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**Huntingdonshire Branch of CAMRA  
The Campaign for Real Ale**

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**Booze on the Ouse, St Neots Beer Festival  
Thursday 15th - Saturday 17th March 2012**

# The White Hart godmanchester



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# FAIR DEAL FOR PUBS

MPs unanimously passed a motion in January criticising a lack of government action on pub companies as falling short of their own commitments and requiring an independent review of self-regulation in the pub sector.

The lively debate on the floor of the House of Commons concerned the government's self-regulation proposals for pub lease arrangements. The government was heavily criticised for rejecting recommendations by the House of Commons Business, Innovations and Skills Committee (BISC) for a statutory code of practice for pub companies.

BISC chairman Adrian Bailey proposed the motion, which asks for the independent review to be conducted this autumn. If a review finds that self-regulation has been ineffective, it is likely to recommend a statutory code of practice.

CAMRA has urged the inclusion of free-of-tie and guest beer options and open market rent reviews in new arrangements, and a statutory code of practice would be expected to include these measures, which have also been supported by organisations including Federation of Small Businesses, Forum for Private Business, licensee groups and the Parliamentary Save the Pub Group.

5000 CAMRA members had asked their local MPs to vote for effective pub industry reform in the debate and CAMRA had urged publicans and consumers to do the same.

After the commons vote, Mike Benner, CAMRA Chief Executive said: 'CAMRA is delighted that MPs from all parties have highlighted the inadequacy of the government's attempts to tackle unfair business

practices in the pub sector and that the government are now obliged to commission an independent review into the matter. Following the success of this motion the government now has a chance to think again and to consult on meaningful proposals to ensure the survival of many thousands of pubs.

'The large pub companies must be encouraged to provide their lessees with free-of-tie and guest beer options accompanied by an open market rent review. These steps would effectively self-regulate the operation of tie agreements.

'The large pub companies have been living in the last chance saloon since 2004, during which time many thousands of valued community pubs have been lost forever while pub companies have failed to deliver meaningful self-regulation.'



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# A LOOK BACK IN TIME

## 10 YEARS AGO

CAMRA challenged Prime Minister Tony Blair to bring in full pint legislation for draught beer as Leader of the House Robin Cook described short measure as a 'clear public scandal' and pledged the government to 'bear down as hard as we can'. Secondary legislation for 100% pints had been drafted and was awaiting sign-off by Trade Secretary Patricia Hewitt, but Ms Hewitt announced new plans to enshrine in law the industry guideline for 95% pints. CAMRA Head of Campaigns Mike Benner reacted 'The Labour Party has been promising a full pint since 1997 and now appears to be proposing to make it legal to serve a pint that is 5% short'. CAMRA surveys had shown that a quarter of pints fell below the 95% guideline.



Wellington

St Neots CAMRA were on the bus to Bedford ten years ago for a joint social with North Bedfordshire

branch at the Wellington. St Neots branch meetings in the spring of 2002 were held at the Bell, Eaton Socon and the Manchester Arms in St Ives, and the branch AGM was at the Rivermill Tavern in Eaton Socon. There were April socials at the Chequers at Little Gransden and the Prince of Wales, Hilton.

CAMRA feared the closure of many small breweries and pubs as a result of a government decision to revoke the 1990 Beer Orders, which had enforced restrictions on pub ownership by big brewers and guest beer rights for brewery-owned pub chains of more than two thousand pubs. Although no brewers then owned that many pubs,

CAMRA feared that the loss of the beer orders would encourage brewery take-overs and closures, remove important regulation of tie agreements between brewers and pubs and allow restrictive covenants to prevent new owners from operating buildings as pubs.

American brewer Coors were the new owners of the major parts of the Bass brewery business, ordered by the government to be sold by Interbrew following its acquisition of Bass and Whitbread. Coors announced the closure by the end of 2002 of



its Bass brewery at Cape Hill, Birmingham (formerly Mitchells and Butlers) with the loss of 320 jobs.

Benskins Bitter, originally brewed **BENSKINS** in Watford, was withdrawn in early 2002. Allied Breweries had closed Benskins in 1972 but had revived the beer as a well-liked cask beer, brewed for different periods of time at various Allied plants.

