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PUB OF THE YEAR



The Huntingdonshire Branch of CAMRA has selected the Chequers, Little Gransden as its Pub of the Year 2011 - the seventh time that the Chequers has won the award in recent years.

CAMRA gives this annual award to the pub that it judges to provide the widest appeal for its combination of good beer, atmosphere, style, service and value.

Bob and Wendy Mitchell have owned and run the Chequers, Little Gransden for 18 years and the pub has been in the Mitchell family since 1951.

That 60th anniversary of the pub being run by the same family was an important highlight in a busy and successful year for Bob and Wendy, the Chequers, and the Son of Sid Brewery. A party for invited guests was held on March 2nd, and it seemed to include most of the residents of the village of Little Gransden. Bob brewed a very special beer made with chequers berries for the 60th anniversary and the same beer featured at our St Neots beer festival to celebrate CAMRA's 40th birthday.

The second Chequers beer festival was held in April 2010, and a third in October 2010. The October beer festival is likely to

be a regular event, so watch out for details for a beer festival this coming October.

Another regular community event, the cooking competition, held when Hunting-donshire CAMRA holds its post-Christmas party at the Chequers, saw a record number of entries this year, each entrant aiming to impress the judges with the excellence of their Scotch eggs!

The Son of Sid brewery now supplies over a dozen CAMRA beer festivals throughout East Anglia and the East Midlands, and at times Bob struggles to keep up with the demand ... testament to the quality of his beers.

For St Georges Day and to commemorate the Royal Wedding, Bob brewed English Ale, with traditional English hops and his own honey.



MOST IMPROYED PUB OF THE YEAR

The Addison Arms in Glatton has been selected by the Huntingdonshire Branch of CAMRA for its latest 'Most Improved Pub' award.

Licensees Ian and Michelle Gamblin took over the Addison Arms in 2009. Ian and Michelle have both been CAMRA members for many years, and they first met at the Peterborough Beer Festival.

lan is passionate about real ale, and early in 2010 he started taking Shacklebush from local award winning brewery Digfield, which is sold as the house beer Addison Ale.

During the following months lan offered an increasing range of interesting guest beers, always of exceptional quality. The Addison Arms was very soon in our online pub guide which only includes pubs known to offer quality real ale, and was also accredited to our LocAle scheme for regularly offering a locally brewed real ale.

Last Autumn the Addison arms started stocking the Gladitor Beer from nearby Glebe Farm, brewed with Glebe spelt grain by a Norfolk brewery.

Most recently Ian has taken the step to go totally LocAle with the addition of beers from Tydd Steam and Grainstore.





Pictured above from the left are Michelle and Ian Gamblin and branch chairman Kathy Hadfield-Moorhouse

Just as Ian is passionate about real ale and offering quality and choice, Michelle is dedicated to offering good quality food. Judging by how busy the pub was on a recent Sunday visit, the Addison Arms is now a popular destination for people looking for good food and good ale.

The Addison Arms is also an important community asset, and on the Tuesday night when we made our award, the pub was full of local village people wanting to share in congratulating the Gamlins. Local suppliers including the team from Glebe Farm, were also there to show their support.

CAMPAIGNER OF THE YEAR



Andy Shaw (on left) receives his award from Colin Valentine, Chairman of CAMRA

Please raise a glass to Andy Shaw, our Opening Times Editor, who was awarded the title of CAMRA Real Ale Campaigner of the Year 2011 at the CAMRA Members' Weekend held in Sheffield just before Easter.

The award was well deserved, as Andy must be one of the hardest working CAMRA volunteers in the country.

He joined CAMRA in 1977 and has been heavily committed to the Campaign for much of the time since then. He has served on the North Beds and Hunting-donshire Branch Committees, taking key roles including Chairman, Treasurer and now Social Secretary.

Andy was involved in the organisation of the Bedford and Great British Beer Festivals in the 80s. From 1995 until this year, he was the organiser of the St Neots and St Ives 'Booze on the Ouse' Beer Festivals and retains this responsibility for St Ives.

As well as editing the Opening Times

newsletter since 2002. Andv established the Hunts Branch website in 2000 and was the webmaster until 2009 He established the East Anglian Regional Yahoo Group in 2003 (of which he remains the moderator) and launched the CAMRA Heritage Pubs web site in 2007. He also regularly provides CAMRA members across the UK with training and support on IT issues.

