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The Newsletter of West Berkshire CAMRA



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## Berkshire Pubs Week prizewinners

The four CAMRA branches in Berkshire got together and organised the first Berkshire Pubs Week in the first week of October. West Berkshire, Reading and Mid-Berkshire, Berkshire South-East and Slough, Windsor & Maidenhead branches publicised events being held in pubs throughout the county during this week.

CAMRA branches in Berkshire



They also approached breweries to obtain prizes for photo and limerick competitions. The use of new media was part of the overall plan. Berkshire Pubs Week 2010 sites were created with Blogger, Google's blog (web log) publishing service and Facebook, the social network service.



The winning photo

On 4 November the prizewinners were announced and published on <http://berkshirepubsweek.blogspot.com/>

Sarah Rigby, the main organiser, presented Sam McGahan of Newbury with her prize at the Bacon Arms, Newbury, on 18 November. Sam's prizewinning photo shows two oversized West Berkshire Brewery glasses, holding pints of Mr Chubbs Lunchtime Bitter and Good Old Boy,



Sarah Rigby and Sam McGahan

on a table in front of the Pot Kiln, Frilsham. Her prize envelope contained a voucher for a polypin (36 pints) of beer from West Berkshire Brewery. Sam, who used a Sony Cybershot camera to take the winning photo, said 'I was able to mix two of my loves, good real ale and competitions. We often take pictures of the kids, but they don't always come out very well as they keep moving about. Taking this picture was easy, as everything stayed still!' Her colour photo was published in the December issue of What's Brewing, the CAMRA newspaper sent to all members. It can also be viewed in colour on the Berkshire Pubs Week web page, reached from the Branch events link on our website [www.westberkscamra.org.uk](http://www.westberkscamra.org.uk)

Dave Wood, from Windsor, won a pin (36 pints) of beer from Windsor & Eton brewery for his winning limerick. Helen Louise Mappley

### Winning limerick by Dave Wood:

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Who from Windsor and Eton did hail.  
So Guardsman he'd sup,  
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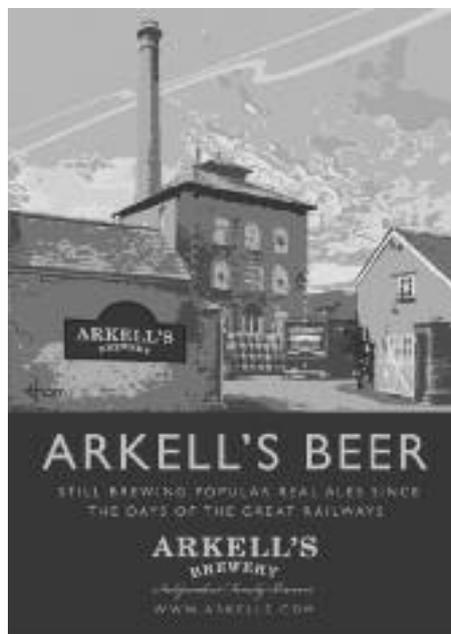
was the close runner up in the limerick competition. As a keen supporter of his local brewer, Dave was delighted with his prize and Helen was very happy to receive three bottles of beer from Butts Brewery.

Sarah finished up by saying, 'I would like to thank everyone who participated in the two competitions and I hope everyone enjoyed taking part in Berkshire Pubs Week. It gave people the chance to try pubs they may not have visited before and we would encourage people to make more use of their local community pubs, as they are a relaxed place to enjoy a beer. We are looking to run Berkshire Pubs Week again next year and already have some ideas of how we want to change it. I urge people to keep an eye out for it in their local CAMRA newsletters and if anyone has suggestions for next year, please contact me at [bpw@readingcamra.org.uk](mailto:bpw@readingcamra.org.uk)



### Runner up limerick by Helen Louise Mappley:

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## Jack Macaulay



Members of local CAMRA branches were saddened to learn that Iain 'Jack' Macaulay, renowned landlord of the Bell, Aldworth, had died on 15 November 2010, after a long illness.

