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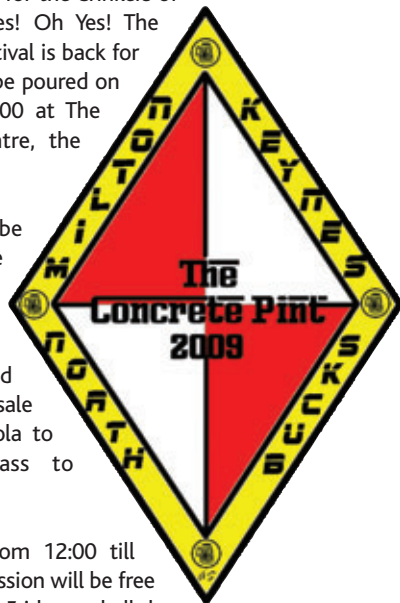
Oyez! Oyez! Great news for the drinkers of Milton Keynes. Oh Yes! Oh Yes! The Concrete Pint beer festival is back for 2009, and the first pints will be poured on Thursday October 29 at 12:00 at The Pitz, Woughton Leisure Centre, the same venue as last year.

Once again we'll be offering you over 50 of the very best Real Ales, including some of this year's Champion Beers of Britain, plus a selection of Ciders and Perry. There will be food on sale throughout the event, tombola to play, and a souvenir glass to take home.

The festival will be open from 12:00 till 23:00 all three days, and admission will be free before 17:00 on Thursday and Friday and all day Saturday, £3 at other times. CAMRA members will be admitted free of charge to all sessions on production of a current membership card.

So – clear your diaries and come along for a great time. Woughton Leisure Centre is on Rainbow Avenue MK6 5EJ, just off Chaffron Way (H7) between V6 and V7. Buses 5, 5E, 7, 7E, 29, and 39 all connect the venue with CMK railway station (bus stop is Oldbrook Christian Centre), or call a Skyline taxi on 01908 222111.

For up to date information including the beer list when it is finalised, please visit <http://www.mkcamra.org.uk> or phone Carl on 07740 092520. Please also contact Carl if you would like to volunteer to work at the festival.





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News North

Carrington Arms, Castlethorpe remains closed, and we have heard no further news about it since the last issue.

Globe, Hanslope – the tenants John and Jenny Warrington are planning to retire, but are not sure when new tenants will be available to take the pub over.

Greyhound, Haversham – currently has three real ales from the Greene King portfolio.

News East

Bull, Newport Pagnell held a beer festival over the weekend of August 21-23 with 12 ales and 2 ciders.

Cannon, Newport Pagnell - To kick-start CAMRA's "October is Cider Month" (see article on p12), landlords Paul and Molly are hosting a dedicated Cider Festival from Thu 24 to Sun 27 Sep. Up to 8 different ciders and choice of perries on sale in the back room, alongside the usual real ales in the bar. Entertainment - Thu night: Open Mike, Fri-Sun: BBQ from Robinsons, Sun: Stand-Up Comedian. For more info call 01908-211495. The Cannon also now sells Thatcher's cider on a regular basis.

Green Man, Newport Pagnell – we understand a planning application has been submitted to MK council for this former Good Beer Guide fixture to be converted into two houses.

Kings Arms, Newport Pagnell – is under new management. At a recent visit it had four real ales on offer.

The Lamb, Stoke Goldington - invites you to its Wham-Bang-Thankyou-Lamb Jazz and Blues festival on Saturday 12 September, 2-9pm. Tickets are £5. Call Steve or Rachel on 01908 551233 or visit:

<http://www.thelambstokegoldington.moonfruit.com>

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Pub News

Plough, Newport Pagnell - is now Cask Marque accredited and serves rotating selection of Wells and Young ales.

Robin Hood, Clifton Reynes - (Friday to Sunday) 18th - 20th September 2009. Cernunnos MotorCycleClub present their 9th Mabon Rally, £7 in advance, £10 on the gate. Details from 01234 711574 or visit <http://www.therobinhoodpub.co.uk>

Station Hotel, Woburn Sands - Landlords Kevin and Dominic Brewer hosted a beer festival over bank holiday, and have a regular real ale at this Enterprise Inns-owned tavern,

White Hart, Stoke Goldington - a characterful small Wells-tied house where we've been told the ales are £3 per pint (reports please.) As against that though, they have 'happy hour' from 17.30 to 19.00 every weekday. Also they're hosting a Beer Festival starting 7pm on Friday 25th Sept, ending Sunday 27th Sept - 10 real ales, cider, barbecue, plus live entertainment Friday and Saturday and morris men on Sunday. Details at: <http://www.whitehart-stokegoldington.com>



Kings Head, Buckingham - landlord Daniel Raines and manager George Hopewell (below left) offer Greene King IPA and two guest ales, often from LocAle breweries.

