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**Letchworth's  
new brewery  
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**One of Welwyn  
Garden City's  
oldest pubs closes**



## Another Successful Hitchin Beer & Cider Festival



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## GPs disagree there is no safe level of alcohol consumption

The majority of GPs disagree with the Chief Medical Officer's statement that there is no safe level of alcohol consumption, according to research undertaken on behalf of CAMRA.

A poll conducted by *medeConnect* showed that 60% of the GPs surveyed disagreed with the Chief Medical Officer's statement that there is no safe level of alcohol consumption. It also found that almost two thirds (63%) of GPs considered that moderate alcohol consumption is part of a healthy lifestyle.

The new alcohol guidance published by the Chief Medical Officer in January breaks with international precedent by providing the same guidelines for men and women; adopting a very low threshold of 14 units per week and stating that there is no safe level of alcohol consumption.

Numerous scientific studies shows that moderate drinking can have a protective effect against various health problems including cardiovascular disease, cognitive decline, and certain forms of cancer. However, this is ignored in the new alcohol guidelines.

CAMRA's National Chairman, Colin Valentine said: "We made the observation when the new guidelines were published that the Chief Medical Officer had ignored evidence which showed that moderate drinking can have a beneficial effect.

"Only recently, we commissioned a report with Oxford University 'Friends on Tap' which found that those who had a local pub were happier, healthier, and felt more integrated in their communities than those without.

"Furthermore, research has shown that the mortality rate of moderate drinkers is lower than those who abstain altogether.

"It therefore is no surprise that this survey has illustrated that GPs overwhelmingly believe that a moderate consumption of alcohol can be part of a good and healthy lifestyle.'

"CAMRA are calling on the Department of Health to launch a full public consultation into whether the new alcohol health guidelines are fit for purpose and adequately supported by evidence".

## Three Hammers planning travesty

The **Three Hammers** in Chiswell Green is a thriving pub and part of the Ember Inn chain owned by Mitchell's & Butler's. The description on **Whatpub.com** is as follows: - "Fully refurbished in 2015. Oldest part of building 15-16<sup>th</sup> Century. Previously a coaching inn and forge thus the name. Oak beams and ornate bar front in a contemporary interior with garden situated on the main Watford Road. Five real ales include three ever-changing guests. Good quality meals are served every day. The pub has regular Ember Inn beer festivals and quiz nights on Sunday and Tuesday for a small cash prize. There is a bus stop outside and the pub is well placed for access to the M25 and M1". As far as I know the Hammers is Grade II listed and it certainly has some interesting features, including the central horseshoe bar (again under threat during an earlier refurbishment). M&B have been trying to get permission to redevelop the garden of the pub for some time to build a Sainsbury's convenience store, the plans being opposed by local residents and the St Stephen's Parish Council. St Albans planning committee originally rejected the plans after a very high level of written objections, but the owners appealed.



This is where it all started to go wrong. The parish council had decided against an Asset of Community Value (ACV) listing the pub and of course the land attached. St Albans District Council Planning Department, who regularly overshoot the eight week decision time, did not meet the deadline which allowed the appeal to be heard on written submissions. The Parish Council because of this had no opportunity in the appeal to put their case at a public hearing.

It appears that M&B had decided at least 18 months ago to sell up the garden to Sainsbury's, and even if an ACV had been lodged and accepted, you'd still have the local community trying to out-bid Sainsbury's for the land, estimated value £600K to £800K.



The inspector made no reference to the 90 or so in the named petition to keep the green space. As we have seen before SADC planning committees take little notice of ACVs - the **Camp** in St Albans being a good example.

So now we can look forward to a horrible orange monstrosity in the Three Hammers garden. There are no shortage of shops locally, and opposite - you guessed it - it is a convenience store.

## Error delays PubCo tenant's protection

**A** drafting error has delayed the introduction of the Pubs Code which should allow lessees to move to a market rent only agreement and be free of tie. The code was due to be introduced on 26 May but errors were found in the legislation and it has had to be withdrawn and amended. Despite this the 13,000 tenants of Enterprise, Punch, Greene King, Heineken, Admiral Taverns and Marston's shouldn't have to wait too long to be covered by the code, which should be introduced in a few months.

Some campaigners are calling for a judicial review over the appointment of the pubs code adjudicator Paul Newby, saying his position is conflicted as he used to work for pub specialist property agent Fleurets.

However, the surveyors' professional body the RICS denied the claim.

"As Paul Newby will no longer continue in his role with Fleurets, there should not be a risk of this posing a conflict of interest in his execution of his new post," said an RICS spokesman.

Licenses will have to be confident that they have a case when going to review, as you first have to pay a fee, and then can be found liable for both parties' costs if you lose.

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## A New Brewery in Letchworth Now Open!

Most people would think that a brewery opening in town is nothing new. After all there were many in most towns in the past. However, things were different in Letchworth. Letchworth is the first "Garden City", predating its more famous younger brother by at least 20 years. Both were commissioned by Ebenezer Howard, a philanthropic Quaker. It is a misconception that it was because of his beliefs the town was built without pubs or breweries; this was not the case. Howard was also a believer in democracy and held a referendum of all the early residents of Letchworth 'Garden City' asking them if they wanted pubs or not. The result was in favour of not. The first pub was built in the 1970s and Letchworth now has its first brewery.



The Garden City Brewery is situated in The Wynd, between Station Road and Leys Avenue and there is a public car park to the rear. The brewer is Nick Rolfe and the Bar is run by Holly-Anne Rolfe. Opening day was Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> although there had been a pre-opening weekend during the Letchworth Food and Drink Festival when the enterprise proved immensely popular. The Bar is open Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday noon till 10, serving 6 real ales (2 of which are brewed on the premises) and 4 real ciders including some from award winning Apple Cottage. All are on gravity.

The beers include: *1<sup>st</sup> Garden City Pale*, *1<sup>st</sup> Garden City Bitter*, *Banjax*, *G.R.O.G.* and *1903 IPA*. The last beer is named after the year of Letchworth Garden City's birth. Having tried three of their brews I have been impressed by the quality. Drinkers at the recent **Hitchin beer Festival** appear to agree as *G.R.O.G.* was the first beer to sell out.

Holly-Anne and Nick have kindly offered to hold an open evening just for CAMRA members on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of September at 7.30 pm. If you are interested in attending please contact [socialsecretary@camranorthherts.org.uk](mailto:socialsecretary@camranorthherts.org.uk) so we can gauge numbers for what promises to be a great evening. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Garden City Brewery is situated in The Wynd, between Station Road and Leys Avenue and there is a public car

## Haresfoot Announcement

The directors of Haresfoot Brewery wish to announce we will be moving out of current premises at 2 River Park on January 6<sup>th</sup> 2017. This will be three years since the brewery commenced operations and over this period our award winning beer, regular live music, comedy events and tours have proved extremely popular and established Haresfoot as a vibrant community brewery with a strong, loyal and supportive following. The current premises have enabled us to provide a wonderful



and unique variety of events which has enhanced the experience of our beers. However the premises are underutilised and we are seeking opportunities elsewhere to match our current business model and improve efficiency so Haresfoot can move forward. Over the coming months we will be exploring all options including new brewery locations to ensure trading continues as seamlessly as possible through 2017 and beyond. In the meantime we will continue brewing fabulous beer with a packed programme of events to keep us very busy and we look forward to your generous continued support and goodwill through this transition.

Any enquiries contact: Haresfoot Brewery, Berkhamsted HP4 1HL. Email: [beer@haresfoot.com](mailto:beer@haresfoot.com) Internet: [www.haresfoot.com](http://www.haresfoot.com)

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## Citra is now Oakham's Best Selling Beer!

