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Ever changing range
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Constant entry in
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Guide
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CIVILIZATION OVER

So, Armageddon arrived on November 24th. The streets are covered in blood and gore. Terrified people are cowering at home behind barricaded doors. And the five Horsemen of the Apocalypse (War, Famine, Pestilence, Death & Twenty Four Hour Licensing) are galloping across the length and breadth of the country.

Except of course it didn't.

What actually happened was that the Licensing Act 2003 - the most misunderstood and maligned new law of our time - came into force.

The most common misconception is that pubs and bars will now be open all day, every day. Actually most pubs only applied for an extra hour or two's opening.



Ringing the end of world war
one licensing restrictions

The government's website says:

Does the Act mean 24 hour opening for licensed premises?

Not necessarily. We are not promoting 24 hour drinking. The Act will lead to flexible, rather than uniform, closing times and allow for the possibility of premises to remain open for up to 24 hours. The actual hours of operation will vary from venue to venue depending on the operator's wishes and the consideration of the views of people affected, for example, local residents and businesses. Alongside their application for a premises licence, applicants will be required to submit an operating schedule to the licensing authority, which will include the proposed hours of operation. If no relevant representations are made in relation to the application, the licensing authority must grant the application.

In practice this will mean that, unless relevant representations are made, the operating hours included in the licence will be those requested by the applicant. If, on the other hand, relevant representations are made, the licensing authority has discretion on the matter. In determining what opening hours to include in the premises licence, the licensing authority will take into account the relevant representations and will reach its decision on what is necessary with a view to promoting the licensing objectives.

CAMRA believes that flexible opening hours will create a more relaxed drinking environment and that the new opening hours will give consumers more choice.

Giving responsibility for issuing licences to a local licensing authority makes the process more transparent and the applicants more accountable to the local community. Clearly, since the pub is the hub of the local community, this is in everyone's interests. Please support your local licensees. They will need it, because almost every day across the land one pub closes, most of them never to reopen.

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CAMRA campaigns to keep Gale's Brewing

Beer consumer group, the Campaign for Real Ale has reacted angrily to the November announcement that London brewer Fuller's has acquired George Gale and Company in Horndean, and has pledged to fight to prevent the closure of the 158 year-old Hampshire brewery.

Mike Benner, Chief Executive, said, "Gale's is a brewing landmark in Hampshire, brewing award-winning beers such as HSB and Festival Mild. Today's announcement by Fuller's makes no promises to keep the Horndean brewery open and it is clearly under threat. We will campaign to protect this unique Victorian tower brewery from closure."



The irrevocable deal leaves Fuller's with around 360 pubs and access to Gale's substantial free trade accounts. The future of the Gale's Brewery and its beers is unclear as Fuller's plans a major review of its operations.

Mike Benner added, "In 2005 alone we have seen Ridleys of Essex and Belhaven in Scotland fall victim to Greene King and Jennings of Cumbria swallowed up by Wolverhampton and Dudley. Consolidation is eroding our brewing heritage and reducing consumer choice."

CAMRA will be seeking assurances from Fuller's that the Horndean Brewery will continue to brew the full range of Gale's beers and that Gale's pubs will not lose their identity with the Hampshire brewer.

"CAMRA has a good relationship with Fuller's and it has demonstrated its commitment to an interesting range of quality cask beers. We will be pressing Fuller's to continue this tradition and ensure Gales' beers continue to be brewed in their Horndean heartland."

Mr. Benner said, "There are potential beer portfolio clashes and we don't want to see Gale's Butser Bitter or Gale's Best

handpumps replaced with Fuller's Chiswick or London Pride. Drinkers in Hampshire will not take kindly to the loss of their favourite beers."

John Cryne, CAMRA's Brewery Liaison Officer and former National Chairman of CAMRA, said, "Whilst we clearly oppose the takeover, it does provide some sort of counter balance to the growing domination of W&DB and Greene King. Hopefully the fact that a family owned brewery has this time found shelter with another member of the Independent Family Brewers of Britain, rather than joining the 'big two' where its identity would quickly be subsumed, will result in a future for both Gale's and Fuller's."

Gale's Festival Mild is a long standing favourite with real ale drinkers and has picked up a number of CAMRA awards including the silver medal in the Champion Winter Beer of Britain competition in 2003 and 2004. Gales also brews Prize Old Ale, a unique real ale in a bottle.



