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RECRUIT A FRIEND!

Branch membership has now reached 170 and our aim for 2005 is to increase this to 200. Quite an ambitious plan for a small branch, but one we are sure we can reach *with your help*. We are asking each branch member to recruit just one person within the remainder of this year, and that will more than see us past our objective.

Our socials are now well advertised, and are attracting more and more people from all ages and all walks of life. See back page for events coming in next few months, and where Tony says “please book early”, then please do, as you may be disappointed!

NOT A MEMBER YET?

See page 10 for membership application, and don’t forget, join by direct debit and **get three months free!** Send your application form to Alan Binnigton whose address is on page 15.

Membership by area: Arlesey: 11, Putnoe: 1, Broom: 1, Langford: 7, Stanford: 2, Upper Caldecote: 3, Lower Caldecote: 1, Biggleswade: 46, Upper Stondon: 1, Lower Stondon: 3, Henlow: 17, Stotfold: 21, Potton: 17, Everton: 3, Tempsford: 1, Wrestlingworth: 1, Clifton: 3, Meppershall: 1, Cockayne Hatley: 1, Sandy: 5. With several others from around the area and “out of Branch”

You can see we have coverage in every Village/Town we represent. Just a few more from one or two areas and we will reach our target of 200 by the end of 2005

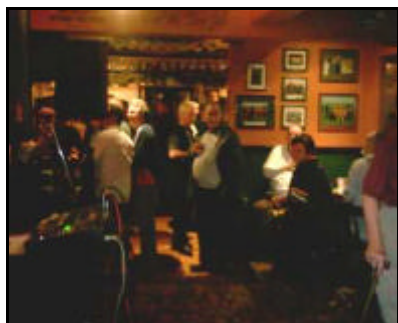
Our tenth birthday party

East Beds Camra celebrated our tenth year with a party at the Engineers Arms, Henlow in October.

Over 72 Camra members attended, including guests from other local branches, and our regional director, Mike Harvey and his wife, who came all the way from Southend –on -Sea to be with us. An excellent buffet was provided and entertainment from Steve Wilson and Paul.

Mike Harvey presented Kevin and Claire of the Engineers with the certificate for the Bedfordshire Pub Of The Year for the third year in a row.

This was without doubt the best attended function the branch has ever had. We are finding more and more people now attending our socials, and having a good time. Trips out are almost always fully subscribed now, so as soon as you see something you would like to attend on posters in Pubs, or on our website (www.eastbedscamra.org), book quickly or you may be disappointed!





Music's good!



Presentation for Bedfordshire Pub of the Year



Idle chatter



A study in concentration



Where's me beer?

OUR TENTH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



Tudor Oaks

Astwick

Our annual dinner was combined in 2004 to also celebrate ten years of East Bedfordshire CAMRA.

The meal was held at the Tudor Oaks for the second year running and 18 members attended.

The Oaks usually serves around six Real Ales at any one time, a very varied range, mainly from micros.

The selection on the night did not

Disappoint.

The food is always of exceptional quality here and some of the best sea food and fish anywhere! (The steaks are brilliant too!)

All those attending had a very good night!

Quiz Answers

- 1) The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe
- 2) Canberra (yes it is)
- 3) Coronation Street
- 4) Eight
- 5) A fishing fly
- 6) Mussorgsky
- 7) It's a star (in the constellation of Orion)
- 8) Michael Caine
- 9) Trafalgar
- 10) A fish

Quiz compiled by Chris Bunyan

Find the Quiz on page 12



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B & T Brewery trip

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Bedfordshire CAMRA 30th birthday celebrations

Charles Wells

As a further part of our 30th Birthday celebrations, Charles Wells invited us along to the Brewery in December for a party, along with a demonstration of beer flavours.

The evening was well attended with around 70 people from all three Bedfordshire branches.

We were treated to the usual excellent Wells beers, and also the Christmas special, which was extremely Moorish.

A hot meal was supplied complete with Christmas pudding.

The biggest surprise was the Birthday cake that Charles Wells Had baked for us! An extremely Pleasant evening for which we thank them immensely.

B & T Brewery trip

Banks and Taylor played host to around 70 members in December from Bedfordshire to celebrate 30 years of CAMRA in the county.

As with all B & T hosted events the beer flowed generously and the food afterwards in the Brewery Tap was excellent.

One of the advantages of CAMRA membership can be that you get to join us on these FREE trips!

As you can see from our photograph of some of the happy revelers from East Beds, the hospitality did not go to waste. Five of Banks and Taylors very popular Ales were available for us to taste, and all served "straight from the wood".

