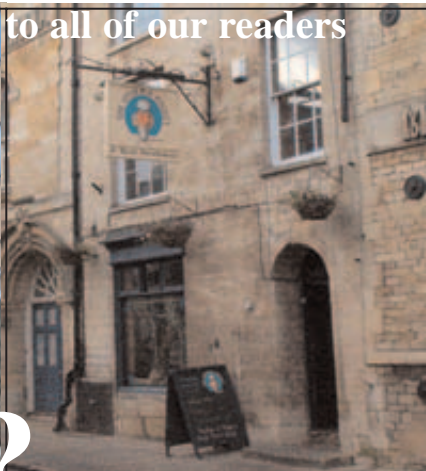


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Welcome to my first edition as the new editor of Beer Around 'Ere.

In late September 2004, when the suggestion was first floated, it all seemed like such a good idea. Now that reality has struck I'm wondering if that's where I should have left it. But, No. My aim is to have some fun producing an informative and entertaining newsletter - with your help!!

The signs so far have been more than encouraging. Since I was elected in December, I've had lots of suggestions and offers of assistance. I'm more than happy to accept letters, articles, photos - even scribbles on the back of the proverbial 'fag' packet. They don't have to be Pulitzer prize winners but never be afraid to submit something (otherwise I have to write it). The editorial process and the American English spellchecker will take care of the rest.

I've been encouraged to produce a photo of myself as a means of introduction but my job is to try to increase readership, not scare people away. However, if you happen to have any photographs of me, embarrassing or otherwise, please send them in and I'll let an independent adjudicator choose the best (worst) to print next time.

Meanwhile, I'd like to wish a very Happy & Prosperous New Year to everyone.

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Bob Melville, Your New Editor.

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## DIARY DATES

### JANUARY

**Thursday 13th at 8:30 pm**

Branch Social Bogarts, North Street

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**Friday 21st**

Cellarmen's Social Trip by minibus to Smith's of Bourne, Five Horseshoes at Barholm and the Blue Bell at Maxey. £5 payable in advance. You don't have to be a cellarman to go on this trip.

**Saturday 22nd**

Trip by train to Bath in conjunction with the Pub History Society (contact Mick Slaughter)

**Monday 24th at 8:30 pm**

Branch Committee Meeting Palmerston Arms, Oundle Road

**Tuesday 25th**

Burns Night, Coalheavers Arms, Park Street

**Friday 28th to Sun 30th**

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### FEBRUARY

**Saturday 19th - Saturday 26th**

**NATIONAL PUBS WEEK (see page 15)**

### MARCH

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Send your answers to 49 St Margarets Road, Fletton, Peterborough, PE2 9EA or by e-mail to [info@real-ale.org.uk](mailto:info@real-ale.org.uk) by Friday 11th February.

To count, words must be in the "Shorter Oxford English Dictionary" and contain three or more letters. Plurals and the like are acceptable.

### Book Review

*Licensed to Sell* by Geoff Brandwood, Andrew Davison, and Michael Slaughter  
pbk 192pp ISBN 1 85074 96 X  
Cover price £14.99 Published by English Heritage



This lavishly illustrated book, with many of the photographs taken by local branch member, Mick Slaughter, would be a welcome addition to the collection of any beer or pub enthusiast. It traces the history

of the public house (principally in England) from the early, unregulated alehouses, taverns and inns of the Middle Ages, through licensing, 'gin palaces', the Temperance movement and war time restrictions to the 'Beer Orders', 'all day opening', and the yet-to-be-implemented Licensing Act 2003 which will hand control over licensing back into the hands of local councils.

I found the first 2 chapters devoted to the emergence and development of the pub, a bit dry, mainly because of the introduction of, and various changes to, legislation that is referred to. I did, however, find it fascinating that on many occasions the laws enacted had exactly the opposite effect to that intended by the legislators i.e. the 'Beer Orders'. Later chapters devoted to design and planning, dispensing the product and pub games, and advertisements and embellishments (both internal and external), which describe the wide and varied pub stock we have in England today, I found to be much more interesting, particularly the old floorplans obtained from archives around the country. Two further short chapters depict the situation in Scotland, Ireland and Wales, and dispel some popular pub myths.

