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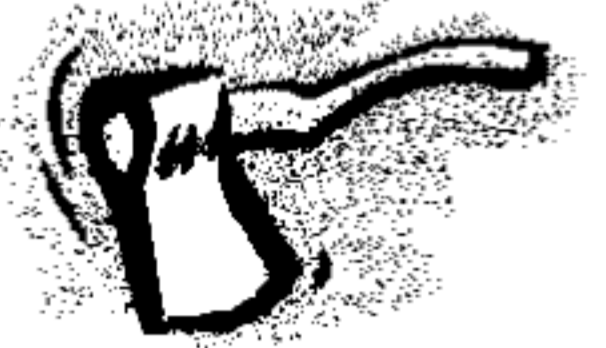


## THE FAT CAT IS CAMRA'S PUB OF THE YEAR

The "Fat Cat" in Norwich has been named Britain's Best Pub. It is the first time in the 10 year history of CAMRA's prestigious National Pub of the Year Awards that a Norfolk pub has been awarded the top gong. Owned by Colin and Majorie Keatley since 1993, the pub is situated on the corner of two streets and is very much a backstreet pub. Locals regard it as a beer drinker's paradise with up to 20 real ales on offer, many served direct from the beer cask in a unique taproom which can be viewed from the bar. Licensee Colin Keatley said, "I am absolutely thrilled. I was

overjoyed to have won the regional final, but this goes beyond my wildest dreams." Explaining the pub's success, Mr Keatley said, "Tradition is the cornerstone of our business. We have worked hard to build a good reputation for quality beers at reasonable prices." Ian Woolverton of CAMRA said, "The Fat Cat is a traditional pub serving an excellent range of good quality real ales. It is extremely encouraging to see that community pubs continue to thrive despite moves from certain sectors of the brewing industry to replace them with bland theme pubs."

## BEER PRICES TO GO UP DESPITE BUDGET FREEZE



Beer drinkers were delighted when the Chancellor, Gordon Brown, decided that the duty on beer should not be increased as has been the custom for many years. However, beer prices will continue to rise to reflect the increases in the taxes on petrol and diesel. Whitbread have already announced an increase of 2.5% on the wholesale prices of their beers. There have been calls for a cut in the taxes levied on our favourite tipples from many quarters. The lack of a rise brings hope that the long-term

problem of the duty differentials between ourselves and the neighbouring parts of Europe can be solved. Smuggling of beer from France continues to be a major problem, but a proposed change in the personal allowance may go towards cutting the number of vans going back and forth across the channel. It is suggested that the indicative limit for personal use be lowered from 110 litres to 50 litres. This gives Customs officers more latitude making it easier to curb smugglers. Besides increasing Government revenue, this would be good for both brewers and pubs.