Cask Marque, the industry accreditation scheme for quality of real ales served in pubs, spread its wings with a Distributors' Charter for the real ale supply chain. Stipulations for warehouses to adopt the charter included refrigerated storage, a rigid stock management policy and at least 14 days shelf life remaining after delivery to pubs.



# A LOOK BACK IN TIME

## 25 YEARS AGO

Batemans was saved after George Bateman and his family trust became sole owners of the Lincolnshire brewing concern two years after George's brother and sister John and Helen Bateman had decided to sell their combined 60% of the family company. Batemans Victory Ale was launched in celebration of the rescue, which CAMRA attributed to 'dogged determination' to retain independence for the brewery on the part of chairman George Bateman, who said 'It took two long hard years, but the process could not be accelerated. It was vital to save the beer, the pubs, the workforce and the local community'. He had talked to over twenty companies in search of a 'white knight', but eventually managed to raise funds to buy the company outright after securing a realistic valuation of the business and demonstrating that the company was developing.

CAMRA's 'Big 7 in 87' campaign was launched as a co-ordinated attack by CAMRA and its branches on Britain's seven big brewing groups]: Allied, Bass, Courage, Watney, Whitbread, Scottish & Newcastle and Greenall Whitley. The campaign was designed to draw attention to threats such as takeovers, local monopolies, beer prices, lager and the threat to draught mild. Co-coordinator Steve Parry asked branches to use their newsletters and campaigning events to highlight the worst excesses of the Big Seven brewers and encourage them to 'mend their ways'.

Watneys sold its Edinburgh based Dryborough brewery and 155 strong pub chain to Allied Breweries, who closed the brewery with the loss of 29 jobs.

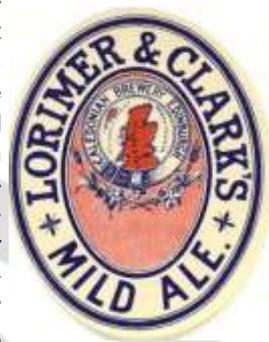
A CAMRA delegation visited Vaux brewery in Sunderland to protest at the company's decision to close their Lorimer and Clark production plant in Edinburgh. Meanwhile Lorimer and Clark's general manager Dan Kane was finalising a management buyout plan for the Edinburgh brewery.

The Watney group announced a £5m expansion of its Ruddles brewery in Rutland to meet demand for draught Ruddles County, which they anticipated would be on sale in two thousand Watney pubs by the end of 1987.

Afternoon drinking was brought in 25 years ago by a new law that allowed restaurants to serve drinks with meals in the afternoon. This was interpreted as a green light for pubs to serve drinks with meals.

Bedfordshire microbrewery Banks and Taylor opened their second London pub, the Royal Oak in Islington, on lease from Watneys.

Two real ale microbreweries were set up in China by Peter Austin's Ringwood Brewery, to bring to forty the number of microbreweries supplied to overseas countries by the Hampshire company.



# HALF PINTS



Hackney council appear to have saved the revered real ale pub the **Wenlock Arms** in

Shoreditch, North London. The Wenlock was threatened by a plan to demolish and replace it with a block of flats. The council rejected a planning application last autumn but the new owners were set to demolish the pub regardless. The council have now extended a conservation area which means that planning permission is needed for demolition – this appears unlikely to be granted.

Marstons has launched a new monthly series of twelve single hop cask ales using an international range of hop varieties including American Citra, French Strisselspalt, Polish Marynka, New Zealand's Wai-iti and Kohatu and Galaxy from Australia. Some of these hops are produced in small quantities and there will be limited quantities of the special brews.

Minimum pricing for alcohol in Scotland could reduce alcohol consumption, stifle competition and make it harder for new entrants to enter the market, according to the Office of Fair Trading in a submission to the Scottish Government. Minimum pricing was introduced in a Bill by the Scottish parliament last autumn. CAMRA supports minimum pricing as a measure to encourage more responsible drinks consumption on licensed premises and to stop loss-leading promotions in supermarkets at below cost price. CAMRA has proposed a minimum price of 45p per alcohol unit and warns against raising the minimum to a level that would have an adverse impact on sensible moderate drinkers patronising the on or off trade.

