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in & around PETERBOROUGH

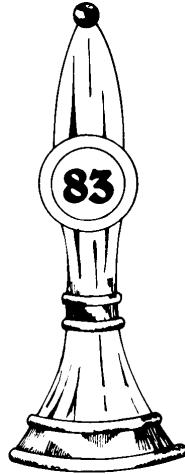


a real ale guide

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ELEPHANT & CASTLE, WESTGATE
Now demolished to make way for the
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In the early seventies, CAMRA began with a membership of four concerned individuals and grew to a consumer organisation of 25,000 with ten times as many sympathisers. Now, still with a large membership and much success in promoting real ale the campaign is still going strong

To make Real Ale, barley is malted and then milled and added to hot water to form a liquor rich in natural sugars. This is flavoured and preserved by being boiled with fresh leaf hops. The mixture is fermented with yeast to give alcohol, natural carbon dioxide and the true real ale flavour. The yeast is allowed to survive (as it still is in decent wines) and the beer continues to mature even in the pub cellar.

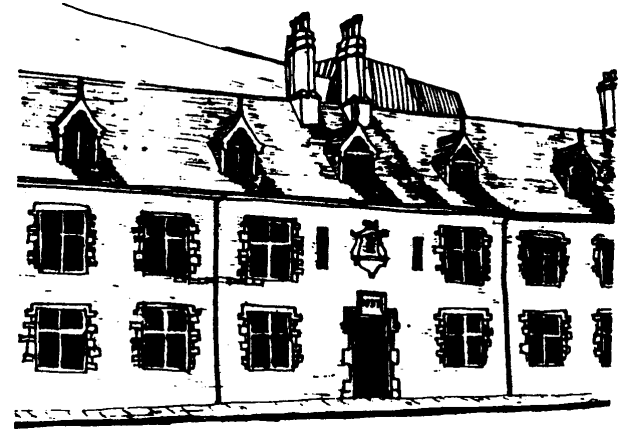
So real ale is a living drink – the yeast cells are alive and the flavour continues to develop and mature. But like all living things real ale requires care and not all pubs and clubs give their beer the care it deserves hence the introduction of keg beer

Real Ale needs to be dispensed without the aid of carbon dioxide. The usual way is through handpumps which draws beer from the cask. Electric pumps are common; they use electrically powered pumps to pull the beer up from the cask. But perhaps the simplest method is straight from the barrel

Perhaps now you are confused as to what real ale is. So the best way would be to go into one of three hundred or so pubs listed in this guide and try a pint or two.



The Blue Bell – Dogsthorpe



Wortley Almshouses – Westgate, Peterborough

HISTORY

Peterborough has certainly had a chequered history regarding both its pubs and their suppliers. For example, if you could have stood approximately 100 years ago where the Clay Pipe is now situated you would have been within a quarter of a mile of over 30 pubs, and amazingly a pub crawl between Cathedral Square and the town bridge could have taken in 15 pubs. Peterborough boasted eight breweries at one time, now alas all gone, although two of the brewery buildings are still easily recognisable. Cutlack's "new" brewery in Monument Street and J. Weldons brewery (and chimney) in Palmerston Road.

All the breweries had been closed or taken over by companies from outside the city in the early part of the century which in some ways was not such a bad thing. Without any single brewery dominating the scene there remained an excellent choice of beers in the city up until the sixties when a series of takeovers led to half of the cities' pubs coming under the Watney umbrella. Phipps and NBC of Northampton, Soames of Spalding, Hall, Cutlack and Harlock of Ely, Steward and Patterson, Morgans, and Bullards from Norwich, all fell in this way, their distinctive and varied brews, mostly real ale, being replaced by the bland, weak and sterile national keg brands.



WHO'D WANT TO LIVE IN NO MANNS LAND?

Watneys were not the only brewery guilty of this type of action as Ind Coope/Ansells and Whitbread had done likewise. Even when the Peterborough branch of CAMRA was formed in 1974 the process had not finished. John Smith's closed the Barnsley Brewery in 1976 and failed to replace the Barnsley Bitter with any traditional product. This was the low point in the real ale stakes in the city as there remained only seven outlets where real ale could be enjoyed.

This guide is the evidence of what has happened since then and hopefully the next edition will be an even fatter one, it certainly would be if John Smith's began brewing real ale again, they are the only brewery supplying Peterborough who nowadays do not.

Incidentally the 'Cutlack Collection' in the Peterborough Museum contains the detailed brewing records etc for the former local brewery if anyone is interested in regenerating the "Peterborough Taste".



HOW TO USE THE GUIDE

Pub	Public Bar
PG	Pub Games
D	Access for Disabled
S	Snacks all times
(S)	Snacks lunchtime only
R	Restaurant
(M)	Live Music
P	Car Parking
p	Overnight Caravan Park
*	Overnight Camping
B	Boat moorings
Acc	Accommodation
(R)	Room for meetings and functions
(G)	Garden or outdoor drinking area
C	Room for children

DISPENSE METHOD

H	Handpump
G	Gravity
E	Electric
A	Air Pressure

AILS WORTH 10.00 2.30; 6.00 11.00

WHEATSHEAF (G) D Pub (S) PG (M) P
121 Peterborough Road. Castor 358

Manns Bitter – H

Split level one roomed bar, once a Squires house.

ALWALTON 10.00 2.30; 6.00 11.00

WHEATSHEAF Pub PG (S) (G) B P
Oundle Road. Peterborough 231056

Ind Coope Burton Ale – H

Unspoilt stone built public house, horse racing theme in lounge and in addition a small public bar. Two minutes walk from the River Nene.

BARHOLM 10.30 2.30; 6.00 11.00

FIVE HORSESHOES (G) Pub S (except Mon. eve.) PG P
Barholm, Nr. Stamford. Greatford 238

Greene King IPA, Abbot and XX Mild – H

Small unspoilt Free House with collection of horse racing owners and trainers badges

BARNACK 1000 2.30; 6.00 11.00

Fox Pub S PG P

The Square, Barnack. Stamford 740671

Manns Bitter – H

Small local in centre of village.

MILLSTONE Pub S PG P

Millstone Lane, Barnack. Stamford 740296

Everards Old Original and Tiger – H

Small often crowded with young clientele.

BELMESTHORPE 11 00 2.30; 7.00 11.00

BLUE BELL PG Acc P

Stamford 3877

Marstons Pedigree – H

Old pub in Rutland village with interesting antiques.

CASTOR 10.00 2.30; 6.00 11.00

FITZWILLIAM ARMS (G) Pub S R P C
Peterborough Road, Castor. Castor 251

Ind Coope Burton Ale – H

Large main road thatched pub with restaurant converted from three cottages Owned by Fitzwilliam Estate.

PRINCE OF WALES (FEATHERS) Pub PG P

Peterborough Road, Castor Castor 389

Manns Bitter – H

Locals pub Once a boot and shoe shop.

ROYAL OAK (G) (S) (Mon Fri) P

24 Peterborough Road, Castor. Castor 217

Ind Coope Burton Ale and Bitter – H

Popular thatched country local with collection of soup ladles. MG Owners Club meet here.

COATES 10.00 2.30; 6.00 11.00

VINE Pub PG S M P (G) C

4 South Green Turves 343

Manns Bitter – H

Typical village local overlooking village green The bar moves when pints are being pulled. Popular after fishing matches.

CROWLAND 10.30 2.30; 6.30 11.00

ABBAY HOTEL (G) D Pub S R PG (R) Acc

21 East Street, Crowland. Peterborough 210200

Ind Coope Bitter and Burton Ale – H

Haunted by the walker Henry Girdlestone after whom the restaurant is named Parts date from 1180. Close to Abbey.

YE OLDE BRIDGE INN (G) D R P S

The Common, Crowland Peterborough 210567

12 00 2.30; 7.00 11.00 (Supper licence to 12.30)

Greene King Abbot – H

Busy riverside pub. Eaters preferred to Anglers.

DEEPING ST JAMES 10.30 2.00; 6.00 11.00

DEEPING LEISURE CENTRE PG S P C (Weekend only)

Evening open 7.00.

Godsey Lane. Market Deeping 344072

Greene King IPA – H

Part of a modern sports and swimming complex.

THREE TUNS Pub D PG (G) (M) P

Bridge Street, Deeping St. James. Market Deeping 343337

Evening 7.00

Manns Bitter – H

Five darts teams, two RAOB lodges and a folk club meet here.

DEEPING ST NICHOLAS 10.00 2.30; 6.00 11.00

BLUE BELL Pub D PG S (not Sun) (G) P

Deeping St. Nicholas. Deeping St Nicholas 202

Manns Bitter – H

Isolated pub on main road.

DODDINGTON 10 00 2.30; 6.00 11.00

GEORGE Pub D PG (G) P

New Street. March 740343

Elgoods Bitter – E

Stone built. Opposite clock tower. Unusual dispense method for Elgoods.

THREE TUNS Pub D PG S (G) (M) P

New Street. March 740220

Winter opening 10.30 and 6.30

Norwich Castle Bitter – H

Websters Yorkshire Bitter – H

Games popular including Bowls on adjacent full size green. Over 50 wines available.

ELM 10.30 2.30; 7.00 11.00

ARTFUL DODGER Pub PG S (Mon Fri) P (G)

Low Road. Wisbech 587009

Greene King IPA and Abbot – H

Websters Yorkshire Bitter – H

100 year old pub once called the Tea Gardens. Re-opened as a free house in 1982.

BELL Pub PG (S) (G) P

Main Road. Wisbech 64364

Elgoods Bitter – H

Simple village local due for alteration and extension

ELTON 10.00 2.30; 6.00 11.00

BLACK HORSE Pub PG S R (G) P C D

Overend (A605). Elton 240

Sam Smiths Old Brewery Bitter – H

17th Century pub once a coaching inn. In its time the cellar has been used as the local jail and the local morgue. Extensive meal service and meeting place for village football and cricket teams.

CROWN Pub D PG R (G) P B S 8

Duck Street. Elton 232

Opening 11.00

Ruddles County – H

Greene King IPA and Abbot – H

Marstons Pedigree – H

Attractive stone and thatched free house on village green. Push Penny played.

ETTON 10.00 2.30; 6.00 11.00

GOLDEN PHEASANT D (G) S R (Mon Sat) P

Etton. Peterborough 252387

Opening 12.00 and 7.00

Ruddles County – H

Greene King IPA – H

Stone built pub cum restaurant; emphasis on food

EYE 10.00 2.30; 6.00 11.00

BLUE BOAR Pub D PG S P (G)

High Street. Peterborough 222234

Opening 11.00 and 7.00

Manns Bitter – H

Locals pub with old bottle collection. Oldest building in village.

GREYHOUND Pub D PG S (G) P *

41 Crowland Road, Eye Green Peterborough 222487

Opening 11.00

Manns Bitter – H

Breakfasts served from 8.00am. Lounge available for functions.

FARCET FEN 10.00 2.30 6.00 11.00

PLOUGH Pub PG P (G)

Opens at 8 00pm and not weekday lunchtimes

Ramsey Road (B1095). Mereside 307

Greene King Abbot – G

Typical fen pub popular with local farmers.

