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> Sunday Carvery every week 12pm – 4pm

A Look Back In Time

10 Years Ago



CAMRA launched a major campaign to fight Greene King's plans to close the 163 year old Ridleys Brewery in Essex following its

takeover of the Essex company, announced in July 2005. CAMRA's Chief Executive, Mike Benner said, 'Ridleys has been family owned since 1842, brewing excellent local beers. Greene King should reconsider its decision and take steps to sell the brewery as a going concern. What will happen to popular beers such as Greene King XX Mild, Tolly Original and the Ridleys beers? It is difficult to believe that Greene King will continue to brew Ridleys IPA for long as it clashes with its own IPA.'

Meanwhile, in Scotland, Greene King became the number one brewer with an estate of 300



pubs, following the success of its takeover bid for Belhaven brewery of Dunbar. Greene King declared that Belhaven's historic

brewery, on the site of a medieval monastery would remain open.



Nearer to home, Huntingdonshire CAMRA members enjoyed a tour of Greene King's

brewery in Bury St Edmunds.

CAMRA joined the super-elite of consumer groups with super-complainant status. This award under the 2000 Enterprise Act meant that CAMRA won the right to complain to the Office of Fair Trading over aspects of the beer market that it believes work against the interests of consumers – and that the Office of Fair Trading would be forced to respond within 90 days to any super-complaint, with a decision on whether there was enough evidence to support the complaint and what it would do about it.

Punch Taverns extended the size of its pub chain to over 8000 by adding Avebury Taverns' 409 pubs to its estate, for a buyout price of £219m.

On the other hand the Spirit pub group, formerly Punch's managed house division, was slimmed down with the disposal of 178 of its pubs, to set up a new managed pub chain operated by the Tattershall Castle group, backed by venture capital house Alchemy Partners.



Smoking was banned at the Three Horseshoes at Graveley, the first pub in CAMRA's Huntingdonshire branch area to

impose a ban, three years before the government's planned ban on smoking in all UK pubs. Meanwhile in the autumn of 2005, the Scottish Parliament agreed to ban smoking from Scottish pubs with effect from March 2006.



At the branch's October branch meeting at the Cock at Hemingford Grey there was a talk on brewing by Brian Bosworth of

Rockingham Brewery.

25 Years Ago

CAMRA launched a battle to try to save Shipstones Brewery in Nottingham as owners



Greenall Whitley announced plans to close the site along with its own main Warrington brewing site. Allied Breweries were to brew the

A Look Back In Time

Greenalls, Shipstones and Davenports brands as Greenalls quit brewing and concentrated on running pub chains.

Merseyside CAMRA members gave a big thumbs-down to the Higsons Bitter being



brewed by Whitbread in Sheffield following their closure of the Higsons plant in Liverpool resulting from their purchase of the Boddington

brewing group. Local campaigners claimed that sales of the new Higsons had fallen by 50%.

Meanwhile in East Anglia, Tolly Cobbold's new beers received a firm thumbs-up from CAMRA.



The Ipswich brewery had come back to life in a management buyout in June 1990, a year after being closed by its new

owners Brent Walker. Now, a new range of cask beers, Tolly Mild, Bitter and Original, met with acclaim from taste panels made up of publicans and customers. The revamped beers were allmalt brews with no cereal adjuncts. Tolly Old Strong was due to be re-launched for the winter.



St Neots CAMRA met at the Wheatsheaf in St Neots and held two-pub socials at the Bell and Crown at Eaton Socon, the George and King William IV in Fenstanton and at the Market Inn and Victoria in Huntingdon.

A report published by the National Audit Office paved the way for 'brewery gate' beer duty, which would levy duty on the finished product instead of collecting duty based on the original gravity of the beer before fermentation.

A survey by the Publican magazine showed that 20% of eligible pubs were taking guest beers and a further 17% were planning to do so, under

the government's Beer Orders, which aimed to free up the beer market by forcing brewers with more than 2000 pubs to sell some pubs and allow all of their remaining tenants to take a guest cask beer.

The enforced beer sales were enlarging the tied estates of regional brewers including Fullers, Shepherd Neame, Gales and Greene King. Allied Breweries sold 44 pubs to Fullers, 33 to Shepherd Neame and 43 to Gales, following earlier sales of 80 pubs to Greene King. Bass announced that it would be selling 2000 of its pubs to comply with the government's rules.

