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EDITORS MESSAGE

Hello again, I hope you all enjoyed the beer festival this year. I thought the cooler weather made the beer very easy to keep and as a result the quality was excellent (as usual). It was also more bearable for all of the volunteers who worked there. Of course this means that winter and Christmas will soon be here and so the next issue of Beer Around 'Ere will be the last chance to advertise your Christmas parties and events.

As you probably all know I was the official photographer at the beer festival this year and If anybody would like copies of the photographs I have 4 CD ROMS full of them, please feel free to get in touch if you would like some. I will dot a few around this issue. Many of you have asked about my photography exam results. I got a credit for black and white, a credit for colour and a credit for the introductory level, not too bad as I only wanted a pass as I am going on to do City and Guilds level 3. Cheerio for now see you all soon.

Marcus Sims - Editor.

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DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

Mon 27th PBF2004 Open Post-Festival Meeting, Fletton ex-Service & WMC, 8.30pm.

OCTOBER

Sat 9th Formal naming ceremony of the lifeboat, "Peterborough Beer Festival II" at Mumbles Pier, 2.00pm.

Thu 14th Branch Social

Thu 14th - Sun 17th Goodbarns Yard 5th Annual Beer Bonanza.

Mon 18th Branch Committee Meeting, City Club, Priestgate, 8.30pm.

NOVEMBER

Thu 11th Branch Social and Gold Award Presentation, Punch Bowl, Stamford, 8.30pm.

Sun 21st Social Activities Think Tank. An informal open meeting to consider suggestions for future branch activities. Coalheavers Arms, 1.30pm.

Tue 23rd Branch Committee Meeting, Brewery Tap, 8.30pm.

DECEMBER

Mon 6th Branch AGM, New England Club, Occupation Road, 8.30pm.

Thu 9th - Sun 12th Winter Ales Showcase at the Coalheavers Arms.

Sat 11th Branch Members Reactivation Event and Christmas Party, Peacock, London Road, 7.30pm to late. Live music, buffet and other surprises. Tickets £2.50 to members only (includes a free pint) from Bram, Harry Morten and the Coalheavers Arms.

Sun 19th Branch Committee Meeting (Urgent business only) and welcome to new Committee Members. Charters, Town Bridge, 1.30pm.



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Mud, sweat and beers

As we walked back to the festival site on Monday evening before the fest, we seriously wondered whether we would open. The rain had been hammering down all evening and the Embankment looked more and more like the Whittlesey Mere of old.

Inside the fence the mud was everywhere and wellies were the only sensible footwear (The shoe shop in Rivergate sold out of wellies before we even opened). Emergency discussions and lots of phone calls had sand, top soil, sawdust, wood shavings, straw, marquee flooring boards and rolling road on their way and by opening on Tuesday the site was starting to look better. That should probably be different rather than better for it now had more in common with a farmyard than a beer festival and a cow and a couple of pigs would not have looked out of place.

As the trade session visitors poured through the gates we even started to joke again about the lightning (How did Hop Back organise that?) and the torrential rain (Where is all that GK IPA coming from?) at GBBF when there was an almighty crash of thunder and the rain came down by the bucket load.

However, the weather did improve after that all be it rather slowly. By Thursday evening people were standing outside and by Saturday we had families sitting on the grass.

Attendance was about 6000 down this year

and that will certainly mean that we will be able to give much less cash to help campaign for good beer and good pubs but given the atrocious weather we are reasonably happy. Beer sales stood up well with the main losses being on cider and bottled beer. It is clear that real ale nuts like us will put up with almost anything to get a decent pint of beer.

And with the weather being poor and with most people standing in the marquees, beer consumed per person was up by almost half a pint.

