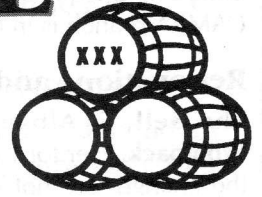


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SUNDAY AFTERNOON PINTS

The campaign to allow pubs to open on Sunday afternoons for the first time since the earlier part of the century has finally succeeded. The House of Commons eventually passed the bill, and it has received the formal Royal Assent. The first Sunday when pubs will be allowed to open from Noon through to 10.30pm will be the 6th August.

Most of the licensee trade bodies are in favour of the change, with many of the licensees in tourist areas particularly welcoming the new hours. As with all day opening during the week, it is not expected that all pubs will take advantage of the new law. However there are expected to be many landlords who will appreciate the opportunity to remain open legally on a Sunday afternoon while their customers drink and watch the Various sporting events on TV, particularly those that show Sunday afternoon football.

The one trade body who have had some doubts about the legislation is the National Association of Licensed House Managers. They have pointed out that many of their members have contracts which state that they will open all permitted hours and have argued that the new legislation removes their one guaranteed afternoon off. The Association will be looking to negotiate with employers to safeguard their members time off and to ensure they receive additional payment for opening longer.

The new legislation also allows afternoon opening on Good Friday and Christmas Day, and permits off-licenses to open from 10.00am to 10.30pm on Sundays.

All in all this is a welcome addition to licensees' ability to open when they think there is the custom, and an advance in customers freedom to get a pint in a pub when they want.

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DOWN YOUR WAY

New Pubs

Whitbread have opened a new pub in Welwyn Garden City, **Chandler & Co**, aimed at the 'female market'.

Wetherspoons have applied to turn the Army Recruiting Office in Chequers Street, St Albans, into a pub: the local CAMRA branch is in favour of the application.

Renovations and Refurbishments

The **Bell**, St Albans is being refurbished, as are the **Woolpack**, Hertford and the **White Lion**, St Albans where the changes are not expected to affect the character of the pub.

The **Brewery Tap**, Ware, has reopened.

There are plans to convert the **Boot**, St Albans, into a Scruffy Murphys. Regulars are not happy with the proposed change, and a petition is being raised in protest. The change would mean the loss of the pub name which has been used since 1719, the building itself is even older.

The restaurant at the **Sportsman**, Hertford, has been turned into a lounge.

The **Robin Hood**, St Albans, is having a conservatory built.

The **Black Lion**, St Albans, is extending its hotel into the next door premises.

The **Mermaid** in St Albans is expected to re-open during August.

Work has started on the **Tap & Spile**, St Albans, to restore, at least partially, its former name, the **Duke of Marlborough**.

Refurbishments at the **Woodman**, Chapmore End, were completed very successfully.

Rumours that the **Blackbirds**, Hertford was to be turned into a Firkin pub appear unfounded, it is more likely to be Scruffy Murphyfied in September.

New Incumbents

Both the **Beehive** and **White Hart Tap** in St Albans have had a change of landlord.

There is a new manager in the **Galley Hall**, Hailey, and the pub is now open all day.

The new landlord at the **Nelson**, Wheathampstead, was formerly at the Rose & Crown, Tewin.

The **Reindeer**, Hertford, has new managers. Its opening hours are now more reliable than they have been for the last few months. McMullens AK is available at the pub for the first time.

Beers Etc.

The **Coach & Horses**, Newgate Street, have had a fifth handpump installed and the beer range is now Tetley, Bass, Ansell's Bitter, Dartmoor Best and Dartmoor Legend.

The **Six Bells**, St Albans, beat the rush and has been opening all day Sunday because food was being served.

The **Prince of Wales**, Goffs Oak, is selling the full McMullen range.

The **Barleymow**, Tyttenhanger is doing curries and is willing to supply beer that customers ask for.

The **Woodhall Arms**, Stapleford, has been selling Batemans beers, including Mild at 80p a pint..

The **Elephant & Castle**, Amwell, has increased the number of handpumps in use, and is now selling a 'house beer'.

The **Alford Arms**, Frithsden has stopped brewing, as has the Fishery Inn, Elstree.

The **Two Brewers**, Hertford, is now only selling three real ales (Courage Best, Webster's Green Label and either Greene King IPA or Wadworths 6X) in a bid to attract ale drinkers after a period when the beer was of variable quality.

