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The White Lion at St Leonards has been saved but needs someone to take it on

According to a report from getbucks by Tom Herbert. "The owners of the White Lion pub, St Leonards, have had their appeal against an enforcement notice – telling them they had to restore it to a pub or move – thrown out. But supporters have warned the fight to return the White Lion pub, which is currently being used a private house, to normal operations is far from over" - See the Planning Inspectorate decision on page 17.

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Mid Chilterns CAMRA send Mel & Michael (Mr & Mrs Brake) congratulations on their wedding and wish them a long and happy marriage

THE PRIDE OF BERKSHIRE AND BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LIFE AWARD

A local brewery has scooped a top honour in the Berkshire & Buckinghamshire Life Magazine Food & Drink Awards 2016

Brothers George and Tom Jenkinson and The Chiltern Brewery have been voted 'The Pride of Berkshire and Buckinghamshire Life' by the leading regional magazine title at their annual food and drink awards.

This special award recognises individuals and businesses which actively and proudly promote the great local produce Buckinghamshire and Berkshire have to offer.

Janice Raycroft editor of the magazines and category judge said "Our pride of Berkshire and Buckinghamshire winners this year epitomise the very best of family businesses, carefully expanding over the years and constantly innovating with new products; providing employment in an area where local jobs are truly appreciated and looking to the future with huge positivity."

The Chiltern Brewery is a second generation family business based in Terrick, near Wendover, Buckinghamshire and started brewing in 1980. George and Tom and their team take terrific inspiration from their beautiful rural surroundings and the geography and history of the county. A fox and beech tree feature on the company logo and beer names for their fine English Ales include John Hampden's Golden Harvest Ale 4.8%, Beechwood Bitter 4.3% and Three Hundred's Dark Old Ale 5.0%



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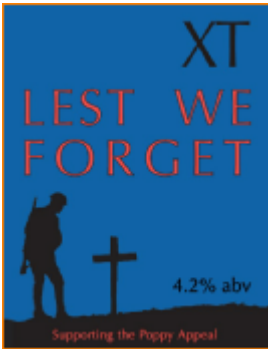
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Remembrance Ales



A century ago, January had seen the evacuation of British Forces from Gallipoli and advances by Austria and Russia. In February the Battle of Verdun began, leading to months of slaughter on the Western Front until the end of the year; we especially remember the battles of the Somme. Many other actions were taking place at sea, in Africa, the Balkans, Italy and the Middle-East; Romania joined the allies in August but it did not go well for them. All in all, 1916 was a very bad year.

Many brewers support The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal with donations from the sales of special 'Poppy' ales like Otter Poppy and most pubs have poppies on the bar for us to buy and wear in remembrance. XT brewery (a LocAle brewer) works with other small brewers around the country to brew 'Lest we Forget' – with an iconic pump clip.

The Royal British Legion sends out around 40,000,000 poppies every year and the nation holds a two minute silence 'at the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month' - Armistice Day – Friday. Services will be held on Remembrance Sunday (13th November this year) around the country, the main one is at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, the United Kingdom's primary national war memorial since 1920.

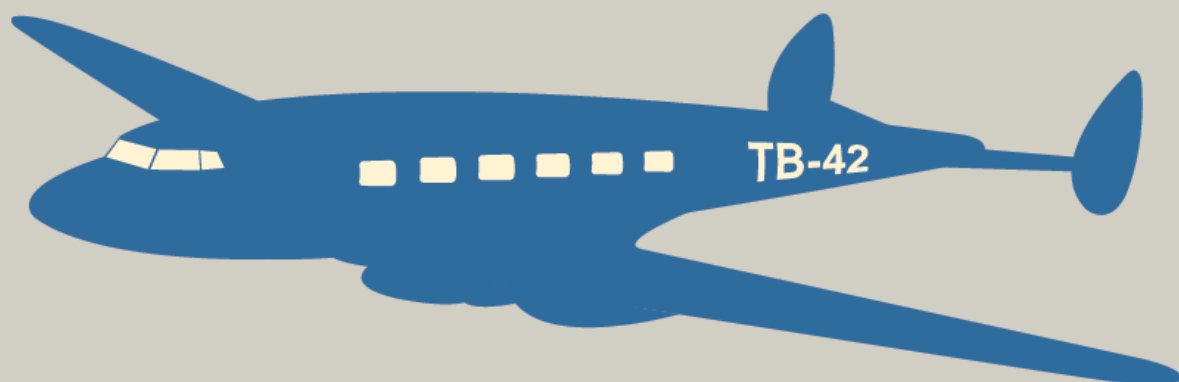
These pubs usually put on a Remembrance Ale so we can honour the casualties: **The Bell** (Chartridge), **The Black Cat** (Lye Green), **The Craft Beer Shop** (Little Chalfont), **The Crown** (Berkhamsted), **The Full House** (Hemel Hempstead), **The Gamekeepers Lodge** (Chesham), **The Generals Arms** (Chesham), **The George & Dragon** – with knitted poppies - (Chesham), **The Hen & Chickens** (Botley), **The Jolly Sportsman** (Chesham), **The Pheasant** (Chesham), **The Plough** (Hyde Heath), **The Red Lion** (Chenies), **The Red Lion** (Marsworth), **The Rising Sun** (Berkhamsted), **The Squirrel** (Penn Street) and **The White Lion** (Little Chalfont).



