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The Campaign for Real Ale**

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# NEW WEB SITE AND PUB GUIDE

In the last month the Huntingdonshire branch of CAMRA has launched a new web site and a new online pub guide.

The changes to the web site have been made to allow more local members to providing updates.

A new 'Latest News' page will be updated with local pub and brewery news as it happens. There is also now a dedicated page for publicising local pub beer festivals (see under 'Local Pubs').

Our objectives are to keep local pub users better informed, and to help local pub landlords to promote their pubs.

Please send news about your local pub to [news@huntscamra.org.uk](mailto:news@huntscamra.org.uk).

The change to the local online pub guide is also about promoting pubs. In the past

the guide was restricted to pubs that we knew offered real ale of good quality based on the continuous beer quality scoring carried out by local CAMRA members.

The new pub guide lists the details of all pubs in the branch area that serve real ale, but we are highlighting the best pubs for high quality beer with a Gold, Silver or Bronze quality rating.

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# A LOOK BACK IN TIME

## 10 YEARS AGO



Belgian brewing group Interbrew was incurring CAMRA's wrath as it announced a switch of all keg beer production from its Boddingtons brewery in Manchester to other plants, leading to CAMRA

fears that the closure of the brewery would be the next step. Only cask beer production would remain at the Boddingtons plant. Unions had claimed that this would only provide one day of work a week and render the plant unviable. CAMRA pledged 'one of the biggest campaigns in its history' unless Interbrew provided credible assurances about the future of the brewery.

Ipswich brewer Tolly Cobbold was taken over by Essex brewer Ridleys ten years ago. The Ipswich brewery had been saved twelve years earlier in a management buyout from owners Brent Walker, who

wanted to demolish the brewery. In the latest takeover Ridleys gained six Tolly tied houses, the distribution rights for Carlsberg-Tetley in East Anglia and 700 pub accounts, many of these former Brent Walker

pubs by then part of Pubmaster.

Liverpool brewery Cains was bought for £3.4 million by Midlands-based drinks wholesaler Gardner Shaw, who pledged to turn Cains around into a successful national brand, making use of its network of depots. Cains had been making a loss under the ownership of Danish Brewery

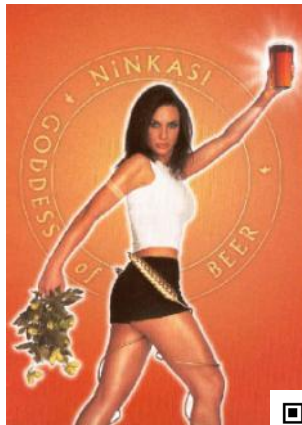
Group A/S because of an unsuccessful involvement in cheap supermarket lagers.

In the autumn of 2002, St Neots CAMRA held open meetings at the Cock at Hemingford Grey and the Rivermill, Eaton Socon, there was a 'Shaw's Stroll' based around pubs in the Gransdens, a country pub crawl by car to pubs not often visited, and the branch held socials at CAMRA beer festivals in Peterborough and Bedford.

Real Beer Week was the title of a new campaign unveiled by the Independent Family Brewers of Britain, and backed by CAMRA, to follow the successful Cask Ale Week that had been held the previous year. The campaign aimed to promote the cask brands produced by the family brewers.

Pub operator JD Wetherspoon celebrated the tenth anniversary of its flotation on the stock market with a claim that it was approaching its target of 1000 pubs. 610 of its pubs were already trading, and a further 300 were either being developed or under negotiation.

CAMRA bought in Ninkasi, a 4000 year old goddess of beer, as a figurehead for its 'Ask if its Cask' promotion for real ale. Louise Ashworth, CAMRA's Marketing Manager, said that the updated version of Ninkasi was created by CAMRA as an inspirational figure for female drinkers. CAMRA research had showed that only 23% of women had tried real ale.





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## 25 YEARS AGO

CAMRA objected to a planning application to demolish the listed former Paines brewery buildings in St Neots. The plan had been submitted by the holding company in ownership of the buildings. Ipswich brewers Tolly Cobbold, had recently taken over the Paines brewery and pubs business, and transferred production of the Paines brands to Ipswich.

