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**Ye Olde Sun, St Neots
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Pub of the Year 2013**

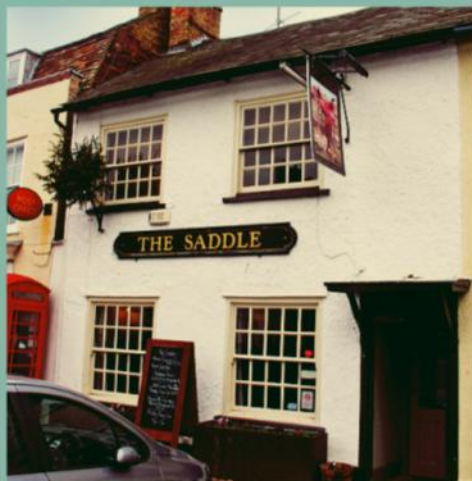
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The trail concentrates on pubs which (usually) sell locally brewed real ales (LocAles).

How Does it Work?

Go to a participating pub (see the list on the right) and ask for a LocAle Trail form.

Order a pint or half of LocAle (or other real ale if a LocAle is not available) and ask to have your form marked with a sticker.

Collect stickers from at least twelve different pubs on the trail over the qualifying period to receive the prize of one or more bottles of LocAle Real Ale in a Bottle from **Draycott brewery, Buckden**. (12 pubs = one bottle, 14 pubs = two bottles, 16 pubs = three bottles).

Send your entry by 31 October 2013, to 13a Peppercorn Lane, Eaton Socon, St Neots, PE19 8HL or hand your form in at the membership stand at the St Ives Beer Festival.

Anyone collecting a sticker from all the pubs on the trail will go into a draw for a special prize.

In addition to taking part in this trail, you might wish to score the quality of your beers on the CAMRA National Beer Scoring System - go to www.beerscoring.org.uk. We use beer quality scores to help select which pubs go into the Good Beer Guide.

Public Transport

Most pubs on the trails are accessible by public transport, though buses are of limited frequency to some of the rural pubs. For details, visit our website at www.huntscamra.org.uk

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Which are the Pubs?

Racehorse, Catworth, PE28 0PF

Green Man, Colne, PE28 3LZ

Rivermill Tavern, Eaton Socon, PE19 8GW

Crown and Cushion, Great Gransden, SG19 3AT

King of the Belgians, Hartford, PE29 1XU

Cock, Hemingford Grey, PE28 9BJ

Pheasant, Keyston, PE28 0RE

Green Man, Leighton Bromswold, PE28 5AW

Chequers, Little Gransden, SG19 3DW

Floods Tavern, St Ives, PE27 5BX

Royal Oak, St Ives, PE27 5EB

Hog and Partridge, St Neots, PE19 1BA

Hyde Park, St Neots, PE19 1AJ

Pig n Falcon, St Neots, PE19 1AE

Ye Olde Sun, St Neots, PE19 1BL

White Horse, Tilbrook, PE28 0JP

Ye Olde Sun, St Neots

CAMRA Cambridgeshire Pub of the Year 2013



Ye Olde Sun, St Neots, has received the overall CAMRA Cambridgeshire Pub of the Year award after having been selected as the CAMRA Huntingdonshire Branch Pub of the Year in March. Ye Olde Sun came top when judged against the Pub of the Year for each of the other three Cambridgeshire branches, Cambridge, Ely and Peterborough - the Flying Pig, Cambridge; the Townhouse, Ely; and the Coalheavers Arms, Peterborough.

The judges found that Ye Olde Sun scored very highly in all of the categories: beer quality, atmosphere, service and welcome, community focus, sympathy with CAMRA's aims, and overall good value.

Ye Olde Sun has now gone forward as an entrant in the East Anglia Regional CAMRA Pub of the Year competition,

and is currently being judged against the Pub of the Year from five other counties - Bedfordshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk.

Sue and Pete at Ye Olde Sun have been getting visits from judges from CAMRA branches all over East Anglia. The result of the regional competition will be announced in early August.

