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## PUBS WEEK 2005

CAMRA's annual celebration of British pubs will run from 19-26 February 2005 with an even bigger programme of events than the first two hugely successful Pubs Weeks.

CAMRA was set up to save real ale, but pubs have always been vital for real ale's survival. So CAMRA also promotes and protects pubs. CAMRA research revealed that pubs were closing at a rate of 20 a month and Pubs Week was launched in February 2003 to support pubs at a time of year when trade can be slow for the industry. It is now an annual event for all pub goers, whether CAMRA members or not, and celebrates the pub as an essential part of British life.

CAMRA is encouraging pubs to take part in a national pub quiz, as well as holding their own Pubs Week events and promotions such as beer and wine tastings, pub walks and crawls, special pub games and live music events. There will also be a major national competition for pub goers with a fantastic first prize.

Licensees are encouraged to think now about arranging special events for the last week in February. CAMRA will be providing free posters and beer mats for pubs to promote National Pubs Week. These can be ordered by calling Samantha Jones at CAMRA on 01727 867201.

There will be a National Pubs Week website, [www.camra.org.uk/pubsweek](http://www.camra.org.uk/pubsweek), to help the media and pubs to promote pubs week. This will provide fuller details of Pubs Week events as they are confirmed, advice sheets for pubs, ideas for events, competitions, free advertising of events and details of a huge selection of pub crawls taking place during the week. Publicity material can be ordered on-line from the web site.

Pubs Week 2005 will see the announcement of the national CAMRA Pub of the Year. Last year Price Charles got involved when he launched CAMRA's guide 'Saving Your Local Pub: A Guide for Local Communities', produced in association with two organisations 'Pub in the Hub' and 'Business in the Community'.

The Hunts Branch will be celebrating Pubs Week with a tour of St Ives pubs on Friday 25th - see Events and Socials.



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## EVENTS AND SOCIALS

### December 2004

Tues 7<sup>th</sup>      Open Committee Meeting, The Crown, Eaton Socon (8.30 pm).

Fri 17<sup>th</sup>      **Social** around **Godmanches-ter** pubs: **Exhibition** at 7.30 pm; **White Hart** at 8.15 pm; **Royal Oak** at 9.00 pm; finishing at the **Black Bull** at 9.45 pm.

### January 2005

Tues 4<sup>th</sup>      Open Committee Meeting, The Prince of Wales, Hilton (8.30 pm).

Fri 14<sup>th</sup>      **Christmas Social** with buffet at **The Chequers**, **Little Gransden** (8.30 pm).

Mon 24<sup>th</sup>      Open Branch Meeting, **The Cock**, **Hemingford Grey** (8.30pm). If you've wondered how a landlord keeps his beers in top condition, come along to a series of **cellar visits by Oliver Thain** at **The Cock**. There will also be an opportunity for you to hear about recent activities of the Committee.

### February 2005

Tues 1<sup>st</sup>      Open Committee Meeting, The Royal Oak, Hail Weston (8.30 pm).

Fri 18<sup>th</sup>      **Belgium beer tasting** at Andy Shaw's (Eaton Socon) (8.00 pm). The cost of the beer will depend on the number of people taking part, but will be in the region of £5.

Fri 25<sup>th</sup>      National Pubs Week tour of **St Ives** pubs starting at **Aviator** at 7.30 pm; **Floods Tavern** at 8.15 pm; **Nelson's Head** at 9.00 pm; finishing at the **Oliver Cromwell** at 9.45 pm.

### March 2005

Tues 1<sup>st</sup>      Open Committee Meeting, Three Horseshoes, Abbots Ripton (8.30 pm).

Sat 19<sup>th</sup>      Trip to **Adnams Brewery, Southwold**. A tour of the brewery has been arranged for CAMRA members and their guests, starting at 9.30 a.m. Entertainment for Friday and Saturday night will be arranged for those staying locally to Southwold.

### April 2005

Tues 12<sup>th</sup>      **Annual General Meeting**, venue to be confirmed (8.30 pm).