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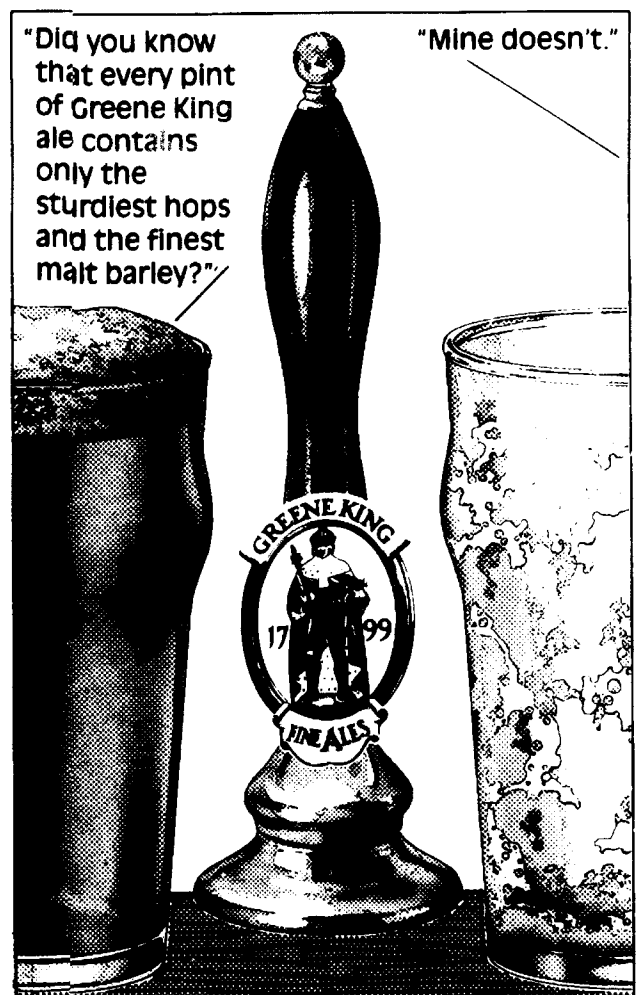
The **Lower Red Lion**, St Albans, will be selling a range of unusual beers between Friday 22nd and Sunday 24th September.

LATE FLYERS GROUNDED

As many of you living in the Watford and St Albans area will know, in their summer timetable North London Railways axed the last two trains on the St Albans to Watford Junction line. As a campaign, CAMRA fully agrees with the maxim 'Don't Drink and Drive' and greatly regrets the reduction in late night transport services which seems designed to encourage drinkers to take risks.

A campaign to fight for the reintroduction of these services has been set up and details can be obtained from the Membership Secretary, Abbey Flyer Users' Group, 11 Juniper Avenue, Bricket Wood, Herts, AL2 3LR. Membership is £1, and donations are welcome. Alternatively, write to the local MPs Peter Lilley or Tristan Garel-Jones at the House of Commons, or to Mr D. Watters, Director of North London Railways, Melton House, 65 Clarendon Road, Watford, WDI 1DP.

Please make your voice heard.



DAVE BURNS OBITUARY

It is unfortunate that I have to report the sudden death of Dave Burns on Sunday 2nd July 1995, aged 45.

Dave was exceedingly active in the Campaign in the late seventies and early eighties holding the posts of Chairman and Secretary of the South Herts Branch for several years consecutively.

He also organised two Hertfordshire Beer Festivals and helped at numerous others all over the country.

Dave was a regular delegate at Annual Conference and also edited the Hertfordshire newsletter and two Hertfordshire Beer Guides, including the one that likened the "Cherry Tree" in Welwyn Garden City to a fairy grotto.

For a period of five years Dave was Mr South Herts being the driving force active in literally everything the Branch undertook.

He will be missed by all those who knew him, especially those in the Hertfordshire South Branch and all his other friends within the Campaign around the country.