Once again an excellent effort by the membership team meant that around 400 new members signed up and the vastly improved new CAMRA shop did very well and essentially ran out of PBF clothing. New brewery bars and new food vendors gave you, the customers,

The numbers

Attendance 36,787
Beer 784 Kils or 112,896 pints
Bottles - 11,558 bottles or 6434 pints
Cider 850 gallons or 6,800 pints
Perry 145 gallons or 1,160 pints
Total wet sales 127,290 pints
Pints per visitor 3.46
New members 352

something new. Please let us know what you think. What food or beer was poor, what was brilliant, what was missing?

Generally speaking, it was another excellent festival despite the mud. Everyone appears to have enjoyed it and Citizen Smiff went down a storm on Saturday night.

And finally, will the gnomes be back next year or will we see gnome more of them? Send your gnome jokes (printable ones please) and your spare gnomes to the editor. Prizes for the best gnome joke and for the silliest gnome.

What's Brewing Around Here

BLENCOWE BREWING COMPANY

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www.exeterarms.co.uk

Everything is doing OK, currently brewing every 7-10 days to supply just pub and occasional festivals.

A mild was produced for May called Mild Mannered Boy and was a traditional dark fruity mild at 3.5% (very reminiscent of Kimberley Mild in its heyday), it was on at the Exeter Arms throughout the month, had a wonderful mouth-feel, and was surprisingly popular.

A special was brewed for Peterborough Beer festival called The Posh Boys 4.5%.

BLUE BELL BREWERY

B.L.O. John Hunt 0870 334 0646 johnhunt1406@hotmail.com

Alan Bell has now completed a course in bottling and is hoping to commence production of bottle-conditioned beer by the end of the year.

Moulton Mill ale has sold well and has replaced Session bitter in the core range for the time being.

The brewery produced a festival special for the Peterborough Beer Festival called Olympic Gold. This contained a percentage of wheat in the mash. If sales are good, it may enter the core range. They are also scheduled to produce one of the Peterborough Camra branch "Thirty beers for thirty years" range later in the year.

Sales are steady to approximately forty outlets with some good recent orders for beer festivals around the country

GRAINSTORE

B.L.O. Lew Clayton 0870 334 0643

www.grainstorebrewery.co.uk

Grainstore produced a Festival Special at 4.5% for the Peterborough Beer Festival and had three other beers there also. Their summer brew "Gold" will end this year's run during September to be replaced by "Topping". Over the August Bank Holiday weekend Grainstore run its own Beer Festival with 55 beers on sale. It was very successful and they sold out of all beers.

Davis'es Brewing Co. Ltd. (the owner/manager of Grainstore) have recently brought "The Old Plough" at Braubston which is a well established country pub with a well established restaurant. Braubston is in the Leicester Branch area. Work is being carried out to provide accommodation including a room for the disabled on the ground floor. The Bar will be extended and will serve Grainstore's brews plus two guest ales. They have also taken over the "Kingfisher" at Preston on the A6003 between Oakham and Uppingham. This is closed at the moment but they hope to finish renovation so that it can reopen well before Christmas.

MELBOURN BROTHERS

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The brewery only brews their three fruit Lambic bottled beers in the winter. This year it ceased the brew in March and will start again in late October / early November. The brewery is in private ownership with the bulk of the beer being exported to the United States. There are only select outlets in this country including Burghley Estate Stamford, Badminton Estate Gloucestershire, Bakers and Larners of Holt together with the Brewery.

The brewery was refurbished last year to meet legal requirements and attract visitors. Further development is planned with adjoining buildings being earmarked for a manager's office and conference suite.

OAKHAM ALES

B.L.O Dave Allett 0870 334 0642

www.oakham-ales.co.uk

More awards for the brewery with Champion Beer for Bishops Farewell at Bromsgrove, Wolverhampton, Stourbridge and Brighton beer festivals and Champion Beer for JHB at the Cotswold beer festival. JHB Extra is in the pubs at the moment, Five Leaves Left will be available in October and Cold Turkey will be out in December.

ROCKINGHAM ALES

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Only thing to report is Cambridge Beer Festival results - Saxon Cross and Fruits of the Forest were joint silver medal (2nd) in the overall poll. Presumably this means they won the ordinary bitter and specialist beer categories.