Pictured below are from left to right, Pete Butler, Richard Harrison (Hunts Branch Chairman), Sue Gilliland, Ray London, and Roy Endersby.



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A Look Back In Time

10 YEARS AGO

The St Neots CAMRA branch changed its name to Huntingdonshire branch and held meetings at the Unicorn (formerly the Greyhound) in St Ives, the Prince of Wales, Hilton and the White Horse, Eaton Socon. There was a walk around the pubs of Fensanton and the Cock at Hemingford Grey received the branch Pub of the Year award. After the St Ives beer festival there was a new members' ramble around the pubs of the town and a visit to the Bedford beer festival.



The Theakston family bought its famous brewery in Masham back from Scottish and

Newcastle breweries (S&N). Masham thus became the home of two independent breweries, Paul Theakston having split from the family brewing dynasty to set up the new Black Sheep brewery there in 1992. Theakstons had been taken over in 1984 by Blackburn brewer Matthew Brown which was subsequently sold to S&N.

In the autumn of 2002, S&N boosted its 'Local Heroes' scheme to allow 42 microbreweries to supply real ales to its managed pub estate, which was up for sale and expected to be split between a number of bidders including Pubmaster, M&B (the former pubs division of Bass brewers) and Spirit.

Greene King was incurring the wrath of villagers in Turvey in Bedfordshire after suddenly closing picture-postcard pub the Three Fyshes, one of its two pubs in the village and previously the home of the Nix Wincott brewery. The villagers had set up a 'Three Fyshes Task Group', which was bat-



ting to save the pub.

Belgian brewer Interbrew revamped the recipe of cask Boddingtons Bitter, brewed at its Strangeways brewery in Manchester, in a bid to halt a decline in sales. The new Boddingtons would be produced at an increased ABV of 4.1% with a fuller maltier taste than the original 3.8% ABV brew.

Two pioneers of the microbrewing world in the south west bowed out. Cotleigh brewery was sold by John and Jenny Aries after 20 years at the helm, and Exe Valley brewery founder Richard Barron retired 18 years after setting up the brewery under his own name.

Charles Brims became the new chairman of Hertford brewer McMullen's following the retirement of chairman and joint managing director David McMullen.

CAMRA signed over 1000 new members at its Great British Beer Festival at Olympia after launching a new membership drive with give-away 'Beerheads' hats and the slogan 'It takes all sorts to campaign for real ale'.

Greene King reported that sales of its Abbot Ale had surged by 21% in the half year to midsummer 2002, helping to fuel an overall increase in profits of 8%.



A Look Back In Time

25 YEARS AGO

In August 1988, the St Neots branch of CAMRA held 'double pub socials' at the Black Bull and Dragoon in Brampton, and



Montagu Arms at Grafham

the George at Spaldwick followed by the Montagu Arms at Grafham.

An advert by Carlsberg was banned by the Independent Broadcasting Authority after a complaint by CAMRA member Brendan Boyle. Brendan successfully claimed that the advert, which showed tanker loads of the Northampton-brewed lager entering Germany, misleadingly implied that UK-brewed Carlsberg would have met the German beer purity law, known as the Reinheitsgebot. As corn grist was an ingredient in the Northampton product, it would not have been allowed for sale in Germany.

Meanwhile another big brewer, Bass, had an advert for its Tennents Super Lager banned by the Advertising Standards Authority. Bass had used an image of a figure in an Atlas-like pose and the ASA received a complaint from the Federation of London Alcohol Groups that the advert was an inducement to drink the lager because of its high alcohol content. The ASA said that it considered the use of Atlas, as a figure associated with strength and power, to be unsuitable for alcohol advertising.



Elgoods of Wisbech agreed to remove fake handpumps in its pubs that used them for dispensing keg beer, after a long dispute over the issue with CAMRA's Peterborough branch. Elgoods agreed that the move would 'stop any confusion' between Elgood's cask and keg beers.

Elders IXL, the new Australian owners of UK brewing group Courage, announced its plans for the group's 5000 pubs. They would be run by the Courage Pub Company, a joint venture with Hudson Conway, an Australian property group.