May we take this opportunity to publicly thank the management of B & T for an excellent evening

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PUB NEWS

Bricklayers Arms, Potton

The Bricklayers Arms, re-opened on the 8th December 2004 after extensive decoration work undertaken by the new landlords, Phil and Diana. The pub had been closed for a few months and concern had been expressed because of Green King's policy of closing down pubs, happily this has been proven wrong in this case.

This is Phil and Diana's first pub. They were looking for a pub with a good friendly atmosphere and they feel they have succeeded in this as they were given a warm welcome from the locals. They are keen to keep the real ale flowing and have four handpumps at present dispensing Green King IPA, Abbott and Adnams' Broadside. They want to keep the traditional feel to the pub and have a dart board and will soon be looking for a darts team, they also intend to do quiz nights. Food is not yet available but they are looking to doing lunch time snacks evening meals.

The Lord Roberts, Sandy.

opened its doors for business, on Saturday 4th December, after a complete refurbishment. It is now a one bar pub with more room in what was the public bar.

The new licensees are Bob and Pauline Wilkins. Bob has been in the trade for many years and a spell in North Bedfordshire at the White Horse, Wymington.


His last pub was the Crooked Billet, Berkhamstead.

Bob's passion for Real Ale was expressed in his disappointed at their being only two hand pumps, serving Charles Wells' Eagle and Skinner's Cornish Knockers, at the time of visit.

Grub could be limited as part of the kitchen was taken up to allow disabled access to the rear of the pub.

We wish Bob and Pauline the best of luck in their new venture.


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Golden Pheasant, Biggleswade

John and Dawn Mc Neil have now been here for 21 months.

Beers are Wells Eagle IPA and Bombardier.

Smoking is allowed throughout the premises, and children welcome to 7.30 pm. Food served lunchtimes and evenings and to 3.30 on Sundays.

Opening times are 11.00—11.00, 12 Noon to 10.30 pm Sundays.

Stratton House Hotel, Biggleswade

Hotel bars often leave a lot to be desired, deserts of nitro-keg and bottled Becks. The same cannot be said for the Stratton House in Biggleswade!

Now owned and run by the same family that own the Crown at Northill, a lot of care has been put into the selection of Ales and food. The proprietor, Marion Hawkes-Blodau, takes a great pride in her establishment and this is reflected in the smart décor and comfortable seating in the bar area-the restaurant is equally smart.

The Stratton is a Free House and stocks three well kept ales at any one time. Beers from the Potton Brewery are favourites with the regulars so you can usually find one on.

Village bike when I popped in. The others ales at the time of my visit were Adnams Bitter and Wells Eagle IPA.

The Hotel offers 30 rooms, all en-suite, and so the Stratton has a decent sized car park attached if you are driving there, although it is only a three minute walk from the station.

The Bar and Restaurant have extensive no smoking areas and well behaved kids are welcome. The Restaurant serves lunch and evening meals all week which are of the same high standard as the Crown, Northill. The food is all home cooked and prepared by Frank and his daughter Anita.

The Stratton is a friendly, well looked after venue, definitely worth a visit, even if just for the chance to drink something other than Greene King or Wells in Biggleswade!

Geoff Mason

Crown, Stotfold.

Kathryn Taylor has now been “mine Host” at the Crown for a little over four months.

It is Kathryn’s first pub, and she would like to expand the cask ale selection from the current Greene King IPA, to include other beers.

The Christmas period was particularly successful, her first in her new Pub where, she says, the locals are very friendly. It does attract the younger set, but also Caters for all ages!

Pub News



Boot, Langford.

The Boot has recently re-opened After re-furbishment

This Charles Wells Pub has seen a spate of different Landlords over the last few years, but is now run by the same Landlord as the Golden Pheasant, Biggleswade, so we look forward to a bit more stability. 3 Real Ales are served, Eagle, Bombardier plus one other. No restaurant any more, but bar snacks are readily available. Music once per month.



Plough, Langford

Greene King IPA and Old Speckled Hen, with possibly

Abbot coming soon! Music monthly, Irish music on March 17th



Old Coach, House, Potton

Ian Standingford used to run a B&B in Scotland with his parents until they retired a couple of years ago and moved to Spain. Ian decided to “come out of the trade” altogether, and so he moved to Wooton near Bedford.

In the middle of last year a friend introduced him to The Old Coach House, they became business partners and bought the place.

Having been here for just over 6 months, Ian has kept the beer range, Potton, Shannon IPA and Shambles, along with Adnams and a rotating guest. Tight sparklers are used on the beers as that is how the regulars like it served, but Ian is happy to remove them if asked. On our visit the Adnams was excellent!