Within CAMRA nationally, Andy is an active member of the Information Technology Advisory Group, the Pub Heritage Group and the Brewing Industry Campaigns Committee. He is also Cambridgeshire Area Organiser, responsible for coordinating Good Beer Guide submissions and the Pub of the Year competition in the county. He's also the Brewery Liaison Coordinator between CAMRA and Greene King.

In particular, the award drew attention to the web-based Brewery Information System, which Andy developed during the last 12 months, work that was described as 'vital to the Campaign' It is now being used by hundreds of CAMRA volunteers to update information about breweries and beers, and which amongst other things is used for the brewery section of CAMRA's Good Beer Guide.

So please join me in congratulating Andy on this highly prestigious and hard-earned award.

Richard Harrison, Vice-Chairman & Secretary, Huntingdonshire CAMRA

A LOOK BACK IN TIME

25 YEARS AGO

St Neots CAMRA held a May social in the



north west of the branch area visiting the Three Horseshoes Abbots Rinton and Crown at Alconbury and the were White Hart.

Bythorn at the end of May for a joint social with the Northampton branch. In June there was a Sunday lunchtime get together at the Old Ferry Boat at Holywell and there were socials in Huntingdon at the Victoria and Waterloo and at the Hardwicke Arms in Gamlingay, moving on to the Crown and Cushion at Great Gransden. In July there was a walk around pubs in Ramsey, starting at the Jolly Sailor, a social at the Queen Adelaide. Croydon and a visit to Charles Wells brewery.

Peterborough CAMRA began to look for possible new pub sites in the city and lobby brewers to move in, with the support of Peterborough planning officer Maurice Pickering. The move followed the closure of ten city pubs in the previous eight years. Branch Chairman Derek Gibson said 'For most people, the middle of Peterborough shuts with the shops. We will now start encouraging breweries to open new pubs for the ordinary people of Peterborough.'



CAMRA attacked the Watnev brewing group's Norfolk monopoly in a 50 page report to the Of-

fice of Fair Trading. Report researcher

Paul Moorhouse, then East Anglia's regional organiser, said 'The Watnevs monopoly in Norfolk is still alive and still being abused. Pub closures go on at the same rate, there are high prices and poor quality beers and we have lost all local brands. We want the government to take action to break up the monopoly and bring back competition and choice'. An OFT spokesman said 'This is a through piece of research that we will read with interest. and take into account in our deliberations.

on the question of tied houses generallv.'

Watneys had announced the closure of their Wilsons brewery in Manchester. production being



switched to Websters of Halifax



Brewers Vaux of Sunderland announced closures of two of their breweries, Darleys in South Yorkshire and the Lorimer and Clark Caledonian Brewery in Edinburgh. DARLEY'S CAMRA hit out at the closures and mounted a post-

card campaign to keep Scotch Scottish in response to Vaux's plan to brew Lorimers Scotch in Sunderland.

Following its merger with the Inn Leisure pub group, West Country brewers Devenish revamped its cask beer range, with new strong



ale Great British Heavy added to five existing Cornish and Wessex regional brews

A LOOK BACK IN TIME

10 YEARS AGO

CAMRA launched one its biggest ever



campaigns, to support the continued independence of Midlands regional brewers Wolverhampton and Dudley, after a hostile takeover bid from the Pubmaster pub

company. Pubmaster planned to sell the group's breweries, which include Marstons at Burton on Trent and Banks's in Wolverhampton, and integrate the 2000 plus W & D pubs into its own estate.

In May 2001, members of St Neots CAMRA were off on a rail trip to the real



ale pubs mecca of Stamford which included visits to pubs the Fleece, Daniel Lambert and Green Man. During the summer, Open Meetings were held at the Bell in Eaton

Socon and the Chequers at Eynesbury, and the branch AGM was at the Chequers at Little Gransden. There was also a summer evening walk around the pubs of Eaton Socon, including the White Horse, Wheatsheaf, Millers Arms and Rivermill Tayern.

CAMRA's fight for full pints continued as the group sought a meeting with consumer affairs minister Melanie Johnson to urge the Labour government to stick to a commitment made four years earlier. Proposals had been drawn up by the Department of Trade and Industry but action was still awaited. CAMRA's Mike Benner said 'It's quite simple – a pint of beer should be 100 per cent liquid'. Surveys had continued to show pints containing average levels of around 95% liquid, and samples containing as little as 87% liquid.