The photo shows Jack in March 2010 when the Bell was presented with the West Berkshire CAMRA Pub of the Year award. Since 1974, when Jack and Heather Macaulay started running the pub that had been in her family for over 200 years, the Bell has won numerous awards including National Pub of the Year in 1990. Hugh Macaulay will now take over as landlord.

West Berkshire CAMRA chairman Adrian Bean said: 'Jack was always such a sociable chap and a larger-than-life character. Everyone liked him and gravitated towards him. His personality really shone through at The Bell and is evident, too, in his children and grandchildren. I am sure that whenever someone drinks a pint of Old Tyler in the Bell they will think fondly of Jack.'

## Swift Halves

■ **West Berkshire brewery** celebrated its fifteenth anniversary in 2010 by producing a limited edition beer called 'Quindecimale'. The limited edition brew is a traditional best bitter boasting a tawny bitter flavour, with plenty of hop notes. Only 5,000 bottles will be produced and these will be available at the Yattendon brewery shop and the Rising Sun, Stockcross.

The West Berkshire brewery seasonal beers for 2011 will have the theme of old farm tools and implements.

■ One year ago, Ullage reported that JD Wetherspoon would open the **Hatchet**, Market Place, Newbury in early 2010. A year has passed and the latest news is that the Hatchet is planned to open in late February, 2011. The delay has been due to several unexpected problems with the building including replacement of pest infested and degraded structural roofing timbers. A planning application has been lodged to convert the Ivy House, in the yard behind the Hatchet, into a two roomed hotel.

■ The **Catherine Wheel**, Newbury has been refurbished and renamed the **Jack Of Newbury**. One of the framed displays in the **Diamond Tap**, Newbury, features the story of John Winchcombe, Tudor industrialist (1465-1519) who lived near Northbrook Street and was known as Jack of Newbury.

There is a pub in Binfield, with a skittles alley, called the Jack O' Newbury.

■ The **Lock, Stock and Barrel**, Newbury, is now obtaining guest beers from Butts brewery in addition to West Berkshire brewery. Traditional and Barbus, Barbus were the first Butts beers to be ordered in December.

■ The **Bear Hotel** at Hungerford is now stocking Hobgoblin, from Wychwood brewery, as a cask ale.

■ Arkell's 3B was recently available at the **Lamb Inn**, 5 Charnham Street, Hungerford (previously Five



Bar and Grill). The Lamb is the second outlet of the British Fish, Chip and Pie pub company.

■ The **Ibex Inn**, Chaddleworth has recently reopened under new management.

■ The building work at the front of the **Woodpecker**, Wash Water, has progressed and it is again possible to enter the pub through the front door. Inside, the seating options have been expanded with the addition of a sofa. Ian and Karen have been running this Arkell's pub since September 2010.

■ Ian and Christine Chipperfield have taken over at the **Carpenter's Arms**, Burghclere, Hampshire. The Arkell's pub holds special memories for the couple as they met there ten years ago.

■ The planning inspector has approved an application to change the use of the **Beehive**, Upper Basildon to residential. The action group

proposing to set up a company to buy the Beehive as a village-owned pub have now conceded defeat.

■ Swindon & North Wiltshire CAMRA have welcomed a planning application to turn the landmark building of **Archer's** Swindon brewery into a micro-brewery, pub and restaurant. Archer's brewery went into administration, for the third time, in March 2010.

■ Wadworth's year-end beer **Old Timer** is available in selected Wadworth pubs, including the Lion, Newbury, during December and January. The 5.8% ABV beer has been popular for over 40 years and remains true to its original recipe – a deep chestnut in colour with a strong, malty aroma and a full bodied complete flavour. Describing his first impressions of the bottled version of Old Timer, Jeff Evans writes 'Shades of dark copper in the glass reveal the inclusion of a small percentage of crystal malt alongside pale, an impression reinforced by the first toasty, nutty, biscuity aromas that are so familiar from various other Wadworth beers.'



