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**T**here is a new anti-Drink movement stalking the land, and CAMRA, as a beer consumers' group, could be in its firing line. However, we must take great care how we position ourselves, because this organisation – the Alcohol Health Alliance or AHA – has real and serious concerns, which should be our concerns too.

According to the Royal College of Physicians – one of the forces behind AHA:

- 13 children are hospitalised in Britain every day as a result of alcohol misuse
- Alcohol-induced liver cirrhosis has increased by 95% since 2000, and by 36% over the last two years to 2006 and is still increasing
- Overall alcohol-related deaths have increased by 18% from 2002-2005
- More people die from alcohol related causes than from breast cancer, cervical cancer and MRSA combined
- The 'passive effects' of alcohol misuse are catastrophic - rape, sexual assault, domestic and other violence, drunk driving and street disorder.

These aren't matters we can bluster or scoff our way out of facing. But one of AHA's proposed solutions ought greatly to worry us, for it wants steeply increased taxation on alcohol.

AHA's concerns fall into two categories – public order, and public health. On public order, CAMRA is part of the solution. Real Ale is sold in the controlled environment of pubs, and real ale pubs are seldom ones where trouble happens. If customers get plastered, they usually just fall asleep or, at worst, throw up. What they do not do is kick shop windows or each others' heads in. Drunken violence just isn't part of the real-ale culture.

In any case, high prices don't deter binge-drinking. If they did, Finland and Sweden would be dry states, whereas both have severe alcohol problems. There, as in Britain, a tradition of binge-drinking runs deep in society, and years of high taxes and restrictive licensing have not changed it. We are up against ingrained cultural attitudes here.

However, ingrained cultural attitudes can and have been changed. Wife-beating, racial prejudice, and drink-driving were all once taken for granted. But it takes a lot more than hiking prices to change attitudes - wife-beating was not made unacceptable by taxing canes. ►

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## CONTINUED FROM FRONT COVER

It is, however, on the issue of public health that we in CAMRA must tread most carefully. Our objections could so easily be dismissed as just special pleading by boozers in denial. If we put our minds to it, we can probably all think of someone who drinks more than is healthy, even if it's real ale they consume. How do we answer the AHA here?

The correct response is, I think, that, in a free society, individuals must be left to live their lives as they choose. My freedom should end only where it restricts yours, and vice versa. If you drink responsibly and I don't, that is my choice. It may be a bad choice, but I made it, not you, so why should you be made to pay for my failings or taxed in order to dissuade me?

The issues raised by AHA won't go away and we at CAMRA must join in addressing them. Otherwise we leave the field free for total prohibitionists opposed to all alcohol consumption, and we don't want people like that having power over our lives.

These are the editor's personal opinions. What are yours? Please write to Beer Moos ( [editor@mkcamra.org.uk](mailto:editor@mkcamra.org.uk) ) and tell us.. So long your answers are printable, we will print as many in Beer Moos issue 9 as space permits.

**Jim Scott**

## CAMRA announces the results of the National Cider and Perry Championships

Green Valley Farmhouse Vintage Cyder, produced in Exeter by Green Valley Cyder, and Gregg's Pit Perry, produced by Gregg's Pit Cider and Perry in Herefordshire, have won the Gold Awards at CAMRA's National Cider and Perry Championships held at the Reading Beer and Cider Festival over the May Bank Holiday weekend..

Real cider is made from apples, perry from pears. The fruit is pressed in autumn, and the untreated juice left to ferment and mature until April/May when it's ready to drink.  
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# Report

## Young Members' Crawl

On the evening of Friday 28th March, eight intrepid young adventurers, some from as far afield as Leighton Buzzard, set out to investigate what real ale Northampton had to offer. By the end of the evening there were eight very smiley faces, though for some of those present, that might well have looked more like sixteen!

The young person's March Pub crawl was a great success. We started at 18:30 at the Northampton train station and walked up to the Fish on Fish Street, a cosy pub and a good start point. After one of the party, Marcus, had his first sandwich of the evening, we moved on to the Lamplighter on Overstone Road. For those that don't know Northampton, this pub can be a little hard to find, but it is worth the effort to locate. They had four beers on, and a 'coming next' blackboard, making it hard to decide whether to stay or whether to move on.