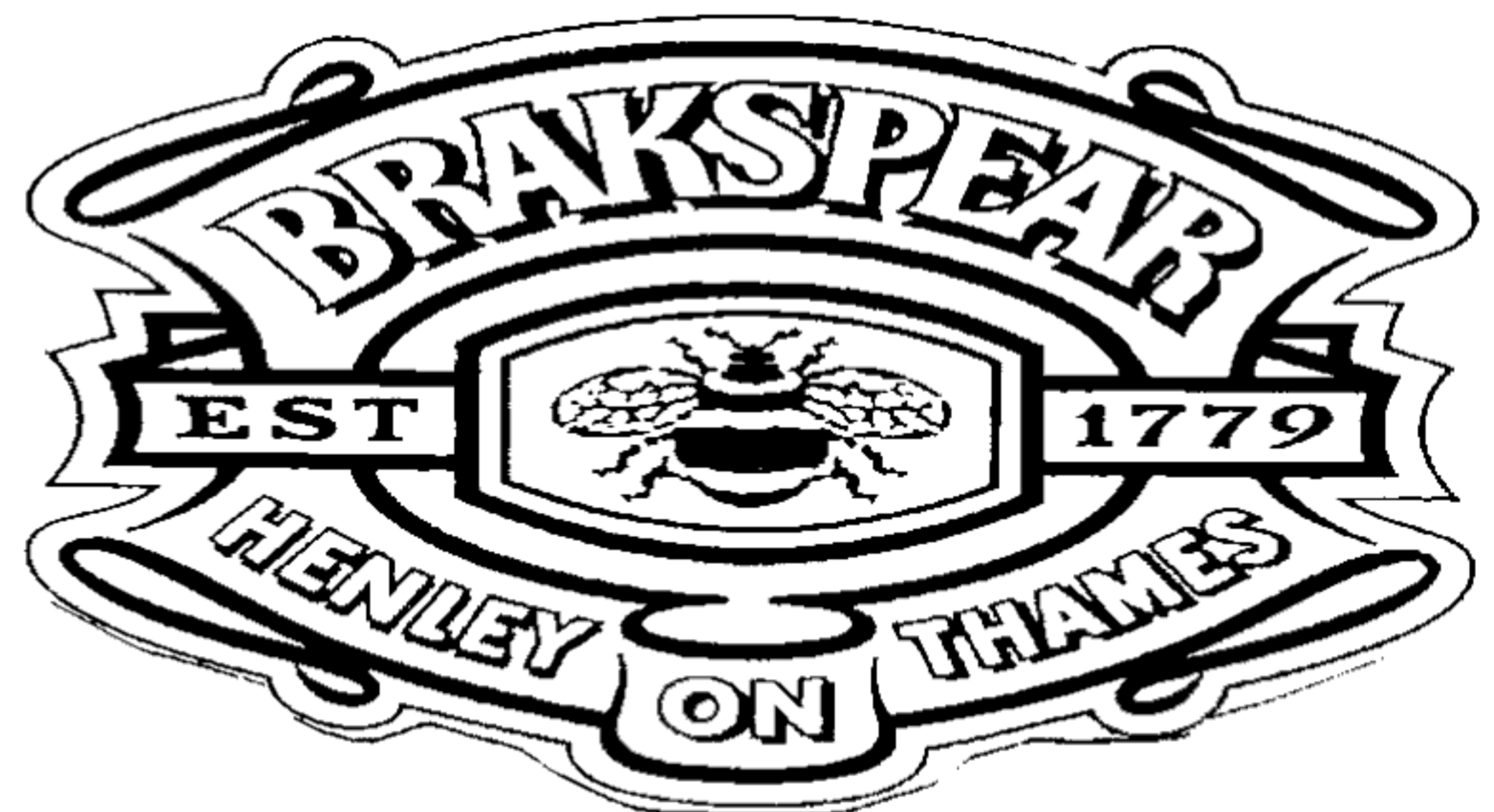
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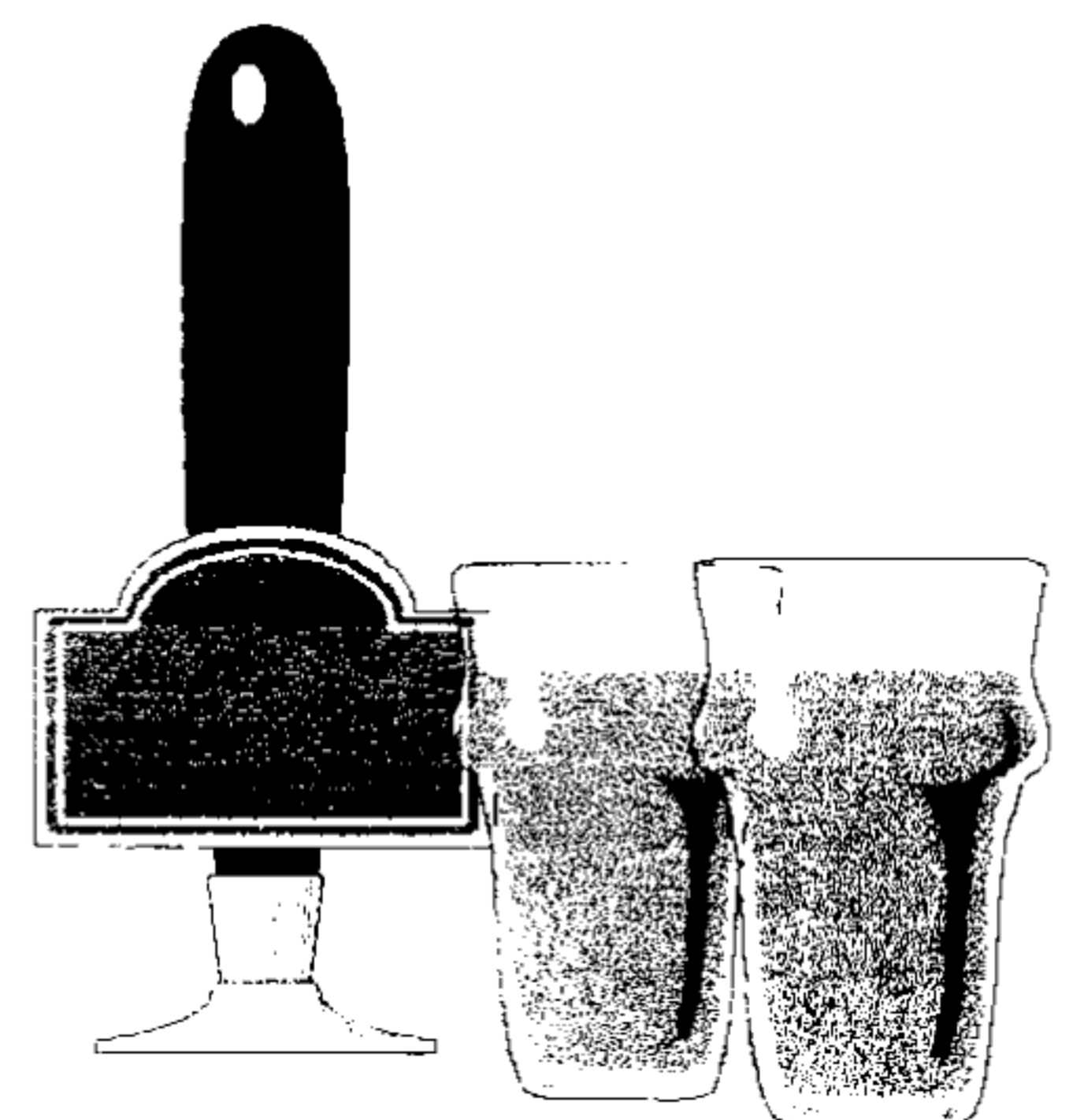
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## Local News

