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Another new year, and another Winter Ales Festival, and no sign of the recession lessening. However, all is not gloom. Despite one or two casualties, micro breweries continue to flourish, while their newer cousins, micro pubs, are sprouting up everywhere, like green shoots in spring. Thanet alone has half a dozen or so, one of which the Conqueror, Ramsgate is on a short list of four to be chosen as CAMRA National Pub of the Year. And local pubs also feature strongly in the CAMRA publication *Great British Pubs*, in which all our county's representatives, including one from our own branch come from East Kent (see page 44). Meanwhile in Dover the White Horse and Golden Lion have reopened, and in Deal work is progressing on the new Wetherspoon's outlet.

Nationally, CAMRA's campaign against the beer duty escalator continues, all the time gathering pace, and the increasing support of MPs – the December Mass Lobby of Parliament especially, emphasising our case. MPs, as well, are joining us to express concern about the legal loophole, which allows the conversion of pubs to shops without the requirement of planning consent, a problem also not going unnoticed by local authorities, a number of which are doing their best to limit its effects. (See National News)

As a contrast to the beleaguered modern pub, this edition reprints some reminiscences of Dover's old Pier District at the start of the 20th century, an area which then supported as many pubs as does the whole town today. We also follow the progress of the Beery Boaters on Midlands waterways in flood, a day out enjoying Kentish ale at some of our LocAle pubs, take a brief look at a real ale success story, and offer a summary of what Shepherd Neame had on handpump this winter.

Martin Atkins



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EVENTS DIARY

<i>Fri 1 & Sat 2 Feb</i>	WHITE CLIFFS FESTIVAL OF WINTER ALES – DOVER TOWN HALL
<i>Sat 9 Feb</i>	AFRM Branch – trip to Butcher's Arms , Herne (12 noon) & Margate (AFRM Web Site for details)
<i>Mon 18 Feb</i>	Branch Meeting & Beer Festival wash-up – Blakes , Dover.
<i>Fri 22 & Sat 23 Feb</i>	Beer Festival – Berry , Walmer*
<i>Fri 22 & Sat 23 Feb</i>	Northern Weekend, featuring selection of Cumbrian Ales – New Inn , Canterbury*
<i>Fri 1 & Sat 2 Mar</i>	Roger Marples Beer Festival – Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club (non- members please sign in – no problem, please ask)*
<i>Sat 16 Mar</i>	Ashford, Folkestone & Romney Marsh Branch – Micro Pub crawl in Thanet (The Chapel 12 noon – See AFRM Web Site for details)
<i>Mon 18 Mar</i>	Branch Meeting – Deal Hoy , Deal
<i>Thur 28 Mar</i> <i>- Mon 1 Apr</i>	Easter Beer Festival – The Chambers , Folkestone*
<i>Fri 29 - Sat 30 Mar</i>	PLANET THANET EASTER BEER FESTIVAL
<i>Mon 15 Apr</i>	AGM & Branch Meeting – Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club
<i>Fri 19 Apr</i> <i>& Sat 20 Apr</i>	Beer Festival – Carpenters Arms , Coldred 12 Noon – 11pm Both Days*
<i>Fri 19 Apr</i> <i>& Sun 21 Apr</i>	Beer Festival – Five Bells , Eastry*

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Events marked * are not organised by CAMRA



"SIMPLY STUPID"

Members of Parliament from across the political spectrum, were in the forefront of opposition to the Beer Duty Escalator at CAMRA's mass lobby at Westminster in December.

"A false economy" that was "ripping the heart out of our communities when communities need them most," was the assessment of Charlotte Leslie, Conservative MP for Bristol NW. She was joined by former Home Office minister and MP for Salford Hazel Blears who said: "I would say this to ministers – if I saw a turnout like this I would know I was getting something wrong. We need to make sure this situation is changed. It's punishing our pubs and leading to closures, it's not doing the job that it is meant to. It's simply stupid."

Greg Mulholland, Lib Dem MP for Leeds NW and chair of the All Parliamentary Save the Pub group said: "Today has been incredibly powerful but please carry on what you are doing locally...get more people behind this. You are campaigning not only for the great British pub, you are campaigning for the nation." His comments were echoed by Burton MP Andrew Griffith chairman of the All Parliamentary Beer Group. "Today we have sent a strong message...we love our beer, we love our pubs and we're going to fight to defend them. You can all be very proud that today we have all played our part in saving the Great British pub and the Great British pint."

These were just a few of the comments from speeches made at a meeting in the nearby Emmanuel Centre following the lobby by some 1,200 CAMRA members, brewers and publicans. CAMRA chief executive Mike Benner summed up the day's achievement. "Members should be proud he said, and remember this day: 12/12/12....the duty escalator made no sense, economic madness costing jobs, money and communities".

From the trade itself came many examples of the unnecessary hardship and suffering resulting from the tax. Licensee until last April, John Bellinger, and current chairman of North Oxfordshire branch, said, that this "ridiculously unfair tax" had contributed to making his business unviable, while Duncan Sambrook of Sambrook's Brewery in London made the point that brewing beer depended on pubs in which to sell it. From Norfolk, Dawn Hopkins, who runs two pubs and a brewery in Norwich said she was on the front line when it came to beer duty, and was sick of being told that only bad pubs were struggling and closing. "I love working in my pub," she said, "I love the social life, I love the banter, I love my staff and I love most of my customers. But in some cases love is not enough."

Despite reports of dismissive arrogance by some MPs the vast majority showed wholehearted support, making lobbyists tea and coffee, speaking to them for up to an hour, or waiting for them as they slowly progressed through the queue. Parliament's next opportunity to tackle the Government over the issue comes via Early Day Motion 703 which calls for a review of the economic and social impact of the beer duty escalator, and which should report back to the Treasury before this year's budget.



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If you have any news about a pub in your area – new beers or different beer range, alterations to the pub, beer festivals or anything that may be of interest to our readers, please email:

channel.draught@camra-dds.org.uk

We are, of course, equally pleased to hear from landlords with news about their pub.

DOVER

White Horse, St James St: The pub reopened, after three or four months closure, just before Christmas, with new licensees Tony and Janis Zammit. Reports so far have three real ales available: Harvey's Sussex Best, Jennings Cumberland and Hobgoblin, and all in fine condition. At **Blakes** the festive period threw up some interesting brews with plenty of local representation. From the new Goody Brewery came Good Health and King Wenceslas, and there was also Gravesend Guzzler and Whitstable EIPA. Old favourite Adnams Light-house was also widely available.

Cullins Yard, Cambridge Rd: in memory of Roger Marples, the pub brewed a special beer in the autumn – Jolly Roger. It proved very popular and was available also at the **Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club**. At the other end of the Seafront a visit to **Marine Court** early November found Spitfire and Black Sheep Progress on the handpumps, while in December a strange occurrence was reported from the **First & Last** at East Cliff. The new manager undertaking some work to prepare for the pub's re-opening found himself looked in, when someone walking past, locked the padlock, then used to secure the door, while he was inside. He

was forced to call the Fire Brigade to let him out.

Golden Lion, Priory Place: Also reopening shortly before Christmas, the pub had received a makeover involving a very prominent external repainting. "Customers required" said a sign outside. Apparently two real ales are normally available – so far Greene King IPA and Doom Bar. At the **Falstaff**, doors and windows remain unshuttered, and work has started once again. According to workman on site in late January, it will be reopening as a pub in a few months. In mid January at the **Prince Albert** real ales were Doom Bar and Landlord, and at the **Priory** "something from Cottage". A visit to the **Park Inn** found Adnams Old Ale about to go on alongside Spitfire. Already available on the handpump was Harvis-toun Haggis Hunter, a Burn's Night ale, and excellent to boot.

In London Rd., however, the **Kingfisher** (formerly aka the Cherry Tree) has seen its days as a pub finally come to an end. Having been closed for a couple of years, at the time of writing work is currently under way to convert it to an outlet for bookmakers William Hill. Better news from the **Eagle** where excellent Wadworth Henry IPA was on the handpumps over Christmas, and in Charlton Green it was particularly good

to see a seasonal return for Bateman's Rosey Nosey at the **Red Lion**. At the **Louis Armstrong** we enjoyed a very entertaining Daddlums evening in December, where we drank house bitter Skrimshander, plus Dark Star Hophead and Westerham Double Stout. Later, over Christmas and New Year, we saw a firkin of Gadds No 5 which disappeared almost overnight, a return of Jackie's 50 Years Celebration Brew from Goachers, and from Old Dairy - Blue Top, Copper Top and Snowtop, the latter a traditional winter old ale and at 6% ABV best treated with a certain discretion.

In Eaton Rd. at the **Boar's Head**, Dean has installed a third handpump, and the normal selection is now Young's, Doom Bar and St Austell Tribute. And at Whitfield, the **Archer** after all kinds of guests, was selling Brakspear Bitter again as appropriately it should, that being the chain that owns it. Meanwhile at Temple Ewell Sheffield Pride continues as standard at the **Fox.**, whose seasonal offerings included an extensive range from St. Nicholas and Co. – Cotleigh Red Nose, Bateman's Rosey Nosey, Rudolph's Revenge and Cottage Steaming Santa, etc. – as well as a mulled cider.

DEAL

On the Strand the **Stag** is now the only remaining pub, of the four that existed until recently. The **Lifeboat** was closed and sold off as a house some time ago, while the last couple of years saw the **Lord Clyde** converted to a French restaurant, and the **Lord Nelson**, after being closed for a while, destined for residential use – most recently as two flats, an application for conversion having been submitted last November. With the **Granville** now also closed, only three of the seven pubs that were

trading in the area just ten years ago now remain. As well as the Stag they comprise the **Cambridge Arms** and the **Berry** which regularly carries six plus real ales, along with ciders, and often, among the selection, beers you will not find anywhere else locally. Of particular note before Christmas were brews from the East London Brewing Company which landlord Chris has featured before – the brewery's Night-watchman and Quadrant Stout both being acclaimed, with the latter additionally described as superb.

Elsewhere, Shepherd Neame's local presence has been enhanced by the acquisition of the **King's Head** in Beach St. and the **Zetland** in Kingsdown, the latter, at the time of writing, due for re-opening in late January, having undergone substantial refurbishment. Nearby the **Rising Sun** continues to offer a single real ale in excellent condition, Sharp's Doom Bar in late November. Also selling just the one real ale is **Dunkerleys** where normally a fine pint of St Austell Tribute is available, although occasionally other beers are featured. In Queen St. work continues on the new Wetherspoon's outlet in the former job centre premises, a recently appeared sign informing us that it is to be called **The Sir Norman Wisdom**.

A visit to the town in mid December found plenty of pre Christmas spirit. At the reopened **Bohemian** it was standing room only, and much the same at the **Just Reproach**. Busy also at the **Saracen** and the **Hoy** where was to be found Sheps winter Porter, alongside the regulars Master Brew and Spitfire. At the **Ship** prices almost reflect a by-gone age – an excellent pint of Gadds Seaside at £2.60. On the bar also were London Pride, Dark Star Hophead, Deuchars IPA and Gadds 7.

Plenty of good ale also at the **Prince Albert** where many Kentish brews have been seen: Kent, Westerham, Nelson, Whitstable and Ripple among them. Particular praise was reserved for a barrel of Ripple Steam Best Bitter in November – “a beautiful pint”.

