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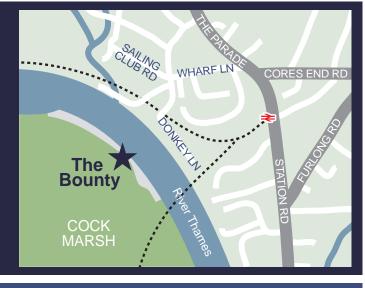
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FROM THE EDITOR



Good news came recently from the Office of National Statistics (ONS). After years of pub closures, the number of pubs and bars is now on the increase, up by 315 openings between 2018 and 2019, the first increase for a decade.

Food is playing a big part in this revival, so it's a great honour to introduce five local pubs who have reached the Top

50 of this year's Best Gastropubs - and deservedly so, as you'll see on pages 7-8 in this issue.

More good news from the SWM CAMRA Branch comes with the recognition of the good work being done by pubs to foster community spirit and encourage social interaction. One local pub in particular, The Crauford Arms, has been applauded for its role in bringing together some of the more isolated members of the community. (More on pages 4-5.)

The White Hart, Holyport, has also picked up an Award for 'an outstanding contribution to the Real Ale & Cider scene'. The pub acts as a social hub for the village and holds a Summer beer festival every year. (See page 5 for more details.)

Finally, on the topic of Beer Festivals - close to my heart! - we're delighted to announce that the 2020 Maidenhead

Beer Festival will take place on July 24-25. This year we have a change of venue thanks to extensive building works taking place at our traditional home, Desborough College. The Beer Festival is less than a 10 minute walk from Maidenhead Station (just over 7 minutes to be precise, according to the RAC!) and will be held at Maidenhead Rugby Club. So a big date for the diary – scrum on down and hope to see you there!

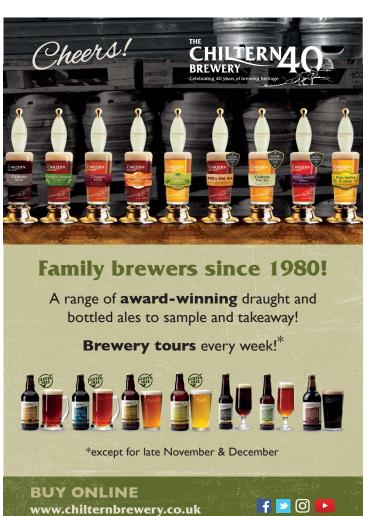
Sean Ferris

Editor

PS: Sadly this is my last issue of editing CAMRA Angle due to work commitments, so thanks to my colleagues at SWM CAMRA Branch and all the many contributors. What a thoroughly enjoyable two years this has been and the team and I will be raising a pint to our new Editor who we'll announce in the next issue. Watch this space!

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Economies of ale

The UK pubs and bars sector may be bouncing back after years of net closures, according to latest data from the Office of National Statistics (ONS). This year's data has shown a net increase in small pubs and bars for the first time in more than 15 years and the highest levels of real turnover since the end of the financial crisis of 2007 to 2008.

The data shows that the number of small pubs and bars (i.e. those with fewer than 10 employees) increased by 85 (a 0.4% increase) in 2019. This follows more than 15 years of closures. The overall number of pubs and bars in the UK increased by 315 (a 0.8% increase) between 2018 and 2019, the first increase for a decade.

Food is playing its part in the revival with the ONS reporting that pub and bar enterprises now employ more people serving food than people working behind the bar. In 2003, bar staff made up roughly 4 in 10 employees and those serving food (chefs, cooks, waiting staff, and kitchen and catering staff) made up roughly 3 in 10 employees. Since 2016, the opposite has been true, with those serving food outnumbering those working behind the bar.

PUB CLOSURES (LOCAL) 2001-2019

RBWM - 145 pubs down to 100 (-31 %) Slough - 50 pubs down to 25 (-50 %) South Bucks - 65 pubs down to 55 (-15 %)

Branch Social at spooktacular new Brewery and Tap Room



Just the way to dispense with those mid-winter blues! Phantom Brewery held its first open-day having opened for business on 23, November last year.



"The hardy folk pictured around the table did their level best to sample the offering of the tap room – known as 'The Haunt'," said Allan Willoughby, Vice Chairman, SWM CAMRA Branch. "Besides two of their own beers, there were another 10 taps alongside

hosting a great line-up of guest brews.

"In all, well worth a visit," said Allan. "Be sure to have a look at the list of socials organised by your local branch; there's bound to be something that takes your fancy!"

Phantom Brewery can be found at Unit 3, Meadow Road, Reading, England RG1 8LB. Located a 10-minute walk from Reading Station, the tap room is open on Fridays from 3pm - 10pm and on Saturdays from 1pm - 10pm.

For more social events visit SWM's Branch Diary on pages 14-15



KEEP FIT & ENJOY BEER AT THE SAME TIME!

SUNDAY, 15 MARCH

The Hedgerley Real Ale Ramble has been held on a quarterly basis for more than 10 years and is a great way to keep fit and enjoy some excellent beers and good company at the same time. The walk covers about eight miles and takes in The Blackwood Arms, Jolly Woodman, The Royal



Standard at Wooburn Common and The White Horse in Hedgerley (in that order)

We meet at Hedgerley Pond, which is very near the White Horse, at 10.00am and then take a scenic route which varies from walk to walk to keep things interesting for regular participants. Lunch is optional and is taken at the Royal Standard before returning to the White Horse around 4.30pm.

Between them these pubs have around 25 different real ales for our thirsty walkers to savour, more than enough to keep anyone happy!

For more details on the Ramble visit: https://swm.camra.org.uk/viewnode.php?id=49865

Local tackles loneliness



Community pub The Craufurd Arms, Gringer Hill, Maidenhead, has been recognised by CAMRA for its role in tackling loneliness.

CAMRA has launched a campaign which aims to

highlight the work that pubs do to foster community spirit and encourage social interaction.

As well as morning drop ins, the Maidenhead pub opens its doors to an autism group which runs coffee mornings

and social evenings for parents and carers of children and young adults with autism. The Maidenhead Memory Group also plans to



host monthly meetings at the pub, bringing together more isolated members of the community.