## AYLESBURY

The **Huntsman** is to have a new landlord in April. Joint editor of *Swan Supping*, Bryan Spink, had been running it for nearly a year on a temporary basis until a permanent tenant could be found. It is to be hoped that Bryan's commitment to real ale will be continued under the new management.

The leisure complex being built on the old cattle market looks likely to have a **Hogshead** pub in addition to the already announced **Yates Wine Bar**.

The new pub with the **Family & Friends** theme being built by **Morlands** on Jackson Road is due to open at the end of May.

There has been no decision yet as to what it is to be called, so the *Bucks Advertiser* is running a competition to get ideas. We would like to suggest the name **Hen & Chickens** as it seems appropriate and the former user of that name seems to have no use for it!

The **Lounge** has had its application for an extension, until 2:30 am, to its late licence approved.

The **Dark Lantern** has been refurbished and is now known simply as **The Lantern** (so much for hundreds of years of tradition!). There is still no real ale to be seen.

The **Broad Leys** is planning to add an L-shaped extension to the rear of the pub to provide 22 bedrooms of motel accommodation, disabled facilities and an extended restaurant.

Due to **Greenalls** decision to phase out *Greenalls Original* and *Shipstones Bitter*, the **Queens Head** will be replacing them with *Greene King IPA* and *Courage Directors*. The guest beers will continue as before.

We have heard no further news regarding the future of the **Old Plough & Harrow** on the gyratory system, only rumours. These rumours have been about a possible new landlord, skips being seen there denoting internal work going on. We would appreciate any information regarding this pub.

## CADMORE END

**Ken Chevis**, the landlord of the **Blue Flag Hotel**, died suddenly on 16th March. All of the branch would like to send their sympathies to his family.

## CADSDEN

The **Plough** has a new landlord. Steve Hollings and his wife Sharon have taken over this pub which is on the Ridgeway and is very popular with walkers. They intend to build up the food trade and appeal more to families.

## DUNSMORE

Further conversion work, including two extensions, on the sadly missed **Fox** has been approved.

## FRIETH

Prince Albert escapes fire!  
There is nothing like a roaring fire in a beautiful country pub, is there? However, the **Prince Albert** took it a bit too far when its chimney caught fire earlier this year. The fire brigade saved the day, but there has been damage to the structure of the chimney.

## KINGSWOOD

The **Plough & Anchor** has been closed for refurbishment and should reopen in April.

## LOUDWATER

There has been a change of landlord at the Good Beer Guide listed **Derehams Inn**. Ray Kearney and his wife moved from the pub just before Christmas. It is now owned by Graham and Margaret Sturgess, who are also running the **Rose & Crown** in Wooburn Green. They were recently selling *Vale Black Swan Mild* and dark mild is sadly very rare in our branch.

The **White Blackbird** will return when the controversial **Club One** reverts to its original name, and the pub becomes a traditional public house again.

## MARLOW

The **Chequers** has reopened following a major refurbishment.

Geoff Love, the landlord of the **Cross Keys** will be retiring in the summer after thirty years.

The **Crown & Anchor** is due to reopen as a **Sam Truman** pub on the 1st of April. Perhaps not the best day of the year for a pub opening!!

There is to be a mini beer festival at the **Hogshead** from Friday 21st May through to Sunday 30th May. This will feature 25 beers from regional micro brewers.

## POUNDON

After having been tenants for five

years, Chris and Shirley Marsh have bought the **Sow & Pigs** from **Charles Wells** at the end of February. They will continue to serve *Charles Wells Eagle* and have a regular guest beer.