A well-researched and presented work.

Copies of the book are available locally from Mick Slaughter at a 'delivered to your door' price of £13.50 for CAMRA members and £14.99 for non members. Please send cheques payable to M J Slaughter to 45 Elstone, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5JZ. Copies are also available from CAMRA HQ.



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## What's Brewing Around Here

### GRAINSTORE BREWERY WINS MIDLANDS AWARD.

The Midlands Section of CIBA (The Small Independent Breweries Association) held their blind tasting at the Nottingham Beer Festival in October 2004. Grainstore won the overall title for Best Beer for its brew Ten Fifty. It was top in the Strong Bitters section and the overall winner of all categories. Second place went to White Horse Oxfordshire Bitter and third to Nottingham Rock Mild. Ten Fifty came second in the BottleBeers Category being beaten by Burton Bridge Bramble Stout. Third was Broadstone Two Water Grog.

The tasting is carried out in seven categories in the normal way with the judges marking points against a beer number. There are six to eight beers in each section. Tony and Will Davies are very pleased with their awards and must be congratulated on producing such a excellent beer.

Lew Clayton. BLO

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### Beer OverThere

On returning home from holiday the December edition of BAE was with our mail (cheers Daryl). This re-kindled memories of a most enjoyable week spent in the area described by Brian Bosworth in his article about French beer. It is a wonderful area for beer; we stayed in Lille, which is about 15 miles from the Belgian border. There is far more beer drunk in the cafes and brasseries than wine. We dined in one where the "wine list" consisted of one white, one rose and two reds, along with seventeen pressions (keg) and thirty four bottled beers, all named! Many of these beers can be found stocked in our Festival bar of le Patron Noel.

Right opposite Lille railway station there is a "Brew Pub", The Three Brewers. Four beers are brewed; La Blonde, L'Ambree, La Scotch (a heavier dark) and La Blanche (similar to a wheat beer), all very tasty. Measures served were le demi, le taverne, le brasseur and le varlet - 25 cl to 100 cl plus a 1.5 litre pitcher. All the beers are 100% malt, top fermentation, non-pasteurised and non-filtered, drawn directly from the cellar to your glass. As one might expect in France a wide variety of good food is also available.

When bottled beer is ordered, it is poured at the bar and the glass carefully placed with the brand logo facing you and on it's own brand mat. A university town the centre is lively at night but not rowdy, a visit is recommended, it is the first stop out of London on the Eurostar.

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# Pub News Around 'Ere

**Welcome to another round of pub news from around 'Ere.**

The first pub that warrants a mention is **Bogart's in North Street**. The much awaited reopening after an extensive refurbishment has now happened and all should visit. The pub has been slightly enlarged to give the drinker more space, what was once the kitchen is now part of the bar. Beer range is mainly from Everard's, with JHB and others in attendance. Good to see the ol' place alive and well.

New life has been breathed into the

**Horseshoes in Thurlby**. Situated on the A15 between Market Deeping and Bourne it is the only pub in the village so it's success should be guaranteed with the right people in charge. The right people hopefully come in the guise of newly installed mine hosts, Jamie Millar and Dave Rathmel. A bit of a refurbishment has been done and they welcome one and all to their house. Beers are from the Mansfield Brewery. We wish them well.

My apologies to the new landlords of

the **Ploughman in Werrington** and the **Red Lion in Eye** for not giving their new appointments a mention in the last issue. We hope they continue to do good things for their loyal customers.

**Bar Royal in Westgate**, Peterborough has had a new look thrust upon it and is now under the experienced eye of Mick Benstead. Mick has come from the Windmill in Orton and has introduced real ale, something absent for a number of years. The new regime will cater for a more mature clientele. Time for a visit methinks.