FRIDAY BRIDGE 10.30 2.30; 6.30 11.00

BRIDGE INN Pub PG S P (G)

Well End. Wisbech 860398

Bullards Mild – H

Websters Yorkshire Bitter – H

Original Bullards house, built in 1922. Mild has now returned to its rightful place. Yorkshire Bitter is summer only at present.

CHEQUERS Pub D PG P

Friday Bridge. Wisbech 860313

Elgoods Bitter – H

Old fashioned rambling three roomed alehouse. Hand pumps hidden between bar and lounge

GLATTON 10.00 2.30; 6.00 11.00

ADDISON ARMS Pub PG R S (G) P
Sawtry Road, Glatton. Ramsey 830410
Evening Opening 7.00

Manns Mild, Bitter and IPA – H
Watneys Stag – H

Collection of coins. Menagerie in garden

GLINTON 10.00 2.30; 6.00 11.00

BLUE BELL S R (G) P *

Main Street. Peterborough 252285

Manns Bitter – H

17th Century pub with upstairs restaurant and large gardens.

GOREFIELD 11.00 2.30; 7.00 11.00

WOODMANS COTTAGE (G) D S PG P (M)

High Road. Wisbech 870669

Adnams Bitter – H

Thoroughly modernised busy free house which includes village shop.

GUYHIR N 10.30 2.30; 5.30 11.00

CHEQUERS Pub PG S D P (G) *

A47. Guyhirn 352

Elgoods Bitter – H

A warm welcome awaits everyone at this pub which is popular with locals, lorry drivers and holiday makers. The bar level is below that of the river. Ringing the Bull and Snookerette are played.

OLIVER TWIST Pub PG D S P (G)

A47. Guyhirn 523

Greene King IPA and Abbot – H

Recently reopened as a free house. Previously called the Marquis of Granby. Another handpumped guest beer always available.

GREAT CASTERTON 10.30 2.30; 6.30 11.00

CASTERTON TAVERNER Pub PG S R P Acc þ

Great Casterton. Stamford 3266 or 54376

Marstons Pedigree – H

Motel with Pullman Coach restaurant and caravan park. Basic bar and lounge exhibit railway memorabilia.

CROWN (G) Pub S PG P (G)

Main Street. Stamford 3362

Sam Smiths Old Brewery Bitter – H

Large thatched main road pub, friendly and well run. Good food at fair prices.

PLOUGH Pub S PG P

Main Street. Stamford 2178

Sam Smiths Old Brewery Bitter – E

Excellent and friendly. Unusual dispense method for Old Brewery Bitter.

HELPSTON 10.00 2.30; 6.00 11.00

BLUE BELL (G) S PG P Acc D Pub

Woodgate, Helpston. Peterborough 252394

Manns Bitter – H

Bulmers Dry Cider – H

Real Country Pub. The poet John Clare lived next door and was once the pubs pot boy. Cycling club meets here.

EXETER ARMS (G) D Pub PG Acc (M) þ S * P

Church Lane, Helpston. Peterborough 252483

Manns Bitter – H

Former Courthouse (local jibbet stone in garden next door). Lively local with film shows Tuesday evenings and Sunday lunchtime.

LEVERINGTON 10.30 2.30; 6.00 11.00

RISING SUN Pub S (Not Sun) PG P

Leverington Common. Wisbech 3754

Opening 11.00am and 7.00pm

Elgoods Bitter – H

Tidy bar and smart lounge recently refurbished.

SIX RINGERS PG D S (Not Mon, Tues eve or Sun lunch) P

Gorefield Road Wisbech 583127

Greene King IPA and Abbot – H

Websters Yorkshire Bitter – H

Bullards Mild – H

The pub name refers to the nearby church bells. There is a growing collection of water and whisky iugs.

MARCH 10.00 2.30; 6.00 11.00

March, where the extensive Whitmoor Marshalling yards were constructed in 1930 has remained an important railway centre, as well as a market centre. The Fenland District Council offices are based at March. Real Ale is varied with Elgoods, Greene King and the Watney Empire (in whatever shape their traditional beer is being manifested this month) sharing the town with the odd drop of Ind Coope and Adnams to be found.

PUB CRAWL

The best way is to walk up the High Street as most of the Real Ale outlets are not far away.

CURRY HOUSE

Nishan, 2 Dartford Road.

1. **COCK** D PG S (G) C Acc P

106 High Street. March 2294

Opening 10.30am. 7.00pm

Elgoods Bitter – H and G

Traditional Alehouse. Impressive handpumps and no keg and no pub sign. Bar billiards available.

2. **GEORGE** (G) D Pub S (not Sun) PG P C Acc

61 High Street, March. March 3017

Opening 10.30am and 6.30pm

Norwich Castle Bitter – H

Websters Yorkshire Bitter – H

Busy town centre pub, Castle handpump in lounge, Websters handpump in bar.

3. **GREAT NORTHERN** PG S (G) P

Norwood Road. March 4736

Opening 10.30am

Elgoods Bitter – H

Locals pub converted from cottages. Retains a railway theme.

4. **GRIFFIN HOTEL** Pub D PG S R (not Sun eve) P (M) Acc (R)

High Street. March 2517

Opening 10.30am

Draught Bass – H

Ind Coope Burton Ale – H

Large coaching inn. Clientele varies between rooms. Two function rooms, wine bar and restaurant. Open until 4 00pm Wednesday lunch.

5. **HAMMER & ANVIL** Pub D PG S (G) C (M) P

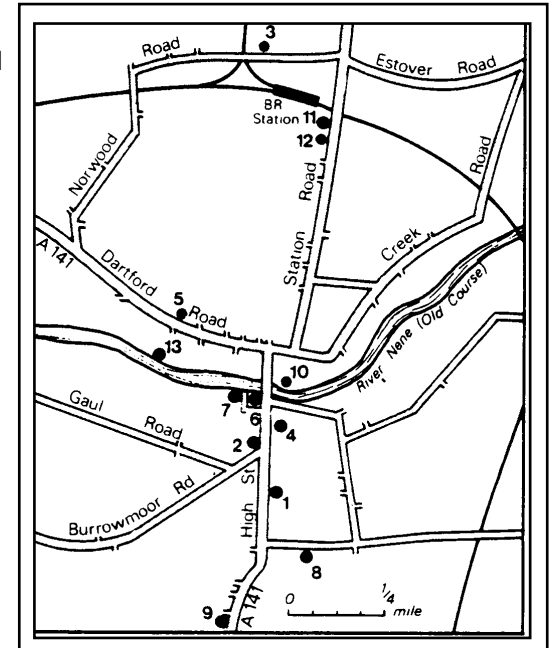
Dartford Road. March 55267

Opening 10.30am

Websters Yorkshire Bitter – H

Locals pub formerly a blacksmith's shop, hence name. Handpump in bar only.

MARCH



6. **RED LION** Pub D PG (M) P B

15 High Street. March 4501

Opening 10.30am

Elgoods Bitter – H

Basic noisy pub on Market Square opens until 4.00pm Wednesdays.

Discos every Saturday.

7. **ROSE & CROWN** Pub D PG (G) P B

9 Acre Road. No telephone

Greene King, XX Mild, IPA – H

Abbot and Xmas Ale – G

Riverside pub behind Red Lion known locally as the Acre. Cask pump dispense. Sells no keg beer.

8. **ROSE & CROWN** Pub PG (S) (G) P

St. Peters Road. March 2879

Opening 11.00am and 6.30pm

Norwich Castle Bitter – H

Keen games pub with probably the rudest landlord in March (his words, not ours!)

9. **SEVEN STARS** Pub D PG P

The Avenue. March 2863

Opening 10.30am and 6.30pm

Greene King, XX Mild, IPA and Abbot – H

Greene King Xmas Ale – G

Traditionally a darts pub. Don't mention football if Arsenal have lost. Sells no keg beer.

10. **SHIP** PG D S R P (R)

Nene Parade. March 56999

Greene King IPA – H

Thatched, oak beamed riverside pub with a wide variety of both bric a brac and customers.

11. **STATION HOTEL** PG S R (Evening only) P Acc

Station Road. March 3259

Opening 10.30am and 6.30pm

Ind Coope Bitter – H

Former Temperance Hotel next to station. Collection of 150 Toby jugs.

12. **WADES HOTEL** (G) D Pub S PG P Acc

Station Road. March 3082

Opening 11.00am and 6.30pm

Greene King IPA and Abbot – H

Close to station. Ask for hand pump beer. Videos shown on Monday and Thursday evenings.

13. **WHITE HORSE** (G) Pub S R (not Sun) PG (M) P P B

West End. March 3054

Opening 11.00am and 6.30pm

Norwich Castle Bitter – H

Websters Yorkshire Bitter – H

Attractive riverside pub with restaurant. Castle handpump in bar, Websters handpump in lounge.

MARHOLM 10.00 2.30; 6.00 11.00

FITZWILLIAM ARMS (Green Man) (G) Pub S R (not Sun) P (M)

Peterborough 262293

Ind Coope Burton Ale and Bitter – H

Smart stone and thatch village pub with accent on food.

**Had any Original
thoughts lately?**



TOLLY·COBBOLD
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MARKET DEEPING 10.30 2.00; 6.00 11.00

BULL Pub (S) P Acc

Market Place. Market Deeping 343320

Opening 11.00am

Everard Tiger, Old Original – H

Bustling small town local seems to attract all ages. Casks stillaged behind bar.



DEEPING STAGE (G) S R P C Acc (R)

Market Place. Market Deeping 343234

Watneys Stag – E

One time coaching inn now an eight bedroomed hotel. A well can be seen through a glass panel in the bar.



NEWBOROUGH 10.00 2 30; 6.00 11 00

BULL (G) Pub S PG P

Thorney Road. Newborough 255

Opening 6 30pm

Manns Bitter – H

Two hundred year old pub recently modernised and extended into what was a doctors surgery

PARSON DROVE 10.30 2.30; 5.30 11.00

SWAN Pub PG S R (Fri Sat & Sun) (G) P b

B1187 and B1166 Junction. Wisbech 700291

Opening 11 00am and 7.00pm

Elgoods Bitter – G

Beer normally by top pressure. The landlord will fetch the beer from the cellar if you specify "Beer from the wood" Samuel Pepy slept here in 1663 and had his horse stolen!

PEAKIRK 10.00 2.30; 6.00 11.00

RUDDY DUCK D PG S R P

St Pegas Road. Peterborough 252426

Opening 11.00am

Watneys Stag – A

Split level, low beamed pub a short distance from Peakirk Wild Fowl Trust.

PETER BOROUGH 10.00 2.30; 6.00 11.00

The Soke of Peterborough was once administered by Northamptonshire but it is now the administrative centre of the 'new' Cambridgeshire. It is probably the fastest expanding city in the country with new townships springing up all around. A new city centre development clusters around the magnificent cathedral (one of the few old buildings left); an earlier church was sacked by Hereward the Wake and the present building was constructed by the Normans. Peterborough can now also offer a fine and varied range of real ales.