How to make Cider & Perry



Cider is made with apples; perry is made with perry pears. Both are made in same way.

In the West of England they use cider apples, which are grown specifically for the purpose of making cider and are identified as bittersweets and bittersharpes.

The apples or pears are crushed or milled into little pieces either by hand or using a machine called a scrapper. Juice is extracted using a press. If a traditional screw or hydraulic press is used the pulp is wrapped in fine mesh cloths, like parcels, to keep the pieces of fruit from scooting out of the press when under pressure. About eight of these are used to make one pressing - called a cheese. Originally, the milled fruit was pressed through layers of straw and there are still some producers who do this. Using straw adds an extra element of flavour to the cider or perry. The natural yeasts in the fruit start the fermentation and several months later you have cider or perry. The cider at this stage is dry, and a sweetener can be added to produce a sweeter product.

All of this takes place from late August to early in the New Year and depending on ambient temperatures; fermentation can take until the following spring

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David & Laura welcome discerning drinkers to

THE JOLLY FARMER

- New entry in the 2006 Good Beer Guide
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SAVE YOUR LOCAL PUB

At the Great British Beer Festival in August CAMRA launched the Community Pubs Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation to provide advice, information and limited financial help to groups campaigning to prevent pub closures. Urgent action is needed as property prices soar. 26 pubs now close every month. They are often sold to property companies who apply for permission to demolish them and build flats. Country pubs may be subject to an application for change of use, so that they can be sold as a private home.

CAMRA's pub preservation initiative seeks to support the local community, not just the threatened pub. The loss of a valued community pub will have a negative impact on the local economy, community and tourism. 'We ask those who seek to demolish a pub or convert a pub for financial gain to pause and spare a thought for the effect this will have in the local community', said CAMRA Chief Executive Mike Benner. The Community Pubs Foundation is drawing on the success of two successful campaigns to save local pubs in Reach, Cambridgeshire, and in Kentish Town, North London. The Foundation got off to a flying start, by collecting £3,000 at the Great British Beer Festival. To make a donation, contact www.communitypubs.org, phone 01727 876201, or email communitypubs@camra.org.uk. If you know of a pub that is under threat, you could send for an action pack which consists of three CAMRA publications including the Pub Viability Test, and two advice sheets.

Please let us know too. In Slough High Street alone in recent months one pub has been demolished, one is scheduled for demolition, and a third is closed with its future uncertain. Also in the local area, the North Star in North Town Road, Maidenhead is threatened by an application for demolition in order to build

flats. We have so far succeeded in resisting applications to demolish the Hare & Hounds Fifield. Unfortunately both these pubs have been closed for a while, which always makes it more difficult. We would rather know

before a discontented publican or company sells to a developer. However, the developer still has to obtain planning permission, and most local plans recognise the community value of the well-run pub.

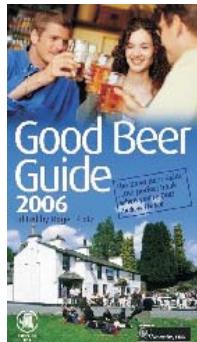
If you know of plans to close any local pub please let us know.

Pictured - the Floral Arms Slough (which was on the councils list of buildings of local interest) before & after demolition.

Good Beer Guide 2006

The Good Beer Guide is more than just a pub guide. Britain's longest-running and best-selling guide contains details of 4500 of Britain's best pubs for real ale. But for beer lovers it also gives up-to-date information on the country's beers and breweries. It's compiled by 76,000 dedicated volunteers in the Campaign for Real Ale. There are no fees for listings, and every pub is checked many times a year.

To get your copy at the **CAMRA Angle** discount price of £12.00 (cover price £13.99) please contact us: details on page 6.



SUPPORT NATIONAL PUBS

WEEK 18-25 FEBRUARY

2006

National Pubs Week was started in February 2003 to encourage more people to visit pubs more regularly, at a time of year when trade can be slow for the industry. A staggering 15,000 pubs organised events and displayed promotional material in the first campaign. A similar number took part in 2005. The 2006 week is set to be Britain's biggest ever generic pub promotion.