Two other establishments have also had the decorators in recently in the **Oundle Road** area. Both the

**Gordon Arms** and the **Botolph Arms** have had work done on them and are now fully operational. We have yet to see the results for ourselves so we welcome any reports from pub goers in that locale.

Out in **Walsoken** in Wisbech the **Black Bear** has also had a bit of work done. A new dining area has been created along with an outside terrace. A major part of the pub is now designated non smoking and trade is on the increase.



The **Greyhound in New England** has now had it's refurbishment and is open for business. Steven Carter is the new tenant and is looking forward to the challenges of the new year. We have yet to view the work so we'll have to see if the internal fabric of this rare 1930's pub has been enhanced or buggered up. Watch this space...

The **Hand & Heart, Highbury Street** has suffered from another act of wanton vandalism. It's last remaining original Warwicks' brewery window has been damaged by three "shots"



from what is believed to have been a firearm. Landlady Pauline said that it was fortunate that no one was hurt as the incident occurred after hours. Police are investigating.

### **Retirement of Mr & Mrs Campen**

It is with a note of sadness that we hear that the very long serving hosts of the **Dog & Partridge in Titchmarsh** have retired. Mike and Vera had run the pub for 26 years and had ensured

that it was a regular Good Beer Guide entrant. A surprise party was sprung upon them by the regulars who, along with the Peterborough Branch of CAMRA will miss them greatly.

### **Pubs, they are a changin'**

The word from **March** is that the **King William IV** is to be converted to a restaurant but this has not been confirmed yet.

Nearer Peterborough we hear with some concern that the **Hero of Aliwal in Whittlesey** has been sold. At present it is believed to be owned by a property company who were going to auction off the tenancy or lease. There is a temporary manager in charge at the moment. We watch the situation with unease.....

The **Morton's Fork, also in Whittlesey**, has now been converted to housing and is no more. The owner had been trying for years to close the pub and build houses on the surrounding land. He has now finally got his way.

That's all folks.... Don't forget to send in any and all information to me for the next issue. If your pub ain't had a mention recently let me know and tell me why it should get a mench.

**Steve Williams**

**07802 896641**

**pubs-officer@real-ale.org.uk**

## Lost Pubs of Peterborough The Welsh Harp, Wellington St, Eastgate



This is where we're going to need some help from our readers!

Some of our older readers may remember the Welsh Harp under the landlordship of Lovell Tiero. He's the bloke in the white coat towards the left hand side.

The pub was demolished with the Eastgate slum clearance in the 1960's. Unfortunately, we know little else about the pub. If anyone can shed any light on the subject I'd love to hear from you.

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My thanks to the two people who pointed out what they thought was a mistake in the last issue. They were quite adamant that the original Elephant & Castle was in Bridge St and not Westgate. They were of course mistaken as I stand by the text as it's written. The old E & C was definitely in Westgate, next to the Bar Royal.

At least it shows that some people read the magazine!

Correspondence, writs, threats and cash to be directed to Steve Williams.  
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## PUB OF THE YEAR

The pubs eligible to be voted on to become **Peterborough & District CAMRA Pub of the Year** are those that have been presented with a Gold Award in the past year. Voting is open to all branch members and will have been completed by the time you read this article. This time around there are four contenders:

**The Otter's Pocket, All Saints Street, Stamford** was presented with its Gold award in March 2004 for introducing quality real ales. This pub was the Albion and before that the Globe. It has been sympathetically renovated to create a single open-plan room albeit with distinct drinking areas overshadowed by large-screen TVs. The range of cask beers is complimented by a well-stocked wine bar.

In June 2004, **The Fayre Spot & Goodly, Bretton Centre, Peterborough** received a Gold Award for increasing the range of quality real ales. Instead of relying on passing trade from the nearby shopping centre and The Cresset this modern 'estate' pub has made

a real effort to attract a local following by expanding its range of cask beers.