In Mongeham the **Three Horse Shoes** has been ringing the changes in its choice of real ale: St Austell Tribute, Hook Norton Old Hooky, Wadworth 6X and Ringwood Fortyniner all appearing in the month or so before Christmas. At a visit during the festive period itself Hardy Hanson Rocking Rudolf was on the handpumps. Up the road at the **Leather Bottle** Caledonian Deuchars IPA was available.

Railway, Walmer: A visit in late November found the Shepherd Neame pub selling a beer called Kent Invicta. Is this the same as Kent Best? Memory recalls Invicta as being a Sheps brew

which had a fairly brief life about thirty years ago. Anyway, the beer was in good nick and apparently much enjoyed.

SANDWICH & RURAL

Crispin, High St: As one of the first pubs in the Branch's newly established LocAle scheme, the pub always carries a local Kentish brew. Recent months have seen Hopdaemon Incubus and Skrimshander, Gadds Rye Pale Ale, Whitstable Pearl of Kent and Foundry Helles. Other real ales normally include a strong showing from Adnams, including recently Broadside, Ghost Ship and Old Ale. Opposite, at the now Sheps owned **Bell Hotel**, visits in December found Master Brew in excellent condition. More local ale also at the **George and Dragon** where very good Wantsum More's Head was enjoyed in early December. Other recent brews have included, also from Wantsum, Figgy



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Elsewhere in Sandwich the **Market Inn** was selling Late Red and Spooks Ale alongside Master Brew in early December and in the **Fleur-de-Lis** Doom Bar and Adnam's Lighthouse were available. Visits to the **Red Cow** one Tuesday in November found Adnams Broadside, Banks' Mild, Charles Wells Bombardier and Marston's Pedigree, and in mid December Banks Mild, Old Dairy Blue Top, Everards Tiger and Bombardier.

Blue Pigeons, Worth: London Pride appears to be the standard real ale but as a LocAle pub local brews are receiving good representation. Canterbury Ales and Wantsum are main suppliers, Wife of Bath and Figgy Pudding having been found on visits before Christmas.

Bull, Eastry: An application last year for conversion to a home for recovering alcoholics, drew considerable local opposition, arguments over its viability, and suggestions that there had been other bids which would have retained its use as a pub. Deal, Dover, Sandwich and District branch wrote to the Council requesting that a decision be delayed while these matters could be looked at. However, all to no avail, and permission was granted at the December Planning Committee meeting. Meanwhile the **Five Bells** continues to offer a varying and interesting selection at consistently top quality – among others, last November's beers included Old Speckled Hen, Gadds No 5, Hobgoblin, Harveys Sussex Best and Marston's Pedigree.

At Ripple the **Plough**, as unofficial "Tap" for Ripple Steam Brewery, offers a main outlet for its beers, with usually at least a couple available. Visits during November and December found Ripple

Steam Best Bitter and the fearsome Black IPA (5.8% ABV) normally in residence. Accompanying brews included a good showing from Adnams – both Bitter and Broadside.

Carpenter's Arms, Coldred: A centenary beer festival is planned for 19/20 April (see Branch Diary), to commemorate 100 years in the same family. 12 beers will be available over the two days and the pub will be open 12 noon to 11pm on both days.

FOLKESTONE & HYTHE

LocAle Each edition of *Marsh Mash*, the newsletter of our neighbouring branch Ashford, Folkestone and Romney Marsh publishes a list of the LocAle pubs in their area, that is pubs guaranteeing to normally have local real ale available. The current list is as follows:-

Hythe
Wittersham
Folkestone
Sandgate
Snargate
Rolvenden
Hastingleigh
New Romney
Elham
Woodchurch
Brabourne
Mersham
Hythe
Hythe
Ashford
Newenden
Kennington
Stowting

Three Mariners
Swan
Chambers
Ship
Red Lion
Star
Bowl
Cinque Ports Arms
Kings Arms
Six Bells
Five Bells
Farriers Arms
White Hart
Britannia
Locomotive
Hart
Old Mill
Tiger Inn

As we reported in our autumn issue, Folkestone's first micro pub, the **Firkin Ale House**, opened in mid November, in Cheriton Place. Licensee is Neil King, former landlord of the Telegraph pub in Deal, and he aims to create a

community pub, with the emphasis on good conversation and the consumption of traditional local products. Like other Kent micro-pubs mobile phones are restricted and there is no music or television, and no lager, spirits or alco-



pops – just up to four ales from Kent micros together with cider, perry, a few wines and a selection of snacks. Opening hours are Tuesday to Saturday 11.30 to 2.30pm and 4.30 to 9pm (10pm on Friday and Saturday) and Sunday 11.30 to 3pm.

Just along the road is the renowned **Chambers** where Chris is now offering a wide selection of ales, both local and from more distant parts. Regulars during the last months of 2012 were Adnam's Lighthouse and Wantsum 1381, and guests have included Cotleigh Triumph, Gadd's Dark Conspiracy, Santa's Steaming ale from Cottage, and more Adnams, Bitter and Broadside.

In the Bayle, at the **Guildhall**, regulars Harvey's Best Bitter and Greene King IPA were joined by a Christmas selection that included Bateman's Rosey Nosey, Adnams Old Ale and Mordue Howay in a Manger. More Rosey Nosey at the **British Lion** where it was on alongside another festive offering – Frosty Bells, whose brewer eludes us. In October **The Pullman** hosted a beer

festival featuring 24 beers. A visit shortly before Christmas found Westerham 1965 and God's Wallop, Tea and Harveys Sussex. Classical jazz piano was promised for weekends in December and January.

Elsewhere around Christmas the **Raglan** was selling Cottage Sunbeam Tiger; the **East Cliff** Golden Braid and Dark Star; and the **Lifeboat** Hardy and Hanson Bitter, Young's, Ruddles Best and Morland Original. At the **Mariners** beers were 6X and Pedigree and at the **Ship** regulars Abbot and London Pride were joined by Woodforde's Tinseltrees.

In Hythe the Saturday before Christmas found excellent Sheps porter in the **King's Head**, while further perusal of this winter's *Marsh Mash* enables us to inform readers that the **Red Lion** and **Carousel** have been selling Old Dairy beers, and that the **Globe** has installed what is believed to be the only bar billiard table in the town. From the same source we learn that the **Farriers Arms** Mersham, home to Old Forge Brewery, appears now to be supplementing its in-house beers by other Kentish brews rather than national brands, and that at the **Tiger**, Stowting local choice has recently included beers from Old Dairy, Abigale, Gadd's and Hop Fuzz. At Appledore Station the adjoining **Railway Hotel** is currently closed, and owners Enterprise have put the freehold up for sale at £365,000. Local speculation suggests that attempts will be made to develop the site for housing.

At Elham the **Kings Arms**, continues to sell local ales from Hopdeamon in excellent condition, usually Golden Braid and Incubus, although Skrimshander has also been seen, alongside the regular Harvey's Sussex Best. In the next village the **Coach and Horses**, Lyminge, is well worth seeking out. A

visit in the autumn found excellent Harvey's Sussex Best, London Pride and Hobgoblin.

CANTERBURY

Phoenix, Old Dover Rd: Interesting news from one of the city's longest established free houses, who from this spring hope to be selling their own beer. A micro brewery is in the process of being set up, and first results are due out in March/April. Help and advice is coming from Darrel of Hop Fuzz. In mid January ales from Whitstable, Wantsum, Gadds and Dark Star were due to appear shortly. At the **New Inn** Burns Night found the pub celebrating with the whole range from Scottish brewer Fyne Ales, while a northern weekend is planned for the end of February – last Friday and Saturday – centred on six Cumbrian micro brews. On the debit side however, another local

may well be calling last orders. An application has been submitted to convert the **Black Horse** in Orchard St. into two pubs, although there are still hopes that the downstairs might be retained as a pub.

Outside the city a recent visit to Adisham found things unchanged from several years ago. Both pub premises still in existence, but not as pubs. The **Bulls Head** in the village is boarded up and looking increasingly derelict, while the **Moors Head** by the station appears to have, or have had, some business use.

Better news, however, from Shalsford St., Chartham where is situated the long familiar watering hole, the **George**. Closed, and boarded up, for much of last year, it looked a prime candidate for pubbus redevelopment, only to re-open in autumn after refurbishment.

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THE MILL INN, DEAL

As real ale continues to defy the general decline in beer sales, holding steady or actually increasing its volumes, new outlets continue to appear, and this is not just confined to dedicated or traditional real ale pubs, but includes a variety of pubs who for many years were content to offer their customers keg only. A fine example is Deal, where King Street's successful micro, the Just Reproach, and the soon to be opened Wetherspoons in Queen St.,



were preceded some years earlier by the Mill Inn at Mill Hill. After a long period of being restricted to keg, it was taken over in November 2009 by real ale lover John Townsend, who many will remember from his days in Dover, at the Eagle, Carriers Arms and the now defunct Edward VII.

The pub itself dates from the 1930s, and its origins can be traced back to the start of the decade, when Walmer brewers Thompson & Son Ltd., offered to surrender the licence of the White Horse at the junction of Queen St. and West St., so that they could build a new pub, in what was referred to, in somewhat antiquated and non-PC terms, as the "Miners' settlement of Mill Hill." For Thompsons, at a time when fresh licences were hard to come by, if not effectively outlawed, the proposal held distinct pragmatic considerations, as it was already being suggested that the removal of the White Horse, which was eventually demolished for road widening in the 1960s, would "enable improvements to a dangerous area or traffic". However, the new pub was opposed by the landlord of the nearby Yew Tree and the local Temperance Society, and was refused. This was not the same Yew Tree that has recently given way to a Tesco outlet, and was constructed in 1932 by Mackeson of Hythe, but an earlier public house of that name, that had occupied an adjoining site since the 1880s, and whose building is still there.

None-the-less a pub was built at Mill Hill by Thompsons, a few years later, on a plot of land they purchased in 1932 for £800, with, by all accounts, the prospect of having to pay a further £4,000 to £4,500 for its construction. A license was granted in March 1933 and business commenced the following February, initially with a license held by the brewery's secretary, until a landlord could be found. In 1935 a former Yorkshire miner became landlord but soon left complaining of lack of trade, and was followed the same year by Sidney Hagger, and at the end of the decade

by C J Uden and Norma L Robinson.

Edith Smith had the pub from 1942, and appears to have introduced music, singing and dancing – an advertisement of 1943 announcing dancing to the Swingtette of the Royal Marines Band. The years following World War II saw Thompson and Sons acquired by London brewer Charrington, and a succession of landlords at the Mill Inn, with few staying longer than 7 or 8 years, recently including Peter Laidlaw, Philip Cox and Nicholas Evans in 1998 and Alan Hicks, Julie Scott and Harold Scott in 2000.

When John Townsend took over the pub, as a real ale drinker himself, he immediately reinstalled handpumps. It has proved a considerable success. From keeping just the one real ale, over the following three years he has expanded to four handpumps with up to three or four ales on at one time. St Austell Tribute has proved a favourite, and beers from Sussex micro 1648 have been seen regularly. More recently the Mill Inn has been one of the ever growing number of outlets for newly established Ripple Steam Brewery.