We moved on; not because of the beer, but because

of the schedule. The Victoria Inn on Poole Street was next, where Marcus had another sandwich. Here was another pub broadcasting Northampton's commitment to serving great real ale! I believe there were nine beers on here, including one with a very high ABV, which was avoided by the more sensible of us.

Heading back south, we poked our heads in at Lloyds Number One Bar, as we had been told the beer there was excellent. They only had one ale on, and after we had all finished it, we decided it wasn't special, so (after Marcus's next sandwich) we made our way to the Malt Shovel Tavern on Bridge Street.

Despite reports of this pub suffering from several changes in landlord over the last year, we found no evidence to support this. The pub had all its 13 pumps working away, with a selection of beer so good we decided to forgo our last pub, the King Billy. This gave us extra time to enjoy the delights the 'Malt' had to offer; let Marcus have yet another sandwich, and still leave ample time to get to the railway station for the last train at 23:45. An excellent evening out, and a good route for a crawl.

The next event will be on Friday 20th June in Stony Stratford, and will probably end with a curry. So if you are under 30, or like to think you are, and fancy coming along, then keep an eye on the website ([www.mkcamra.org.uk](http://www.mkcamra.org.uk)) for more details, or email me, Carl Dillow, at [ypc@mkcamra.org.uk](mailto:ypc@mkcamra.org.uk)

Carl Dillow

# MOOSINGS FROM THE CHAIR

## What Does CAMRA Have Against Lager?

Short answer: nothing! It's just the lagers usually sold in Britain that we have something against. British lagers are made as cheaply as possible, then sold as expensively as possible. They are then chilled as much as possible, just in case there were any danger of tasting anything. The marketing is always much more important than the taste; there's little variety in the taste anyway.

As an aside, Wetherspoons do themselves no favours with those electronic signs of theirs saying "All draught beers are currently at 0.2 degrees" or whatever. Rest assured: their real ales are served at the correct temperature (12 degrees). It's only the keg products that might come out in frozen lumps.

A few small breweries in Britain make a real lager – as in real ale, "real" means that there is yeast in the cask for a secondary fermentation. Cains one is the most commonly found. It's definitely a lager, but with more taste and less of the chill and fizz. Try it if you see it – I think it will be enjoyed both by usual lager drinkers and by usual ale drinkers.

Some people from our branch went on a trip to Belgium earlier this year. It was the first time I'd been there, and I have to say I was sceptical about how great their beer is supposed to be. After all, it's all lager, isn't it?

It was a real eye-opener. There are an amazing variety of beer styles all the way from ordinary Pilsners to cloudy, sour-tasting Lambic beers, via hoppy Dubbels and Tripels. Since almost all Belgian beers are available in bottles (often bottle-conditioned) as well as kegged, it's possible for some enterprising bars like 't Botteltje in Ostend to sell just about every beer in the country – there were about 600 there. What's even more impressive is that even with this huge range, every beer is still served in its own purpose-made glass: a really nice touch in the presentation.

Belgian beer is served cold and ferociously fizzy, which means you can't drink it very fast. That's probably just as well because when a weak one is



6%, you really shouldn't throw too much of it down your throat. I now know that I really love Belgian beers, but I still don't enjoy all that gas.

It was great to get back to Blighty, and back to good old British real ale. Warm, weak and flat... just how we like it.

Cheers

Phil Swinbank

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

## JUNE 2008

**Thursday 5th 20.00** Social ☞ NorthWestern, Stratford Rd, Wolverton

**Friday 20th 19.00** Young Members' Pub Crawl ☞ Bus Stop on Wolverton Road, Stony Stratford (but check website nearer time)

**Monday 30th 20.00** ☞ Branch Meeting and POTY presentation (see page 8) Lamb, Stoke Goldington.

## JULY 2008

**Thursday 3rd 18.30** Visit to Great Oakley Brewery ☞. For information contact Social Secretary.

**Thursday 3rd -Saturday 5th 12.00** Beer Festival at the Globe, Hanslope. The Globe, Long Street, Hanslope (bus 33 from MK stops right outside).

