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Last autumn, in issue 5 of Beer Moos, we anticipated the opening of Milton Keynes's very own real-ale brewery. Four months on, we're delighted to report that the Concrete Cow Brewery has progressed from strength to strength, with a portfolio of four superb regular ales, and a

significant presence in the area's free houses.

The brewery opened on 23rd August last year. It has a capacity – 'brew-length' in brewery-speak – of 5.5 barrels, equivalent to 198 gallons, meaning that brewer/proprietor Dan Bonner can produce 1584 pints in each brew. Currently he brews just once a week, as the brewing processes of mashing, boiling, fermenting, and conditioning all require time. Good ale cannot be hurried!

The brewery is Dan's latest (and, we're sure, best) venture. Before taking to the mash-tun, Dan, who hails originally from Hampshire, earned his pint first from accountancy, later landscape gardening. Landscaping can be thirsty work, so Dan took up home brewing for a couple of years. Then, in his own words 'I thought of giving the beers my own names and labels. When I found out there was such a thing as a microbrewery I thought I'd give it a go - why not?' The spotless small brewery with its custom-made kit in a trim unit at Bradwell Abbey is the result.

Dan uses pale, amber, crystal and chocolate malts made only from the best floor-malted barley – Maris Otter wherever possible. For hops he chooses predominantly English varieties like Challenger, Fuggles, Northdown Goldings and First Gold. With these he brews four regular ales:

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**Cock 'n Bull 4.1%** - Dark amber, malty flavour (named after the two pubs in Stony Stratford where the phrase originated).

**Old Bloomer 4.7%** - Dark ruby best bitter (named after the class of steam locomotive built in Wolverton in the 19th century).

**Watling Gold 4.5%** - Golden ale (named after the oldest Roman gold coin found in Britain, near Watling Street, MK)

Where can you sample Dan's fine beers? Here are some pubs he suggests are likely to have them.

The Victoria Inn, Bradwell Village, Milton Keynes (01908 316355)

The Lamb, Stoke Goldington (01908 551233)

J D Wetherspoon, 201 Midsummer Boulevard, Milton Keynes (01908 606074)

The White Hart, Sherington (01908 611953)

The Fox & Hounds, Stony Stratford (01908 563307)

The Bell Inn, Main Street, Beachampton (01908 563861)

However for a comprehensive list, check the brewery's website.

Dan also supplies his ales in bottle-conditioned form, and you can buy these at the following outlets:

Eco Park, (next to Gulliver's Land, near Willen Lake,) Newlands. The beer is available at the farm shop, and in the restaurant when dining.

Wakefield Farm Shop, Potterspury (01327 811493)

Farmers' Markets at Wolverton, Stony Stratford, and Newport Pagnell. In addition to the bottled beers, nine-pint polypins will soon also be on sale at the farmers' markets, as well as at the brewery itself.

So there you have it. In four short months, Milton Keynes has moved from being a brewery desert to the home of a superb craft brewery that's already a member of SIBA (Society of Independent Brewers') and whose magnificent ales are already widely enjoyed in and around the city. It only remains for us to congratulate Dan (not forgetting partner Denise) on this tremendous progress, and wish him all the very best for a long and successful future in local brewing. Let's all help him along, too, by buying and enjoying his great beer whenever we see it, and urging our local pubs to stock it if they don't already.

The brewery's website address is  
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## NEW CAMRA LICENSEES AT THE RED LION

On 30th November 2007, Guy and Glynis Plumb re-opened the Red Lion at Fenny Stratford canal lock. Guy, previously a builder, has refurbished the 2 room pub in traditional style, including a welcoming open fire, dart board and pool table.

From a very early (under-1) age Guy has had a passion for Real Ales. He currently stocks two well-kept ales, and hopes to be able to serve an additional brew in the summer.

Having lived in Fenny Stratford all his life, he remembers when there were even more pubs on Simpson Road than at present. He is at present

researching photos of them to adorn the walls, and even has one of a horse-drawn dray belonging to long-gone Bletchley Breweries Ltd!

Originally, the pub, which was rebuilt in the early 20th century, served the narrow boat workers and their families. The pub was in the small bar, and the large bar was a shop selling supplies.