Mitre, Buckingham - usual splendid program of live music gigs, for details call 01280 813080 or visit <http://www.lemonrock.com/mitrebuckingham>

New Inn, Padbury - beautifully modernised country pub serving a rotating choice of often local real ales in excellent condition.

Stratton Arms, Turweston - landlord invites branch members to his pub, which serves five ales at all times, with a beer festival on Sat 5-Sun 6 Sept featuring 20 to 30 micro-brewed beers. The lease on this Enterprise Inns house is no longer for sale.

Three Horseshoes, Drayton Parslow - business reportedly doing well thanks to B&B lettings.

Wheatsheaf, Maids Moreton - had the first brew of Silverstone Chequered Flag, a dark, sweet tawny-coloured ale that may become a regular alongside the best-selling Black Sheep Bitter and Tring Side Pocket for a Toad. Landlord Gary has installed a fourth handpump, and the pub enjoyed a very successful beer festival over the bank holiday weekend.

Woolpack, Buckingham - held its usual successful beer festival over the Bank Holiday.

News West

Crown, Great Horwood - serves Adnams Bitter and Greene King IPA and is thinking of joining the LocAle scheme. They also donated a full-size cut-out of Lawrence Dallaglio (a Greene King promo) as a tombola prize for Concrete Pint 2009!

Green Man, Mursley - trade is reported to be still slow, but there is a different guest beer on every week that brings real ale customers in.



News South

Bridge, Fenny Stratford - heavily advertised as Medina's Bar & Grill, it actually sells real ale - a

choice of two, usually Greene King IPA plus a guest. **Chequers, Fenny Stratford** - Pub has now been bought by Vale and sells their LocAles. Landlord John Shaddick (left) will continue to run the pub and says his regulars seem to like the ales from Brill.

Old Green Man, Little Brickhill - has reopened with new licensees Steve and Natasha Barney. We welcome them to our branch area and wish them a prosperous tenure at this nicely modernised Greene King tied house.

Red Lion, Fenny Stratford - exciting real ales being sold, and landlord Guy has also installed a fourth handpump serving Westons real cider.

Three Locks, Stoke Hammond - seems to have taken on board advice to stock at least one beer of under 4% ABV, although in our view the ales tend to be served too cold.

Wheatsheaf, Bow Brickhill - is now Cask Marque accredited. Licensees Chris and Susan James now have four handpumps, but don't always use them all. Wells Bombardier and Eagle, and Youngs Bitter are usually available.

News Central

Barn, Central Milton Keynes - has enthusiastic CAMRA-supporting manager Marcus Lonsdale, and is also Cask Marque accredited. Changing choice of ales from Marstons portfolio - they were in good shape on two recent visits.

Cross Keys, Woolstone - offers four Wells and Youngs ales alongside a guest, and good value food. Hosted a beer festival over August Bank Holiday.

Eagle, Eaglestone - as we go to press we've heard this long-shut pub has reopened. Reports please!

Entertainers, Fenny Stratford - looks like it's now a shop and no longer a pub.

Fox and Hounds, Stony Stratford - is scheduled to re-open on September 24th (subject to repairs being completed), with new landlords Paul Hale and Sam Lancaster. They aim to restore the main features to how the pub was five-ten years ago.

Grebe, Great Holm - new landlords have sadly dropped beers on sale from five to just one - Greene King IPA.

Nag's Head, Great Linford - is under new management and has greater range of food than before but no change to the ales - still Tetleys, Fullers, Adnams and Greene King.

New Inn, New Bradwell - is now Cask Marque accredited, and business is improving under the new landlords. This pub was recently the victim of a suspected arson attack.

North Western, Wolverton - is now Cask Marque accredited and thriving, having picked up the customers of the still closed **Queen Victoria**. It had four ales on the Sunday evening when we called, including guest beer Lees Scorchers.

Plough (aka-Fountain), Loughton - this Harvester pub's planning application to add a two-storey extension and conservatory has been approved.

Ship Ashore, Willen - new manager has reduced number of real ales to three, but we've heard that the quality is now much better.