PUB CRAWLS

City Centre – The Still, The Royal, Wortley Almshouses, Six Bells
Dogsthorpe – Bluebell, Peter Pan, Royal Arms
Oundle Road – New Inn, Botolph Arms, Dragonfly

CURRY HOUSES

Eastern Garden. Lincoln Road

CHIP SHOP

Verge Street or Dogsthorpe Road

1. **BLUE BELL** Pub D PG S (G) P

Welland Road, Dogsthorpe. Peterborough 54890

Elgoods Bitter – H

Homely traditional three roomed pub with Monkeys skull hidden behind door next to off sales hatch.

2. **BLUE BELL** Pub PG (S) (G) P

6 The Green. Werrington. Peterborough 71264

Elgoods Bitter – H

Voted Pub of the Year 1981 by local CAMRA branch despite the landlord being cantankerous (his words).



3. **BOTOLPH ARMS** D PG S R (G) P *

465 Oundle Road. Peterborough 234170

Tolly Cobbold Original – H

Bass Charrington IPA – H

Draught Bass – H

Ruddles County – H

Bulmers West Country Dry Cider – G

Only converted from a private house to a pub and restaurant in 1981, surrounded by fields but is well within the city limits. Range of beers may be extended.

4. **BRETTON BEACON** D PG (S) C

Rightwell Way, Bretton Centre. Peterborough 265705

Bass Charrington IPA – H

Tolly Cobbold Original – H

Modern pub in Cresset Community Complex. Mainly young clientele caters for the disabled

5. **BULL & DOLPHIN** S R (M)

93A Bridge Street. Peterborough 53763

Youngers IPA – E

Real Ale in front bar only. Supply tends to be inconsistent. A trendy pub popular with motorcyclists

6. **CARPENTERS ARMS** Pub D PG S (M) P (G)

82 South Street, Stanground. Peterborough 67137

Manns Bitter – H

Basic Local with TV in bar and collection of foreign bank notes in lounge.

7. **CLAY PIPE** Pub PG S (G) P

St Johns Street, Peterborough 51830

Opening 11.00am

Manns Bitter – H

Modern two bar pub serving both Office workers and Estate dwellers. Built on site of old Claypipe factory.

8. **COACH & HORSES** Pub D PG S (not Sun) (G) C P

41 High Street, Stanground. Peterborough 43400

Manns Bitter – H

A locals local.

9. **COCK** Pub D PG S (G) P

1305 Lincoln Road, Werrington. Peterborough 72408

Manns Bitter – H

Locals bar contrasts with trendy modernised lounge.

10. **COMET** Pub D PG S (not Sun) (M) P

1 Garton End Road, Dogsthorpe. Peterborough 62421

Ind Coope Burton Ale and Bitter – H

Large Pub with boisterous bar and comfortable lounge which has folk to rock music on Friday nights.

11. **COOPERS** PG D (S) P

Copeland Centre, South Bretton. Peterborough 263347

Whitbread Castle Eden Ale – H

Opened February 1983, all aspects of the Coopers trade are featured.

12. **CROWN** Pub PG S (G) C (M) (Fri nights) P

745 Lincoln Road, New England. Peterborough 41366

Draught Bass – H

Bass Charrington IPA – H

Recently modernised but retaining its former character. Separate games and functions rooms Motorcycle club meets every Tuesday.

13. **DRAGONFLY** Pub PG S (G) P D

Herlington Centre, Orton Malborne. Peterborough 233130

Tolly Cobbold Bitter and Original – H

Tolly Cobbold Old Strong (November to March) – H

Tolly Cobbold Mild – H

Bulmers West Country Cider – G

Thriving centre within the new development area, lounge has an interestingly designed roof.

14. **ELEPHANT & CASTLE** D R S

90 Bridge Street. Peterborough 64801

Whitbread Castle Eden Ale – H

Beefeater Steakhouse. Long downstairs bar with many nooks and crannies. A far cry from the basic Ruddles pub it once was.



15. **FARMERS ARMS** Pub D PG (S) C (M) P (G)

123 Eastfield Road. Peterborough 68119

Manns Bitter – H

Basic Street corner pub with games room. Retreat of Bellringers. Handpump in lounge only but serves bar also.

16. **FOUNTAIN** Pub PG S (M) Acc P

2 Burghley Road. Peterborough 54533

Monday to Friday Opening 11.00am

Manns Bitter – H

Small pub with contrasting bars. Organ music every weekend night.

17. **FOX & HOUNDS** (G) D Pub S PG P

Thorpe Road, Longthorpe. Peterborough 264126

Manns Bitter – H

Welcoming pub in village now engulfed by the city expansion Close to Longthorpe Tower (Ancient Monument).

18. **GABLES** PG D S R P (G)

Opens at 11.00am. Supper licence of 1 hour extra.

Mancetter Square, 1170 Lincoln Road. Peterborough 77666

Watneys Stag – H

Ultra trendy open plan free house converted from a bulb factory and opened in 1982.

19. **GILDENBURGH** D PG S P

Wirrina, Bishops Road. Peterborough 69635

Greene King IPA and Abbot – H

Part of modern River Embankment complex incorporating Wirrina Sports Centre and Gildenburgh Rooms. Resembles an airport departure lounge.

20. **GLADSTONE ARMS** Pub PG (M) S

126 Gladstone Street. Peterborough 44388

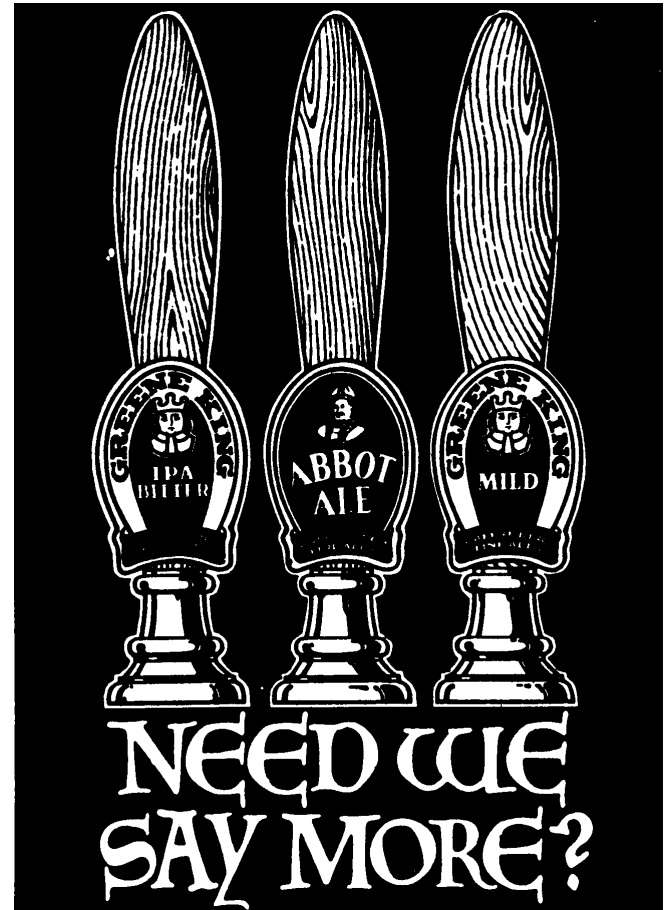
Greene King IPA and Abbot – H

Christmas Ale – G

Ruddles County – H

Bulmer Dry Cider – H

Recently extended. Live groups on Sunday and Tuesday evenings.



21. **GORDON ARMS** (G) D S (not Sun eve) R (not Sat lunch, Sun eve)
Oundle Road. Peterborough 231374
Opening 6.30pm
Watney Stag – E
Trendy lounge bar with separate restaurant. Interesting pub sign.

22. **GRAIN BARGE** S R (eve. only) P B (G)
Quayside, Embankment Road. Peterborough 311967
Opens at 11.00am
Draught Bass – H
Charrington IPA – H
A splendidly converted 235 ton grain barge, one of four floating pubs in the country but this is the only one to sell real ale.

23. **GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL** (G) S Acc P R
Station Road. Peterborough 52331
Elgoods Bitter H
Draught Bass E
Large hotel built by LNER overlooks Railway Station. Elgoods in Poachers Bar. Bass in "Costers"

24. **GREENKEEPER** D PG (G) P
Thorpe Wood. Peterborough 267601
Greene King Abbot – H
Christmas Ale – G
Clubhouse of the municipal golf course. Take care to ask for hand-pump beer as the top pressure version is often shamelessly sold in preference

25. **HALCYON** (G) Pub S PG P
Atherstone Avenue. Peterborough 263801
Opening 11.00am and 6.30pm
Manns Bitter – H
Bulmers Traditional Medium Cider – H
1966 Estate pub with accent on pub games.

26. **HORSE & GROOM** D Pub S PG P (G)
Orton Centre. Peterborough 238636
Manns Bitter – H
Opened in 1981 as part of the Orton Centre. Large uncluttered bar contrasts with lounge which was designed to look like stables. Ask for "Fined Bitter".

27. **JOHN CLARE** Pub PG P
Hallfields Lane, Gunthorpe. Peterborough 74220
Manns Bitter – H
Large modern estate pub named after the poet from Helpston

28. **LIME TREE** Pub D PG S (M) P (R)
Paston Lane. Peterborough 71813
Whitbread Wethereds Bitter – H
Large 1930 pub with a large function room. Rock and Roll night Friday. Handpumps in lounge only but serve all rooms.

29. **NEW INN** Pub PG S (not Sun) P (R)
72 Oundle Road, Woodston. Peterborough 65483
Opening 11.00am and 7.00pm
Whitbread Castle Eden Ale – H
Dreadful frontage belies a tidy, friendly interior. The game of Quoits was devised at the pub and the World Championships were once played here.

30. **NEW INN** Pub PG S P Acc
627 Lincoln Road, New England. Peterborough 41427
Manns Bitter – H
Typical lively local. Graffiti board in gents.

31. **PALMERSTON ARMS** Pub D PG (S) P
Oundle Road. Peterborough 65865
Opening 11.00am and 7.00pm
Manns Bitter – H
Small pub where darts are very popular, celebrities often play here. Parts of the building date from 1218 and the name derives from the fact that it was once part of Lord Palmerston's estate

32. **PEACOCK** Pub D PG S (M) P
London Road. Peterborough 66293
Manns Bitter – H
Thatched pub opposite the football ground. Disco or live music Friday evenings.

33. **PETER PAN** Pub D PG (S) (M) P (R) R (lunch only) (G)
Eastern Avenue, Dogsthorpe. Peterborough 41388
Home Bitter and Mild – E
Large estate pub recently made even larger with the construction of a new bar and garden. Live music at weekends.