CAMRA has produced a wide range of free promotional material for all pubs to use for advertising National Pubs Week, in the last week of February 2006. Head of Campaigns Mike Benner urged all publicans, whether they serve real ale or not, to get their orders in as soon as possible, to build up local interest in National Pubs Week. "In today's competitive leisure industry, it is important that pubs become more focused on marketing to attract and keep custom...Pub quizzes, food promotions, themed nights, and crawls with other pubs can all work if that is what their locals want."

Pubs taking part in National Pubs Week can also promote their events on the CAMRA website. It's not too late to ask your local publicans if they're joining in National Pubs Week, and encourage them to send for some of the three poster designs, beer mats, press release templates, and advice and briefing sheets, all available from www.pubsweek.org or from Cressida Feiler on 01727 867431

Pub Snip Bits

☒ The 'Swan' in Iver Village usually has a selection of Grand Union Brewery ales on offer.

☒ Amongst local pubs which have recently received Cask Marque accreditation are the 'Wheatsheaf' in Slough, the 'Long Barn' in Cippenham, & the 'Stag & Hounds', Iver Heath.

☒ The former 'Plough', in Denham, has been refurbished, and is now called 'The Fat Cow'. Initially serving Fullers 'London Pride', it expects to extend the ale range further as business picks up.

☒ The 'Falcon' in Denham, as well as a selection of ales, serves 'Black Rat' cider.

☒ The 'Merry Wives of Windsor' is now called the 'Brasserie', & is for diners throughout.

☒ The 'Vansittart Arms', Windsor is featuring the Fullers 'Autumn Festival' ales, as is the 'Wheatsheaf' in Slough.

The Stag & Hounds

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More support for Full Pints.

CAMRA'S long battle to get a fair deal for consumers is under way again, with nearly 200 MPs signed up to a new Early Day Motion calling for a pint to be defined as 100% liquid.

An earlier EDM on the subject, which fell through thanks to this year's General Election had attracted more than 300 signatories. And most were Labour members, with only Tories backing the Government proposal that a 95% pint should be permissible.

The proposal is part of wider Weights & Measures reform, and if the 95% plan succeeds full pints will be off the political agenda for years.

CAMRA's Honest Pints Campaign seeks a 100% liquid pint of beer, rather than the 95% the trade would prefer. It seems common sense, and only fair. After all, you wouldn't accept 95% of a litre of petrol instead of 100%, and beer costs far more than petrol. Short measure now costs consumers more than £1 million per day.

CAMRA will be targeting MPs who have not yet given their support by asking its members in relevant constituencies to lobby their MP.

One of our branch committee had a supportive response from Fiona MacTaggart, MP for Slough (who as a minister cannot sign the EDM). The

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In the Eastern Counties - Sussex up to Norfolk (& including Kent) - the tradition is to use a mixture of eating and cooking apples.

However a number of producers in Norfolk are now growing cider apples and CAMRA's Pomona Award winner 2002 Paul Johnson of Sheppy won the award for planting over 50 standard cider apple trees.

Yeast wise, some producers kill off the natural yeast and add their own, often champagne yeast, to try to get more consistency; other producers just let the natural yeasts do their work. A number of the larger producers will add sugar at the fermentation stage, enabling the cider to reach 12-14% abv, and then it is diluted down before it is sold (the legal limit for cider is 8.5% abv).

Cleanliness is the Producers watchword throughout the whole process and the fruit is washed, checked and discarded if spoilt. The adage "one bad apple can spoil the whole barrel" is heartbreakingly true for Producers whose enthusiasm or lack of knowledge has resulted in an infection, which has resulted in an infected unusable product.

Maidenhead MP Theresa May seemed to argue that the cost to the industry of new regulations to require an average serving of 100% liquid, would just result in yet another price increase for the consumer! Windsor MP Adam Afriyie took much the same line as Ms May.

It is likely that the beer drinker will have to continue politely to request the full measure each time it is necessary, for the foreseeable future, but we'll keep campaigning on this basic consumer right.

Good Cider Guide

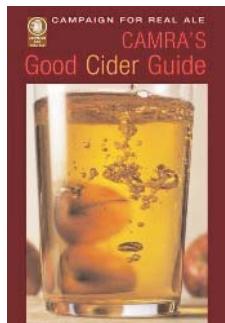
This is the guide for real cider-loving connoisseurs. Fully revised and updated, this long-awaited fifth edition will be available for the first time in two colours throughout.