Since the loss of the Yew Tree, and some years ago the Lord Warden, the Mill Inn is the sole remaining pub in the Mill Hill area, and visits always find it well patronised. It has a large garden and supports pool and darts teams, and is a regular music venue with live bands/performers on Saturday evening. In January it hosted our Branch Meeting with a choice of four ales – Brains Rev James, St Austell Tribute, Ringwood 49er and Monty's MPA – and more sausage rolls, quiche, etc. than could get through.



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SHEPHERD NEAME

WINTER BREWS

One are the days when the only real ale in a Sheps pub would be Master Brew. As well as the other regular year round brews such as Spitfire, Kent's Best and Bishop's Finger, there is an increasing range of seasonal and occasional brews from both the main brewery and the pilot brewery. This winter is no exception and thanks to Shepherd Neame's CAMRA Brewery Liaison Officer, Bob Thompson, here is a summary of the season's production.

MAIN BREWERY

Rudolph's Reward A 3.7% ABV Christmas beer that is produced for the M&B Pub Co and Wetherspoons. A 4.0% bottled version has also been seen in a Budgen's store retailing at just £1!

Christmas Ale The first brew of the annual beer was racked in mid December and Bob was very lucky to have an early taste. It was brewed to the same recipe as last year and, for those who have not come across it, is a light coloured 5.0% ABV, with a distinct festive flavour. Please note that the bottled Christmas Ale is brewed to a completely different recipe and is 7.0% ABV.

Porter Bob says the reappearance of this beer is great news and proves the power of the drinker's voice. He thanks everybody who contacted him to say how they much missed the beer? He hoped that Sheps faith in the brew was supported by licensees ordering it and for consumers drinking it. It was brewed to the same 4.8% recipe as had been produced from the Pilot brewery over the last few years. It was racked at the end of November and was in the pubs a week or so before Christmas.

Amber Ale As in the previous two years Amber Ale will be the seasonal beer for January and February when it will be replaced by Early Bird for March and April. It is 4.5% ABV and is golden-brown in colour. Overall malty and fruity in taste but with a nicely bitter after-taste and is brewed from pale, crystal and brown malts.



PILOT BREWERY

Burns Extra Special This 4.5% ABV ale was brewed on Monday 7th January. At the time of writing Bob was uncertain whether or not it was to the same recipe as the Burns Ale brewed previously.

Holly Hop Ale Commissioned by the Betsy Trotwood in Farringdon Rd., London to commemorate the anniversary of the death of Buddy Holly, this is a 4.1% ABV beer and was brewed a week after the Burns Extra Special. The pub, a music venue, had previously ordered a bespoke beer to commemorate Elvis Presley. It was also due to be supplied to the nearby Hoop and Grapes in Farringdon St., and the Rose and Crown in Columbo St., Southwark.

Triple Oat Stout Lined up for brewing the day after Holly Hop Ale this 4.2% ABV stout is in the oatmeal style and general distribution.

Tenant's Ales In addition to the above, two tenant's ales are set to be brewed in February. These are bespoke brews created by three or four tenants getting together with Sheps brewing staff to design a beer for their pubs. Each pub chooses its own name for the beer, so each brew has several names. The first, a 4.5% ABV beer, set for brewing on Monday 4th is for pubs in the Broadstairs area, while the second a week later will go to pubs in East Sussex.

Heart Warmer A very unusual 4.2% ABV beer for St Valentines Day on Thursday and follows the same recipe as last year. It is very light in colour and apart from Pale and Amber malts, also contains the petals of a dozen red roses and three passion fruits. The latter are very noticeable in the aroma. It will be brewed at the end of January.



Bob Thompson



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KENT SMALL BREWERY NEWS

Abigale Brewery Ashford

As reported in our last edition this brewery has now sadly ceased production. The brewery is up for sale.

Canterbury Ales, Chartham 01227 732541

canterbrew@gmail.com There's not much to report from the brewery. The Knight's Ale has been tweaked slightly, with East Kent Goldings being added late in the boil and the relationship with the Foundry Brewpub continues to develop; the brewery has created some space for the Canterbury Brewers to site an 8 barrel fermenting tank in the cold room (it is understood that this will be used to produce their Canterbury Lager).



Canterbury Brewers, Canterbury 01227 455899

[thefoundry@live.co.uk](http://thefoundry.live.co.uk) In 2012 the brewery couldn't keep up with demand, and early 2013 saw fermentation capacity expanded and brewing capacity increased by 3.5 times, allowing the brewing of something 'weird and wonderful' each week, alongside their regular beers. Best seller is Foundryman's Gold (4% ABV), and forthcoming beers include Chocolate Vanilla Porter, using Madagascan bourbon vanilla beans and organic cocoa nibs (anticipated ABV 8-9%), which will test their house yeast to 'the maximum'; and Hoppit Kiwi IPA (alluding to a recent film release). However, there's nothing diminutive about this beer, which will use high strength Californian yeast and Nelson Sauvin, Green Bullet, Pacific Gem and Motoueka hops to create a 6.5-7.5% ABV beer.

Goacher's, Maidstone 01622 682112

The brewery is very busy and had a good Christmas – last quarter's figures up on same quarter last year. Otherwise everything carrying on as normal.

Goody Ales, Herne 01227 361555

karen@goodvales.co.uk The current permanent beer range is Genesis (ABV 3.5%), Good Health (ABV 3.6), Good Heavens (ABV 4.1%) and Good Sheppard (ABV 4.5%). It also brews four seasonal beers, the most recent of which was Good King Wenceslas (4.8% ABV), a Christmas ale that has a 'deep, crisp and even' taste (hits head with hand).

Hopdaemon Brewery, Newnham 01795 892078

info@hopdaemon.com The brewery is flat out at the moment, with all beers in their range selling well.



Hop Fuzz, West Hythe 01303 230304

info@hopfuzz.co.uk The six regular beers are now English (4% ABV), Goldsmith (4% ABV), APA (4% ABV; formerly American), Martello (3.8% ABV; replaces Hawaiian), Veteran (4.2% ABV) and new beer Steam (4.4% ABV). Roasted Chestnuts was a Christmas seasonal and Hoppy New Year a one off brew.

Goldsmith and English are available in bottles.

Kent Brewery, Birling 01634 780037

info@kentbrewery.com December saw an unprecedented level of demand for Kent Brewery beers, with the popular Pale (4% ABV) almost running out in the final week. The brewery is now selling the majority of its beers into London, with considerable popularity in a number of key pubs, including some of the capital's best Craft Beer bars.

Specials will continue to be introduced throughout 2013. The brewery has been experimenting with a new hop variety grown by Wye Hops near Canterbury, which it believes shows great potential as an alternative to imported hops – "it will be a long process, but we hope we can develop the hop further as part of our desire to help rebuild the hop industry in Kent".



Nelson Brewery, Chatham 01634832828

sales@nelsonbrewingcompany.co.uk The brewery is keen to build on a year of continued growth during 2012 and have rebranded the six main beers in their range to emphasise more strongly the link with Nelson; there is also a new logo produced with a strong link to 'traditional British values'. The beer range at present is aimed at stronger, darker ales, with Nelson's Blood (6% ABV), one of their best sellers, available all year round in cask and bottle. Black Jack (5.4% ABV) is in the style of an Old Ale and will be a special for January and February 2013.

Old Dairy Brewery, Rolvenden 01580 243185

fineale@olddairybrewery.com Brewing capacity is being increased to keep up with demand. It continues to brew seasonal beers alongside its core range; current seasonal beers include Tsar Top (8% ABV), an Imperial Russian stout, and Snow Top (6% ABV), a winter warmer. Scallop Top (4.5% ABV), a dry stout, is being brewed for Rye Bay Scallop Festival and will be available from 2nd -10th February in Rye only. In response to popular demand, Czech Mate (5% ABV), a premium cask lager, is being brewed for later in the year.

Ramsgate Brewery, Broadstairs 01843 580037

info@ramsgatebrewery.co.uk The new Year in Beer leaflet is out and available to be picked up from pubs and the brewery shop directly (open Mon - Fri 10 - 5pm and Sat 10 - 1pm). Its got details of all our special brews coming up through the Year. The next special going out in the cask is East Kent India Pale Ale at 6.5% – a barrel will be going to the Dover Winter Beer Festival. We are happy to announce that we are in the final of the Taste of Kent Awards for the sixth year running with our Gadd's No 3 Pale Ale – to be announced in March. We also have cask Dogbolter in the SIBA National Competition after its success in the SE Regional awards.

GADDS' OF
RAMSGATE



Ripple Steam Brewery, Sutton 07917 037611

info@ripplesteambrewery.co.uk The two main beers are Best Bitter (4.1%) and IPA (4.5%), with the Best Bitter being their strongest seller. At the end of January, Winter Ale (5%) will be available. This uses Maris Otter pale ale

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malt and smoked malt from Bamberg, Bavaria to give the beer a seasonal edge. By Easter the bottling line should be up and running; the first bottled beer will be Red Farmhouse Ale (5%).

Tir Dha Ghlas Brewery, Dover 01304 211666

jim@cullinsvard.co.uk The brewery continues to experiment and improve its recipes. Over Christmas they produced Toomy's Folly (4% ABV) a porter based on a 19th Century Irish recipe, which apparently sold very well. Jimmy's Riddle (4.7%) remains the standard beer but they will be brewing another batch of Jolly Roger (3.7% ABV), which will be available early in 2013.

Wantsum Brewery, Hersden 08450405980

wantsumbrewery@googlemail.com The conical fermenter and the 12 barrel copper mash tun have been installed and were first used for brewing on 12 November 2012. The latest One Hop beer (4.5% ABV) uses Perle hops from Germany. Dynamo (4.6% ABV) is one of three beers to make it through to the finals of the Taste of Kent Awards for Best Kent Beer. Bottled beer sales continue to be buoyant, with Turbulent Priest (4.4% ABV) the latest to go into a bottle. The Ambrette Indian Restaurant in Margate has asked Wantsum to brew a 'special and unique' house beer.



Westerham Brewery, Edenbridge 01732 864427

sales@westerhambrewery.co.uk In 2013, the brewery will be showcasing Kent's hops with a series of single hop beers running consecutively from February to September. Each brew is quadruple hopped using wort hopping, early and late copper hopping, whole flower hops in the Hop Rocket (TM) and, finally, dry hopping in maturation tanks. The hops are all bred and grown in Kent; the vast majority of these hop varieties are grown by Ian Strang at Scotney Castle and neighbouring Finchcocks farms, the former having won awards for the quality of hops they produce.



Whitstable Brewery, Grafty Green 01622 851007

whitstablebrewer@bvconnect.com In October 2012, Native (3.7% ABV) won the Standard Bitter class at the SIBA South East Beer Competition for the second year running. In other news, seasonal beer Cockle Warmer (4.7% ABV) is proving very popular, showing a significant increase in sales; the brewery is currently working on a new cask beer, Black Lager (4.9% ABV), which should be available in February/ early March.