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You'll be able to sample *Citra* and the widest range of Oakham beers in the country including a Festival Special at the forthcoming **St Albans Beer & Cider Festival** (see back page of this newsletter). *Citra* is also on permanently in the **Mermaid** and **Farriers Arms** in St Albans.

*John Bishop*

## St Albans Pubs Serve 100 Real Ales

In recent times Norwich has advertised itself as the 'City of Ale' as it has an abundance of brewers and good pubs. Cheltenham is now running a 'Town of Ale' to celebrate its variety of real ale and pubs. With this in mind a survey of St Albans was done by Kevin Gains, and at the time no less than 100 different beers were on sale in the City's 40 plus real ale pubs. The City not only has three pub breweries but also three micro-breweries in the local area, which adds to St Albans drinkers being spoilt for choice. The **Lower Red Lion** in Fishpool Street deserves a mention as all their beer is sourced from breweries within a 35 mile radius - a true supporter of Locale.

## Hertfordshire Cider of the Year

At the recent **Hitchin Beer and Cider Festival** the CAMRA Hertfordshire Cider of the Year and Perry of the Year judgings were held. The winner in the Cider category was Apple Cottage *Special Branch* with runner-up Apple Cottage *KT*. The winner in the Perry category was Apple Cottage *Perry Coma* with runner-up Millwhites *Angry Goose*.



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All cider and perry makers in Hertfordshire were asked to supply ciders to the festival and select their entries for the competition. Each of the four branches of CAMRA in Hertfordshire were asked to supply judges who are CAMRA members. The judging was held under 'blind tasting' and the ciders or perries scored under various categories.

Thank you to all our judges and cider makers. If you wish to become a judge please contact your Branch Chairman or Cider Rep.

*Gill Richardson*

## East Anglian Cider Pub of the Year 2016

The winners of the East Anglian Cider Pub of the Year 2016 are as follows:-

1<sup>st</sup> - **Railway Arms**, Railway Station, Downham Market, Norfolk, PE38 9EN.

A very close 2<sup>nd</sup> was the **Three Elms**, Chignal St James, Essex, CM1 4TZ,

3<sup>rd</sup> was the **Mermaid**, 98 Hatfield Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 3RL.

## Stung At the Beehive

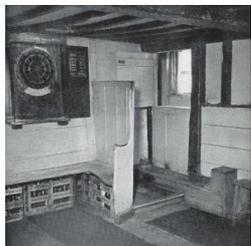
Locals in Welwyn Garden City have been left stunned by the closure of one of the town's oldest pubs, the **Beehive** in Beehive Lane, in the Hatfield Hyde area of the town. Leaseholders Inn Britain closed the pub in June saying, despite making £200k in investment, the pub was losing £4k per week. Their current plans are to convert the pub into a restaurant in late August. Pub regulars highlight the pub's history, its importance in the community and the lost potential.

The pub dates back to at least 1840 when the Beehive was a pub and a village store and parts of the building date from the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. It



retains many of its internal features. Originally serving a small rural farming community the pub became popular with new residents in Handside Lane as Welwyn Garden City took shape and eventually grew to engulf the Beehive into its boundaries, now close to the QEII Hospital. Bought by the Marquis of Salisbury and leased to McMullen's it was later acquired by Whitbread, and it seems the two companies shared involvement until the 1960s when McMullen's withdrew and Whitbread carried on forward, still operating it as a traditional pub until 1980, when the pub was awarded Grade II Listing by English Heritage. Later in the decade the Beehive was reinvented as a Beefeater Steakhouse.

The pub was acquired by Charles Wells in 2004 and in 2014 the Inn Britain Pub Company took a long lease from Wells operating it as a pub and carvery. The announcement of its conversion into a restaurant, after just two years, ends an important



part of Welwyn Garden City's history, the loss of a significant community pub, and the loss of a real ale outlet in this area of the town.

The photo of the public bar, left, was taken in the 1940s and is perhaps a reminder of simpler times. It is taken from the book "Inside the Pub" by Gorham and Dunnett.

*Les Middlewood*

## Worppelling to the Maltings

The **Worppell** in Ware has been given an external redecoration – and a new name. It is now called the **Maltings**. The early 19<sup>th</sup> Century pub was formerly known as the New Rose and Crown becoming the Worppell in the late 1990s, commemorating its builder, Matthew Worppell, and thus avoiding the age old confusion between the New Rose and Crown and the Rose and Crown which stands just 200 yards further up, along Watton Road. Leaseholders Terry and Heather Higgs feel that the new name is more relevant to the town, celebrating Ware's former importance as one of Europe's foremost malting centres. Sadly no active maltings now remain in Ware (the nearest is in Stanstead Abbots) though a number of distinctive maltings buildings still can be found, if now put to other use. An internal redecoration may follow in due course. In the meantime the Maltings will continue to serve as a superb community pub with top-notch Greene King *Abbot* and *IPA* on handpump, along with an occasional guest beer.

*Les Middlewood*

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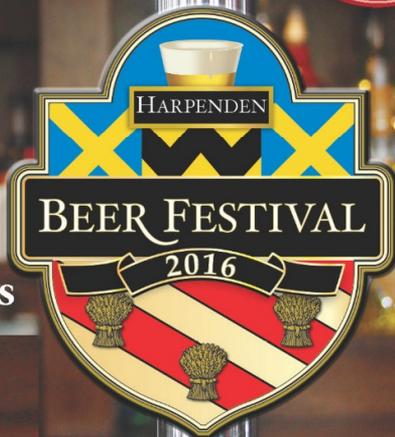
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## Half Moon, Hitchin - Herts Pub of the Year 2016

In what was as usual a very tight hard fought contest the four Hertfordshire branches have visited and voted for their county pub of the year. All the pubs in the final four have won the county title before, some more than once so it is special congratulations to the **Half Moon** at Hitchin - this year's winner.



*Pictured above: Ian Boyd (second left) presenting Half Moon licensees Wendy and Howard their Herts Pub of the Year award certificate.*

The presentation of the certificate and coveted 'Stag' trophy was presented at the Spring Beer Festival held at the pub. Chairman Gill Richardson (far left, above) said it was a fitting tribute to joint licensees Howard Philips and Wendy Mower as Wendy is retiring this year and Howard is taking a step back and intends working fewer hours. The trophy itself has changed this year as the previous one had an accident and was damaged beyond repair.

The Half Moon was then awarded Hertfordshire Pub of the Year and the presentation was made by Gill Richardson and Ian Boyd (from South Herts CAMRA), representing two of the four branches in Hertfordshire. The presentation was made at the Hitchin Beer Festival at the request of Howard and Wendy who attended with staff and friends.

Our best wishes to them as they progress into the East Anglia round.

1<sup>st</sup> - **Half Moon**, Hitchin

2<sup>nd</sup> - **Land of Liberty Peace and Plenty**, Heronsgate

3<sup>rd</sup> - **Queen's Head**, Allens Green

4<sup>th</sup> - **Woodman**, Wildhill

The Half Moon will now go forward into the East Anglia section of the contest for CAMRA Pub of the Year.

## North Herts Cider Pub of the Year

This year's competition was hotly contested with seven pubs being entered. The winner was the **Strathmore Arms** in St Paul's Walden.

This is a free house situated on the Bowes-Lyon Estate. There is one regular beer and four constantly changing and often unusual guests, the cider range is similar with two real ciders and one perry. The pub welcomes locals and visitors alike and once a month runs occasional 'Wild Food' evenings, not road kill or poached. The pub also boasts a full collection of **Good Beer Guides** 1976-2016 available to view in the bar.

The presentation, pictured on the front cover of this newsletter, was made by North Herts Chairman Gill Richardson to Danny Blackwell.