So raise a sombre glass: we will remember them

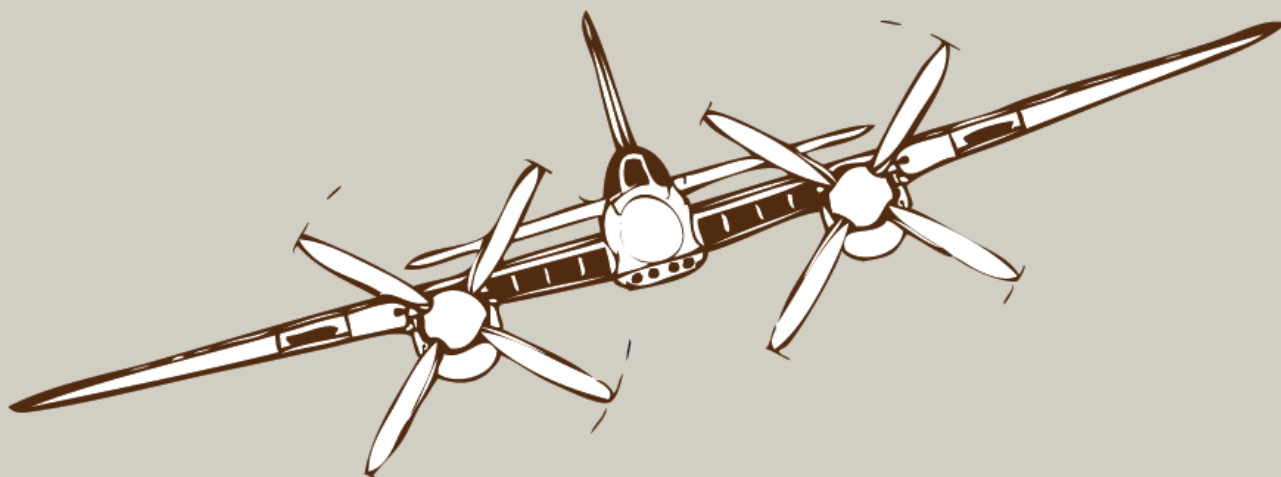
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Winter Ales



Winter Ales are one of the oldest 'seasonals' and brewed to have a little more alcohol for the walk home in the dark winter weather: only the wealthy could afford a horse in those days. They also had the advantage of being cheaper than spirits, unit for unit. The rise of car ownership reduced their attraction but our more adult attitude to not mixing drinking and driving has seen Winter Ales' sales increase, and a rise in taxi usage.

Nearly all our LocAle brewers offer one or more. Expect Chiltern Foxtrot, Gales Firecracker, Haresfoot Old Tiney, Malt Winter Ale, Rebellion Roasted Nuts, Tring Colley's Dog, Vale Black Beauty Porter and XT brewery's XT 10.

If you want to try examples of these beers then head for your local pubs/shops in November, most will have it. The ones I know about are: **The Bell** (Chartridge), **The Black Cat** (Lye Green), **The Boat** (Berkhamsted), **The Brewery Shops** (Berkhamsted and Chesham), **The Crabtree** (Leverstock Green), **The Craft Beer Shop** (Little Chalfont), **The Crown** (Berkhamsted), **The Crown** (Ley Hill), **The Crown & Sceptre** (Bridens Camp), **The Crown** (Ley Hill), **The Crown Inn** (Little Missenden), **The Eagle** (Amersham), **The Full House** (Hemel Hempstead), **The Black Horse** (Chesham Vale), **The Gamekeepers Lodge** (Chesham), **The Generals Arms** (Chesham), **The Greyhound** (Wigginton), **The Hen & Chickens** (Botley), **The Hit or Miss** (Penn Street), **The Jolly Sportsman** (Chesham), **The Kings Arms** (Tring), **The Paper Mill** (Apsley), **The Pheasant** (Chesham), **The Plough** (Hyde Heath), **The Queens Head** (Chesham), **The Red Lion** (Marsworth), **The Rising Sun** (Berkhamsted), **The Robin Hood** (Tring), **The Rose & Crown** (Ivinghoe), **The Saracens Head** (Amersham), **The Squirrel** (Penn Street), **The Sugar Loaf Inn** (Little Chalfont) **The Valiant Trooper** (Aldbury), **The White Hart** (Whelpley Hill) and **The White Lion** (Little Chalfont).