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The National News

By Martin Atkins

CAMRA PUB OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

Bridge End Inn

Ruabon, Wales

CAMRA's current National Pub of the Year and the first in Wales, which has been revitalised since the McGivern family took it over in 2009. A former coaching inn, and reputedly 300 years old, the pub has three rooms, and a small brewery, established by the family, at the back. Six changing real ales from across the country, include a stout and a McGivern ale, plus a real cider. On Wednesday's there is live music.

The Bridge End, Ruabon



Baum

Rochdale, Greater Manchester

Situated next door to the first co-operative store, it is described as a hidden gem within a vibrant conservation area, which mixes pints with petanque. Eight handpumps dispense a good range of ale together with a real cider, which is standard.

Food is excellent and includes vegetarian options and tapas dishes at weekends. Other facilities include an upstairs dining/function room, and a large garden which contains two petanque pistes.

Baum, Rochdale



Tom Cobley Tavern

Spreyton, Devon

A former National Pub of the Year, it won in 2006, but it has not rested on its laurels. Dating from the 16th century, it is family run and sells fourteen ales every week, largely from West Country breweries, plus twenty ciders and has

Tom Cobley Tavern, Spreyton



been described simply as “part of community life”. Food is home cooked with Sunday roasts for which booking is advisable. There is an open fire in the bar and a large garden for more clement weather.

Conqueror Alehouse

Ramsgate, Kent

Our own local contestant from East Kent, the pub has already been voted Thanet pub of the Year, East Kent pub of the year, Kent pub of the Year and super regional winner. Set up only in 2010, it is Ramsgate's smallest free house and a true micro pub, with accommodation for about twenty, and ale and cider served straight from barrels. Without music and TV it offers a quiet atmosphere in which to enjoy a pint or two. Its name is taken from a paddle steamer that at one time ran excursions from Ramsgate, and photos of which adorn the wall.



Councils Act to Protect Pubs As a response to the multitude of pressures now threatening the future of the traditional British local, councils across the country are starting to adopt policies that will provide added protection. Very much in the forefront is Cambridge, where the City Council has drawn up plans to make it harder for developers to demolish pubs or change

their use. The council's interim policy guidance (IPPG) calls for any pub threatened with closure to be marketed for 12 months as a business that is free of tie and restrictive covenant. It also asks developers to give evidence that diversification options have been explored, prove it is not economically viable to retain the pub, and show the community does not need one.

Cambridge CAMRA branch welcomed the move but wanted the safeguarded list to include all those currently open plus others converted to restaurants in recent years, and CAMRA pubs policy planning adviser Paul Ainsworth called for the council to consider using Article 4 directions, which restrict normal development rights, so that planning consent would be required to demolish pubs or make any change of use. Currently, demolition or change to uses such as supermarket or restaurant can often be undertaken without the need for local authority permission. More than 20 pubs in Cambridge have disappeared in the past five years and the council is fearful for the future of many of the remaining 86.

In London, the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea is also looking to adopt similar measures, while Article 4 directions are a definite possibility in Lewisham, where the council says its wants all developers to have to apply for planning permission if they want to change the use of the pub into a supermarket or a restaurant. Up to now many councils have been reluctant to implement an Article 4 direction as they are fearful that they might be liable to pay developers compensation should the project not go ahead. However, having seen more than 50 of the borough's pubs shut in the last decade, councillors have understandable concerns about the 82 still in existence.

Welcoming the move CAMRA London pubs protection officer Dale Ingram said that London's land values mean that even thriving and popular pubs are being sold for the development value of flats and housing: "Many pubs are being run down deliberately or overloaded with debt to defeat viability tests." Under the new rules developers will have to prove why a building cannot stay as a pub, and CAMRA is writing to councils urging them to use Article 4 directions where appropriate.

MPs Join Criticism Greg Mulholland, chairman of the All Party Parliamentary Save the Pub Group has joined the outcry against the conversion of pubs to supermarkets. He has written to supermarket chain bosses telling them that it is a scandal that perfectly viable pubs are being lost. He has also called on the Government to close the loophole that allows such changes of use to be effected without the necessity of going through the planning system.

Truman's Coming Home Truman's is once again to be brewed in East London, with beer on sale "within weeks", when a new brewery under that name opens in Hackney Wick shortly; 23 years after the closure of original Brick Lane Brewery. As the smaller half of the Watney/Truman brewing megalith, memory recalls that it was absorbed, along with Watney, firstly by Courage, and then together with Watney and Courage, by Scottish and Newcastle. Certainly there appears no reference to any beer called Truman's in the Beers Index of the current Good Beer Guide, although a brewer called Truman's is listed in the Independent Breweries section. The entry gives the address as "Top Floor, 8 Elder St., London E1 6BT" and states that the outfit was established in 2010 with plans for a new brewery in East

London. There is a single brew currently brewed by Nethergate, which a brief glance at Nethergate's output tells us is called Runner. Whether there is any connection, other than the name, with Truman's of old is not revealed. (See Last Knockings page 58)

Admiral Changes Hands Lloyds Banking Group, who bought 60% of pub company Admiral in 2009, has now sold its stake to the American private investment firm Cerberus Capital Management for a sum believed to be in the region of £200m. The group which at one time had about 2,000 pubs has made substantial disposals in recent years and the estate now totals about 1,100 tenanted houses. It is thought that Cerberus will be making more funds available and both the new owners and existing management are talking about development and expansion.

Pubco Reform In early January the Government announced that it intended to take action to reform the large pub companies by consulting on the introduction of a statutory code enforced by an independent adjudicator. This will include a vital "fair dealing" provision to prevent pubco's exploiting publicans with high rents and high tied beer prices. The announcement preceded an Opposition Day debate in Parliament the following day and came after a week during which 3,000 CAMRA members had lobbied their MPs. It also followed a month of substantial CAMRA activity over the issue, including CAMRA debate briefing sent to all MPs, a letter to Vince Cable detailing the current failure of self regulation, and A Save the Pub Group meeting organised by CAMRA which brought key information into the open.

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RAMBLINGS & RUMBLINGS

Thurs 1 Nov – Royal Oak, Nonington (*Caledonian Flying Scotsman, Mole Brewery Rucking Mole*) Afternoon visit with small group of walkers. But oh dear, November hours had started today so we sat outside drinking water in afternoon sunshine. But fortunately landlord was on premises and opened up for an hour or so especially for us. All day opening now Fri, Sat, Sun only.

Sat 3 Nov – Ship, Sandgate (*Dark Star Hophead, Incubus + others*) Good lunch in bar overlooking blue sea. Blue sky eating - how civilised! **Clarendon** (*Gadds Seaside, Whitstable EIPA, Oxford Marshmellow*)

Tues 6 Nov – Boat, Berkhamsted, Herts (*London Pride, ESB*) Like going back in time, the real taste of Pride at last, elusive everywhere else it seems these days!

Fri 9 Nov – Chequer Inn, Ash (*No Real Ale - although Greene King IPA coming on later*). Settled for bottle of Kronenbourg – “Sorry, nothing on draught”, quite drinkable if I’m honest.

Sat 10 Nov – Plough (*Ripple Steam Best, Ripple Steam Black IPA*) Welcoming refuge on a wet miserable day outside

Thurs 15 Nov – Sam Peto (*Franklin Yorkshire Freerange + others*). Pleasantly surprised by beer quality this time, **British Lion** (*Young's Special, Young's Bitter, Bombardier, Old Speckled Hen, Abbot*). **Chambers** (*Gadds Dark Conspiracy, Adnams Lighthouse, Wantsum 1381*) Passed by new micro pub just along road from Chambers. Seems competition can't come too soon in the town centre where pubs seem a tad pricey.

Fri 16 Nov – Crown, Finglesham (*Dark Star Hophead, Ripple Steam Bitter, Wife of Bath, Doombar*) Small group of walkers made welcome, but pub very quiet for Friday lunchtime. **Unicorn, Bekesbourne** – (*Westerham Grasshopper*) Again, very quiet for Friday evening – Is Friday becoming the new Monday, I wonder? Food well presented and enjoyable nonetheless

Sat 17 Nov – Folkestone Firkin (*Hop Fuzz England, Foundry Haka, Old Dairy Silver Top, Nelson's Blood*) Inadvertently found myself among first customer intake to this new establishment. Excellent ambience and good value too.

Sun 18 Nov – Tap East near Stratford International Station (*Rooster Yankee + others*) Civilised haven probably worth missing a train or two for. Just inside entrance of manic mega-shopping complex. Transferring stations from International to Stratford City, I made the mistake of trying to walk through shopping centre. But not advisable. Signage poor and shopping crowds horrendous. It's just one stop on DLR, much better option!

Thurs 29 Nov – Nigel North's 'Pre-Advent' London Stroll: Southampton Arms

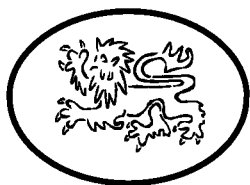
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NW5 (*Brodie's Mild + others*) Basic real ale specialist, well worth a visit. Then short trip by London Overground to Hackney. **Pembury Tavern E8** (*Milton's Dionysus, Tiki, White Horse Village Idiot*) Another real ale mecca, beers soaked up with copious pizzas. **Lamb Tavern, Leadenhall Market, Liverpool Street EC3** (*Youngs Winter Warmer, Young's bitter, Special*). **Swan, Ship Tavern Passage EC3** (*London Pride*) Struggling with hordes of commuters in scrum to get to the bar – bit of a shock to the system. We should count our blessings in East Kent where such conditions are virtually unknown

Sat 1 Dec – Frog & Orange (*Caledonian Flying Scotsman, Hobgoblin*) Extensive menu and food very edible. **Market, Sandwich** (*Late Red, Master Brew, Spooks*) Sat afternoon town centre pubs crowded as musical events playing in Square, In-side pubs volume tolerable from racket outside until someone opened the door!

Mon 3 Dec – Red Lion St. Margarets (*Ripple steam bitter, Doombar*). **Smugglers** (*Morland Orig, Robinson's Tom and Berry – “groan” Greene King IPA*) Enjoyed my pizza! **Coastguard** (*Arkwright's Biscuit Barrel, Cottage Healy Silverstone*) **Hope** (*Kent Best*)

Tues 4 Dec – Blue Pigeons (*London Pride*) 'Wife of Bath' pulled for my friend whereupon 'Wife of Worth' declared that it didn't look right and that it must be finished, sorry. Very quiet at lunchtime, pity as good quality food served. **Archer** (*Brakspear Bitter*) Useful afternoon stopping-off point on bus journey back from Sandwich. After 40 minutes slumber through the countryside, a pint here avoids the worst of the schoolkid swarms from Whitfield.

Tues 11 Dec –Deal Hoy (*Spitfire, Sheps Porter, Master Brew, Heritage Cider*) Mid-evening but somewhat more raucous than usual. Though this is of course December, when the 'once a year brigade' are always liable to be heard. **Ship** (*London Pride, Seaside – well-priced at only £2-60. – Gadds 7, Deuchars IPA, Dark Star Hophead*) Quiet winter evening, thankfully no sign of the OYB (once year brigades)! **Eight Bells** (*Cotleigh Red Nose + others*) OYB conspicuous by their absence here too

Thurs 27 Dec – Fox (*Sheffield Pride, Cotleigh Long Eared Owl, Cottage Steaming Santa*) Good ambience, pub comfortably full, though not packed. Palpable relief that it's nearly all over, no doubt!