For further information, or to book a place on the cellar visit, beer tasting and Adnams tour, please contact Pete Godfrey, Social Secretary, on 01480 212849 or e-mail: [socials@huntscamra.org.uk](mailto:socials@huntscamra.org.uk). An up to date listing of Social Events can also be found at the web site: [www.huntscamra.org.uk/diary](http://www.huntscamra.org.uk/diary).

### Visit CAMRA online:

**CAMRA's Home Page**

<http://www.camra.org.uk>

**Huntingdonshire Branch Home Page**

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## PUB NEWS

- .. The **Lion** at **Buckden** has been stocking **Adnams Bitter** and **Greene King IPA** recently.
- .. In **St Ives** there has been a rare local chance to sample **Greene King's** excellent **XX Dark Mild**, now brewed by Ridleys of Essex. The **Oliver Cromwell** was serving XX as a guest beer in late October. The only other regular local outlet is the **Wagon & Horses, Steeple Morden**.
- .. The **Mad Cat** at **Pidley** is reported to have been sold and under new management, with beer **supplier having changed to Carlsberg-Tetley**. Tetleys Bitter and guest beers have been on offer.
- .. The **Spread Eagle** at **Croxton**, formerly a **Greene King** pub, has been sold for conversion to a single house.
- .. Hail Weston appears to be permanently reduced to a single pub village. The **Royal Oak** remains as a highly recommended Charles Wells tied house. The Bedford brewers closed their other pub in the village, the **Crown**, a number of years ago and it has now been demolished.
- .. **The Unicorn, St Ives** has been serving cask Websters Green Label.
- .. The sale of the **Racehorse** at **Catworth**, reported in an earlier Opening Times, was not completed during the Summer, but has now been completed with the new owner taking over on October 20th.
- .. **Brampton** has tragically lost the landlord of the **Black Bull**, John Duley, who died of a liver complaint while on his honeymoon in Antigua. This popular publican was only 40 years old and our deepest sympathy goes to his widow, Donna. She is continuing to run the pub and in addition to regular real ales Greene King IPA and John Smith's Cask, the guest ale policy through the Unique pub scheme will continue.
- .. Charles Wells have bought the **Leeds Arms** at **Eltisley** and have appointed John Franklin, tenant of the **Dragoon** in **Brampton** as the new tenant. John recently won the Charles Wells tenanted pub of the year award and no doubt this was a factor when granting him a second tenancy. Apart from Charles Wells beers, no doubt guest ales will also feature at the Leeds Arms, as is the case at the Dragoon.
- .. Nick Steiger, owner of the **Grange Hotel** in **Brampton**, has introduced Grange Bitter as his regular mid-strength bitter. Brewed by Potton Brewery, it is a hoppier version of Village Bike, and is very popular.
- .. The **Harrier** in **Brampton** closed at the end of September, having been on the market for some time. The new lessees, brothers Dean and Mukesh Makwena, are completely refurbishing the building with the intention of reopening the premises before Christmas, chiefly as an Indian restaurant. However Dean has not ruled out the possibility of selling real ale. They intend for the smaller bar to remain as a bar with bar snacks, principally for locals, selling real ale if there is enough demand. Watch this space!
- .. And finally, congratulations to Jim Taylor, publican of the **Swan, Old Weston**, voted **2004 Huntingdonshire Pub of the Year** by members of the Huntingdonshire Branch of CAMRA. Jim is a veteran publican, and including the recently published 2005 edition of CAMRA's **Good Beer Guide**, Jim has been in the guide for **14 continuous years**. Jim is renowned for the quality of all his beers, especially Adnams, about which Jim is very particular. The Swan is an archetypal oak beamed village pub, and is very much a community pub. A presentation will be made on Friday 26th November.