 Has your local pub helped you make friends in your area? Or improved your mental health and wellbeing in some way? Spread the word – you can email us or share on social media using the hashtag #mypubstory

White Hart wins Keith Smith Award



The White Hart, Holyport, has picked up the 2020 Keith Smith Award. Keith was a very active member of the branch CAMRA team and a prolific collector of apples destined for Salt Hill Cider, a Slough based award-winning

cider maker. Keith sadly passed away in 2016 and to commemorate his life the local team created an award in his name that would reflect an outstanding contribution to the Real Ale & Cider scene. The award is presented annually and celebrates its third anniversary this year.

The White Hart's Landlord's Michelle and Bernard have run the pub for more than 10 years and are truly dedicated to the promotion of Real Ale and Cider. The pub acts as a social hub for the village and holds a Summer beer festival every year.

Pictured are Bernard on the left (he's the one that looks after the ales) and Branch Chairman, Steve (he's the one that drinks them) at the presentation held in late January. http://www.thewhitehartholyport.co.uk

 Do you have a local hero running your pub? Drop the Editor a line with details and who knows there may be an Award heading their way.

Fox & Hounds proves top dog

The Fox & Hounds, Theale, has been named the winner of the Dog Friendly Pub of the Year Awards 2019.

Landlady Jayne Tilsey at the 'Barkshire' pub said: "Being dog friendly is the best part of my day. We



love meeting new woofers, and getting to fuss them. It's a great way to start a conversation, and the endorphins that come from fussing a dog are what we all strive for."

The Fox & Hounds is no stranger to victory, having first won the Dog Friendly Pub of Year title in 2017.



The pub offers dog walks, a doggy photo booth and a special dog menu which includes a full three-course meal. It also caters for the quieter canine with a quiet corner for dogs who don't like to be disturbed by the coming

and goings.

The Awards are run by Rover, one of the largest network of pet sitters and dog walkers in the world.

www.foxandhoundstheale.co.uk

UK's Top 50 Gastro Pubs revealed



Five local pubs have reached the Top 50 of this year's 50 Best Gastropubs, three of which are SWM Branch Real Ale pubs. Congratulations to Real Ale pubs The Crown, Burchetts Green (Number 18), The Beehive, White Waltham (Number 25)

and The Royal Oak, Paley Street (Number 46).

Slightly further afield, and celebrity Chef Patron Tom Kerridge (picture left) saw both of his Marlow pubs soar to the top of the listings.



• See pages 7- 8 for more details.

WHITE HORSE

Kevin and Janet invite you to the White Horse



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CAMRA PUBS BRING VICTORY TO THE TABLE

Congratulations to three local SWM Branch Real Ale pubs for reaching the Top 50 of this year's Estrella Damm 50 Best Gastropubs. With success clearly on the menu, we're delighted to present them in all their culinary glory.

SWM BRANCH REAL ALE PUBS

THE CROWN, Burchetts Green







Congratulations to Simon Bonwick, owner and chef of The Crown, Burchetts Green. The pub has been ranked at **Number 18** in the 50 Best Gastropubs 2020. Not only that, but it has also received Michelin's Welcome & Service Award 2020.

"After making its debut on the Top 50 Gastropubs list in 2016, the Crown has gone from strength to strength, winning

a Michelin star for Bonwick's lavish cooking and is now deservedly celebrating its fourth year on the Top 50 list," says the guide.

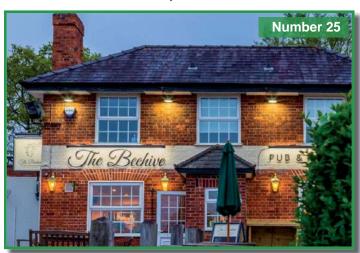


For mains, expect dishes such as Black Rock Roast Cod with Watercress and Horseradish, Salt Marsh Lamb Rump with Chestnut and Thyme cooking juices and Venison braised for ages and popped

in a pie with Rowanberry Sauce. Desserts include the likes of Black Forest Cadeau, Pistachio Charlotte with Sauce Pistache, and Tarte Tatin of Apples.

But despite being named among some of the top eateries in the country, says the guide, The Crown is very much still a pub: "Local ales and lagers adorn the bar and the wine list showcases an extensive range of independent producers from numerous regions."

THE BEEHIVE, White Waltham



The Beehive's extensive menu includes Line Caught Cornish Sea Bass, Peppered Haunch of Wild Hart Venison, and Hereford Bavette Steak, along with daily specials, such as Hungarian Beef Goulash with Creamed Potatoes, Beetroot, Crème Fraiche & Dill and a 10oz Rib of Hereford Beef with Triple Cooked Chips, Green Beans, Melted Onions & Red Wine Sauce.

Dominic Chapman and his wife Helena took charge at The Beehive, White Waltham, in August 2014. Their aim is to welcome visitors to their relaxed and friendly country pub and eating house.

Dominic has achieved a host of awards as a chef and The Beehive is his first venture as Chef/Patron of a restaurant/ pub. Both are hugely passionate about the Beehive and have created a special place for locals to enjoy and for people looking for a delicious plate of British seasonal food.

The couple have been living and working in Berkshire for 15 years; they met whilst working at Kensington Place in London's Notting Hill in 2001.

Helena moved to Oakley Court near Windsor where she worked as the wedding and events Manager. Helena's

role at The Beehive is administrative, plus creating the ambience.

Helena's sister, Alicia Corlett, and her team will give you a warm welcome at The Beehive. Alicia is an experienced Front of House Manager, having worked in many of London's most fashionable and favourite restaurants before joining The Beehive in 2014.

The Chef

Dominic's hereditary passion for food stems from the highly acclaimed Castle Hotel in Taunton, which his family have owned and run for over 65 years.

Dominic has an abundance of invaluable experience. His training has seen many great kitchens around the world, in particular, one of London's most fashionable restaurants, Kensington Place. Having spent 10 years in London,



he then moved to Berkshire and the Fat Duck, eventually to open and take up the role of Head Chef at Heston Blumenthal's Hind Head in Bray.

In January 2007, Dominic moved to The The Royal Oak Paley Street (In at number 46, see right). In 2008 Dom's passion in the kitchen gained

the Royal Oak a Michelin Bib Gourmand. The Royal Oak was awarded a Michelin star in January 2010, 6/10 in the good food guide and 3 AA Rosettes. Then in August 2014, Dominic became Chef/Patron of The Beehive.

www.thebeehivewhitewaltham.com

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LOCAL PUB OR BREWERY?