Sat 29 Dec – Joined Ashford/Folkestone's Christmas meal. Any excuse to pull another cracker! **Foundry** (*Loco bitter, Gold, 2012*). Then washed down at **City Arms** (*Loco bitter, Gold*)

Sun 30 Dec – Shipwrights Arms Hollowshore (*Goacher's Mild, Shipwrecked*) Excellent place to call in on winter walk from Faversham

Stroller



CHANNEL VIEW

This newsletter has long argued that despite many fine words, our governments do very little to support the traditional British pub, and not much more to support traditional British ale, the previous Labour administration as equally deserving of the dock as the present Coalition. With the exception of the dying months of his premiership, when it seemed almost anything might be promised, Gordon Brown's reduction of duty for small brewers when Chancellor, stands out like a beacon of enlightenment – in fact, a measure so apparently contrary to the prevailing orthodoxy, that one cannot help but speculate that it was either a mistake, or slipped through subversively by a real ale mole concealed deep within the Treasury.

Flippancy apart, however, this is a serious matter. General respect for the Government is not high, and its ministers are regularly accused of being out of touch – a criticism with which, with respect to pubs and real ale, we heartily concur, and which we would extend to much government policy in this area over the last twenty or thirty years. However, among the various travesties perpetrated against the industry, the issue of tax, and in particular the Beer Duty Escalator, must rank in the forefront. In the January edition of CAMRA's newspaper *What's Brewing* **Roger Protz**, editor of the *Good Beer Guide* offers an analysis of the current situation and makes some interesting comparisons with our Continental neighbours.

"Passions run high over beer tax. I thought last month that the Belgian government might withdraw its ambassador from France when the French govern-

ment announced it was increasing the duty on beer by an eye-watering 160%. The Belgians produce a lot of beer and France, just down the road, is an important export market. The increase will lead to a big price increase for Belgian beers and the brewers are understandably furious.

Ello Di Rupo, the Belgian prime minister, met Francois Hollande, the president of France, to discuss the matter. But even though they both lead socialist parties, Di Rupo came away empty handed. Hollande is determined to balance the books and impose austerity measures on the French and once again beer is a soft target. It will not surprise you to learn that French wine has emerged unscathed from the duty increases: Hollande didn't fancy farmers yet again blocking motorways and setting fire to trucks.

A duty increase of 160% is truly monumental. Yet even when the rise comes into effect, beer duty in Britain will still be three times higher than it is in France. The most glaring disparity is between Britain and Germany. Germany, like us, is a major beer brewing country. It takes beer very seriously and the government doesn't tax the juice of the barley to the hilt. As a result, beer duty in Britain is a stunning 13 times higher than it is in Germany.

With the exception of Finland, Britain is now the most heavily taxed beer-producing country in the European Union. As there are just 6 million Finns, it means that Britain, with 62 million people, pays more duty than any other EU country. It's known as a tax on pleas-

ure. It must have been like this during Cromwell's republic, when theatres and other places dispensing fun for the people were either shut down or severely restricted.

David Cameron promised a "pub friendly" government back in 2010 but it proved to be an empty promise. Pubs continue to close at an alarming rate of around 18 a week, with publicans unable to compete with the massive discounts of the supermarkets.

CAMRA achieved its aim of getting more than 100,000 signatures on an e-petition to axe the beer duty escalator. As a result, there was a three hour debate in parliament in which such passionate supporters of beer as Andrew Griffiths and Greg Mulholland cogently argued the case for the escalator to come to a grinding halt. So far, to no avail. The government's response was lukewarm. Last month, in his Autumn statement, chancellor George Osborne appeased his backbenchers by abandoning an increase in fuel duty. But there was no mention of beer duty or any suggestion the duty escalator will come under scrutiny.

Astonishingly, breweries continue to open. Last year we celebrated the fact that there are now more than 1,000 breweries in Britain, the biggest number since the 1930s. It shows the dogged determination of beer lovers in this country who are prepared to put their life savings or redundancy money into small breweries and hope there are sufficient pubs left to sell their products. Last month I conducted a beer talk and tasting at the *Good Beer Guide*-listed Olde Rose and Crown in Walthamstow, East London. All the beers came from London breweries. A few years ago, there wouldn't have been many beers to taste, but now there are more than

two dozen producers in the capital.

I salute the army of small British breweries who are willing, against appalling odds, to fire their mash tuns and coppers and regale us with their amazing diversity of styles and the quality of their brews. And shame on the politicians of all parties for doing their best to kill this flowering of British beer."

Perhaps not just shame but to quote Hazel Blears, MP for Salford, "simply stupid". If this has been the usual response of government to British industry and business since World War II, can we be surprised that so much disappeared or was exported?. Most societies, if they have a successful industry so tied in with tradition, and undertaken with the kind of enthusiasm shown by the micro brewers, would congratulate themselves on their luck, and back that industry to the hilt – no need here for expensive inducements, persuasion or cajoling. What happens in the UK? The tax system is so arranged that the industry's only outlets, already under severe pressure, are pushed to edge – and quite possibly over it. Bonkers!

Of course the ordinary local pub does not probably feature large in the lives of Messrs Osborne and Cameron. It seems unlikely that after a hard day in the Palace of Westminster they might pop round the corner for a pint or two before returning home to Downing St. But then maybe, as we have speculated before, and perhaps only at subconscious level, government instinctively has no love of the public house, especially when talk turns to politics, which may not be favourable to it. Can we be certain that to a particular authoritarian mind set such traditional locals are not largely viewed as sources of subversion and rebellion?

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THE GOOD OLD DAYS

A nostalgic look at the pubs of Dover's Pier District

This following was written by Ernest F Stokes in about 1970 with comments in brackets by Jim Green. It describes Dover's old Pier District, the area between the roundabout at Union St (Western Docks entrance and swing bridge) and the former Lord Warden Hotel, now called Lord Warden House, at the turn of the (last) century (1900) when it was crammed with habitation and business, and not the conglomeration of roads, railway lines and windswept lorry park that most of it comprises today.

Now for the menfolk, they could have half-a-pint of beer without using the same public house twice, and get drunk on 3/0d (15p). We start at the Western Docks entrance with our 3/0d and have half-a-pint at each stop:-

Prince Imperial	Strond Street	SE	EE
Ship Inn		SE	EE
Royal Mail		SE	EE
Green Dragon		SE	EE
Swan		SE	EE
Hotel de Paris		SE	EE

(Strond Street, like so many other roads in the article, is now in the Western Docks area and starts at the Western Docks gate off the roundabout at the western end of Snargate Street.)



The Pavilion (centre left), Custom House Quay.

Then round the corner to Billie Mutton's where you could buy a packet of 'fags' for a penny (a twelfth of a modern 5p) or a pennyworth of 'Shag' tobacco. How he could sell it at that price is nobody's business. From there we will go and see Mr. Minoletti at the Pavilion at Custom House Quay (the landward side of Granville Basin). We will now cross the railway line to the Shakespeare in Clarence Street. To save going over the same ground twice we will call at the Fleur-de-Lys in Council House Street. Then back to the Rose and Crown in Clarence Street and the Cinque Ports also in Clarence Street *(actually, it's Clarence Place and the last pair of pubs are still there, knocked into one under the name of the Cinque Ports. Clarence Place is much truncated and did start over a level crossing from Strond Street. Council House Street left Clarence Place and went*



The Fleur De Lis, Council House Street

under where the Viaduct now is), then round the corner to:-

Silver Dragon*	Middle Row
Railway Bell	Beach Street
Sceptre	" "
Miners Arms	" "
Deal Cutter	" "
Pier	" "
Brussels	" "
Terminus	" "

**The Silver Lion (right)
Middle Row**



(Middle Row, like Council House Street and most of Clarence place, has long been demolished and is now largely lorry parking. Beach Street became the port entrance for the former train ferry lorries, and the Terminus, on the corner, subsequently becoming the Golden Arrow and then a transport café. *Also no record of a Silver Dragon, though there was a Silver Lion.)

Having consumed one gallon plus, we will call on Bert Marbrook, father of Bert Marbrook who today (1970) has the Pier Coffee Stall and who, incidentally, is 85 years of age. Marbrook Senior was the landlord of the Hope Inn in Council House Street, where we will also have a pennyworth of bread and cheese to soak it up, then to the:-

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Limekiln Street**



Endeavour	Bulwark Street
Archcliffe (the old one)	" "
Granville Arms	Limekiln Street
Two Brewers	" "
Exeter Arms	" "
Kent Arms	" "

(A small bit of Bulwark Street exists from where the current Elizabeth Street joins Channel View Road just before going under the Viaduct. The modern Limekiln Street was largely built on the site of the old one and is now the A20 between the two roundabouts before going up the hill towards Megger, or as it is still usually known, the Avo, Factory. The Archcliffe Fort that I remember was the new one, and was roughly where the second roundabout now is with the Granville Arms, which I can recall using before it was demolished, in the car park now opposite).

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William and Albert	Oxenden Street
Duke of Connaught	" "
Neptune	Hawkesbury Street
Albion	" "
Railway Inn	" "
Scotch House	Limekiln Street
Three Compasses	Finnis's Hill

**The Terminus & The Brussels
Beach Street**



(Hawkesbury Street then linked the end of Elizabeth Street to Limekiln Street, again roughly where the second roundabout now is, crossing Oxenden Street on the way. The road that the A20 follows going up the hill past Megger's was once known as Bulwark Hill before becoming Archcliffe Road. Finnis's Hill was levelled and the large petrol station in Limekiln Street was built there).

**The Hope Inn (right),
Council House Street**



Now, all these were open twenty-four hours, or near, as it was common to see who could drink a half-a-pint at each house. I do not remember anyone going the whole thirty-six, only twenty-eight, but that was only a practice run. One could get a pennyworth of gin, or two pennyworth of rum, or four pennyworth of brandy. Ale was 3d (just over 1p) a pint, beer 2d and porter was 1d. Wages being 15/- (75p) to 18/- (90p) per week I think you will find the percentage about equal, but from the number of public houses in such a small area you will understand where the poverty arose and why it was called the 'Poor Pier'.

Up to the first few years of this (the 20th) century, children could go to the pub to buy liquor, but then a law was passed to compel landlords to seal bottles, and jugs became unlawful, so landlords just stuck a piece of gummed paper over the cork tops which easily came off. Children were forbidden to go into the bars with their parents and restrictions were tightened considerably with the result that many houses provided gardens for children, as is evident at the Cricketers, Dublin Man

**A mid-20th century view of the Plough
at Hougham**



o' War, the Donkey (Temple Ewell) and many other houses which were then outside the borough.

Incidentally, the hours of closing were tightened up and one could only get a drink on Sunday outside three miles of the borough. As I lived in the Pier District, going through the town to the Plough (Hougham) was well over three miles, but over the hills much less. So on Sunday mornings Dad would say, "Come on, Son, we will go for a walk over the hills". When I asked Dad where we were going, he would say, "I must see my old friend Mr. Could at the Plough. Do you think that you could walk?" Could I? It meant ginger beer, a large biscuit and broken rock.