*Steve Bury
Chairman*

THE A TO Z OF BREWING

An introduction to some of the terms

Abbey	Strong fruity ale made by secular brewers in Belgium, usually modelled on Trappist beers.
Adjuncts	Fermentable material used as a substitute for traditional grains, to make beer lighter or cheaper.
Ale	A beer that has a warm fermentation; traditionally with strains of yeast that rise to the top of the vessel.
Alt	German top-fermenting beer mainly brewed around Dusseldorf.
Arnold	11th century Benedictine monk who is the patron saint of brewing.
Barley wine	English term for very strong ale which is usually served at room temperature.
Barley	The most popular grain used in the production of beer.
Barrel	36 gallons.
Blanket pressure	System for replacing beer drawn off from the cask with carbon dioxide rather than air. Popular where beer is stored in cellar tanks. The pressure of the blanket can cause the beer to appear gassy.
Beer	Any fermented drink made primarily from malted grain and seasoned with hops. Includes ales, lagers porters and stouts.
Belguim	Small country with the most colourful, individualistic and idiosyncratic range of beers and beer glasses. Also famous for chips and chocolate. And Plastic Bertrand!
Biere de garde	Medium to strong ale brewed mainly in the north-west of France. The reason why the channel tunnel was built.
Bottle conditioned	Secondary fermentation and maturation in the bottle.
Burtonise	Add gypsum to brewing liquor (water) to give it the same properties as water from Burton upon Trent.
CAMRA	The Campaign for Real Ale was founded in 1971 to protect and promote real ale. Membership now numbers almost 50,000.
Cask conditioned	Secondary fermentation and maturation takes place in the cask at the point of sale. This process creates a (natural) light carbonation.
Dry hopping	The process of adding hops to the cask to allow aroma and taste to develop during cask conditioning.
Draught beer in a can	A myth. Draught beer is served in pubs. Canned beer is filtered and pasteurized. It may also contain a plastic widget to give the otherwise flat beer the thick creamy head which the advertising departments of breweries seem to think is so important.
Eighty shilling	Scottish equivalent of premium bitter. Also known as Export.
Faro	Oldest style of Belgium lambic. Made by blending and adding candy sugar.

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Firkin	9 gallons
Finings	Added to cask conditioned ale to make it clear. Particles of yeast are then attracted to the finings which fall to the bottom of the cask. Finings are normally isinglass which are made from the swim bladders of fish.
Framboise or Frambozen	Belgium lambic with added raspberries.
Fuggles	Variety of hop used to add aroma and impart bitterness in beer.
GBBF	The Great British Beer Festival. Over 500 different cask beers, ciders, perries and bottled beers are on sale. Run entirely by CAMRA volunteers.
Goldings	Variety of hop with a rich, earthy, rounded aroma.
Grist	Brewery term for milled grains.
Gueuze	Blend of young and old lambics which creates further fermentation and natural carbonation in the cask or bottle.

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Saturday	26th Aug	11.30 to 2.30	5.30 to 11.00
Sunday	27th Aug	12.00 to 3.00	7.00 to 10.30
Monday	28th Aug	11.30 to 11.00pm	
Tuesday	29th Aug	11.30 to 2.30	5.30 to 11.00
Wednesday	30th Aug	11.30 to 2.30	5.30 to 11.00
Thursday	31st Aug	11.30 to 2.30	5.30 to 11.00

Selection of Food served at all times

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BRANCH DIARY

HERTFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH

Tuesday 15th August, 8pm - Branch Meeting at the **Bridge House**, Potters Bar, followed by survey social.

Tuesday 5th September - Survey social, start **White Hart**, Welwyn, 8.00pm.

Tuesday 19th September - Branch Meeting **White Horse**, Hertford, 8.00pm.

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NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE BRANCH

Contact: Paul Coard 01462 437249 (h)

WATFORD & DISTRICT BRANCH

Wednesday 9th August - Bushey social: 8.30pm **Stag**; 9.15pm **White Horse**; 9.45pm **Horse Chains**.

Tuesday 15th August - Social: 8.30pm **Fisheries**, Harefield; 9.30pm **Fisherman's Tackle**, West Hyde.

Wednesday 23rd August - Bedmond social: 8.30pm **White Hart**; 9.30pm **Bell**.

Wednesday 6th September - Bushey social: 8.30pm **Queens Arms**; 9.15pm **White Horse**; 9.45pm **Swan**.

Wednesday 13rd September - Branch Meeting, venue to be confirmed, ring contact.

Friday 22nd - Saturday 23rd September, Beer Festival at the **West Herts Sports Club**, see below for details.

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HERTS-ESSEX BORDERS

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MID-CHILTERN BRANCH

Contact: Chris Pontin 01494 78624(w), 01494 775409(h).

WATFORD BEER FESTIVAL

The first CAMRA run Watford Beer Festival will take place on Friday and Saturday 22nd-23rd September at the West Herts Sports Club, Park Avenue, Watford. Opening times will be 7-11pm Friday, 12-11pm Saturday. Entrance fee will be £1 (free to card carrying CAMRA and West Herts Sports Club members). We expect to have 20 beers available including McGuinness Feather Plucker mild, Goose Eye Bitter, Oakhill Black Magic Stout, and, by popular demand (of the organising committee), Hopback Summer Lightning. We also hope to have a draught cider and a perry available, and the club bar will also have its normal range of beers available.

It is anticipated that over 1300 pints will be on sale on a first come, first served basis. Food should be available Friday evening and Saturday lunchtime and evenings, and there will be a CAMRA products stall.

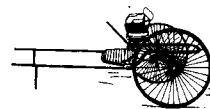
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NEW BEERS

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