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There's good news from Concrete

Cow brewery here in Milton Keynes, the only brewery in our branch area. Owner/brewer Dan Bonner reports that his customer base is expanding all the time and that Concrete Cow beers may well be found further afield throughout this year, both at beer festivals, and as guest beers within some larger independent brewery estates.



Dan Bonner

Dan's latest beer 'Pail Ale' (3.7% ABV) is proving very popular. Its straw coloured, hoppy, crisp and refreshing lager style seems to be the 'flavour of the month' at the moment, and by popular request he hopes to brew 'Black Monk' mild again this year in time for May is Mild Month. The brewery is also looking into producing homebrew beer kits so people can enjoy their favourite Concrete Cow beer with the added satisfaction of having brewed it themselves.

So, all in all, things are looking good for our local brewer, and Dan appreciates the loyal support for the brewery from all his customers near and far, and will continue to provide quality, flavoursome beer for everyone who enjoys it. 'It makes,' he says, 'getting up at 5.30 in the morning all worthwhile!'

Pub News

Note to Licensees. If you have news from your pub that you'd like to go in the next Pub News, please send details to the editor by May 20th. Tell us what you've got planned for June through to mid September, and report on events that happened earlier. Remember – if you don't tell us about it, we can't print it.

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News North

Carrington Arms, Castlethorpe - We've heard that Greene King brewery no longer has an interest in it, so if original plans are still correct, a local developer will turn it into a smaller (possibly free house) pub and cottages - slow progress has been made however.

News East

Bell & Bear, Emberton - has new landlords with three changing beers. When our spy looked in, these were GK IPA, Youngs Bitter and Hop Back Elf & Hoppiness.

Cannon, Newport Pagnell - It's all going with a bang at the Cannon over the coming months with a varied program of events.

On March 19 and April 2nd there will be heats of Newport Pagnell's Battle of the Bands in the function room at 8pm, free admission. This is a contest between local bands. If you want to do more than just listen to music, then the Cannon invites you to its Open Mike night at 8pm every Thursday, also in the function room. Come and sing to an audience.

On the first Sunday of every month it is Time of the Month night when three stand-up comedians will - er, well - stand up in the function room to entertain you. Laughs start at 7pm, finish at around 9pm, and admission is free. And on Whit bank holiday from May 27 to 30 the Cannon is hosting a beer festival. Details aren't finalised as we go to press but there will be live music, comedy club, food, and a good choice of ales.

As if all this was not enough, there is live folk in the bar on the first Wednesday of every month, a quiz every Tuesday

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Pub News

night, and a meat raffle every Saturday at 4pm. Whether or not you win any meat, keep your ticket, because the same tickets are drawn again at 2pm the following Sunday for a prize of 2 bottles of wine and one of champagne.

Red House, Newport Pagnell - has new landlords with two cask ales from micros, e.g. Concrete Cow Ironbridge and Tring Jack O'Legs.

Robin Hood, Clifton Reynes - Looking ahead to July, the Hood presents 'Rats in the Kitchen' the World's No1 UB40 Tribute Show on Saturday July 10th. Gates open at 6.30, there will be two bars and a barbecue, and tickets, costing £10 each, are on sale from the pub in advance. There is also a chance to win free tickets - phone 01234 711574 or visit www.therobinhoodpub.co.uk.

Swan, Sherington - This Swan hasn't sung its Last! When Charles Wells closed the Swan in Sherington in February of last year, many thought that the pub had served its last pint. And indeed it stood closed for some months until in July 2009 Nik Patel stepped in. Together with his father,



uncle, and cousin who already owned a range of businesses in Bletchley, including the Royal Oak (formerly Royal Naval) Club, Nik bought the pub, and spent till December renovating it in time to reopen just before Christmas,

The result is a smart and tasteful tavern with public and lounge bars. Currently Nik is selling two ales - Courage Best and a rotating selection from Concrete Cow. Nik is committed to real ale and we wish him every success.

White Hart, Sherington - will hold its annual Beer and Sausage festival from 30th April-3rd May; open from 5pm on the 30th, and 12 noon all other days.

News West



New Inn, Padbury - Beer Moos congratulates licensees Terry Marsden and Nicki Huddy on winning Best Community and Family Pub of the Year award from Aylesbury Vale District Council. A well-merited award to this attractively modernised historic pub where the food and ale are always outstanding.