Troubled Welsh brewing and pubs company Buckleys was expected to be bought by a rival brewer after the collapse of a financial institution that had taken control of Buckleys the previous year.

CAMRA published a controversial report on low alcohol beers, 'Low Alcohol – the Low Down', which concluded that the use of additives and high prices meant that those interested in their health, bank balance or cutting down their alcohol intake should avoid 'these poor imitations', and that those who drive should avoid any alcoholic drinks.

The first British wheat beer for over 100 years was launched by Sunderland brewers Vaux. The new beer, branded 'Weizenbier' (also a generic German word for wheat beers) was available only as a filtered, clear 'crystal' product.

Half Pints



The Marstons brewing group is reducing the strength of its Old Thumper real ale, brewed at the Ringwood brewery in Hampshire, from 5.6% ABV to 5.1% ABV. The change is part of a re-

branding exercise for the Ringwood beer range.

Marstons has also launched a new range of 'craft beers' – these are not real ales, but are limited edition keg beers, cold-conditioned, microfiltered and packaged in small 30 litre containers. The beers are Revisionist Craft Lager, Oyster and, in a collaboration with US brewer Shipyard, Shipyard American Pale Ale.

A public consultation on pub companies has ended with massive support for the government's proposed statutory code of practice and adjudicator for lease arrangements between pub groups and tenants. The proposals are intended to ensure that tied pubs are no worse off than free houses and allow them to sell a guest beer. The government will respond to the consultation in the autumn.

Andy Wood, Adnams chief executive and chairman of the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership, was awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list, for services to business and the community in East Anglia.



Brakspear has opened a micro-brewery at the Bull on Bell Street in its home town of Henley on Thames after closing its Henley brewery in 2002 with the loss of 35 jobs.

The new microbrewery will produce four

barrels a week of Brakspear Special, a legendary 4.3% ABV bitter once brewed at the original brewery in Bell Street, founded by William Brakspear in 1711. The new process will be overseen by Malcolm Mayo, former quality manager at the Wychwood Brewery in Witney, where Brakspear beers have until now been made under licence since 2004 using the Brakspear yeast strain and much of the equipment from the closed brewery. The new process will use whole hops in a change from methods used to produce Brakspears brands at Wychwood.

Cains has stopped brewing at its Stanhope



Street brewery in Liverpool, contracting out production of its cask beers and closing its canning line and production of supermarket own

brands. The company has also made 38 people redundant. Cains are expected to submit plans to redevelop the site as a 'brewery village' with shops, a hotel and a restored brewery in the Grade II listed brewhouse, where production of Cains beers would resume.

A closed pub listed in CAMRA National Inventory of Historic Interiors has been ravaged by fire. The Rising Sun, on Kirkstall Road in Leeds, served as a furniture store in recent years and was famed for its 'gin palace' interior, which the most recent operators had kept more or less intact. The

fire gutted the Grade II listed three-storey building and the future of the site is now uncertain.



More Protection For Pubs

CAMRA branches and local communities are getting behind CAMRA's aim to get 300 English pubs listed as 'Assets of Community Value' by the end of the year. These listings allow communities to stop the clock when a pub is put up for sale, earning valuable time to explore options for saving the pub.



Villagers in Little Totham, Essex have applied for an ACV for their village local, the Swan,

awarded CAMRA's national 'Pub of the Year' award twice in the past eleven years. The Swan has closed with rumours of its impending redevelopment as housing.

In CAMRA's Huntingdonshire branch area, the Royal Oak at Hail Weston and the Bell at Great Paxton are listed as ACVs and an application is



underway to list the Queen Adelaide at Croydon. The Bell, a former Greene King pub, was recently sold to a local businessman who was believed to be intending to operate the pub free of tie.

The owner of the Royal Oak has notified the council of intention to dispose, which has triggered a six month period of restrictions on disposal. The Hail Weston Community Pub Society is looking for potential shareholders in a joint bid to buy the pub for the community.

