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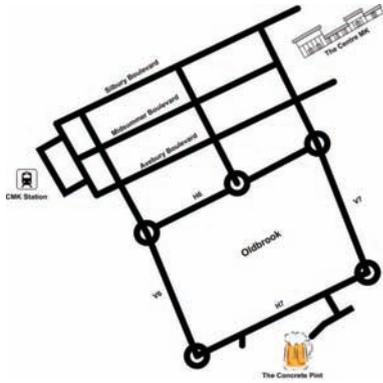
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THURSDAY OCTOBER
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Yes folks, it's time to sink a Concrete Pint again. Milton Keynes Beer Festival is well and truly back, and kicks off on Thursday October 30 at 12:00 at 'The Pitz', Woughton Leisure Centre, Rainbow Drive MK6 5EJ, just off Chaffron Way (H7)

between V6 and V7; the same venue as last year.

Once more we shall be offering you a mouthwatering selection of 50+ of the very best Real Ales, including some of this year's Champion Beers of Britain, plus a selection of Ciders and Perry. There will be food on sale throughout the event, tombola to play, and a souvenir glass to take home.

The festival will be open from 12:00 till 22:30 on all three days and admission will be £3 after 17:00 on Thursday and Friday, free at all other times. CAMRA members will be admitted free of charge to all sessions on production of a current membership card.

So – clear your diaries and come along for a great time. Buses 5, 5E, 7, 7E, 29, and 39 all connect the venue with CMK railway station, and any taxi driver should know where the Pitz is.

For up to date information, including the beer list when it is finalised, please visit <http://www.mkcamra.org.uk>

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Pub News

News from the Lamb, Stoke Goldington, our POTY 2008.

A big thank-you to Rachel and Steve for putting on a splendid party on Saturday 9th August to celebrate their eighth anniversary at the Lamb. Despite the rain, a good time was had by all, with a great choice of ale, and a cask of cider too. Congratulations Steve and Rachel! The Lamb will be hosting its third annual 'WhamBamThankYouLamb!' Festival of Jazz, Blues and music generally, on Saturday September 6th. There will be six live acts - Roadrunner, Pink Cardiacs, After The Lights, Dirty Bizness, Anti-Vigilante, and Welborn Trio, with a pig roast to wash down with the usual great choice of ales and ciders. Tickets £5 from the Lamb (01908 551233). Also at the Lamb on Saturday October 11th, local band Cloud9 will be playing live. Details from the pub nearer the time.

Bikes and Bands at the Robin Hood, Clifton Reynes.

Chocolate Badger - The Best Party Band In The Universe + support will be playing loudly in the pub garden on Saturday 6th September. Tickets £10 from the pub (01234 711574 or www.therobinhoodpub.co.uk) Rev up for the Mabon Motorbike Rally on Fri 19th, Sat 20th and Sun 21st September. Tickets £8 from derek.nicol@ntlworld.com

Buckingham Pub News

There's live music coming on Friday nights to the Mitre. On September 8th, Loose Covers will be playing, October 17th sees Pete Edwards on Keyboard, and the Loz Jones band will strike upon November 15th. All these gigs are free of charge, and kick off at 8 pm. More info 01280 813080.

News from the Wild West of our area!

The Stratton Arms at Turweston is selling Cherwell Valley beers brewed in nearby Brackley – an excellent example of what CAMRA calls LocAle. The Reindeer at Westbury closed at the time of going to press, but we understand new tenants are lined up and will be installed, and the pub open again, before the year is out.

The New Inn at Padbury has recently been awarded Cask Marque status with reported top marks in its assessment. The award is the latest stage in a major turnaround since new licensees Nicola and Terry took charge. The new team have updated the interior, added a dining room, slung the fruit machine, and offer two regularly changing real ales, and home-prepared food cooked by Terry himself. Anyone who hasn't visited this small pub on the A413 recently will be pleasantly surprised at the difference.

NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of Beer Moos will be published on 1st December. We must have your stories, news and advertisements by: 20th November
Late copy cannot be guaranteed entry.

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Pub News continued

Hanslope news – Beers, Bangs, and Beauty!

Sad News for all regulars at the Globe in Hanslope! The lovely Amie (head barmaid) has moved on. Good news! The equally lovely Laura has arrived to take her place, and the beer and the welcome are just as grand as ever. All the more reason to jump on a number 33 bus to Long Street and admire the ale and the changes.....

The Globe is staging its Autumn Beer and Fireworks Festival on Thursday 30th, Friday 31st and Saturday 1st November. Thursday and Friday will be from noon to midnight and Saturday from noon to 3pm. Beer will be £2 a pint, pies and rolls £1.50. There are two bonfire and firework events on the Saturday evening - at 6pm for children and 8.30pm for adults, though many families stay on for both displays. This event runs concurrently with our own CAMRA festival in Milton Keynes, so why not pay a visit to both?

Also in Hanslope, Beer Moos understands the Watts Arms has new licensees. We welcome them, and wish them a successful tenure. Word is the ales there are pretty good too!

News from the Brickhills

Enjoy a great day out in Little Brickhill ON September 14th at the Old Green Man's welcoming garden, with its lovely views. There will be a bouncy castle, Caribbean BBQ, face painting, raffle, games, and local farmers' market stalls. And of course, lots of real ale at the bars! This event is to raise money for cystic fibrosis research. Phone 01525 261253.

It's Costa time at Great Brickhill, so get out those castanets from Benidorm; put on that flamenco dress you picked up in Ibiza, and head for Old Red Lion for a Spanish Dining Experience on Friday September 26th. For £20 per head you can enjoy Calamares, Paella, and Rioja in a evening celebrating all things Spanish. Bookings and further info on 01525 261715. Olé!

Castlethorpe and Deanshanger pubs remain closed

As Beer Moos goes to press we were disappointed to hear that the Carrington Arms community pub, the only one in Castlethorpe village, has closed and its future is unclear. If any Beer Moos readers can enlighten us on what is happening at the Carrington, please mail the editor (editor@mkcamra.org.uk).

Also as we go to press the Fox and Hounds at Deanshanger is currently closed. Luckily for residents, though, the nearby Beehive is open, thriving, and welcoming!

The Anchor, Aspley Guise

Four branch members attended the recent beer and wine tasting at the Anchor, and greatly enjoyed the event. The wines and bottled beers were all good and the buffet excellent. The Landlord and his team were most hospitable, making everyone feel welcome; the staff from Greene King were also very friendly, and informative about their products. Greene King hopes to put on similar evenings in all their pubs, so keep a lookout for the next event. Beer Moos would like to thank the Anchor and Greene King for a most pleasant and interesting evening.



The Victoria Inn, Bradwell - Runner-up Pub of the Year 2008

A very worthy runner-up in our 2008 Pub of the Year competition was the Victoria Inn in Bradwell Village, Milton Keynes. Though quite centrally located, this small, very traditional free-house retains the ambience of the village local it once was, and landlord Dean Davies keeps a changing selection of ales in excellent condition, from a vast range of breweries, our own Concrete Cow brewery included. Our heartiest congratulations to Dean, seen here (right) receiving his certificate from CAMRA branch chairman Phil Swinbank.

Other News

Gawcott Beer Festival

After the great success of Gawcott's 2007 beer festival, they are holding one again on Saturday 13th from 12 noon till dusk.

It will be held on the Richard Roper playing field, making use of the sports pavilion, large beer marquee & many smaller ones, and there will be 12+ different beers, four ciders, live music, two Pig Roasts and a BBQ. Children are welcome to enjoy the bouncy castle, soft drinks, and ice cream. There will also be craft stalls, a car-boot sale, tug of war, falconry display, steam engine rides, and many more things to keep everyone amused.