Any beer related stories to tell? Send them to editor@swm.camra.co.uk. It's your mag!

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THE ROYAL OAK, Paley Street, Berkshire





Ballotine of Pheasant with Truffle Mousse, Pork and Leek Pie with Mash and Gravy, Roasted Halibut, White Beans, Celery, Lemon Meringue Tart with Buttermilk Ice Cream and Clementine Parfait with Fig Sorbet are among the offerings on The Royal Oak's varied menu.

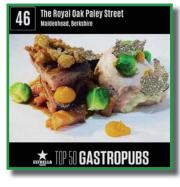
The pub uses seasonal ingredients and, says owner Nick Parkinson, dishes are not 'lost in over complicated

cooking methods or compromised by unnecessary ingredients'. There are separate Vegan/Vegetarian and Children's Menus.

"We believe that food is for enjoyment and our goal is that everyone who dines with us leaves with a feeling of satisfaction, having had a wonderful culinary experience



and looking forward to the next time," says Nick.



Nick and his father Sir Michael Parkinson first set eyes on The Royal Oak in 2001. Nick bought it in 2001 and opened in July the same year. In 2008 the team gained a Michelin Bib Gourmand. Two years later it attained the acclaimed Michelin star, which it held for eight years across three different chefs.

www.theroyaloakpaleystreet.com

AND IN NEARBY MARLOW...

CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO CHEF-PATRON TOM KERRIDGE

THE HAND & FLOWERS, Marlow



Number 12. Tom Kerridge's pub The Hand & Flowers, Marlow, which opened in 2005 and holds two Michelin stars, reached Number 12 on the list, offering up a menu which ranges from Pork Belly with Mini Apple Tatin, Roast Parsnip, Mustard Butter and 'Pork a Laise' Sauce to Milk Toffee Tart with 'Old English Spice' and Roasted Grapefruit Sorbet.

www.thehandandflowers.co.uk

(Tom, pictured above and below during filming of his latest TV series, aired in January and February 2020.)

THE COACH, Marlow



Number 5. In a well-deserved double whammy for Tom, his second Marlow outlet, The Coach, reached Number 5 in the rankings. The Coach operates on a first-come-first-served policy, so just drop in for a chance to sample a Wild Boar Lasagne with Parmesan and Lemon, or maybe a Whole Stuffed Rotisserie Quail with Haggis and Turnip followed by a Chocolate and Orange Pudding with Marmalade Ice Cream.

www.thecoachmarlow.co.uk

The list of the UK's best eating and drinking establishments is voted for by food writers, critics and gastropub chefs. www.top50gastropubs.com



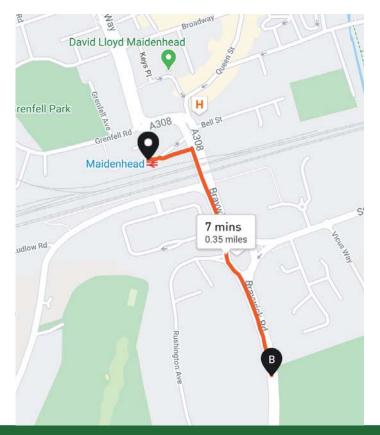


SCRUM ON DOWN TO MAIDENHEAD RUGBY CLUB

New home for 2020's Maidenhead Beer & Cider Festival

After Desborough College informed us that they were unable to host the 2020 Beer & Cider Festival due to extensive building work during the summer holidays we set about finding a new home for this year's festival. And the good news is? Festival Organiser Allan Willoughby explains.





The brief for the new 2020 venue was very clear. It was essential that we had plenty of green space, that the venue would be family friendly and, most importantly, it would have good public transfer links. And we got it! Welcome to Maidenhead Rugby Club!



Maidenhead Rugby Club is situated on the Braywick Road in a rapidly up and coming district of the town. The Braywick Leisure Centre opens in September with the seamless closure of The Magnet and Park and Ride facilities will be available (although probably not in time for our festival on July 24-25). Maidenhead United Football Club is also scheduled to move next door in the near future, and there's a friendly Toby Carvery next door plus plenty of parking. The Clubhouse itself is less than a 10 minute walk from Maidenhead train station.

Chris Brown, the Royal Borough Town Crier will open the festival giving his witty Festival Proclamation to kick things off. We are planning to have around 50 beers (cask and keg) and 20 ciders.



As you would expect there will be plenty of excellent food on offer along with great entertainment thrown in. Besides plenty of green spaces there is a 300-seater grandstand that should protect us from extremes of weather...the heat of last year still gives me nightmares!

Independently run, leading providers to the building, plumbing and electrical trades, Grant & Stone will, once more, be sponsoring our festival. We welcome enquiries from pubs, breweries and other businesses if you would like to get involved with supporting this annual event.



Keep an eye on Social Media and the festival website, www.mbcf.camra.org.uk, as our plans unfold. For CAMRA members, we hope those who volunteered last year will volunteer again, and for those that didn't, please do give it a go. No matter how much time you can spare, during the festival or build-up or take-down, you will be fed and watered and it's a fantastic event to be part of. Look out for the volunteers' form which will be uploaded to the website around a month before the event.

Looking forward to seeing you all in July!