Good old days for some, but what of those whose fathers did not say, "Come on, Son"? It's nice to look back on those days, good for some, but much more could be written of 'The Poor Pier', but like everything else it gets old, and in the not too distant future nothing will be left. Oh, and by the way, we did not use all the 3/0d. Assuming only twenty-eight half pints were consumed, that still left 8d (3p), so what can we do with that without making gluttons of ourselves? Well, let's see a show at the Phoenix for 2d. I know I feel just about too full to walk, so on the tram for 1d. Well, what about a half pint at the Swan? For he's a jolly good fellow....!

Ernest F Stokes

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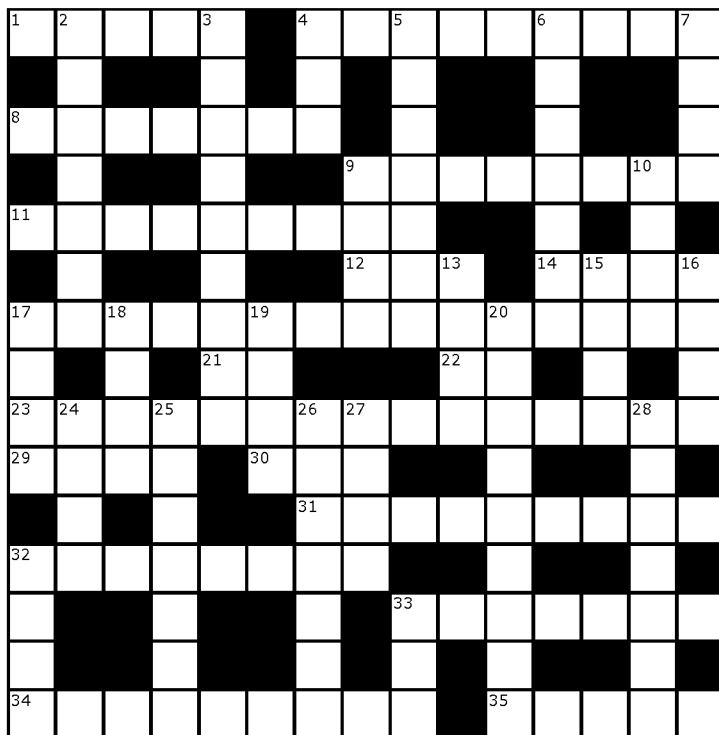
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Across

1. & 4. What a wonderful jazz singer! (5,9)
8. Brewery with bottle (7)
9. Tiny 20 oz measure (4,4)
11. Cocktail for Pico is sending me to sleep (9)
12. It shows when mug is smashed up (3)
14. Cambridgeshire river found to be unenergetic (4)
17. Schools sent men right around to lake dweller (4,4,7)
21. Disc from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (2)
22. Constant subject of biographical film (2)
23. Treacherous cocktail (5,2,3,5)
29. Won't get upset in urban area (4)
30. Draw digit loudly (3)
31. Angrily threw a gin on bedclothes (9)
32. Most like beer from Newcastle (8)
33. Bengali mistreated by European (7)
34. River vessel "Jardiniere" (6,3)
35. Ringers – 8 in Dover, for example (5)

Down

2. No Lire! No Rand! No shilling! Nothing! Give me a sherry! (7)

3. Italian monk in spiritual contact with ferry company (3,6)
4. It has to be real! (3)
5. Mother had nothing and detectives turned up a little bit (7)
6. It's amazing' what these fruit can do! (7)
7. Entrance negated Ned's disappearance (4)
10. Nothing missing from layer in this area (4)
13. Brood turns out poem (4)
15. Put in stake up a mountain (4)
16. Arrange rose for deity (4)
17. Survive the final (4)
18. Tear a nail (4)
19. Check when the tide will turn (4)
20. Evening bash at disco (9)
24. Black iron works (4)
25. Expertise to understand Indian greeting (4,3)
26. Bring to a standstill after French say no continuously (3-4)
27. Ladies' group taken in by tea-total idiot (4)
28. Agreement about backing legislation for coastal defence (3,4)
32. Polish admirer (4)
33. Yet only half the content of dairy spread (3)

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LocAle BUS CRAWL

A Tour of the Branch's LocALE Pubs

It must be something of a worrying sight on a Saturday, in a Sandwich pub, to find a number of CAMRA members sitting with a variety of non-alcoholic drinks in front of them. But they had a good excuse – it was only 11.00am and they hadn't yet had breakfast. Yes, this was the start of our first social outing of the year – a bus tour around some of our LocAle pubs.

LocAle was introduced by CAMRA in 2007 to promote pubs that serve good quality real ale from local breweries. The scheme, building on consumer demand for quality local produce, requires participating pubs to normally have at least one locally brewed real ale available. It increases pub footfall, and gives customers greater beer choice, while local breweries benefit from increased sales, which in turn feed back into the local economy. The environment benefits by a reduction in "beer miles". Our Branch joined the LocAle Scheme at the latter end of last year, and fifteen pubs have signed up to it so far: we thought it would be a great idea to begin 2013 with a bus trip to some of those pubs.



Inside the Market Inn, Sandwich

We started at the Market Inn, Sandwich, with a simple breakfast to prepare us for the day ahead. This is a pleasant Shepherd Neame pub located in the heart of the town where Rob & Jeanette have been serving up some great quality Sheps since they took over the pub at the beginning of last year. A chilly walk along the banks of the Stour took us to another of our Branch's top real ale pubs, the Crispin Inn, where we were met by a spectacular and mouth-watering array of beers including

Ramsgate's Left Coast Conspiracy, Wantsum's One Hop and St Peter's Organic Best Bitter. To cap it all we were invited to sit around the fire by Terry, the landlord, for a pleasant chat and to sup on some of his excellent ales.

After the Crispin, we headed onto the other LocAle pub in Sandwich: the George and Dragon in Fisher Street. Largely a restaurant, it still has a pleasant bar area serving a range of three real ales – that day Shep's Master Brew, Sharp's Doombar and Brain's Rev. James. This is where the wheels came off the wagon. Our plan was to catch a bus to Burgess Green and walk over to the Crown at Finglesham. However, works on the railway crossing in Sandwich disrupted the bus services and put us over 30 mins behind schedule, and so we decided to miss the Crown and head straight for Deal and the Berry in Walmer.

The Berry is a traditional alehouse located just off Walmer Green and is has won

numerous branch and regional awards over the past few years. Chris has recently increased the number of hand pumps in the pub, so you can now find up to ten real ales and three ciders – a veritable daily beer festival. The selection and quality of the beers didn't let us down and I just loved the Arkwright's Deep Dale Down as the type of beer you want on a cold winter's day.

We stayed on longer than planned at the Berry before catching a bus back into South Street for a brisk walk to the Deal Hoy, calling into a local bakery for sustenance. The Hoy is a comfortable pub with a large U-shaped bar, plenty of seating with sofas, and a very pleasant welcome. They had on the typical range of Shep's beers and the Master Brew was in particularly good condition.

At this point we were well behind schedule, due to our overstay at the Berry, so we split into two groups. One group headed to the Just Reproach, where Mark was opening especially early for us, while the rest of us popped in for a quick pint at The Ship in Middle Street, where we found the usual good range of beers including Deuchar's IPA, Seaside and a fine pint of Hophead. They also have a great heated stove which was nice to sit around and work off the winter chills.



Terry at the Crispin, Sandwich

Enjoying the Just Reproach, Deal



We met up with the rest of the party at the Just Reproach, located in the heart of Deal. If you have never been to a micropub then you have been missing out on a unique style of pub. No music, no fruit machines, no lager, no keg, no mobile phones, nothing except great beer and a great atmosphere. Three local ales were on offer: Hopdemon Skrimshander, Ripple Steam Black IPA, and Old Dairy Red Top, plus a delicious hot spiced cider which our group tucked into with enjoyment.

And that was the end of the day. We had planned on visiting the Crown at Finglesham and the Red Lion at St Margaret's but time and weather were against us. But we'll definitely include these pubs in events later on in the year. You can find out more about our LocAle pubs at www.facebook.com/CAMRADealDoverSandwich.

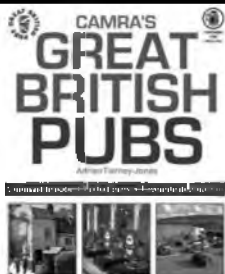
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GREAT BRITISH PUBS

CAMRA's compendium of the best of British pubs

In 2011 Camra published a fascinating compendium of great British pubs compiled by leading beer and pub writer Adrian Tierney-Jones. Over 200 pubs are featured, and *Channel Draught* readers might, or might not, be surprised that not a few of them have appeared between its covers over the years. Of particular note for us locally are that a half dozen of the selection can be found in East Kent, but more of that later. The book divides pubs into twenty or so groups – brewpubs, cider pubs, heritage pubs, community pubs, riverside pubs, etc., with up to a dozen or so of the best in the country in each.



Open the book at the first category, the Best Beer Ranges, and the very first pub is the Bhutpore Inn at Aston, Cheshire, well known to many a Beery Boater as an obligatory stop on the Llangollen Canal. Probe a bit further and we find the Old Green Tree and Star in Bath, the Fat Cat in Sheffield, Coopers Tavern in Burton,



The Vine, Brierly Hill

Great Western at Aynho, and in the West Midlands the Vine and the Olde Swan – known as the Bull and Bladder, Brierly Hill and Ma Pardoe's, Netherton. All are regular Beery Boater destinations, or have at least some time hosted a lunch-time or evening session. There is even a mention under the Brewpubs section, of the Coach and Horses at Weatheroak, Worcestershire, home to the Weatheroak Brewery, which three sturdy crew members walked several miles to, through wind and rain, one night when we were moored at Alvechurch.

As one might imagine the old and unchanged are well represented, and several of those recently visited by Roger Marples and his group during their annual autumn trips are featured – the Red Lion in Ampney St. Peter, The Rose & Crown at Huish Episcopi (Eli's), Black Horse, Clapton in Gordano, and the Monkey House, Defford. Other well known pubs and bars include the Sheffield Tap on Sheffield Station, the Olde Trip to Jerusalem in Nottingham, the Evening Star in Brighton and the Southampton Arms, Kentish Town.

However, it is perhaps East Kent's representation that will most interest readers. Six Kentish pubs are included and all can be found within twenty miles of our branch. Starting with the most distant, the Railway Hotel in Faversham makes the selection as a Railway Pub – not necessarily one featuring railway in the name, but in the words of the book, "either on the concourse of a station or close enough to

repair to if you've got a few minute's grace". For those who haven't visited it lately dividing screens have been reinstated (as might in due course, also be the snob screens) there is no TV, juke box or music played (which I don't think was the case last time I visited it), and a bar billiard table has been installed. No food is served, but there is a handy restaurant next door, and the beer is still resolutely Sheps.

Moving slightly closer home, brings us to the Rose and Crown, Perry Wood, a pub conveniently located for what was once an excellent ramble. Train to Selling, and a drink in the Sondes Arms or White Lion, on to the Rose and Crown (1½ miles), from there to the pub at Shottenden (now closed and whose name escapes me – 1 mile), and another 1½ miles to Chilham, the White Horse and the Woolpack, and a train back. The Rose and Crown is included by virtue of being a good family pub, and before that induces a mighty "yuk" in unison, suffice it to say that the author specifies that pubs in this section are first and foremost pubs that allow children in with their parents, not pubs designed around family requirements. A free house for many years, beers are Adnams Southwold and Harveys Sussex, plus guests. Darts, dominoes, crib and bat and trap can be played.