National brewer Whitbread announced closures of its Chesters brewery in Manchester and Wethereds brewery in Marlow, Buckinghamshire, to bring to a total of ten the number of regional breweries closed by Whitbread in a decade. Production of the Wethereds beers was to be moved to Whitbread's Cheltenham brewery, and the Chesters brands were to be produced by Whitbread breweries elsewhere in the North.

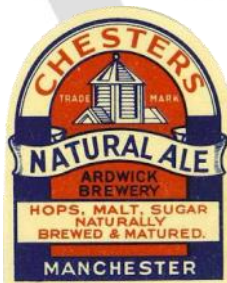
St Neots CAMRA held autumn two-pub socials at the Black Bull, St Ives followed by the Cock in Hemingford Grey; the Cross Keys at Molesworth then the Mermaid at Ellington, the Leeds Arms, Eltisley, moving on to the Duncombe Arms, Waresley and the Old Falcon and Cannon in St Neots.

Also 25 years ago, Cambridge CAMRA were hitting out at a number of Cambridge colleges for closing city centre pubs in

their ownership. The Rose and Blue Boar pubs had already been closed in 1981 and 1986 respectively. Munroes in the Market Square was due to be closed in a redevelopment project for a Marks and Spencers store. Peterhouse College were planning to close the Little Rose, and two pubs threatened with closure were the Merton Arms, which St Johns College was proposing to redevelop for student accommodation and the Eagle, a well-known galleried inn in Benet Street. The Eagle was scheduled to close for two years to allow renovations of surrounding buildings, but it was feared that the closure could end up being permanent.

Ipswich brewers Tolly Cobbold were also under fire in Cambridge in the autumn of 1987. They had taken over the city's Star brewery and its estate of 106 pubs in 1934, ceased brewing there in 1972 and demolished the brewery buildings in 1981-82. Between 1985 and 1987 they had removed the last remaining Star Brewery pub facade in a renovation of the Hat and Feathers in Newnham, and closed two city pubs, the Foresters and Station Hotel, for office developments. There were also new fears that Tolly were to demolish the old Alma Brewery buildings.

West Yorkshire CAMRA branches were campaigning to save the use of economisers, also known as Autovacs, used to recycle spilt beer during dispense in many pubs in the area. Economisers had been banned by local health officials, but CAMRA and local licensees were united in their campaign to retain the system, which they believed had generated no evidence of ill health effects and to be essential to serve Yorkshire cask beer with its traditional tight creamy head.

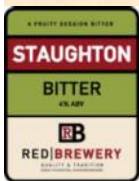


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Councils including the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and Cambridge City Council have consulted on draft planning policies that could protect pubs from closure. The Cambridge proposals would only allow changes of use for pubs if they have been marketed free-of-tie for a year. There would also need to have been reasonable efforts to keep the pub open, including diversification into multiple uses. Changes would require adequate pub provision nearby and evidence that the community no longer wants the pub. The policy would also encourage changes back to pub use of restaurants, shops, banks and other businesses that do not require planning permission for changes from pub use. CAMRA has welcomed the Cambridge initiative and urged other councils to amend their planning policies to include similar provisions, which are in line with the government's new National Planning Policy Framework.

A new bill to protect pubs from demolition or change of use has reached its second stage in Parliament. The 10 minute rule bill was proposed by Cambridge MP Julian Huppert who wants councils to have better planning controls to safeguard pubs and prevent giant supermarkets monopolising communities. The bill would make it much harder for pub chains to sell local pubs to property developers or retail giants.

The latest brewery in the Huntingdonshire CAMRA area has been celebrating successes for its new real ales. John Kearney's Red Brewery at Great Staughton started brewing earlier this year.



Early brews Staughton Bitter and 4% ABV beers Saints Ale and Sundial Gold have sold well, and the latest brews have included one named Pathfinder.



'Only in Britain, Only in Pubs!' will be the main slogan supporting Cask Ale Week which runs from September 28 to October 7. Cask Ale Week is led by Cask Marque with CAMRA's backing. A 'Try before you buy' scheme will be run in Cask Marque accredited real ale outlets with the aim of getting people back into pubs and trying real ale.