Just before our Beer Festival, in August 2004, **The Palmerston Arms, Oundle Road, Peterborough** collected a Gold Award for removing all keg beers and serving all real ales by gravity. Now a Batemans house, the pub stocks up to 15 cask beers from breweries around the country, with not a handpump in sight. All cask beers are dispensed by gravity. Traditional cider and perry is also sold. There are no gaming machines and no music in this 400-year-old stone-built pub.

The most recent recipient of a Gold Award, in November 2004, was **The Punchbowl, Scotgate, Stamford** for introducing quality real ales. The pub reverted to its former name relatively recently after

a spell as the White Swan. The landlord refuses to run with the crowd, certainly as far as his choice of cask beer is concerned. It has a light and airy feel and attracts a wide cross-section of customers.



# National Pubs Week 2005

National Pubs Week 2005 will take place between **Saturday 19th and Saturday 26th February** and, as usual, Peterborough & District CAMRA will be holding a number of events throughout the week to celebrate the diversity of pubs in the branch area and to encourage more people to visit.

Some 15,000 pubs have participated in National Pubs Week since it was launched by CAMRA in February 2003. CAMRA Chief Executive, Mike Benner, said that National Pubs Week was "created to encourage people to visit pubs more regularly at a time of year when trade can be slow for the industry".

## **Saturday 19th**

National Pubs Week Out of Town Crawl  
Meet Queensgate bus station for 1pm  
(Delaines - Bay 4)  
Arrive Church Street, Market Deeping 1:20  
Bell at Deeping St James  
Crown & Anchor, Deeping St James  
The Coach House, Market Deeping  
The Bull, Market Deeping (Peterborough CAMRA's original meeting place)  
Bus back to Queensgate 6pm

## **Sunday 20th at 8:30pm**

National Pubs Week Quiz Coalheavers Arms, Park Street (Branch Pub of the Year 2004) - General knowledge and pubs/beer/CAMRA related questions. £1 per person.

## **Monday 21st at 8:30pm**

Branch Committee Meeting New England Club, Occupation Road - You don't have to be a Committee member to attend. Why not take this opportunity to visit CAMRA's

Champion Club of East Anglia 2004.

## **Tuesday 22nd 7:00pm for 7:30pm**

National Pubs Week Slide Show, Cherry Tree, Oundle Road - A two part slide show featuring "Time, Gentlemen, Please" with Jill Collinge and "Unspoilt Pubs" with Mick Slaughter. Free Entry - Donations please



## **Wednesday 23rd at 8:30 pm**

National Pubs Week Beer and Cheese Evening Royal Oak, Walton  
Bring some cheese for the cheese board and make the most extensive board seen in any pub in the area -- then eat and enjoy with good beer.

**Thursday 24th at 8:30 pm**  
**Pub of the Year Presentation**  
**to the Palmerston Arms**  
**at the Palmy, Oundle Road.**

## *Pubs Week Continued*

### **Friday 25th at 8:00 pm**

Beer and Curry Night Kashmir Balti. Meet at the Greyhound, Lincoln Road at 8pm, then on to the Balti and then to the Hand & Heart, the only pub in our area in the National Inventory.

### **Saturday 26th**

City Centre Crawl

Meet Brewery Tap, 1 pm; Wortley Almshouses, 1.45; Bogarts, 2.30; Charters, 3.30; Cherry Tree, 4.15; Palmerston, 5 pm; Coalheavers, 6 pm. Visit as few or as many as you like at the right times to meet up.

To find out more, why not visit the National Pubs Week website ([www.camra.org.uk/pub-week](http://www.camra.org.uk/pub-week))

Pubs in the branch area who would like promotional material for National Pubs Week should contact Harry Morten (see Branch Contacts on page 27).

## **Santas Refused**

Fifty Santas on a pub crawl collecting for charity were shocked to find themselves being refused entry to two pubs. But not because they had reindeer or even because they were wearing the wrong footwear. They were refused because they were wearing sants hats and beards.