PRINCES  
RISBOROUGH

Army Milhan, the landlord of the **Whiteleaf Cross**, has received an award for the quality of his ale. He received the *Cask Marque* after independent judges checked his beers met their criteria. The beers were tested for temperature, quality and smell amongst others. The beers will be rechecked in the next 12 months to ensure that the quality is maintained. *Cask Marque* is a scheme supported by most of the major brewers.

## SAUNDERTON

Mike Childs, ex-landlord of the **Dashwood Arms**, has taken over at **Charlie Bartholomews**. The restaurant side of the pub is to specialise in Indian food. There is no news on whether take-aways will be allowed!!

## STEWKLEY

The **Carpenters Arms** has a new landlord.

## STOKE MANDEVILLE

The **Woolpack** has reopened following major refurbishment. An extra family room has been added at the back of the pub and the rest has been redecorated throughout. They are now selling *Ansells Mild* (two dark milds to report in one issue!), *Marstons Pedigree* and *Wadworth 6X*.

## WADESODON

The **Five Arrows** has applied to convert an out-building into a new wing for the hotel. The first stage of the improvements will provide an extra three rooms.

## WHEELER END

The **Brickmakers Arms** has a new 65 seat a la carte restaurant opening in April to replace the carvery. Their current guest beer is *Adnams Broadside*.

## WOOBURN

The landlady of the **Queen & Albert** is due to leave during April.

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Some of the **Dayla** team went out onto the streets visiting local pubs and clubs raising money generously donated by the proprietors and their clientele.

It was a great day with everyone entering into the spirit of things including the Managing Director, Tim Cooper, who even donned a clown outfit which he wore well into the

evening.

A personal thank you from Tim to all those who took part especially Karen Scott, Marie Dodd and Matt Bignell who won prizes of wine for their excellent costumes.

A sacrifice of a different nature took place at the **Huntsman** in Aylesbury.

Along with other events, the assistant manager, Ian Topping, had his six year old pony tail cut off, and manager Bryan Spink had to wear red silk boxers for the day.

A total of £188 was raised on the day for the Red Nose Charity appeal.



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**LOCAL BEER FESTIVAL NEWS**

**WYCOMBE BEER FESTIVAL**

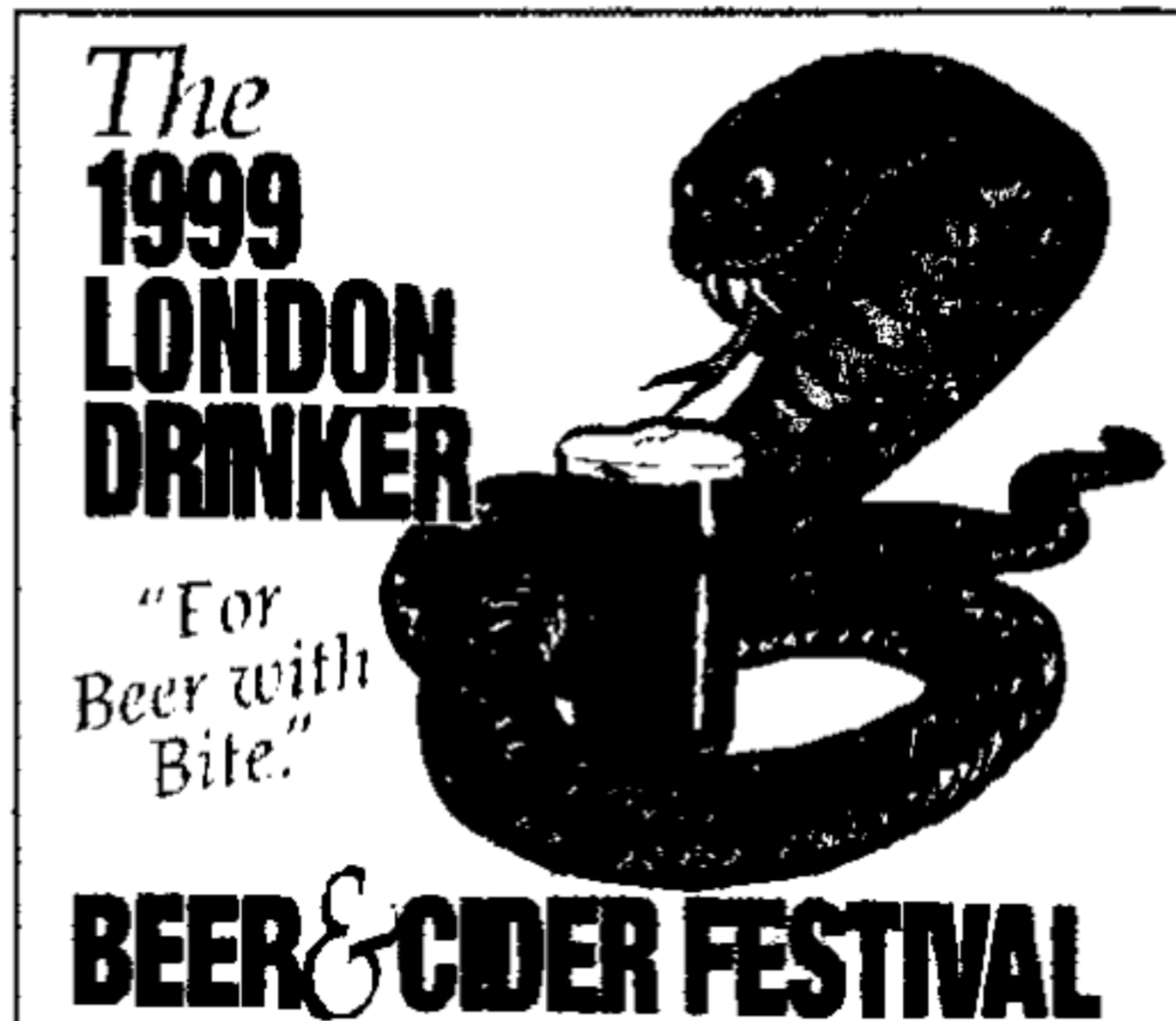
The Rotary Club of High Wycombe held their first charity beer festival at Wycombe Wanderers' Adams Park ground on 19th/20th of March.