The Letter B in Whittlesey has been chosen as CAMRA's Cambridgeshire Pub of the Year. CAMRA's Peterborough branch vice-chairman John Hunt presented the award to a packed house of regulars and local CAMRA members all keen to congratulate landlord and landlady Bruce and Denise Roan and their staff. The Letter B will now go forward for the eastern regional pub awards.



The parliamentary Business Innovation and Skills Committee will recommend no further action on pub leases if the industry demonstrates to parliament that self-regulation is working. After a review, last year the committee recommended a statutory code of practice for pub leases with an adjudicator, but the government rejected this and agreed strengthened voluntary arrangements for self-regulation.

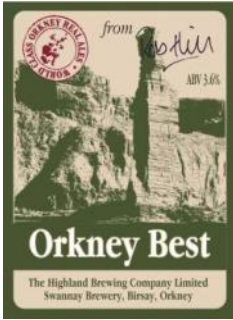
Cask Marque has made a new smartphone app available to pubs accred-



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ited to the scheme. The new app allows pubs to advertise current beer ranges, special events and offers at their pubs.

Highland Brewery's Orkney Best, 3.6%



ABV, was crowned CAMRA's Champion Beer of Scotland at the Scottish Real Ale Festival, which took place at the end of June at the Edinburgh Corn Exchange. A few days earlier, High-

land won three medals in the Society of Independent Brewers' Scottish regional competition, gold for the best beer with its IPA, silver in the standard mild class for Light Munro and bronze in the porters, strong milds, old ales and stouts class for Dark Munro.

Oxfordshire brewer Hook Norton is seeking pub acquisitions in various towns and cities, including Northampton, Buckingham, Oxford, Bicester, Warwick, Cheltenham and Gloucester. Hook Norton has been speaking to tenanted pub operators, including Punch Taverns and Enterprise Inns in a bid to identify suitable available sites.

A survey of pub customers has shown that over one in five British people visit pubs more often since the smoking ban in England. The research also discovered that 70% of parents are more likely to take their children to pubs. But a survey of licenses indicates that nearly seven out of ten would like amended legislation to allow separate smoking rooms in pubs.

Historic brewing equipment could be removed from the Highgate Brewery in Walsall. The 'Friends of Highgate Brewery'

group is objecting a planning application for changes at the Grade II-listed brewery, which would involve removal of most of the current brewing equipment, though a microbrewery will remain.



The group claim that keeping the brewery intact could result in the future development of a museum at the site alongside the working microbrewery.

CAMRA is playing a part in a new initiative to support real ale. 'Cask Matters' will be a new monthly section in pub trade newspaper the Publican's Morning Advertiser. It will advise on improving cask ale sales and cite research showing how a good choice of real ales can increase overall sales. 'Cask Matters' will replace the annual 'Cask Report' and is backed by CAMRA in partnership with brewers Adnams, Caledonian, Fuller's, Greene King, Marston's and Wells and Youngs, and the Society of Independent Brewers.

Hydes' new brewery in Salford, expected to start production in September, will include a microbrewery for small production runs. The new main plant is also much smaller than the old Queens Brewery at Moss Side, Manchester, which Hydes decided to close following the loss of a contract to brew Boddington's bitter for AB In-Bev. It is unclear whether Hydes will again look for external brewing contracts when their new brewery comes on stream.





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The future of AB-InBev's cask Boddingtons looks increasingly uncertain after a three months halt in production. Cask Boddingtons accounted for less than 5% of the brand's sales last year. Licensees have struggled to source cask after the brewing contract with Hydes was wound up in March, ending production of the brand in Manchester after 200 years. An AB-InBev spokesperson said: 'Boddingtons draught and canned product is not affected and we would like to assure consumers and customers that we are looking at all viable options for future production.'

The last pub in villages with less than 3000 residents will be exempted from the late night levy, a new discretionary power for licensing authorities to introduce a charge for all premises in the local authority area with late licences.