An application to list the Old Falcon in St Neots as an ACV is also expected, which would give the community a chance to bid for the pub if it goes on sale. Owner Dennis

Whitfield bought the Old Falcon when it closed in 2004. He had planned to develop the site but has been in dispute about details of the proposals with planners, who have now asked for urgent work to protect the fabric of the building.

A new £250 million 'community assets fund' announced by the Prime Minister will provide long-term loans to help local communities to buy their own pubs, shops, community centres and village greens. A 'social stock exchange' for potential investors will provide details of communities trying to raise funds for local projects, such as buying a pub.

A call by the British Beer and Pub Association's (BBPA) for a judicial review of Cambridge City Council's new pubs protection policy has been rejected. In Cambridge, change of use for a pub will be refused if it has not been marketed for at least a year as a free-of-tie pub or has a restrictive covenant preventing a future change back to a pub. And now campaigners want more councils to follow Cambridge's lead and put in place planning guidance policy to protect pubs.

In the local area, stage three of Huntingdonshire District Council's Local Plan consultation has revealed that the council has included in its draft Local Plan some of the proposals submitted by Huntingdonshire CAMRA to the previous stage of the consultation. This will mean that urban pubs, as well as rural ones, will be protected by its policy aimed at retaining local facilities where possible, and pubs will be recognised as 'town centre uses'. The draft Local Plan also supports development of new pubs in towns, provided that they are of an appropriate scale.

Chairman's Chatter

This is my first contribution to Opening Times as chairman of Huntingdonshire CAMRA since being elected to the position at the branch's AGM in April. I thought it would therefore be the right time to let you know more about why I'm active within CAMRA.

I attended many beer festivals in the late 70s and early 80s and was impressed by the flavoursome beers which continued to condition in the cask from which they were served. This was a time when it could be difficult to get real ale in pubs in many parts of the UK, due to the big brewers' shift to keg beers in the preceding years. Furthermore, the quality of the real ale you could get was often low.

So in 1982, I decided it was time to join CAMRA (helped in no small part by an income tax refund!). I remained interested in beer festivals and have been a volunteer at many, culminating in the Scottish Real Ale Festival in July, where one of my favourite beers, the wonderful Jarl by Fyne Ales, won the Champion Beer of Scotland award (see photo).



Richard pulls a pint of Jarl, the Champion Beer of Scotland 2013, with Rob Jenner (retired Sales Director, left) and Tuggy Delap (owner of Fyne Ales).

I will also be working at the Great British

Beer Festival at London's Olympia (13-17 August) and at our own St Ives Beer and Cider Festival (5-7 September – see page 16 for full information). It would be nice to see you at these events - please say hello if you do come along.

I have served on CAMRA branch committees (Harrogate/Ripon, Edinburgh and Huntingdonshire) in a number of roles since the mid-90s, principally as Secretary and also organising social events. This branch organises regular social events for CAMRA members throughout the year. Non-members are also welcome, although may be subject to a small charge for some events. Our forthcoming events include a pub history walk in St Ives, a trip by train to the Rutland Beer Festival in Oakham, a Cask Ale Week coach trip (visiting pubs north and east of Huntingdon) and last, but by no means least, a Pub Quiz at the Hyde Park in St Neots.

I'm pleased to say that over the last 30 years in CAMRA, things have changed quite dramatically with regards to real ale, principally through the efforts of CAMRA members and others with an interest in pubs and beer. The number of breweries, mostly small micros, has increased enormously, with much of this growth occurring over the last ten years. Most pubs now sell at least one real ale, although there are still a few areas where availability is limited (for example, parts of Scotland and Northern Ireland). Beer quality has also improved generally, with assistance from schemes such as Cask Marque. CAMRA's National Beer Scoring System (NBSS) has also improved standards and we encourage everyone to submit scores for the real ales they drink.

Chairman's Chatter

Unfortunately, it's not all good news and contrary to some opinions, CAMRA's job is far from done. Around 18 pubs close each week in the UK - the highest rate ever. The reasons for this are complex, but CAMRA believes that it is essential these community assets are retained.