## 2016 Hitchin Beer & Cider Festival - Another Success

The **Hitchin Beer & Cider Festival** was held for the fourth year at Hitchin Rugby Club in June and was another great success. We made some improvements which worked out well, a bigger marquee, revised the entry procedure, and loads more beer! The total number of guests this year was 2,874, up again on the previous year and a total of 9,000 pints of real ale were drunk (not including the cider, perry and foreign beer). The first of the 89 real ales to run out was *G.R.O.G.* from the brand new Garden City Brewery in Letchworth Garden City, which had only held its official opening on 11<sup>th</sup> June the Saturday of the festival. As ever the cider and perry were exceptionally popular and despite ordering extra, we still ran out late on Saturday evening.

The festival ran smoothly and was officially opened by Tim Farr (standing in for Keith Hoskins, Town Centre Manager), and a quick word from John Francis at the **Comet**. On Thursday evening, Howard and Wendy from the **Half Moon** in Hitchin were presented with Hertfordshire Pub of the Year award (see previous article)

The Hertfordshire cider of the year judging took place at the event with Apple Cottage - *Special Branch* winning best cider, and Apple Cottage Perry *Coma* as best Perry.

The Letchworth Morris Men provided the entertainment on Saturday afternoon. We also had some great food stalls, Now Now, Cantina Carnitas,

Ronnies Tropical Taste, the Toast Office, PipersCrisps, and the Rugby Club BBQ.

The festival is run entirely by unpaid volunteers from our supporting organisations: CAMRA North Herts, Hitchin Round Table, and Hitchin Rugby Club. A big thank you to all those volunteers who helped, not only during the festival itself but during the set up and who had an early start on Sunday to ensured that the marquee (pictured below during the festival) was dismantled before the rain arrived.



We hope you all had a great time, and the festival will be back at the Rugby club in June next year. If you can't wait that long, North Herts CAMRA also organise the Stevenage Beer Festival at Stevenage Leisure centre (right next to the station), which will be open on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017.

*Jonathan Kirby - Festival Organiser*



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## Gibberd Garden Beer Festival

On 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016 the tenth **Gibberd Garden Beer Festival** was held by Herts and Essex Borders CAMRA Branch on the edge of Harlow.

We were pleased to welcome Robert Halfon, the local MP and keen dark beer drinker, to open the festival. Robert said, "It is awesome being here at this amazing festival and thank you to all the CAMRA Branch for making it such a regular success". Although not the glorious sunshine we would have preferred, the rain held off during opening hours for the first time in several years! Once again there was an excellent range of around forty local beers and also several ciders.



*Pictured above: HEB Chair Brendan Southcott (front, second left) with other members of the festival team.*

Despite the pull of football and other sporting events about a thousand people attended over the two days. As Sunday was Fathers' Day, there were several events for the whole family, with the storyteller Storybeard, treasure hunts, ferret racing and competitions. The profits are shared by the Gibberd Garden Trust and CAMRA.

As always the gardens and sculptures were a major draw to the festival and it was great to see all ages enjoying the beautiful surroundings (pictured right). As a branch we are proud of this small but perfectly formed



festival and look forward to holding it again next Fathers' Day.

*Hazel Chester and Chris Sears - Festival Organiser and Publicity Secretary, HEB CAMRA*

## Watford & District – Trip to Paradigm Brewery

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June Watford & District branch members and volunteers from the Watford Beer Festival paid a visit to Sarratt to present Paradigm Brewery with the award for Beer of the Festival, which was won at the **21<sup>st</sup> Watford Beer Festival** in November 2015 by Paradigm's **Watford Winter Warmer**. Owners Neil Hodges and Rob Atkinson have been working flat out in recent months to deal with demand for their beers but they took time out of their busy schedule to accept the award and show visitors around; although most of us were already familiar with the brewery after having a social there last July. Those of us who had already had the tour immediately took advantage of the three beers Rob and Neil had generously laid on for visitors to try, including *Low Hanging Fruit* (3.7% ABV), *Touch Point* (3.9% ABV) and a new brew that hasn't received a final name yet, but had a definite zing of lemon to it. Rob also told us about another new beer they've been working on which uses watercress grown at the watercress beds in Sarratt, where it has been farmed for over a hundred years. The brew should be available by the time this article comes out. We didn't get to try it but Rob told us that it retains the distinct pepperness of watercress so it sounds like one to look out for in pubs around the area.



*Pictured above: Rob Atkinson (centre) and Neil Hodges (right) of Paradigm Brewery accept the Beer of the Festival award for Watford Winter Warmer from Andrew Vaughan of Watford & District branch.*



# 22nd Watford Beer Festival

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Paradigm supply the **Cricketers** and the **Boot** in Sarratt but their beers are also available wherever they can sell and deliver them, although Neil said they have lost a few of their outlets since Greene King took over Spirit Pub Company and reduced the range of guest beers pub managers are allowed to sell. To complement their trade in cask beer they've also started selling bottles. I jokingly wondered whether they'd been using the old hand bottling machine I'd seen upstairs in the brewery. Rob and Neil scoffed at that idea; it's enough work brewing and selling the stuff. The beers are contract bottled and then sold to small off-licences, local Budgens franchises and the Sarratt local shop, who were apparently delighted to be getting a beer from a local brewery. After keeping Rob and Neil away from their work for far too long we thanked them for their hospitality and headed up the road to Sarratt for another pint of Paradigm beer at the Boot. As for Watford Winter Warmer, you can now get it under its new name: **Black Friday** (6% ABV). I'd asked Rob and Neil whether there were any plans for a Black Friday style sale in November. I live in hope.

*Andrew Vaughan*

## The Joy of Volunteering

I joined CAMRA in 2004 at the Watford beer festival and it would be several years later before I discovered the Joy of Volunteering! It was during a pub survey tour that I got to meet a group of active branch members and their enthusiasm was running high with the pending **St Albans Beer & Cider Festival**. One of them suggested I go along for a day to help out. Having never given it a second thought I had assumed festivals 'just happened' you know rack up a few beers open the doors and start selling. How wrong I was as I soon discovered on my first day a team of absolutely committed volunteers beavering away at a myriad of roles. So here I am five years later and enjoying every inch of my role as Staffing Officer. I won't bore you here with the



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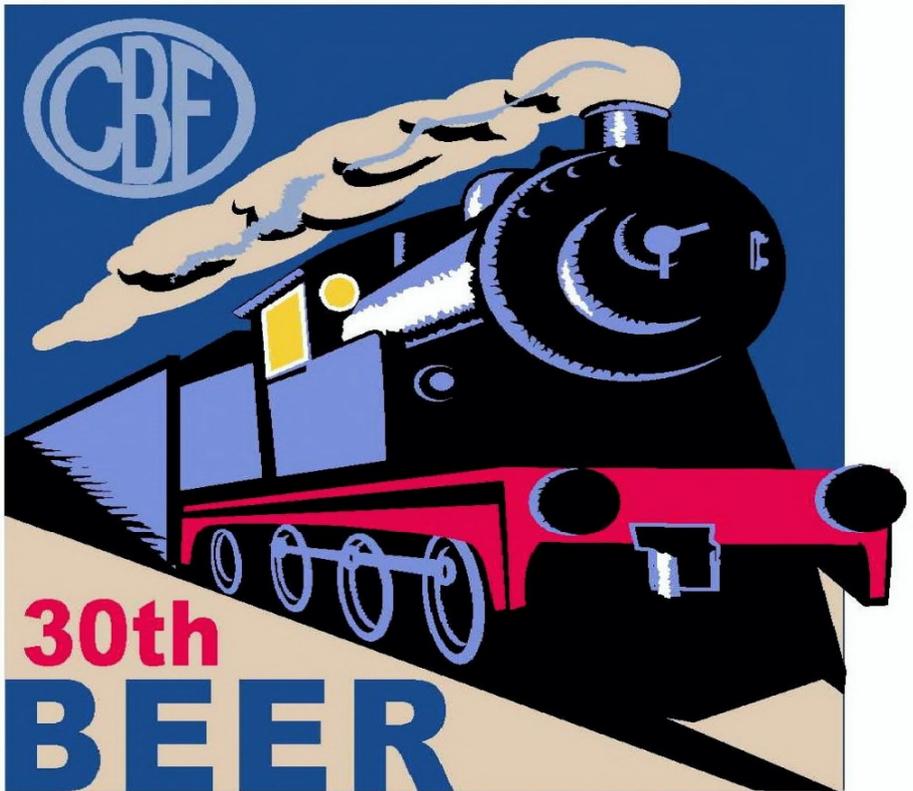
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full nine yards of volunteering opportunities now on offer but safe to say there is a role for everyone. This year the festival's going to be an all token festival which creates many extra more sedentary jobs such as selling tokens and these supplement the more physical jobs such as building bars and setting up stillage. Whatever you volunteer for the main thing is to pitch up with enthusiasm and a willingness to be part of our team. I can guarantee you will be made instantly welcome and given all the training you need for your chosen task. The reward apart from free beer and food and an invite to the Staff Party where the beer and food are also free, will be the satisfaction and feeling of achievement in being part of this great festival. It's worth mentioning I am seeing more mixed couples turning up so those of you who assume it's purely a male preserve...think again! And finally I look forward to welcoming back all our 'veterans' of festivals past who do a fantastic job as without them there would be no festival!