Meanwhile, Bass was incurring CAMRA's wrath in Scotland, where the group was expected to end brewing of cask beer in Scotland alongside a major push for its Draught Bass brand. Tennent's 80 Shilling was expected to be axed as a cask beer, although Bass had refused to confirm this.





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Pub Pieces

Work on a complete refurbishment of the **Queen** Adelaide, Croydon continues. The



conservatory has been removed and is being replaced as a proper extension. The bar areas have been gutted

in preparation for a refit, which will apparently be to a high quality, with slate and light oak being used, and much improved lighting. Photos of the work in progress can be seen on the Friends of the Queen Adelaide Facebook page https:// www.facebook.com/FriendsOfQueenAdelaide.

The Three Horseshoes, Graveley is now



under new management. This family run pub/restaurant is open 12-11 Mon-Sat, 12-10.30 Sun. They run a fortnightly quiz,

and sell fresh local eggs over the bar and a weekly meat raffle. Food is served 12-2.30 and 6-9 Mon to Fri. A full menu is available all day Saturday and traditional roasts served from 12-3 on Sundays. A menu of sandwiches and jacket potatoes etc, is available when the restaurant is closed. A selection of Adnams real ales are offered with a weekly guest ale.

The **Wheatsheaf**, **Perry** is now under the management of Chris and Kay Watson. Chris and Kay have run many pubs in the area starting



with the George, Spaldwick; Mermaid, Ellington; Bridge House, St Neots; Eaton Oak, Eaton Socon, and most recently the

Duncombe Arms, Waresley.

No77 at Caxton are holding 'Cinema Sundays'. Family films at 3pm, grown ups at 6pm. Free to customers. www.77cambridge.com/events/. The pub has also recently been selected for the 2015 Michelin Guide.

The Millers Arms, Eaton Socon has been



reopened by Oliver Reynalds (of the White Horse, Eaton Socon) as the "Seven Steakhouse at the Millers Arms".

The pub is currently open 6:30-11pm Thu-Sat. The interior has been refurbished in a modern bistro style. The garden has been laid out with raised beds where herbs and vegetables are grown providing very fresh ingredients for the pub's kitchen.



The **Rose & Crown, Somersham** is under new management. Steve & Helen have taken over the pub's lease from Oliver Reynalds. The pub is still owned by Enterprise Inns. They are new to the area and are enthusiastic for the challenge to build up a good community village pub. Live music has started, improved beer garden and food are planned. London Pride will be their regular with two guest ales.

A planning application has been lodged with Huntingdonshire District Council on behalf of JD Wetherspoons for change of use to a public house of the former Warehouse Clearance store on Market Hill, St Ives. The planning application includes a large beer garden at the rear which is close to residential dwellings.

A planning application has been submitted to demolish the Sun, Hartford Road, Huntiingdon and build six dwellings.

Pub Beer Festivals & Events



White Hart, Godmanchester: Thu 6th - Sun 9th August, Beer Festival, 20+ local real ales and 10+ ciders, hog roast

and BBQ, live entertainment, covered marquee. See

www.whitehart-godmanchester.co.uk for more details.



George, Spaldwick: Thu 13th - Sun 16th August, Beer Festival, 20+ local real ales and 10+

ciders, hog roast and BBQ, live entertainment, covered marquee. See www.thegeorgespaldwick.co.uk for more details.



Cock, Hemingford Grey: Fri 21st -Sun 23rd August, 25 real ales, BBQ food, live music.



Chequers, Little Granden: Fri 21st - Sun 23rd August, Beer & Cider Festival with live music.

Three Horseshoes, Houghton: Fri 28th - Mon



31st August, beer festival. 9 real ales and 2 ciders. Live music Fri & Mon. BBQ Mon. Brampton Mill, Bramton: Thu 10th - Sat 12th



September, Beer Festival, with 30+ Real Ales and Ciders. Open 11am to 11pm each day. BBQ food also available

Crown, Broughton: Sat 12th - Sun 13th



September, 10 real ales and cider plus food and live music.

See www.hunts.camra.org.uk/pubbeerfest for details of other local pub beer festivals as we hear about them.

The Falcon

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St Ives Beer & Cider Festival



OPENING TIMES Thu 8th - Sat 10th October

Thursday 8th: 5pm–11pm Friday 9th: 12 noon–11pm Saturday 10th: 12 noon–10pm.