TWO HALVES

B.L.O. Post vacant

Prospective new brewery in Market Deeping. The two brewers have a small one barrel plant installed in a garage and they have been carrying out test brews before deciding if they should go ahead as a commercial operation.

One cask beer has been made available so far with the proceeds donated to charity. This was a beer called "Feed The Goat" a 3.5% bitter that was at the beer festival at the Goat at Froggnall.

UFFORD ALES

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Planning permission has now been granted so we should see beer around the new year.

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A Great Many Thanks

Due to the difficult conditions at this year's Peterborough Beer Festival I think that a greater than ever thanks must be made to every one of our staff who made the event yet again an outstanding success. Nobody could have foreseen the conditions that we were going to have to cope with, and a continuous battle against the elements on a daily basis.

The result of this year's festival is that we are now confident of being able to organise, set up and run a huge beer festival, whatever the conditions thrown at us.



From the very first day of setting up our dedicated band of loyal workers, whom I will remind you yet again are unpaid, buckled down to the task of getting this year's festival up and running. At first things were going pretty well, with sunshine and wind drying the site out nicely, but then the rain came back and from then it was a constant challenge to us all. The normal deliveries of equipment, huts, toilets, and of course beer, all took twice the effort and time to set up due to the state of the

ground. Our intrepid band of volunteers took it all in their stride, and just shrugged off the additional efforts required to get the job done. Every morning we seemed to have another challenge to overcome, yet not a single voice of complaint was heard when we asked for yet more toil to ease the problem.

We even had our 'flying squad' of construction workers who throughout the whole week spent their time repairing, altering and keeping the site in as good a condition as possible. Most years during the time that the festival is open, most of our staff who are there all day manage to get a short break in the afternoon, whilst we are closed. This year a great many of our volunteers hardly got much of a break at all, due to all the extra tasks that we were lumbered with.



My final words on this must be to thank every one of our staff who put such a magnificent effort into getting this year's beer festival up and running in conditions that at times must have been close to First World War trenches. I congratulate you all on a great effort and hope we see you all next year.

Thank you,

David Murray, Staffing Officer.

Beer Down There

Whilst most people would think of getting a decent drop of beer way down in New Zealand was a major challenge, it may come as a surprise to some that they have their own micro-breweries that produce some very palatable ales.

I found one pub in the capital Wellington that sold a local craft brewers beers.

Tuatara Brewery is a small micro-brewery nestled in the foothills of the Tararua Ranges in the idyllic Reikorangi Valley just north of Wellington.

The Brewer, Carl Vasta, has been commercially brewing for ten years. His beers have won a number of awards at different competitions - some of them international ones. The latest of these include silver medal and best of class for the Tuatara Porter, gold for the Pilsner, and bronze medals for Tuatara Ale and Belgian Strong Ale in the 2002/2003 New Zealand International Beer Awards.

Tuatara Pilsner: The pilsner is brewed to a classic European recipe using German malt and Czech Saaz hops. Using 100% malt creates a full-bodied beer with the traditional hop bitterness and the flavour and aroma of a true pilsner. The result is clean hop bitterness balanced with the premium pilsner malt giving a European full bodied maltiness. The beer is 5% abv.

Tuatara Heffe: Heffe or hefferweisen is a classic wheat beer [weissbeer]. It uses a special top fermenting Weinstephan yeast, which imparts the traditional spicy and banana-like flavour with a hint of vanilla. The beer has hop bitterness and a unique flavour that is unlike any other style. It compliments seafood dishes. 5% abv.

Tuatara I.P.A.: The India Pale Ale is brewed with full Maris English malts giving the beer a full-bodied malt character yet still retaining the light colour of this style. Classic English variety hops are used to produce the high bitterness, flavour and aroma enjoyed in this beer. This is strong ale at 5.5% abv.

Tuatara Porter: The porter is brewed using generous amounts of crystal, chocolate and roast malts making this dark beer extremely full-bodied, true to the Porter style. Generous hop additions are required to balance the full malt body producing an extremely smooth porter. 5% abv.