Full details of volunteer opportunities are detailed on our website at [stalbansbeerfestival.org.uk](http://stalbansbeerfestival.org.uk) or feel free to contact me by email at [beerfestivaldave@aol.com](mailto:beerfestivaldave@aol.com) or by phone on 07979 694567. Cheers!  
*Dave Wright, Staffing Officer*

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## 21<sup>st</sup> St Albans Beer & Cider Festival comes of Age: 28 September – 1 October

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The beer list when available will be on our website [www.stalbanbeerfestival.org.uk](http://www.stalbanbeerfestival.org.uk) and on our Facebook page where you can sign up to receive up to the minute updates about what is going on.

This year we're experimenting with a cashless system on the bars (other stands operate as usual) so you'll need to buy tokens from one of the booths on arrival. We hope this improves customer service and ensure you the customer get served quicker and more efficiently at the bar at busy periods. Unused tokens are fully refundable at the Festival.

The **2017 Good Beer Guide** will be hot off the press at this Festival and the editor Roger Protz will be signing copies at the products stand – check times on our website.

Fancy a bite to eat? There's no need to leave the Festival. There are two stands on our outside patio area and one in the main hall. On the outside patio

area Yuleys Bratwurst will be tempting you with their 20" Bratwurst sausage served with onions and sauerkraut, as well as exotic burgers such as Springbok, Ostrich, Kangaroo or Wild Boar with chips.

Also on the patio are The Crusty Pie Company who will be offering pies to suit every taste – from hot meat and potato varieties to vegetarian options, and speciality pork pies. Within the main auditorium, India Gate will be offering a wide range of tasty and authentic Indian foods including curries, samosas and wraps, each with vegetarian options.

In the Festival foyer Henleys Love Sweets and Pipers Crisps will have their full range of enticing flavours to enjoy.

This year's entertainment comes from the Zipheads who make a welcome return on Thursday evening.

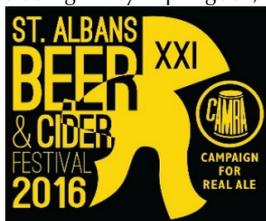


Formed in St Albans around 2010, The Zipheads play high-octane Rock'n'Roll and Rockabilly fused with punk rock and ska elements, and in the last 6 years have delivered hundreds of energetic live performances across the UK as well as touring Europe regularly. Late 2016 will see the release of their highly-anticipated 2nd album after this rare hometown performance at St Albans Beer Festival!

On Saturday we welcome two new bands to the Festival. At lunchtime the Bagatelle String Quartet with a



repertoire covering all genres and musical tastes. And on Saturday evening Geno Washington and the Ram Jam Band will be delivering a barnstorming





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live show that never lets up in intensity or excitement and delivers the goods every time! Geno originates from Evansville in Indiana, USA and first came to England in the 1960's as part of the US Air Force. His love of Blues and Soul music soon found him jamming with local bands in and around Ipswich and eventually led him to London where he caused a sensation singing with top R&B acts Georgie Fame and the Blue Flames and Zoot Money's Big Roll Band at the legendary Flamingo Club in Soho. The rest, as they say, is history. His live shows were immortalised in two of the biggest selling albums of the 60's – "Hand Clappin' Foot Stompin' Funky Butt Live" and "Hipsters Flipsters and Finger Poppin' Daddies". His status as the undisputed "King of Soul" was cemented forever by Kevin Rowland and Dexy's Midnight Runners in the 1980's with the worldwide No.1 smash hit single "Geno", which paid homage to the great man himself and is still played regularly today on national radio and at Geno's live gigs both before and after shows.

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*John Bishop - Beer & Publicity Organiser*

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### Country How Much!

I go to various pubs in my area including McMullen's where I will have a pint of *Country bitter*. I cannot understand how much this pint varies in price from each McMullen's pub in approximately a five mile radius.

The **Baker Arms** in Byford is £3.60 a pint, the **Plough** in Cuffley is £3.50 a pint in the **Builders** in Little Heath is £3.85 a pint, The **Cock O The North** in Bell Bar is £4.05 a pint. In fact I tried a guest ale in the Cock O The North called *Royale* which cost £4.25, which is probably the dearest I have paid for a pint of real ale anywhere in Hertfordshire.

How can McMullen's justify this!

*Colin Ferris*

**Ed Says:** CAMRA normally avoids pricing issues and I hope that the prices Colin quotes are correct. My suggestion would be to put this to McMullen's who used to pride themselves on being cheaper than their competitors. That was a long time ago and I will be happy to publish any reply you receive. I will state again that it is the price of a pint that is keeping customers out of pubs, which is leading to the large number of closures.

### Joe tells all

I write to confirm that Prof Andrew O'Brien's taste buds are in good working order. Our *Elephant Brew* does indeed bear an uncanny resemblance to a number of Hardy and Hanson's offerings. For a 3.9% ABV it packs a real fruity kick. The former Nottingham Brewery has lost none of its brewing prowess, following its move to Bury St Edmunds, as the Elephant Brew has now become our best-selling ale.

Many thanks for the kind words, the *Abbot Ale* is as good as ever too!

*Joe Maher, Elephant & Castle, Amwell*

**Ed Says:** I had every intention of dropping in at the Elephant & Castle but events overtook me. The Prof loves correcting me, (and others it appears) but it is normally about errors in the historical pieces I write.

### 40<sup>th</sup> Celebrations - let's get the record straight

In rightly celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hertfordshire Newsletter, in its various guises, in edition no.277, I am afraid that in the list of past editors you have repeated the errors concerning Cathy Totman, Pete Lerner and myself originally made in edition 250 and corrected in edition 251. I still have no connection with the Greene King board!

Once again keep up the good work with Pints of View.

*Nadine Fynn*

**Ed Says:** In edition 251 Feb/Mar 2013 the following was published from Nadine Fynne. "Whilst it is gratifying to be listed among the Campaign luminaries who have edited the newsletter (albeit spelt incorrectly) I am perplexed by my supposed claim to fame. I have never claimed any family connections to Greene King (or any other brewery) and assume you must be confusing me with another. Keep up the good work with the Newsletter which Jonathan and I still read regularly".