Pub games also feature strongly at the next local entry, the King's Head, Wincheap, Canterbury. Again bat and trap is played, as well as darts, bar billiards, cards, crib and chess. Renowned for its friendliness and warmth, up to four real ales are sold – regulars Harveys Sussex and Greene King IPA, plus guests which normally feature at least one from one of the newer Kent micros.

The fourth of our six is the famous Butcher's Arms at Herne. Included in the record breaking section as being possibly the smallest pub in the country, its entry hardly needs justification, having initiated the micro pub phenomenon which is now to be found nationwide. Set up by Martyn Hillier in 2005 out of his existing off licence business, at 14ft by 12ft it might well be the smallest, however he still manages to offer up to six real ales, from both local and more distant sources. The most notable probably being the fearsome JW Lees Harvest of which several barrels are usually conditioning in the cellar.

To Margate for our fifth pub, and the youngest, the Lifeboat, which dates from just 2010. Selected for its seaside location there are up to six real ales available, mainly Kentish, as well as ciders and perries from the county. Food also,



The Louis Armstrong, Dover



tends to be predominantly local – seafood, pies from Broadstairs, and Kent cheeses.

Lastly, but not least, to Deal, Dover, Sandwich and District Branch, and our very own Louis Armstrong. Dover's original live music pub, its inclusion appropriately appears as one of the country's eight best entertainment pubs. The book describes Bod and Jackie's enthusiasm for Jazz, the change of name, the wide selection of music which extends far beyond jazz, and the

availability of Kent ales, with particular and well deserved reference to the house bitter, Hopdaemon Skrimshander. Confusingly, however, the entry manages to describe Jackie as both Bod's widow and daughter, but then to paraphrase *Some Like It Hot*, nothing's perfect.

Martin Atkins

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NAME THAT PUB

The pubs featured in the Good Old Days (Page 35) had largely gone before most of us were born. Here are some that survived longer. Can you name them?

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4



5



6



7



8



How well did you do? Check your answers on Page 59



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THE WHITE ADMIRAL

Bevendean

In our Autumn issue we asked if anyone had information about the White Admiral PH in Bevendean, Brighton, its near neighbour, the Bevendean Hotel, being currently subject of proposals by a local residents' co-operative to convert the ground floor into a community facility comprising a pub, café, meeting place and kitchen. We expected our enquiry to finish there, it seeming unlikely that readers of Channel Draught would have much knowledge of the suburban pubs of Brighton.

Not so, from a number of sources we were very quickly informed, that the White Admiral has entered national popular culture, as being one of half a dozen pubs across the country, who at different times, have featured in *Only Fools and Horses* as Del Boy's local the *Nag's Head*. Apparently an acquaintance of David Jason lived locally. In the picture shown here, Del Boy is seen leaving the Nags Head, and was a shot from the 1992 Christmas special.

Unfortunately the White Admiral, unlike the Bevendean Hotel, was not saved by the local community, and having been closed for a number of years was finally demolished around 2005/6, to be replaced by 'designer flats' which attracted the comment that they were the sort that would win architectural prizes in Gdansk!



The forlorn 'White Admiral' seen shortly before it's demolition



Martin Atkins



SURFING THE SOAR

Part Two of a look back at the Beery Boaters April 1989 Trip

***W**e left our intrepid crews facing the prospect of imminent disaster as they prepared to "shoot" Barrow Bridge with the river Soar in flood, and under the vulture-like gaze of two aged waterways employees. Now read on...*

The crew of Warbler watched as Dave cracked the engine of Tern fully open, went out into the river and turned right, heading for the centre arch of the bridge. Tern shot under it perfectly. Then it was our turn. I opened the throttle to the stops and when I judged that we were far enough out, swung the tiller round to aim at the bridge. We almost didn't make it as Warbler hadn't quite straightened as the bow went under the centre of the arch, but we ducked as the stern missed the right-hand side of the bridge by less than a foot, and I heaved the rudder over to follow in the wake of Tern as we raced down-river. The vultures, meanwhile, thwarted of their prey, mounted their mopeds and made off.

About half a mile further on we came to Pillings Flood Lock. This seemed in order but in these conditions, of course, was worked as a normal lock instead of both sets of gates being open as usual. On the right-hand side, just above the lock, the torrent poured over a large unprotected weir so the boats had to be held in to the other, towpath, side while the lock was being made ready for use.

A put-putting heralded the approach of the Hell's Grannies down a track to the lock. Their attitude had changed completely from that of Mr Hyde to Dr. Jekyll. They admitted that we seemed to know what we were doing and became chatty and helpful. They were, they said, on flood control duty and were intending to padlock the flood gates at Zouch (they pronounced it 'Zotch') at midday. If we weren't too late there they would wait for us, otherwise we would have about a day's delay, until the waters subsided. If they weren't there when we arrived and the gates were still unlocked, would we tell one of their colleagues, who was there doing some work, that we had passed? Zouch was about 6 miles and a couple of locks away and it was now 10.30am, but we had the advantage of the strong current on the river sections. It meant, however, that we would have to forego our planned lunchtime session in Loughborough.

All went well to start with through the canal section in Loughborough, but at the sharp bend by the Albion pub Tern's prop picked up a large quantity of rubbish as Dave put Mike G and Jeff ashore to get provisions and catch us up at Kegworth. Warbler carried on so that we could try to prevent the closure of the flood locks if the Waterways lads were on time, but then we were held up in turn by a wide beam trip boat for the disabled coming up Loughborough Town Lock backwards, as the flood warning lights were red at Bishop Meadow Lock and there had been nowhere to turn. We helped work the lock to get the boat up, but it had cost us another valuable 10 minutes. As we left the lock, Tern came up to the top gates.

The flood warning lights at Bishop Meadow Lock *were* indeed red. 'Do not proceed downstream when the lights show, as these indicate the closure of Zouch gates' the guide said, but we knew better (or hoped we did). At 12.10 Warbler passed through Zouch flood gates and we reported to the BW man as requested. Tern arrived as we descended, and we called to them that we would meet at the White House pub (now the Otter) just before Kegworth.

At the bottom of the lock the river swings right and was still flowing strongly. Ray, on the tiller got shouted at for going to fast, and replied that if he wanted to go any slower he would have to put the throttle in reverse. The White House only had limited moorings for customers which were mostly taken up by a large fibre-glass cruiser slap-bang in the middle. All other moorings that side were private and there's no bridge from the towpath side opposite. So there was nowt for it but to carry on for another mile to Kegworth, where we stopped just below Kegworth Shallow Lock, the best mooring place according to a BW worker at Kegworth Deep Lock a few hundred yards earlier.

Tern had now caught us up and Dave was concerned about his provisioning party which he had left at Loughborough. He thought that they had said that they would get a taxi to the White House and meet us there. We went to the conveniently-situated Anchor for a



Pete Simpson, Ray Crane, Phil Simpson & Mike Lock on 'Warbler'



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pint to start with, and I telephoned for a taxi to take me to the White House to see if I could locate Mike and Jeff. They weren't there but the brief visit convinced me that that pub would have been a bit too up-market for us crowd of roughs to enjoy ourselves. On the way back the taxi driver said that his company had just received a call from the Rose & Crown at Zouch to take two people to Kegworth, so I reckoned that I had located our truants. However, they weren't with the others at the Anchor so after another pint we walked into the town to find the Cap & Stocking where Bass was brought from the cellar to the bar in a jug. Mike and Jeff were already in residence.

Back on the boats again with just two more locks, Ratcliffe and Redhill to go down to Soar Mouth and the wide waters of the River Trent, we had passed the halfway mark, the point of no return.

We entered the Trent and turned left. Tern was ahead of us, and we came across her describing circles in the wide river, before she bore down on us, obviously bent on attack. This was avoided and we spent a pleasant interlude on manoeuvres, exchanging buckets of water when we were in range of each other. Finally we broke off the action and headed in line astern for Sawley Locks, big paired locks, one of which was hydraulic, and then under the control of a lock keeper. So it was boats roped to the lockside bollards while he pressed the buttons.

We were now off the river and in the Sawley Cut for another half mile until just before passing under the M1 Motorway we rejoined the river with a big weir tumbling away to our right. It was guarded by a barrier of floats, but still unwise to approach too closely in the conditions. Another couple of hundred yards and the un-navigable river Derwent joined from the right, as the Trent bore away to the left, to leave us with



Outside the Malt Shovel, Shardlow

Trent & Mersey Canal, and its first lock, Derwent Mouth right ahead. There were red traffic lights on the lock, but they were in operation to prevent boats going down onto the River Trent. For us it was now uphill all the way back to Rugby. Another mile and we tied up outside the Malt Shovel in Shardlow.

The Malt Shovel was the former Malt House of Zacharia Smith's brewery, which used to occupy the land across the canal which is now a housing estate. We intended to stay moored up there for the night and so we mainly used the Malt Shovel, now a Marston's house, and the nearby New Inn, then Ansell's. Some of our party walked up the towpath to the historic Corn Mill, dating back to the time of James Brindley, which had been converted to a pub and restaurant by the Hoskins Brewery and was then named the Canal Tavern. It is still a pub, even though the Hoskins Brewery is no more, and is now known as the Clock Warehouse.

Wednesday 26th April. There had been a sharp overnight frost which had frozen the mooring ropes solid and made them difficult to untie. At Weston Lock we decided to replenish our fresh water tanks. However, unusually the tap was by the side of

the lock, and was very slow, so while Tern filled up, Warbler went on to Swarkestone, where one canal guide had indicated another water point. Except there wasn't, so we had to carry on to Willington where there is certainly a water point at the British Waterways sanitary station. Between bridges 10 and 11 we saw our only kingfisher of the trip, although there were plenty of herons everywhere. At Willington Ray took charge of the watering while the rest of us took the opportunity to visit the Rising Sun (Marston) and the Green Dragon (Ansell's). Also in the village is the Green Man (Bass). Tern passed us shortly after we moored and we arranged to tie up for lunchtime beer at Horninglow Basin, Burton-on-Trent.

When we arrived Tern's crew had long departed in search of sustenance, which they found at the Cooper's Arms, a Bass pub near the Bass Museum Brewery, while the complement of Warbler, having less time to spare, drank more Bass at the Crescent Hotel in Horninglow Road. Although closing time was advertised as being 2.30pm, when we left at 3 o'clock it showed no signs of ceasing to supply beer. Back at Horninglow Basin, Tern had departed.

The afternoon's run took us to Fradley Junction – incident free

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with only eleven locks and the weir below Alrewas to break the monotony. There was quite a flow of water, and the busy A38 road which closely follows the canal from Burton to Alrewas did little to enhance the tranquillity. The last three locks before Fradley are close enough for lock-wheeling (i.e. setting up the locks ahead of the boat), and it was whilst so engaged that I caught up with Tern's crew just about to enter the Swan. I had time for a pint of Ind Coope Burton while waiting for Warbler, although for the remainder of the ensuing session I thought it wiser to downsize to Ansell's bitter.