For more information contact Bob Herring on 01280 815855

Vale Brewery

Vale Brewery, of Brill, reports successful progress and is brewing 7 days a week. They have just started bottling VPA, previously available in cask form only. They have updated the bottle labels for VPA, Grumpling, and Wychert and will have Gravitass ready when capacity permits.

The easiest way to sample Vale's excellent beers is to visit their flagship pub, the Hop Pole on Bicester Road, Aylesbury HP19 9AZ. This alehouse usually has the entire Vale range on sale, plus a fine selection of guest ales. Aylesbury is readily and speedily reached from Milton Keynes by Arriva's X100 coach.

Concrete Cow Brewery

Our very own local brewery has produced yet another delicious beer. Called Fenny Popper in honour of the famous cannons at Fenny Stratford church, it's a light (4.0% ABV) zesty ale brewed with Cascade hops, and is available in both cask and bottled versions.

Famous Merseyside Brewery goes into Administration

Cains Beer Company of Liverpool has been placed in administration with a pledge to support a buyer who will keep the historic former Higson's brewery

in production.

The brewer had a stand at the Great British Beer Festival held at Earl's Court in early August, where its beers, which included IPA, Cask Lager, a delicious dark Mild, Raisin Beer, and 2008 Culture Beer brewed to celebrate Liverpool as the European City of Culture, proved popular with festival visitors.

Mike Benner, CAMRA's Chief Executive, said, "Beer drinkers in Liverpool should not lose out because of the credit crunch and we will support any company that puts forward a rescue plan for the ailing brewer to ensure great beer continues to be brewed at the Stanhope Street Brewery. We hope that the Cains stand at the Great British Beer Festival won't be the 'last stand' for Cains' beers."



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☞ Items marked with a ☞ symbol are 'official' CAMRA events.

SEPTEMBER 2008

Thursday September 11th 20.00 Launch of Good Beer Guide 2009 Robin Hood, Clifton Reynes

Friday September 26th ☞ Young Members' Pub Crawl round Stony Stratford. Meet 18.30 at the 'Plough'. Details from [Carl ypc@mkcamra.org.uk](mailto:Carl.ypc@mkcamra.org.uk)

Monday September 29th 20.00 ☞ Branch Meeting Red Lion, Fenny Lock, Fenny Stratford

OCTOBER

Wednesday 8th to Saturday 11th October
Wed 16.00-23.00 Thu-Sat 11.30-23.00 Bedford CAMRA Beer Festival, Corn Exchange, St Paul's Square, Bedford.

Saturday October 11th 14.30
Social – Visit to Bedford Beer Festival, Corn Exchange, St Paul's Square, Bedford. Travel by X5

October 30th to November 1st 12.00-10.30
Concrete Pint Beer Festival 2008

The Pitz, Woughton Campus Leisure Centre MK6 5EJ

NOVEMBER

Thursday November 13th 20.00 ☞ Social Old Swan, Astwood

Monday November 24th 20.00 ☞ Branch Meeting Green Man, Silver St, Newport Pagnell

Every Sunday

informal social J D Wetherspoons, Midsummer Bvd, Milton Keynes 18.00-20.00 Ask bar staff to point us out if you don't already know us. This should be just one, undated entry.

LocAle and Editor's Beef



CAMRA LocAle is a new initiative that promotes pubs stocking locally brewed real ale. The scheme builds on growing consumer demand for quality local produce, and increased awareness of 'green' issues.

Everyone benefits from local pubs stocking locally-brewed real ale...

- Public houses, as stocking local real ales can increase pub visits
- Consumers, who enjoy greater beer choice and diversity
- Local brewers, who gain from increased sales
- The local economy, because more money is spent and retained locally
- The environment - fewer 'beer miles'
- Tourism, due to an increased sense of local identity

Some of your questions answered...

Q What is CAMRA's definition of local?