**Thursday 10th 20.00** Social ☞ Victoria Inn, Bradwell Village.

**Saturday 12th 12.30 – 17.00** Tingewick Village Fete and Beer Festival Recreation ground, Tingewick

**Monday 28th 20.00** Branch Meeting ☞ Globe, Hanslope

## AUGUST 2008

**6-9th 12.00** Great British Beer Festival ☞ See national CAMRA website for details. Earl's Court, London.

**Thursday 14th 20.00** Social ☞ Old Green Man, Mursley

**Saturday 23rd - Monday 25th** (Bank Holiday Weekend) 12.00 Bletchley Rugby Club Party on the Pitch with CAMRA beer tent.

See Other News on P10. Bletchley Rugby Club, Manor Fields Fenny Stratford

**Saturday 23rd - Monday 25th** (Bank Holiday Weekend) 12.00 Beer Festival at the Woolpack, Well Street, Buckingham

**Tuesday 26th 20.00** Branch Meeting ☞ Woolpack, Well Street, Buckingham

## SEPTEMBER 2008

**Good Beer Guide 2009** ☞ Launch and Social Robin Hood, Clifton Reynes. Date and time TBA - check website nearer the time.

# PUB NEWS

## The Green Man at Mursley

The new licensees, John and Sharon, are welcoming customers old and new. The interior comprises a small bar adjoining a flexible bar/ restaurant area. Food is on offer every day. The front door has been widened to enable wheelchair access. To the rear of the pub there is a large field, where touring caravans can stay overnight from April to December. Cyclists and walkers are welcome too.

John is the son of a publican, and has worked for Benskins in the past, in Management. Sharon comes from a farming background in the local area, and has worked in pub administration. As they were both working long hours for other people, they decided recently it was time to start doing that for themselves!

John takes a pride in keeping his real ales in pristine condition. In winter, 2 ales are kept, changing the guest ales monthly. John intends to have 3 on in the summer.

John and Sharon take on outside catering events with a real ale bar. The pub supports the local football team, has a darts team, and is looking to form a dominoes team. Anyone out there interested?

## Famous Jazz Musician to Play at former Pub of the Year.

Here's an event that lovers of good jazz won't want to miss. On Saturday 2nd August, Kenny Ball & his Jazzmen will be in concert at the Robin Hood, Clifton Reynes, our Pub of the Year for 2007. Kenny will be supported by The Bolivian Sunshine Dogs, and the gig starts at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £15 - for Credit Card bookings call 0845 2410967. More details from the Robin Hood, tel 01234 711574.

## Festivals Galore at the Globe!

Amie, Bar Manager at the Globe, Hanslope, launched her first beer festival in the autumn of 2007. This three day event was staged over 3 days culminating in the most spectacular professional firework display that could be imagined in the grounds of a pub.

£2 a pint helped to ensure great support. With inexpensive food specials, festival-goers found they could hardly afford to eat and drink at home...

Amie built on the success of this first beer festival to stage a three-day spring festival at the end of March (see Pub News in Beer Moos 7.) Again, with a fabulous selection of ales at just £2 a pint, and filled rolls for only £1.50, the event was outstanding success. So much so that a summer festival is planned.

Amie's festivals are always on a Thursday and Friday, culminating on the Saturday. They are open from noon through to midnight and the £2 a pint theme continues. The next spectacular is the Global Summer Ale & Natural Cider Fest, to be held on the 3rd, 4th and 5th July. To add an extra to the Saturday night, Haem, the Globe's house band, will be playing in the transformed dining room. Great ales at £2 a pint, the lovely Amie behind the bar, and Haem@globeinn ... would you be anywhere else?...

## Successful Beer Festival at the White Hart

The White Hart at Sherington, one of our Good Beer Guide pubs and a previous winner of our Pub of the Year competition, held a beer festival early in May. It was a great success – the beer sold out!