Toby Carvery, Shenley Church End - is now Cask Marque accredited.

Steve and Natasha at the Old Green Man



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: Items marked with a  symbol are 'official' CAMRA events.


SEPTEMBER 2009


 **Thursday September 10.** Branch Social and Launch of Good Beer Guide 2010 at the Red Lion, Fenny Lock, 8pm.

 **Saturday September 12.** CAMRA Central Southern Regional Meeting 1pm at the Hungerford Club, 3 The Croft, Hungerford RG17 0HY. X5 coach to Oxford, then train (change Reading).


 **Saturday September 19.** Visit to Tring Brewery. Meet CMK station at 9am for 09.13 train to Tring. We'll also visit a selection of pubs using local buses. Full details on our website www.mkcamra.org.uk


Thu – Sun Sept 24-27. Cider Festival, Cannon Newport Pagnell.


 **Saturday September 26.** Newport Pagnell crawl – Rose & Crown 12noon, Plough 12.30pm, Cannon 1pm for lunch and cider festival.


 **Monday September 28.** Branch Meeting, Lamb, Stoke Goldington, 8.30pm.


OCTOBER 2009


 **Saturday October 3.** Regional Cider Pub of the Year presentation to the Retreat 8 St. Johns St Reading, RG1 4EH.

 **Saturday October 10.** Branch visit to Bedford Beer Festival. Make your own way on X5 coach.


 **Thursday October 15.** Branch Social – Buckingham crawl, start Kings Head 8pm.

 **Thu – Sat Oct 15-17.** Oxford Beer Festival, Town Hall, St Aldate's Street, Oxford.


 **Monday October 19.** Branch Meeting, Old Barn, Central Milton Keynes 8.30pm.


 **October 29-31.** Milton Keynes 'Concrete Pint' Beer Festival, The Pitz, Woughton Campus.

NOVEMBER 2009


 **Saturday November 14.** CAMRA Central Southern Regional Meeting 1pm at the Mason's Arms, Headington Quarry, Oxford OX3 8LH. Take X5 to Oxford, then local buses 7C 8 or 9 to Headington from Castle Street or Queen Street, about 10 mins walk from Oxford Bus


Station. You can use Stagecoach X5 ticket on 7C only. Oxford pub crawl for non-participants.

 **Thursday November 19.** Branch Social, New Inn, Padbury 8pm.

 **Monday November 24.** Branch Meeting, New Inn, New Bradwell 8.30pm.

DECEMBER 2009

 **Saturday December 5.** Branch Visit to Pig's Ear beer festival, 270 Mare Street, London E8 1HE.

 **Saturday December 12.** Annual pre-Xmas Northampton Crawl. Meet 12 noon at Malt Shovel.

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday 18 - Sunday 21 March 2010. Coach trip to Ghent and Ypres. £265 p/p. Deadline for reservations and deposits (£50 per person) is 28th September. Contact treasurer@mkcamra.org.uk

MOOSINGS FROM THE CHAIR -

BANK HOLIDAY MADNESS

I write this just after the August Bank Holiday weekend. Like the number three bus, you wait for months and then nine beer festivals come at once.

Nine beer festivals (count 'em!) were held in one weekend all over North Bucks in pubs and sports clubs. And while some landlords I spoke to were a little disappointed with the turnout (maybe because of all the competition), over all it seems to have gone pretty well.

I can vouch for the quality of the beer at the festivals I managed to get to as well.

Let's hope this gives landlords the confidence to hold festivals at other times of the year and give us all something to look forward to a bit more often.

Cheers!

Phil Swinbank

The Great British Beer

The Punter's Tale....

I thoroughly recommend anyone to visit the Great British Beer Festival, held every August in Earls Court, London. With over 500 different beers to choose from, you will quickly understand why this is the world's greatest beer festival.

Nearly 70,000 visitors came this year, many of them from around the world. They did not only come to sample the different beers on offer, but also participate in the tutored beer tastings, shop in the different merchandise stalls - selling such things as humorous t-shirts, travel guides and bottled British beers - as well as playing some traditional pub games, such as shut-the-box. There are many different food stalls to soak up that beer, as well as being a convenient spot for meeting friends.

However, there are tips of advice which could make your trip to next year's GBBF more enjoyable:

1. Book time off work - you can only appreciate the Festival if you have the whole day to yourself and not worry about having hangovers at work the following day.