This was followed by Pete Lerner sending me further corrections: "A friend who lives in Hertfordshire emailed me to say that my name was in a CAMRA newspaper, which said that I was a former Editor of the *Hertfordshire Newsletter* (which I don't think I ever was, although I used to write a lot of articles), and that I live in West London (which I don't and never have - I live in High Wycombe in Buckinghamshire). It was really good to see the names of so many campaigners and pubs that I remember well from my Hertfordshire days. My best memory is my "Newsletter Run" when I lived in Watton-at-Stone, which took me to the **Goose** at Moor Green, **Chequers** at Wood End, **Plough** at Great Munden (now all sadly closed), before finishing the evening at the **Rest and Welcome** in Haultwick, which I hope is still with us. Best beer by far was the delicious Rayments *BBA*. Another word or two about the other former Editors. Didn't Nick Page run the **Plough** at Datchworth for a while? I believe Cathy Totman emigrated to New Zealand after a few years as Assistant Editor of the **Good Beer Guide**, and of course the effervescent Martyn Cornell has written loads of books about brewing and beer".

I replied: - I believe that what I was suffering from when I wrote the article was the vagaries of the passage of time. Unfortunately what is highlighted in these two letters were not the only errors. It was probably Cathy Totman who should have been credited with the uncle on the Greene King Board, and as she has emigrated to New Zealand -we may never know. I have been informed by Les Middlewood that the silhouette logo was definitely Nick Page who has never edited the newsletter, but drew the Brian Bickle cartoons, which featured in the magazine between September 1977 and February 1979. The Brian Bickle cartoons had a style and humour all of their own and are well worth looking up on our newsletter web site. Richard also



did all the advertising artwork and the glasses logos for the Hatfield Beer Festivals during this period. *Hertfordshire Newsletter* No. 3 April 1978 was printed in sepia to match the newly launched "Real Draught Beer in Hertfordshire Guide" and December 1980 was printed on both green and white paper - the green is now a collector's item. There was a gap in publication between September 1987 (edition 105) and Christmas 1988 (edition 106) as we did not have an editor. I think that's all the newsletter history I can handle until edition 300, which if we stay bi-monthly could be just nearly four years away.

A further update:- I don't think Nick Page ever ran the **Plough** at Datchworth and Pete's memories of his newsletter round are now history as the last pub mentioned the **Rest & Welcome**, Haultwick closed in 2012 following the death of the publican and was later sold by Mac's. It has probably been converted to housing - can anyone confirm? Hopefully I will refer to this correspondence when edition 300 (currently scheduled for Apr/May 2020) is due - assuming I am still editor.

### Wetting your whistle

There is absolutely no evidence to support the conjecture that the expression 'Wet your whistle' derives from the practice of using a whistle baked into the handle or rim of a ceramic cup to summon the landlord to bring more drinks, (Beer Trivia. POV July.) The most probable origin of the term is much older. In Chaucer's (14<sup>th</sup> Century) *Canterbury Tales* the mouth and throat were often referred to as the whistle: 'So was hir ioly whistle wel y-wet.'...(Middle English!). So, to wet your whistle simply meant to quench your thirst.

*Kay Bagon*

**Ed Says:** As regular readers know I am not the fountain of all knowledge and Prof. Andrew O'Brien and others pull me up from time to time. Kay's explanation seems to me to be much more plausible and I have never come across a drinking vessel with a whistle in it (or a picture of one). Also if you were to use such a whistle the vessel would have to be completely empty to avoid pouring beer down yourself.

Any comments, articles or letters for publication are welcome. Please send to: **Steve Bury, 14 New Road, Shenley, Herts, WD7 9EA.** Or send an Email to us at: [pintsofview@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pintsofview@hotmail.co.uk)

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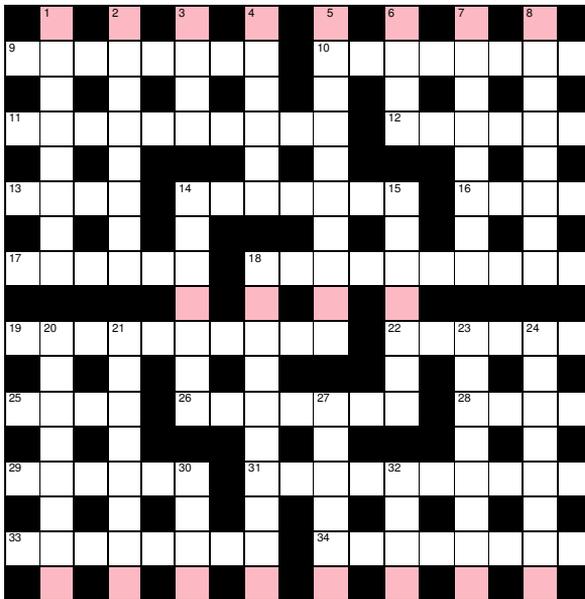
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## ACROSS

- 9 One leaves coal fires flickering outside (8)
- 10 Declare a little weight is picked up (8)
- 11 Concentrate on ale I brewed with spices (10)
- 12 Comedian gets old trendies returning to London area (6)
- 13 Slangy girl not quite stylish (4)
- 14 Conceited person likely to give short measure? (7)
- 16 Nose broken for ages (4)
- 17 Commercial changing ending quickly, perhaps (6)
- 18 Wake-up call to treat malaria or onset of diphtheria (5, 5)
- 19 Worked-out clue (first half repeated) with data rewritten (10)
- 22 Reason for car test I've put together (6)
- 25 Celebrate the sound of Destiny (4)
- 26 Central worry in life for Jock's hanger-on (7)
- 28 Flower came up (4)
- 29 This needed after a sneeze is heard (7)
- 31 Barred from scattering crop debris (10)
- 33 Old man's too rich, but incomplete (8)
- 34 Vessel's capacity at a blood transfusion (8)

## DOWN

- 1 Clumsy combination of petticoat with shoes (8)
- 2 Vehicle converting electricity without tie up (8)
- 3 This includes all or part of Mongolia/Siam (4)
- 4 What's behind wrong entry in diary? (6)
- 5 He dared be a renegade, without capital cover (1)
- 6 One gets up to date again (4)
- 7 A brief summary of fanatic's agony (8)
- 8 Glass vessel (8)
- 14 Fizz in unsound schemes (7)
- 15 Visit Roman ruins? He'll let you in (7)
- 18 Top secret, right? That's odd, looking back (10)
- 20 Early drink? A tip – that's playing with fire (8)
- 21 It preserves Double-0 secret mission (8)
- 23 It's edible oil mixed with tart around start of lunchtime (8)
- 24 Playing claviers by instinct (8)
- 27 Figures rob him blind (6)
- 30 They contain drums and organs (4)
- 32 Bloke endlessly very blingy (4)

### Error in Catherine Wheel POV 277

Catherine wheel POV 277 had an error as clue 3 was incorrect. DICKINASIAN, 11 letters would have filled the grid and the clue was I SINK CIA DAN. The problem is the brewery is DICKENSIAN 10 letters. We did have six attempts to solve the puzzle sent in. All highlighted the problem and solved it in different ways. I did a draw and the winner is: **G. Tong of Stevenage**

## Hops and honey, possible new anti-bacterials

**T**ea, beer, honey and marine sponges are all among the natural products that Cardiff University's School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science are investigating in the hunt for sources of new antimicrobials. With increasing bacterial resistance to antibiotics, the need to find new pharmaceuticals to tackle infection is acute.

In an effort to find the answer ancient remedies are being revisited. There's a lot to learn from history," said Professor Les Baillie, Professor of Microbiology at Cardiff University (right). "While some of these ancient remedies might well be considered hokum or snake oil, it's likely that our ancestors hit on something that actually worked."