Far from enjoying the occassion and seeing the funny side when the Santas, all from Peterborough Rugby Club, turned up with collecting tins, th door staff at O'Neills Irish Bar and Edwards, in Broadway refused to let them in unless they removed their hats and beards so that they could be recognised on CCTV. Michael Royal, social secretary of the Rugby Club, said, "In every pub we went into, we

sang Santa Claus Is Coming To Town.

Everyone was laughing and all the cars were beeping their horns at us."

The event still managed to raise £1,000 for local children's charities, but it would obviously have been more if they had been allowed entry to the two bars.

Perhaps the owners/managers of the two venues should do the honourable thing and show that they can get into the Christmas spirit by making a sizeable donation.

## **Thinking Ahead**

The next two issues of Beer Around 'Ere will be published in early March and Early May. May is traditionally Mild Month. If the pub you run or the pub you drink in will be serving real mild ale in May, then please let us know so that we can put a list in the newsletter and on our web site. If the pub sells mild all year round, we would like to know that too.

Please send Mild Info to Harry Morten (see contacts page) or e-mail the details to [mild@real-ale.org.uk](mailto:mild@real-ale.org.uk)

If you want to advertise your mild in this newsletter, then the March issue would be a good bet. Contact Neil Richards (see contacts page).

While we are on the subject of what pubs do, we are keen to assemble better details of all pubs in our area (about 20 to 25 miles radius of Peterborough) to enable us to update the pub guide on our web site. We want all the gen from the rooms, decor, beers, games, facilities, events. Please send any details about your pub or the pub that you drink in to Steve Williams (see contacts page) or take a look at the pub in the pub guide on our web site [www.real-ale.org.uk](http://www.real-ale.org.uk) and add a note there and then.





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### 15 years ago

Boddingtons had just sold its brewery to Whitbread for £50.7 million. We wondered how long the Higsons and Oldham breweries would survive and by 1990 both were gone. And now the 230 year old Manchester brewery is at risk of closure by Inbev.

Norwich Union were fighting to be able to close Cumbergate at night despite the fact that during the 1970's public enquiry into the shopping centre it was declared that the public right of way should remain.

The Old Coachhouse at Market Deeping had opened after being derelict for eighteen months and the beer was 70p a pint.

Dave Murray had just taken over from Derek Gibson as BAE editor.

### 10 years ago

Our September crawl started in Etton at the Golden Pheasant and noted that the pub has no keg beer at all. Fitting then, that the Palmerston Arms has no keg beer as the licensees, Dave and Tracy, used to be at the Golden Pheasant.

Finally the party arrived in Bourne where the pub generated the comment, "Surely there is an opening for an enterprising licensee to try some unusual beers in the town". So well done to Mick Thurlby and Smiths of Bourne ten years on.

There were new pubs in Peterborough including "the extremely well built Beehive fast becoming a popular watering hole" and the Posh Pub at the football stadium of P.U.F.C. which opened its doors, selling a variety of cask ales. After a scare, in which one of our best supported, and popular pubs in recent years, Bogarts, closed. It reopened within a short time. Funny how history repeats - Bogarts has recently reopened again. Charters Cafe Bar on the river described as "a well known and popular ale house" had served over 200 guest ales in less than a year. They were selling Highgate Mild for £1 but the Tut and

Shive wanted £1.95 for a pint of Exmoor Gold.

Only a few days before Ken Clark's budget, S & N increased beer prices by an average of 12 pence. They obviously didn't give a fig about duty level reductions that the rest of the industry were pleading for.

### 5 years ago

In 1993 the law was changed to make duty payable when beer left the brewery rather than when it was brewed. At this time it was agreed that duty should be charged on the declared contents on the label or invoice provided that the actual contents were within 1% of the stated contents. Customs and Excise decided, without consultation or reference to parliament, to charge duty on the exact contents rather than the declared contents. Brewers were, therefore, faced with either paying more duty per cask or installing very expensive meters to ensure exact fill.

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You need to be a CAMRA member to nominate a pub and the must have done something new to help the cause of CAMRA or Real Ale drinkers such as adding guest beers, improving the ale quality, adding real ale in a bottle or traditional cider, introducing traditional pub games, etc, etc.