You will also find them at **The Queens Head** (Chesham) during their Winter Ale & Cider Fest from 2nd – 4th December.

Christmas Lights 2016



We always have a bit of fun as our towns/villages turn their Christmas lights on, usually in the High Street or equivalent. The shops stay open for Christmas purchases, there is entertainment for the children and local societies take stalls. The pubs make an effort to tempt in passers-by and some have outside 'pop-up' bars so you can stay with your kids.

The earliest I can find are on Friday 25th November: Chesham goes for it and Tring has the Tring Together Traditional Christmas Festival. Kings Langley lights up the High Street on Saturday 26th and Chalfont St. Giles lights up the village green. Christmas Live at Hemel Hempstead is on Sunday 27th and Berkhamsted has its Festival of Lights. Into December and Amersham Old Town has its fun on Friday 2nd as does Chalfont St Peter with their Christmas Fun Night. Amersham-on-the-Hill lights its Christmas tree on Saturday 3rd.

Apologies for any I have missed.

Brian

Christmas Ales



Christmas Ales have come a long way from the days they were just the breweries' winter ales with a quirky pump clip. These days they're going for true Christmassy tastes by choosing special malts and hops plus other Christmas ingredients. Brewers are coy about identifying their 'secret' ingredients but I have found the following on websites: almond, blackberries, blackcurrant, black treacle, cherry, chocolate, cinnamon, cloves, coffee, coriander, ginger, juniper, lemons, mace, molasses, nutmeg, oranges, redcurrant, star anise and vanilla.

Look out for LocAle favourites: Gales Firecracker, Rebellion Yo Ho, Tring Santa's Little Helper, Vale Good King Senseless and XT brewery's XT 25 Xmas Ale.

Cider drinkers are not forgotten, some pubs will have mulled and/or spiced choices.

Most pubs will have a Christmas ale; I know about the following ones:-

The Bedford Arms (Chenies), **The Bell** (Chartridge), **The Black Cat** (Lye Green),

The Craft Beer Shop (Little Chalfont), **The Crown** (Berkhamsted), **The Crown** (Ley Hill),

The Crown & Sceptre (Bridens Camp), **The Crown Inn** (Little Missenden),

The Eagle (Amersham), **The Full House** (Hemel Hempstead), **The Gamekeepers Lodge** (Chesham)

The Harte and Magpies (Coleshill), **The Generals Arms** (Chesham), **The George & Dragon** (Chesham)

The Jolly Sportsman (Chesham), **The Kings Arms** (Amersham), **The Kings Arms** (Tring)

The Pheasant (Chesham), **The Potters Arms** (Winchmore Hill), **The Queens Head** (Chesham)

The Red Lion (Chenies), **The Red Lion** (Marsworth), **The Rising Sun** (Berkhamsted)

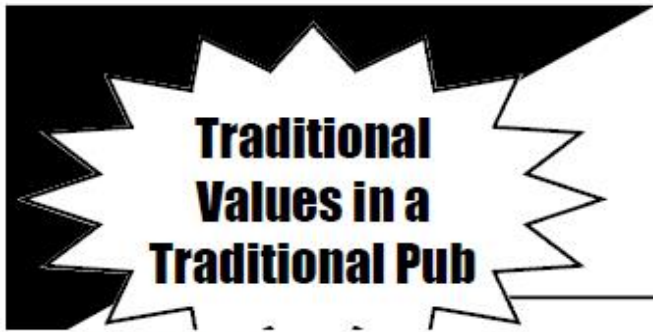
The Robin Hood (Tring), **The Rose & Crown** (Ivinghoe), **The Saracens Head** (Amersham)

The Squirrel (Penn Street), **The Sugar Loaf Inn** (Little Chalfont), **The Swan** (Amersham)

The Valiant Trooper (Aldbury) **The White Hart** (Whelpley Hill) and **The White Lion** (Little Chalfont)

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Beer Festivals 2016

Details of Beer Festivals are correct to the best of our knowledge but it would be worth checking with the pub before you plan to visit a venue.

Date	Event	Details
29 th Nov to 3 rd Dec	Pigs Ear Beer Fest	The Round Chapel, 1d Glenarm Road, off Lower Clapton Road, Hackney, E5 0PU
1 st to 4 th December	Beer & Cider Fest	The Rising Sun, George Street, Berkhamsted
2 nd to 4 th December	Winter Ale & Cider Fest	Queens Head, Church Street, Chesham
Thurs 8 th December	Tiny Rebel "Tap Takeover" 5 cask and 5 craft beers	The Rising Sun, George Street, Berkhamsted.