Tuatara Ale: This ale has a smooth malt flavour and full body. The malt sweetness is balanced with Goldings and Fuggles hops and has subtle esters from the top fermenting yeast. A classic bitter beer at 4% abv.

More on N.Z. beers in future issues of B.A.E.

David Murray

Pub News: A quick round up of local 'appenings around 'Ere.

We start this issue with a look at one of our far flung villages, namely Purls Bridge on the Ouse Washes. It may have been many years since we ventured to the Ship but news that it has undergone an extensive refurbishment is more than welcome. I've always wondered how this pub kept going but looks can be deceiving as the celebratory opening night disco testified with the pub packed to the rafters.

Bar and lounge have also been refurbished and the newly refitted restaurant gives extensive views over the serenely quiet Ouse Washes. Our best wishes go to Mr & Mrs Bishop for ensuring the future of this wonderful pub.

Pub refurbishments

News that the Greyhound in New England has been bought by the Heritage Pub Company and is about to undergo a bit of an update has been welcomed enthusiastically. The pub has had, like many local pubs varying fortunes, but things are looking up. Many may not know but the pub is one of only 2 surviving examples of a 1930's pub still retaining it's original interior in Peterborough. The other being the award winning and National Inventory listed Hand & Heart in Highbury St. We hope that the owners will not only refurbish but restore this fine building to it's former glory. We have been assured by Tom Craig of Heritage that no structural work will be carried out. Peterborough already has the Wortley Almshouses as the winner of the 'Best Pub Refurbishment Award', wouldn't it be nice to have a second award for the Greyhound.

The Vine at Market Deeping is currently closed for refurbishment (we hope). We have no news at present whether it will reopen as a pub or be sold off for development. The last pub that was boarded up in the town was the Three Tuns. Locals may remember a mysterious fire ended it's life as a pub - demolition followed. The

Coach & Horses in Stanground also had a mysterious fire and will now become housing. Can anyone see a pattern emerging..... Hopefully the Vine will not become part of this pattern.

It's a Charity Thing

Pubs around the area continue their good works by generating piles of cash for numerous good causes. The Bell in Murrow donated a physicaly and financially large cheque to Macmillan Nurses in August. The money was raised from discos, raffles, bowls matches and the like. Future events include a Motown disco and a 'Gentleman's Evening - and I've no idea what that is.....

Goodbarns Yard held it's annual music day with bands such as Citizen Smith and the Motivators in attendance along with many others. The £860 raised will be donated to a children's autism charity.

Ann & Jess of the Cherry Tree in Oundle Road always seem to be in the news for their tireless fundraising. This year they have raised over £2000, with the not inconsiderable assistance of their staff and regulars. The dynamic duo have been nominated for Punch Tavern's Charity Award.

Another pub which is generating more than a few reddiees for noble causes is the Heron in Stanground. Landlady Fran Wade continues to hold music events at this establishment amongst other activities. A recent gig was used to raise money for the Born Free Foundation which looks out for the wellbeing of gorillas. A big 'well done' to all pubs and individuals who are doing their bit for the greater good.

A bit of a stroll

Have you ever been told by a pub landlord to take a hike? Well if you haven't then pop down to the Fitzwilliam Arms in Marholm and Fiona Waterland, mine host will do the honours. Fiona

is looking for some active bods to design a circular walk beginning and ending at this picturesque pub. The Wild Life Trust has recently made the pub it's home and the idea of a walk in the neighbourhood will promote further interest in the countryside.

It's not just a game you know

Bank Holiday Monday saw the Globe in Upwell stage it's annual charity bash. The highlight was the mile long wheelbarrow race around the streets of this Fenland village. Regular fuel stops were included on the route where the athletes could take on much needed beer. A good times was had by all and entries are invited for next year's race.