Allan Willoughby Festival organiser

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BREWERY	MILES*
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Bell Street Brewery, Henley-on-Thames	12
Binghams Brewery, Ruscombe	8
Bond Brews, Wokingham	12
Ealing Brewing, Brentford	19
Elusive Brewing, Wokingham	15
Fisher's Brewing, High Wycombe	11
Haresfoot Brewery, Chesham	18
Hedgedog, Virginia Water	13
Loddon Brewery, Dunsden	12
Lovibond's Brewery, Henley-on-Thames	9
Malt The Brewery, Great Missenden	15
Moogbrew, Taplow	3
New Wharf Brewing; Brewing Paused	3
Old Luxters Farm Brewery, Hambleden	12
Old Windsor Brewery, Old Windsor	9
Paradigm Brewery, Sarrett	18
Rebellion Beer, Marlow	7
Reunion Ales, Feltham	17
Siren Craft Brew, Finchampstead	15
Stardust Brewery, White Waltham	4
Thames Side Brewery, Staines-upon-Thame	es 13
Tiny Vessel Brewing, Hampton	20
Thurstons Brewery, Horsell	17
Twickenham Fine Ales, Twickenham	19
Weird Beard Brew, Hanwell	19
Windsor & Eton Brewery, Windsor	6
*from Maidenhead Station	

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- Acre Windsor
- A Hoppy Place Windsor
- Barleycorn Cippenham
- Barley Mow Cox Green
- Bear Maidenhead
- Bell & Bottle Littlewick Green
- Bexley Arms Windsor
- Boatman Windsor
- Boulters Maidenhead
- Boundary Arms Pinkneys Green
- Bounty Cookham
- Conservative Club Maidenhead
- Corner House Windsor
- Crauford Arms Maidenhead
- Drew Drop Inn Hurley
- Duke of Connaught Windsor
- Fox & Castle Old Windsor
- George Inn Eton
- George on the Green Holyport
- Green Man Denham
- Grevhound Eton Wick
- Horse & Groom Windsor
- Hurley House Hotel Hurley
- Jolly Farmer Cookham Dean
- Jolly Woodman Littlewick Common
- Kings Arms Cookham
- Maiden's Head Maidenhead
- Moon & Spoon Slough
- Norden Farm Cafe & Bar Maidenhead
- Oak & Saw Taplow
- Old Windsor Club Old Windsor
- Pinkneys Arms Pinkneys Green
- Prince Albert Windsor
- Prince Harry Windsor
- Queen Charlotte Windsor
- Rising Sun Hurley
- Rose Maidenhead
- Royal Stag Datchet
- Shire Horse Littlewick Green
- Stag & Hounds Farnham Common
- Swan Clewer Village
- Uncle Tom's Cabin Cookham Dean
- Watermans Arms Eton
- White Hart Moneyrow Green
- White Horse Hedgerley
- Windlesora Windsor
- Windsor & Eton Brewery Tap Room Windsor



QUIZ CORNER

Welcome to Quiz Corner. Test out your beer prowess on our beer-themed cryptic crossword



You'll find the answers on page 23

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 10 11 11 12 13 14 15 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 26 27 28 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 36 36

ACROSS

- 1 Surely this drink won't make you acrimonious? (6)
- **4** Force singer, say, to have spirited stuff! (6)
- **9** Semi-retired, bathing in mud. (4)
- **10** Horsey feet from a heave-ho, of sorts. (5)
- 11 Fermenting stuff to row back from the junction. (4)
- 12 Pull-out from ready-to-wear section. (3)
- 13 Inn described in the "magenta vernacular"? (6)
- 14 Distant part of the safari park. (3)
- 15 Go at six to dig out cereal for beer?
 - That's a bit thick! (4)
- Ornaments that were made from jelly. (9)
- He's sure to be an exploiter. (4)
- 20 Jumps into beer-makers' list! (4)
- 22 Ferret-men trying to fool a brewer. (9)
- 26 Hydrocarbon radical affecting family,
 - if not included. (4)
- 27 It's mine to tip back! (3)
- Old sherry to be hit at bedtime? (4)
- **29** Personal boomerang post? (1.1.1)
- **30** Headwear that's in little backstreet. (3)
- 31 Interplanetary part of strategy. (4)
- Woman of habit? (3)
- 33 Jumbo Boeing's instrument not in panel. (4)
- **34** Beginning to have a short enclosure. (3)
- 35 Arbitrarily arrest the French thinker. (6)
- 36 Water channel in force, say. (6)

DOWN

- 1 Crudely abridge the army unit. (7)
- 2 He set about making the ones over here. (5)
- Turning on a lathe, it could make your head spin! (7)
- 5 Platforms going to and fro? Strange content! (6)
- **6** Talks that go with amazing wallops? (3,4)
- **7** Rare oat brew that can put the wind up? (7)

- Freon, say, too tempting, perhaps, but that's a way to brew! (3,10)
- Which is the one from the World Health Organisation? (3)
- **19** Take in in the heat of the moment. (3)
- 20 Can you hop like a Roman? (7)
- Not the 'real McCoy' drunk in liners in a quiet storm. (7)
- 23 Shaming display in brewing process? (7)
- Just like every individual, he can paddle his own canoe. (4,3)
- 25 First comment used before pouring? (6)
- 28 Hardy sort of drink? (5)

ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE (ACV) PUBS IN OUR BRANCH

SLOUGH COUNCIL

The Herschel Arms, Slough

SOUTH BUCKS COUNCIL

- The Bull, Iver currently boarded-up
- Rose & Crown, Stoke Poges

WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD

- Golden Harp, Maidenhead now a Tesco Express
- Fifield Inn, Fifield
- Crown, Burchetts Green
- Craufurd Arms, Maidenhead
- Dew Drop Inn, Hurley
- Boundary Arms, Pinkneys Green
- Jolly Farmer, Cookham Dean
- Ye Olde Red Lion, Oakley Green
- Old Swan Uppers, Cookham
- Uncle Toms Cabin, Cookham Dean
- North Star, Maidenhead
 - The Swan, Clewer

BRANCH DIARY

MORE INFORMATION



For more information on CAMRA activities in the area contact Social Secretary Tracey Bottomley

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Both CAMRA members and non members are welcome to all our Social Events. Branch Meetings are for members only. Please check website for any last minute changes and for more details on Beer Festivals. Please contact Tracey on 07917564194 our Social Secretary if you have any questions. QR code above.

MARCH

11 - Wednesday

7.30 pm. Branch Meeting at The Boundary Arms, Pinkneys Green, Maidenhead. All CAMRA members welcome.



14 - Saturday

1pm. Reading Pub walk held by Steve. Starting at the Fisherman's Cottage.



28 - Saturday

1pm. Marlow Pub walk held by Paul. Starting at the Marlow British Legion.

25 March - 5 April

National Wetherspoons Ale Festival.

APRIL

3 - Friday

7pm. Weatherspoon's Social Windsor Starting at The King & Castle then The Windlesora held by Paul.



8 - Wednesday

7.30pm. Branch Meeting at The Maiden's Head, Maidenhead. All CAMRA members welcome.