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## A LOOK BACK IN TIME

### 25 YEARS AGO

- .. CAMRA St Neots branch held winter socials at the Royal Oak at Wennington, the Swan at Old Weston and the Bell at Great Paxton. The Sun at Eaton Socon was the venue for the branch Christmas party and branch meetings were at the Red Lion, Bassingbourn and the Royal Oak, St Ives. There was also a trip to Ruddles brewery and a St Ives pub crawl starting at the Manchester Arms.
- .. In November 1979 CAMRA was backing Sir Nicholas Bonsor's bill for flexible licensing hours. This called for pubs to be allowed to open for 9.5 hours on weekdays and 8 hours on Sundays.
- .. In a practice that in 2004 CAMRA has hopefully stamped out, Melbourns of Stamford were cheerfully allowing their landlords in 1979 to serve keg Samuel Smiths Old Brewery Bitter using handpumps. Some landlords had had problems with the cask version and Melbourn managing director Lord Liverpool said ' we have allowed them to continue using handpumps because we believe they add something to a pub and are part of our heritage'. Following complaints, Melbourns agreed to ban keg-only pubs from advertising 'beer from the wood'.
- .. Big UK brewers were under fire as they imposed two 3p a pint price rises in nine months. And VAT added another 3p a pint. During 1979 the average price of Courage bitter had increased by a total of 26% - from 34p to 43p a pint.
- .. Ind Coope, part of UK national Allied Breweries, cheered real ale drinkers throughout the south east of England with the revival of famous brewery names for their trading areas, and a cask beer for each of them. Benskins, Friary Mew and Taylor Walker were named after breweries previously closed by the company.
- .. Suffolk brewers Adnams broke new ground by opening their first tied houses in Norwich. Three pubs were taken over from Courage, the Rose and the Mill and the Dart (later to become the Horse and Dray).
- .. In a move to relieve monopoly areas, national brewers Courage acquired six pubs in the Luton area in a swap of pubs with Whitbread, who acquired pubs in South West London.

### 10 YEARS AGO

- .. CAMRA's St Neots branch held its 20th anniversary party at its Winter Ales festival at St Neots Town Football Club. The branch held winter meetings at the Prince of Wales, Hilton, and the Mill Tavern at Eaton Socon and presented a certificate to the Crown at Eaton Socon for 10 years in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide.
- .. Local CAMRA members took part in tasting trials at Charles Wells brewery in Bedford to help with the revival of Wells Fargo, the 5% cask bitter that had been axed in the early 1980's and was re-launched in 1994 by CAMRA's Roger Protz at the 17th annual Bedford beer festival.
- .. Huge 'chalkboard' advertising posters for Wells Bombardier real ale, featuring the slogan 'hand drawn by the landlord', were launched in London with one poster that really was hand drawn over a period of two days by Charles Wells pub licensee Raymond Radford of the Victoria at Bow.
- .. CAMRA hit out at the health lobby for its support of Chancellor Ken Clark's budget increase in beer duty by 1p a pint as CAMRA and the brewers warned of more bootlegging, a 2.6% decline in pub trade and more pub closures.

## A LOOK BACK IN TIME

CAMRA was on the attack against the new wave of 'nitro-keg' beers that were perceived as a big threat to real ale. Nitrokeg beers were dispensed using a mixture of nitrogen and carbon dioxide, resulting in a creamy appearance and a less carbonated character more similar to cask real ales. Keg beers had previously always been over-carbonated due to the use of carbon dioxide gas for dispense. CAMRA also objected to the misleading use of 'dummy' miniature pump handles for the new beers and declared that brewers attempting to pass off keg as real ale would be banned from CAMRA's Great British Beer Festival.

Frog Island brewery started up in an old maltings between the canal and the river in Northampton. CAMRA members Bruce Litter and Graham Cherry produced their five-barrel plant using old cellar tanks formerly used for Camerons' beers. Another new brewery was being established at Oakham in a former warehouse at the town's railway station. Tony Davis, former head brewer at the nearby Ruddles Brewery, had been called in to help out with the project, which became well established as Grainstore brewery.

National brewers Courage were in crisis, according to CAMRA, reporting in December 1994 on city speculation over an impending take-over by one of the other national UK brewers. Whitbread and Bass were quoted as possible bidders in addition to Scottish & Newcastle, who were to prove successful.

CAMRA's Cambridge branch chairman Bob Moss wrote in the CAMRA newspaper 'What's Brewing' of the 'heavy breathers' that were a menace to good ale. This was a reference to the use of cask breathers, which control a blanket of gas at low pressure to extend the serving life of cask beer. Objectors within CAMRA believe that fresh

beer tastes better, and in 2004 CAMRA still does not condone the use of the breathers. But in 1994 Bob caused uproar amongst many local members with his proposal to ban Greene King pubs from listings in CAMRA's Good Beer Guide, because of the company's policy to supply and promote use of the breather system in its outlets.