A Each participating CAMRA branch decides what they think 'local' means for their area. Milton Keynes and North Bucks CAMRA has decided on a generously interpreted 30 mile radius from the city limits. On this basis, the following breweries are 'LocAle' to Milton Keynes:

B&T (Shefford), Cherwell Valley (Brackley), Chiltern (Terrick), Frog Island (Northampton), Great Oakley (Corby), Hoggleys (Litchborough), Nobbys and Pot Belly (Kettering), Oxfordshire (Marsh Gibbon), Potton, Tring, Vale (Brill), Wells and Young (Bedford) and White Park (Cranfield).

Q How is the distance between the brewery and my pub measured?

A The distance is the shortest driving distance, as calculated by AA or RAC Route Planners.

Q What if beer from a local brewery goes to a distribution centre many miles away before being delivered back to my pub?

A If the brewery is local to your pub then the beer

still qualifies as LocAle. Encouraging pubs to serve local real ales is the first step to reducing beer miles.

Q What about licensees barred from stocking local beer by their lease or tenancy agreement?

A CAMRA suggests you to ask your Business Relationship Manager if a special arrangement can be made to enable you to sell one local real ale. The Society of independent Brewers' Direct Delivery Scheme allows some lessees of Punch Taverns, Enterprise Inns and Admiral Taverns to stock one real ale delivered direct from a local brewer.

For more on LocAle visit

<http://www.camra.org.uk/page.aspx?o=locale>

EDITOR'S BEEF - BRAND MEANS BLAND

A question to wine-drinkers reading this. When did you last buy a bottle of Hironnelle or Le Piat d'Or? Do you even remember them? If you do, the memory's probably one best forgotten. Yet these were once heavily advertised and widely available brands of table wine.

These days, no half-decent wine is sold by brand. But brewers, at least the big ones, seem stuck in the branding time warp. Greene King is perhaps the worst offender, relentlessly pushing its IPA and Abbot with massive discounts and huge advertising budgets. Even the more traditional outfits like Marstons and Fullers are on the branding bandwagon, with mass promotion of Pedigree and London Pride. Yet all three companies produce a rich variety of fine ales you never see plugged in the supplements or on TV, and small brewers don't get a look-in.

At one level we should, I suppose, be grateful that in this age of shots, alcopops, and urine-grade lager, serious money is being spent promoting real ale at all. But the effect is still baleful for anyone who cherishes the wonderful variety of ale that exists out there, but which increasingly you have to visit a beer festival or specialist ale house to enjoy. For the

ubiquity of branded beers reduces that variety to a handful – and often a handful of the least interesting.

How often have you walked into a strange pub, full of anticipation of sampling a brew you've not tried before, only to find the a line-up of pump clips like the following – Tetleys, Greene King IPA, London Pride, Pedigree, 6X, Draught Bass? Some of these are about the blandest and least interesting ales in the universe, but even where they're not, the fact they turn up everywhere means local beers can't get an outlet.

Choice is reduced in other ways too. By its nature, Real Ale can really only be sold in a pub. But the (very necessary) drink-driving taboo means that, for those not lucky enough to live where there is a wide selection of pubs and good public transport, the only choice is to use whatever tavern one can walk or cycle to.

Normal market forces just don't apply here. If I dislike Tesco, I can shop elsewhere. But if my only local doesn't sell decent ale, what are my options then? Only two - stay at home, or drink ale I don't like - probably some bland national brand, whose good sales figures then assure the pubco or brewer that it's what the customers want, so they don't change it.

Maybe the answer lies in drinking bottle-conditioned ale at home. But this is a solitary pleasure compared with the convivial joys of the pub, and even if one invites friends round, the same transport problems arise unless they live within walking or cycling distance, which in a spread-out place like Milton Keynes isn't likely.

One reason why so many pubs are closing could be that would-be customers can't reach them.

