First port of call though on this particular early summer Wednesday night, was the **Kings Head**, a regular entrant lately in the *Good Beer Guide*. With its extensive freshly cooked menu accompanying up to six real ales, this popular country alehouse has ample parking and a pleasant sanctum rear garden retreat.

Of the real ales on parade were *Brakspear Bitter* (3.4% ABV), *Rebellion IPA* (3.7%), *Fullers London Pride* (4.1%), *Taylor Landlord* (4.3%) and *Draught Bass* (4.4%). The landlord's *Landlord* was sampled by myself and a few others and passed with flying colours.

As 22.00 approached we departed down the lane to the **Queens Head** for further liquid refreshment. A darts match was in progress in the public saloon, so our **CAMRA** regulars took up residence in the lounge bar, a low ceilinged, homely front parlour type bar. The newly introduced *Greene King IPA* (3.6%) was well kept and neighboured *Charles Wells Bombardier* (4.3%) and a soon to be added *Marstons Pedigree* (4.5%).

The landlord kindly supplied us with cheese and pickles to supplement his good beer at this genuine locals drinking haunt with its traditional games and its traditional values. So, if you are in this area this summer why not pay a visit to Little Marlow and 'live like Kings and Queens'.

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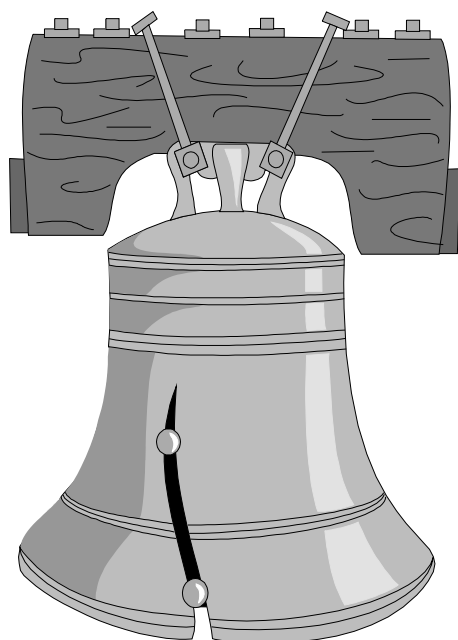
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By popular demand, a second coach trip to Cambridge has been planned for **Saturday 21st September!**

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A new starting venue will be found around the Bedfordshire Cambridgeshire border to facilitate a shorter journey time.



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It is hoped that these changes will shorten the travel time to maximise VDT (Valuable Drinking Time).

Our first stop will then be followed by the **Castle**, which is to the north of Cambridge city centre and maybe a 'try also' or three before moving round to the south side and continuing much as last year but also trying the **Empress**. More details and ideas can be found in the full review of our last trip which can be found in *Swan Supping* 28 (Feb/Mar 2002).

The pubs pictured are the **Cricketers** (top left) the **Free Press** (top right) and the **Champion of the Thames** (below).

Pick ups will be from Wycombe, Risborough, Wendover, Aylesbury and Birtton in that order and the cost should be the same as the Black Country trip (£20.00).

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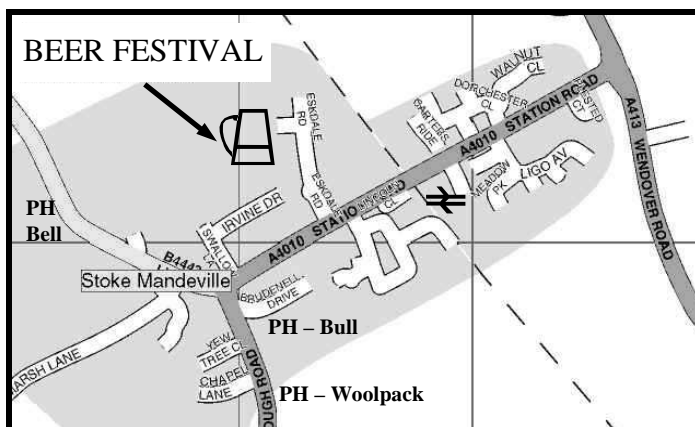
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Black Beauty Porter	4.3%	77.00	47.00	24.50
Hadda's Head Banger	5.0%	80.00	50.00	26.00

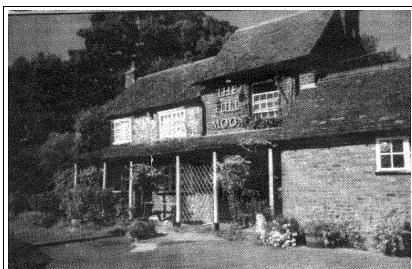
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# *The Clifden Arms*

## Local News

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conservation group the Green Organisation as part of its Green Apple Environment Awards.