Packed with information on every producer in the UK, along with details of the best places in which to buy and sample your favourite tipple.

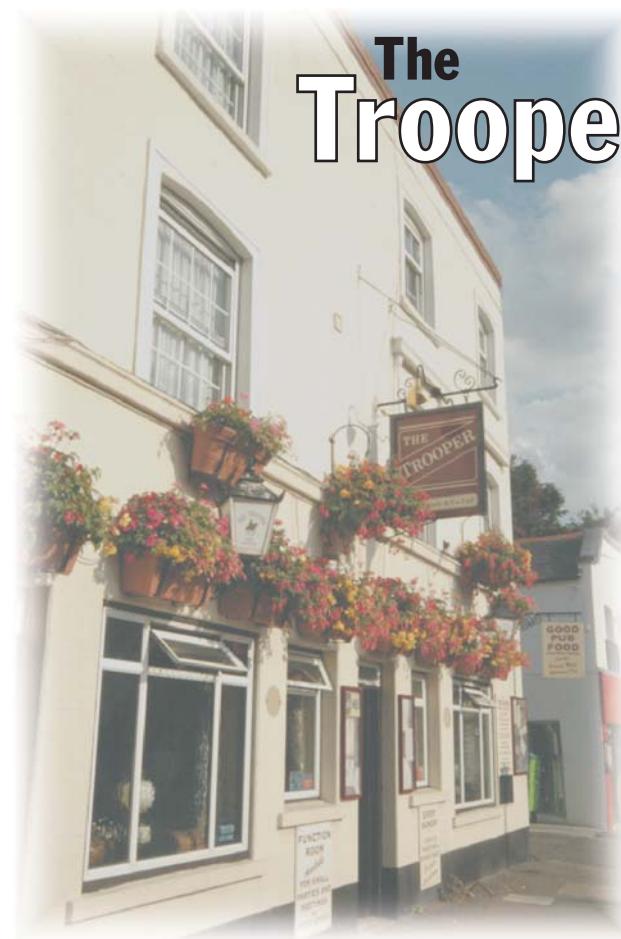
Set in the same style as the Good Beer Guide. All of the listings are organised into counties, and the guide contains maps, listings of producers, and a selection of approximately 600 real cider outlets.

Cider is one of Britain's growth products in the drinks sector both in pubs and at home. The book also features over 10 interesting articles on different areas of cider interest including: DIY cider, recipes, the plight of cider orchards, and the greatest cider night out ever!

The guide is a source of inspiration for those who are new to this unique beverage, and wish to develop an interest. It also contains a guide to bottled ciders along with a guide to serving and storing. Get your copy at the **CAMRA Angle** discount price of £10.99 (cover price £11.99) please contact us: details on page 6.



The Trooper Public House



Gales Best Bitter 4.0ABV Gales is a bright golden coloured bitter with a clean palate and satisfying hopiness that has a long, moreish linger. It has a fresh hop aroma with a hint of lemon that complements the balanced malt and hop flavours.



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The Trooper is a traditional English pub that started life as a 19th Century coaching inn.

To this day travellers can still enjoy a wide range of beers, homemade daily specials and stay in one of the nine comfortable ensuite rooms.

There is also a beer garden and two screens showing Sky Sports.

The Trooper is located in a quiet part of Windsor but still only ten minutes' walk from Windsor Castle.

CAMRA urges pub goers to have their say on English smoking ban

CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale, has called on pub goers to respond to the Government proposal for a ban on smoking in pubs that serve food in England. The consumer group is opposed to a total smoking ban in public houses and is calling on the Government to allow multi-room pubs to set aside one room for smokers.

Mike Benner, Chief Executive:

"Banning smoking only in pubs that serve prepared food is crazy and means pubs will be forced to choose between banning food or banning smokers. The impact will be fewer pubs serving food and those pubs that do not serve food will become dominated by smokers."

"Turning smaller community pubs into smoking dens will benefit no one and we believe pubs with more than one room should be able to welcome smokers and non-smokers alike."