Wadworths have joined other cask ale brewers in launching a 2.8% ABV real ale, to take advantage of reduced duty

on beers at or below 2.8% which was introduced by the government last October. Wadworths' new beer, named Small Beer, is brewed with six malts and three hop varieties, and will sell at a typical price of £2.50 a pint – Wadworths are passing on the duty relief to their customers.



Somerset brewer Butcombe has set up a website for its

bottled beers following a doubling of sales in a year. Butcombe's

new Recommended Retailer award has also been launched to encourage good practice in retailing.



Hydes, based at Moss Side, Manchester, is planning to shut its brewery and move production by the end of this year to a new site with a state of the art brewing plant. Hydes is also selling its free trade business to Blackburn brewer Thwaites, who will brew some Hydes beers under licence for a while. Thwaites also plan to relocate their brewery – they are selling their Blackburn town centre site to Sainsburys and, with the help of the local authority, looking for a place in the area to build a new plant.

Pub is the Hub's latest Local Community Services Champions initiative was launched at the Cornish Arms in St Meryn near Padstow, owned by Rick and Jill Stein. The initiative encourages local councils to support pubs to diversify

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into providing other local services. Pub is the Hub was initiated by the Prince of Wales in 2001 to bring local authorities, local communities, licensees, pub owners and breweries together to promote services within rural pubs.

Molson Coors promoted its Animée beer in January with a three-week sampling tour of locations close to outlets across the UK. Animée is aimed at women in the 18 to 35 age group and is available in a choice of crisp rose and zesty lemon flavours as well as a clear filtered version. Carlsberg has launched Eve, a 3.1 per cent beer-style fruit spritzer for women.



A new 'schooner' two thirds of a pint glass launched as an aid to responsible drinking in British pubs appears not to be popular. It was seen as a suitable size for branding and expected to fill a perceived demand for a beer volume between a half and a pint. Molson Coors has supplied the glasses but says interest is very low, and some major managed pub companies, including Wetherspoons and Spirit, have not used them.



CAMRA has agreed that the public appears to be indifferent to the new glass, but has promoted one third of a pint glasses at its events for a number of years, and would like to see them adopted more widely in the trade provided that pricing is fair.



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# PUB PIECES

*Reports in Pub Pieces are provided by local CAMRA members, licensees and Opening Times readers. Further news of changes at local pubs is welcome. Please send news to [news@huntscamra.org.uk](mailto:news@huntscamra.org.uk).*

The **Prince of Wales, Bluntisham**, previously a Greene King pub, has been sold to the Wadsworths family, who run a number of other pubs in the St Ives area, including the Dolphin, St Ives, and the Queens Head and Pike and Eel, Needingworth.



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The **Royal Oak at Hail Weston** was due to go to auction at the end of November, but was sold before the auction

took place. The pub closed on January 3rd after a packed pub on New Years Day gave the departing tenants Barry and Ivone Chapman a rousing send off. It is now understood that the new owner has no plans to run the Royal Oak as a pub, and may re-sell the building, or run a tea room and beauty parlour there. In the meantime a Hail Weston resident, who wants to run the Royal Oak as a pub and had planned to place a bid in the auction, has made an offer to the new owner.

Oliver Thain and Richard Bradley, the owners of the **Cock at Hemingford Grey**, were presented with an award in January by the Huntingdonshire branch of CAMRA, to commemorate the pub's listing in 10 consecutive editions of the CAMRA Good Beer Guide. This is a rare achievement, and there are currently only

three other pubs in the branch's area with this accolade: the Pheasant, Keyston; the Chequers, Little Gransden and the Swan, Old Weston. In the meantime the Cock has started regularly stocking a mild, a very welcome addition. Pictured are Oliver Thain and Chairman Kathy Hadfield-Moorhouse.



In the Charles Wells Eagle Star pub of the year awards, more than half of the awards



went to pubs in the Huntingdonshire branch area. Steve and Elaine Rogers, of the **New Sun, Kimbolton**, won overall Pub of the

Year with two other awards for wine and dining. John Franklin, of the **Dragon, Brampton**, was awarded best pub and bar food experience. Richard Binks, of the **White Horse, Tilbrook**, scooped Cask Beer Pub of the Year, and his mother Mary Binks secured the Team Member of the Year award.