Situations like this remind us how vitally we need a campaigning organisation like CAMRA to influence events, even where it can't direct them.

Jim Scott

THE WAY WE WERE BLETCHLEY BREWERIES LTD. 1851 - 1910



Above: Bletchley Brewery around 1910
Left: The Bull as it was



with a canal-side warehouse, they extended into a mediaeval barn next door (nowadays it would be festooned with preservation orders!) filling it with the usual brewing tackle of vats, pipes, steam, and chemicals, and it surprised commentators in 1911 how much remained of the old structure. This barn was part of a complex called the Guild.

In 1896 the Holdoms sold Bletchley Breweries to a Mr George Cave for £14,550 – a large sum in those days. Later it was bought by Aylesbury Brewery Company ('ABC') who closed and sold it in 1910. Brewery takeovers and closures are nothing new! The site is now occupied by the Wharfside Industrial Estate, a modern brick-built complex.

Next door however, stands an old-looking building whose address one website gives as the Chantry House and Guild Hall. Next to it is the Bull Hotel, obviously rebuilt since the old photo was taken,

The founder-proprietors were the Holdom family, who owned among other businesses the Bull and Butcher in Aylesbury Street. Soon they were supplying ale to about 50 pubs including (in Fenny) the Swan, Bull and Butcher, and Foundry Arms.

The Holdoms were an enterprising crew. Starting



Above: Could this be the wall of the old brewery? and now called Entertainers. But behind, in the car park, a very old looking wall runs back from the gable end of the Chantry house (see above photo). Could this be the last remnant of the Guild barn that once housed Bletchley Breweries Limited?

In the two accompanying old photographs, a vintage dray waits outside the brewery frontage while the men argue. The second photo was taken after the brewery closed, as the sign on the frontage now reads 'Motor Engineers'. The Commercial Hotel seems to have had two names, as the hanging sign says 'The Bull'. As to how the beer tasted - no records survive. Perhaps the recipes lie somewhere in the archives of Carlsberg, owners of the ABC brand, waiting for some enterprising brewer to bring them to life again.

The author thanks Guy Plumb of the Red Lion, Fenny Lock, for the old photographs and historical information for this article.

Jim Scott



Above: Bletchley Brewery site today

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His/Her Twelve Stages of Binge-Drinking

There has been so much grave and earnest talk about the evils and dangers of binge-drinking recently that Beer Moos decided – purely in the interests of balance – to give a lighter take with

these twelve stages, starting at zero.....

0 - Stone cold sober. Brain as sharp as a barmaid's stiletto.

1 - Still sober. Pleasant anticipation and feeling of well-being as first drinks are sunk.

2 - Booze starts to kick in. Crisps and peanuts bought. Depending on your gender (or proclivities!), barmaid complimented on tightness of blouse, barman on tightness of trousers.

3 - Crossword in newspaper is filled in. After a while, sod the clues, and just put down random letters and numbers. Repeat with Sudoku.

4 - Barmaid complimented on her bra/barman on his Calvins - both partially revealed when bending to get packets of crisps. Order half a dozen packets, at short intervals, while you leer.

5 - Have brilliant discussion with a guy at bar. Devise fool-proof scheme for winning lottery, sort out sport, save the world (male)/get giggly and intimate (female). Agree people are great everywhere, except for the bloody French. Realise guy said his name was Jacques, and isn't laughing.

6 - You are monarch of all you survey! Text your girl/boy-friend to tell them you love them and that they are gorgeously sexy. Discover you have

texted everyone in your phone's address book including your mother, neighbour, vicar, and boss.

7- Try to buy drink for person sitting at nearby table with partner. No reaction. Scribble message of love/lust on beer mats, and frisbee them across the room. Partner gets angry and tells you to come outside. You say it's cold outside, so s*d off.

8 - In slurred voice offer to buy drinks for everyone in bar. Go round the pub hugging the customers one by one. Fall over. Get up. Discover partner from 7 has decked you.