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## Watercress Wander

Twenty three intrepid cider and real ale enthusiasts set off aboard a coach driven by Tim Wale on 30 October for our third annual cider trip. This was the second or third cider trip for many, so they had friends to talk to from the outset. From our seats we enjoyed the views of Hampshire autumn foliage on this fine and mild October morning.

We arrived at **Mr Whitehead's Cider Company**, based in farm buildings near Selborne, by 11am. Angus Whitehead, who has been making fruit wine and cider since the age of fifteen, gave us a very warm welcome! After fortifying us with a choice of apple juice, cider or perry, he told us the story of how, by harnessing the potential of the fruit of the surrounding countryside and adapting recipes handed down through generations, he had perfected his technique over the years. He expanded production and launched his business in 2003. Over 200 acres of orchards in the neighbouring Blackmoor farm estate, on the Hampshire Downs, provide apples of the russet, cox, gala and braeburn varieties. The imperfectly shaped but pre-washed apples, which are rejected by the supermarkets, provide the distinctive flavours for Mr Whitehead's cider. Angus explained the processes that produce apple juice, cider and cider vinegar. There is virtually no waste as any apple residue is supplied to local cattle. This year has seen a bumper harvest and local people brought in their surplus. The villagers of Long Sutton even received exclusive cider made from the apples they supplied. Mr Whitehead's output includes Heart of Hampshire, a medium-dry cider; Cirrus Minor, a light dry cider and Midnight Special Perry. We were able to help ourselves to



these as **Angus Whitehead** gave his talk and demonstrated the equipment including a sideways, hydraulic press, imported from the USA.

We continued, via Liss, to the **Hawley Inn**. We had time to settle ourselves in the back room of this spacious village pub, before a heavy shower started. Steve Kelly's organisation resulted in our pre-ordered lunches arriving promptly. We thoroughly appreciated these, especially the hand-

cut chips. A superb range of real ales and ciders were available. Bowman's Swift One got the thumbs up from all. From Hopback brewery, Hopfest, a pale golden quaffable ale was popular and on Mike's table, their stronger Summer Lightning was described as wonderful. Hazel and Nigel were keen on Hammerpot brewery's Bottle Wreck porter.

Our next stop was the **Triple fff Brewery** in Four Marks, near the Watercress line railway station. After fetching jugs of Alton's pride for us,



**Graham Trott**, the owner, chatted to us about the development of the brewery. On the site of the furniture factory where he had worked since 1968, Graham and a friend started off with a 5 barrel brewery in 1997. The beer from an initial attempt at brewing was described by someone as 'Frank's Flushing Fluid'. This is one explanation of how the name Triple fff was adopted. Initially there were two beers, Moondance and Comfortably Numb, which are still very popular. Later beers are also named after 1960s songs, with the exception of Alton's Pride. This 3.8% ABV traditional amber bitter was voted CAMRA Supreme Champion Beer of Britain 2008. This success catapulted the brewery to fame and justified the expansion of the brewery to a 50 barrel system.

The **Railway Arms**, a pub owned by Triple fff, was our next port of call. Situated near to Alton station, the start of the Watercress line, the pub has plenty of railway memorabilia including a pair of level crossing gates in the back garden. This was the ideal place to try some more of the superb Triple fff ales and Mr Whitehead's ciders. Graham and some of his staff also joined up with us here, after closing up at the brewery.

Our last stop proved to be the perfect end to a memorable day. The **Tichborne Arms**, near Alresford's watercress beds, is a fine example of a genuine English country pub. No music, no machines, a thatched roof and real ale served by gravity from barrels behind the bar. These beers included Flack Manor Double Drop, fermented in two stages; Palmers Copper Ale and Goodens Gold

from Flowerpots brewery, just two miles away in Cheriton. We could have easily spent the rest of the evening here but Meg rounded everyone up for the 7.30pm departure, much to our driver's relief. We were all grateful to Tim Wale, of Tutts Clump Cider, for his driving skills, cider knowledge and willingness to forego a drink of cider on our behalf, even if we forgot to tell him so at the end of this 'Watercress Wander'.