10 - 13 Friday - Monday

White Horse Hedgerley Beer Festival.



11 - Saturday

1pm. Social at the White Horse Hedgerley held by Steve.

18 - Saturday

10.30am. Kent Micro Pub Tour held by Alan. Meet at St Pancras Main Ticket Office.



21 - Tuesday

6pm. Social at A Hoppy Place held by Naomi.



24 - 25 Friday - Saturday

6pm (Friday); 9pm (Saturday). Windsor & Eton 10th Birthday Beer Festival.



25 - Saturday

12 noon. Wokingham Pub Walk, starting at The Station Tap, hosted by Clive from Berkshire South East Branch.



28 - Wednesday

7.30pm. Social planning Meeting at The Moon and Spoon, Slough. All CAMRA members welcome.

MAY

1 - Friday

6.30pm. Social at Windsor and Eton Brewery with Paul.

7 – 10 Thursday – Sunday

Egham Beer Festival, Egham United Services Club.



8 - Friday

1pm. Egham Beer Festival Social held by Alan.

13 - Wednesday

7.30pm. Branch Meeting at The Rising Sun, Hurley. All CAMRA members welcome.



16 - Saturday

1pm. Cookham to Bourne End Pub Walk, starting at The Old Swan Uppers, Cookham held by Paul.



22 – 25 Friday - Monday

Beer Festival. The White Horse, Hedgerley.

23 - Saturday

1pm. Social at The White Horse Hedgerley held by Steve.

28 – 30 Thursday – Saturday

Society of Preservation of Beer From The Wood (SPBW) Festival.

29 - Friday

6pm. SPBW Festival at The Turks Head, Twickenham, Social held by Paul.



JUNE

6 - Saturday

2pm. Thames Side Brewery, Staines. Joint Social with Berkshire South East CAMRA Branch held by Tracey and Clive.



10 - Wednesday

7.30pm. Branch Meeting at The White Hart, Moneyrow Green. All CAMRA members welcome.

12 - 13 Friday - Saturday

Twyford Beer Festival.

12 - Friday

5pm Social at Twyford Beer Festival held by Philip and Tracey.

13 - Saturday

1pm Social Twyford Beer Festival held by Paul.

15 - Monday

7pm Social at The Craufurd, Maidenhead held by Tracey.



15 - Monday

Beer Day Britain - Raise a pint and "Say Cheers to Beer".

19 – 21 Friday - Sunday

Beer Festival at The Perseverance, Wraysbury.



19 - Friday

1pm. Social at The Perseverance held by Alan.

20 - Saturday

1pm. Social at The Perseverance held by Steve.

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BEER ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

Like any industry, brewing has developed numerous acronyms and abbreviations. Check out some of the most frequently used below.

AAU – Alpha Acid Unit.

A measurement of the bitterness within the beer caused by the alpha acids in the hop variety used.

ABV - Alcohol by Volume

A measure of the alcohol content in the finished beer.

APA – American Pale Ale

A pale ale with the characteristics of the west coast US, heavily hopped giving a floral nose and citrus flavours.

DIPA – Double Indian Pale Ale

An Imperial American Pale Ale, similar to the above but only more so!

CAMRA – Campaign for Real Ale

Consumer organisation with 190,000+ members, protecting the interests of beer drinkers and pub goers.

EBC – European Brewing Convention

A measurement of the colour of beer.

EBU – European Bittering Units

Standard method of measuring bitterness in a given volume of beer.

EPA – English Pale Ale

A term hijacked to describe a low gravity beer with moderate bitterness but previously used to describe an Indian Pale Ale style beer destined for consumption in the UK.

ESB – Extra Special Bitter

A term sometimes used in describing a breweries premium bitter but forever associated with Fullers ESB which has won the Champion Beer of Britain a record three times.

IBU – International Bittering Units

See EBU, a standard system of measuring bitterness based on the parts per million content of alpha acids.

IPA - Indian Pale Ale

A historic term for the beers sent to the Indian Raj with a high alcohol and hopping rate to enable them to survive the long journey.

NABLABS - No Alcohol or Low Alcohol Beers

A term to describe the low alcohol beers sector.

OG – Original Gravity

The starting point for a beer prior to the commencement of fermentation.

PET – Polyethylene terephthalate

A type of plastic used to produce bottles for the cheaper end of the market, usually in 2 litre sizes.

SG - Specific Gravity

A measure of the density of beer compared to that of water when expressed as a ratio.

SIBA - Society of Independent Brewers

A trade body of smaller breweries, founded in 1980 representing the interests of the independent brewing sector.

SPBW – Society for the Preservation of Beer from the Wood

A forerunner organisation campaigning for beer to remain in wooden casks.

SRM - Standard Research Method

See EBC, a measure of the colour of beers when expressed in Lovibonds units.

Hopefully this guide has been of some use and if you find others being used please remind people that plain English is always helpful!



A HISTORY OF BEER ADVERTISING

Beer is still Britain's favourite alcoholic beverage by far; we drank 8.5 billion pints last year versus a comparatively meagre 7.4 billion 175ml glasses of wine. Not surprisingly then, beer advertising is big business. But actually, muses Anthony Springall, it always has been.

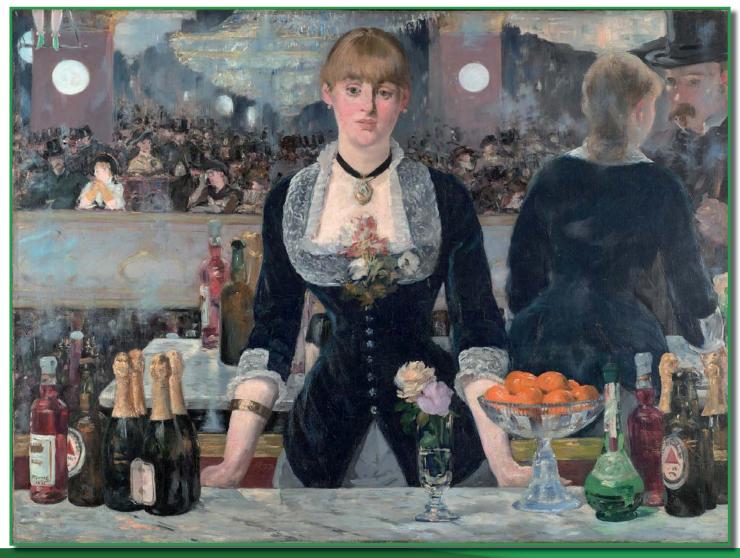
Ever since Roman times, when wayside taverns would hang a bush outside to advertise that they were open for food and drink, there has been advertising of beer.