The **Falcon** in the Market Square, **Huntingdon** is the subject of a renewed 'Save the Falcon' campaign by a local group that wants to see the historic listed pub re-open. Last year, Huntingdonshire District Council forced Punch Taverns to do some repair work to the deteriorating fabric of the building, but since that time there have been no developments and the building remains for sale.

# PUB PIECES

The Punch Taverns owned **George at Spaldwick** has a new management team led by Stephen Cooper who also runs the **White Hart in Godmanchester**, owned by Enterprise Inns. At the George, new menus and a wider choice of real ales are planned, including one locally sourced guest beer.

The tenant of the **Golden Knight, Sapley**, Huntingdon resigned during a recent licensing committee hearing called to investigate allegations of drug use and disorder at the pub, which had led to its closure. Owners Admiral Taverns subsequently reopened the pub with a new interim manager in charge.

Enterprise Inns reopened the **Aviator in St Ives in December** with a temporary manager in place after the pub closed for a period on the departure of the previous tenant.

There may be a brighter future for the **Falcon** on the Market Square, **St Neots**, with the St Neots Town Centre Initiative (SNTCI) giving support to proposals to redevelop this historic pub. Denis Whitfield bought the Falcon in 2005, but his plans for refurbishing the building and opening up the river frontage have apparently been blocked by Huntingdonshire District Council, who refuse to allow him to demolish a 19th century boathouse. Mr Whitfield's plans include shops facing the Market Square, apartments on the upper floors, bars and restaurants in the old coach yard behind the hotel and a terrace overlooking the river. SNTCI are now backing a formal planning application to HDC.

The **Globe** in Huntingdon Street, **St Neots** has been closed for over two years, and failed to be sold at auction in

2009. It has remained shuttered and apparently mothballed since then, but not any longer. Opening Times can report that someone is extensively decorating the building inside and out, and an unsubstantiated rumour suggests that the Globe will soon reopen as a Chinese restaurant.

The **Coach House** in the High Street, **St Neots**, stocking an extended range of well kept real ales as reported in the last edition of Opening Times, is now offering a 15% discount to CAMRA members on real ales.



Recently observed activity at the **Three Horseshoes, Abbots Ripton**, indicates that the restoration of the building is nearing completion. Owner Lord De Ramsey has reported that he is seeking candidates for the tenancy. Please apply to [admin@arfco.co.uk](mailto:admin@arfco.co.uk).

The **Lord Protector** in **Huntingdon** has started offering real ale. The first pint was apparently pulled on Christmas Day. They have been offering Sharp's Doom Bar and will soon be offering Adnams Lighthouse. The last time that the Lord Protector sold real ale was 20 years ago.

There is a new management team at the **Vine, Buckden** — Vicky Ruffell and Dorien Harris took over at the end of November. An improved range of real ales is on offer, and Vicky plans to hold two mini-festivals a year, the first around Easter.



# 37<sup>th</sup> BOOZE ON THE OUSE



## Elizabeth II, Diamond Jubilee

### OPENING TIMES

Thursday 5pm–10.45pm

Friday 12 noon–10.45pm

Saturday 12 noon–10.45pm.

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Thu: Before 7pm: £1; After 7pm: £2.

Fri: Before 7pm: £1; After 7pm £3.

Sat: £1 All Day.

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No entry or re-admission after 10.30pm.

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### BEERS and CIDERS

#### REAL ALES

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#### FEATURES

##### VENUE

The festival is being held at the Priory Centre, Priory Lane, close to the Market Square, in the centre of St Neots.

##### FOOD AND DRINK

A variety of snacks and food will be available at all sessions. Free soft drinks will be available from the cider bar for the designated driver of your party.

##### CHILDREN AT THE FESTIVAL

Whilst lunchtime is the ideal time to bring the family to the festival, we do allow children into the hall up to 8pm in the evening.