Bedford brewers Charles Wells launched an initiative to increase the availability of real ale with the launch of 5 litre minicasks of its cask beer Bombardier, which were being trialled by branches of the Asda supermarket chain.



CAMRA hailed a major breakthrough in its campaign for reformed pub licensing hours as the government published proposals for a new Licensing Bill, to include flexible hours and the transfer of licensing to local authorities



Wisbech brewers Elgoods arrived in the local CAMRA branch area with their purchase of the Floods Tavern in St Ives. Improvements were

made to the pub with an improved entrance and new signs, and the idyllic river-

side terrace was renovated with new paving and furniture. Opening Times reported that Cambridge Bitter and



Pageant Ale had been in excellent form, and a changing Elgoods cask beer had included their revered Black Dog mild.

HALF PINTS

CAMRA's Great British Beer festival will return to London Olympia in August 2012. Earls Court, the venue for the annual festival for the past six years, will be in use in August 2012 as a venue for the Olympic Games. After 2012, Earls Court is expected to be demolished and the festival to move on again.

Cornish brewery Sharps and its Doom Bar



cask bitter brand, have been bought for £20m by multinational brewer Molson Coors, who are also launching a range of sixteen cask

ales brewed at their new William Worthington brewery at Burton-on- Trent. Molson Coors is also taking a stand against supermarkets selling alcohol products below cost price and is refusing to sell at prices being demanded by the large retailers.

Owners of the pub licensee's newspaper



the Morning Advertiser have bought The Publican magazine

and launched a new publication, 'The Publican's Morning Advertiser', the original name of the Morning Advertiser when first published in 1794. The new title will include content from both publications.

CAMRA celebrated the 40th anniversary of its formation in March by vowing to carry on campaigning for consumers, brewers and pubs and recalling campaigns to break up the 'Big Six' UK brewers' monopoly and save Batemans brewery in the 1980s and Wolverhampton and Dudley breweries in 2001. Various re-

forms of licensing hours have also been

a m o n g s t CAMRA's victories over the years, but an ongoing battle is that of achieving full pints for beer drinker. To mark the anniversary, CAMRA is seek-



ing nominations for the top 40 CAMRA campaigners. Branches are also organising special events, and brewers across the country have produced celebratory real ales.

CAMRA's fight to reform the beer tie con-

tinues relentlessly following the Office of Fair Trading's decision to take no action. CAMRA has linked up



with campaigning group, Fair Pint, to jointly commission the Institute of Public Policy Research to produce a report on the need for reform of the way big pub companies operate the tie.

The Independent family Brewers of Britain has asked MPs to defend the beer tie, arguing that it is of



'paramount importance' to their businesses. CAMRA supports the retention of the tie for the smaller brewing companies.

CAMRA is claiming a victory in its pubs campaigning after Community Pubs Minister Bob Neill announced a consultation into banning restrictive covenants that

HALF PINTS

prevent purchasers of pub buildings from continuing their use as pubs.

Highwood brewery in Lincolnshire has



been bought from administration by six investors and founder Tom Wood is to remain as head brewer. Three former Highwood pubs and the wholesaling business are not included in the

sale but the Yarborough pub in Brigg will stock Tom Wood beers.

Punch Taverns is to be separated into two



independent companies. One will operate the Spirit managed estate of around 900 to 950 food-led pubs, and a

leased pub business will be slimmed down to around 3000 pubs with 2200 pubs being sold, at a rate of around 500 a year. Current lessees will be able to bid for the freehold of their own pubs.

Enterprise Inns has sold a total of 176 pubs for lease back, raising £274m. In a similar move, Admiral Taverns sold 11% of its pub estate last year for £47m.

Bury St Edmunds brewer Greene King



has bought pub restaurants chain Cloverleaf for £56m. Cloverleaf operate twelve

outlets in the northern England and the Midlands

The lease on the Old Cannon in Bury St Edmunds, including the town's other brewery, is for sale. Former Greene King finance director Michael Shallow bought the pub and brewery in 2007 and is to retain the freehold.



bury st edmunds

London-based pub operator Youngs is to



sell 30 of its 99 tenanted pubs after acquiring 26 managed pubs last vear with the purchase of the

Geronimo Inns estate for £60m

Bristol-based Butcombe Brewery has ex-

panded its pub estate to a total of t wenty with the



acquisition of three pubs in Cheltenham, Bath and Rhode, Somerset.