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2. A Customer is not dependant on us – We are dependent on him.
- 3 A Customer is not an interruption of our work. He is the purpose of it.
- 4 A Customer does us a favour when he calls – we are not doing him a favour by serving him.
- 5 A Customer is part of our business, not an outsider.
- 6 A Customer is not a cold statistic – he is flesh and blood human being with feelings and emotions like our own.
- 7 A Customer is not someone to argue or match wits with.
- 8 A Customer is one who brings us his wants – it is our job to fill those wants.
- 9 A Customer is deserving of the most courteous and attentive treatment we can give him.

How often have you been into a pub and wondered if you have been seen by the staff whilst they go on with their business or chatting with friends when a simple word of welcome is sufficient to show you have been noticed.

Good Ales, Food and Pleasant Atmosphere are important to bringing back a visiting customer after his initial visit.

Luckily in our area we have many publicans who appreciate our custom but unfortunately there are exceptions.

On a recent visit to a local pub I pointed out that a guest ale listed was not a guest ale for the pub whereas one listed in the ordinary list was in fact a guest ale. The response from the landlord was it was of no concern of mine that he was deceiving the customer. He had already lost a regular party of visitors due to their being felt they were not wanted. Not a way of keeping customers.

As Real Ale drinkers we all conditioned beer at reasonable prices and a comfortable pleasant atmosphere.

Clifford Luff



**Brown Bear,
Biggleswade**

How the mighty have fallen! This once great Pub, serving 9 Real Ales had been reduced to just two on a recent visit. It just proves that A Landlord and Landlady can make or break a pub!

Queens Head, Sandy. On a recent visit to this Sandy Pub our researcher was very pleasantly surprised to find five Real Ales on. Unusual in itself, but even more unusual when the Queens Head is a Greene King Pub! All were very good too!

It takes all sorts to campaign for real ale



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East Bedfordshire Campaign for Real Ale

East Bedfordshire Pub of the year The Engineers Arms, Henlow.

This Pub is winning awards everywhere and is known throughout the country for the variety and quality of its beers. As many as twenty a week are served, and the place is always busy, especially on a Friday evening or a Sunday tea time!

To call the landlord a “character” would be an understatement.

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Community Pub of the Year The Wheatsheaf, Biggleswade.

Situated in Lawrence road, behind the library and fire Station, the Wheatsheaf has been a Pub since 1873.

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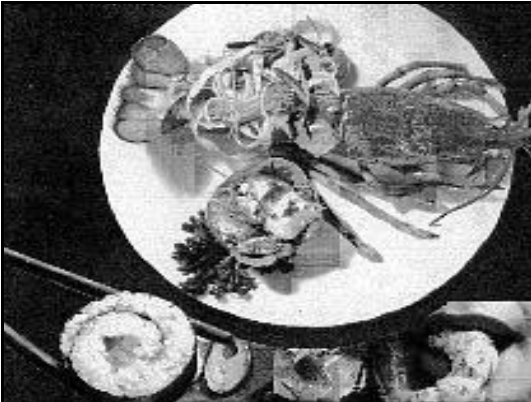
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- 1) In what book does Asian the Lion appear?
- 2) What is the capital of Australia?
- 3) Minnie Caldwell was an original member of the cast of characters in which long-running TV soap?
- 4) How many legs does a spider have?
- 5) What is a Coch-y-bundhu?
- 6) Who wrote the musical "Pictures at an exhibition"?
- 7) What is "Beetlejuice"?
- 8) What mega-star actor's first main role was as Lieutenant Bromhead in "Zulu"?
- 9) October 21st 2005 is the 200th anniversary of which battle?
- 10) What sort of creature is a Bombay Duck ?

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The Adnams Board planning for the future

Adnams has released plans for future changes to its Board following the announcement that Simon Loftus intends to retire as Chairman in August 2006. In the planned succession, Jonathan Adnams will become Executive Chairman of Adnams, and Andy Wood will be promoted to Managing Director from the position of Sales and Marketing Director. Both appointments will be effective from August 2006.

Jonathan Adnams, 48, joined the company in 1973 working in brewery engineering and has worked in all areas of the business.

He joined the board in 1988 and was appointed Managing Director in 1997. Andy Wood, 44, started at Adnams in 1994 having previously worked with Norwich Union. He joined the board of Adnams in 2000 with responsibility for Sales, marketing, Customer Services and the Adnams Wine business.

In addition Steve Curzon, 42, is appointed to the Board as Marketing Director with immediate effect. Steve joined Adnams last February as Head of Marketing, following senior marketing appointments at Nestle and the Lawn Tennis Association.



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Sat 26th National Pubs Week
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Wed 30th Branch Meeting, 8
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April

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