34. **PLOUGHMAN** Pub PG D S (not Sun) P (G)
 Werrington District Centre, off Staniland Way. Peterborough 73594
Home Bitter – E
 Opened in 1982. Functional . . . in the Home Ales pub style.
35. **PORT OUT STARBOARD HOME** Pub PG (S) P
 London Road. Peterborough 60048
Whitbread Castle Eden Ale – H
Bulmers Dry Cider – H
 Trendy decor with noisy piped music. Basic public bar still retained however. Close to the football ground. The pub name comes from the origin of the word POSH.
36. **POSTILLION** D PG (S) (Mon Sat) (M) P S (Tue Sat)
 Chadburn Centre, Paston. Peterborough 71228
Ind Coope Burton Ale and Bitter – H
 Modern, lounge only, estate pub with regular live music and discos.
37. **QUEENS BAR** D R P S
 Railway Station Refreshment Room Closing 9.30pm
Draught Bass – H
 Part of the station buffet, non travellers will need to buy a platform ticket.
38. **ROUNDHEAD** D (S) (not Sun) P
 Bretton Centre. Peterborough 267340
Draught Bass – H
Paines XXX – H
 A modern pub only recently converted to handpump dispense
39. **ROYAL S**
 Westgate. Peterborough 311552
Whitbread Wethereds Bitter – H
 Thoroughly modernised listed building surrounded by Queensgate centre. Ironically was once a Temperance Hotel.
40. **ROYAL ARMS** Pub PG S (G) P
 16 Eye Road, Newark Hill. Peterborough 43079
Elgoods Bitter – H
 Large roadside pub rather lacking in atmosphere but due to be altered. Handpump in bar only

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41. **SHIRE HORSE** Pub D PG S P (M)

Eldern Centre, Orton Malborne. Peterborough 234138

Opening 11.00am

Manns Bitter – H

Modern spacious pub opened as part of the new Orton township.

Country and Western evenings once a month

42. **SILVER JUBILEE** PG Pub (G) (M) P D (S)

Heltwate, Bretton. Peterborough 262470

Greene King IPA, Abbot, Mild (Dark) – G

Opened in Jubilee Year, the memorabilia of the Silver Jubilee Train features heavily in the lounge bar. Beer delivered to bars down glass tubes from upstairs "Cellar".

43. **SIX BELLS** PG S P

Westgate. Peterborough 61288

Watneys Stag – H

Bulmers Dry Cider – H; Medium Cider – G

Recently modernised and enlarged single room.

44. **STAR** Pub D PG S P (G)

12 Star Road. Peterborough 65972

Opening 7.00pm Saturday evening

Manns Bitter – H

A typical back street local. TV in bar. Secondhand books for sale.

45. **STILL** Pub (S) (G)

Cumbergate. Peterborough 68531 (Shut Sunday and Bank Holidays)

Elgoods Bitter – G

Marstons Pedigree, Owd Rodger – G

Greene King Abbot – G

Draught Bass – G

Adnams Bitter G

Banks & Taylor Shefford Bitter – G

An oasis within the Queensgate shopping centre. Beer is fetched from the back room "cellar" and you may have to wait whilst the jugs are replenished. Three intimate rooms without music lend to the development of conversation.

46. **THREE HORSESHOES** Pub PG (G) P

Church Street, Werrington. Peterborough 71768

Manns Bitter – H

Friendly two roomed local with no interest in CAMRA.

47. **UNCLE BUNTS** S (not Sun)

503 Lincoln Road. Peterborough 66694

Whitbread Castle Eden Ale – H

Bulmer Dry Cider – H

Plastic vines, low lights and loud music combine to attract the younger element.

48. **WESTWOOD** Pub PG S

Mayors Walk Peterborough 62639

Manns Bitter – H

Street corner pub recently modernised with expanded bar. Fine panelled lounge

49. **WHEATSHEAF** Pub PG S P (G)

Eastfield Road. Peterborough 62724

Opening 11.00am and 6.30pm

Manns Bitter – H

Popular pub close to Technical College, comfortable lounge. Games orientated, bar displays collection of farming implements.



50. **WHEELWRIGHTS ARMS** Pub PG (G) P

61 Eastfield Road. Peterborough 69986

Opening 6.30pm

Manns Bitter – H

Tiny terraced local with friendly service. Car park at rear has entrance in Whitsed Street.

51. **WHITE LION** PG D S (not Sun) (M) Tues & Sat)

Church Street. Peterborough 43547

Manns Bitter – H

City centre lounge only pub popular with younger set.

52. **WHITTLE WAY** Pub PG S (not Sun) P (M)

Central Square, Stanground. Peterborough 68578

Opening 11.00am

Manns Bitter – H

Modern estate pub with large bar. Named after Sir Frank Whittle even though it is on the way to Whittlesey.

53. **WINDMILL** Pub PG S (G) P (M)

281 Lincoln Road. Peterborough 54948

Manns Bitter – H

Two roomed pub which originally had a windmill opposite. Mobile fish-mongers stall stands in car park on Fridays.

54. **WINDMILL** D PG R P S (G) (R)

29 Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville. Peterborough 231554

Manns Bitter – H

Watneys Stag – H

Bulmer Dry Cider – H

Large lounge only pub in picturesque village which is now enveloped by the Peterborough expansion. Function room cum restaurant is well used

55. **WOODSTON** Pub PG (S) P

Belsize Avenue, Woodston. Peterborough 65582

Manns Bitter – H

Back street local with games room, two minutes walk from EMAP.

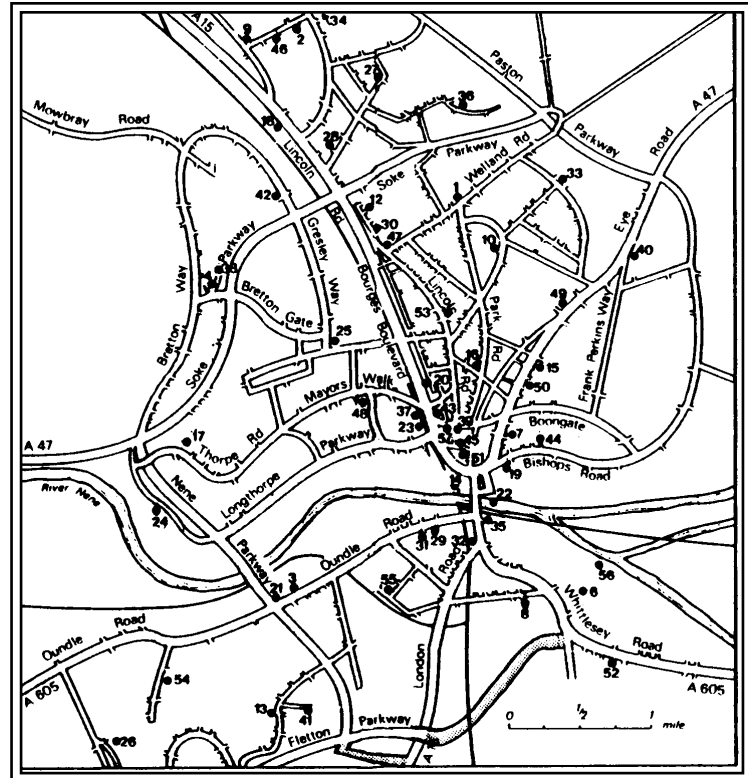
56. **WOOLPACK** Pub PG (S) (G) P (M) B

North Street, Stanground. Peterborough 54417

Whitbread Castle Eden Ale – H

A one bar locals' pub with open fires in winter. Backs onto the River Nene (old course).

PETERBOROUGH



57 WORTLEY ALMSHOUSES S

Westgate. Peterborough 48839

Sam Smiths Old Brewery Bitter – H

Bustling pub near the Bus Station. Excellently converted in 1982 from derelict stone built almshouses.

RINGS END 10.30 2.30; 5.30 11.00

BLACK HART Pub PG S P

Near Guyhirn. No telephone

Elgoods Bitter – G

One of the most unspoilt traditional Fenland pubs in existence. Landlord and wife have held the licence for 30 years. Friendly, mixed clientele spanning all ages that won't allow you to remain a stranger. A well runs under the hallway. Pre decimal Jukebox and Guinness drinking dog. Doubles as a Council Chamber and a Polling Station during elections.

RYHALL 10.30 2.30; 6.30 11.00

GREEN DRAGON Pub PG (S) P

The Square. Stamford 53081

Sam Smiths Old Brewery Bitter – H

Bulmers Dry Cider – H

Small local in centre of village. Friendly and comfortable lounge basic locals bar

SAWTRY 10.00 2.30; 6.00 11.00

BELL (G) P (M) p D PG (S) *

1 Blind Land

Opening 11.00am and 6.30pm

Paines EG and XXX – H

One bar village pub with range of different sized cricket bats. Shut the box played here.

GREYSTONES PG P R (wed Sun) (G) p S

The Green. Ramsev 831999

Whitbread Wethereds Bitter – H

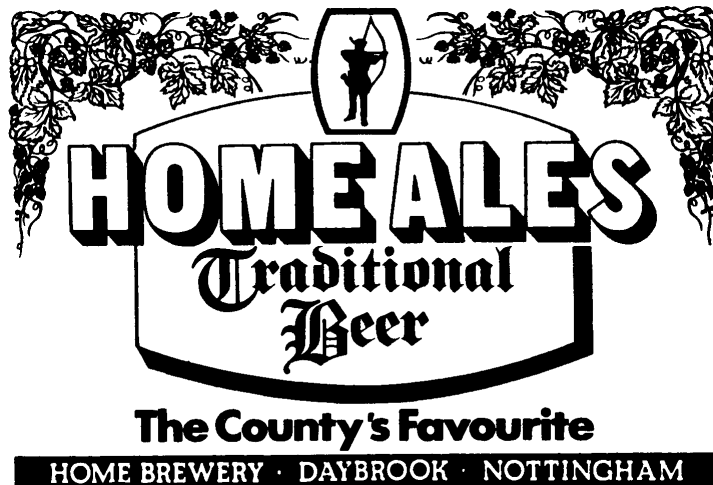
Tastefully converted to a pub in 1981 but parts date from the 13th Century. Roof beams in the restaurant were once used to hoist millstones for trimming, one millstone still exists in the garden.

ROYAL OAK Pub D PG (G) (M) P S

2 Great North Road. Ramsey 830266

Manns IPA – A

Pub games, particularly darts are very popular. Now on the east of the A1 but used to be on the west side and has even been between the carriageways as various road improvements have taken place. Reputedly haunted by a cat!



STAMFORD 10.30-2.30; 6.00-11.00

Rumoured to have the best pubs in the area which may be open to argument but not with the editor. The best way to organise a session in the town is to come on Friday when selected pubs around the market stay open to 4.00pm. Stamford, as well as having a very interesting general history, has a very interesting beer related history. In the late 1950's there were still two working breweries, Phillips and Melbourns (Melbourns ceased brewing in the early seventies when the steam engine became 'financially' unreliable). The Melbourn brewery In All Saints Street is now a museum and offers a marvellous insight into the brewing industry.

PUB CRAWL

The famous gallon crawl.

Victoria, Northfields, Hurdler, Hit or Miss, White Swan, Scotgate, St. Mary's Vault and finally the Dolphin.

CURRY HOUSE

All Saints Street (expensive but good).

CHIP SHOP

Several good ones, Stans, North Street the pick.

1. ANCHOR HOTEL S (G) P Acc R

High Street. Stamford 3132

Manns Bitter – H

Watneys Stag – H

Large pub next to the River Welland. Collection of miniatures displayed behind the bar. Restaurant is in old bar.