## Shoulder of Mutton at Calverton Reopens with New Management

Beer Moos is delighted to report that this former GBG entry has reopened under new managers Chris and Elaine. Reports please!

## Buckingham Pub News

The Woolpack is running a beer festival over August Bank Holiday – check their website for details nearer the time.

The Mitre is now hosting live music gigs on the last weekend of each month. Phone 01280 813080 for details. Licensees Keith and Jane also offer cream teas with crumpets at weekends, and have installed a kiddie's paddling pool, and large-screen TV for sports fans. This pub has a policy of supporting local microbreweries and always sells real cider.

## Would you like to run your own pub?

We all dream sometimes of owning our own pub. Well, help may be at hand, for a trawl of various estate agents' websites reveals that, as Beer Moos 8 goes to press, there is a wide selection of pubs available to buy or lease in the area covered our CAMRA branch. Here are some of the choices as of May 29.

Charles Wells are offering leases on the New Inn, New Bradwell and Rose and Crown, Newport Pagnell.

Christie's are offering The Bell at Beachampton. RTA Business Consultants have on their website the Craufurd Arms in Wolverton and the Park Hotel in Bletchley. They've also got a pub near Buckingham called the Crown up for sale for a mere £699000, but we don't know which of several 'Crown's it is. Have a look at [www.rtaonline.co.uk](http://www.rtaonline.co.uk) and maybe you'll recognise it.

# Tell us the Score

*Don't forget to send in your beer scores. Fill them in online at our website or email [pubs@mkcamra.org.uk](mailto:pubs@mkcamra.org.uk)*

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.

# FEATURE

## THE LAMB - PUB OF THE YEAR 2008



Every year, CAMRA branches draw up a list of pubs for inclusion in the Good Beer Guide. When choosing them, beer quality is the only factor we consider. From that list we also select one pub to be Pub of the Year, and for that, criteria over and above beer quality must be met. These are - atmosphere, style, and décor, service and welcome, clientèle mix, sympathy with CAMRA's aims, and - of course - good value.

Previous winners include the White Hart in Sherington, Cannon at Newport Pagnell, J D Wetherspoons in Milton Keynes, and the Robin Hood at Clifton Reynes. All of these are splendid pubs and show just how hard it is for us to pick just one winner, but every year we manage it, and this year's clear victor is the Lamb, at Stoke Goldington.

The Lamb has quite a history. It stands in one of the prettiest local villages, and dates from the eighteenth century. It was once part of Phipps of Northampton's tied estate, later Mann's, then in the mid 1990s it closed, and was in danger of being turned into a house. Luckily, Milton Keynes council refused change of use, and the Lamb was saved. It reopened as a free house in 1996, and in 2000 was taken over by the present hosts, Rachel and Steve Porritt, whose skills gained the Lamb an immediate place in the Good Beer Guide, and it has been in every edition since.

Rachel and Steve have been twenty years together, and have long experience of the licensed trade. They describe the Lamb as a 'family and friends pub' and the description is apt, for the welcome is always warm; once inside you won't be a stranger for long. Rachel and Steve are helped by daughter Lucy, and by old friend and head barmaid Carol, who has been at the pub as long as they have. Tilly, the Weimaraner dog, completes the staff line-up - her job is to be made a fuss of!

The Lamb is deeply engaged in village life. Births, marriages, and deaths are all marked there, and Rachel and Steve are always ready to lend a helping hand in the community of Stoke Goldington. The pub has enthusiastic darts and table-skittles teams, and hosts a variety of special events, such as the Jazz and Blues festival planned for September.

The Lamb is justly famous for the quality of its food. There is a separate dining room, but you can eat anywhere, including the lovely garden. Sunday lunches are especially notable - both for quality and quantity! To avoid disappointment though, it's advisable to book. On the beer front, four hand-



pumps dispense a fine and changing selection of real ales, invariably superbly kept, many from local breweries like Tring and Frog Island. A fifth hand-pump is always reserved for real cider.



One day a customer walked in with a story to tell. He had been clearing a house in Olney, and discovered in the attic a set of 18th century pewter tankards stamped with The Lamb's name. These are now displayed in the back bar, and give a sense of continuity with the history of both village and pub.