Looking forward to the summer, Glynis and Guy are hoping to serve meals. There is a pleasant waterside garden adjacent to the pub perfect for outside dining. CAMRA is holding a social at the Red Lion on Tuesday March 4th.

## FULL MEASURES COME TO NORTH BUCKS

For many years now CAMRA has been campaigning against short measures (or over-sized heads - take your pick). It is extremely refreshing to find two local outlets which have actually reintroduced over-sized (22 ounce) glasses. Rosie's Wine Bar, at 14 High Street, Winslow now sells real ale in oversize glasses.

The Globe at Long Street, Hanslope has a number of extra-large glasses for customers who prefer a head on their pint. Amie, barmaid at the Globe, tells Beer Moos that she will also happily 'top-up' any drinks after a customer has taken a sip out of their standard 20 ounce glass. No wonder she was voted Marstons "Bar person of the year" - beating 1700 other bar staff in the Marstons pub estate. Let's hope the Globe has set a trend for others to follow.

## GLOBE BEER FESTIVAL

While on the subject of the Globe, Thursday 27th March to Saturday 29th March sees their second Beer Festival. This follows the success of the first one last November, where over 20 barrels of real ales sold out completely. At this March fest, real cider will also be available. For further details contact the Globe on 01908 510336. Bus 33 runs from CMK stop J4 to the door of the pub but check times before travelling. (timetable at [www.miltonkeynes.gov.uk/transport/documents/33.pdf](http://www.miltonkeynes.gov.uk/transport/documents/33.pdf))

## NEW INN, NEW BRADWELL, St. GEORGE'S BEER FESTIVAL

Friday 25th to Sunday 27th April. A Celebration of England! On Saturday there will be a pork and beef roast, with traditional English folk music and clog dancing, coconut shies, boat trips and other activities. 10 guest ales - for beer list check New Inn's website [www.bemerry.co.uk](http://www.bemerry.co.uk) nearer the time.

## OLD CROWN at LITTLE HORWOOD

The Old Crown in Little Horwood is currently closed and there is a planning application to build a house on the existing car park, and move the car park behind the pub. Supporting documentation talks about viability, which is a cause for concern. Though there is another pub (Shoulder of Mutton) in the village, we don't like to see any pub close, so Moos readers in the area should keep an eye on events and keep CAMRA informed.

You can inspect the planning application here <http://wam.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk:8080/WAM/showCaseFile.do?appType=DC&appNumber=07/03465/APP>

You can see CAMRA's pub viability test here - <http://www.camra.org.uk/page.aspx?o=181180>

## TIPPLEFAIR

### New Management and New Venue.

Sunday 18th May 2008

Buckingham Community Centre, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham MK18 1RP.

Open 9am till 2.30 pm

Admission £4.00 (£1.50 after 10.30am).

For the last eight years, CAMRA member Peter Ballantyne has been organising this national collectors' fair of breweriana. Now Peter has decided to stand down.

Bas and Jan, regular stalls holders and friends of Peter, have taken over running of the fair. All items on sale, in over 80 stalls, will be connected to the manufacture, distribution and promotion of drinks-related products. So, whether you collect beer mats, water jugs, pump clips, or any of 1001 other interesting brewery or whisky-associated items, then this unique annual event is for you. And from 11am there will be a real-ale bar.

The fair's new venue is in the old market town of Buckingham. Stalls are available from £10.00 - £24.00. For bookings, enquiries, and further information, visit [www.tipples.net](http://www.tipples.net) or contact Bas and Jan on 07818 810896.

## BOTTLED BEER TREASURE TROVE

You find the most amazing caches of bottled real ales in the most unlikely-seeming places. The newly refurbished farm food hall and delicatessen at Dobbies garden centre, on Watling Street in Fenny Stratford normally stocks a range of at least 80 different bottle-conditioned beers, many from Scottish micro-breweries, and all reasonably priced. Every few months they have a Thursday tasting evening. Contact Trevor Cook at Dobbies (01908 364890) for details of the next event, or just pop along to see their fantastic range.