As an example "Honey has been used for thousands of years to treat wounds and indeed is still used in our hospitals to treat patients with these intractable infections that are not responding to antibiotics,"

In this spirit, Dr James Blaxland has gone to the brewery and found his bacteria killers, the hops used in beer are able to tackle a range of pathogens. Hops have been used for hundreds of years as a flavouring additive within beer. They were brought to this country from Holland by the Huguenots and were added to beer preventing it from spoiling so quickly, showing that hops have antibacterial qualities.

Dr Blaxland has in the last five years screened more than 50 different hop samples from around the world against bacterium samples. The derived compounds could be effective at tackling hospital superbug MRSA and even the "massive problem" of bovine tuberculosis by using hops as a foodstuff for cows, which should stop them producing methane and help towards reducing global warming.

The university is also looking at production of a "super mead" to protect drinkers from a myriad of ills. What a popular idea.

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The advertisement features a decorative border of green grapevines with leaves and clusters of grapes. Six beer labels are displayed in circular frames around the central logo and website address:

- JHB Jeffrey Hudson Bitter:** A dark blue label with white text, featuring a small illustration of a man's face.
- Mermaid:** A label with a bright orange and yellow sunburst background and a red mermaid tail.
- Green Goblin:** A green label with a cartoonish green goblin character.
- Scarlet Macaw:** A label with a colorful parrot (Scarlet Macaw) on a tropical island.
- Bishops Farewell:** A label with a red and white striped sailboat on a black background.
- Devil IPA:** A label with a green devil character and a red devil tail.

## South Herts visit Leighton Buzzard

The changeable weather on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May did not deter a contingent from South Hertfordshire branch visiting Leighton Buzzard. The first stop was the brewery established in 2014 by local CAMRA member Jon d'Este-Hoare who was running one of their regular open days. The last brewery in Leighton closed over 100 years ago, and it is good to see this new five and a half barrel plant thriving and expanding its range of beers. It was interesting to find two of the new brews



in wooden casks, which I was assured had not been lined, as I had not tried the beers before I could make no comparison to them being served from a normal cask. Five beers

were available which prolonged our stay before moving on to the town and its many historic and interesting pubs. During the visit and pictured above, South Herts Chair Phil Defriez (right) presented Jon with a South Herts 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary pennant. We visited several pubs around the market place including our first micro pub of the day - the **Bald Buzzard**. This was followed by a short bus trip to Toddington where we visited the **Boot** (Greene King) and the **Cuckoo** - a free house serving Leighton Buzzard beers alongside seven other guests. Our intrepid team then started our journey home with a stop at the **Local** in Markyate, our second micro-pub of the day before our return to St Albans and Hertford. Can I thank the South Beds branch members who met up with us at different points on our travels. A good day out was had by all.

*Steve Bury*

## BII meets at Sandridge

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June saw a large turnout for the East of England Region meeting of the British Institute of Innkeepers at the **Rose and Crown** Sandridge. There was a good attendance by St Albans licensees as well as other members who had travelled from all over the large geographical area covered. Also in attendance were the local licensing officers, Nick Farr, Head Brewer of Farr Brewery,

Wheathampstead, and the local Business Development Manager for Punch Taverns.

The meeting started with Steve Evans FBII Regional Secretary, Mentor and Trainer, giving an update on what the institute had been doing recently and the many services it can supply for members. They have become more diverse and have been increasing membership and training.

All this is of course good news for customers as it is to everyone's advantage to have the best trained staff and publicans if pubs are to survive in these challenging times for the trade. The BII's youngest member, Charlotte Stocken AMBII, works at the Rose and Crown and was presented with her BIIAB training Award in Beer and Cellar Quality. Charlotte has already passed the Award for Personal Licence Holders and become a Licensee.

We then moved on to Bernard Lee CBII who talked about his work with "Pub is the Hub", an initiative to protect and save rural pubs, whose patron is the Prince of Wales.

I was the next to speak and followed the same theme talking about pub protection and ACVs. I told those present that if there were no pubs there would be no real ale, as very little was sold anywhere else. It is sad that with so many pubs closing that there is so much bad beer being sold and of course the BII is addressing this within its training programme. Prices and taxation also got mentioned and the fact that the Chancellor had missed an opportunity to increase sales and employment in the licensed trade. More beer would have been sold which would have increased Government tax revenue, but by not reducing the duty on beer this year that opportunity was missed.

I also mentioned the CAMRA revitalisation project running this year, and the branch's local events - including the **St Albans Beer & Cider Festival** in its 21<sup>st</sup> Year.

I was followed by Steve Baker, Chairman of National Pub Watch who showed a video and clearly explained how important having a well-supported scheme is for both pubs and customers alike.

We then broke for refreshments, an English Tapas which was most imaginative, complemented by some excellent real ale, which is what you would expect from a **Good Beer Guide** pub run by a BII member as licensee, accompanied by live music from local band 'The Pioneers'.

Publicans interested in joining the BII or in any of their Training Qualifications can call Steve on 0741 396 1953. See also [www.bii.org](http://www.bii.org).

*Steve Bury*



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## A Saunter Full of Secrets

A score of South Herts Branch members enjoyed this year's Saunter around some of Ware's best real ale outlets – and a chance to sample a range of beers from milds to bitters and from golden ales to porters. Starting at the **Maltings** for a well-kept pint of *Abbot* or *IPA*, you always know that you are going to find Greene King beers at their best here. On to the **Old Bull's Head** for some Theakston's, Charles Wells or Deuchars amongst the ancient timbers next to the Parliamentary clock. At the **Brewery Tap** beers from White Park, Buntingford and 3 Brewers were favoured with some diverting to the interesting selection of real ciders – of which Hogans came out on top. It was time to sit outside in the courtyard and watch some European Championship football – but not for long. Next a seat on the cooling banks of the River Lea for a refreshing pint of St Austell Proper Job at the **Waterside Inn** – though four other real ales were ready and waiting at the bar. Off to the Punch House, again with four beers and where almost everyone plumped for the fantastic Greene King *XX Mild*. Our journey so far reminded us of how much better the town centre is these days for real ale. Out the back door and a scurry up to the **High Oak** where new leaseholders Dean and Laraine are now stocking Fuller's *London Pride* as a permanent beer plus two guest beers. New River *London Tap* and Tring *Colley's Dog* were today's guests, spawning a discussion on Hertfordshire brewing, what with another 3 or 4 welcome breweries starting in 2016. And finally on to the **Crooked Billet** where the excellent Wantsum *Black Pig Mild* and Black Prince *Porter* were new to most, backed up with Cotleigh Tawny and the ever-reliable Castle Rock *Harvest Pale*. A good day for all – and many thanks to our participating pubs. Our picture below shows some real ale reprobates in the bar at the Brewery Tap.



## The Last Walk a Beer for Sidney

McMullen's July/early August special beer has a poignant backdrop and leads us to remember one of the most tragic and heroic events of the First World War, the Battle of the Somme.

July 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 marked the 100 year anniversary of the most savage, bloodiest battle the British Army had endured to date, during the First World War - the beginning of the Battle of the Somme. On the morning of the 1<sup>st</sup>, whistles blew to signal the charge of many young British and French soldiers towards the German front line. A battlefield of barbed wire, heavy machine gun fire and toxic gas stood in the way of an arduous and often Last Walk for many. By nightfall, a total of 57,470 casualties were recorded including just shy of 20,000 deaths. The attack would continue on for a further four and a half months resulting in over 600,000 casualties to both sides.



Sidney Walter McMullen, great grandson of Peter McMullen (McMullen's founder) was enlisted from Melbourne in Australia on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1915 and boarded "HMAT Chilka" with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Light Horse Field Ambulance. He was

promoted Corporal in January 1916, three months later moved up to Sergeant and was commissioned in the field as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant just one month later on 24<sup>th</sup> April 1916. A rapid ascent indeed that would arguably take years today - but all too realistically reflected the horrendous attrition rate of the day for soldiers in Northern France. Sidney was killed in action during the Battle of the Somme on 25<sup>th</sup> July 1916 by rifle fire at Pozieres. He died "organising the battalion's Lewis guns". The legendary Australian capture of the French village of Pozières is well documented as one of the most heart-breaking chapters of the war costing the cause over 5,200 casualties and deaths. His name is commemorated on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial in Picardie.