9 - Headache kicks in. Your drink tastes funny. Send it back. Tell landlord his beer/cider/whatever you were drinking (can you remember?) tastes worse than the p**s it turns into. Landlord isn't laughing. Fight nausea by trying to play fruit machine for ten minutes before noticing 'out of order' sign.

10 - Climb (unsteadily) on to table shouting about the broken machine taking your money. Talked down by landlady, who you offer to give a baby to (male)/show her husband how a Real Woman does it (female). Fall off table. Get up. Fall down again. Discover landlady has decked you.

11 - Speech no longer possible. Eventually manage to find door. Sit and take stock. Realise you are sitting on the wrong-sex toilet before you throw up and pass out. Landlord threatens to call police.

12 - Put in taxi by somebody. Give home address. Can't find front door. Discover you gave address of football club(male)/local Next branch (female). Get another cab home. Generally pleased at way evening has gone. Can't wait for next Saturday.....

Unlucky 13 - The next morning....FORGET IT!

REPORT VISIT TO GREAT OAKLEY BREWERY

Corby probably isn't the first town most of us would choose for a day out, but that's where sixteen of our members headed on July 3rd, for it contains a hidden gem in shape of Great Oakley Brewery.

Hidden literally, for the SatNav took our mini-coach down a wandering country lane with no brewery in sight. Then someone spotted a pile of casks in a farmyard, and we had at last – as the SatNav's synthesised lady primly admonished us – reached our destination.

And what a destination it was! Tucked away in a converted farm in a lovely setting on the fringe of Corby, this small brewery produces some of the most delicious ales on the planet, and after a brief but instructive tour from brewer and co-proprietor Phil Greenway, our group got down to the serious business of doing full justice to them! Cider drinkers were not forgotten, and Phil's wife Hazel put on a much-appreciated buffet for us. It was a very happy group indeed that made its reluctant way to the coach for the journey back.

One of Great Oakley's owners also has the Malt Shovel in Northampton, and its ales – which have quirky names like Wot's Occurring and Gobble – are widely available in the free trade. Locally, the Cannon in Newport Pagnell frequently has Great Oakley beers on sale. Wherever you are, look out for their ales –they will never disappoint you.



MOOSINGS FROM THE CHAIR

Very little space to "moos" in this issue on account of all the pub news. Thanks to everyone that responded to our request for news items.

A work colleague asked me why I was involved with CAMRA. I told him some of the issues that CAMRA campaigns about: against the replacement of real ale with keg, for improving quality, against the reduction of consumer choice because of brewery mergers and closures, for small brewers' access to market and for promoting pubs who keep their ale well.

"Yes, but what's your motivation", he said.

I thought about it for a bit, and came up with a more personal reason: I love real ale, and want to be able to continue drinking it into my old age.

But he still wouldn't take that answer. "No, but what's your motivation?"

Eventually I understood. He wanted me to admit that I enjoy going out for a drink.

OK. I admit it.

Cheers!

Phil Swinbank

CRINGE CORNER

A drunk gets on a bus late one night and collapses, burping loudly, into a seat beside a nun.

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CHAMPION BEERS of BRITAIN 2008

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Nomination of candidate beers is almost an ongoing task, but the finalists are chosen on a regional basis via local tasting panels and regional beer judging competitions. This ensures a good geographical spread for the finalists of this prestigious award. The tastings are done blind from completely covered casks with each beer identified only by a number. Here are the results, for licensees to consider stocking, festivals to order, and customers to request.