A Cornish cider has been named the best in the country. Cornish Orchards Farmhouse Cider, produced using apples from Devon and Cornwall at Duloe, near Liskeard, Cornwall, was awarded gold in CAMRA's national cider and perry championships at Reading.



Cornwall-brewed real ale Sharps Doom Bar has been the fastest growing British cask brand for three consecutive years. Sales in 2011 grew by 22% following an investment of £5m in the brewery by owners Molson Coors.

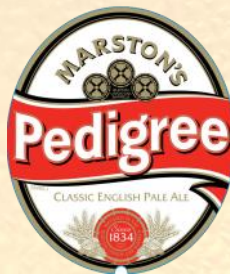
In July, multinational brewing group Miller launched unfiltered unpasteurised Pilsner Urquell in the UK, served from small oak

casks in selected pubs. It is planned to be available until the end of the year.

Family brewing company Harveys of Lewes in Sussex produced one of the most interesting and appropriate Jubilee beers in celebration of the Queen's diamond jubilee this year. Harveys Elizabethan Ale was brewed using identical ingredients to a coronation ale under the same name produced by the brewery in 1953 and produced at times in the intervening years. The 7.5% ABV barley wine was made using pale and black malts with flaked barley and Kentish Fuggles and Goldings hops.



Two famous real ales celebrate their 60th birthday this year. The Marstons Pedigree brand was born when the Burton brewer's best selling pale ale, named P after the convention of the time for naming pale ales P, PX, PXX, PXXX etc., was renamed Pedigree in a workforce competition for a new name. Taylors Landlord was a new bottled beer in 1952 and it also got its name in a competition, won by the steward of the Drill Hall club in Keighley, the home of the brewery. Landlord was first put into casks in 1954.





# 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@hunts.camra.org.uk](mailto:news@hunts.camra.org.uk)

Beers from the new **Red Brewery** in Great Staughton have been spotted in pubs around the area, including: the Snooty Tavern, Great Staughton; Rivermill Tavern, Eaton Socon; Horseshoe Inn, Offord D'Arcy; Addison Arms, Glatton and the Pig 'n' Falcon, St Neots (several times).

At the **Royal Oak** in **St Ives** an extended range of real ales has been meeting with acclaim. Up to five cask ales are offered; Hobgoblin and Sharps Doom Bar are

amongst the permanent range, and recent guests have included Robinsons Unicorn and Everards Whakatu, a 3.7% ABV seasonal brew made with Nelson Sauvignon from New Zealand.

It is a similar story elsewhere in St Ives, with local beers showing a strong presence. The **Floods Tavern** now usually offers a guest beer alongside a rotating choice of well-presented local Elgoods real ales. York Red Hot was the guest beer in July. The **Oliver Cromwell** has been guesting local brews from Buntingford alongside regular local beer Oakham JHB and brews from further afield recently included the excellent Adnams Ghost Ship, now a permanent member of the Adnams real ale portfolio. The ranges at the **Aviator** and the **Golden Lion** include real ale from Oakham brewery and the



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White Hart has introduced a monthly guest real ale - Elgoods Golden Newt and Blackfriars Yarmouth Bitter have been noted alongside the regular Greene King IPA and Fullers London Pride.

Congratulations to Dave Rieley at the **Wheatsheaf** in **Gamlingay** who has received his Cask Marque accreditation after taking over the pub just a few months ago. Dave is keen to offer beers from local brewers, and can supply any beers available on the SIBA scheme. Beers from Potton, Elgoods, Red Squirrel, Nethergate and Potbelly can be expected to be on offer in the coming months.

The **Dragoon** in **Brampton** reopened in July a week after closing following the decision of the tenant to close the business. Owner Charles Wells brought in a

temporary manager to reopen the pub, but was reported to be seeking a new tenant, asking £30,000 ingoing and £24,500 a year rent. Quoted turnover is £284,000.

Another Charles Wells pub, the **Woolpack** in **Eynesbury**, has closed and the future here is uncertain.

Also in Eynesbury, improvements to the building and garden at Charles Wells pub the **Cambridgeshire Hunter** have been completed. New flooring and



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paintwork and renovated toilets are included in the work, and Charles Wells are providing new signage.