Nethergate brewery of Clare in Suffolk launched Umber Ale, its popular 3.8% abv beer flavoured with coriander along with hops. Brewer Ian Hornsey had caused a stir in the brewing world a year earlier by adding coriander to Old Growler, Nethergate's 5.5% dark beer, to create the beer which was renamed Umbel Magna ten years ago. Ten years of success for these beers have been proof of Ian's innovative skills as a brewer.

### THE CHEQUERS

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CAMRA has sparked a revival of strong winter cask ales – usually black or dark brown, full bodied ales with a malty richness and often featuring delightful fruity estery flavours and caramel or roast malt character. Winter ales can be balanced by an assertive bitterness – others have a sweeter emphasis and some have an extraordinary alcohol content.

Readers are urged to seek out these beers in local pubs. These beers are often not around for very long and it will be worth the effort. Cambridgeshire brewers are supplying a tremendous range of winter ales this year.

**Elgoods** of Wisbech (01945 583160) will be offering the pale strong **Reinbeer** (alcohol by volume (abv) 5%) and the dark roasty barley wine **Wenceslas** (abv 7.5%) to pubs from early December, and these are expected to appear in the **Floods Tavern** in St Ives. **Reinbeer** is also expected at the **Grange, Brampton**.

**Fenland** (01353 699966) **Winter Warmer** (abv 5.5%) will be available from the end of November.

**Oakham** (01733 358300) **Cold Turkey** (abv 6.3%) is expected to be stocked at **the Oliver Cromwell** in St Ives and possibly the **Samuel Pepys** in Huntingdon from December. **Oakham** are also producing **Raucous Reindeer** (abv 4%), specifically for **Wetherspoons**, whose nearest outlet is the Regal in Cambridge.

Look out for **Mammon** (7.0%), a rich dark ale from **Milton Brewery** (01223 226198), expected to be available throughout December.

**City of Cambridge** brewery (01223 864864) offer two winter beers until the end of December and another until March.

**Holly Heaven** (abv 5.2) is a rich copper coloured, full bodied Christmas beer with well balanced malt and hops, both of which are present in abundance. **Michaelmas** (abv 4.6%) is a deep reddish blend of porter and best bitter creating a diverse mix of hops and malt. City of Cambridge **Bramling Traditional** (abv 5.5%), available until March, is made with the "Bramling Cross" hop, rarely used nowadays. Very fruity and delicious.

From "over the border" Bedfordshire brewer **Potton** is offering **No-Ale** (abv 4.8%) available from 1st of December, and expected to be on offer at the **Samuel Pepys** and **Old Bridge, Huntingdon**. Also available in bottle where it is called Old-Ale spiced.

As always, an 'imported' winter ale well worth looking out for in local pubs is **Adnams Tally Ho** (7%), a black barley wine with a terrific rounded flavour.

## BODDINGTONS

Members of CAMRA joined Boddingtons workers and members of the TGWU in a major demonstration in Brussels in October, in protest over plans by Inbev, owners of Boddingtons, to close the famous Manchester brewery. The demonstration took place outside a competition, organised by Inbev, to see who can pour the perfect pint of Stella Artois, Inbev's global lager brand. CAMRA were planning to show Inbev a different way of pouring Stella Artois down the drain. The Boddingtons plant, next to Strangeways prison in central Manchester, has been operating since 1778. Production of its non-cask ales will be moved to Preston, South Wales and Glasgow. Cask ale Boddingtons, which InBev says accounts for 10% of business, is set to be produced at Hyde's brewery in Moss Side.



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## SHAW'S STROLLS

### *Spaldwick, Catworth, and Leighton Bromswold*

#### Introduction:

On a Shaw's Stroll you are always guaranteed a good pub, and occasionally two, but this time I have surpassed myself – three excellent pubs, so two breaks along the way.

You can start this circular walk at any of the three pubs – I chose to start at Spaldwick.