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Meg and Tim Thomas

## LocAle 2011



The following 15 pubs were accredited as LocAle for 2010 as they regularly serve a beer from a brewery within 25 miles by road. This is valuable publicity and entitles them to put a CAMRA LocAle sticker in their window and to use the black LocAle crowners on their local brewery pumpclips.

The Bell	Aldworth
The Bowler's Arms	Wash Common
The Castle Inn	Cold Ash
The Coopers Arms	Newbury
The Crown & Garter	Inkpen Common
The Downgate	Hungerford
The Five Bells	Wickham
The Lord Lyon	Stockcross
The Monument	Newbury
The Old Boot Inn	Stanford Dingley
The Red House	Newbury
The Rising Sun	Stockcross
The Six Bells	Beenham
The Swan Inn	Inkpen
The Winterbourne Arms	Winterbourne

From January, West Berkshire CAMRA will be revisiting these pubs to confirm that they are all still serving locally brewed ales and to issue the 2011 LocAle window stickers. In the meantime, we would appreciate it if people could check the detailed entries on the LocAle page of the West Berkshire CAMRA website [www.westberkscamra.org.uk/locale.htm](http://www.westberkscamra.org.uk/locale.htm) and let us know if any changes are needed.

Any other pubs that are interested in participating in LocAle should contact the pubs officer at [pubsofficer@westberkscamra.org.uk](mailto:pubsofficer@westberkscamra.org.uk) or by writing c/o 2 Sutton Road, Speen, Newbury. RG14 1UN

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# Ale Trails

■ **The 2011 CAMRA Members' weekend and AGM** will be held at the Octagon centre, University of Sheffield, 15-17 April 2011.

CAMRA members can pre-register at [www.camra.org.uk](http://www.camra.org.uk) or by returning the form in What's Brewing. The members' bar will showcase beers from breweries across the region with an emphasis on LocAle (20 mile radius) along with ciders and perries. There are plans for pre-bookable coach trips to Oakwell, Spire, Thornbridge and Wentworth breweries.

The Winter 2010 issue of Beer, the magazine which is sent to all CAMRA members, includes a three page illustrated Sheffield pub tour featuring the city's finest pubs like the Fat Cat and the Kelham Island Tavern. Two pubs worth visiting,



that escaped the notice of the writers of this article, are the University Arms, near the Octagon centre and the Sheffield Tap, serving Thornbridge ales from the former refreshment rooms on platform one of Sheffield station. There are now eight Wetherspoon pubs in Sheffield including the Sheaf Island, on the site of the former Wards brewery. The stone entrance and the former brewing tower are all that remain of the brewery which occupied the Ecclesall Road site since 1840.

■ In 1949, an Ealing comedy film, *Pasport to Pimlico*, featured scenes inside a fictional pub named the Duke of Burgundy. The Central Southern Region annual social in London will take the form of a '**Passport to Pimlico**' ale trail. Jackie Parker, CAMRA director (What's Brewing) / outgoing Central Southern regional director and Sandie Gill, incoming regional director, have

invited members to join the trail on the afternoon of Saturday 15 January.

Sue & John Thirlaway have planned the tour to finish at the *Cask Pub and Kitchen* with ten handpumps for beers from breweries like Thornbridge, Brew Dog and Dark Star as well as foreign beers on draught. ([www.caskpubandkitchen.com](http://www.caskpubandkitchen.com) - Pimlico tube) The trail starts at noon at *St. Stephen's Tavern*, a Hall and Woodhouse pub, near the Houses of Parliament. ([www.ststephentavernlondon.co.uk](http://www.ststephentavernlondon.co.uk) - Westminster tube) The other pubs to be visited in turn are: *Feathers*; *Buckingham Arms*; *Albert*; *Jugged Hare*; *Constitution*. The pubs in *italics* are featured in the 2011 Good Beer Guide.