The **Queen Adelaide, Croydon** has been offering a good range of ales including Nethergate Britain's Best, Buntingford Twitchell, and Sharp's Doom Bar.

At **Hemingford Grey** the **Cock's** annual August beer festival will be on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the August bank holiday weekend, 24-26 August. 20-25 real ales and ciders, live music and a barbeque should make this a cracking local event.

The **King of the Belgians** at **Hartford** has changed hands and is receiving a makeover with improvements to the cellar arrangements, new signage and a revamped menu. Jim and Bernie Taylor

have close links with the Hartford area and ran the pub from 1984 to 2002. Over



the last few months they've been negotiating the purchase of the premises from Peter and Peggy Reynolds and on 20 June they strengthened their links by finally taking over the pub and have installed their daughter Jane Spicer as the licensee. Visitors will already have noticed some changes: the King of the Belgians himself now looks out over the area from a new pub sign; the fruit machine and Sky TV are things of the past; and the decorators have been busy in the public bar. Over the next few weeks there'll be a re-

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launched menu featuring chef Nathan's homemade burgers and a re-vamped bar in the restaurant area. Drinkers need have no fears however as the commitment to real ales will continue.

The 'Save the Falcon' group in **Huntingdon**, set up last year, has again been prominent in the local media recently. The group, led by Faye Linell, has unveiled a new plan to set up a trust to raise money to take on the Falcon if no prospective purchasers of the lease emerge. The Falcon is an important historic building in Huntingdon's conservation area and



there have been concerns about a lack of maintenance – the pub has been unused for over three years. It is grade II listed and the 'Save Britain's Heritage' organisation has included it on its annual register of buildings at risk. Meanwhile, a free of tie lease for the Falcon is being marketed by Fleurets, with a 6-months rent free period on offer.

John Nunn, the licensee of the **Pig 'n' Falcon in St Neots**, took over the tenancy of the **Lord John Russell** on Monday 30th July. John plans to make extensive changes, starting with the name, which will change to the **Hog 'n' Partridge**. Two beers will be of-



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ferred on handpump, Bateman XB and a specially commissioned ale called Hogs Back from the new **Red Brewery** in Great Staughton. There will also be four beers served on gravity from a tap room, which will include Bateman Mild or Salem Porter, plus three other guest beers. No major national brand lagers will be on sale. Instead John will offer guest keg beers from brewers like Meantime, and Belgian draught beers. The beers will be complemented by a good selection of wines. Food will not be available on a regular basis initially, but there will be 'guest chef nights'. The Hog 'n' Partridge will open during the last week in August.

The transformation of the closed **Old Falcon** on in **St Neots** has been given a green light by planners. The owner of the building, Dennis Whitfield, plans to de-

velop the building to provide shop, restaurant and bar facilities. Huntingdonshire District Council had refused permission for the demolition of a 19th century boathouse — that was a part of the development plan, but following a meeting with Mr Whitfield planning permission for the development seemed likely to be granted.

The **Cross Keys** at **Caxton** has been sold by Greene King to a London-based architects company which re-



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portedly runs a small estate of pubs. It is now being operated as a free house with a tenant running the business. Refurbishment has begun but there will be no drastic changes and the plan is to retain the character of the Cross Keys as a community pub. Old linoleum is being stripped back to flagstone floor in the lounge where a new dining area will be laid out. The kitchens will be refitted to allow a food service during the day and early evening. Greene King IPA is on offer and an available second handpump will soon be used for a guest beer.

A despatch from the east of our area reports that the **White Swan** in **Bluntisham** has four handpumps, with Courage Directors, Sharp's Doom Bar, Greene King IPA and Fullers London Pride recently seen. At **Somersham**, the **Windmill** stocks

Greene King IPA and Abbot and the Rose & Crown offers Adnams Southwold Bitter.

At **Bluntisham**, the **Prince of Wales** closed in June and it was reported that the licensee had given up the tenancy and a manager was being sought. The Prince of Wales was bought from Greene King last year by the Wadsworths organisation that runs a number of local pubs and a drinks retailing business in St Ives.