They had a large number of real ales straight from the cask, ranging in strength from *Vale Black Swan Mild* at 3.2%, to *Morland Old Speckled Hen* at 5.2%.

Local breweries were well represented with a total of nine beers from **Chiltern, Rebellion** and **Vale**.

All the beers were kindly sponsored by local firms, and **Frank Knowles**, the event organiser, said that a lot of money had been raised for children's charities including Kids Out.

It is hoped that the festival can become a regular event.



**LONDON DRINKER**

The annual Beer & Cider festival, run by the London branches of **CAMRA**, was held at the Camden Centre near Kings Cross between the 24th and 26th of March.

There is a wide range of beer which generally includes (that means if you get there in time) a lot of milds and porters.

They also have beers which have been brewed exclusively for the festival, and this year there was *Apiarist's Delight* from **The Flounder & Firkin**,

*Pitfield's Rabbits Whiskers* and *O'Hanlon's Snake Venom*.

Besides beer there was a wide range of food available including **O'Hagan's** famous sausages.

Watch out for details of this event in *Swan Supping* next year.



**AYLESBURY RUGBY CLUB**

There is to be a beer festival to be held over the last weekend of May at the clubhouse in Aston Clinton.

This will be a charity event with some of the proceeds going to the Friends of Florence Nightingale House.

Many traditional beers will be available, as well as food, and if you have children this will not be a problem as families are welcome.

Please see the advert on page three for full details.

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# Letters

Send your letters to the editorial address.

I have recently moved to High Wycombe and hope to play an active role in the branch. Indeed I have already attended a couple of events, however I notice that many of your socials start at 9:30pm. I start work early in the mornings and accordingly tend to turn in at around 10pm. I would find it a lot easier if events started at around 8-8:30pm or possibly even earlier.

I do not expect the branch to be run entirely for my convenience and fully expect that other people's working commitments are different to my own but I wonder how many other early starters might be enticed to attend if the times were a bit more friendly to their body clock. If an event, such as a social, started at 8pm, I could happily 'bale out' at 10pm, those who have to work rather later in the evenings than I and perhaps commute can still come out at 9:30pm and stay on later if that suits them.

I am, of course, able to stay out later on a Friday and Saturday evening!

*Alistair Blackett, High Wycombe*

*(Branch socials seem to have started later over the last few years and it is probably a good time to review this. We have arranged a few earlier starts in this issue, and we will be happy to see anybody who wants to join us for a drink, even if only for part of the event.*

*We are also considering having set days in set areas, (say) Aylesbury area on the first Monday of the month and Wycombe area on the third Wednesday. As usual, any ideas on this will be welcome! - Ed.)*

Mick and Wendy Rolley

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# NATIONAL NEWS

## PUB DESIGN AWARDS

**First new-build winner for fourteen years!**

The **Wharf** in Walsall has been named as the winner in the *New Build* category in the prestigious **Pub Design Awards** of **CAMRA** for 1998. This is the first time in fourteen years that the elusive award has been made.

Steve Parissien wrote in the judges report, "Inspired by the use of Scandinavian style pale wood and a back to basics approach to fixtures and fittings, the **Wharf** is an encouragingly down to earth and unmistakably contemporary pub. Only at the end of the century, it seems, have pub owners summoned the courage and foresight to combine the familiar virtues of the public house with the best of modern design."