## YOUTH CRAWL

Anybody in the MKNB branch or neighbouring branches who is under the age of 30 is welcome to

come join us on a pub crawl of Northampton. The route will take in no less than six pubs and should include some of the best real ale that Northampton has to offer.

Date: Friday 28th March 2008 Start Time: 18:30

Meet at Northampton Train Station

Hope to see you there. For more information contact the MKNB Young person's coordinator - Carl Dillow at [ypc@mkcamra.org.uk](mailto:ypc@mkcamra.org.uk) If you intend to come please let me know and I will provide mobile numbers and timings for the crawl so that you can join at any point if you can't make it for 18:30. The details will be published on our website as soon as the route is finalised.

## CHAMPION WINTER BEER OF BRITAIN 2008

Judging for this event took place in January at the National Winter Ales Festival in Manchester. The results were:

Gold and Supreme Champion - Station Porter (Wickwar Brewery, Gloucestershire)

Silver - Old Tom (Robinson's, Stockport, Cheshire)

Bronze - Entire Stout (Hop Back, Salisbury, Wiltshire)

Ask your landlord to get these in. They are all delicious - and wickedly strong!

For full details on Champion Winter Beers of Britain, visit [www.camra.org.uk/page.aspx?o=268535](http://www.camra.org.uk/page.aspx?o=268535)

## CAMRA AT THE DONS

Branch Chairman Phil Swinbank and his wife Paula (on left, below) were Match Day Sponsors for Milton Keynes Dons FC for their match against Rotherham on February 3rd. Phil and Paula generously used the occasion to place a half-page advertisement for CAMRA in the Match Program. Our thanks to them for this magnificent support!







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# Moosings from the Chair

Welcome to this, the first issue of Beer Moos with me, Phil Swinbank, as the new chairman of Milton Keynes and North Bucks CAMRA.

An introduction is in order. I've been an active member of the branch since the 2005 Milton Keynes Beer Festival. I got to know the local activists during my three days volunteering behind the bar; they're a good bunch, and they persuaded me to join the committee. I've been the branch secretary and webmaster since then.

Many thanks to the members of the committee standing down this year: Chris Scoggins, our indefatigable chairman for three years, is finally allowing himself a bit of a rest; Peter and Janie Comber the Pubs and Membership officers have to slow down for health reasons. Let's not forget the late Colin Zealley: we not only miss him personally, but we sorely miss all the work he used to do!

It's a pleasure to welcome some new people to the committee too. Doug Dillow is taking on the treasurer role in his first year as a CAMRA member – attaboy Doug! Doug's not an entirely new face to us as his son Carl is a long-standing committee member. Phil Rooke (membership) and Anne Clark/Fred Bakin (joint secretaries) are long-standing active members – many thanks to them too.

These days, wherever you happen to be in the country, Good Beer Guide in hand, you can always find somewhere that serves excellent beer. It's easy to start thinking that we don't need to worry so much, CAMRA has won the war, and top class real ale can be found everywhere. But choose a pub at random, go to a sports venue, or worse still, arrange to meet people at a town-centre bar, and there's a good chance you'll find there are no real ales at all.

We try to encourage more licensees to stock real ale, and to look after it with TLC. Contrary to an opinion sometimes held, we always support pubs that are selling real ale. It'd be great if we could include lots more of the ale pubs in the area in the Good Beer Guide, but we just can't. We're allowed

thirteen entries in the Guide (the quota is based on our population), and there are some pubs that have been in there for ten years or more; they just refuse to serve a bad pint!

Cheers!

Phil Swinbank

## Diary Dates

Please note that this diary information is always subject to change – check online for latest information at <http://www.mkcamra.org.uk/diary.htm>.