Phoenix, Steeple Claydon - Punch Taverns pub lease for sale with possible refurbishment planned.

Woolpack, Buckingham - will be participating in National Cask Ale Week and will host its usual beer

festival over the Whitsun Bank Holiday from May 28-31. The pub has live music in the last Saturday of each month - check the website to find out what band is playing. This pub is now Cask Marque accredited.

News South

Grand Union, Three Locks - has obtained Cask Marque accreditation. They have lowered the cellar temperature, which has greatly enhanced the beer quality. GK IPA, Abbot and Ruddles were on when our spy called, and the manager hopes to get a bigger range now he has Cask Marque.

Old Crown, Little Horwood - planning application to erect a double garage to turn the pub into residential use.

Plough, Water Eaton - Punch Taverns pub now reopened offering live music, but no news yet about the beer.

Red Lion, Fenny Stratford - is having a rolling mini-festival over Easter (April 2-5) to mark Cask Ale Week. The beers will be put on one at a time and changed when each one finishes.

News Central

Galleon, Old Wolverton - has reopened. Reports please!

Cross Keys, Woolstone - is planning a beer festival in late April or early May. We've no further details as we go to press, so check with pub on 01908 679404.

New Inn, New Bradwell - as we go to press has temporary managers.

Peartree Bridge Inn, Peartree Bridge - M&B-owned carvery now selling real ale with Cask Marque accreditation, offering GK IPA, Shepherd Neame Spitfire and Wells Bombardier. Carvery is exceptional value at £3.59 Monday to Saturday.

Wetherspoons, Midsummer Bvd - Our local 'Spoons' has come 45th for real-ale sales in the J D Wetherspoon estate. If you think coming 45th is nothing special, remember that there are 758 pubs in the chain, which puts ours in the top 6 per-cent.

In honour of the Midsummer Boulevard branch's achievement, Wetherspoon's 'World's Largest International Real Ale Festival', which encompasses the company's entire estate, will be launched from there on Wednesday April 7th. Across the UK only ten pubs in the JDW estate have been chosen for this honour, and none of them are near our branch area.

At around 12 noon, and in the presence of local dignitaries and media, a ribbon will be cut to declare the festival open. There will be ales from USA (including Hawaii,) Belgium, and South Africa, plus 44 UK-brewed ales, which will be available on stillage as well as at the bar. CAMRA will have a stand, and there should be souvenirs, tee-shirts, and all the usual razzmatazz of a festival opening. Not to be missed, the festival runs till April 25.

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Indeed it did! Unexplained happenings began round the brewery, and the spirit developed a mischievous presence. Yorkshire Terrier Bitter continues the story, and its lively character reflects all that is good in man's best friend.

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MARCH

☞ **Thursday March 11.** Branch Social, Shoulder of Mutton, Calverton 8 pm.

Fri-Sat March 12-13. Winslow Lions Beer Festival, Winslow Public Hall, Elm Fields Gate, Winslow. Details www.winslowlions.org.uk

Thu-Sun March 18-21. Coach trip to Ghent and Ypres, Depart Campbell Park Coachway 8.20 am on Thursday Return approx 20.30 on Sunday. Further details from treasurer@mkcamra.org.uk

Saturday March 20. An Evening with Roger Protz, editor of Good Beer Guide, at the Cock, Stony Stratford 6.30pm onwards (see Other News on p11). For details phone 01908 567733.

☞ **Monday March 29.** Branch Meeting, Fox and Hounds, Stony Stratford 8.30pm.

☞ **Monday March 29.** marks the start of National Cask Ale Week 2010- visit <http://www.caskaleweek.co.uk> for regular updates.

APRIL

Please note - because of the Members' Weekend, there will be no branch social in April.

Wed April 7. Launch of 'World's Largest International Real Ale Festival' at Wetherspoons, Midsummer Bvd, 12 noon.

Wed April 7 - Sun April 25. 'World's Largest International Real Ale Festival' at all Wetherspoon branches.

☞ **Friday - Sunday April 16 -18.** CAMRA Members' Weekend and AGM, Villa Marina, Douglas, Isle of Man All CAMRA members are welcome to attend, but early booking of transport and accommodation is strongly advised. Details on www.camra.org.uk

☞ **Tuesday April 27.** Branch Meeting and Pub of the Year 2010 Presentation, Red Lion, Fenny Stratford, 8.30 pm.