All in all, the Lamb is a worthy choice as Milton Keynes and North Bucks CAMRA branch's Pub of the Year for 2008. Our warmest congratulations go to Rachel and Steve for their achievement. Why not join us at the Lamb on Monday 30th June when we present Rachel and Steve with their Pub of the Year certificate? Or drop in at any time - and enjoy!

Jim Scott

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## Branch's Motion Passed at CAMRA AGM

CAMRA's national AGM and Members' Weekend took place at Cardiff on April 19 and 20. Our branch submitted the following motion:

Motion 13. Calls for all CAMRA beer festivals, including the Great British Beer Festival, to make facilities available for customers to have their beer glasses washed, or if not practicable or achievable at reasonable cost, then have the provision for them to exchange their glass for a clean one.

Thirteen may be unlucky for some, but not for us, as the motion was resoundingly carried.

## Launch of Black Monk Mild

The branch is pleased to see that Dan at the Concrete Cow brewery has joined in the "Make May a Mild Month" festivities by brewing his first Mild, in fact his first dark ale. Is called Black Monk, after the order of Monks that used to reside at Bradwell Abbey in the 12th Century, and is the second collaboration on a recipe with our own Chris Scoggins, who came up with the idea in the first place. (*Chris even went to the lengths of brewing it at home first, remarkable since it was his first ever full-mash home brew.*) It is also available in bottles, but it is a limited-edition beer at the moment, so grab it whilst you can. It was due to be in pubs at the time of writing, so we can't tell you what it tastes like. Even more reason to get out there and try some! Also, Dan has also started brewing Midsummer Ale again and its a good as ever. (*I can vouch for that, having enjoyed a delicious pint of it - Ed*) It's already been seen (and tasted) in the Victoria at Bradwell, and at JD Wetherspoons.

## Beer Festival

Dobbies Garden Centre, Fenny Stratford.

Saturday 14th June 9a.m - 6pm

Free samples of a wide variety of bottled beers from small independent Scottish breweries will be on offer, plus bottled beers from MK's own Concrete Cow brewery.

## Tingewick Village Fete and Beer Festival

Tingewick Recreation Ground, 12 July 2008.

This annual village romp features a beer and cider tent, with around 10 Beers, including two from Brackley-based Cherwell Valley Brewery and three from Tring, as well as six ciders.

Other goodies include a hog roast, curry stall, cream teas with home-made cakes, tombola, bouncy castle, coconut shies and donkey rides, white elephant stall (but spend too long in the beer tent and that elephant might turn pink!) and bunting everywhere. Live music is provided by local bands.

The event starts at 12.30 and ends at 5pm, though the beer may not last that long.

## Bletchley Rugby Club

Party on the Pitch 2008 Friday 22nd - Sunday 24th August (Bank Holiday weekend)

Scrum down for a pint on August Bank Holiday, when this welcome event returns, with its CAMRA-accredited beer tent, funfair, sports events, inflatables, and other ingredients for a great day out. It's held at the Rugby Club's Manor Fields ground in Fenny Stratford. For further details, see the Club Diary section of Bletchley RFC's website (<http://www.bletchleyrugby.com>) nearer the time or call or text the organiser Pete Renson on 07899 921905.

## Bucks Brewery wins SIBA award

Vale Brewery at Brill has won a major national brewing award from the Society of Independent Brewers' Association (SIBA). The winning beer is called Gravitas, with ABV of 4.8%, and is a full-flavoured premium bitter, with a powerful fragrant hop aroma and clean refreshing mouthfeel. Beer Moos congratulates Vale on their victory and looks forward to Gravitas going on sale in pubs in our area.

## A Website to Enjoy

If you have a spare moment at your PC, check out [www.realale.com](http://www.realale.com) where you can order a wide choice of Real Ale in a Bottle (RAIB), and enjoy their fascinating Informal Guide to Real Ale and Potted History of British Ale.