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

### MARCH

**Tue 4th March** 20:00 Social Red Lion, Fenny Lock ☞

**Fri 14th – Sat 15th March**

12.00 – 22.00 Winslow Lions Beer Festival Winslow Public Hall

**Fri 28th March**

18.30 Young Members' Northampton Pub Crawl (see item in Other News on p5) Northampton Rail Station. ☞

**Mon 31st March**

20.00 Branch Meeting Wheatsheaf, Maids Moreton

**Thu 10th April**

20.00 Social Bull, Tickford St, Newport Pagnell. ☞

**Sat 19th & Sun 20th April**

CAMRA National AGM and Members' Weekend City Hall, Cardiff. ☞

**Mon 28th April**

20.00 Branch Meeting Old Red Lion, Great Brickhill. ☞

**Thu 15th May**

20.00 Social Swan, Woburn Sands. ☞

**Sun 18th May**

09.00–14.30 Tippelfair (see item in Other News on p9) Buckingham Community Centre.

**Tue 27th May**

(Note NOT Monday which is Bank Holiday)

20.00 Branch Meeting see website for venue. ☞

## The Forsaken Tavern – Heretical Thoughts on Traditional Pubs

In the 18th century, city folks took a dim view of the country. To them, it was a backward, uncivilised place; its people ignorant and uncouth, its landscape a horrid wilderness. Then came the industrial revolution, with dark satanic mills supplanting the green and pleasant land, and, suddenly, the country was viewed (from the city) as an untainted Eden, as 'unspoilt by progress' as a pint of Banks's bitter. Both views were, of course, baloney.

The Romantic view of the countryside informs many CAMRA people's image of the Traditional Pub. We all know what it's like. A quaint old building, in a rural or back-street setting, where a genial host (who's been there at least forty years) dispenses perfect pints to equally cheerful Pop Larkin look-alikes, who've also been there for forty years, and whose merry conversation is interrupted only by the clatter of skittles or thud of darts. Ma Larkin is nowhere to be seen of course. She's at home baking the Hovis.

It's a pretty picture, and such pubs do exist, and much effort is expended in finding and trying to preserve them. We spit venom if they are closed down, but in many ways the brewers and pubcos we attack are responding to, rather than controlling events. For sadly, that kind of pub was the specific product of particular social and economic circumstances which have largely passed.

The old fashioned local served a mainly static society. Villages had large populations of farm workers who travelled little, had few other entertainments, and couldn't afford much anyway. Similarly, the back-street boozer served an urban working-class living within walking distance of it. Few people had cars, the breathalyser hadn't been invented, advertising was primitive. Supermarket beer aisles lay far in the future, as did Youth Culture; sons went to the pub with their dads and uncles, and drank mild and bitter like they did. Class divisions were institutionalised with public and lounge bars, like first and third class compartments on the steam train.

These traditional pubs were often squalid, with dubious hygiene and even more dubious beer quality, and since most belonged to the same local brewer, had no competition. It's easy to forget that one reason for the introduction of keg beer in the 1960s was to try to bring consistency to a product that was often, frankly, awful. Not forgetting handpump innards made from lead-solder, toxically leaching that lead into the ale! Pint anyone?

These non-mobile, fairly poor, populations, living within staggering distance, and with few other distractions, are what created the kind of pub we think of as traditional. Today's society just isn't like that. In the age of the breathalyser and supermarkets, is it possible for the traditional pub to survive except an a few 'niche' outlets, when the society that created it no longer does? And, more crucially, would we really want to go back to a 1940s pub? Or is our notion of the Traditional Pub as fake as the countryside in a Hovis ad.

### COMING BEER FESTIVALS

The following are some beer festivals over the next three months which are readily reached by public transport from Milton Keynes. This is not an exhaustive list, just some suggestions.

#### LORD JOHN RUSSELL, St NEOTS

Thursday 6th to Sunday 9th March 2008  
25 Russell Street, St Neots PE19 1BA Tel: 01480-406330.  
The nearest Bateman's tied house to Milton Keynes is holding a festival of 14 ales plus a cider and perry as well as its usual Bateman's range. The LJR is a short walk from the X5 stop in St Neots centre. Open Thu and Fri 12-11 Sat 9am-11pm (yes 9am!!) Sun 11-11.