ADMISSION

Thu: From 5pm £2. Fri: Before 5pm: £1; After 5pm £3. Sat: Before 5pm: £2; After 5pm £1. Families welcome until 8pm. No entry or re-admission after 10.30pm. Free entry to CAMRA members at all sessions - a good reason to join CAMRA!

BEERS and **CIDERS**

Real Ales

We hope to serve over the course of the festival over 70 real ales from all over the UK, both from the well-established independent breweries and the newer, smaller breweries, with a focus on local East Anglian and East Midland breweries.



Bottled Beers

The popular cider and bottled beer bar will be selling a range of Belgian, Dutch, German, and American bottled beers including examples of the most distinctive individualistic beer styles in the world, such as Trappist, lambic and wheat beers.



Cider and Perry A selection of tasty traditional draughts and bottled cider and perry, focussed on Cambridgeshire suppliers.



FEATURES Venue

The festival is being held at the Burgess Hall, One Leisure Centre, Westwood Road, St Ives, PE27 6WU.

Food and Drink

A variety of snacks and food will be available at all sessions. Free soft drinks will be available for the designated driver of your party, and a selection of wine will also be available.

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.

Booze on the Ouse



CAMRA Stand

Come along and chat to our staff and learn about CAMRA, beer, brewing and pubs. Here you will be able to join CAMRA, and we will have special offers for anyone joining at the festival. Adjacent will be the fabulous 'Every One's a Winner' tombola stall.

OTHER DETAILS

Contact Information

Festival organiser, Andy Shaw, festival@hunts.camra.org.uk, 01480 355893, 07802 485449.

Also visit our web site for updates <u>www.hunts.camra.org.uk/festivals</u>.



The Workers

The festival is organised and run by members of CAMRA who are all unpaid volunteers. We always need more helpers, so if you can help at any session please contact Andy Shaw.

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Half Pints

Community pubs minister Marcus Jones raised a glass to mark the Magna Carta's 800th anniversary and celebrate the first-ever Beer Day Britain, aimed at raising the profile of the British beer and pubs industry. Jones said: 'The great British pub is a national treasure, which is why we are determined to protect it. We should all be proud of our nation's great history as a brewing powerhouse, therefore it is only right we celebrate Beer Day Britain alongside the Magna Carta today.'

CAMRA has launched a new initiative to save pubs, with a target to raise the number of pubs protected by 'Asset of Community Value' status form the present 800 to 3000 by the end of next year. CAMRA will be aiming to raise the profile of ACV's to the public and encourage pub goers to nominate their local pubs. The new campaign follows the government's commitment to extend the protection of pubs listed as Assets of Community Value (ACV), which means that a community pub listed as an ACV cannot be converted into other uses or demolished without planning permission.

The Scottish government has committed to a study of the country's tied pub sector to determine what legislation would benefit licensees and pub-goers. The move follows a motion by Paul Martin MSP calling for a statutory code of practice for pub companies and an adjudicator to protect licensees. The debate was called following lobbying of MSPs by hundreds of Scottish CAMRA members. Scottish business minister Fergus Ewing suggested reforms in Scotland may go even further than those in England and Wales. CAMRA's regional director Ray Turpie said: 'CAMRA's research has found 99 per cent of tied pub tenants feel the government should act to make sure tied tenants in Scotland are no worse off than those in England and Wales.Beer production increased in the first guarter of the current financial year, but sales in pubs fell, according to the British Beer and Pub Association. According to CAMRA, the dip in beer sales in pubs shows why the government

must continue to support pubs as well as beer and cider.

Licensees and brewers are celebrating 50 years of the barley variety Maris Otter, which has tended to become the variety of choice for many brewers aiming for high quality beers. Nine of the last fourteen of CAMRA's annual Champion Beers of Britain were produced with Maris Otter. A Maris Otter 50th Anniversary Festival in Norwich from 17-19 September will exhibit 50 beer specially brewed for the event with Maris Otter.

CAMRA has welcomed news that the UK government has pledged to retain a duty exemption for small scale cider producers, despite the European Commission requesting its removal as it does not comply with an EU directive on excise duty.