2. BULL & SWAN R Acc

High Street, St Martins. Stamford 3558

Sam Smiths Old Brewery Bitter – H

Well appointed old inn. A wide variety of international cuisine available in the restaurant

3 CROWN HOTEL Pub PG R Acc S

Market Square. Stamford 3136 or 56111

Ind Coope Burton Ale – H

Ruddles County – H

Extensively modernised 17th century hotel with 20 bedrooms and a restaurant. Family atmosphere actively promoted.

4. DOLPHIN Pub D P (G)

60 East Street. Stamford 55494

Opening 11.00am

Greene King IPA. XX Mild, Abbot – H

Draught Bass – H

Plain exterior does little justice to this tastefully modernised free house, comprised of four small rooms.

5. GENERAL GORDON Pub D PG S (M) P

Wharf Road. Stamford 3976

Opening 11.00am

Manns Bitter – H

Pub dating from 1887, named in recognition of General Gordon's triumphs in the Sudan. Cosy local with public bar and lounge.

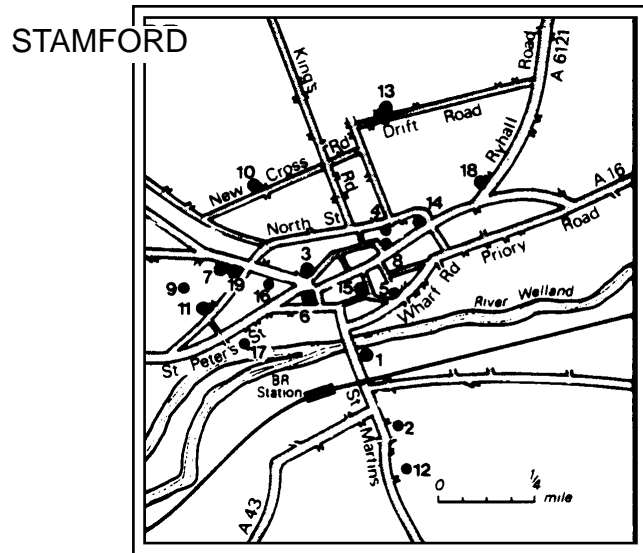
6. GOLDEN FLEECE Pub PG S

18 Sheep Market. Stamford 3749

Everards Beacon Bitter and Old Original – H

Keen darts players in this former Ruddles pub near Bus Station.

Wool markets held outside until 1930.



7. **GREEN MAN** Pub PG S

29 Scotgate Stamford 3635

Everards Tiger – H

Small quiet local with two bars on different levels.

8. **HALF MOON** Pub PG (S) P (M)

6 St. Pauls Street. Stamford 3857

Opening 11 00am and 7.00pm

Manns Bitter – H

Watneys Stag – H

Stone built town centre locals pub. Alterations imminent

9. **HIT OR MISS** Pub PG (G) P

Foundry Road. Stamford 2119

Opening 11 30am

Sam Smiths Old Brewery Bitter – H

Superb small backstreet local. Long established tenants. Mainly a locals pub, welcome and friendly to all. Sign portrays a blacksmith at work.

10. **HURDLER** Pub PG S (not Mon) (G) P

93 Newcross Road. Stamford 3428

Everards Old Original, Tiger, Beacon, Mild – E

Bulmers Traditional Cider – E

Large estate pub recently modernised. Named after the Olympic Gold Medal winner the late Marquess of Exeter. Formerly one of the Ruddles tied houses bought from Whitbread/Flowers in the late 1960s Close to Fire Station.

11. **JOLLY BREWERS** PG S P (G)

Foundry Road. Stamford 55141

Sam Smiths Old Brewery Bitter – H

Bulmers Dry Cider – H

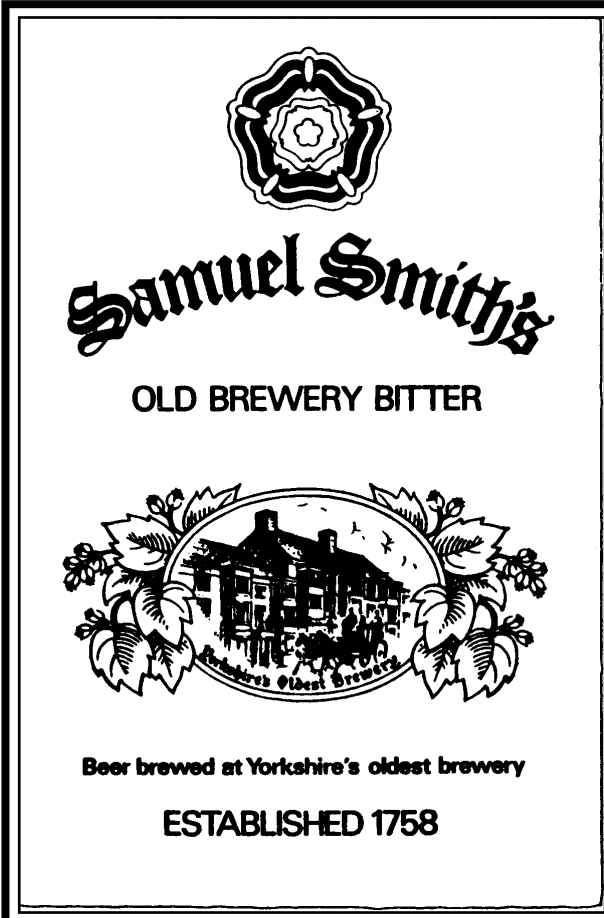
Known locally as the "Brewery" the pub is a haven for Push Penny enthusiasts there being four teams which play in local leagues.

12. **LADY ANNES HOTEL**

St. Martins. Stamford 53175

Ruddles County – H

Newly opened Hotel on south approach from A1 to centre.



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13. **NORTHFIELDS** Pub D PG (G) P (S) (Mon Fri)

Drift Road. Stamford 2689

Home Bitter – E

Typical 1,950s Homes Ales estate pub. Long Alley Skittles provide unusual attraction. Close to Technical College.

14. **O'BRIENS ARMS** Pub PG S

25 St. Pauls Street. Stamford 3284

Manns Bitter – H

400 year old pub named after former MP for Stamford and Rutland. Preservation Order on cellar.

15. **ST. MARYS VAULTS** Pub PG S P

St. Marys Street. Stamford 4305

Opening 11.00am

Sam Smiths Old Brewery Bitter – H

Large local near St. Marys Church Mock Tudor facade, not as old as it looks. Public bar and lounge, games room upstairs. Only Sam Smiths house in the area, all other local outlets for the beer belong to Melbourns.

16 **SCOTGATE** Pub PG S C P (M)

5 Scotgate Stamford 52901

Opening 11.00am

Sam Smiths Old Brewery Bitter – H

Bulmers Traditional Dry Cider – H

Recently purchased by Melbourns against whose former brewery it stands. Extensively modernised. Interesting features include a covered courtyard and a cellar bar, where there is live jazz on Wednesday evenings.

17. **VENCE** S (not Mon, or Tues. to Thurs. eve) (G)

Opens at 11.00am and 7.00pm

11 St. Peter Street. Stamford 62909

Marstons Pedigree – H

Although the building dates from the early 18th Century it was only converted to a pub and separate cellar wine bar in 1982.

18. **VICTORIA** (Old Vic) Pub D PG (G) P S

1 Ryhall Road. Stamford 2521

Opening at 11.00am and 6.45pm

Sam Smiths Old Brewery Bitter – H

One roomed Victorian drinking house, very close to the Hospital. Used to be known as Parting Pots. Emphasis on pub games.

19. **WHITE SWAN** (G)

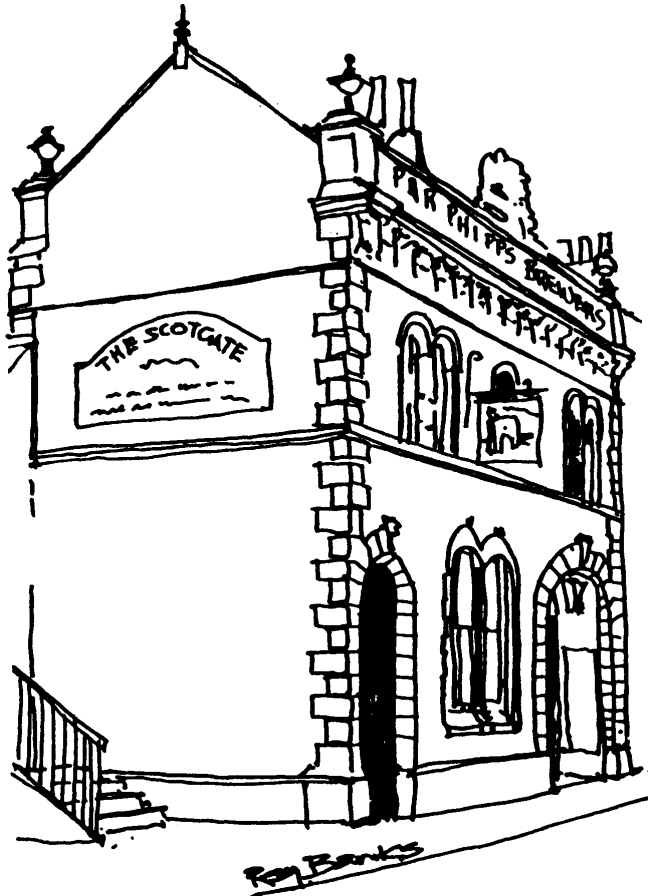
Scotgate. Stamford 4412

Manns Bitter – H

Watneys Stag – H

Small cosy local with friendly service.





THORNEY 10.00 2.30; 6.00 11.00

DOG IN A DOUBLET Pub PG R (not Sun Mon eve, Sat lunch)(G)

P B

North Bank. Peterborough 202256

Opening 11.00am and 7.00pm

Ind Coope Burton Ale – H

Popular with anglers, close to River Nene. Different pictures either side of pub sign. Nearer to Whittlesey than Thorney.

ROSE & CROWN Pub PG R (lunch times and Sat eve) P (G) S

Thorney. Peterborough 270234

Bass Charrington IPA – H

Draught Bass – H

Set back from the A47. The bar and lounge are in total contrast. Framed beer mat collection in bar. Handpumps in lounge serve both bars. Popular restaurant.

THORNEY TOLL 10.30 2.30; 6.00 11.00

BLACK HORSE Pub D PG S P (G)

Wisbech Road. Knarr Cross 218

Opening 11.00am and 7.00pm in Winter

Elgoods Bitter – H

Situated beside a fast stretch of the A47 road to the coast which provides much passing trade. Friendly service, small games room at the back.