# Community Pubs

Pressure applied by CAMRA on MPs and the Government led to the appointment of Bob Neill, the Conservative MP for Bromley and Chislehurst as Minister responsible for community pubs on 29 October.

Bob Neill MP said:

*'The local pub is a great British institution and the social heartbeat of life in our towns and villages, bringing people together and strengthening community relationships.'*

*'As Minister with responsibility for pubs, I am determined to protect the valuable role pubs play and help them to thrive. As part of our commitment we are giving residents the power to take over local pubs that are threatened with closure, and working with the sector to make sure expert advice is available to support them. I'm keen to hear more from publicans over the coming months about what more the Government can do to protect the local pub.'*

**In February, West Berkshire CAMRA will announce the winner of our annual Best Community Pub award which was won by the Castle Inn, Cold Ash, last year.**

More nominations for this award are still needed before 30 January. The pub must be within West Berkshire and also west of our boundary with Reading and Mid-Berkshire CAMRA. As a guide, villages positioned just inside our eastern boundary include Aldworth, Beenham and Aldermaston.

Anybody can nominate a pub, they do not need to be a member of CAMRA. We also welcome nominations from publicans themselves.

Let us know what makes your community pub special. We know of pubs that have held a



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Christmas party for the children of customers, hosted a dog show and regularly accommodate a knitting club. Your nomination could mention the events that are run, the charities that are supported and the pub's teams and sporting links. Social networking sites or local services provided by the pub that help to foster a community spirit would also be relevant.

You can easily nominate a pub. Please do this, before 30 January, by email to [pubsofficer@westberks.camra.org.uk](mailto:pubsofficer@westberks.camra.org.uk) or by using the online form on our

website (select Community Pub of the Year from the left margin of [www.westberks.camra.org.uk](http://www.westberks.camra.org.uk)). Alternatively, please write to West Berkshire CAMRA, c/o 2 Sutton Road, Speen, Newbury, RG14 1UN

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## Wantage Beer Festival

The White Horse CAMRA branch's third annual beer festival was held at a new venue, the Comrades Club, Wantage, in November.

West Berkshire CAMRA supported the festival through Adrian Bean's volunteer work and the attendance of several other members. It was a well-deserved success with almost all the beer, cider and perry being drunk by nearly five hundred thirsty drinkers over the two day event. The beers were sourced from local breweries and Monstrous Mild brewed by the Old Bog brewery at the Masons Arms, Headington Quarry, Oxford, was voted beer of the festival. In second place came Hammer and Tongs brewed by Old Forge brewery at the Radnor Arms in the National Trust village of Coleshill, Oxfordshire. Sump, a 7% ABV Imperial-style black Russian stout, from Peter Fowler's Pitstop brewery, took third place. Sump was the beer of the festival at Wantage in 2008 and at Ascot Racecourse in 2009.

### Peter Fowler

was at the festival and explained that he likes to brew extreme beers. The Hop (8% ABV) is a good example of his extreme beers as it is the most bitter beer in the world. It was also available at the festival and looked extremely cloudy. The brewing plant of Peter's Pitstop brewery, based at Grove, was advertised for sale in the November edition of What's Brewing. Peter has taken over the tenancy of the Shoulder of Mutton in Wantage and is planning to resume brewing, from a new plant in an outbuilding at the back of the pub garden, once this is ready.



## Meet the Brewer



West Berkshire CAMRA and North Hampshire CAMRA have organised a Beer tasting as part of a Meet the Brewer event with Hall & Woodhouse at the Swan Inn, Newtown on Tuesday 15 February at 7pm.