CAMRA is launching a campaign to end the practice of pubs charging proportionately more for beer served in half pints. Whilst the campaign recognises that a small differential might be justified in view of proportionately higher costs, cases have been reported of pubs charging excessively high differentials. The campaign is also calling for pubs to clearly display prices.

The organiser of one the world's biggest beer competitions wants to see more bottled real ales taking part. Brussels Beer Challenge's Luc De Raedemaeker is challenging Britain's brewers of real ale in a bottle (RAIB) to pit their best against the rest of the world. De Raedemaeker said: 'Bottle-conditioned beers are a great Belgian speciality and competing against Belgian bottle-conditioned beers might be tough, but if you win an award in that style the award has a double or even triple value. Entering the Brussels Beer Challenge can make a difference for an individual brewery and for the UK brewing industry. It's a chance to show the world that UK brewers are brewing world class beers.'

When the then chancellor, Gordon Brown,

Half Pints

introduced lower rates of beer tax for smaller brewers in 2002, he said he wanted recipients to invest in pubs. Now, Windsor & Eton has become the latest brewer to run its own pub. The company has taken over the tenancy of the George Inn in Windsor, Berkshire.

CAMRA hosted three community pub summits with the LGIU (Local Government Information Unit) to urge councils to protect pubs in their area. This follows the 'How Councils and Communities can Save Pubs' report which was launched last year and investigates the challenges faced by community pubs and how councils can work together to protect them. The summits were held in Worcester, Liverpool and Southampton during July.

CAMRA's latest WhatPub and National Beer Scoring System quarterly prize draw winners have each won a copy of London's Best Beer,Pubs & Bars by Des de Moor. If you are a CAMRA member and would like to get involved, see www.whatpub.com/beerscoring

Alcohol consumption, rates of binge drinking and alcohol-related crime have fallen in the 10 years since the introduction of longer pub opening hours, according to a new report. The study, Drinking, Fast and Slow: Ten Years of the Licensing Act, from the Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA) hailed the 2005 Licensing Act as a success as it had not led to the disastrous outcomes that critics predicted at the time. The report says that the relaxation of licensing laws ten years ago benefited consumers in that people now enjoy a drink at a time and place that suits them. And the past ten years have seen fewer drink-driving accidents and reduced violent crime. Alcohol consumption and binge drinking has also reduced, particularly among young people. The report debunks the myth that extending hours for pubs, bars and nightclubs led to a rise in demand for alcohol and perpetuated excessive drinking. IEA director of lifestyle economics Christopher Snowdon said: 'Contrary to popular belief, alcohol consumption per capita fell by 17 per cent between 2005 and

2013, the biggest decline since the 1930s, Far from provoking a 24-hour drinking culture the Licensing Act has removed some of the constraints on where and when people can have a drink, providing the public with greater choice. The hysteria about so-called 24-hour drinking ranks as one of the great moral panics of our time, but the evidence is now clear. The doom mongers were wrong. Far from bringing about the catastrophic repercussions that were forecast when it was introduced, the Licensing Act has coincided with a fall in binge drinking and made little difference to the rate of crime and alcohol-related health problems. The biggest consequence of relaxing licensing laws has been that the public are now better able to enjoy a drink at the time and location of their choice.





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Events & Socials

September

Tue 1stOpen Branch Meeting, Crown &Cushion, Great Gransden, 8.15pm.

Fri 25th Music Quiz Night, Falcon, Huntingdon, 8.30pm

Sat 26th - Rail trip to **Stamford**. Catch the train at St Neots (11:14) or Huntingdon (11:22).

Tue 29th Open Branch Meeting, Seven Wives, St Ives, 8.15pm.

October

8th-10th Booze of the Ouse, St Ives Beer & Cider Festival, see page 8-9.

Tue 20th Post Festival Social, Royal Oak, St Ives, 8.30pm.

Sat 31st Coach Trip to pubs in Needingworth, Bluntisham, Earith, Colne, Somersham, and Pidley. Contact socials@hunts.camra.org.uk to book your place.

November

Tue 3rdOpen Branch Meeting, King of theBelgians, Hartford, 8.15pm.

Sat 21st Pub Ramble round Huntingdon. Old Bridge (12noon), Samuel Pepys (1pm), Victoria (2pm), Falcon (3pm).

December

Tue 8thOpen Branch Meeting, White Horse,Eaton Socon, 8.15pm.

An up to date listing of events can be found at: www.hunts.camra.org.uk/diary.



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