Mac's have created a light straw coloured bitter, ABV4.2%, brewed with extra pale East Anglian malted barley, locally malted Caramalt and New Zealand whole flower hops to give a light refreshing bitter with a citrus character. 10p of each pint is being donated directly to the Royal British Legion. The beer was available throughout July and we hope you may still find a pint in some of Mac's pubs during the opening weeks of August.

*Dating in parts from the 15<sup>th</sup> century and a Grade II\* listed building, Lombard House has been home to this Private Members Club since 1897*

**CAMRA Good Beer Guide 2014/15/16**  
**4 hand pumps and real cider**

**Join us this summer for K-Fest on Sat Aug 13<sup>th</sup> and for the Musical Mystery Tour Sun 28<sup>th</sup> – outside bar at both events. Mini beer festival August Bank Holiday Fri-Mon**

**New members are currently welcome although we are quickly becoming full CAMRA members may be signed in on production of their CAMRA membership card**

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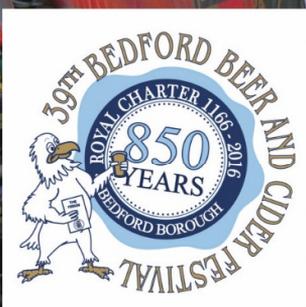
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Sat eve – Kerry Jo and Carlos



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## Cunning Stunt for a new Beer

A brewery from Poland called "Order of Yoni" is producing (you guessed it) a beer - but brewed using vaginal bacteria, actually the lactic acid from the vagina of Alexandra Brendlova, a Czech model. The brewers have assured prospective customers that *Instinct Beer* has no vaginal smell or taste and is produced to contain femininity and the essence of a woman's instincts. A spokesperson said "Imagine a woman of your dreams, your object of desire, her charm, sensuality and passion, now free your fantasies and imagine that with a magic wand you can attain this in a bottle of beer". Each bottle is stamped with Brendlova's name as well as the date of collection of her vaginal swab. The initial production run includes sour ales, lambics, Flanders ales, and a stout. I think I will stick to my pint of *Abbot Ale* thanks.



Steve Bury

## Real art but what about recovering real cider?

Somerset Police have reported that seven art thieves who stole over £2.5 million worth of art and jewellery from the Bulmer Cider family have been caught. The robbery took place in 2009 when the home of Esmond and Susie Bulmer - the Pavilion in Redlynch near Bruton, Somerset - was broken into. During the theft the housekeeper was tied to the bannisters by the perpetrators, who have now been charged with aggravated burglary. The police said that the arrests had followed a complex enquiry (over seven years). Last year the Bulmers hired private detectives who recovered the fifteen paintings and other items.

## How to win

The more observant of you may have noticed that Greene King are offering twenty five £1,000 cash prizes in a competition promoting pasteurised bottled *Old Speckled Hen* brewed at Bury St Edmunds. To find out if you have won you need to remove the cap and read the message inside. Strangely this coincides with Koenig brewery of Duisberg-Beeck, Germany running a similar promotion offering power tools

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and Hi-Fi speakers announcing winners inside the bottle caps. Police were called to a break-in at a large grocery store in Muelheim where 1,200 bottles had been opened and nothing had been stolen except the crown caps and not a drop of the beer had been drunk. Koenig have no means of tracking where the prize winning bottles were sent and have warned that they are checking for someone who sends in a large number of winning caps.

## More CAMRA supporters Elected

CAMRA members lobbying elected politicians for a better deal for beer and pubs in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland should get a better hearing from now on.

Following the May elections, more than 70 of those elected politicians showed support for CAMRA policies. Before the elections more than 240 candidates pledged to support CAMRA manifestos in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The election results show growing support from politicians supporting breweries and pubs. In Scotland, 123 candidates backed CAMRA's manifesto and 39 were elected to the Scottish Parliament. In 2011, 41 had made a similar pledge and 13 were elected.

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In Northern Ireland 21 candidates support CAMRA's stance, with 10 elected to the assembly.



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## WANTED: ACTIVE CAMRA MEMBERS

Do you have any ideas which would help your local branch campaign for better beer, cider, perry and pubs in Hertfordshire?

- Have you thought of an innovative way in which your local branch could make a difference for beer, cider and pubs in our area?
- Do you have an idea of how we can encourage members to be more active?
- Do you have a skill which you'd be willing to share?
- Ever wanted to find out just what the committee do and want to be more involved?
- Ever had a burning desire to participate more in pub judging (for beer and/or cider), or other social trips?

If so, we would LOVE to hear from you. Drop a line to:

[activation@hertsale.org.uk](mailto:activation@hertsale.org.uk)

Remember to include your contact details.

*Not a member and would like to join? See CAMRA application form at the end of this magazine.*

*This section contains information from a large number of sources and occasionally errors may occur. News items are supplied to meet newsletter deadlines, and which in some cases may unfortunately be out of date upon publication. Comments or additional information should be sent to our contact details on page 17.*

**Baldock:** The **Broken Drum** in Hitchin Street has become the **KHOI KHOI** (Bar and Vino). Changes include a repainted frontage and new furniture within. Phil, the landlord, is retaining one hand pump for ale and will continue selling Apple Cottage cider. The **Old White Horse** in Station Road has been refurbished including a significant change to its external appearance and the installation of a pizza oven. Up to four real ales remain available on hand pump.

**Berkhamsted:** A new restaurant and bar has opened in Berkhamsted High Street opposite the **Lamb** called **Porters**. It has moved to Berkhamsted from Covent Garden and whilst primarily a restaurant, has a small drinking area with Tring *Ridgeway* and Fuller's *London Pride* on offer at the time of visit.

**Bricket Wood:** The **Old Fox** has the freehold up for sale at £400K. It is reported that the floor in the bar has collapsed. In recent times the pub was running erratic opening hours.

**Bushey:** There has been a second planning application to demolish the **Black Boy**. The pub has been nominated as an asset of community value but neither the planning application nor the ACV nomination had been decided as this report goes to press.

**Chiswell Green:** The proposal to build a convenience store on the garden of the **Three Hammers** has been approved on appeal (see article on page 2)

**Harpenden:** As we went to press with edition 277 in May it was reported that the **Malta** has had an application to extend the pub granted.

**Hertford:** Fresh plans for the major internal refurbishment and improvement at the **Blackbirds** have been submitted by the Stonegate pub company to East Herts Council. Despite a number of approaches, Stonegate continue to refuse to respond to questions about why and if they intend to pursue their incongruous plan to rename the pub the Stag.

Welcome to Ashley Rudling new manager at the **Duncombe Arms** who was previously at the **Crown and Horseshoes** in Enfield. The Thursday quiz continues and live bands will feature at weekends twice a month. Greene King *Abbot* and *IPA* are complemented by 3 guest ales from the SIBA list and one cider obtained through Lilley cider makers.

**Ridge:** The owner of the **Old Guinea** has made an

application to extend the rear of the pub. This is to accommodate a larger kitchen and provide the restaurant with a better view across the garden and the farm land behind.