Landlord leaving

John Hindle of the Hatton Arms in Gretton is bidding farewell to pulling pints at this historic inn after 14 years behind the bar. He won't be going too far though as he will remain in the village and will be pursuing his many and varied interests, such as golf and the church choir. Over the many years he has organised piano sing a longs, jazz nights and of course the

Welland Valley Beer Festival. The new owner is local man Carl Butler. We wish landlords old and new the very best.

And finally

A company in Gwent called Airquee have just launched their newest inflatable, a traditional English pub. Previous projects by the same designer have included a church, a London bus and a telephone box.

It comes complete with mock Tudor beams, traditional fireplace (including a trout in a case above) and can be erected in 5 minutes. Beer, bar and optics obviously have to be added and the game of darts is positively frowned upon but it looks like a nice alternative to the usual bouncy castle. It also makes a difference to being able to build a pub, albeit a temporary one in 5 minutes instead of knocking one down in the same amount of time!!!!

That's all for now folks, keep the news coming in.

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GOOD DEEDS AT GOODBARN'S YARD

Steve Green landlord of Goodbarns Yard recently held his annual charity day. The day included a raffle, auction and entertainment from local bands including Citizen Smiff (as seen at Peterborough Beer Festival), the Motivators, The Mike Stewart Band and Dr A's Blues Consortium also John Quinn. Steve managed to pack the pub and raised over £860 which went to help children with Autism. Gary Havelock of Peterborough Panthers speedway team made a guest appearance and served behind the bar. Goodbarns Yard on St. Johns Street, Peterborough has formerly won the CAMRA pub of the year award and serves beer by gravity dispense (straight from the barrel). Governments should learn to do more to protect pubs like this as they save the chancellor millions of pounds via charitable events.

Marcus Sims.

Lost pubs of Peterborough Railway Inn, Westwood Street



This issue's photo comes courtesy of Mrs Fletcher who is pictured behind the bar of the Railway Inn on the final night before the pub closed.

Mr & Mrs Fletcher became licensees in 1963 and stayed for twelve years until the pub's eventual closure on October 12th, 1975. It was finally demolished at the end of January 1976.

Mrs Fletcher told us that 'the cellar was always getting flooded. When it rained heavily, up to three inches of water would be down there, it never effected the beer though as it was all up on the stillages. Bullards the brewery came up with the marvellous idea of putting a false floor in to get around the problem, trouble was that when the cellar got flooded after that, the false floor would float just like a raft!'

Do you remember the Railway? Do you recognize yourself or anyone else here?

Any old photos of local pubs out there? Speak to Steve Williams on 07802 896641 or email to steve@pubhistory.freeserve.co.uk



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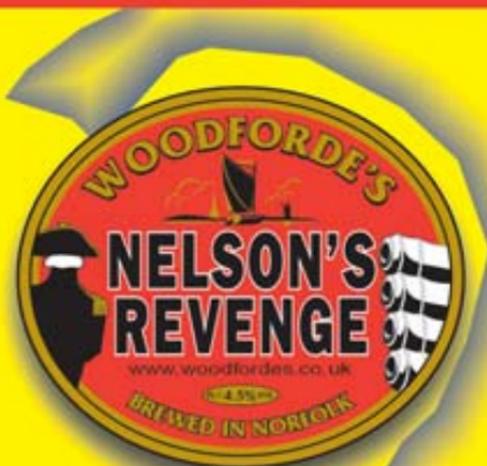
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The Vine in Coates - Save it now!!



Bedford Brewer, Charles Wells propose to demolish the Vine public house and sell the land to a developer for the building of 7 houses.

As you can imagine the recently installed tenants are none too pleased about this, especially after being told by their paymasters that the pub is to remain part of the Charles Wells empire.

If the brewery is not keen on keeping the pub there have been 2 offers to purchase the pub as a going concern in the recent past, but as we all know the land and the new houses will be far more valuable than a pub - even a well run one like the Vine.

Hosts, Bruce and Denise Roan have done a fabulous job in the short time they have been there and only recently staged the 10th Petanque Tournament which was a huge success with what seemed to be the whole village turning out to take part.