For all the latest info on beer festivals, Branch socials and meetings and more visit our website
www.midchilternscamra.org.uk

The Chiltern Brewery



The Chiltern Brewery has a wonderful range of special limited edition seasonal beers for winter 2016. Draught ales include dark and malty 300's Old Ale 4.9%, still available through to January, and new for November and December mellow and fruity Foxtrot 3.9%, with its tastes of dark berries and chocolate – what a great mix of flavours!

This is also the perfect time of year to sup two of their permanent ales, Chiltern Black 3.9%, a porter with aromas of creamy chocolate, and award-winning Beechwood Bitter 4.3% - mid amber in colour with nutty and toffee tastes - around a roaring fire on a winter evening – in

your local or at home. Both are available year round together with Chiltern Pale Ale 3.7%.



The brewery has a fantastic new website! At www.chilternbrewery.co.uk you can browse at your leisure and – a brand new service - Click & Collect for the beers including draught ales. You can also Call & Collect on 01296 613647.

Bottle-Conditioned Glad Tidings Winter Stout 4.6% is back and according to Dave the brewer, is a classic vintage this year. Exciting news too that four of the bottled beers, each one of which now holds a Great Taste Award, have just been formally certified as Gluten Free. The recipes haven't changed, but coeliacs - and those intolerant to gluten - can now enjoy some of the brewery's fine English ales.

The Christmas brewery shop opens from 24th November. Situated in Terrick near Wendover you'll find a wonderful selection of unique gift ideas including some lovely foods from local producers, many made with their beer. There are hampers and even a hamper wrapping service on Friday evenings (please see website for times).

Finally, the brewery tap in Aylesbury, The King's Head, will be serving hearty festive lunches from 28th November and there are new Foodie Fridays post-work from 5-8pm, which are proving to be very popular. They do ask you to book please for festive lunches on 01296 718812 or you can download a booking form online.

www.chilternbrewery.co.uk

Twitter for all the latest news @chiltern_brewer @Kings_Head Facebook too.



Besaro Microbrewery Vejer De La frontera, Cadiz province Spain

My wife Ann and I made a recent holiday trip to the beautiful Costa de Luz to a village at the foot of the well-known Andalusian White town on the hills, Vejer de la Frontera located around 45 mins drive from Europe's oldest city Cadiz. While visiting the local tourist office we noted a microbrewery available for visits which was a short walk from the very village we were staying in.

We got a swift response from Ricardo Torres Ventura and an invitation to visit the brewery in the early evening in Mid-August. Ricardo is one of 3 partners who along with a solitary brewery assistant make up the brewery which is housed in a small industrial unit on the Poligono Canada Ancha around 2 km from Vejer.

Besaro saw an opportunity to enter a regional market dominated by the bland and mass produced Cruzcampo. Besaro's aim is to essentially produce a craft beer suited to the always warm local climate with an annual low temperature of 20 Degrees C! and summers typically in the mid 30 degree range.

The flagship Pale Ale which is 4.5% ABV has an intense golden colour. It is rightly described by the brewery as soft and refreshing with floral reminiscences that makes its flavour unique.

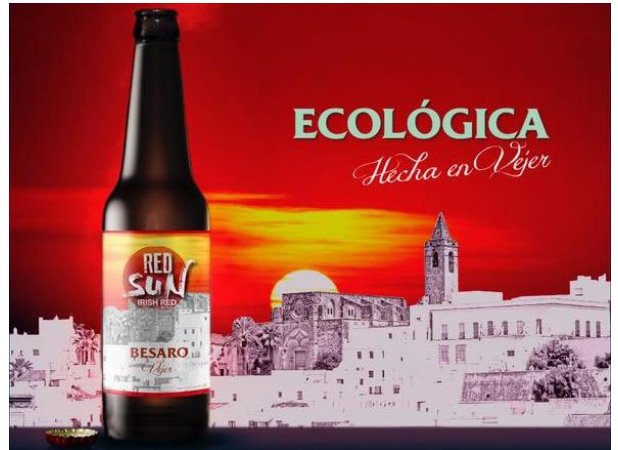
Besaro also brew a Red Ale called Red Sun which is 5.8 ABV and a stout called Black Tuna which is 4,8 ABV. The beers are mostly commonly sold in 33Cl bottles but all beers are available in a very attractive individually shaped 75Cl bottle as well.

The brewery has outlets selling its beers across Spain and Portugal. At the moment the brewery produces around 2,000 bottles per week. All bottling is done at the brewery on a small manual bottling line. Some cask production is also provided to local bars.

The brewery is passionate about an ecological product and the beer is made exclusively with organic ingredients. The malts are supplied from Gemany and the two main hops are from Germany and Czech Republic. The high quality water comes from a local well at the adjoining village of Santa Lucía.