**Browns** in Coventry was 'Highly Commended' in the *New Build* category. The quality of the building is undeniable. Echoing the forms of the 1950's, the Golden Age of Coventry architecture, the design contrasts strong, curving forms executed in warm wood and steel with bold wall colours of maroon and yellowy-green.

### Rail Station Buffet knocks competition off the tracks!

Best *Pub Refurbishment* goes to the **Stalybridge Station Buffet**, one of Britain's most famous railway watering holes. Situated on platform one of Stalybridge Station in Greater Manchester, the old bar and conservatory are exactly as they used to be - cosy, warm, friendly and unpretentious. The Buffet Bar has been equipped with two much needed additional rooms which have been sensitively furnished with thirties style furniture and a modicum of tasteful railway memorabilia.

**Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem** in Nottingham is the judges unanimous winner in the *English Heritage Conservation* award category. Candidate for one of the oldest pubs in Britain, the inn was allegedly founded in 1189, although the current building dates from the 17th century. Conservation work has taken place throughout and as a result nothing has been done to spoil the charm of this ancient pub.

The judges felt unable to make any award in the *Conversion to Pub Use* category. 1998 saw a plethora of conversions of former banks, of which *Fuller's* aptly named **Counting House** in London is a worthy example. Ultimately though, the judges felt that the entries were not of the same high quality as previous years.



## PUB 2000 CONCEPT COMPETITION

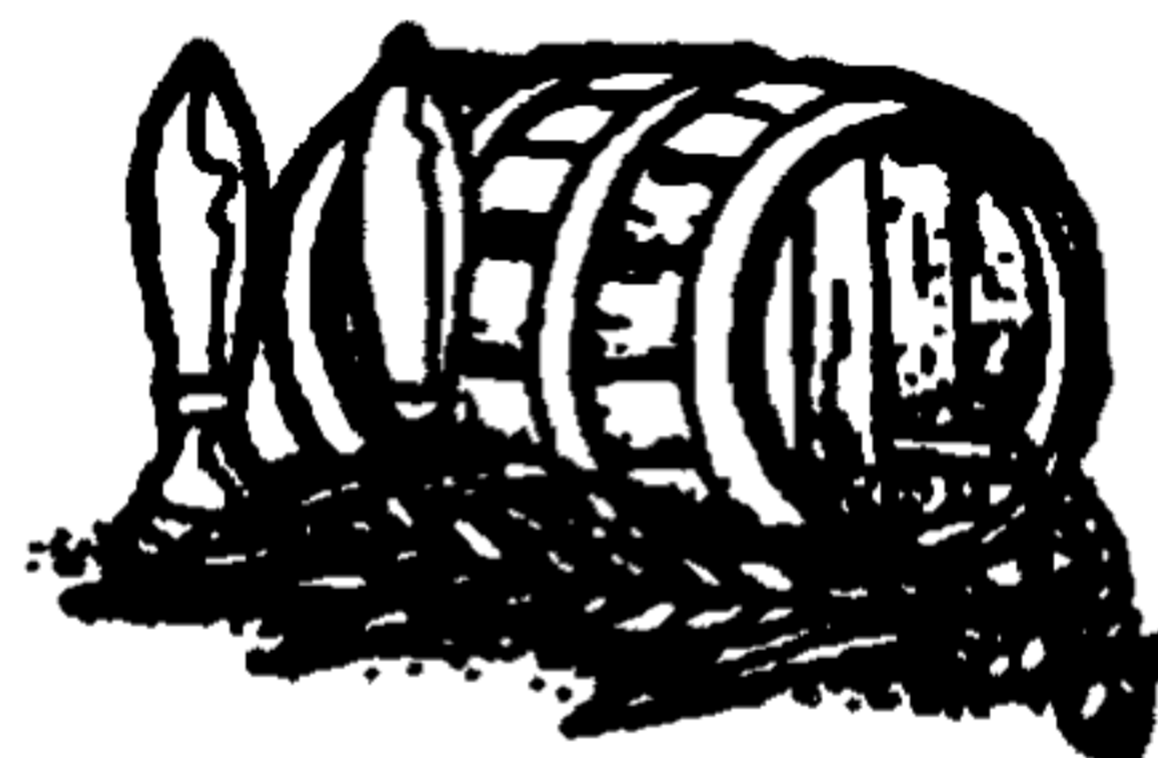
For one year only, **CAMRA** is launching an exciting competition to mark the beginning of the new millennium. Professional architects, designers and consultancies are invited to design a pub that encourages good, innovative and imaginative design.