MAY

Saturday May 8. National Mild Day. Get a cask mild in all you publicans!

☞ **Thursday May 13.** Branch Social, Robin Hood, Clifton Reynes 8 pm.

Sunday May 16. Tipplefair, Buckingham Community Centre, 9am-2.30pm. Real Ale Bar from 11am. Details at www.tipples.net

☞ **Monday May 24.** Branch Meeting, Wheatsheaf, Maids Moreton 8.30pm.

May 27-30. Bank Holiday Beer Festival at the Cannon, Newport Pagnell.

May 28-31. Bank Holiday Beer Festival at the Woolpack, Buckingham

JUNE 2010

☞ **Thursday June 17.** Branch Social, Greyhound, Haversham 8 pm.

LOOKING AHEAD

☞ **Tuesday - Saturday August 3-7.** Great British Beer Festival at Earls Court, London.

☞ **Friday - Saturday October 28-30.** Concrete Pint Beer Festival at the Pitz, Woughton Campus, Leadenhall (same venue as last year).

Further details from festival@mkcamra.org.uk

POTS and POTY

Milton Keynes and North Bucks CAMRA branch has nominated the **Plough at Simpson** as our Winter Pub of the Season, and the **Red Lion at Fenny Lock** as our Pub of the Year for 2010. Many congratulations to Glynis and Guy at the Red Lion for winning this well-deserved accolade. We'll be presenting them with their certificate when we meet there on April 27 (see Diary.)



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Real Ale Redway Ride 2010

Twenty-five CAMRA members and their friends took to their bikes on Saturday, 27th February for a pub crawl along the Redways to mark Local Pubs Week.

The crawl started at last year's Pub of the Year – the Victoria Inn at Bradwell Village, where we fuelled up with an energy-boosting breakfast of sausage and bacon sarnies, fortified of course by a little ale! The riders then set off on a southward loop to enjoy the beers at five more hostelries before finishing at the Secklow Hundred in Midsummer Boulevard. Visited on the way were J D Wetherspoon's on Midsummer Blvd, the Old Swan at Woughton-on-the Green, Plough at Simpson (our Winter Pub of the Season,) Red Lion at Fenny Lock (our Pub of the Year 2010), and the Barge in Woolstone.

The object of the trip was to raise the profile of local pubs, and have a great day out in the process. Both objectives were magnificently achieved, in this, the crawl's fifth year, and with one diversion (see below,) we took the same popular route as last

year. The weather was more varied than on past crawls, with sunshine and strong showers – and even a flooded Redway. Here a few intrepid souls swept on through two feet of chilled and muddy floodwater, but the rest of us played softie and chose a detour! Still, a great time was had by everyone who took part. Our thanks to all who came along, and special thanks to Alan Sanders for once again organising the event.

Details of the route can be found on our website www.mkcamra.org.uk



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MOOSINGS FROM THE CHAIR

LocAle

You may have come across pubs in our area with pump clips sporting the slogan "CAMRA LocAle - this real ale is locally brewed". What's it about then?

We've been running our LocAle campaign for about eighteen months now. The idea is to promote local breweries by letting drinkers know when the beers they see come from one of them. When we first came across the scheme I was a bit sceptical - was it going to be another idea from CAMRA HQ which causes work for the branch but has little value? I'm glad to say that my concerns were unfounded. For one thing it was a branch, Nottingham, that came up with the idea, so it comes from the grass roots. The idea has caught on and there are schemes all over the country now. And the feedback here has been very positive, with many licensees approaching us to join the scheme.

I'm often asked which breweries qualify for our LocAle scheme, so here they are, in order of increasing distance from our branch:

Concrete Cow, Milton Keynes
White Park, Cranfield
Hoggleys, Litchborough
Wells and Youngs, Bedford
Frog Island, Northampton
Silverstone, Syresham
Cherwell Valley, Brackley
Oxfordshire, Marsh Gibbon
Banks & Taylor, Shefford
Chiltern, Wendover
Nobbys, Kettering
Pot Belly, Kettering
Potton, Potton
Tring, Tring
Great Oakley, Corby
Vale, Haddenham

Remember to give them a try if you spot them, and support our local brewers and our local economy! And if you're a licensee and permanently sell an ale from one of these breweries, then get in touch and we'll provide branding materials: pump clip crowns, window sticker and poster.