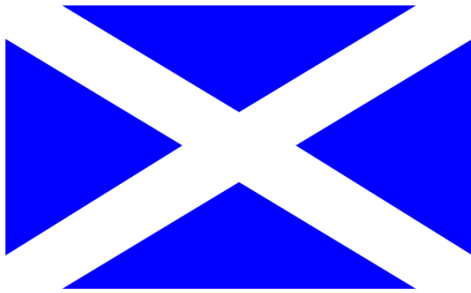
There are now around 500 micro brewers across Spain and in an evolving industry Besaro is hoping to establish itself firmly and then expand production.

Andrew Gray



Scottish Festivals

Saint Andrew's Day, Wednesday 30th November

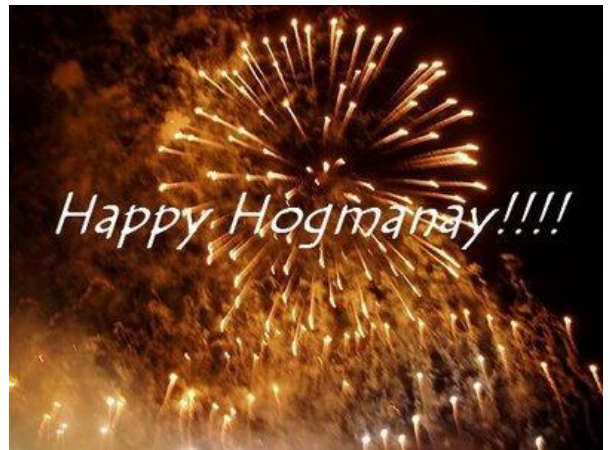


Saint Andrew's Day is Scotland's national day and in Scotland the day is marked formally by the public, schools, politicians and artists. Obviously, it is not a big deal in England but we have local Scottish expatriates and a few of our pubs are putting on Scottish real ales for them. Try **The Crown** (Berkhamsted); **The Red Lion** (Chenies); **The Gamekeepers Lodge**, **The Generals Arms**, **The George & Dragon**, **The Jolly Sportsman** and **The Pheasant** – (all in Chesham); **The Full House** (Hemel Hempstead) and **The Craft Beer Shop** (Little Chalfont).

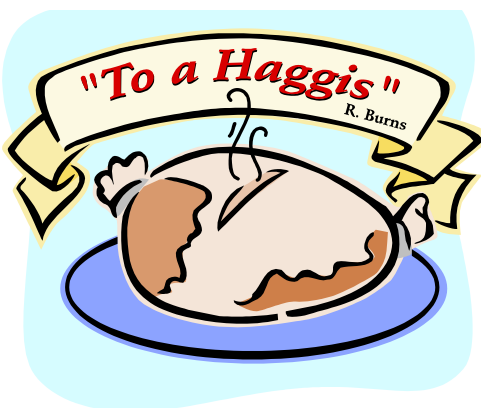
Hogmanay, Saturday 31st December

Hogmanay is the Scots word for the last day of the year and is synonymous with the celebration of the New Year in the Scottish manner. It is normally followed by further celebration on the morning of New Year's Day (1 January) or, in some cases, 2 January—a Scottish bank holiday.

The origins of Hogmanay are unclear, but may be derived from Norse and Gaelic observances. Customs vary throughout Scotland, and usually include gift-giving and visiting the homes of friends and neighbours, with special attention given to the first-foot, the first guest of the new year



Burns Night, Wednesday 25th January



Scots have three winter celebrations: St. Andrew's Day, Hogmanay and the birthday of Robert Burns is the last. There are formal parties where the haggis is paraded to the accompaniment of the bagpipes and eaten with those delicacies mashed neeps (swede) and tatties (spuds); speeches are made, toasts are drunk, and his poetry is read.

If you want to try just the haggis, neeps or tatties you have a growing choice, and many pubs will also have Scottish malt whiskies or ale to go with them. Visit **The Crown** (Berkhamsted), **The Full House** (Hemel Hempstead), **The Gamekeepers Lodge** (Chesham), **The Potters Arms** (Winchmore Hill), and **The Red Lion** (Chenies) – with a veggie option and Cullenskink soup.

If you don't fancy haggis, neeps or tatties try the Scottish ales laid on in **The Craft Beer Shop** (Little Chalfont), **The Generals Arms** (Chesham), **The George & Dragon** (Chesham) and **The Pheasant** (Chesham).

Kent & Local Micros – A Religious Experience

On a recent trip to Kent, our first stop in Sittingbourne at the Paper Mill turned into a surprise in more ways than just the beer, though it was superb. It appears that they had just won 'Swale' branch pub of the year, this along with playing host to a special guest recently. The Archbishop of Canterbury (Justin Welby) had popped in for a pint of 'Goacher's Imperial Stout'. We met the landlady, Marianne Melia, who welcomed him as normally as she did us. The beer list on the day included 'Reedley Hallows Hook of Pendle', from Burnley and 'Goacher's Mild' along with 2 other beers. A happy hour was spent in this, the first Swale micro. The barman was very informative on micros as he had visited over 180 in the area.