2. Come early for opening time - so that you can grab a table and chairs - because those seats do go quickly, otherwise you will have to stand for the whole day.

3. Hire a few glasses - because the Festival is so big, you may need to buy a few beers at a time to bring back to the table - otherwise there will be long and frequent walks to the bars.



4. Bring some friends along - not only is the beer great, but so is the unique atmosphere (in the world's greatest beer festival!) - so take pictures.

5. Take turns to wander around, because there is so much to see at the Festival. This year there was an exhibition by Kent brewers Shepherd Neame: it explained how beer is brewed, showing the different ingredients used, with beer being fermented in see-through tubes, how it is stored in the casks and of course, a sample of their products.

6. Come prepared - there is a fabulous website to browse: www.gbbf.org.uk - you can also send live updates to your Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Not only is GBBF fun, but there is also a serious campaigning aspect of the Festival. CAMRA supports a tax cut on low-alcohol real ales and is trying to save the Tetley Brewery in Leeds from closure. Also a mild ale won the Champion Beer of Britain prize, which goes to show that some of the drinking public prefers dark traditional beers and that these are worth promoting.

See you next year!

Kevin Mak



Festival

The Volunteer's Tale....



Not every customer at the Great British Beer Festival immediately realises that the biggest beer festival in the world, attracting 70,000 customers, is organised and staffed entirely by around 1000 unpaid volunteers. That's right, apart from the stallholders, everyone serving, stewarding, cellaring, issuing glasses, running games alleys, *everyone* working at GBBF is doing it without pay, just for love of real ale.

CAMRA provides accommodation in student residences (often many miles from Earls Court), and there is a free staff bar upstairs in the Volunteer Village to which the public is not admitted, but that's all. Your editor has worked at four GBBFs now and can hardly wait for the next - it's hard work, with long hours, but it's fun, and you make lots of friends, and get a real buzz. So what's involved?

When you sign in on arrival in the morning, the efficient ladies in the staffing office (also volunteers) allot you a task or tasks for the day. In the days before the festival opens, eager teams set to work converting the huge empty space of Earls Court into a Beer Festival. There are vast areas of bars and stillages to build, casks – masses of them – to load in the correct places, beer lines and cooling systems to install, stalls to set up. Much of this is done by teams with skills like joinery, electrics, and

driving fork-lift trucks, but there is masses that can be done by the cack-handed as well!

Every day the festival is running, bars have to be cleaned, glasses washed, and customers served – this year 20,000 came on the Friday night alone! Once 'time' is called there is much clearing up to be done before everyone makes a dash upstairs to enjoy several well-earned pints at the staff bar before the coaches come to take you back to wherever you are staying.

On the Saturday, the festival closes to the public at 7, but it's not time to relax yet, as all the beer lines have to be disconnected and flushed clean, hundreds of handpumps taken down and boxed up, and as much dismantling done as possible before the staff party can begin. And on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, we have to take down and remove everything, and hand an empty Earls Court back to its management (see photos above).

From this you might conclude that working at GBBF is an ordeal, but you'd be utterly wrong – it's great! Why else would a thousand people donate a fortnight of their summer to work there year after year? All CAMRA members are invited to volunteer. I certainly plan to do so again in 2010. See you there?

Jim Scott

CAMRA and Other News

CAMRA Reaches 100,000th Member Milestone!

CAMRA is thrilled to announce a landmark moment in its 38-year history as membership tops 100,000.

Mike Benner, CAMRA Chief Executive, said: *"We are overjoyed at reaching 100,000 members, but while we celebrate, the hard work of campaigning for drinkers' rights will continue."*

CAMRA was formed in 1971, published the first Good Beer Guide in 1974, organised its first local beer festival in the same year, and the first Great British Beer Festival in 1975. In the view of many, CAMRA is Europe's most successful single-issue consumer organisation

CAMRA Launches 'People's Pint' Campaign

CAMRA has launched a campaign to abolish excise duty on beers of 2.8% ABV or under.

Alcohol Concern has expressed support; its chief executive, Don Shenker, commented: *"We support CAMRA's call to revisit the issue of alcohol duty in order to encourage the drinks industry to produce lower strength beers."*

Ray Welton, whose Surrey brewery produces 2.8% ABV 'Pride 'n' Joy' said: *"There is certainly a consumer demand for low-strength beer, but there needs to be a national campaign to champion its merits."*

CAMRA toasts Best Beer in Britain

After a year of local tastings and regional competitions, and a final judging at the Great British Beer Festival, Rudgate Ruby Mild, from York, has been voted Champion Beer of Britain 2009.