But it was only in the 19th and early 20th centuries that breweries had grown to such a size that their products would be known outside their immediate area. From that point onwards, the advertising of brands would grow to such an extent that the slogans used would permeate the national consciousness and become catch phrases in their own right.

The brewers of the 18th century were expanding rapidly but were still limited to their distribution caused by poor roads and lack of transport. It was in this period that Dr Samuel Johnson wrote, on the sale of his friend Henry Thrale's brewery: "We are not here to sell a parcel of boilers and vats, but the potentiality of growing rich beyond the dreams of avarice." What better advertising than this?

In the 19th century with the coming of the railways and increased literacy, brewers were able to exploit these to the full. Local brewer Simonds of Reading, for example, used the railways to distribute its beers and used its red hop leaf symbol to advertise their wares. Other large brewers such Allsops, Barclay Perkins and Whitbread started to expand and advertise nationally in newspapers and their adverts became well known. Bass Brewery and its iconic red triangle logo is particularly worthy of note, later becoming the very first brand name and logo to be registered under the UK's Trade Mark Registration Act of 1875. So famous was the Bass red triangle that it was used in the painting A Bar at the Folies-Bergère by the impressionist painter Manet (See below).

In the 20th century, brewers used posters, beer mats and pottery to advertise their beers and some of these, such as used by Guinness, became iconic. The first poster to declare "Guinness is good for you" appeared in 1929,



based upon the belief at the time that the beer contained health giving properties. (How many years ago was it that nursing mothers were offered a Guinness on the NHS?). The posters of John Gilroy from 1930 to the middle 1960s created an advertising campaign that is remembered almost 80 years later, showing examples of strong men in the early years developing into surreal situations with a zoo keeper and various animals.

GUINNESS FOR STRENGTH





Perhaps surprisingly, it was the copywriter Dorothy L Sayers (better known as a prolific author of detective novels) that changed a pelican into a toucan to create a character that can still be found in pubs and clubs across the land.

It was the advent of television - and particularly commercial television in 1955 - that really upped the stakes in brewery advertising. Brewers could now create adverts that could appeal to their target market with characters specifically chosen. The first really big TV campaign in the mid 1960s was for Mackeson fronted by Bernard Miles who declared, "It looks good, tastes good and by golly it does you good". At the time it was Whitbread's biggest selling beer. Although now a "ghost brand" with no advertising or promotion, it's still in production at 2.8% abv.



Other brewers quickly caught on to the power of advertising, and from the 60s to the 90s large advertising agencies such Saatchi & Saatchi would try to invent slogans to ensure their clients' sales increased, with such offerings as "refreshes the parts other beers cannot reach" and "reassuringly expensive", both of which were the brainchild of Anthony Simonds-Gooding.

During this heyday of beer advertising, all manner of claims were made by real and imaginary characters, all putting over the message that you should drink their particular brand.

Now, the advent of Social Media has meant that brewers have had to change the way they advertise. They must now 'target' advertise rather than use the blanket approach of old. So will we ever see the same level of catch phrases ring in our collective ears? I wonder. In the meantime, I'm off to follow the bear, and maybe roll out a barrel or two!

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THE POWER OF ADVERTISING IT'S QUIZ TIME!

See how many of these you can remember (and yes you can confer!)

- 1) What beer claimed to "work wonders"?
- 2) What was "probably the best beer in the world"?
- **3)** Which brand had the catchphrase "Gertcha"?
- 4) Which beer was described as "Amber Nectar"?
- 5) Australians wouldn't give a XXXX for what?
- 6) Which brand had you "following the bear"?
- "Good things come to those that wait" advertised what?
- Which beer "refreshes the parts other beers cannot reach"?
- 9) Which brew was being advertised with "I am only here for the beer"?
- 10) Which beer was "reassuringly expensive"?
- 11) "I bet he drinks" what beer?
- 12) Which beer was the "Cream of Manchester"?
- 13) Name the beer "Its what your right arms for"?
- **14)** Which beer was "The pint that thinks its a quart"?
- 15) Which brewer encouraged you to "Roll out the harrel"?
- Which beer stayed "sharp to the bottom of the glass"?

Answers? See page 28

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CHAMPION BEER

Blackheath Stout named Champion Winter Beer



Fixed Wheel Brewery has scooped gold in CAMRA's Champion Winter Beer of Britain competition, held on the first day of the Great British Beer Festival Winter which took place on February 4-8 in Birmingham.

Following more than a year of local tasting panels and regional heats, Fixed Wheel Brewery's Blackheath Stout was named overall champion, with beer writer Roger Protz describing it as 'a very fine example of a stout'. "We were all very impressed by its rich malty flavour, its fruity hop aroma and the overall flavour of the beer," he said.

Available all year in cask and keg, Blackheath is a full-bodied fruity stout dedicated to the home of Fixed Wheel's Blackheath brewery. It is brewed with New Zealand and English hops to give an oaky bitterness and dark fruits finish.

Runners up include Elland brewery's 1872 porter (silver) and Hawkshead Brodie's Prime Export'(bronze).

Scott Povey, who owns Fixed Wheel Brewery alongside his partner Sharon, said: "I'm just really shocked. It's amazing news for us, fantastic! Blackheath Stout is the first beer we brewed, and is named after where we're based. We're really pleased to see it get the recognition it deserves –



we'll probably have to brew it a bit more now! Thank you to all the judges for voting for us."

Gary Timmins, CAMRA's National Director responsible for the competition, said: "Congratulations to Fixed Wheel for winning the Champion Winter Beer of Britain award, which is one of the highest accolades in the beer world.

"I would like to thank all the judges for their hard work and commend the brewers on the high quality of beers tasted. It was a very close competition and a well deserved win!"

This year's gold, silver and bronze awards will now go through to the finals of the Champion Beer of Britain competition.