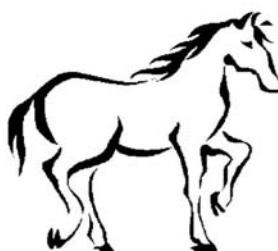
"The Government should listen to the views of pub goers, who are the real experts on the pub environment."

CAMRA is calling on pub goers to support its proposals to allow multi room pubs to set aside one room for smokers and to make their views known to Government by emailing smokefreelegislation@dh.gsi.gov.uk"

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Laura & David Kelsey are The Publicans of the Year

Wednesday 23rd November saw the SW&M CAMRA Branch make it's annual 'David Howard Memorial Award' presentation to Laura & David Kelsey pictured, the publicans at the 'Jolly Farmers', Cookham Dean. The award is for publicans who have made a real contribution to the popularity of Real Ale, and is in memory of a branch committee member, who tragically died at a very young



age. The 'Jolly Farmers' is unusual in that it was saved from closure and bought 'by the village, for the village' some years ago, and in the last couple of years, since Laura & David have been at the helm, has progressed through two spring beer festivals to an entry in the CAMRA 'Good Beer Guide' for 2006. To celebrate this, they recently had yet another beer festival!

A BRIEF HISTORY OF LICENSING LAWS

There was no restriction on closing time until 1872, when 12.30 was decreed.

In 1914 closing time was put back to 10.00.

In 1915 closing was further reduced to 9 or 9.30 (Depending on area).

"Modern hours" were introduced in 1921, allowing pubs to open for 8-9 hours between 11am and 11pm, and 5 hours on Sundays.

"All day" opening on weekdays arrived in 1988.

1995 saw the introduction of "all day" opening on Sundays.

The estimates after the introduction of the 2003 licensing laws suggest that only around 300 pubs nationwide (out of 60,000) have got 24 hour licenses: that's 0.5%, or one in 200. And, as far as we know, none of those are in this area.

Beer Prices in Pubs Up By Over 4%

But Real Ale Remains Best Value

A survey of pub prices in July by CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale, shows the average cost of real ale has risen to 215p a pint, whilst the cost of a pint of lager has risen to 236p. Over 1,000 pubs were surveyed.

Across the board the smallest price rises were seen for real ales from Britain's small brewers where rises were only 2.4%.

CAMRA Chief Executive Mike Benner said, "Small brewers have shown restraint in their price rises and although the real ale they produce is slightly more expensive than those from the global brewers, drinkers should be happy to pay a little extra for quality handcrafted brews which are full of taste".

Real ale remains excellent value, and is actually cheaper than mass-produced lagers.

Mr Benner continued, "Real ale is a natural, living product and full of taste. The fact that lovingly produced real ale costs less than mass-produced lager means that real ale really is exceptional value for money."

Real cider prices have shown little increase

and in some regions the average price has actually come down. Real cider is on average 10p a pint cheaper than the fizzy keg product.

Key prices check

- Real ale prices have increased by 9 pence (4.42%) to 215 pence a pint
- Lager prices have increased by 11 pence (4.57%) to 236 pence a pint
- Cheapest region was the North West where real ale cost 184 pence a pint and lager cost 211 pence
- Dearest region was London where real ale cost 236 pence a pint and lager cost 254 pence
- Scotland experienced the largest rise in the cost of real ale. Price of a pint rocketed by 8.07%
- Wales experienced the largest rise in the cost of lager. Price of a pint rocketed by 5.55%

The surveying was carried out during February 2005. 1076 pubs were visited by our branches throughout the UK. The pubs were a mixture of managed, tenanted and free houses and pubs owned by brewers and pub companies.

CAMRA has run an annual prices survey for the last 17 years. Details of past surveys are available from CAMRA.

The survey was carried out prior to the recent Budget. In that Budget of 16th March the Chancellor Gordon Brown raised excise duty by 2.6% by adding 1p to a pint of beer. When this filtered through to the bar it meant price rises of 5p to 10p.

RPI, the most commonly used inflation measure, was 3.2% in the year to February 2005.