Dave Agass and his wife are due to retire from the **Plough**. Various unconfirmed rumours on the new landlord have materialised, watch this space for further details. Recent guest ale delights have been *Hook Norton First Light*, *Wychwood Alchemy Gold* and *West Berkshire Good Old Boy* to partner the *Fullers London Pride* and *Brakspear Bitter*. Happy retirement Dave!

### OVING

The **Black Boy** has been taken over by David Hayles who also runs the **White Horse**, Whitchurch.

### PRINCES RISBOROUGH

Pat Stewart and his wife Patricia have decided to retire from their business of illustrating pub stationery after 33 years. Over those years they have seen massive changes in the trade in their time, but Pat still feels that the pub is more of a social centre than just a boozing centre (so say we all!!). We want to send them our best wishes for their retirement.

### STONE

Alan and Diane Sartain took over the **Rose & Crown** in February this year and, being traditionalists, intend keeping the pub a traditional one and will not be making it into a restaurant - this is a drinkers' pub! Alan is very proud of his *Bass* and *Courage Best* and they offer a simple menu of sandwiches & baguettes, fried food and snacks with a choice of 4 'special' meals and are planning a 'take out' pizza menu as the village doesn't have a takeaway of any description.

### WADDESDON

We held a branch meeting at the **Bell** in July and were delighted to see that in addition to the usual *Adnams Bitter* and *Broadside* there was *Greene King IPA* and the new *Tetley Imperial*. We were also delighted to be treated to a vast amount of curry and rice which certainly hit the spot. Many thanks Nigel!

### WESTON TURVILLE

The **Plough** has closed and the owners are trying to get planning permission for the site. The car park has even got some concrete rings in it so that you cannot park!

## WORLD'S BIGGEST PUB!!



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### GBBF Times & Prices

**CAMRA** members prices are given in brackets.

Tuesday 6th August 5pm – 10.30pm £6.00 (£5.00)

Wednesday 7th August 11.30am – 3pm £2.00 (£1.00)

5pm – 10.30pm £6.00 (£5.00)

Thursday 8th & Friday 9th August Noon– 10.30pm £6.00 (£5.00)

Saturday 10th August 11am-7pm £5.00 (£4.00)

Season Tickets that cover all sessions £17.50 (£15.00)

Congratulations to John Bazin, Dick Moore and Colin Staines, our three winners of last issue's competition to win pairs of tickets for the trade session on Tuesday afternoon! They correctly said that the year the **GBBF** was first held at Olympia was 1992!

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## Branch Diary

Everybody welcome to all socials and meetings!

### AUGUST

**Tuesday 6th – Saturday 10th GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL**  
Olympia, London – See page 15 for details of times and ticket prices.

**Thursday 8th BRANCH SOCIAL AT THE GBBF**

5.30pm onwards – Space has been reserved in the CAMRA Lounge

**Tuesday 13th BRANCH SOCIAL**

9:00pm Crown, Cuddington, 10:00pm Bell, Chearsley

**Wednesday 21st AUNT SALLY MATCH WITH SOUTH OXON BRANCH**

8:00pm Red Lion, Stoke Talmage

**Tuesday 27th STEWKLEY SOCIAL**

9:00pm Carpenters Arms, 10:00pm Swan

### SEPTEMBER

**Monday 9th BRANCH MEETING**

8:30pm Greyhound, Beaconsfield

**Monday 16th WEST WYCOMBE SOCIAL**

9:00pm George & Dragon, 10:00pm Swan

**Saturday 21st CAMBRIDGE COACH TRIP**

Bookings are now being taken

Further details on Page 16.

**Friday 27th TRING PUB CRAWL**

Proposed pub crawl to be confirmed

Please contact the editor (address on page 15) for further details.

### OCTOBER

**Friday 25th – Saturday 26th AYLESBURY BEER FESTIVAL**

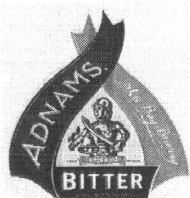
Eskdale Road Community Centre, Stoke Mandeville

This is a charity beer festival held in conjunction with the 'Friends of Florence Nightingale House'

### NOVEMBER

**Friday 8th BRANCH DINNER**

We are taking bookings for a Branch Dinner at the Green Dragon, Haddenham. It is open to all local CAMRA members plus their significant others and it is proposed that it will be 7 for 7.30 to allow use of public transport and/or time for a few beers afterwards. Please contact the editor (address on page 15) if you are interested.



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