#### LONDON DRINKER

Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th March 2008  
Camden Centre, Bidborough Street, London WC1.  
This excellent large festival of around 100 beers is an easy stagger from Euston Station.  
Website: <http://www.camranorthlondon.org.uk/ldb/index.html>

#### LEICESTER

Wednesday 12th to Saturday 15th March 2008  
Charotar Patidar Samaj, Bay Street, Leicester LE1 3EB  
200 beers and 30 ciders await you at this Indian cultural centre, whose chefs provide the authentic curries which have become this great festival's hallmark.  
The venue is 5 minutes from Leicester St Margaret's Coach Station. Frequent coaches NX440 and FK230 from MK Coachway. (See National Express website for exact times) journey time 1 hr. and yes the coaches have toilets!  
Website: <http://www.leicestercamra.org.uk/Festivals/2008festival.shtml>

#### GLOBE (Hanslope) BEER FESTIVAL

Thursday 27th to Saturday 29th March 2008.  
See Other News on p5.

#### COVENTRY

11th April and Saturday 12th April  
At Coventry Rugby Club. 85 ales. Train from Bletchley, MK Central or Wolverton. Venue is 10 mins walk from Coventry station.  
website: <http://uk.geocities.com/covcamra/index.html>

#### NEW INN, New Bradwell St. George's Beer Festival

Friday 25th to Sunday 27th April.  
See Other News on p5.

#### READING

Thursday 1st to Sunday 4th May 2008, Kings Meadow, Reading.  
Another mega-fest with 430+ales and 140+ciders and perries – a must for cider and beer lovers. Take X5 coach to Oxford, thence train to Reading. Festival is very near Reading station. website: [www.readingbeerfestival.org.uk](http://www.readingbeerfestival.org.uk)

#### BANBURY

Thursday 8th to Saturday 10th May 2008  
TA Centre, Oxford Rd, Banbury. Take X5 coach to Bicester North station, thence train to Banbury.  
website: <http://www.northoxfordshirecamra.org.uk/festival/>

#### RUGBY

Wednesday 14th to Saturday 17th May 2008  
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Sixteen eager cyclists turned out on Saturday, Feb 16th, for Milton Keynes and North Bucks CAMRA's pub-crawl by bike, to mark the start of Community Pubs Week.

This is the third year the crawl has taken place and, as in previous years, the weather was kind to us – sunny and dry, even if a tad chilly initially.

Starting-point was the Ship Ashore in Willen just before mid-day. The group followed a circular route, using Redways wherever possible, sampling ales at

the Nag's Head, in Great Linford, New Inn at New Bradwell, Victoria in Bradwell Village, J D Wetherspoons on Midsummer Boulevard, and the Barge at Woolstone, before finally mustering back at the Ship Ashore at around 5pm.

As ever, a great day was enjoyed by all, combining healthy exercise, lovely sunshine, fine ales, and good company. Grateful thanks to Alan Sanders who organised the event, and to all those who participated and made it such a success.

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CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale, supports Real Ale In a Bottle, or RAIB for short.. This is the bottled equivalent of the draught cask ales you enjoy at the pub.

Real Ale is defined as beer which undergoes a secondary fermentation in the container from which it is served. For draught real ale, this happens in the cask, hence the alternative name 'cask-conditioned ale.' The alternative name for RAIB is 'bottle-conditioned beer', meaning that this secondary fermentation takes place there. Real Ale In a Bottle is never pasteurised or artificially carbonated. It is a natural live product which contains yeast for a slow secondary in-bottle fermentation, just as cask real ale does in the cask. This process produces wonderful fresh flavours, and a pleasant natural effervescence.

It is very important to be aware that the bottled versions of many cask conditioned real ales do not undergo secondary fermentation. They may be filtered but unpasteurised, or they may be both pasteurised and carbonated, which effectively turns them into bottled keg beers. With this in mind, CAMRA has launched a logo 'CAMRA says this is real ale' to identify clearly products that are the 'real thing' – natural living bottle-conditioned beers. We hope this logo will be able clearly to identify Real Ale In a Bottle. Increasingly you will see it appear on the labels of bottle-conditioned products, and when you see it, you can be sure you are drinking real ale.