THROCKENHOLT 10.30 2.30; 6.30 11.00

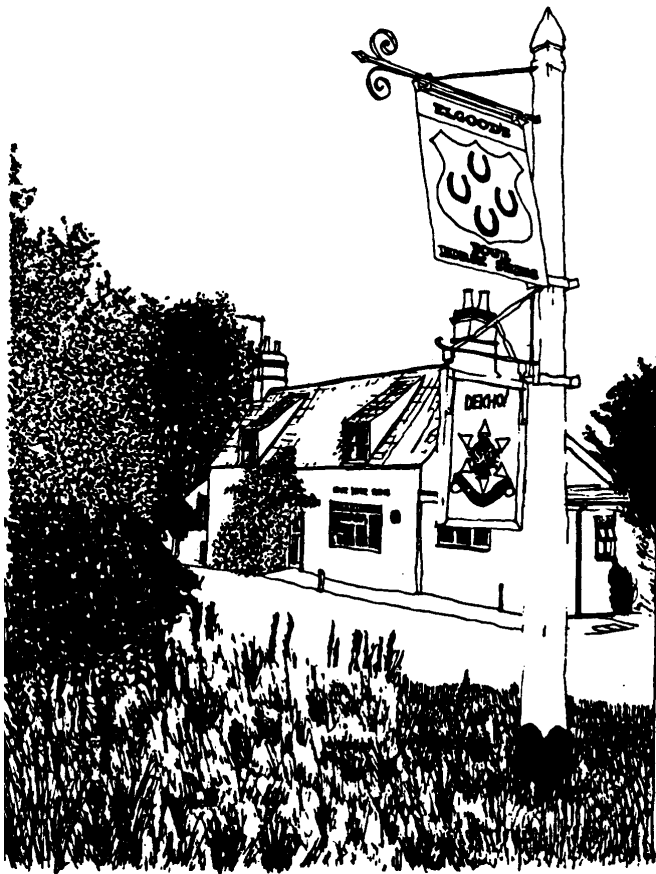
FOUR HORSESHOES Pub PG S (Fri night only)

South Eau Bank. Wisbech 700200

Closes 1.00pm weekdays

Elgoods Bitter – G

Remote unspoilt Fenland pub. Home grown vegetables on sale in the bar. Beer dispensed from barrel in room just off the bar.



TINWELL 10.30 2.30; 6.30 11.00

CROWN INN Pub PG S (not Mon eve) (G) P

Tinwell. Stamford 2492

Opening 30am

Sam Smiths Old Brewery Bitter – H

Bulmers Traditional Dry Cider – H

Popular village pub within walking distance of Stamford. Jovial landlord is a CAMRA member.

TURVES 10.00 2.30 6.00 11.00

THREE HORSESHOES Pub D PG (G) C P (M) b S *

344 March Road. Turves 414

Greene King IPA – H

Remote Fenland free house next to level crossing. Entertainment provided at weekends. Families catered for.

UFFINGTON 10 30 2.30; 6.00 11.00

GAINSBOROUGH LADY PG (G) P S

Main Road. Stamford 52540

Sam Smiths Old Brewery Bitter – H

Much extended stone built public house on the main road. Second home of the Uffington Cricket Club. Two bars different in atmosphere although similar in style. Pool and darts played in back bar.

UFFORD 10.00 2.30; 6.00 11.00

YE OLDE WHITE HART Pub (G) (Summer only) P PG

Stamford 740250

Home Bitter – H

Superb unspoilt village inn. Very basic bar, comfortable lounge and secluded garden. Cheapest beer in the area.



WALSOKEN 10.30 2 30; 6.00 11.00

TURNPIKE HOTEL Pub PG (G) C P (M) Acc S

Norwich Road. Wisbech 64639

Saturday opening 10.30-3.30

Greene King IPA, Abbot and XX Mild – H

On the site of a former tollgate, the Pub was converted from a rectory 20 years ago. Haunted by Rev. Quick who was killed by a falling tree.

Spacious pub with emphasis on entertainment.

WANSFORD 10 00 2.30; 6 00 11.00

CROSS KEYS PG R (not Sun) (G) P Acc (S)

21 Elton Road. Stamford 782266

Watneys Stag – H

Part of the pub used to be a butchers shop. Display of photographs featuring female customers. Lounge bar only and a quiet friendly atmosphere

HAYCOCK D R S (G) C P Acc þ Pub * B

Elton Road. Stamford 782223

Draught Bass – H

Ruddles Bitter – H

Smart old hotel on the bank of the River Nene. Previous visitors include Marv Queen of Scots and Queen Victoria. Excellent cuisine Petanque played in the orchards

WHITTLESEY 10.00 2.30; 6.00 11.00

Like many towns. at one stage Whittlesey claimed to have a vast number of pubs. In fact up to a few years ago there were only three spots In the town where one could stand and not see a pub. Another fact which reinforces the number of the pubs is that the town ran out of names for them and began giving them letters. The letters A, B, C and D. The Letter B being the only one still a pub.

PUB CRAWL

Falcon, Letter B, Hero of Aliwal, Boat

CURRY HOUSE

29 Market Street

BLACK BULL Pub PG (G) (S) Mon Fri) P

Market Street. Peterborough 203323

Manns Bitter – H

Stone built with separate pool room. Peterborough branch of the Stenhousemuir supporters club drink here.

BOAT INN Pub PG (G) P Acc S C

2 Ramsey Road. Peterborough 202488

Elgoods Bitter – H

On the bank of the Whittlesey Dyke. Busy trade with B&B provided. Be Prepared for anything as locals enjoy a good laugh.

BRICKLAYERS ARMS Pub D PG S (G) C (M) Acc P

Station Road. Peterborough 202593

Manns Bitter – H

Locals pub with collection of army regimental shields displayed in the bar. Pub has own tug of war team (any challengers). Recently refurbished lounge.

FALCON HOTEL D R C P Acc S (G) (R)

London Street. Peterborough 203247

Tolly Cobbold Bitter, Original. Old Strong (Winter) – H

Well kept hotel which has a functions room and is included in Egon Ronays Restaurant guide

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HERO OF ALIWAL Pub D PG (G) S P B

Church Street. Peterborough 203736

Opening 6.30pm

Manns Bitter – H

Pub was formerly White Lion and changed to its present name when the former Hero of Aliwal in Aliwal Road was closed in 1971. Pub rumoured to have a ghost.

LETTER B Pub D PG (S) (plus Fri and Sat eve) (G) (M)

Church Street. Peterborough 203358

Opening 11.00am and 6.30pm

Bass Charrington IPA – H

Draught Bass – H

Banks & Taylors Shefford Bitter – H

Once, so many pubs in the town that they began naming them alphabetically. The bar has been extended by knocking through adjoining cottages. Smart lounge where hot food has earned a place in the Good Food Guide.

MORTON FORK HOTEL Pub D (G) P Acc S

The Delph. Peterborough 203393

Greene King Abbot – H

Small town hotel with mainly middle aged clientele. "Mortons Fork" is explained on a framed parchment. It's a kind of Hobsons Choice.

NEW CROWN Pub D PG S P (M)

High Causeway. Peterborough 202510

Opening 11.00am

Manns Bitter – H

Locals pub which had its original handpumps bearing crown motifs renovated when real ale was re introduced. The pub is in fact older than its near neighbour the Old Crown.

OLD CROWN Pub PG (G) P (M) S

Gracious Street. Peterborough 203652

Opening 7.00pm

Greene King Abbot – G

Converted from two houses. Most of the beer is served by Carbon Dioxide so you have to ask if you want it unpressurised

WIMBLINGTON 10.00 2.30; 6.00 11.00

ANCHOR D PG P

12 Norfolk Street. March 740386

Opening 11.00am

Norwich Castle Bitter – H

One 'L' shaped room tucked away off main road. Definitely a locals pub with collection of butterflies.

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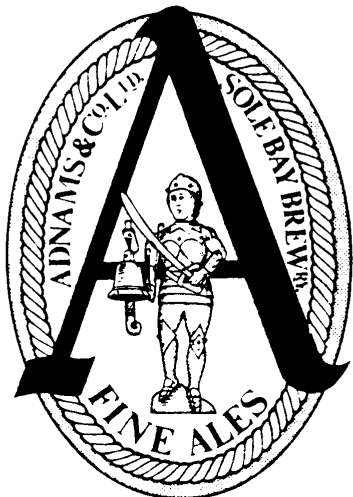
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WISBECH 10 30 2.30 (3.30 Sat); 6.00 11.00

Proudly proclaimed as the capital of the Fens, Wisbech like most of the towns in this guide is the centre of a large rural area. It is also the home of the Elgoods Brewery which sits on the North Brink of the River Nene. The brewery has a fine Georgian Facade and can be seen from the A47 as one approaches from Peterborough. Although the town is predominantly supplied by the Elgoods Brewery there is still a reasonable amount of other real ales available.

PUB CRAWL

Along the North Brink from the Kings Head.

1. **ANGEL HOTEL** Pub PG P Acc S
45 Alexandra Road. Wisbech 583202
Opens 11 Ooam and 7.00pm

Elgoods Bitter – H

Interesting wood panelled pub with menu on walls of bar. Frequented by commercial travellers and tourists during the season. Charlie the resident ghost watches over the proceedings. Very keen pool teams.

2 **BLACKFRIARS** Pub D PG P S
St. Augustines Road. Wisbech 584930
Opening 5.30pm evenings

Norwich Castle Bitter – H

Websters Yorkshire Bitter – H

Castle dispensed only in lounge. Large modern town pub frequented by fishing clubs. Indoor fishpond in lounge. Smoke room has a fine collection of prints of old Wisbech. Keen darts teams.

3. **BRIGSTOCK** Pub PG S (M) P B (G)
Mountpleasant. Wisbech 584479

Bullards Mild – H

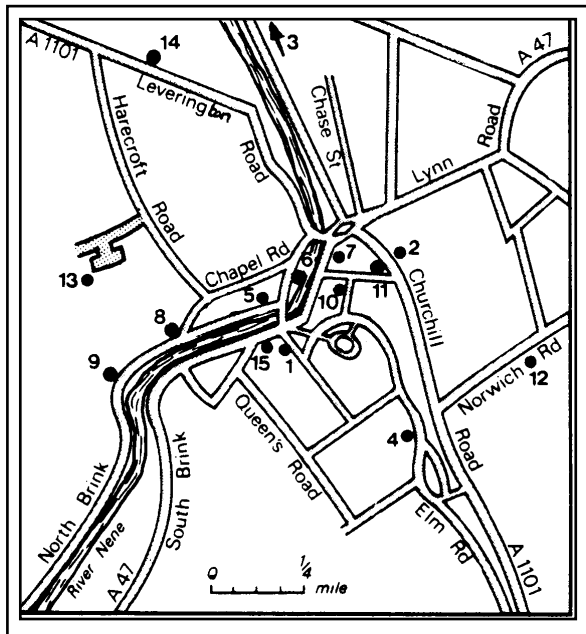
Country and Western evenings and the television are both popular. A basic pub in the old port area.

4. **GRIFFIN** Pub P
56 West Street. Wisbech 64252 7.00pm opening

Adnams Bitter – H

A quiet friendly back street local made pleasant by lack of juke box, space invaders, etc. A traditional pub with cheerful landlord and customers, once called the Unicorn. The pub is now named after the Landlord

WISBECH



5. HARE & HOUNDS HOTEL Pub PG S P

North Brink. Wisbech 583607

11.00am and 7.00pm opening

Elgoods Bitter – H

Friendly pub overlooking River Nene. Has its own cricket team.

6. KINGS HEAD Pub PG S (G) P

Old Market Place Wisbech 65402

Elgoods Bitter – H

One of Elgoods smallest pubs, which backs onto the River Nene. Interesting lounge with nautical flavour, popular with young.