CHAMPION WINTER BEER OF BRITAIN WINNERS

OVERALL

GOLD

Fixed Wheel's Blackheath Porter

SILVER

Elland's 1872 porter

BRONZE

Hawkshead's Brodie's Prime Export

BARLEY WINE STRONG OLD ALES

GOLD

Hawkshead, Brodie's Prime Export

SILVER

Exmoor's Beast

BRONZE

Lacons' Audit Ale

OLD ALE/STRONG MILDS

GOLD

Loddon's Hocus Pocus

SILVER

Brunswick's Black Sabbath

BRONZE

Tintagel's Caliburn

PORTERS

GOLD

Elland's 1872 porter

SILVER

Fownes' King Korvak's Saga

BRONZE

Colchester's Old King Coel London Porter

STOUTS

GOLD

Fixed Wheel's Blackheath Stout

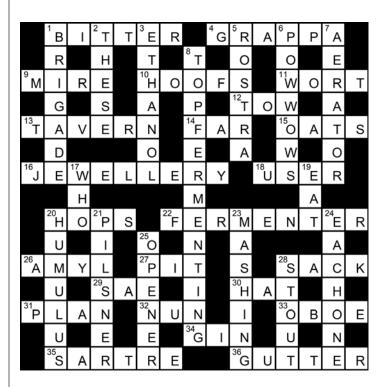
SILVER

Barngates' Goodhew's Dry Stout

BRONZE

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BREWERY NEWS

BINGHAMS BREWERY

Keeping up with the tradition of Binghams brewing darker ales, our lovely new **Chocolate Porter** at 5% will be hitting a bar near you soon! V Old, also at 5%, will follow.

The Hop Project is currently **Ekuanot Centenial** and the flavour of these hops is lemon and lime. Refreshingly tasty at 4.5%.

On the personnel side, Binghams are sad to announce that our brewer, Ricky Moysey, has decided to take a break from the brewing world. We wish him all the very best for the future. On a happier note Owner and Head Brewer Chris Bingham and Michelle are very proud parents, as we welcome the beautiful labradoodle puppy Cheddar to the brewing team! We're not sure how she will follow Stout with regard to having her own beer named after her, but you never know!

With spring and the warmer days around the corner, why not treat you or a friend to a **brewery tour?** Vouchers for tours can be purchased from the shop or online via the website (see below).

Brewery Tours

Ever wondered what goes on at a brewery? What is real ale made of? What are the raw ingredients? How do you turn the raw ingredients into beer? What is the difference between cask conditioned ale, real ale



and keg beer? What is a firkin? Get all these questions answered (and more) on a pre-booked brewery tour round Binghams Brewery.

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- · A Binghams pint glass to take home
- The history of the brewery and director Chris Bingham's brewing background
- The ingredients that go into beer
- The process that the ingredients go through to become beer
- A walk around the brewery to see all the equipment and casks used in the brewing process

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CHILTERN BREWERY

2020 is set to be a big year at The Chiltern Brewery as the second-generation family run brewery enters into their **40th year of brewing!**

The Chiltern Brewery started the decade by releasing the limited edition Chiltern Ruby in cask, which proved hugely

popular both at The Brewery Shop and the brewery tap, The King's Head in Aylesbury. Needless to say, the beer was named after The Chiltern Brewery's 40th Anniversary milestone this year. Throughout the year the brewery will be releasing a number of **limited edition brews** that celebrate what the brewery has become best known for - reviving traditional styles of beer and pioneering new ones. If you haven't already, make sure to visit their brewery shop and pick up a copy of their 2020 beer calendar.

Another exciting development at The Chiltern Brewery's shop in Terrick is the installation of keg lines so visitors can enjoy the brewery's growing range of **keg beers - Chiltern Craft Lager, Golden Harvest and Chiltern Black.** Head Brewer Tom Jenkinson told us that: "The keg lines are another excellent page in the story of The Chiltern Brewery. We have always been proud to offer our customers a wide range of award-winning ales and are even prouder that we can offer them a greater choice of dispense method too."

During conversation, Tom also told us about the brewery's 40th Anniversary Celebration Ale, available exclusively in bottle. "For this **limited edition sparkling ale,** we have used only the finest British malts along with Olicana and Bramling Cross hops to brew a smooth, fruity and powerful IPA that is the ideal replacement for champagne at any special occasion," he said. "We have only released 1,000 bottles, so make sure to get your hands on one whilst they're still available!"

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CRAZY DAVE'S CIDER

If you don't have time to visit the brewery at Oak Tree Farm, Gays Lane, Holyport, you can find Crazy Dave's Cider at local markets.

- Windsor Farmers' Market 1st Saturday of the month
- Queen's Park Farmers' Market 1st Sunday of the month
- Ealing Farmers' Market 2nd Saturday of the month
- Maidenhead Farmers' Market 2nd Sunday of the month
- Abingdon Farmers' Market 3rd Friday of the month
- Reading Farmers' Market 3rd Saturday of the month
- Ascot Farmers' Market 3rd Sunday of the month
- Henley on Thames Farmers' Market 4th Thursday of the month
- Beaconsfield Farmers' Market 4th Saturday of the month
- The Food Market, Chiswick 4th Sunday of the month

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MOOGBREW

The Moogbrew Taproom reopened in February following some improvement works during the winter months, and will



be open alternate weekends for the remainder of the year. Please check the website (see below) or social media for confirmed dates and opening times, which may vary. The taproom now has two covered outdoor seating areas, the second of which is almost wholly enclosed, with glass panels overlooking the garden. A

wood burning stove is due to be added shortly to provide cosy winter comfort too.

The brewery already dispenses about 80% of its brewing capacity through the taproom and this seems likely to increase towards 100% by the end of this year, with only a handful of beers reaching local beer festivals or bars.

The latest addition to the Moogbrew range is a 5.8% New England-style IPA, featuring punchy tropical aromas from Citra, Galaxy and Vic Secret hops. The second batch of the popular Ma Bunny's Barley Wine has already been brewed and will be available in bottle later in the year, following a long maturation period.

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- The George, Eton 20p off a pint of real ale.

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- · Feathers, Taplow
- · Red Lion, Shreding Green, Iver
- · Royal Oak, Farnham Common
- · Shire Horse, Littlewick Green.