The 4.4%ABV beer is described in CAMRA's Good Beer Guide as a 'nutty, rich ruby ale, stronger than usual for a mild.'

It beat over sixty finalists in seven categories (Best Bitters, Bitters, Golden Ales, Milds, Speciality Beer, Winter Beer and Strong Bitters). The Silver award

went to Oakham Brewery for their Attila ale (which was also voted Champion Winter Beer of Britain in January), and the Bronze was taken by Dr Hexter's Healer from West Berkshire Brewery.

One of our LocAles – VPA from Vale Brewery at Brill, won Bronze in the best bitter category. Milton Keynes drinkers can enjoy it at the Chequers in Fenny Stratford.

Titanic Stout from Titanic Brewery, Stoke-on-Trent was voted Champion Bottled Beer of Britain for 2009, and as part of a pioneering new sponsorship arrangement will be sold by Travelodge in 100 Bar/Cafés in its hotels across the UK.

For the full list of awards, visit the national CAMRA website www.camra.org.uk

CAMRA's Super-Complaint Prompts Office of Fair Trading Probe into Pub Market

Under the Enterprise Act 2002, a recognised consumer body like CAMRA may submit a 'super-complaint' about any aspect of a market for goods or services in the UK that significantly harms the interests of consumers. The OFT has 90 days to respond, and if the super-complaint is upheld, can introduce legally binding measures to rectify the situation.

CAMRA has exercised its super-complaint power to require the OFT to investigate anti-competitive practices in the UK pub market. Its super-complaint 'A Fair Share for the Consumer', highlights how high rents and inflated tied beer prices are driving many good landlords out of business, and contributing to the destruction of Britain's pubs

Mike Benner, CAMRA's Chief Executive, said, *"Exploitation of beer tie agreements and the unfair method of setting pub rents are harming consumers. It is enshrined in EU law that consumers must get a fair share of the benefits arising from exclusive purchasing deals such as the beer tie, but this is often not the case. We hope that the OFT will act, because reform of the beer tie is urgently required to save the pub from extinction."*

Going POTY with CAMRA

Every year, CAMRA branches are invited to pick a pub in their area as Pub of the Year, or POTY. Our worthy choice for 2009 was the Victoria Inn in Bradwell. Previous winners have included the Lamb (Stoke Goldington), Cannon (Newport Pagnell), White Hart (Sherington), and Robin Hood (Clifton Keynes).

Our pub is then judged against those chosen by other Buckinghamshire CAMRA branches, and the chosen County Pub of the year assessed against Oxfordshire's and Berkshires's choices to give a Regional Pub of the Year. From those a National Pub of the Year is chosen – officially it becomes CAMRA's best pub in Britain.

A team of volunteer tasters and judges from our branch had the pleasing task of visiting the candidate pubs in our CAMRA region to sample their ales and facilities, and cast our votes for the regional POTY. We can't tell you the results till they are officially announced, so keep watching our website www.mkcamra.org.uk for the winner.

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October - Cider Month

Every October, CAMRA celebrates real cider and perry (i.e. cider made from pears). As with real ale, the ethos behind CAMRA's promotion is that real cider is unpasteurised and uncarbonated. It is produced from pure juice (not concentrate) made from fruit grown in the UK. Locally produced ciders and perries have a provenance, i.e. their raw materials can be traced to their origins unlike factory-produced fizz.

The reason why we celebrate cider in October is because it is timed to coincide with the harvest, a time when the fruit is gathered and pressed before it is fermented into cider and perry. It also ties us in with Common Ground and other organisations that tirelessly defend Britain's dwindling orchards.

A number of events are planned nationally, such as the announcement of the CAMRA National Cider Pub of the Year, and the National Cider Trip on Saturday 10th October, featuring many different producers.

This year, Gwatkin Yarlington Mill Cider and Broadoak Perry won Gold in the CAMRA National Cider and Perry Competition. If you cannot find either of them in your pub, why not give other real ciders and perries a go? Westons cider is more widely available, but the closest producers to our region include Millwhites from Hertfordshire, whose Yarlington Mill cider won Bronze in the CAMRA East Anglia competition; and Rockingham Forest from Northamptonshire, who make a cider from eating apples (as opposed to special cider-making varieties grown in the West Country, e.g. Yarlington Mill) and a limited run of perry.