##### CAMRA PRODUCTS STAND

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##### OTHER DETAILS

##### THE WORKERS

The festival is organised and run by members of CAMRA who are all unpaid volunteers. We always need more helpers, so if you can help at any session please contact Andy Shaw (andy.shaw@huntscamra.org.uk & 01480 355863).



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- Mighty Oak Oscar Wilde Mild
- Timothy Taylor Golden Best
- Milton Minotaur Mild
- Coastal Merry Maidens
- Bank Top Dark Mild

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- Hop Back Heracles
- Potton Shannon IPA
- Brentwood Brentwood IPA
- Orkney Raven
- Salopian Shropshire Gold
- Fyne Ales Jarl
- Mauldons Molettrap
- Tydd Steam Barn Ale

### BEST BITTERS

- Houston Peter's Well
- White Park Bedford Best
- Digfield March Hare
- Tring Jack O'Legs
- Hopshackle Hoptane

### STRONG BITTERS

- Nethergate Augustinian Ale
- Digfield IPA
- Moles Molecatcher
- Thornbridge Jaipur IPA
- Tryst Raj IPA
- Hopshackle Resination

### GOLDEN ALES

- Red Squirrel Red Tail Citra
- Purple Moose Snowdonia Ale / Cwrw Eryri
- Fellows Cambridge Fellow
- Wolf Golden Jackal
- White Park Blonde
- Oakham Inferno
- Oakham Citra
- Castle Rock Harvest Pale
- Blue Monkey BG

### SIPS

- Mighty Oak Maldon Gold
- Potbelly Hop Trotter
- Son of Sid Golden Shower
- Fyne Ales Hurricane Jack
- Holdens Golden Glow
- Milton Sparta
- Oldershaws Ahtanum Gold
- Saltaire Cascade Pale Ale
- Potbelly Inner Daze
- Crouch Vale Amarrillo
- Thornbridge Kipling

### STRONG MILD

- Rudgate Ruby Mild
- Dark Star Victorian Mild

### PORTERS/

### STOUTS

- Potton Potton Porter
- Batemans Salem Porter
- Red Squirrel London Porter
- Acorn Gorlovka Stout

### BARLEY WINE

- Oakham Attila

### SPECIALITY

- Saltaire Raspberry Blonde
- Beartown Ginger Bear
- Skinners Heligan Honey
- Nethergate Umbel Ale
- Dark Star Hyder Blonde
- Otley O-Garden
- Hopshackle Coffee Porter
- Saltaire Triple Chocoholic Stout
- Oakleaf I Can't Believe It's Not Bitter

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# EVENTS AND SOCIALS

## February 2012

- Tues 7th Open committee meeting at the **Rivermill Tavern, Eaton Socon** (20:30).  
Mon 20th Good Beer Guide selection meeting at the **Manchester Arms, St Ives** (20.30).  
Sat 25th **Local Community Pub Week coach trip to Needingworth, Bluntisham, Earith, Colne, Somersham and Pidley**, with pick ups from St Neots, Huntingdon and St Ives. Free to CAMRA members. Book your place with the social secretary.

## March 2012

- Tue 6th Pre-festival meeting at the **Anchor, Little Paxton** (20:30).  
Thu 15-Sat 17 **St Neots Beer Festival** (see pages 10-11 for more details).  
Fri 23rd Post-festival social at the **Olde Sun, St Neots** (20:30).

## April 2012

- Sat 14th **National Community Pub Month coach trip to Great Stukely, Alconbury, Sawtry and Glatton**, with pick ups from St Neots, Huntingdon and St Ives. Free to CAMRA members. Book your place with the social secretary.  
Tue 17th **Annual General Meeting** at the **Conservatory, Papworth Everard** (20:30).  
Tue 24th St Neots beer festival wash-up meeting at the **Lord John Russell, St Neots**.

## May 2012

- Tue 15th Open committee meeting at the **Mermaid, Ellington** (20:30).  
Fri 18th **Mild Month socials** in **Huntingdon, St Ives and St Neots**.

An up to date listing of social events can be found on the web site: [www.huntscamra.org.uk/diary](http://www.huntscamra.org.uk/diary), or contact the Social Secretary, Andy Shaw.

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