Pubs serve two distinct, but intimately entwined functions: to sell drinks and to enable people to meet. The latter is especially important; British pubs differ from their continental counterparts in that customers are eager to chat with other occupants, even complete strangers. Pubs are often at the centre of community life, in towns and cities as well as villages. They play a huge role when it comes to social cohesion. Pubs are also the best place to consume the great British drink, real ale.

With this in mind, please take part in our new LocAle pub trail (see page 3) and give all the support you can to your local pubs.

To end on some good news, I would like to add my personal congratulations to Sue and Pete at the Ye Olde Sun in St Neots for winning both the Huntingdonshire and Cambridgeshire Pub of the Year (POTY) awards. All the best for every success in the next round of the competition, the East Anglian POTY!

I hope you enjoy reading Opening Times and would be interested in any comments you may have regarding this newsletter or CAMRA in general. Contact details are given on page 18.

Cheers until next time!

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Pub Pieces

What's On in Your Local? Reports in Pub Pieces are provided by our branch pub contacts, licensees, local CAMRA members and Opening Times readers. Further news of changes at local pubs is welcome. Please send news to news@huntscamra.org.uk

Huntingdonshire CAMRA has objected to a planning application to extend the **Manchester Arms** in **St Ives** for a proposed retail development, citing emerging policy in the draft Local Plan and national planning guidance that requires planners to take account of the importance of pubs and other facilities to local communities when a change of use is proposed. St Ives Town



Council also agreed unanimously to recommend to the district council that the plan should be refused.

Pub group **JD Wetherspoon** has confirmed that it is aiming to open two more pubs in the area - in St Ives and Huntingdon. Wetherspoons say that if their plans go ahead they would spend £2.5 million on the conversions create 90 to 100 jobs. In St Ives, the Warehouse Clearance store in Market Hill seems likely to be the site that they are looking at. Two district councillors, both former mayors of St Ives, have spoken in opposition to the plan for St Ives, citing the likely effect on the balance of independent pubs in the town. The St Ives Civic Society has said that it will be watching the development carefully as it goes through the planning process. Reports have suggested that the Huntingdon target could be the Careys

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amusements site on Princes Street or the Old Post Office on Brampton Road.

The **Hog and Partridge, St Neots** has a new bar and an extended range of foreign and craft beers. The Hog continues to offer typically 4-6 real ales and a range of real ciders.

The **Floods Tavern** in St Ives has a new licensee. Philip Pope, who has worked in the pub for over twelve years, has taken on the lease following the departure of the previous leaseholders. The bar has been refurbished and Philip is planning to make the Floods appeal to a wide range of people, from families to those looking for an afternoon drink in the idyllic riverside gar-

den, to groups looking for a good night out.



Nearby **Greene King** pub the **Nelsons Head** in Merryland, St Ives, also has new leaseholders, Trevor and Karen Fowler, who also have the **Samuel Pepys** in Huntingdon and the **King William IV** in Fenstanton.

Also in St Ives, the **Merchant House**, formerly the **Aviator** (and before that the **Dun Horse**), has reopened again after a temporary closure.

Good news for **Bassingbourn** is that it has been reported that the **Pear Tree** in the village has been sold for use as a pub.

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rently available, but is apparently coming soon.



The **Green Man, Colne** is a busy pub with good well kept beers, including Lo-cAles Oakhams Inferno and Elgoods

Cambridge Bitter.

The **Rose & Crown, Somersham** is still temporarily closed, awaiting new tenants.

The **Riverview Inn, Earith** has re-opened as the 'Old Riverview' and is now a tea room, country kitchen and guest house which is fully licensed. It offers bottled real ale from the North Walsham brewery, Ole Slewfoot. Five beers currently are on offer, Devil's Dream, Fox on the Run, Tommy Knocker, Little Bear & Cabarrus Gold.

At the **Prince of Wales, Bluntisham** as well as the regular Greene King beers, also has a guest ale. Recently they had Sharp's Doom Bar & Elgoods Golden Newt.