Chris Coles of Green Valley Cider receiving his CAMRA Gold Award from Gill Williams (former CAMRA National Cider Director) in 2007

Local Real Cider Pubs

Craufurd Arms, Wolverton (Westons - Old Rosie)

Greyhound, Haversham (Westons - Old Rosie)

Lamb, Stoke Goldington (Westons - Old Rosie)

Mitre, Buckingham (Biddenden)

Red Lion, Fenny Stratford (Westons)

Robin Hood, Clifton Reynes (Westons)

Various **Wetherspoon** pubs in Central Milton Keynes (Westons)

Victoria, Bradwell (Various)

White Hart, Sherington (Westons - Old Rosie)

Here in our region, we kick off the cider promotion early. Between 24th and 27th September, the Cannon in Newport Pagnell will hold a dedicated cider festival – eight ciders and a few perries will grace the back room alongside a variety of events (please see our website for further details). Various other events will be advertised by Common Ground and Milton Keynes Parks Trust. The finale will be our own Concrete Pint Beer Festival, to be held at The Pitz in Woughton Campus between 29th and 31st October, featuring a select group of ciders – please come early to avoid disappointment because these delicious beverages are usually the first to run out.

Kevin Mak

Oakham Brewery Visit

At our 2008 Concrete Pint Beer Festival, the ale voted Beer of the Festival was Three Witches, brewed by Oakham Ales. Despite its name, this brewery is actually in Peterborough, so on July 4th a party from Milton Keynes and North Bucks CAMRA branch drove there in a minibus to present the award.

We were received by head brewer John Bryan, to whom our festival organiser Carl Dillow presented the certificate. The group then proceeded to enjoy a leisurely crawl round some of Peterborough's excellent pubs, including Oakham's own Brewery Tap, and Charters, the latter being on large barge moored on the River Nene.

Other pubs visited included the CAMRA national-inventory-listed Hand and Heart (a free house), Palmerston Arms (Batemans), Wortley Arms (Sam Smiths), Drapers Arms (J D Wetherspoons), and the



Milton Brewery-owned Coalheavers Arms, whence our minicoach ferried us home to Milton Keynes after a most pleasant day out. Our thanks go to Kevin Mak for arranging it all.

According to Oakham's website, Three Witches is 'Amber in colour with a fruity orange aroma, soft fruit notes combine with a grainy background to a fruity dry finish.' We couldn't have said it better!

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Peter's Puzzles



SCORE!

CAMRA's National Beer Scoring System (NBSS) is an easy 0-5 point scale for judging beer quality, and to find out which pubs consistently sell well-kept ale. So we invite all real ale drinkers, not just CAMRA members, to send us their beer scores for pubs both in our area, and elsewhere in the UK. We forward scores for out-of-area pubs to the relevant branches. These results help us decide which pubs to consider for the Good Beer Guide.

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.

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.

Time Waster:- 25 minutes **Bonus:-** 22 seconds (there are two seconds between each strike).

TIME WASTER & BONUS QUESTION ANSWERS

(in Suffolk)
9. £14.99 [n.b. members price is just £10] 10. Southwold
(Gastro Pub) 7. Jeroboam (about 4 bottles) 8. Tiring Brewery
6. It is closed pending conversion to a bistro/wine bar
Mitre 4. £20 5. Cannon and (now closed) Green Man
1. Guinness 2. Fenny Stratford and North Crawley 3. The

ANSWERS

1. What is brewed at St James's gate, Dublin?
2. In our CAMRA area, there are two pubs called 'The Chequers'. Where are they?
3. What is the only Buckingham pub listed in the 2009 Good Beer Guide?
4. What is total value of free Wetherspoons Beer vouchers issued to CAMRA members?
5. What are the two Good Beer Guide 2009 pubs listed in Newport Pagnell?
6. What has happened to the Fox & Hounds in Stony Stratford?
7. What is the size of the champagne bottle we see wasted on the winning podium of Formula 1 races?
8. Who brews "Side Pocket for a Toad"?
9. What is the cover price of the 2009 Good Beer Guide?
10. Adnams brew Broadside, but where is the brewery?

TIME WASTER

Whilst sitting in the beer garden of my favourite pub, I noticed that an insect had fallen into an empty glass on the adjoining table. I noticed that he took a minute to climb 3cm up the glass, but had to rest for a minute, during which time he slipped back 2cm. The glass was 15cm tall. How long did it take the bug to reach the top (assuming intoxication did not break his rhythm).

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