Champion Beer of Britain 2008: Triple fff Brewery's ALTON'S PRIDE (Hampshire)

Runner-up: Beckstones Brewery's Black Dog Freddy (Cumbria)

Third: Wickwar Brewery's Station Porter (Gloucestershire)

Here are the Gold Winners in all the categories:

Mild: Beckstones, Black Dog Freddy (Cumbria)

Bitter: Triple fff, Alton's Pride (Hampshire)

Best Bitter: Skinner's, Betty Stogs (Cornwall)

Strong Bitter: Thornbridge, Jaipur IPA (Derbyshire)

Golden Ale: Otley, O1 (Mid Glamorgan)

Speciality Beer: Otley, O-Garden (Mid Glamorgan)

Bottled-Conditioned Beer: Wye Valley, Dorothy Goodbody's Wholesome Stout (Herefordshire)

Champion Winter Beer of Britain (announced in Jan 2008): Wickwar, Station Porter

American cask-conditioned beer: Lost Abbey Brewery, The Angel's Share (San Marcos, CA.)

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Bank or Building Society Account Number Branch Sort Code

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PETER'S PUZZLES

1. Which Milton Keynes pub was originally called the Jovial Priest?
2. Which month has CAMRA designated as Mild Month?
3. What is done to barley to make it malted?
4. What is the name of the most recent brew from MK's own Concrete Cow brewery?
5. What is sometimes colloquially known as the 'Black Stuff'?
6. Who brews the non-alcoholic beer-substitute called Kaliber?
7. Which national brewer brewed in the 1970s a 2% alcohol beer called Starlight?
8. What was the name of the now closed Young's brewery in Wandsworth, London?
9. What does a tegestologist collect?
10. Which two of these eight local places has never had a brewery or even a brew-pub? Aston Clinton, Buckingham, Deanshanger, Fenny Stratford, Stony Stratford, Newport Pagnell, Winslow, and Olney?

TIME WASTER

Often the name of a pub contains the name of an animal, bird, fish, insect or mythical creature. How many names of creatures appear in pub names in our CAMRA area? Note that the creature name may be embedded in a longer word.

Our tally is as follows:

ANSWERS

Bear (Bell and Bear, Emberton)
 Blackbird (Padbury)
 Bull (Newport Pagnell, also Bull and Butcher at Akeley and Fenny Stratford)
 Cock (Stony Stratford, Hanslope, North Crawley)
 Cuckoo (Cuckoo's Nest at Gawcott)
 Dolphin (Newport Pagnell, Stoke Hammond, Betchley)
 Dove (Newport Pagnell)
 Eagle (Eaglesstone)
 Fox (Stony Stratford)
 Frog (Frog and Nighthgown in Newport Pagnell)
 Grebe (Great Holm)
 Hart (usually White as in Sherington, Betchley, Stoke Goldington)
 Horse (including Nag's Head, Suffolk Punch, Hungry Horse, Black Horse and White Horse)
 Kingfisher (Newport Pagnell)
 Lamb (Stoke Goldington – our Pub of the Year 2008)
 Lion (usually Red, as at Fenny Lock)
 Newt (Pickled Newt, Betchley)
 Owl (Tawny Owl in Walnut Tree)
 Parrot (Ditto)
 Phoenix (Steepie Claydon)
 Rat (Rat and Parrot CMK)
 Reindeer (Westbury)
 Slug (Slug and Lettuce, CMK)
 Squirrel (Nut and Squirrel, Westcroft)
 Swan (many, including Old Swan, Swan Revived etc)
 Toad (in Xscape, CMK)
 Whale (Buckingham)
 and here are three sneaky ones!

Robin (as in Robin Hood, Clifton Reynes)
 Cricket (as in Cricketers, Oldbrook)
 Talbot (Loughston) – A talbot hound is a breed of hunting dog that's now extinct
 We make that 30 creatures in all. How many did you get? Did we miss any? Hope you enjoyed it anyway!

ANSWERS

1. Hungry Horse, Bradville 2. May 3. Soaked in water to make it sprout then quickly heated and dried. 4. Fenny Popper 5. Guinness 6. Guinness 7. Watneys 8. Ram Brewery 9. Beer Mats 10. Deanshanger and Stony Stratford

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