If the beer isn't marked with CAMRA's logo, how do you identify Real Ale In a Bottle? The words 'bottle-conditioned' should appear on the labels of bottled real ales. Failing that, hold the bottle up to the light and note if it contains a yeast sediment – RAIB always contains the life-giving yeast that makes all the difference! And you can always refer to CAMRA's Good Bottled Beer guide, available from CAMRA's online shop.

A final word of warning – please do NOT shake the bottle before pouring Real Ale In a Bottle! Decant it carefully, leaving the yeast behind, and enjoy your beer clear, fresh, and delicious.

## 10 Reasons to buy Real Ale In a Bottle

- It's a living product which means lots of stimulating, fresh flavours.
- It's the nearest thing to a pint of real ale at your local that you can enjoy at home.
- It is never artificially carbonated. The pleasant effervescence is generated wholly by the yeast in the bottle.
- Almost all bottle conditioned beers are brewed from just these four natural ingredients: malted barley, hops, yeast and water – there are no additives or E-numbers.
- It's often brewed by small or regional brewers and sold locally, so you'll be helping the local economy and cutting down on beer miles.
- It's a hand-crafted product and brewers take extra care when producing Real Ale In a Bottle.
- There is so much variety to be enjoyed. Well over 500 real ales in a bottle are currently produced in the UK.
- There are some magnificent bottled real ales from other countries (notably the USA), showing that life outside Britain isn't all lager!
- It makes an excellent accompaniment to food, and with so many different bottled real ales available, it's fascinating to try to match their flavours with various dishes. Try Real Ale In a Bottle instead of wine for a change.
- And most importantly – it tastes great!

You can buy Real Ale In a Bottle in most major supermarkets (but check the labels carefully), at some off licenses, notably Parkland Wines in Cranfield, and in the Food Hall at Dobbie's Garden Centre in Fenny Stratford. See our article on the Concrete Cow Brewery for where to buy the most local RAIB of all.

*This article is an edited excerpt from the program for the 2008 CAMRA National Winter Ales Festival held in Manchester in January.*





# FEATURE TELL US THE SCORE!

Calling all CAMRA members... and indeed all other beer lovers!

Are you aware of the National Beer Scoring Scheme? The idea is to get members' feedback on the quality of the Real Ale that they drink, to help ensure that future Good Beer Guides are accurate. With this in mind, CAMRA created National Beer Scoring Cards, a credit card sized form that you fill in, giving the beer a score from 0-5 (see table), then pass to your Pubs Officer (pubs@mkcamra.org.uk). These cards can (and should) also be used if you visit pubs outside our area; we pass them on to the branch in question for them to use.

You can pick some up at any branch meeting or social, download them to print from the CAMRA website at [www.camra.org.uk/catsum.aspx?o=nbss](http://www.camra.org.uk/catsum.aspx?o=nbss), or fill them in online on our own website at [www.mkcamra.org.uk/beerscore.php](http://www.mkcamra.org.uk/beerscore.php).

We welcome reports from non-members. Scores submitted by non-members will be verified by a member at the next reasonable opportunity, and then included in the database.

Although we don't currently have a Pubs Officer (volunteer anyone?) the National Beer Scoring Scheme database continues to be maintained. So, whenever and wherever you drink Real Ale, please

think about rating it as per the table and either send it to us electronically as described above, or fill in a card and hand it to me at a social or branch meeting.

Cheers!

**LameWolf**

*NBSS Database Operative, MK & North Bucks CAMRA*

<b>0 Undrinkable</b>	No cask ale available, or so poor you have to take it back or can't finish it.
<b>1 Poor</b>	Beer that is anything from barely drinkable to drinkable with considerable resentment.
<b>2 Average</b>	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.
<b>3 Good</b>	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.
<b>4 Very Good</b>	Excellent beer in excellent condition.
<b>5 Perfect</b>	Probably the best you are ever likely to find. A seasoned drinker will award this score very rarely.