**Spaldwick** is an attractive village centred around its Green and is particularly noted for the period houses in the High Street and the bridge which carries the Thrapston Road over the brook dates from the 15th Century. The village is dominated by the church whose spire soars to 152 feet. Another feature of the church is its ornate Norman north doorway.

**Catworth** is a pleasant and quiet village with winding streets and varied architecture standing on a hill south of the A14 surrounded by farmland. Its 13th Century church, St. Leonards, has an octagonal spire and con-

tains a monument to Rose Dryden, sister of the poet.

**Leighton Bromswold** is a charming and compact little village. Two features are of interest here - the moated gatehouse and the church. The former dates from the 15th Century and is the only part ever built of a great mansion designed by John Thorpe for the Duke of Lennox. The church is certainly one of the finest in the county, of striking early English design but after falling into near ruin was rebuilt in 1634 when the tower was added. The splendid furnishings of this period include the pulpit and reader's desk.

**Distance:** 16.3 km (10.3 miles). The walk can be completed in around 4 hours allowing for stops at the two pubs on route.

**Map:** OS Landranger sheet 153 Bedford, Huntingdon and OS Explorer sheet 225.

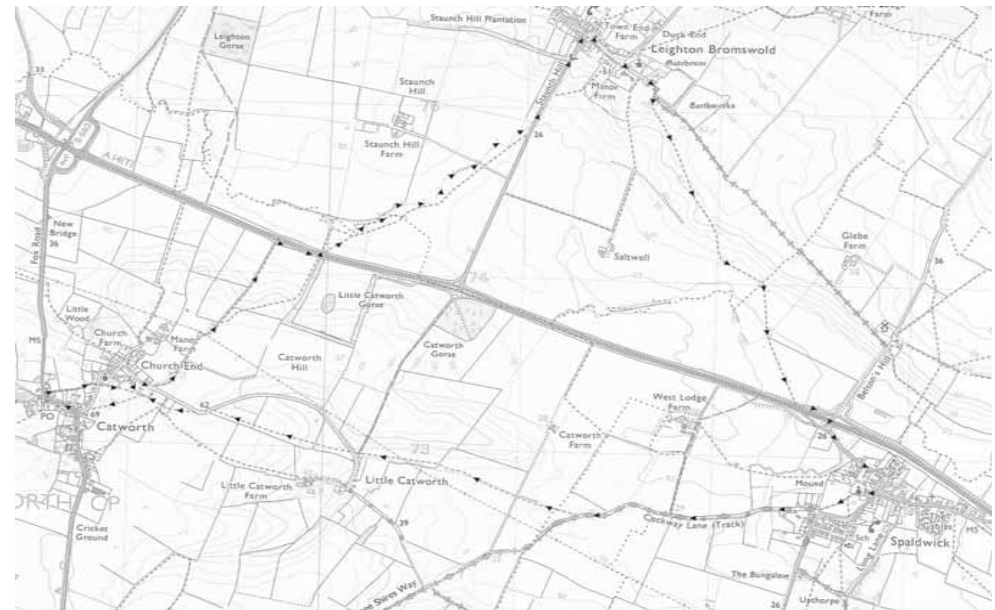


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**How to get there:** Spaldwick lies off the A14 road between Huntingdon and Thrapston, approximately 5 miles west of the A1/A14 interchange.

**Parking:** The pub has ample parking at the front and the back.

### The Walk:

From the **George** cross the green and walk up Church Lane. Passing by the left hand side of the church, note the fine decorated Norman porch, and then pass through a kissing gate, and cross the field to the opposite corner, pass through another gate. Turn right into Mount Pleasant.

Pass through a gate onto a track, following the sign for the Three Shires Way. Follow this track (known as Cockway Lane) with excellent views of the valley on both sides. At the yellow way marker, pass through the gap in the trees and cross a footbridge over a stream. Pass along the right hand edge of the field. Cross a track and a stile at a yellow way marker. Continue along the edge of the field, beside a ditch. Cross another stile at a gate, and cross the ditch and continue along the right hand side of the ditch. Cross a stile and continue on the left hand side of the field. At the edge of the field, turn left onto a track. At the road, turn right, and in 100m turn left onto a marked footpath.