Cheers

Phil Swinbank

CAMRA and Other News

CAMRA Launches New National Real Ale Pub Discount Scheme

CAMRA has launched a national scheme whereby CAMRA members will be able to buy real ale for a reduced price at participating pubs. Licensees will get free 'empty belly' posters on which to write the discounts they offer CAMRA members. The level of discount is completely at the pub's discretion, and it's hoped that the scheme will send business to traditional pubs. However, participation in it won't have any bearing on a pub's inclusion in CAMRA guides. For more information visit www.camra.org.uk/discountscheme or phone 01727 867201.

CAMRA Champion Winter Beers of Britain 2010

1872 Porter from the Elland Brewery, West Yorkshire, has been crowned Supreme Champion Winter Beer of Britain 2010. The Silver Award went to Breconshire's Ramblers Ruin, whilst the Bronze medal was won by Acorn's Gorlovka Imperial Stout. Elland's 1872 Porter will now go forward to the Champion Beer of Britain competition at the Great British Beer Festival at Earls Court next August.

CAMRA Appoints New National Chairman

CAMRA marked February 16th as Valentine's Day when it appointed a new national chairman to lead its 110,000 members. Colin Valentine, formerly national vice-chairman, and branch chairman for Edinburgh and South East Scotland, has taken over the role from Paula Waters, who remains on CAMRA's National Executive.

Yorkshire Pub Judged 'Best Pub in Britain' - Twice!

CAMRA has chosen the Kelham Island Tavern in Sheffield as its National Pub of the Year for the second year running. The Kelham Island Tavern picked up the same award in 2008, making it the first pub

in CAMRA's history to win its most coveted accolade in consecutive years. Only two other pubs - the Fat Cat, Norwich and the Swan at Little Totham, Essex - have ever won the award twice.

...And Some You Win

Drinkers should benefit from the Government's decision to abolish the Land Agreements Exclusion Order of 2004 which excluded the beer-tie from a part of UK competition laws. CAMRA has been campaigning for its revocation, and now that it's gone, pub operating companies will need to prove that their beer tie agreements comply with competition law, or face heavy penalties. Scrapping this Order should also mean an end to restrictive covenants being used to prevent closed pubs reopening.

OFT Re-opens Inquiry into UK Pubs Market

The Office of Fair Trading, which rejected CAMRA's super-complaint last October, has now agreed to consider further evidence of anti-competitive behaviour by the large pub owning companies, and will conduct an open public consultation before reaching a final decision.

CAMRA argued that anti-competitive practices are inflating pub beer prices by around 50 pence a pint, restricting consumer choice, and leading to chronic underinvestment in the nation's pubs.

CAMRA Calls for Fair Deal for Beer in Pre-Budget Report

CAMRA has written to the Chancellor asking him to end the special treatment of spirits in order to fund a reduction in beer duty in general, with a zero rate of duty for beers of 2.8% ABV and below, and to help compensate for the coming increase in VAT. Excise duty on beer, wine and cider was increased by 8% last year, whilst spirits were let off lightly at only 4%.

Other News

MAY IS MILD MONTH

CAMRA promotes Mild throughout May and celebrates National Mild Day on Saturday 8 May 2010.

Mild ales are black to dark brown to pale amber in colour, and come in a variety of styles from warming roasty ales to light refreshing thirst-quenchers. Pale milds tend to have a light fruity aroma with gentle hoppiness; dark milds often have a roast malt or caramel aroma and taste.

Milds don't have to be meek. The name means mildly hopped not mildly alcoholic, and though many milds do indeed skimp on the knock-out stuff, others can be quite challenging. Thus at one extreme is Batemans DM which tastes - delectably - of burnt toast and black silk (*has anyone ever TASTED black silk?! Ed*) but has an ABV of only 3%, through Rudgate Ruby Mild, the current Champion Beer Of Britain at 4.4% ABV, to Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby at a headcracking ABV of 6%.

The West Midlands is Mild's heartland, but it doesn't have a monopoly, for many fine mild ales are brewed in our LocAle area. Look out for Concrete Cow Black Monk, Vale Black Beauty, or Great Oakley Welland. Why not ask your local to celebrate May is Mild Month by getting some in?