## Tring Brewery Opens a Shop

Tring Brewery now has a shop, selling beer, gifts, and food items. It is open Monday to Saturday at 81-82 Akeman Street, TRING HP23 6AF, tel: 01442 890721. ([www.tringbrewery.co.uk](http://www.tringbrewery.co.uk))

## CAMRA Pub Design Awards 2008

CAMRA has announced the three winners of its annual Pub Design Awards, which celebrate the very best in British pub design.

They are:

Refurbishment Award and CAMRA/English Heritage Conservation Award - *Weaver Hotel, Runcorn, Cheshire (01928 572239)*

Conversion to Pub Use Award - *The Tobie Norris, Stamford, Lincolnshire (01780 753800)*

New Build Pub Award - *Black Horse Inn, Walcote, nr Lutterworth, Leicestershire (01455 552684)*

If your travels take you near the winners, why not check them out?

## What's in a Name?

**JACK O' LEGS - 4.2% PREMIUM ALE FROM TRING BREWERY**

Jack O'Legs was a man of unusual strength and size; he was like a giant! Although time has exaggerated his tale, Jack may have been a very real local character, from Weston, in Hertfordshire.

Jack was famous for both his size and for his steady skill with a bow and arrow. It was said, he could shoot a straight arrow for three miles! Some said he could take down a bird at half a mile. Jack was also a thief but often generous with his loot. His favourite place for giving money to the poor and needy is still called Jack's Hill, near the Great North Road.

One day in spring when he came to Weston, he found the townsfolk wringing their hands with worry: "We don't know what we are going to do for a bite of bread," they said. "The last harvest was so bad we haven't got a bit of flour left." Jack replied that he knew of a miller at Baldock, who had plenty

of flour and that he would do what he could.

Off Jack went to the Black Horse Mill at Baldock. Jack broke into the mill and robbed the miller of a sack of flour, taking it back to his friends in Weston. It didn't last very long and so he soon had to return again and again for more flour. Soon other millers in the area suffered too, as the flour ran out yet again and Jack's friends asked for help.

Jack's fame and 'helpfulness' did not go unnoticed by the wealthy millers and bakers. One night, a band of Baldock's wealthy bakers decided get rid of Jack forever. They waited in ambush for Jack, hiding behind the tombstones in the churchyard. Sure enough, along he came, unaware of the trap.

Fearing Jack's giant strength, the bakers let him pass by and then jumped out on him from behind. They clubbed and bound Jack, and then burned out his eyes with a red-hot poker! Jack knew it was the end and made a last request:

"Put me out of my misery," said Jack. "I can't see to shoot you now and you have to bury me somewhere. Let me shoot towards home and bury me where my arrow falls." The bakers allowed Jack's request.

They placed Jack's longbow into his hands and, from where he was standing in Baldock churchyard, he took a great pull on the string and released the arrow swiftly in the direction of Weston. The arrow sailed over his cave and hit Weston church tower, over three miles away!

Jack's grave can be found just inside the churchyard gate. Two stones mark his grave. One at the head and another at his feet, a distance of eight feet apart!

## Snecklifter

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# PETER'S PUZZLES



1. Approximately how many pints are there in a Yard Of Ale?
2. Which brewer used to brew "Red Barrel" ?
3. Name the Stewkley pub listed in the current Good Beer Guide.
4. Which popular pub has the address 201 Midsummer Boulevard ?
5. What are the names of the two pubs in Little Brickhill?
6. Which pub was the local "pub of the year" in 2007?
7. The MK city centre used to contain a pub near the market. What was it's name?
8. How much is joint membership of CAMRA (if paying by direct debit)?
9. What was 'boy's beer'?
10. How many pints does a 'hogshead' cask hold ?

**TIME WASTER:-**  
If it takes 8 minutes for 8 CAMRA members to drink 8 pints (1 each) how long will it take 4 CAMRA members to drink 4 pints?

**ANSWERS** 1. 3 pints 2. Watneys 3. Swan 4. Wetherspoons 5. Old Green Man and the George Inn, 6. Robin Hood (Clifton Keynes), 7. Rose & Castle, 8. £25, 9. A low strength mild ale 10. 432 pint (54 gallons).  
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