The brewery is using the argument that the pub is not viable but this may have been due to previous tenants not being of the same quality as the present ones. The pub is well used and is going from strength to strength.

Another problem is the extra houses will put additional strain on the local infrastructure. The local school is already having difficulty finding pre-school places for local children and local services such as water and sewerage are also nearing capacity with low water pressure in some places. More houses will not help this.

This pub IS viable, IS needed and IS run well. This pub must NOT close.

If you have never written a letter before, then do this one thing NOW. Write and make your feelings known to either or both of the following:-

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Paul Wells
Charles Wells Ltd
The Eagle Brewery
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Or email Paul.wells@charleswells.co.uk

Challenging Nessie



Not all beer drinkers have beards and beer bellies. For some time there have been a small band of mad drinkers who have aimed to keep the waist line down and keep fit through running. Using a number of names including the Peterborough CAMRA and Kashmir Balti House Running Club they have entered a number of 10k, half marathon and marathon races. In early June Brenda Mace and myself completed the Edinburgh Marathon, although the time was not fast at least we finished it and had a deserved pint or two of Deuchers IPA.

Paul Wright who created the band of runners passed away shortly after on 23rd June from cancer. As a tribute, Graham Wells and myself are to run the Loch Ness Marathon on 3rd October. We will be running for two of Paul's selected charities, Muscular Dystrophy and Cancer Research. If you would like to sponsor or come running with us for a laugh please call me on 07803 284039.

Matthew Mace

THE CROWN - NEW ENGLAND

The Crown in New England, Peterborough was recently taken over by new landlords Steve and Bev. The pub now has five handpumps serving real ales. I had a fine pint of Adnams. Also that day Black Sheep and Fullers London Pride were on offer. Steve plans to expand the range with micro brewery ales and is currently planning to refurbish the pub and is considering the idea of having photographs of pubs of yesteryear to adorn the walls.

The pub has a lounge and traditional bar and also a function room which CAMRA have been invited to use.

Marcus Sims.

East Anglia Pub of the Year

This year's shortlist for the East Anglia pub of the year were:

- " Bedfordshire - Engineers Arms, Henlow
- " Cambridgeshire - Coalheavers Arms, Peterborough
- " Essex - The Swan, Little Totham
- " Hertfordshire - The Strathmore Arms
- " Norfolk - Fat Cat, Norwich
- " Suffolk - Victoria, Earl Soham

In July Noel, Harry, Dave Murray and myself sampled three of these to see what competition was for our very own Coalheavers. The National Pub of the Year 2002, The Swan in Little Totham was the first port of call. This village pub was rescued by the parish council from becoming a private house in the mid 1990's. There is a room with bar billiards, lounge and dining area with over 12 real ales and 7 ciders being served straight from the cellar. A wide selection of food is available all day but consumption is limited to only the dining area in the evening. The pub is a little difficult to access with only the true cycle / train enthusiast being able to access it via sustainable transport. Beer available on the day included Mauldon's Oscar Wilde Mild.

Our second pub, the Strathmore Arms at St Pauls Waldon Hertfordshire. This pub was taken over by the current landlord just over 600 days before the visit selling nearly a different beer each day since. It is a spacious with three rooms including a games room and dining area. Since opening it has served at nearly a new beer a day with over 600 being dispensed, each pump clip is put on show suspended from the ceiling. Again access is limited with no train or bus passing through but it is in easy cycling of Stevenage or Luton. Beers available on the day included Oakham's Harlequin and a smoked beer from the Red Rose Brewery.

Just a few miles away in Henlow, the Engineers Arms, the current East Anglia pub of the year, was our third and final stop. The pub consists of two bars one with five hand pumps the other with three. A varied collection of beers included Oakham's Bishop Allett from Peterborough's thirty beers from thirty years range. Of the three pubs this was the easiest to get to by public transport with a regular bus service being available from Biggleswade.