Results of CAMRA Prices Survey 2005

REAL ALE PRICES

UK	2005	2004	% Change	Cheapest	Priciest
By Region	215	206	4.42%	119	300
East Anglia	225	215	4.64%	145	265
East Midlands	206	199	3.42%	120	255
London	236	224	5.33%	130	300
North	196	194	0.90%	126	234
North West	184	187	-1.45%	119	260
Scotland	229	212	8.07%	184	280
South East	232	222	4.48%	135	290
South West	218	211	3.66%	165	260
Wales	205	196	4.50%	125	255
West Midlands	204	197	3.17%	140	260
Yorkshire	195	188	4.20%	119	280

LAGER PRICES

UK	2005	2004	% Change	Cheapest	Priciest
By Region	236	225	4.57%	143	305
East Anglia	247	241	2.37%	205	295
East Midlands	224	218	2.71%	150	280
London	254	241	5.36%	154	305
North	223	216	3.35%	151	300
North West	211	203	4.36%	143	263
Scotland	227	215	5.42%	159	290
South East	252	242	4.17%	159	300
South West	240	230	4.14%	190	290
Wales	223	211	5.66%	149	275
West Midlands	226	217	4.21%	185	280
Yorkshire	223	212	4.84%	145	280

OTHER DRINKS

Price of Real Cider	2005	2004	%Change
Price of Real Cider	228	227	0.14%
Price of Keg Keg	213	203	5.04%
Price of Keg Stout	252	241	4.54%
Price of Keg Cider	238	230	3.65%

Real Ale prices for national brewers' beers	2005	2004	%Change
Real Ale prices for national brewers' beers	204	196	4.37%

Real Ale prices for independent brewers' beers 220 210 4.57%

Real Ale prices for Micro-brewers' beers 209 204 2.44%

Real Ale prices in national chain pubs 213 202 5.48%

Real Ale prices in independent brewers' pubs 218 210 3.92%

Real Ale prices in Free Houses 215 208 3.29%

REAL CIDER	2005	2004	% Change	Cheapest	Priciest
UK	228	227	0.14%	120	300
By Region					
East Anglia	251	241	4.12%	210	300
East Midlands	243	232	5.02%	205	283
London	244	247	-1.03%	199	280
North	217	238	-9.09%	200	240
North West	210	210	0.16%	170	240
Scotland	250	224	11.73%	230	260
South East	252	244	3.15%	210	280
South West	211	221	-4.23%	120	300
Wales	213	200	6.50%	180	265
West Midlands	214	223	-3.74%	165	250
Yorkshire	225	218	3.50%	185	270

KEG CIDER	2005	2004	% Change	Cheapest	Priciest
UK	238	230	3.67%	139	325
By Region					
East Anglia	250	240	4.37%	195	300
East Midlands	229	224	2.26%	159	280
London	256	244	4.86%	175	300
North	227	220	3.20%	155	260
North West	218	214	1.76%	146	263
Scotland	237	226	5.07%	205	325
South East	253	244	3.86%	165	290
South West	234	231	1.25%	175	275
Wales	226	217	4.06%	150	260
West Midlands	228	223	2.51%	185	270
Yorkshire	226	218	3.44%	139	265

NITROKEG	2005	2004	% Change	Cheapest	Priciest
UK	213	203	5.09%	115	300
By Region					
East Anglia	224	218	2.86%	145	265
East Midlands	207	199	3.90%	140	250
London	227	216	5.17%	150	290
North	195	190	2.59%	149	215
North West	185	179	3.36%	115	230
Scotland	219	211	4.13%	154	275
South East	231	225	2.73%	135	300
South West	217	203	6.99%	175	260
Wales	201	192	4.80%	145	260
West Midlands	205	198	3.59%	150	260
Yorkshire	194	186	4.62%	135	225

KEG STOUT	2005	2004	% Change	Cheapest	Priciest
UK	252	241	4.57%	151	310
By Region					
East Anglia	263	252	4.33%	215	300
East Midlands	241	236	2.14%	151	280
London	271	257	5.39%	184	310
North	237	228	3.68%	195	260
North West	233	221	5.46%	155	280
Scotland	246	231	6.47%	210	310
South East	267	257	3.94%	195	310
South West	256	250	2.63%	195	290
Wales	240	228	5.02%	169	270
West Midlands	243	233	4.33%	195	280
Yorkshire	237	228	3.94%	152	280

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.....to campaign for real ale, pubs and drinkers rights. That's CAMRA's motto to encourage new members. It is now my job as the new Membership Secretary for the Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead branch to encourage anyone who enjoys real ale and pubs to join up.