If any pub or club would like to offer discounts, please email the details to be included in the next issue to:

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REBELLION BEER COMPANY

The story of the Rebellion Brewery starts with two friends, Tim Coombes and Mark Gloyens. Attending school together in Marlow at a time when the old Wethered Brewery was in full production, the sweet aromas of malt were a constant reminder that Marlow was an active brewing town. Years later, Tim and Mark discussed the possibility of a joint business venture, and with the closure of the Wethered Brewery in 1987, the idea of starting a new brewery and reviving Marlow's brewing tradition was born. After a couple of years researching, planning, and several admirable attempts to reinstate a brewery on the original Wethered site, the Rebellion Brewery was eventually established on the Rose Industrial Estate in Marlow Bottom in April 1993. In 1999 the brewery moved to its current location on Bencombe Farm, occupying the old grainstore and other redundant farm buildings.

Since 1999 the Rebellion Brewery has made significant improvements to its site and equipment, enabling the development of an increasingly diverse beer range which includes draft and bottled ales, lager, porter and wheat beers. These beers are popular not only in pubs within the 30 mile delivery range but in the large on-site brewery shop.

Using premium ingredients, traditional methods and embracing modern technology, Rebellion will continue to develop and produce a wide range of fantastic tasting, quality beers.

Rebellion's Beers In addition to the extensive core range, monthly beers in 'Roger's Sporting Series' include:

April - Trick Shot. 4.2%. Copper and quaffable.

May - Square Leg. 4.2%. Pale amber and hoppy. **June - Red Card.** 4.2%. Golden and vibrant.

The Spring Seasonal is **Amber**, a malt forward and full bodied best bitter with biscuit and caramel notes. At 4.3%, it is a rich amber in colour with classic a British hop character.

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The Tap Yard is our brewery bar, showcasing a selection of core beers and specials on tap, along with a full range of cans and bottles that you can drink-in or take away. In addition we have a range of specially curated spirits, wines, soft drinks and snacks. We're family friendly and dog friendly!

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MARCH

Sun 01 - Italian Street Food Sat 07 - It's a Wing Thing Sun 08 - Fink Street Food Sat 14 - Rural Pie Co Sun 15 - TBC Sat 21 - Leona Knight Catering Sun 22 - Genbu Sat 28/Sun 29 - TBC

APRIL

Sat 04 - Italian Street Food Sun 05 - It's a Wing Thing Sat 11 - Rural Pie Co Sun 12 - John The Greek Sat 18/Sun 19 - TBC Sat 25 - Leona Knight Catering



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WINDSOR & ETON BREWERY

The Brewery Tap continues to go from strength to strength. It has recently increased the number of draught beers available to 14 so that all options should be available all the time. In addition there is now a guest Street Food option every Friday evening and Trivia Quiz nights on Mondays. Of course in the Spring we show all the England Rugby games whilst still having the tours every Saturday in between.

BEER NEWS

- March Last Drop is available until the end of the 6-Nations rugby followed by Kohinoor, a 4.3% "Indies" Pale Ale that uses ingredients such as Jaggery raw cane sugar, Jasmine petals and a hint of coriander and cardamom for a touch of the exotic. March also sees the return of the ever popular Eton Boat man for its summer season.
- April April sees the launch of a new beer George to celebrate both the St Georges day but more importantly the 10th anniversary of the brewery!
- May Look out for Hurricane, being brewed again in good time for the VE celebrations at the end of the month.
- Finally For visitors to the Taproom and shop of course there will be more special edition beers from the Trial kit including a Banana Saison and a Trippel along with our new draught Stout Storm.

Pub News The brewery recently secured the lease on the **Rose and Olive Branch** on Callow hill in Virginia Water. This ex-Greene King pub is being refurbished and should have opened by the time you read this. It will be able to serve a wide variety of the Brewery's products, so come and visit us – ideal for a country walk through the adjacent woods to get your thirst up!

10th Birthday Party To mark the 10 years since WEBREW's

first brew we are organising a special weekend beer festival on the weekend of 24 – 25 April. The last such festival was a huge success so



come along and see what's in store. If you're a **Knight Club member** (the brewery have a club membership scheme with free drinking nights throughout the year) then a date for the diary – a special members' night is being arranged for 23 April.

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XT BREWERY



The New Year sees a new pair of hands at the XT brewing helm with **Craig Bennett taking over as head brewer** from Vinny Rosario. Craig has over twenty years of experience in brewing, having worked at a number of breweries both

big and small from around the country. He is a brewing graduate from Herriot Watt and qualified with the Brewing Institute Master Brewer Programme. Craig will be brewing



the full range of **XT** and **Animal beers** while adding a few **speciality brews** of his own to the already extensive beer line up. Craig is passionate about cask beers and will be a great addition to the team at XT working to promote and develop the amazing range of beers in the XT portfolio.

After five years at XT, Vinny has now ironically moved up to Craig's old home town of Edinburgh to start his own brewing venture there. The new brewery will be called

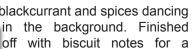
Origin Brewing and Vinny has teamed up with another former XT brewer, Fin Heslop, to develop a range of new beers which they expect to start flowing from their taproom in summer.



The new year has also seen a new bottle beer; **HopKitty** is now available in a bottle, but the cat has been at the cream and the bottle puss weighs in at 4.6%. The brewers wanted a more punchy version than the pub cat. Expect all the same great hop forward flavours but with longer claws

The Animal cask beers have been flowing as well with a brace of new wildlife:

The Water Buffalo -4.6%. A Noble Amber - Packed with the most noble of hops and continental malts. Regal floral, orange and herbal flavours in the forefront with hints of black pepper, blackcurrant and spices dancing



delectable beer, proving that sometimes you can't beat old-school!



Crab – 4.6%. An artful but sideways look at a pale ale matched with a citrus twang from north American cascade hops.

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THE POWER OF ADVERTISING ANSWERS

And the answers are...

- 1) Double Diamond
- 2) Carlsberg
- 3) Courage Best
- 4) Fosters Lager
- 5) Castlemain
- 6) Hofmeister
- 7) Guinness
- 8) Heineken
- 9) Double Diamond (again)
- 10) Stella Artois
- 11) Carling Black Label
- 12) Boddingtons
- 13) Courage Tavern
- 14) Whitbread Trophy
- 15) Watneys Red Barrel (of course)
- 16) Harp Lager

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