Two microbreweries, Breconshire and Anglo-Dutch in Dewsbury, are for sale as going concerns. The Breconshire brewery in Powys is for sale as a package including a warehouse

and wholesaling business. Anglo-Dutch's owner is to concentrate on running his pubs.



HALF PINTS

Brewers and pub companies have urged a 'new and different approach' towards the drinks industry by the Treasury in a letter to Chancellor George Osborne signed by 33 company executives, members of the British Beer & Pub Association. They claimed that 7.2% beer tax rises this year conflict with government aims for growth and jobs and do not achieve the expected revenue, whist damaging a major UK industry sector.



Roosters brewery at Knaresborough in North Yorkshire has been bought by lan



Fozard of Market Town Taverns. Founders Sean and Alison Franklin will continue to run the brewery until the end of the year and will be engaged by the new operators on a consultancy basis.

Stoke-on-Trent brewery Titanic is to



launch a pilsner style beer in cask, bottle and keg to mark the centenary of the infamous passenger liner that gives the brewery its name.

Hertford brewer McMullens is offering a new type of rent-free tenancy under which the brewer would take a specified percentage of wet turnover and pay for wet stock

and pub running costs. The tenant would be responsible for any investment and costs of the food



side of the business and would take food profits.

The C&C group is launching its Magners Golden Draught as a national brand to be available alongside Magners Original. Golden Draught is made using a higher proportion of Dabinett and



Michelin apples than Original, and is less sweet – and intended to be served without ice.

Lincolnshire brewers Batemans is increas-



ing the wholesale price of its cask XB Bitter by 2.5% to its tenants in return for allowing them to take a guest beer. The increase will be

waived if tenants increase sales by 10%.

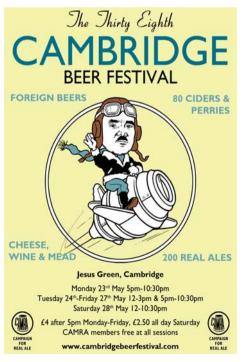
Everards has linked up with Warwickshire microbrewer Tunnel to collaborate in run-

ning the Horseshoes in Nuneaton. This is one of the latest of the 'Project William' scheme in which around a dozen



Everards pubs are operated with a re-







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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

andy.shaw@huntscamra.org.uk



The Olde
Sun in St
Neots has
c h a n g e d
hands several times in
the last couple of years

and it's future has seemed uncertain.

Opening Times is very pleased to report that the **Olde Sun** is finally in 'two safe pairs of hands'. Pete Butler and Sue Gilliland, who some years ago ran the Woolpack, have taken a ten years lease on the Olde Sun. What is significant is that their lease with Enterprise Inns is totally free of tie, so that Pete is unconstrained in terms of the beers he can offer.

Pete and Sue hope to take over the Olde Sun in mid May, and will then undertake a major refurbishment, including redecoration inside and out, new furniture, and kitchen enhancements. Given Pete's high standards of cellarmanship it's no surprise that the cellar will be completely refurbished too. Pete and Sue hope to open at the start of June.

Pete is keen to rapidly increase the number of real ales from three to six. He plans to offer beers primarily from the established independent family brewers and thereby offer a range that is complimentary to that offered by John Nunn at the nearby Pig 'n' Falcon. Sue will be offering quality homemade traditional pub food. Welcome back, Pete and Sue!

Huntingdonshire District Council's heri-

tage and conservation officers have set a schedule οf essential rethe pairs to deteriorating fabric of the Grade II listed Falcon. Huntingdon's oldest inn, which has been closed for



over two years. Repair work became more urgent in March with the discovery of damage caused by a burst water tank in the building. Leaseholders Punch Taverns have promised to address the issues, but the local authority has powers of intervention in such cases involving listed buildings and they say the work will be carried out either by Punch, or by the council with costs then being reclaimed. Meanwhile, the campaign group set up by local resident Faye Linell appears to be gathering momentum. The group has organised leaflet distributions and a petition to campaign to bring the 17th century inn building back into public use.

A '5p for 5 minutes' promotion on Twitter brought 326 customers to the **Chill Bar** at

the Crown in
Earith at
5pm on a
Friday in
February
after licensee
Cliff Jones
offered a



glass of wine for 5p for a period of 5 minutes, marked by the sounding of a bell at the start and end of the offer period.