I am not your stereotypical beer drinker as I am not over 50, do not sport a beard or a beer belly (although my other half would probably argue with that one!) and to cap it all, I am a WOMAN! So who am I? I joined CAMRA six years ago at the tender age of 28, having met a beer lover and have joined him in the search for the perfect pint. I am no stranger to this quest as my Dad is an also avid consumer of the stuff. I was, therefore, weaned on beer in the local pubs of rural Essex.

During the day I am a qualified accountant (yawn!) and this sometimes allows me a sneaky opportunity to pop into a Good Beer Guide pub for a quick half somewhere different and gloat about it later!

My favourite types of beer range from the dark

treacy stouts and porters to light wheaty Belgian beers. My favourite pubs also range from a quiet country retreat to a noisy town pub full of Friday night revellers.

My greatest disappointment is that most trendy bars are unable to overcome the advertising might of the big lager companies and provide us with a decent tasting beer for our night on the town. I would love to see bars in Windsor, for example, take the lead and stretch the beverage selection to some real beer, with real flavour. Somehow I do not see this happening in the near future, which is a shame.

So what do you want from a pub? Do you enjoy a quiet pint in your local or a trip to town on a Saturday afternoon to watch the footy? Has your local closed and been turned into a block of flats? Are you in search of a full pint or fairer prices? Would you like to know where to go to get a decent pint of real ale or a greater selection to choose from? Then CAMRA is just the place for you too!

We support the sale of real ale in all types of pubs; ensure that the local councils know of our opposition to pub closures and

campaign for a fuller pint and lower duty. We also research and publish the annual Good Beer Guide full of exciting pubs to visit.

So come on boys and girls, ladies and gentlemen, for a mere £18.00 per annum, (£21.00 for joint membership), you can become part of one of Europe's most successful campaigning organisations. What do you get for your money? As well as the satisfaction of supporting the campaign, there's an excellent monthly newspaper keeping you up to date with recent issues, discounts on entries to beer festivals and an opportunity to purchase the Good Beer Guide at a hefty discount.

A membership form can be found below.
(Delia Allott, Branch Membership Secretary)

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Dear Diary

Wednesday 30th

November, from 8:30 pm 'The White Horse', Hedgerley Village. Presentation marking the 'White Horse's remarkable success in reaching the final four pubs in the U.K., in the CAMRA 'Cider & Perry Pub of the Year, 2005'

Wednesday 14th

December, from 8:30 pm Branch 'Business' Meeting in the 'Stag & Hounds', Pinkneys Green. (This is when we talk about all the 'boring' bits, interspersed with a pint or three!)

Sunday 18th December,

from 11 am 'Village Pub Walk', starting in the village hosting arguably the best real ale pub in our Branch area! Meeting in Hedgerley Village, by the pond, (strangely enough at the bottom of the hill!), at 11 am, then via the 'Blackwood Arms', the 'Jolly Woodman' (both Littleworth Common), and the 'Royal Standard' in Wooburn Common, for lunch at 14:00 iish, then back to the 'White Horse' in Hedgerley to finish the day in an appropriate manner!

Branch meetings start

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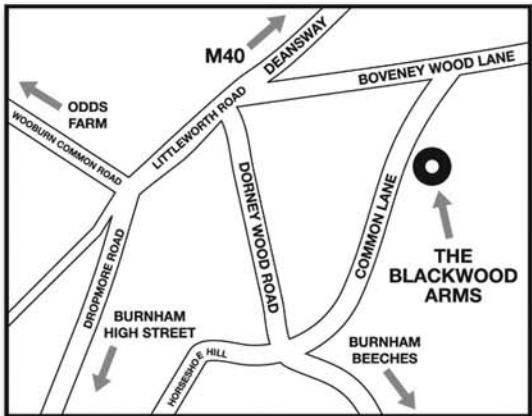
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- Brakspears Bitter
- Brakspears Special
- Hook Norton Mild

AUTUMN & WINTER AT THE BLACKWOOD

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MONDAY NIGHT is *Mexican Night!* Choose from our extensive authentic menu – one **FREE** glass of sangria with every main meal!

TUESDAY NIGHT – Buy any two meals from the Chef's specials board and receive a bottle of house wine **FREE!**

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