It is intended that the designs should reflect the positive attributes of the British Pub, give consideration to both the client and the consumer, and look to take the pub into the 21st Century. Participants will be asked to submit their ideas in the form of a series of architects drawings with written views on how these features meet the needs of the consumer in 2000.



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## A BOOZY SATURDAY

### A CAMRA member new to the branch checks out the area

The telephone rang on Saturday morning, it was my friend Martin from London advising me that I now lived very close to **The Fox and Hounds** in Christmas Common. For those of you that don't know this is a rural pub on the **CAMRA** National Inventory not far from Stokenchurch although just over the border in Oxfordshire. I was unaware of the existence of either the pub or the hamlet of Christmas Common for that matter but agreed to go there the same day.

I met Martin off the train at half twelve at Wycombe station, and we walked down to the bus depot.

There were plenty of buses to Stokenchurch so we agreed to have a pint at **The Gate** while we waited for the next one. This was a basic but lively little pub which I'd never visited before. Interestingly it boasted a bar billiards table. It was full of Wycombe Wanderers fans on their way to Reading and had a lively burble. The *Morland Original* was in good condition.

We were lucky to catch the comfortable Cambridge to Oxford coach service which took us from Wycombe to Stokenchurch.

The village boasts five pubs and we decided to have a look at them all and head out to Christmas Common in time for evening opening. We first went to the **Royal Oak** just in time to witness a pretty girl, whom I was later told was called Helen, lock the door. Perhaps she didn't like the look of us and who can blame her! We then decided to walk down to **Charlie Bartholmew's**. This is a comfortable pub with a restaurant, which had just closed, and I think the landlady was planning to shut up shop but to her credit she decided to stay open and served us a pint and a half of very good *Morland Original*. There was no one else in the pub so we chatted happily about her previous pub down the road (The **Dashwood Arms**) the Wycombe beer festival and much more.

We moved on to the **Fleur de Lys**, a large pub on a green. There were half a dozen people in and we enjoyed a reasonable half of *Brakspears Bitter*. The nearby **Four Horseshoes** was next and it was packed with people watching the rugby. Although I am a sports fan, Martin is not and we went to the back of the bar and had a couple of bottles of Stella (brewed in the UK under licence but a respectable 5.2%). I didn't see any

real ale on and the pub was very smokey. When we left Martin described it as more of a sports cinema than a pub. Just across the road is the **Kings Arms**, a large and comfortable hotel bar. Martin had a pint and a half of *Brakspears Bitter*, I decided to have a pint and a half of *Hoegarden*.

After that we had some chips at the local chippy before getting a cab out to Christmas Common. A picturesque little hamlet (apart from two transmitter masts). We were early for the bolts so explored a public footpath through the woods before returning for 18:00 on the dot. The pub really is a little gem with three small drinking areas, a real fire and beer on gravity. We had it to ourselves at first but were soon joined by various locals and visitors and nearly as many dogs. I think we had a pint of *Brakspears Bitter* and two pints of *Special* before our cab returned and took us back to Stokenchurch just in time for the Oxford to Cambridge bus back to Wycombe.

By this time we'd had quite a few and my recollection is getting a little hazy. It was around 20:00 and we went to the **Rose and Crown** which was quite busy. Strangely this was my first visit although Martin had been before. I think we had two pints which were probably *Greene King IPA* and *Courage Best* before taking a hike to the **Belle Vue**

This is a pub that Martin had particularly enjoyed on a previous visit primarily because of the open fire. The **Belle Vue** was packed, there was live music on. I think I had a pint of *Courage Best* and I know that he had a pint of *Old Peculier*. Heaven knows how he put it away but he did.

We decided that was enough and that we would have a cup of tea at Jenny's which proved to be shut. The burger bar a few doors up surprisingly didn't serve hot drinks so we ended up in the "Irish" theme pub **Finn McCool's** (not sure of the spelling). I don't normally visit theme pubs but we put in 20 minutes with a half of *Guinness* as we waited for Martin's train. Surprisingly they had no bottled *Guinness*. Whatever you think of "Irish" bars the pub was packed mostly by early 20 somethings though we did spot a few people who were in their 30s or early 40s.

Martin was planning to work on his college project on Sunday morning. I don't know if he did but I do know that I didn't go for my planned swim!

ALISTAIR BLACKETT

## LONDON PUB CRAWL

Following on from a successful crawl in London last year, we are having another on Friday May 7th. This will start where the last one finished and continue our journey round the best pubs of the capitol. An A-Z of London is recommended if you are unable to keep up with the rest of the crowd.

5:30pm **Lamb**, Lambs Conduit St. *Youngs* pub near Russell Square tube station.

6:15pm **Swan**, 7 Cosmo Place  
Seven beers when visited.  
The **Queens Larder** two doors away is an optional extra.