CAMRA REGIONAL MEETING COMES TO MK

Milton Keynes and North Bucks CAMRA branch played host to the Regional Meeting in February. This quarterly event gathers members from branches in Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Oxfordshire and part of Hertfordshire to discuss policy, swap ideas, find out what we've all been up to, and (of course!) enjoy a few pints of good real ale, all under the watchful eye of Jackie Parker, our Regional Director.

Regional meetings are important events in CAMRA and we are delighted that, in the Barn in CMK, we have at last found a suitable venue for them. Thanks to Marcus and staff there for making us so welcome.

GBG EDITOR COMES TO TOWN

Roger Protz, editor of CAMRA's Good Beer Guide, is coming to Milton Keynes. Old English Inns, a division of Greene King brewers, is hosting an Evening with Roger at the Cock hotel in Stony Stratford on Saturday March 20th. Roger will give a talk on the finer points of beer and cask ale, followed by a question and answer session, and a beer-related quiz, and there will be tastings of beers from the Greene King portfolio plus some of their special brews throughout the evening.

The evening starts at 6.30pm. Tastings are from 7.00 onwards, with dinner at 7.30, and Roger's talk and quiz kick-off around 9.00. Admission charge is £10 and the three-course dinner a further £20. There is a residential option too. Phone the Cock on 01908 567733 for details of the event.

WINSLOW LIONS BEER FESTIVAL 2010

Friday and Saturday March 12th and 13th at Winslow Public Hall, in Elm Fields Gate (MK18 3JA for your SatNav!) The sessions are:

Friday Evening - 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm.

Saturday Matinee - 11:00 am - 7:00 pm with live TV coverage of RBS Six Nations Rugby

Saturday Evening - 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm.

Tickets are £5 for entry, souvenir glass, and program, and can be bought in advance at the Bell Hotel, Market Square, Winslow. Each session will require a separate ticket, and all beers, lagers, and ciders will cost the same. Details from www.winslowlions.org.uk

TIPPLEFAIR 2010

Here's your chance to browse and buy at one of the UK's biggest collection of breweriana and other items from the world of drink. Tipplefair 2010 is at Buckingham Community Centre, Cornwalls Meadow, on Sunday 16th May from 10.30 till 2.30. Admission is £1.50. There will be a real ale bar with Tring and Concrete Cow beers, and there is ample free parking nearby. Visit www.tipples.net for more details.

ACE OF CLUBS?

Are you a member of a club in this area that sells real ale? If so CAMRA would like to hear about it. Our CAMRA branch chooses an annual Pub of the Year, but what might not be so well known is there's also a Club of the Year award. Till now we've had no nominations for this, so if you are a club member and think your club should be considered, then let us know.

INTRODUCE A FRIEND TO CASK ALE

Take part in this year's National Cask Ale Week (25 Mar - 5 Apr) by introducing a friend to cask ale, and you could win one of 20 pairs of tickets to this year's Great British Beer Festival at Earls Court. Send a photo of you with your friend trying cask ale to Louise Ashworth louise.ashworth@camra.org.uk together with a few words explaining what your friend normally drinks and what they thought of real ale.

For more details on Cask Ale week visit <http://www.caskaleweek.co.uk>

We're All Going on a Bear Beer Hunt!

The December pub crawl round Northampton started at the excellent Malt Shovel. This is the kind of pub you would expect to find out in some tiny village – full of old world charm and history. It is decorated with loads of memorabilia of the brewery that was once across the way. Malt shovels hang on the ceiling and advertisements for beers no longer brewed adorn the walls. It also does wonderful food! I was advised to try the Red Star beer there as I was a bit bemused by the many pumps they had on of real ale! (This is one of the advantages of going out with the fellow beer bears – the CAMRA gang – they know all the best beers and once they work out what your taste is can advise you on which beers you would truly enjoy!)

We hunted on to the next pub in Ovingstone Road. This was the Lamplighter, a really quiet pub, again serving excellent beer and you could see how it was once a true Victorian street pub as it formed part of the terrace housed street. This was the kind of pub where you could go for a quiet drink after work and then stagger not too far to home. From here we moved on to the Victoria Inn near the University's Park campus. I was expecting this to be very studenty but not a bit of it. The old world charm continued, and was added to by wing chairs and comfy sofas. They served beers from breweries I had never heard of, and once again my fellow bears (sorry CAMRA members) advised me what to try. The service in this pub was great – one person even stopping going home immediately in order to serve us. At one of the tables there was evidence of 'spud bashing' (for those not from ex-forces families – peeling loads of potatoes) for the evening food served at the pub. This looked very promising and I intend to return there for a Sunday lunch and then curl up with the papers and a pint in one of the comfy chairs for the afternoon!