**St Albans:** After major works the **Praewood Arms** just off the Redbourn Road opened on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. An initial visit reports of it consisting of a number of upmarket dining rooms with a long single bar. Although being restaurant oriented, it was stocking six real ales (including beers from Phoenix, Red Squirrel and Paradigm), and a perry. The **Camp** is no more the pub, since being demolished mid-May to make way for a block of flats. Congratulations to Dave and Caroline Beale at the **Garibaldi**, Albert Street for finishing third in Fuller's national Master Cellarman of the Year competition 2016. The **Blue Anchor** has been granted change of use and will become a luxury house. The **Boot** finally featured in the Hairy Bikers "Pubs that made Britain" series on 27<sup>th</sup> April. A contingent of South Herts CAMRA members were used as extras and appeared as pub customers. The lease on the **Brickyard** (formerly the Spotted Bull) is up for sale at £175K.

**Ware:** The **Worppell** has been given an external redecoration – and a new name. It is now called the **Maltings** (see separate article and picture on Page 6). We welcome Dean and Laraine, new leaseholders at the **High Oak**. A redecoration has followed their arrival and Fuller's *London Pride* and two interesting guest beers will be standard fare.

The new **Beefeater** at the corner of Marsh Lane, is offering two real ales – Sharp's *Doombar* and Adnams *Ghostship*.

**Watford:** The **One Bell** on the High Street is now an asset of community value but was still closed as this report goes to press. The lease is currently for sale with all offers being considered. The **Estcourt Arms** has reopened and is reportedly being run by the team from the **Horn** in St Albans.

**Welwyn Garden City:** The **Beehive** is closed - see article on page 6.

**Woolmer Green:** After some seven months of closure the **Red Lion** re-opened on 8<sup>th</sup> July after a major refurbishment by Punch Taverns. Wendy Stevenson has taken over the pub after running the catering outlets at Stevenage Football Club for the last two seasons.

**HERTS & ESSEX BORDERS CAMRA**

**Mon 8 Aug:** Branch Meeting – **Axe and Compasses**, Aythorpe Roding 8.30pm

**Tue 6 – Sat 10 Sept:** Chappel Beer Festival, **East Anglian Railway Museum**, Chappel. See page 13.

**NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE CAMRA**

**Wed 10 Aug:** Branch Annual outing to GBBF

**Wed 17 Aug:** Baldock Social – **Engine, Old White Horse, Rose & Crown** and **Orange Tree**. Starts at 8pm.

**Sat 20 Aug: Mini Bus Trip** – Stevenage, Aston and Benington - Pickups from 6pm, Stevenage, Hitchin, Letchworth & Baldock. £5 members, £8 non-members. Book via:

[socialsecretary@camranorthherts.org.uk](mailto:socialsecretary@camranorthherts.org.uk)

**Wed 7 Sept:** Royston Social – **Manor House, Green Man, Boar's Head, Chequers Hotel**. Starts at 8pm.

**Sat 10 Sept. Mini Bus Trip** – Whitwell & Kimpton – Pickups from 6pm, Stevenage, Hitchin, Letchworth & Baldock. £5 members, £8 non-members. Book via: [socialsecretary@camranorthherts.org.uk](mailto:socialsecretary@camranorthherts.org.uk)

**Wed 21 Sept:** CAMRA visit to Garden City Brewery, The Wynd, Letchworth G.C. Starts at 7.30pm

**Wed 28 Sept:** Hitchin Social – **Red Hart, George, Cock and Angel Vaults Inn**. Starts at 8pm

See our Branch Web site for details and any last minute changes to all the above.

**SOUTH HERTFORDSHIRE CAMRA**

**Tue 16 Aug:** Committee Meeting – **Six Bells**, St Albans 7.30pm

**Tue 13 Sept:** Branch Meeting – **Hertford Club**, Hertford 8pm

**Tue 27 Sept:** Meeting to discuss CAMRA Revitalisation Project – **Alban Arena**, St Albans from 7 - 9pm.

**Wed 28 – Sat 1 Oct:** St Albans Beer and Cider Festival – **Alban Arena**, St Albans. See article page 14 and back page.

**WATFORD & DISTRICT CAMRA**

**Wed 10 Aug:** Social to **Great British Beer Festival** - London Olympia, Hammersmith Road, London, W14 8UX. Meet at membership stand every hour from 6pm.

**Thu 18 Aug:** Abbots Langley social - **Boy's Home**, 21 High Street, WD5 0AA, 830pm; **Royal Oak**, Kitters Green, WD5 0ET, 915pm; **Compasses**, 95 Tibbs Hill Road, WD5 0LJ, 10pm

**Tue 30 Aug:** Branch meeting - **Estcourt Arms**, 2 St Johns Road, Watford, WD17 1PT, 8pm

**Tue 6 Sept:** Rickmansworth social - **White Bear**, Harefield Road, WD3 1JQ, 830pm; **Feathers**, 34 Church Street, WD3 1DJ, 915pm; **Pennsylvanian**,

115 – 117 High Street, WD3 1AN, 10pm

**Thu 15 Sept:** Annual Branch Darts Tournament - **West Herts Sports Club**, 8 Park Avenue, Watford, WD18 7HP, 8pm

**Mon 26 Sept:** Branch Meeting - **Oxhey Conservative Club**, Keyser Hall, Lower Paddock Road, Oxhey Village, WD19 4DS, 8pm

**Thu 29 Sept:** Social to St Albans Beer Festival - **Alban Arena**, AL1 3LD. Meet at the products stand at 6pm and every hour thereafter.

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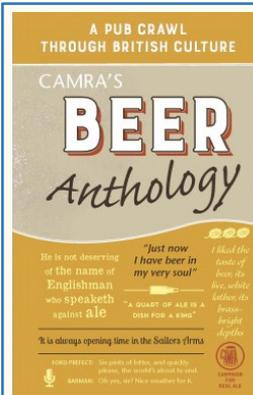
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Sat 13	Hertford Club	Hertford	29
Thu 25 – Mon 29	Mermaid	St Albans	9
Fri 26 – Mon 29	King Stag	Bushey	9
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Sat 27 - Sun 28	Harpenden Rugby Club	Harpenden (Redbourn Road)	9 / 23
Sat 27 – Mon 29	White Hart Tap	St Albans	12
Mon 29	Hertford Club	Hertford	29
<b>SEPTEMBER 2016</b>			
Fri 2 – Sun 4	Punch House	Ware	21
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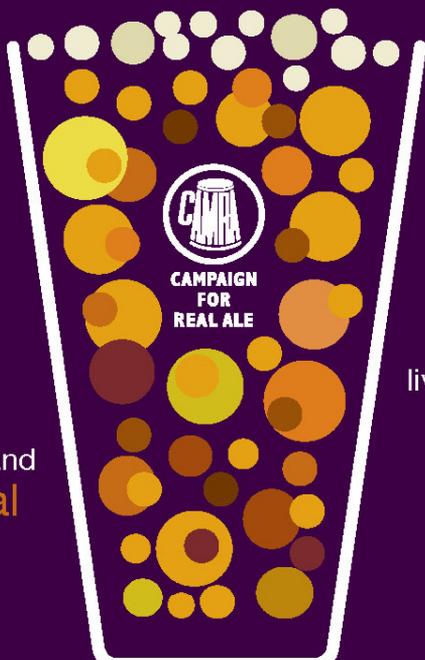
A highly quaffable collection of quotes about beer, pubs and drinking, edited by Roger Protz. Contributors range from classic writers such as William Blake, AE Housman and Thomas Hardy, to contemporary beer commentators, including Melissa Cole and Breatán Kearney. Excerpts from radio, theatre and other media are also included.

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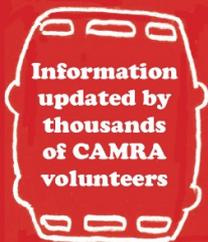
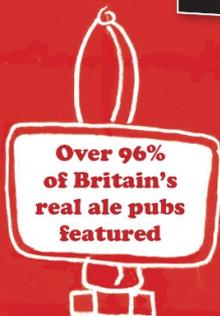
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