7:00pm **Enterprise**, Red Lion St. *London Pride & Bass*. Four pint pitchers are available!

7:45pm **Three Cups**, Sandland St. *Youngs* pub in GBG.

8:30pm **The Penderel's Oak**, 283 - 288 High Holborn  
Large *J.D. Wetherspoon* pub with cellar bar, opened February last year.

9:15pm **Seven Stars**, 53 Carey St.  
Historic pub built in 1602 with an unspoilt interior.  
My father always said I would end up in Carey St. - how right he was!

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## Branch Diary

*Everybody welcome to all socials and meetings!*

### April

#### Sunday 4th EASTER DAY TRING PUB CRAWL

12 noon at Kings Arms, then Robin Hood etc.

#### Wednesday 7th CHRISTMAS COMMON SOCIAL

9:30pm Fox & Hounds

#### Saturday 17th – Sunday 18th CAMRA AGM

Hove, Sussex

#### Wednesday 21st WINGRAVE SOCIAL

9:30pm Rose & Crown

#### Friday 30th MARLOW PUB MEANDER

8:00pm Chequers, 9:00pm Hogshead, 10:00pm Crown & Anchor (Sam Trueman's)

### May

#### Friday 7th LONDON PUB CRAWL

Starting 5:30pm Lamb, Lambs Conduit Street – Full list of pubs on page 7

#### Wednesday 12th BRANCH MEETING

8:30pm Red Lion, Haddenham

#### Friday 14th SOUTHWOLD PUB CRAWL

Starting 6:00pm Lord Nelson

#### Saturday 15th ADNAMS BREWERY VISIT

This trip is now fully booked

#### Wednesday 19th HIGH WYCOMBE SOCIAL

9:00pm Bell, 10:00pm Rose & Crown

#### Wednesday 26th PENN & TYLERS GREEN WALKABOUT

8:00pm Red Lion, 8:45pm Horse & Groom, 9:30pm Horse & Jockey, 10:15pm Queen

### June

#### Tuesday 1st WORMINGHALL SOCIAL

9:30pm Clifden Arms

#### Wednesday 9th CADSDEN & ASKETT SOCIAL

9:00pm Plough, 10:00pm Three Crowns

#### Saturday 26th BLACK COUNTRY COACH TRIP

10:00am pickup from outside Broad Leys, Aylesbury, then Wendover and outside Tesco's, High Wycombe. Price £16. Full details next issue.

### October

#### Friday 22nd - Saturday 23rd AYLESBURY BEER FESTIVAL

Guttman Sports & Leisure Centre, Stoke Mandeville

This is a charity beer festival, organised by the Friends of Florence Nightingale House with assistance from the Aylesbury Vale & Wycombe Branch of CAMRA. Further details next issue



## Beer Festival Diary

### April

8th – 10th *Dunstable*, Young Persons Centre, Manchester Place

8th – 10th *Bury St. Edmunds*, Corn Exchange, Bury St. Edmunds

9th - 10th *Coventry City*, Coventry City Football Club, East Stand Mall

9th – 11th *Mansfield*, Leisure Centre, Chesterfield Road, Mansfield

14th – 17th *Newcastle*, Students Union, Newcastle University, Kings Walk

22nd – 24th *Paisley*, Town Hall, Abbey Close, Paisley

23rd – 24th *Chippenham*, Studio Hall, Olympiad Leisure Centre, Chippenham

29th – 1st May *Ongar*, Budworth Hall, Ongar Essex

29th – 2nd May *Reading*, Kings Meadow, Reading

### May

7th – 8th *Macclesfield*, Macclesfield Rugby Club, Priory Lane

14th – 16th *Yapton*, Yapton and Ford Village Hall, Nr. Arundal

18th – 21st *Colchester*, Arts Centre, Nr. Mercury Theatre

20th – 23rd *Doncaster*, Exhibition Centre, Doncaster Race Course

21st – 22nd *Alloa*, Town Hall, Alloa

21st – 30th *Hogshead Mini Beer Festival*, Marlow (see page 7)

27th – 30th *Lincoln*, Drill Hall, Broadgate

28th – 29th *Frodsham*, Community Centre, Fluin Lane

28th – 30th *Ripon*, Hugh Ripley Hall, Skellbank, Ripon

28th – 30th *Newark*, Riverside Park, adjacent to the Castle

28th – 30th *Aylesbury Rugby Club*, Weston Turville (see page 4)

### June

9th – 12th *Milton Keynes & North Bucks*, National Hockey Stadium, Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes (Full details next issue)

### August

3rd – 7th *Great British Beer Festival*, Olympia, London W8

### October

22nd – 23rd *Aylesbury*, Guttman Sports & Leisure Centre, Stoke Mandeville

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