## PETER'S PUZZLES

- In which Eastern County is the only whisky distillery (called St George's) in England?
- To the nearest 100, how many folks attended Milton Keynes Beer Fest last November?
- What pub in Stoke Goldington was the local runner-up of "PUB OF THE YEAR"?
- Cider is made from apples, but from which fruit is perry made?
- What is the name of the only pub in Buckingham listed in the 2008 Good Beer Guide?
- Name the two pubs in Bradwell village.
- Which invaders first brought the art of barrel-making to Britain?
- Where is the "Foundry" pub?
- Which pubs in this area started offering pints in 'over-sized' (22oz) glasses to its customers (answer is elsewhere in this MOOS).
- Many people know the Harvester pub in Loughton on Watling Street, but what is the correct name of this establishment?

**ANSWERS** 1. Norfolk (Roudham), 2. 700 3. The Lamb, 4. Peers, 5. The Woodcock 6. The Victoria and the Prince Albert, 7. The Romans, 8. Fenny Stratford, 9. The Globe at Hanslope and Rosie's at Winslow, 10. The Fountain.

### STRANGE PUB INCIDENT (solution)

In the last MOOS I posed this puzzle:- Three customers went into a pub and opened a bar tab. When they had finished they asked the server for the final bill. She told them it was £30, so they each gave her a £10 note. When she took it to the cashier on the till she was told the total should have been £25, not £30. She was given five one pound coins to return to the group. On her way back to the table she put £2 in her pocket and gave the customers back a pound each. So the customers paid £9 each, that's £27, she kept £2, that's £29, so where did the other pound go?

The answer is that the £30 was a nominal amount and never really existed. The £2 the server kept should have been subtracted from the £27 the customers actually paid, making the correct total of £25.

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# Winslow Lions Beer Festival

Winslow Lions are members of Lions Clubs International, a community service organisation dedicated to the idea that local communities know best who needs help and why. Local clubs are part of the world's largest such organisation, with 1.4 million members serving in more than 193 countries and areas.

For two years, the Lions Club of Winslow has run a beer festival in the town. Both have been a great success, and the Lions have been asked many times - 'when will the next one be?' Well, the wait is over! This year's festival promises to be the best yet, with an even more amazing array of beers and ciders than in the last two years.

The festival will kick off on Friday evening, 14th March, then continue on the afternoon and evening of Saturday the 15th. On Saturday afternoon, fans will be able to watch RBS Six Nations rugby on a large screen, so why not join us for both afternoon and evening sessions, and enjoy a pint or two and a bite to eat? We look forward to seeing old friends again, but please tell your friends and bring them along for a truly unique Winslow occasion.

Here are the details.

Tickets will be £5 for entry per session, which includes a souvenir pint glass and official program with beer tasting guide. The excellent venue is

again Winslow Public Hall, Elmfields Gate, MK18 3JA, and the times are:

Friday 14th March 18:00 – 23:00

Saturday 15th March 11:00 – 19:00 (incl. live TV coverage of RBS Six Nations Rugby)

Saturday 15th March 19:00 – 23:00

For non-beer-drinkers, we have cider, perry, a limited wine selection, and soft drinks. Beer drinkers can inspect the beer list on our website.

Tickets can be bought in advance at the Bell Hotel, Market Square, Winslow. Each session will require a separate admission ticket. If you attend the Saturday afternoon session and wish to stay on for the evening session as well, you can purchase a 'Follow-On' ticket for £3 (no glass or program included)

Beer vouchers are available for purchase during the sessions, and this year ALL beers, lagers, ciders and perries will be the same value. CAMRA members get a free beer voucher on production of a valid membership card.

For further information visit

[www.winslowlions.org.uk/beerfestival](http://www.winslowlions.org.uk/beerfestival)



## CRINGE CORNER

A guy walks into a bar wearing high heels and a dress. He orders a pint and a plate of chips.

'Excuse me sir, I hope you don't mind my asking, but why are you dressed as a woman?' asks the barperson.

Replies the guy 'I like to eat, drink, and be Mary.'

## What's in a Name?

**Tom Fool (Jennings, 4.0%).**

The original Tom Fool (origin of tomfoolery) was Thomas Skelton, the Fool of Muncaster Castle, Cumbria. He apparently spent many hours of his time sitting under a tree, and if a traveller passed whom he didn't like, he would direct them on their way via the marshes and quicksands, where they would meet their doom. He died around 1600, but his ghost is said to haunt the castle still.



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