The **Green Man**, **Colne** has five handpumps and is a member of the Oakademy of Excellence, Oakham Brewery's 'inner sanctum' of flagship outlets serving high



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At **Earith**, the lease of the **Riverview** has changed hands. John O'Grady, who also runs a pub in Turvey, Bedfordshire, has fitted a new bar and installed two hand-pumps, with a third promised. Sharps Doom Bar and Wadworths 6X have been on sale. Lunches are being served and an evening menu was expected to be

launched in August.

Opening Times has also received a report that the lease for the **Crown** in **Earith** has been sold to David, Sarah and Gary who also lease and run the Green Man at Colne. The Crown is expected to be run as a traditional pub with food and real ale from Milton brewery as well as Sharps Doom Bar and Fullers London Pride. It is understood that the Crown will reopen in September.



In May the new owner of the **Royal Oak, Hail Weston** again failed to sell the pub in an auction with a guide price of £270,000, following an earlier failed auction in

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# PUB PIECES

March. The 'Save the Royal Oak' action group is hopeful for the future of the closed pub after warnings from planners about planning constraints against any future change of use application by new owners. The group has finalised plans to form a community society to take on the pub and details of their plans can be viewed at [www.savetheroyaloak.org.uk](http://www.savetheroyaloak.org.uk).

The **Tickell Arms** at **Whittlesford** has reopened under the ownership of Camb-scuisine, operators of the Cock at Hemingford Grey and other pubs and restaurants in Ely and Cambridge.

Bottled real ales from the **Draycott Brewery** at Buckden are being offered with Italian food at the Little Venice Italian restaurant and bar in a former Little Chef building at Caxton Gibbet. The bottles are

reported to be a huge success. Little Venice proprietors said that they arranged supplies from Buckden after customers had asked for real ale. 'We are now able to offer fresh, locally brewed bitter, and at the moment it is selling like hot cakes!'

At **Bassingbourn**, the **Pear Tree** is being marketed by London property consultants Drake and company for £325,000. Sale particulars claim this will be of interest to developers, restaurateurs and pub operators. The Pear Tree was sold by a private owner to Punch Taverns a few years ago, and closed last year.



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# PUB PIECES

The **Olde Sun** in **St Neots** is the latest pub in the branch area to be accredited in our LocAle scheme. Licensee Pete Butler is now stocking beers from Elgoods on a regular basis, and the Black Dog recently sampled by the editor was excellent.

The **Red House** at **Longstowe** is also on the market. A free of tie lease is available for £39,500 with an annual rent of £30,000 linked to inflation and a term of fifteen years, re-assignable after two years. The owners are planning to develop land at the rear of the pub as a caravan park, which would be expected to benefit the pub business. Potton Shannon



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IPA and Cottage Mallard IPA have recently been available at the **Red House, Longstowe**.

An application for change of use of the **Fox** at **Catworth** has been submitted to Huntingdonshire District Council.

The **Three Horseshoes, Wistow** has been organising events recently such as morris dancing and karaoke, and they plan to offer live coverage of the Olympics. Adnams Bitter and Broadside are on the pumps.



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# PUB PIECES

In **Warboys**, the **Royal Oak** has been stocking Sharp's Doom Bar and Woodforde's Wherry, and the White Hart has been offering a varied range of guest beers including Fullers London Pride, Sharps' Doom Bar and Adnams Explorer.

At **Great Stukeley** it has been reported that the **Three Horseshoes** is serving Adnams Bitter, while over the road the **Country Hotel** has Greene King IPA and Youngs Waggledance.

The **Hardwicke Arms, Arrington** is running 'The Sunday Sessions' every other Sunday from 12:30 until 3pm, with a mix of folk music and poetry for all to join in. On the bar recently were Potton Shambles and Butcombe Mendip Spring.

The **Eltisley** hosts regular music events such as jazz and classical guitar, and of-

fers Wells Eagle and Courage Directors.

Further north, at **Glattton**, the **Addison Arms** has been continuing with its all LocAle policy, with Digfield Shackelbush, Grainstore Ten Fifty and Nene Valley NVB, and in addition offering Westons Original Scrumpy cider.