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A Duck Race in Earith on 31 July will run



between the two village pubs the Crown and the Riverview and will support the Wood Green

Animal Shelter. Hundreds of toy ducks will be launched into the river at the Crown and the first duck to reach the Riverview will be the winner. A steward's enquiry is often needed before the results of this annual event can be declared.

The 170-year-old Wheatsheaf in Eaton



Socon has been purchased by Whitebarn Developments, who are working on plans for

conversion of the building as a residential development.

Enterprise Inns pub the **Longbow** at **Sapley**, which closed in 2009, could be demolished to make way for a housing development. Bedford firm Relmfield Builders plans to build nine houses on the





The Cambridgeshire Hunter in Eynesbury: has new tenants — two local busi-

nessmen, Geoff Sheppard and David Pool.

Two other pubs are reported to be on the

market as going concerns - the **Elephant** and **Castle** at **Woodwalton** and the **Lounge** on The Broadway in **St Ives**. The **Wrestlers** in **St Neots** has also been for sale freehold for some time.

Part of the **Kings Head** in **St Neots** has opened as a pub, with another section of the building being used as a carpet retailing business. The former Worx club on the other side of the road has reopened as an amusement arcade.

The **Tudor Rose** club in **St Neots** has been sold with outline permission for a restaurant.

The lease of the **White Swan** at **Bluntisham** is available following the departure of David and Sarah, who have taken over at the Green Man at Colne.

There are new licensees at the Crown

and Cushion
at Great
Gransden
after the retirement of
former licensee Chris
Clarke who



left a number of years ago but had been back running the pub.

The Addison Arms at Glatton, which is already accredited by Huntingdonshire CAMRA's LocAle scheme for its Digfield beers, is planning to go totally LocAle. Tydd Steam Barn Ale has been a regular





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beer and there are plans more beers from the Tydd Steam brewery at Tydd St Giles, and others from Grainstore of Oakham.

There are plans for extensions at Charles Wells pub the **Barley Mow** at **Hartford**.



The Crown Inn at Broughton are offering a more extensive range of guest beers. Regular offer-

ings are Adnams Bitter, and Crown Inn (a hoppy and nutty 4% house beer brewed for them by Nethergate). Other typical guest beers have been from Church End, Oakham, and Skinners. The Crown is hoping to run a beer festival in late August ... more details in the next edition.

The Racehorse at Catworth has joined



the Oakademy of Excellence, and is now being supplied with the special O a k h a m beers avail-

able to members of the scheme. There is one regular and two constantly changing guests including beers from from breweries such as Nethergate and Church End. The full range of Westons ciders is also now being offered in rotation. The Racehorse has a new beer garden, perfect for the upcoming long summer evenings, and they are planning to hold a beer festival around August bank holiday.

Work has begun on the **Marsh Harrier**, a new **St Ives** pub development by Marstons Inns at the junction of the A1123

Needingworth Road and Harrison Way.

Batemans
tied house
the White
Hart at Great
Staughton
has been
operating a
general store
at the pub,



offering fresh fruit and vegetables, flowers and general provisions – and free local delivery.

As summer approaches, a large number of pubs in the area have announced plans

for beer festi-

At the White Horse at Tilbrook, Tilfest Real Ale and Mu-



sic Festival runs from Thursday 28th to Monday 30th May. Fifteen real ales from local and national brewers, as well as Cromwell cider. Five live bands every day. Food available every day, all day. Children's crèche on the Sunday. See



www.tillfest.com.

The Horseshoe Inn, Offord Darcy will be running a midsummer beer festival on the Millennium Green, Offord Darcy on Saturday 18th June, featuring 6 real ales and real cider, with a music festival taking

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place all day, a barbecue and entertain-

ment for children.



The Mad Cat, Pidley is having a beer festival during August, dates to be confirmed.

The Pig 'n'

Falcon, St Neots is having a number of beer festivals in the coming months. John's 65th Birthday beer festival is on the Thursday 7th to Monday 11th of July, with 30+ beers. The Pig's Autumn Fest is on

the 26th to the 31st October.

The Black Bull, Brampton is having a beer festi-



val Friday 5th—Sunday 7th August, with 18 real ales, and various real ciders. Live

music Friday and Saturday night and S u n d a y lunch. BBQ available all sessions.