Wednesday 27th April. Another overnight frost and another struggle to get the mooring ropes off in the morning. We were now to continue on the Coventry Canal which joins the Trent and Mersey at Fradley, and I went across to operate the swing footbridge at its entrance. Tern went on ahead, and was out of sight by the time that Warbler set off again. After a while we came upon a hire boat drifting across the canal with only its bow rope attached to a mooring stake. Subsequent interrogation of Tern's crew only extracted the excuse that they had 'gone past this boat very slowly so they can't have hammered their spike in firmly enough'. As we approached, the crew of the hire boat realised their predicament. A pyjama-clad figure clambered out and started the engine. Another leaped ashore to grab the bow rope as the other mooring pin pulled out when the steerer engaged forward gear – and very nearly got pulled into the canal. A small semi-naked child jumped onto the bank, possibly thinking that the boat was about to sink. His mother pursued him, hastily covering her flimsy night-wear with a dressing gown and shouting to her offspring to 'get back on that *x##/~ boat!' Another day of the holiday had begun. We just obeyed the injunction on our back door. 'Smile and wave at everyone. Make their holiday a happy one.'

The eleven mile lock-free journey to Fazeley Junction was peaceful although the occasional brief shower kept the steerer in waterproofs, and we were particularly impressed by the carpet of bluebells in Hopwas Hays Wood, part of the Whittington army firing range and therefore inaccessible to the general public. We caught up with Tern at the two Glascote Locks just after Fazeley, and then moored for lunch a couple of miles further on in Polesworth. For most of the time we drank Bass and M&B in the Royal Oak just over the canal



bridge, with a few forays made to obtain money, go shopping, sound out other pubs, etc. The pub showed no signs of closing and there was some reluctance to leave, so for a change Warbler set off first, leaving Tern to follow. There were only 5 miles and 11 locks to go before our designated night's stop at Atherstone, during which Dave Green came past us riding a bicycle which he had borrowed from a couple of local lads in exchange for a lift on Tern. The Maid of the Mill, a Davenport's pub not far from Bridge 41 was the first stop for most, followed by fish & chips opposite and then some Banks's beer at the Old Swan. From the way that I felt the following morning, a lot of ale must have gone down my throat that day.

Friday 28th April. The last full day of the trip. There were no more locks from now on, except the shallow stop lock at Hawkesbury Junction, so when Ray got up at 6am to steer, the rest of us took our time in rising. When we did, the cook confessed that he had forgotten to buy lard the previous day so just before 9am Warbler moored at Nuneaton while I went off to purchase some. I found a convenient corner shop, where a trio of housewives castigated the shopkeeper when he arrived 10 minutes late. Still, it was only 5 miles to Hawkesbury Junction, so we could afford to take our time. This proved to be the most polluted stretch of water on our complete journey, even worse than the Birmingham canals, and rather than mucking about in boats was more like boating about in muck. There were overgrown spoil tips and silted up canal branches which served redundant collieries. By contrast the many canal-side allotments, unlike the canal itself, mostly seemed well looked after.

Hawkesbury Junction, otherwise known as Sutton's Stop, is marked by a 180 degree link with the Oxford Canal which starts here, while the Coventry Canal itself continues for another 5½ miles to Coventry Basin near the city centre. Several former working boats were moored hereabouts as there was to be, or had been recently, a rally of such craft. To find space to moor we had to negotiate the junction and tie up on the other side of the stop



lock. We then walked down Blackhorse Road to the Boat, a pub that used to double up as the local sweet shop. Confectionery was no longer sold, but it had been nicely restored as an Ansell's 'Heritage' pub. Following a couple of pints apiece, we went to the Greyhound, right on the junction and a favourite watering hole for boatman of old, for M&B and Bass. Both pubs seemed to do a good lunchtime trade from various local factories.

Back afloat, it was obvious that the afternoon was going to be interesting when Warbler received a flour bomb from Tern as the latter passed by to take its customary lead. As this remained intact on landing, it was lobbed back with more success and burst on the back of the head of the steerer, Jeff, who was heard to remark that he expected something like that ever since he had caught Jim with a snowball on Tuesday. Next, an attempted ambush by Tern's Paul, observed lurking behind a bridge parapet with a plastic bag full of water, was foiled by Warbler's commando detachment who were put ashore and doused the would-be attacker with a bucket of water. Finally, Warbler's steerer managed to nudge Tern's stern over, to put her onto the mud and retake the lead.

The last stop of the trip was at Newbold-on-Avon, just a mile from Willow Wren's base at Rugby Wharf, where the Barley Mow and the Boat, respectively M&B and Davenport's stand next to each other. We had arranged to meet our friends from Rugby CAMRA at the Boat and, sure enough, after we had just enough time to eat they turned up with assorted vehicles and gave us a tour of some of the local vil-

lage pubs. On our return we indulged in a game of Northamptonshire skittles. I must forgo my accustomed modesty and report the complete and utter victory in the knock-out match by the then current Chairman of the DDS&D Branch of CAMRA/Hon. Commodore (Unelected)/Uncle Rubbish/Author of this Masterpiece. As this is the regular game of the Rugby Branch lads I felt suitably chuffed, particularly as there was a 'pot' of money to pocket.

Saturday 29th April. With only a mile left, Warbler's crew got up at 7am and cleaned up the boat. There was plenty of bacon left for sandwiches. Tern came by at about 8 and we followed half an hour later in a light rain. On arrival at Willow Wren we offloaded our gear and posed for the usual plethora of photographs. Tern's skipper had told the fitter that the engine filler cap, which we had replaced with a lump of wood on Sunday, had just blown off the previous day so it wasn't worth bothering him about it. This porkie was greeted with a sceptical sniff. As usual on the canals the boatyard seemed to know exactly where we had been and what we had been up to; the good old towpath telegraph at its best. "You've done well this week", the manager said to me.

We booked another pair of boats of the same type for the 28th April 1990, the Beery Boater's 10th Annual Canal Trip. As I'm composing this we're two weeks away from our 30th!

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Real Ale v Keg Last summer, on one of the year's few warm days, two youthful drinkers walked into a Dover pub, and after a cursory glance along the bar, said to the barman: "No John Smith's then?" Having received a reply in the negative they then asked him: "What do they drink in here then?" The barman indicated Skrimshander, "That goes down well" he said. Not without hesitation and definitely with suspicion they bought a couple of pints and retired to the bench outside. Ten minutes later one came back in and bought two more pints, and so matters continued for several more pints.

Citrus Beer The 2012 Beery Boaters End of the Year Trip was a welcome return to the West Midlands, home to many a fine pub and many a debris filled canal, although in point of fact this time the boat's propeller remained remarkably free of baggus plasticus and the rest. A lot of regular venues were visited and good beer enjoyed, but whereas the established brewers – Banks, Holdens and Bathams – provided their usual reliable brews many of the newer micros, whether local or not, seemed to have devoted their efforts to impregnating their ale with lemon, lime, orange or any other number of citrus flavours. Whether this was the locals' taste or just what the pub was being supplied with we could not establish, but more than one of us found it a choice we could have done without. Presumably such flavours derive from the use of lager malts and aromatic hops, and while such beers comply with traditional brewing methods they reflect little of traditional tastes. Obviously there is a market but it seems very different from that which CAMRA was set up to promote.

Truman Revived The imminent return of East End brewed Truman to our pubs raises speculation about what names might be attached to its various brews. Local themes or characters real or fictional could be a prime choice – Dirty Den or Del Boy would seem obvious, or going further back Alf Garnet, or perhaps even "Scouse Git", although sensitivity for livers would probably make Till Death a non-starter. For the same reason Ripper Ale might not be appropriate, although as we've reached the 19th century perhaps Dickens could offer us some suggestions – maybe Pickwick's cockney manservant Sam Weller, or, from the wrong side of the law, Fagin or Dodger. The criminal fraternity, is of course a rich seam, but any consideration of Reggie's Porter or Ronnie's Stout should bear in mind that the notorious



twins already feature on Eddie Gadd's Dark Conspiracy pump clip. Then again, perhaps recognition should be given to those citizens of the capital who never seem to be off our screens – e.g. Dennis Waterman. Terry and Arthur might be more lager and Vodka, but the Sweeney, from what I recall, were definitely bitter men given the choice, or maybe chance, of finding anything handpumped in London in the mid 1970s. Maybe though we should stick with that name that lies at the nation's heart, Windsor – Liz, Phil, Barbara, et al.

Shock Horror Nearly one child in three lives with parents who binge-drink according to research carried out by the Office of the Children's Commission, and published last autumn. And what exactly does this dreadful level of alcohol consumption and drunkenness entail? According to the government's assessment, drinking eight units or more of alcohol per session for men, and six for women, or in normal parlance drinking respectively four or more pints or three double vodkas on an evening out. Apparently, such over indulgence places you firmly among the ranks of the irresponsible, and not, as a large part of perfectly respectable society would view it, just someone enjoying a good night out.

A Different World The fact that Britain now has over 1,000 breweries, the most since before World War II, has been widely publicised. Most of these, well over 90% will be micros, but many of us will have grown up in an era when much of the country's beer was still brewed by traditional family firms, or, if no longer independent, at least in the same breweries that had existed for generations. Kent has now just one, Shepherd Neame, but fifty or sixty years ago there were a dozen or so at least. Often prominently sited in the county's towns they were a well established part of our culture and heritage. Even where brewing had ceased, as with Dover's Phoenix Brewery the premises often remained, to be used in this instance, as a depot and warehouse for Fremains' barrels and crates. As this newsletter has often lamented the mid 20th century was not kind to such "aged" establishments, believing that the future lay with the atomic age we had just entered, complete with space travel, robots and towns and cities reduced to motorways and tower blocks. It was a vision grabbed with both hands by property developers, big corporations and unfortunately many in government, at both national and local level. As brewing became ever more concentrated into the hands of a few giant national concerns, many an old brewery was torn down to make way for this brave new world. Now celebrating, or perhaps more appropriately commemorating, what we have lost,

comes a new book by Chris Arnot, *Britain's Lost Breweries and Beers*, published by Aurum Press at £25. It details the last days, closure and subsequent fate of some 30 of Britain's breweries including the reminiscences of staff and photographs from their heydays. The number could be doubled, trebled or quadrupled with little trouble, a testament, despite our alleged current interest in heritage, of our casual disregard for the culture we inherit.

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And Finally.....Beer has medicinal properties, but for the wrong age-group.

The dark cold days of winter can sadly leave some people very vulnerable to serious illness. However, help is apparently at hand with the good news that beer can actually fight off a virus that causes pneumonia. Following studies carried out at Sapporo Medical University, Japan's Sapporo Breweries have announced that the chemical compound humulone, found in the key beer ingredient of hops, not only gives beer its bitter taste but it also protects against the respiratory syncytial virus. The bad news is that this particular strain of virus has the greatest effect on those not yet of drinking age and can "cause serious pneumonia and breathing difficulties for infants and toddlers." To gain the virus-fighting benefits offered by beer we would have to start encouraging our children to drink about 30 pints, something that is highly unlikely to receive approval by the medical profession, let alone the lawmakers. However, scientists say they hope to use the discovery to produce non-alcoholic products that are suitable for children.

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