If you like very good quality beer and are passing, these three pubs are a must for a quick half or two. They also provide stiff competition for the Coalheavers in the East Anglia Pub of the Year.

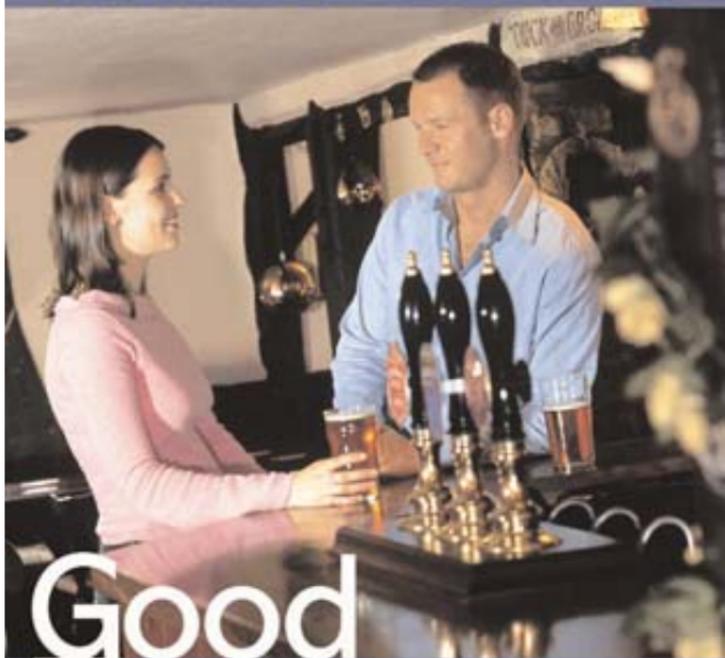
Matthew Mace

On the second trip we visited the Victoria in Earl Soham, an excellent pub serving beers from their own brewery and a pub well known for its fine food. Being a warm day, the outdoor drinking area was well populated.

Final stop was the Fat Cat in Norwich, a back street pub that hides a wealth of good beer. On walking through the door, it was clear to us all that we were walking into the winner and we weren't wrong for the pub has now been named East Anglian Pub of the Year. Very busy, even at lunch time. Twelve real ales on hand pump plus six served by gravity from a ground floor cellar. Superb pint of Oakham Ales Bishops Farewell straight from the cask. Perfect, Mr Hook, Perfect!

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THIRTY PUBS ALE TRAIL

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All of the pubs were in the 2004 Good Beer Guide and probably many will be in the 2005 GBG but to find out you will need to contact Dave Murray on 0870 334 0323 who will be happy to sell you a copy.

When you have completed the trail (or when we get to 1st November if you have completed 15 pubs or more) fill in the details below and send the form to Bram, 57 Hoylake Drive, Farcet, Peterborough PE7 3BE

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Bronze= Mauldons - Black Adder

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BRAM'S PUZZLE PAGE No. 5 - The Answers

Here are the answers to the puzzle from the last issue.

The lucky winner is Alan Cosgrove who gets a gallon of Caledonian Deuchars IPA at the Peacock and a souvenir glass to sup it from.

Thanks to licensee, Darren Peet for donating the prize.



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If you have found such a pub, then fill in the form and send it to the Branch Secretary (See contacts page).

Please enclose your name, address, telephone number and CAMRA membership number.

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NOMINATED BY

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It is interesting because you can see the current festival is the size of over two football pitches (top right), and also the building in the top right is the Werrina where we used to hold our festival some years ago. Look how big it is growing, and there is plenty more space to expand! We will soon be bigger than Olympia. The Peterborough and Spalding Gliding Club have offered all card carrying CAMRA members a discount on the use of their amenities e.g. lessons etc. Another good reason to join CAMRA. Next month I will publish some more PBF photo's.

Marcus Sims - PBF Photographer.

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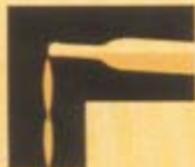
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