The **Greystones, Sawtry** was recently accredited as a LocAle pub, since they regularly offer Oakham beers, and licensee David Noble has now





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# PUB PIECES

joined our CAMRA Members Discount Scheme, offering 20p off all real ales to card carrying CAMRA members.

At the **Oliver Cromwell, St Ives**, plans are in hand for a beer festival in September, from Thursday 27th until Sunday 30th. Ten additional cask ales and real ciders will be racked up in the patio area at the rear of the pub and live music will be featured during part of the weekend event, with a BBQ on Friday and Saturday.



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At the **Rivermill Tavern, Eaton Socon** five handpumps have recently been dispensing Greene King IPA and Adnams

Broadside (the regulars) and guest beers such as Red Staughton Bitter, various Buntingford, Cottage and Nethergate beers as well as the new Greene King IPA Gold. The Rivermill has also started offering Cromwell Oliver's Choice cider.



The **Horseshoe, Offord D'Arcy** offers four beers, with Adnams Bitter and Gunhill, Oakham JHB, and Red Staughton Bitter recently noted. Two beers are on handpump and two on gravity from the cellar.



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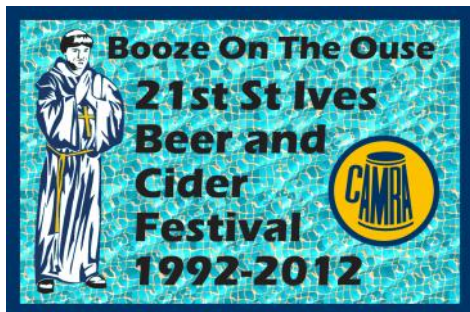
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Visit the web site to get updates to the planned beer and cider lists.



## 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

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# ST IVES BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL

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## OTHER DETAILS



## THE WORKERS

The festival is organised and run by 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: 01480 355893, 07802 485449, festival@huntscamra.org.uk.

Also visit our web site for updates [www.huntscamra.org.uk/festivals](http://www.huntscamra.org.uk/festivals)

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# EVENTS AND SOCIALS

## August 2012

- Tue 14th Open committee meeting at the **Green Man, Colne** (20:30)
- Sun 19th **Pub History Social, Eaton Socon** (12 noon – 3pm). A guided tour of Eaton Socon's historic pubs led by local historian Sue Jarrett. Meet at the White Horse at 12 noon, or join us by calling 07802 485449. We will finish at the Waggon and Horses.
- Fri 31st Local members socials in **Huntingdon, St Ives and St Neots**. See web site for more details.

## September 2012

- Tue 14th Open committee meeting at the **Crown and Cushion, Great Gransden** (20:30)
- Tue 18th **Black Bull, Brampton** - Music quiz night with Keith Lawson (20:30). Keith's musical knowledge is positively encyclopaedic and his quizzes are educational as well as a lot of fun!

## October 2012

- Sat 6th **Cask Ale Week coach trip** visiting rural pubs in the south of our area including Gamlingay, Guilden Morden, Steeple Morden, Ashwell & Morden, Litlington, Abington Pigotts, Bassingbourn, Croydon and Little Gransden. Contact Andy Shaw to book your place. Free to CAMRA members.
- Tue 9th Pre-Festival meeting at the **Seven Wives, St Ives** (20:30)
- Thu 25th -
- Sat 27th **Booze on the Ouse, St Ives Beer Festival (see pages 20-21)**

## November 2012

- Tue 6th Open committee meeting at the **Waggon & Horses, Eaton Socon** (20:30)
- Tue 13th Post-Festival Social at the **Floods Tavern** (20:00) and **Royal Oak, St Ives** (21:30). A free pint will
- Tue 20th Tutored tasting at the **Hog 'n' Partridge, St Neots** (20:30). A plan to offer a broad selection of different beer styles, with our local beer experts Kathy Hadfield-Moorhouse and Paul Moorhouse as your guides.

## December 2012

- Tue 4th Open committee meeting at the **Cross Keys, Caxton** (20:30)

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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