Onward to Faversham to the Furlong Alehouse, a micro in the town centre that is popular and has many Kent micro brews on offer, many representing 'green hops' which had just come into its two week stint. On to Broadstairs where we spent the week, via Goody's Brewery along with the Dead Horse Morris men, a very flamboyant troupe who entertained a very receptive crowd.

Over the week ahead we visited over 30 micro pubs in the Thanet area, some of which were new to us and very good additions to the growing number along with some old favourites. New ones included the Fez in Margate (pictured below), a quirky and interesting place just off the town centre.



The Little Prince (above) in the Old Kent Market reported to be the smallest in Britain, just room for 3-4 people run by the interesting owner Andrew Barrett who is also involved in the Belgian Café in Ramsgate, The Freed Man in Walmer (Below), The Tap Room, Margate, Mind the Gap in Broadstairs, and the Parkerville in Herne Bay (Bottom Left),



along with old favourites the Just Reproach in Deal, the Thirty Nine Steps in Broadstairs, the Tankerton Arms in Tankerton, and the Two Halves and Harbour Arms in Margate .

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We also did some sightseeing on the Romney Hythe and Dymchurch Railway to Dungeness, a wild and weird place, the only British Desert.



Most of us went up the old lighthouse (169 steps) for some wonderful views across to Dover. We spent an hour in the Shell Grotto in Margate made entirely from 4.6 million small shells in an underground cave. We went to a super gig at the Wrotham Arms in Broadstairs, the Robin Bibi Band, who usually plays at the Ley Hill Beer Fest and who can be seen in the Elephant & Castle in Amersham on 25th November.



To round off the religious theme on our first social back in this area we had a local serving priest, a CAMRA member, Simon, who came to our Leverstock Green crawl who appears to enjoy his Real Ale as much as his Church of England colleague.

On the local micro theme, some of our members attended the beer festival at 'The Local' in Margate when they sampled most of the local breweries' ales which were superb. We also visited the Bald Buzzard micro in Leighton Buzzard which we thoroughly recommend, so the micro scene locally is slowly beginning to look up. To find out more about micropubs, see the website at <http://micropubassociation.co.uk/> Photo Gallery on Page 14 >



Chris & Trish in the Thirty Nine Steps

Photo Gallery

(Pictures to go with the article on pages 12 & 13)



Robin Bibi



Inside the Paper Mill



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Aldbury Valiant Trooper	Botley Hen & Chickens	Chesham Brewery Shop	Ley Hill Crown	Swan Bottom Old Swan
Amersham Crown	Bourne End White Horse	Queen's Head	Swan	Tring Anchor
Eagle	Boxmoor Social Club	Coleshill Harte & Magpies	Little Chalfont White Lion	Bell
King's Arms	Bridens Camp Crown & Sceptre	Great Missenden Nag's Head	Markyate Plume of Feathers	Castle
Swan	Bridens Camp Crown & Sceptre	Hemel Hempstead Full House	Marsworth Angler's Retreat	King's Arms
Apsley Paper Mill	Chartridge Bell	Old Bellgate	Red Lion	Robin Hood
White Lion	Chenies Red Lion	Ivinghoe Rose & Crown	Penn Street Squirrel	Whelpley Hill White Hart
Berkhamsted Crown		Leverstock Green Green Man	Seer Green Jolly Cricketers	Wigginton Greyhound
Lamb				Wilstone Half Moon
Rising Sun				

Still a Champion at 51 The Maris Otter harvest will produce around 450 million pints of craft beer

Last year saw very jolly 50th birthday celebrations for a grain variety. An unusual subject for festivities, but Maris Otter, the breed in question, has been bringing satisfaction to the taste buds of beer lovers since 1965. This specialist variety has been an ingredient in 10 of the most recent 16 Champion Beers of Britain. This harvest-time, Maris Otter's remarkable resilience gives further reason to celebrate.



The weather has not been kind to this year's winter barley crops. Mainstream varieties have taken something of a bashing. But North Norfolk's Maris Otter crop has distinguished itself with what Tom Rivett of H Banham described as "its champion qualities."

"Despite the rain, lack of sunshine and challenging growing conditions, most of the Otter grains have reached optimum size and are, as always, perfect for malting and craft brewing. Looking at the state of the other crops, this is some achievement," says Rivett, "and another proof - if proof were needed - of Maris Otter's trustworthy resilience."

"What it lacks in yields, Otter more than makes up for in quality and reliability. That is the main reason it has survived an unprecedented 51 years. Most varieties last just four or five years before being superseded by new strains. Maris Otter, an ingredient in hundreds of award-winning ales as well as many Champion Beers of Britain, has literally weathered the storms for half a century."