7. OLD BELL Pub PG D S P B Acc C

Nene Quay. Wisbech 582096

Websters Yorkshire Bitter – H

400 year old former coaching inn which overlooks the River Nene The stables are now the games room . . for horseplay?

8. RED LION INN D R (G) P S

North Brink. Wisbech 582022

5.30pm opening; Saturday opens at 6.30pm

Elgoods Bitter – H

Comfortable well appointed pub with restaurant. Regular stop for home-bound people, hence early opening. Frequented by rugby club and farmers. Interesting walls in the gents. Home of the world spooft championships. Nearest Elgoods pub to the brewery.

9. RIVERSIDE TAVERN D PG S

53 North Brink. Wisbech 64280

7.00pm opening Saturdays

Everards Beacon and Tiger – H

Busy free house formerly a butchers shop. Close to the River Nene. Lively at night time, a friendly pub with brick built bar, used by local CB enthusiasts.

10. SHIP HOTEL Pub PG R P Acc (R) S

Market Place. Wisbech 582614

Greene King IPA and Abbot – H

Large hotel in market square with impressive open fire. Local for the slimming club, room for functions. Formally known as the Ship and Griffin. Discos held every Thursday, Saturday and Sunday in public bar.

11. STANDARD INN D R P

39 Hill Street. Wisbech 582250

Draught Bass – H

Marstons Pedigree – H

Everards Old Original – H

Bullards Mild – H

Cosmopolitan clientele, food available all opening hours. Busy theatre crowd. Range of beers under revue.

12. THREE TUNS Pub PG S (not Sun) P (G)

Norwich Road. Wisbech 583502

Opening 6.30pm

Elgoods Bitter – H

150 year old locals pub which has its own football team.

13. TOBY TAVERN PG D S P (R) C

Hudson Sports Centre, Harecroft Road. Wisbech 585639

Greene King IPA and Abbot – H

Sports centre bar catering for all ages and interests. Entertaining view on ladies keep fit night. Possibility of extension to range of ales

14. WEST END INN Pub D PG S (G) P

80 Leverington Road. Wisbech 584407

11.00am and 7.00pm opening. 11.00 2.30 Sat

Adnams Bitter – H

Greene King Abbot – H

Modern free house on outskirts of town catering for all ages and popular with rugby club. Keen darts team.

15. WHITE LION HOTEL D R P Acc S (not Sun eve)

5 South Brink. Wisbech 584813 and 583221

Batemans XB Bitter – H

AA and RAC two star hotel parts of which date back to 16th century Popular with commercial travellers, comfortable and elegant bars. Lions Den is favourite for younger clients. Only outlet for Batemans in area.

WISBECH ST MARY 10 30 2 30; 6.00 11.00

WHEEL Pub PG S R (only Fri and Sat) (G) P (M)

High Road. Wisbech St Mary 504

11.00am opening and 6.30pm

Elgoods Bitter – H

Formerly a granery, locals pub, wheels hanging from ceiling collection of blow lamps, traps, brass and miniatures. Floodlit garden with bar-becue and pond.

YAXLEY 10.00 2.30; 6.00 11 00

DUCK AND DRAKE Pub D PG (S) (G) P C

34 Main Street. Peterborough 240476

Manns Bitter – H

Overlooks expanses of fenland. Games very popular, there is a large garden with swings and things for the kids.

HATCHET AND BILL Pub PG (S) (G) P (R)

Broadway. Peterborough 240314

Manns Bitter – H

Rather plain but pleasant pub which has a bowling green and pavilion.

ROYAL OAK D PG (S) (G) (M) P

Main Street. Peterborough 240464

11.00am opening

Manns Bitter – H

250 year old pub where a number of small rooms have been tastefully knocked into one interlinking bar and lounge.

THREE HORSESHOES Pub PG S (G) P *

179 Main Street. Peterborough 242059

11.00am opening; 6.30pm on Saturday

Manns Bitter – H

Small. very friendly thatched pub in conservation area, collection of militaria in lounge.



ELGOOD'S

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and
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TWO GREAT TRADITIONS.



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THE BREWERIES

Cambridgeshire is poorly off when compared with many counties in England, as far as functioning breweries are concerned. There are only two left – Elgoods of Wisbech and Paines of St. Neots. However, this is not to say that the county is devoid of real ale, far from it. It merely, and rather sadly, means that most of the beer has to be brought in from outside the county boundary. The text below often makes reference to the Original Gravity (O.G.) of a beer. The O.G. is the weight of a given volume of wort (unfermented beer) compared with an equal volume of water. Thus, as brewing liquor (brewing water) is given a reference O.G. of 1000, a beer with an O.G. of 1037 will have a wort containing approximately 37 parts of extracted material per 1000 parts of liquor. This is not a measure of alcoholic strength, just the degree of extraction, although a higher gravity does indicate a beer of greater body and, usually, of higher alcoholic content. However, high gravity beers are not necessarily better than low gravity ones nor are weak beers necessarily worse than strong ones – it is simply a matter of personal preference.

ADNAM'S

Adnams and Co. Ltd., Sole Brewery, Southwold, Suffolk.
Tel: Southwold 722424

Adnams beers are brewed in the picturesque Suffolk coast resort of Southwold. Beer has been brewed in the town since the seventeenth century and although Adnams and Sergeant didn't start brewing until the late 1870's part of the cellars of the present brewery do date back to that time. The present company was formed in 1896 and has recently finished a major expansion to the brewery to cope with the massive demand for its beers. All 71 of their present tied houses serve their beers by traditional means as do many of the free trade outlets where they appear. The nearest tied outlet is just across the border at Great Wratting in Essex. Only the free trade can provide the county with Adnams.

MILD – O.G.1034. Dark and nutty but fairly light bodied.

BITTER – O.G.1036. Distinctive, well hopped and full flavoured.

OLDE – O.G.1042. Dark, heavy and warming winter brew

BANKS & TAYLOR

Banks & Taylor Brewery, Shefford Industrial Estate, Shefford, Beds.

Tel: Hitchin 815080

One of the new micro breweries. Opened in 1981 and began supplying the Peterborough area a year later. Owns no pubs, supplying free trade outlets and a few selected Whitbread pubs under a special agreement.

SHEFFORD BITTER – O.G.1038. Distinctive and fruity.

BASS

Bass Worthington Ltd., 146 High Street, Burton on Trent.

Tel: Burton 45301

One of the four 'Burton Breweries' whose beers have been justly famous for many years due to the quality of the brewing water in Burton not taken from the Trent but from deep bore wells, and full of mineral salts.

BASS or WORTHINGTON E – The same brew. O.G.1044. A darkish bitter with an excellent malty taste. Do not confuse with Keg 'E'.

The bottled Worthington White Shield (O.G.1052) is a naturally conditioned bottle beer a pale ale with a fine nutty flavour. Available in many pubs.

BATEMAN

George Bateman and Son Ltd., Salem Bridge Brewery,

Wainfleet, Skegness Lincs.

Tel: Skegness 880317

This small, independent brewery, situated in a delightful corner of Lincolnshire, started brewing in 1874 with "one pub and a lot of problems". It has now been brewing 'Good Honest Ales' for over 100 years and owns 104 houses, most of which use traditional methods of dispense. The brewery is represented in Cambridgeshire only in the free trade.

BITTER – O.G.1037. A distinctive bitter (better known as XB), light in colour but well balanced.

XXX-B – O.G.1048. A nutty, but well hopped, strong bitter

CHARRINGTON

Charrington and Company Limited, Anchor House, Mile End,

London .

Tel: 01 790 1860

Gone is the famous London brewery of this member of the Bass group The beers are now brewed by Mitchell and Butler, in Birmingham (IPA and Crown) and by Tollemache and Cobbold In Ipswich (Crown).

IPA – O.G. 1039 5. A pleasant, tasty bitter.

ELGOOD

Elgood and Sons Ltd., North Brink Brewery, Wisbech,

Cambs. Tel: Wisbech 583160

Situated on the banks of the famous and picturesque North Brink of the River Nene, parts of the present day Elgoods Brewery date back to 1682 when it was an oyle mill and granaries. Messrs Herbert and Cooch converted these buildings into a brewery in the late 18th century. The brewery had passed through several family concerns until the Elgood family purchased it from George Frederick Phillips on 27th August, 1877. The original firm of Elgood and Harrison (John Elgood was a Huntingdon maltster and mayor of Godmanchester) was dissolved and the present structure was established in 1905. This classic example of a 'Tower Brewery' which has carefully blended the old with the new has only survived until the 1980's by resisting several storms and takeover bids. The brewery owns 58 pubs of which about 26 serve real ale; 23 of these are, happily, in Cambridgeshire.

BITTER – O.G.1037. A lightly hopped, refreshing bitter.

Mild now Keg only.

EVERARDS

Everards Brewery Ltd., Tiger Brewery, Burton on Trent.

Tel: Burton 63563

Another of the famous Burton brewing concerns. In the early 1970's this brewery started a 'bright beer' policy but relaxed this in 1975 with the introduction of Old Original and further in 1977 with the appearance of three more cask conditioned beers. Their purchase, in 1978 of many of the old Ruddles houses and their 'attack' on the free trade has given them a fairly strong representation in the county.

MILD – O.G.1033 A darkish dark mild.

BEACON – O.G.1037. A well balanced light bitter.

TIGER – O.G. 1041. A tasty, well hopped best bitter.

OLD ORIGINAL – O.G.1048 A malty and finely hopped strong bitter.

GREENE KING

Greene King and Sons Ltd., Westgate Brewery, Bury St.

Edmunds, Suffolk.

Tel: Bury St Edmunds 63222

Greene King is one of the largest independent brewing companies in the country and the most widespread real ale brewery in the county. The company was founded by Benjamin Greene and W. Buck, in 1799 and actually became Greene King in 1887. Since 1799 many smaller breweries have been taken over, these include Rayments in 1889 Moody's of Newmarket (1896), Bailey and Tebbutt's of Cambridge (1925) and Ogden's of March (1930) In 1961 an amalgamation took place with Wells and Winch of Biggleswade this brewery still brews and operates under the name of Greene King (Biggleswade) Ltd, (see below). Nearly all the beer supplied to the company's 850 tied outlets is real ale but, unfortunately, a bare 25% of the pubs serve it by traditional means.

From the Bury St Edmunds brewery

XX – O.G. 1030.8 A dark, smooth, slightly dry mild.

IPA – O.G.1035 A distinctive, tasty, well balanced bitter

ABBOT ALE – O.G.1048. A strong, rich, well hopped bitter.

CHRISTMAS ALE – O.G 1070 A fruity and smooth dark old ale, only available at Christmas time and served from polybins.

Greene King (Biggleswade) Ltd., The Brewery, Biggleswade, Beds .

Tel: Biggleswade 313935

The Biggleswade beers are represented in the pub section as Greene King (Bigg)

From the Biggleswade brewery

XX – O.G 1030.8. A dark, smooth and pleasant mild.

KK – O.G.1030 8 An excellent, tasty, light mild

IPA – O.G.1035. A tasty, well balanced, distinctive bitter.