Local Beer Festivals



The **Black Bull at Brampton** will be holding its annual beer festival this year from Friday 2nd August to Sunday 4th August.

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Pub of the Year 2006**

Pub Pieces



The **Cock, Hemingford Grey** will be holding their annual August Bank Holiday beer festival from Friday

23rd August to Sunday 25th August..



The **Chequers, Little Gransden** is having their annual beer

festival on the 4th - 6th October. 30 real ales plus a range of ciders are planned. A brass band will play on Saturday afternoon.

See the website for more details visit the pub's website www.chequersgransden.co.uk.

The **White Horse, Eason Socon** is holding an Oktoberfest from the 3rd - 8th October, with 80-100 beers including both real ales and imported German beers.



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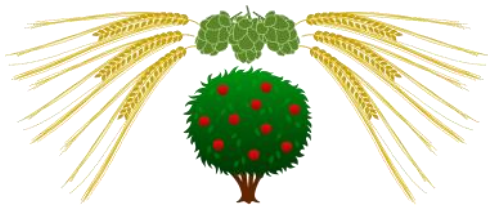


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St Ives Beer and Cider Festival



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Friday All day; 12 noon-11pm

Saturday All day; 12 noon-10pm.

Entry Including Programme:

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Friday - £1 from 12-7pm; £3 after 7pm.

Saturday - £1 all day 12noon-10pm.

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Visit the web site to get updates to the planned beer and cider lists.

FEATURES

VENUE



The festival is being held at the Burgess Hall, in the St Ivo Centre, Westwood Road, PE27 6WU, close to

the centre of St Ives. This the 21st beer festival we have held at the Burgess Hall.

FOOD AND DRINK

A variety of food will be available at all sessions. Free soft drinks will be available from the cider and foreign beer 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

Come along and chat to our staff and learn about CAMRA, beer brewing and pubs. CAMRA and brewery products will be on sale, including sweatshirts, t-shirts and polo shirts, as well as books, pens, badges and beer mats. Adjacent will be the fabulous 'Every One's A Winner' tombola stall.

OTHER DETAILS

THE WORKERS

The festival is organised and run by

Booze on the Ouse

members of CAMRA who are all unpaid volunteers. The festival always needs more volunteers, so if you can help at any session please contact Andy Shaw.

CONTACT

For any enquiries please contact the Festival Organiser, Newsletter & Festival Programme Editor, Andy Shaw:

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Also visit our web site for updates

www.huntscamra.org.uk/festivals

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Events and Socials

August 2013

Sun 4th Pub History Walk, **St Ives**. Meet at the **Royal Oak**, at 12 noon. The walk will explore historic pubs, past and present, featured in *The Pubs of St Ives* by Bob Burn-Murdoch.

Tue 6th Open committee meeting, **Abbots Elm, Abbots Ripton** (20:30)

Mon 26th Rutland Beer Festival, **Grainstore Brewery, Oakham**. 10:13 train from St Neots, 10:21 from Huntingdon.

Tue 27th Pre-festival meeting, **Seven Wives, St Ives** (20:30)

September 2013

Thu 5th-Sat 7th **St Ives Beer & Cider Festival**, Burgess Hall, Westwood Road, St Ives. See pages 16-17 for more details.

Tue 17th Post-Festival Social, **Royal Oak, St Ives** (20:30)

October 2013

Sat 5th Cask Ale Week Coach Trip to include Abbots Ripton, Broughton, Wistow, Warboys, Pidley, Colne, Bluntisham and Needingworth. Free to CAMRA members. Book your place with the social secretary.

Tue 8th Open Committee Meeting, **White Hart, Alconbury Weston** (20:30)

November 2013

Tue 5th Open Committee Meeting, **White Horse, Eaton Socon** (20:30)

Fri 15th Pub Quiz, **Hyde Park, St Neots** (20:30)

An up to date listing of social events can be found on the web site: www.huntscamra.org.uk/diary, or contact the social secretary, Varina Howell.

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