"It behaves well in the malting process – as the traditional floor maltings at Crisp Malting Group can testify. It is then sought after by an ever-increasing number of craft brewers. They swear by it - for its consistent performance in the mash tun and the depth of flavour it delivers to the beer."



"Even in the years of disappointing harvests, Maris Otter manages to hold on to its champion qualities."

The huge expansion of the craft beer market, alongside the massive growth of interest in food, drink and natural ingredients has heralded a renaissance in the fortunes of Maris Otter. It is still a specialist variety, making up a relatively small proportion of all the barley grown in Britain – just 2.6% in 2014 and 3.4% in 2015. Of barley that is malted and used for brewing, Maris Otter is a higher proportion, but still less than 10%.

"Maris Otter hardly features in the world of large brewers, but it certainly punches above its weight in the craft sector," says Rivett. "There may still be some way to go before this fantastic variety becomes a household name in the way grape varieties such as Merlot, Shiraz and Chardonnay are, but awareness is growing."



The variety is a cross, created from Pioneer and Proctor back in 1965, and its history is well worth exploring. It rose, declined and nearly died out in the late early 1990s - and was then rescued and revived by two grain merchants H Banham and Robin Appel – who now jointly own the rights. The revival involved starting afresh with just a few grains. The purest, most true-to-type Maris Otter seeds were picked out and used for propagation, and onward breeding. To this day, there is still a 'secret plot' where H Banham continues to carry out what must be one of the most regular and rigorous "re-selection" processes in the farming industry.

Rivett says more brewers are talking about ingredients in their marketing and publicity materials, and those who use Maris Otter are proud to talk about it. "Last year's 50th anniversary celebrations put it in the spotlight. They created huge interest among drinkers as well as brewers."

"Conditions in North Norfolk are ideal for growing Maris Otter, and we work with some of the best growers in the country to maintain the purity of the breed and produce excellent quality crops."

"This year's harvest is a testament to their work, as well as to the variety itself. Malt from the overall 2016 crop will be used to create around 450 million pints of Maris Otter beer, a miniscule proportion of which I look forward to sampling in the months to come. Champion prospect!"

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From The Planning Inspectorate - Decision on the White Lion St. Leonards

<https://isa.chiltern.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=NCR9TRES0IF00>

Appeal Decisions

Inquiry held on 11, 12 & 13 May and 20 & 22 June 2016

by Bridget M Campbell BA(Hons) MRTPI

an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

Decision date: 6 October 2016

Appeals A: APP/X0415/C/15/3130705 & 3131920

The White Lion, Jenkins Lane, St Leonards, Buckinghamshire HP23 6NW

The appeals are made under section 174 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Planning and Compensation Act 1991.

The appeals are made by Mr and Mrs J Miller against an enforcement notice issued by Chiltern District Council.

The notice was issued on 11 June 2015.

The breach of planning control as alleged in the notice is change of use from Public House (Class A4) to use as a single dwelling (Class C3) of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended).

The requirements of the notice are to cease the unauthorised use of the Land as a single dwelling and remove all domestic items, furnishing and paraphernalia not associated with the lawful use of the Land from the ground floor of the Public House and from the associated outbuilding as shown hatched on the attached plan labelled 'Plan B'.

The period for compliance with the requirements is 12 months.

The appeals are proceeding on the ground set out in section 174(2)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended.

Summary of Decision: The appeal is dismissed and the enforcement notice upheld.

Appeal B: APP/X0415/W/15/3130704

The White Lion, Jenkins Lane, St Leonards, Buckinghamshire HP23 6NW

The appeal is made under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 against a refusal to grant planning permission.

The appeal is made by Mr and Mrs J Miller against the decision of Chiltern District Council.

The application Ref CH/2014/1748/FA, dated 30 September 2014, was refused by notice dated 11 May 2015.

The development proposed is change of use of a vacant public house (Use Class A4) to a dwellinghouse (Use Class C3).

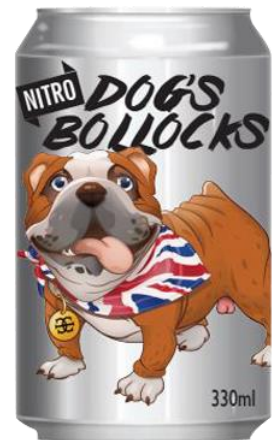
Summary of Decision: The appeal is dismissed.

Beer in Australia

I have visited Australia on several occasions with my Australian born wife. Her family, who are aware that I am a C.A.M.R.A. member, always try to prove to me that you can get proper beer there and drink it in a proper pub. “we’ll find you a pub just like your local, what’s it like” they say. I reply that it is over 500 years old and serves draught ales (my local is the Black Horse in Chesham vale). This presents them with a couple of problems since Australia was only settled from 1788 and no-one that I have met there understands the difference between draught and keg beer. Still they do their best. Having said that, there are now quite a few craft breweries and microbreweries scattered around the various states. Some of which are listed below.