ABBOT ALE – O.G.1048. A strong, rich, well hopped bitter.

GUINNESS

Arthur Guinness, Son and Co. Ltd., Park Royal Brewery, London.

Tel: 01 965 7700

The bottled Extra Stout (O G.1044 in winter and 1042 in summer) is naturally conditioned and in this area usually (but not exclusively) comes from the Park Royal brewery rather than Dublin. The so called

"Draught Guinness" is all keg. Nearly all pubs stock the bottled Extra Stout.

HEREWARD BREWERY

Hereward Brewery, 10 Peacock Square, Peacock Industrial Estate, Market Deeping, Lincs.

Tel: Market Deeping 347969.

The first micro brewery in the Peterborough area, it began production in May 1983 and is capable of producing nearly 20 barrels per week.

HEREWARD BITTER – O.G. 1038. Rather insolent for an ordinary bitter but brimming with the sunlit vigour of Market Deeping.

HOME

Home Brewery Co. Ltd., The Brewery, Mansfield Road, Daybrook, Notts.

Tel: Nottingham 269741

One of the three Nottingham brewers, all of which sell a high proportion of real ale. The company was formed in 1890 on the site of a former brewery. There are, unfortunately only two or three pubs selling real ale in the county, and those are in the north.

MILD – O.G. 1036 1 A dark, malty, pleasant mild

BITTER – O.G. 1038.7 A smooth consistent bitter

IND COOPE

Ind Coope Ltd., High Street, Romford, Essex.

Tel: Romford 66088

Ind Coope Ltd., Station Street, Burton on Trent.

Tel: Burton 45320

Part of the Allied Breweries empire with breweries at both Romford and Burton on Trent The Inds started brewing at Romford in 1799 and the Burton concern started in 1858 Messrs Ind and Coope merged in 1934 and since then have taken over many smaller breweries. The Draught Burton Ale is always brewed at Burton and the mild at Romford, the bitter can come from either brewery, but in this area, it generally comes from Romford. The pubs are technically owned by Romford

BITTER – O.G. 1037 A slightly thin but pleasant beer

BURTON ALE – O.G. 1047 5 A pleasant, full bodied hoppy bitter.

MANN'S

**Manns Brewery Ltd., Lodge Way, Harleston Road,
New Dunston, Northampton.
Tel: Northampton 52452**

Manns, now the East Midland regional subsidiary of the Watney, Mann and Truman group took over the old Phipps brewery in Northampton in 1960 and ceased brewing activities there in 1969. Coming late on the scene of the real ale revival, Manns have, over the last four years, been supplying their houses with four traditional beers – although all are heavily fined. Originally air pressure dispense was used, a complete conversion to hand pumps and free flow electric pump is now well under way. As there still appears to be confusion as to which parts of the Manns trading area are allowed to take Stag Bitter, we have always credited this beer to Watneys in the Pub Section. All four beers, anyway, are brewed at Norwich.

BITTER – O.G. 1039.7. A tasty, value for money pint. Don't be bobbed off with keg Triple Crown which is more like a light mild often sold in the area as 'Bitter'.

IPA – O.G. 1038.1. A light refreshing brew.

MILD – O.G.1034.8. The taste of the Midlands

WATNEYS STAG – O.G. 1044. A balanced, malty, strong bitter.

MARSTON

**Marston, Thompson and Evershed Ltd., Shobnall Road.
Burton on Trent.
Tel: Burton 31131**

By a strange quirk of fate the Marston's brewery – the fourth and last Burton brewery to be represented in the area – was purchased from Mann, Crossman and Paulin in 1898. The present company was formed by two mergers, one in 1898 and the other in 1905. Their Pedigree is the only beer to be fermented using the Burton Union system. Marstons beers are only available in the county in the free trade. The pub at Raunds in Northants is still the nearest outlet for one of their bitters.

PEDIGREE – O.G. 1043. An excellent, full bodied smooth

OWD RODGER – O.G. 1080. A dark, rich and heavy draught barley wine.

NORWICH

**Norwich Brewery Ltd., Rouen Road, Norwich
Tel: Norwich 60222**

In the 1950's Norwich had four breweries – Bullards, Morgans Steward and Patterson, and Young, Crawshaw and Youngs – which had extensive trading areas throughout East Anglia. In 1958 Bullards took over Youngs and in 1961 Steward and Patterson took over Morgans. The final blow came in 1963-64 when Watneys took over both firms closing their breweries in 1968 and 1970 respectively. Keg took over and a massive real ale desert was born. Then, in 1975, a new traditional beer albeit a heavily fined one, was launched and about three years ago with the installation of hand pumps into about 500 of their houses the desert began to bloom.

BULLARDS MILD – O.G.1033. A new beer with an old name.

CASTLE BITTER – O G.1037. A pleasant, hoppy, dryish bitter

PAINE

**Paine and Co. Ltd., The Counting House, Market Square,
St Neots, Huntingdon, Cambs.**

Tel: Huntingdon 21 61 60

The firm was founded by James Paine about 140 years ago and it remains today, as one of the smallest independent brewers with only 24 tied houses. Their main expansion has been in the milling and malting trade (malt extract for just about

every home brew kit in the country comes from Paines) and in supplying small scale (200 gallon approx) brewing equipment. A change in the county boundaries a few years ago made Paines the county's second and only other brewery. Their attitude to real ale now seems to have stabilised – 14 of their houses selling real ale. They will also supply special brews on request, witness the SKIPPER at the Chequered Skipper in Northants.

XXX – O.G. 1037. A pleasant, lightly hopped, malty bitter.

EG – O.G. 1047. A malty, full bodied, slightly sw-sPt, strong bitter

RUDDLE

**G. Ruddle & Company Ltd., The Brewery, Langham, Oakham,
Rutland.**

Tel: Oakham 56911

A brewery in Langham was established in 1858 and this was taken over in 1911 when the firm of Ruddles was founded. The 1970s were boom years for the brewery when its capacity was increased on three separate occasions. Then in late 1978 the company took the unprecedented step of selling off all but one of their tied houses concentrating instead on the free trade.

BITTER – O.G. 1032. A light, malty bitter.

COUNTY – O.G. 1050. A full bodied, smooth and very tasty strong bitter.

BARLEY WINE – O.G.1080. A fruity mind blower. Brewed occasionally at Christmas time for selected outlets.

SAMUEL SMITH

**Samuel Smith Old Brewery (Tadcaster) Ltd., The Old Brewery,
Tadcaster.**

Tel: Tadcaster 832225

The Old Brewery is the oldest in Yorkshire, dating from 1758. Their brewing water is still drawn from the original well and still use 'squares' – vessels made from blocks of slate – for holding the fermenting beer. Most of their 300 tied houses serve their one remaining real ale by traditional methods. The majority of their outlets in the county are in their 'Melbourns Brewery' houses around Stamford

OLD BREWERY BITTER – O.G. 1040.9. A full bodied, smooth and distinctively malty bitter

TOLLY COBBOLD

**Tollemache and Cobbold Breweries Ltd., Cliff Brewery,
Ipswich, Suffolk.**

Tel: Ipswich 56751

Thomas Cobbold started brewing in Harwich in 1723 and moved to the Cliff Brewery in 1746. The Tollemache family had been brewing since 1856 and these two famous brewing families finally merged with the closure of the Ipswich Brewery in 1961 and their two subsidiaries. the Star Brewery in Cambridge and the Walthamstow Brewery, in 1972 In 1977 the company was acquired by the Ellerman's Shipping Line (who had already bought Cameron's Brewery) who, after a few immediate changes in structure, left them to run as an autonomous unit. In 1979 a new traditional beer, only to be served by traditional methods was launched – Original. Finally 1980 saw the demise of the unjustifiably unpopular Cantab Bitter – a beer originally brewed for Cambridge and Cambridgeshire, at the Star Brewery.

MILD – O.G. 1030. A slightly sweet, dark mild with a well rounded taste.

BITTER – O.G. 1034 A light, subtle and pleasantly dry bitter

ORIGINAL – O.G. 1037 A well hopped, flavoursome bitter

OLD STRONG – O.G. 1047 A dark, rich, slightly fruity winter brew.

WEBSTER

Samuel Webster & Sons Ltd., Fountain Head Brewery
Ovenden Wood, Halifax, West Yorkshire.
Tel: Halifax 63451

Part of the Watney empire the Yorkshire Bitter has successfully been introduced in pubs supplied from Norwich, i.e. in the east of the region

YORKSHIRE BITTER –O.G.1037.5. A well hopped, refreshing bitter

WHITBREAD

Whitbread & Co. Ltd., The Brewery, Chiswell Street,
London EC1
Tel: 01 606 4455

Recently the Peterborough area has been taken under the wing of the East Pennines region via a depot in Leicester. Castle Eden Ale has now become available as a result although the popular Wethereds is still available.

TROPHY BITTER – O.G. 1037. At present only on test market in selected outlets. It is a traditional form of the widely available keg beer .

WETHEREDS BITTER – O.G. 1036 6 A fine, well balanced dryish bitter.

CASTLE EDEN ALE – O.G.1041. A superb malty brew from the north east.

YOUNGER

Scottish and Newcastle Breweries Ltd., Fountain Brewery,
Edinburgh .

Scottish and Newcastle is the smallest of the 'Big Six' and is hardly represented at all by tied houses in the county. As with McEwans real ale the tied trade doesn't get any of the 'real' Youngers which is available. Outlets are confined to the north of the county.

IPA – O.G. 1043.2 A smooth, tasty bitter

CLUBS WHICH SELL REAL ALE:

MARCH

Conservative Club, 14 Creek Road – Adnams Bitter (H).

PETERBOROUGH

Baker Perkins Sports and Social Club Alma Road – Greene King Abbot (E); IPA (E)

Brotherhoods Works Sports Club, Lincoln Road – Manns Bitter (H)
City and Counties, Priestgate – Ind Coope Burton (H).

Conservative Club, Crawthorne Road – Ind Coope Burton (H).

Crossfield Sports and Social Club. Mallard Road, North Bretton – Tolly Cobbold (G).

Estrelita Club. Church Walk – Charrington IPA (E).

Flying Services, Priestgate – Greene King IPA (H)

Lodge Hotel, 130 Lincoln Road – Greene King IPA (H) – Purely residential – 24 hour licence

New England Club and Institute, Occupation Road – Ind Coope Bitter (H)

Peterborough and Northants Squash Club.267 Eastfield Road – Bass (E); Charrington IPA (E); and Greene King.

Peterborough Ex Servicemens Club, Northminster – Tolly Mild (H); Original (H); and Draught Bass (H)

Peterborough RUFC, Second Drove, Fengate – Greene King IPA (H)
Posh Club, London Road – Tolly Original (H); Mild (Summer) (H) Old Strong (Winter) (H); Draught Bass (H)

Post Office Sports & Social Club, Walpole Street – Draught Bass (H)

STAMFORD

Brewery Museum, All Saints Street + Sam Smiths Old Brewery Bitter (H)

Arts Club, St Georges Square – Greene King IPA (H), Abbot (H) and Batemans Bitter (H).

TALLINGTON

Tallington Lakes and Leislre Park – Batemans XB (H): XXXB (HI)

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