Then we returned to the main part of town, pausing for a pint (or several) in the Black Lion, then onward to the King Billy. Now, I have to confess I knew 'The Billy' of old – as one of the best rock venues around. If you're into rock 'n roll then 'The

Billy' is the place to be on a Saturday night! It also has one of the wickedest Juke Boxes ever! However, this is not played too loud so that you can still have a conversation with your fellow bears (sorry CAMRA members). It is a different place by day – a little sparse in the décor but very laid back and chilled. There is also a pool table where the male bears got soundly thrashed!! But, best of all for me they had my favourite beer in the world – thus far anyway – St Austell Ales Tribute on!! Again they have several pumps always working hard! So us weary bears returned to the Malt Shovel to meet up with lifts home and others of us staggered to the take-aways and the station. It was a truly great beer hunt – led by the chief bear Carl – who sorted out a fantastic route and some brilliant pubs that I would never have found on my own – many thanks mate!

Lyn Norman

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E-mail your scores to us at pubs@mkcamra.org.uk, bring them to any of our meetings or social events, or submit them online at www.beerscoring.org.uk. You'll need to give your name, CAMRA Membership Number (if you're a member), Date of Survey, Pub's Name and Location, Beer Name and Brewery, and of course, your score.

Peter's Puzzles



1. Which organisation sponsored most of the recent editions of Good Beer Guide?
2. What is the name of the annual breweriana collectors' fair, held in Buckingham in May?
3. What are the two most northerly pubs in our CAMRA area (North Bucks)?
4. Who is the famous beer writer who edits the 2010 Good Beer Guide?
5. In what month is the Great British Beer Festival?
6. What is the name of the real ale pub in Fenny Stratford, on the Grand Union Canal?
7. Which Absolutely Fabulous character said "The last mosquito that bit me had to book into the Betty Ford Clinic"?
8. Which Northamptonshire town is home to the Potbelly Brewery?
9. From where does Mild Ale get its name?
10. In our area there are two pubs called "The Two Brewers" - both sell real ale. Where are they?

TIME WASTER:- For this edition, you do not have to tax your brain, just sit back, enjoy your drink and smile at these quotations:-

Terry Pratchett:

There are better things in life than alcohol, but it makes up for not having them.

0 Undrinkable	No cask ale available, or so poor you have to take it back or can't finish it.
1 Poor	Beer that is anything from barely drinkable to drinkable with considerable resentment.
2 Average	Competently kept, drinkable pint but doesn't inspire in any way, not worth moving to another pub but you drink the beer without really noticing.
3 Good	Good beer in good form. You may cancel plans to move to the next pub. You want to stay for another pint and may seek out the beer again.
4 Very Good	Excellent beer in excellent condition.
5 Perfect	Probably the best you are ever likely to find. A seasoned drinker will award this score very rarely.

Quentin Crisp:

In the summer, I drink Guinness, which requires no refrigeration and no cooking.

Winston Churchill:

I have taken more out of alcohol than alcohol has taken out of me.

Benjamin Franklin:

Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy.

W. C. Fields:

It was a woman who drove me to drink, and I never had the courtesy to thank her for it.

Homer Simpson:

To alcohol! The cause of, and solution to, all of life's problems.

P. G. Wodehouse:

Alcohol is a misunderstood vitamin.

Humphrey Bogart:

The whole world is three drinks behind.

Hugh Hood:

Nothing ever tasted any better than a cold beer on a beautiful afternoon with nothing to look forward to but more of the same.

Me:

Is this your pint I'm drinking?

1. Cask Marque. 2. Tipplefair. 3. The Green Man and The Horseshoe (both in Lavenodon). 4. Roger Protz. 5. August. 6. The Red Lion. 7. Patsy Stone (played by Joanna Lumley). 8. Kettering. 9. Originally, it was less heavily hopped (not because of lower alcoholic strength). 10. Olney and Thornborough.

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