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| 4 Pines Brewing Company | Manly, NSW |
| Beard & Brau | Tamborine, QLD |
| Beaten Track Brewery | Kalgoorlie, WA |
| Bootleg Brewery | Margaret River, WA |
| Broo Brewery | Mornington Peninsula, Vic |
| Burleigh Brewing Company | Burleigh Heads, Qld |
| Colonial Brewing Company | Margaret River, WA |
| Copper Coast Wines | Moonta Bay, SA |
| Feral Brewing Company | Baskerville, WA |
| Gage Roads Brewing Company | Palmyra, WA |
| Holgate Brewhouse | Woodend, Vic |
| Lobethal Bierhaus | Lobethal, SA |
| Mash Brewing Company | Henley Brook, WA |
| Matso's Broome Brewery | Broome, WA |
| Moo Brew | Hobart |
| Nail Brewing | Bassendean, WA |
| Old Wives Ales | Thornbury, Victoria |
| Port Dock Brewery Hotel | Port Adelaide |
| Skinny Blonde | Sydney |
| St Arnou | Sydney |
| Stone & Wood Brewing Co. | Byron Bay, NSW |
| Sunshine Coast Brewery | Kunda Park, Qld |
| Thunder Road Brewing Company | Brunswick, Vic |



The problem is that they will produce a good bottled beer like “Dogs Bollocks” from Mornington Peninsular brewery and then put it in a can gassed with nitrogen. The best place to drink that I have found in Australia is the Tonimbuk Pub. This is not far from Bunyip in Gippsland, but is almost impossible to find. Most locals have no idea where it is and will even deny its existence.



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Dave Badminton on 01494 581797 or email him on Chairman@MidChilternsCAMRA.org.uk

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Obituary

Mary Macken



Michael and Steve with Mary Macken at Penn Street

We must report the very sad loss earlier this year of one of the more popular landladies, at the Hit or Miss in Penn Street, one half of the hardworking team who has helped her husband Michael run the joint Penn Street Beer Fest for nearly 10 years. They had picked up many awards, including Chiltern Council's Food Pub of the Year around 5 years ago. All at Mid Chilterns send Michael and son Steve at The Squirrel our deepest sympathy.

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DIARY DATES. (S) = SOCIAL. (M) = MEETING.

NOVEMBER

Sat 12th Nov Amersham Old Town crawl (S) – Swan, Eagle, Elephant & Castle, Kings Arms, Saracens Head, Chequers

Sat 19th Nov Regional Meeting – Bacon Arms, 10 Oxford St, Newbury, RG14 1JB

Sat 26th Nov Annual DARTS match – Black Cat, Lye Green, Chesham – (S) Noon

DECEMBER

Sat 3rd December Tring Crawl (S) – Anchor, Kings Arms, Castle, Akeman, Bell, Robin Hood – noon

Wed 7th Dec Stag Inn, Mentmore (M) – 8 p.m.

Sat 17th Dec Chesham crawl (pubs not visited on the last crawl) (S) – Queens Head, George & Dragon, Generals Arms, Jolly Sportsman – noon

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JANUARY 2017

Happy New Year To You All!!

Sat 7th Jan Chalfont St. Peter crawl (S) – Jolly Farmer (formerly the Village Hall), Greyhound, Wagon & Horses

Wed 11th Jan White Hart, Whelpley Hill (M) – 8pm (Committee only to shortlist GBG 18)

Sat 21st Jan Bourne End crawl: Anchor, White Horse, Three Horseshoes – noon (S)

Sat 28th Jan Regional Pub Crawl London – (details to follow)

FEBRUARY

Wed 8th Feb Crown & Sceptre, Bridens Camp, then Red Lion, Water End (M) – 8 p.m.

Sat 11th Feb Little Chalfont crawl (S) – Craft Beer Shop, Sugar Loaf Inn, White Lion, Pomeroy – noon

Sat 18th Feb Regional Meeting – The Bear Hotel, 14 Market Pl, Wantage, OX12 8AB

Sat 25th Feb Chesham crawl (going pubs not visited on last crawl): Pheasant, Red Lion, Brewery Shop, Gamekeepers – noon (S)

MARCH

Wed 8th March Jolly Cricketers & Three Horseshoes, Seer Green (M) – 8 p.m.

Sat 11th March Berko crawl (visiting the other pubs not visited last time): Old Mill, Rising Sun, Boat, Crystal Palace, George, Lamb – noon (S)

Sat 18th March Chalfont St. Giles crawl: White Hart, Feathers (now called The Stone Place Restaurant at the Feathers), Merlins Cave, Fox & Hounds, Ivy House – noon (S)

Wed 22nd March Half Moon, Wilstone – 8 p.m. (S)

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