Cross the field, climbing the hill, heading for some trees, where you will cross a stile. Follow the left hand side of the field. At the next stile, look back and enjoy the view at the brow of the hill.

Continue through the next field, at the gate cross the stile, turn left along the road, and then pass through the hedge onto the marked footpath.

The path crosses the field going up the rise to a kissing gate in the opposite hedge. Note

that this field may be ploughed. Cross the next field, heading towards the church, and through another kissing gate. Now cross the field, heading for the thatched house. Go through the kissing gate, turn left up the lane and right into Catworth High Street, and in 200m you'll arrive at the Racehorse for a well earned break.

Leaving the **Racehorse**, turn down Fox Road, and then turn right on to a footpath between two houses. The footpath meets a road with the church opposite. Cross and pass through the kissing gate to the right of the churchyard. Following the left hand field edge, then crossing the field towards some trees, pass through a kissing gate on the left (yellow way marker), and go down a path between two houses.

At the road, turn right. After 200m, turn left onto a marked footpath, following a broad grass track on the left hand side of the field. Follow the track round a small thicket and down the slope towards the A14. At the A14, turn right, past the lay-by, and after 200m, cross the A14 where there is a break in the central reservation. Then continue in the same direction on the opposite side of the A14 for 100m, and then go down some steps and across a stile.

Turn half right taking the footpath across the field. The field has been ploughed, obscuring the line of the path, but if you head towards the church on the sky line you'll be OK. After crossing the field, join the track at the field edge, with the tree line to your left. Officially the footpath continues across the ploughed field but the track is easier walking. Crossing the track that leads to a farm, continue along the left side of the field.

At the road, turn left and climb Staunch Hill to the village of Leighton Bromswold, your second break at the Green Man.

Leaving the **Green Man**, turn right along The Avenue. At the church, continue straight along Church Lane. Continue past a gate onto a

## SHAW'S STROLLS

track, and after a turn to the right and a turn to the left, branch right off the track into a field.

Once again the farmer has kindly obscured the line of the public footpath through ploughing, so follow the line towards the distant Spaldwick church, your destination. At a field boundary, with a line of electricity poles, a yellow way-marker on a pole indicates the change in direction, following the field boundary, leading you to a line of trees and a bridge across a ditch.

Continue across the field with the line of the path now heading towards the right of the church, but more clearly marked by different vegetation. At the field boundary, you will see that the path crosses the field to the edge of the A14, and heads for some steps up the bank of the road. Climb these steps, but then turn left and walk along the roadside, up the slip road, and cross the A14 over the road bridge. The road continues round to the left and back to the George.

### The Pubs:



**GEORGE, SPALDWICK**  
High Street,  
Spaldwick,  
PE18 0TD.  
Tel: (01480)  
890293

11-11 (Mon-Sat); 12-10.30 (Sun)

Fullers London Pride, Adnams Broadside, Theakston Old Peculier (H)

The George dates from the 16<sup>th</sup> century but has recently been refurbished in a light airy modern bistro style.

Food is available lunchtimes and evenings. The menu is varies, with a changing blackboard, and focuses on fresh and local ingredients.

### RACEHORSE, CATWORTH



43 High Street,  
Spaldwick,  
PE28 0PF.

Tel: (01832)  
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12-2.30; 5-11 (Mon-Fri);  
11-11 (Sat);

12-10.30 (Sun)

Theakston Best Bitter; 3 Guest Beers (H)

The Racehorse is a comfortable country inn with a multi-area lounge bar, a quarry tiled games room, and large restaurant.

Food is available lunchtimes and evenings. The menu is varies, with a focus on good home cooked food..

### GREEN MAN, LEIGHTON BROMSWOLD



The Avenue,  
Leighton  
Bromswold,  
PE28 5AW.

Tel: (01480)  
890238

12-3 (not Mon-Thu); 7-11 (not Mon); 12-3; 7-10.30 (Sun)

Nethergate IPA; guest beers (H)

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To The Manager Bank or Building Society

Address  
Postcode

Name (s) of Account Holder (s)

Bank or Building Society account number

Branch Sort Code

Reference Number

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9 2 6 1 2 9

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Membership Number

Name

Postcode

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Date

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