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

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

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## **MPs RALLY BEHIND CALL FOR A FULL PINT**

A new campaign to put an end to the Great British beer rip off was launched at a reception on 14th December in the House of Commons. A new cross party Parliamentary Motion is calling on the Government to protect consumers from short beer measures in forthcoming Weights and Measures legislation, by defining a pint of beer as 100 per cent. liquid.

The current law fails to protect consumers from short beer measures, as a result:

- \* 9 in 10 pints are short measure
- \* 1 in 4 pints are more than 5% short measure
- \* Short measure costs consumers £400 million a year, or over £1million a day

MPs expressed concern at Government proposals to redefine a pint as "not less than 95% liquid". This would make the problem of short measure worse by giving dishonest licensees a green light to short change consumers.

Dennis Turner MP said: "This is the only piece of weights and measures legislation that is not on the statute book to protect consumers. Over 15 million beer drinkers lose out because of short measure"

Mike Benner, CAMRA's Chief Executive stated that: "The Government has promised to protect consumers from short beer measures, but the proposal for a 95% pint will have the opposite effect. CAMRA members will be lobbying MPs to get behind the campaign for an Honest Pint Law."

### **Lobby your MP**

Send your MP an email or letter asking them to support the campaign for an honest pint

\* Weights and Measures legislation applies to England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland and will be decided by the UK Parliament

## **CAMRA announces winners of the best pub grub for kids competition**

The 'Beyond a Chicken Nugget' competition was developed, in conjunction with the organisers of British Food Fortnight, following regular media reports on the unhealthy eating habits of our youth. The aim was to reward and promote pubs that went out of their way to cater for children, offering them a diverse range of imaginative, healthy and seasonal menus in an environment that the whole family could enjoy."

The judging panel scored the pubs on price, vegetable choice, naming menu items and regional choice. There were two categories and the winner of 'Best Use of Seasonal or Regional Produce' was The Three Fishes in Mitton, Lancashire and 'The Best Imaginative Menu' was won by The Three Horseshoes in Scottow, Norfolk.

Unusually for CAMRA, the competition invited nominations from both CAMRA members and non-members, as it was a competition for all consumers. Both categories stated that the children's main course nominated should retail at £5 or less.

Opened in September 2004, The Three Fishes is seen as 'a real pub with real food' with features such as log fires, fine cask ales and organic cider. Menus feature producers and growers from Lancashire along with reference to the region's culinary history.

Murray Thexton of the Three Horseshoes said, "We put together a special children's menu that was designed to provide plenty of fun with the design. This menu has since developed to offer the children more variety and even includes the offer of the main menu - with smaller portions available.

Murray and Vicky Lombard have been licensees of The Three Horseshoes since March 2000.



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## On the move

If any of our readers find themselves in Southam, Warwickshire, then call into the Black Dog in Market Hill for a friendly face. It is now run by Nic James, one of our committee members for many years and a regular on the membership and information area at the beer festival. They have Batemans XB, Adnams Broadside and Shepherd Neame Spitfire on the bar so far.

## AND FINALLY...the last Christmas story I'll allow until at least September!

### Beer reward for Baby Jesus

Nov 18, 2004 - The Southern Australia Brewing Co. in Adelaide is offering six cases of beer for the return of a stolen baby Jesus after someone swiped the infant Christ figure

from a nativity scene.

The nativity scene is part of the brewery's wider Christmas display - an Adelaide tradition for the past 45 years.

Brewery managing director Mark Powell said security footage showed a man scaling a fence and swiping baby Jesus from his manger. "The Christmas riverbank display has been an icon event in South Australia and this is the first time that anything of this kind has happened," Powell said.

"We are very concerned about the well being of baby Jesus and we are calling for his swift and safe return."

Powell said the reward of beer shouldn't be necessary. "... you would have thought that the incentive of a guaranteed exit through the right door after purgatory would be enough of an incentive in itself," he said.

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