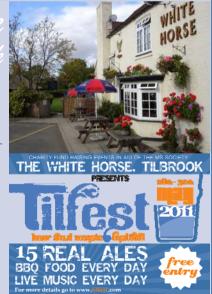


The White Hart, Godmanchester is holding a beer festival Thu 11th — Sun 14th

The White Horse Tilbrook

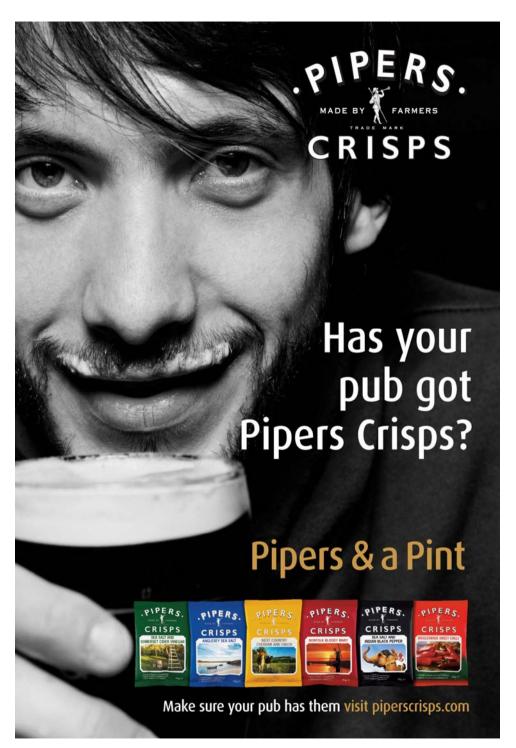
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BOOZE ON THE OUSE



The St Neots Beer Festival in March this year was a great success. 1,390 visitors enjoyed over 3,900 pints of real ale, over 480 pints of cider, and around 410 bottles of foreign beer.



The theme of the festival was CAMRA's 40th Birthday. CAMRA was founded on the 16th of March 1971.



To celebrate this anniversary we ordered a wide selection of real ales that were

favourites in 1971, with a passport scheme and prizes sponsored by Greene King for anyone who tried six of these '40 year old beers'.



Congratulations to **Fyne Ales** (Argyll, Scotland) — their beer **Jarl**, was voted beer of the festival. In second place was **Historic Porter** from the **Hopshackle** brewery (Market Deeping, Linconshire) and in third place was **Muck Cart Mild** from the **Son of Sid** brewery (Little Gransden, Cambridgeshire).



During the course of the beer festival 41 people joined CAMRA, which is an all time record for the Booze on the Ouse beer festival.

Our thanks go to the sixty-plus CAMRA volunteers who worked during the course of the festival. In addition, volunteers from our festival charity, the local Huntingdon-

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shire group of the Wildlife Trust, did excellent work dishing out glasses, and and in the process collected a record £448 in donations.



Our caterer, Joanne, serving olives, cheese, pork pies and other goodies.

The St Neots Beer Festival will return in 2012 on the 16th and 17th March. Please

make a note in your diary. But you do not have to wait that long for another fabulous selection of real ales, because the St Ives Beer Festival will take place on the 9th and 10th of September 2011, at the Burgess Hall, St Ivo Centre, St Ives. See you there!!



CAMRA East Anglia Regional Director Andrea Briers samples the cider.

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EVENTS AND SOCIALS

May 2011

Fri 13th Mild Social. To celebrate 'May is a Mild Month', we will be arranging tours

based around St Neots and St Ives pubs that will be offering mild. For more

details see the branch web site.

Thu 26th Social gathering, White Horse, Tilbrook (20.30). Preview of the TillFest

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June 2011

Tue 7th Open committee meeting at the **Conservatory**, **Papworth Everard** (20:30)

Fri 24th Pub Ramble around **St Ives**. Starting at the **Aviator** (20:30), and onwards

to the Floods Tavern, the Royal Oak, the Nelsons Head, and finishing at

the Oliver Cromwell (22:00).

July 2011

Tue 5th Open committee meeting at the **Royal Oak, Hail Weston** (20:30)

Sat 23rd Pub Ramble around Godmanchester and Huntingdon. Meet at the White

Hart, Godmanchester (12:00 noon), with visits to the Exhibition, the Royal Oak, and the Black Bull, and then to the Old Bridge and the Samuel

Pepvs in Huntingdon.

August 2011

Tue 9th Open committee meeting at the **Royal Oak, Hail Weston** (20:30)

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