The pub lies just south of Newbury, near the roundabout where the A339 and B4640 meet. The beer tasting will take place near the main bar. Mark Woodhouse, the joint Managing Director, will introduce us to some of the distinctive beers brewed at the Badger brewery, Blandford St. Mary, Dorset. These beers might include Pickled Partridge, the winter seasonal beer (4.6% ABV) which is a dark beer with a hoppy, spicy linger or Blandford Fly, the winner of the Speciality Beer category of the 2010 Quality Drink Awards, a light coloured medium bodied ale with a low bitterness and a subtle spicy ginger character.



This is a challenging time for Hall and Woodhouse as work has begun on the £5 million brewery development programme that includes a new 110,000 hectolitre brewhouse on the existing site. Previously brewed at Horsham, King & Barnes Sussex bitter has been brewed at Blandford St. Mary since the company was acquired in 2002. The Badger Sett Ale Club provides an innovative way of keeping in touch with the brewery. New members can register free at [www.badgersettaleclub.co.uk](http://www.badgersettaleclub.co.uk) and are then able to contribute to online forums, enter competitions and read beer blogs.

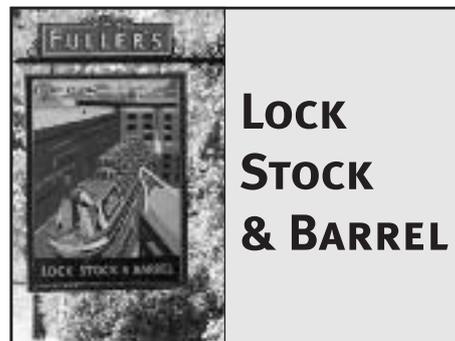
We expect the Hall and Woodhouse beer tasting to be a popular event so please book your place by completing the form on our website [www.westberkscamra.org.uk](http://www.westberkscamra.org.uk) using the 'Meet the brewer' link from the right margin or by phoning Adrian Bean on 01635 528762.



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## The Gun Wash Common

The Gun lies about a mile to the south west of Newbury railway station. Situated next to the shops at Wash Common and across from the green area where the Falkland memorial stands, the Gun is ideally placed to serve as a community pub.

The interior is light, welcoming and unpretentious with a homely feel to the lounge bar. This bar has large bay windows and is separated by a partial wall, containing a wood-burning stove in the old fireplace area, from a smaller, dining area. Here, the subdued lighting, tasteful décor and posters and photographs from the 1950s and 1960s provide the perfect ambience to enjoy a meal or a quiet drink. The traditional public bar has a separate entrance, on the right, and offers darts, pool and a jukebox. There is a large car park and a beer garden.

This friendly local pub is run by Alan and Tracey Murray who provide an attentive and very personal service. They have returned to run the pub after some time away. On blackboards in the lounge bar you will see a daily question and a daily quotation.



The Gun - photo from 1940s

The regular beers are kept at a consistently high standard and feature Adnam's Broadside, Courage Best and Wadworth 6X. Alan is passionate about beer and always finds an interesting guest beer to offer. These have included beers from local breweries like Andwells, West Berkshire and White Horse as well as from distant breweries like Jennings, Neath Ales and Goddards.

Tracey's cooking is first class. Sourced locally where possible and cooked to order at a reasonable price, the meals are highly recommended. The menu is varied, without being over ambitious, with daily blackboard specials. No food is served on Mondays. The pub is open 12-11 Saturday to Thursday, 12-12 on Friday.

There has been a public house on the site since the seventeenth century. It has traded as the Gun since 1761. Phil Wood has pointed out that it is now one of only three Newbury pubs from those days to have kept their original name. Alan advises that the dead and dying from the civil war (1642-1651) were brought to the Gun. He believes that the ghost of a soldier from those times lingers in the building to this day. This cheeky poltergeist



has frightened many a bar hand with his random turning on and off of appliances and other misdemeanours. In later years, the pub served as a court house. Some poor souls were taken direct to Combe Gibbet, at the top of Gallows Down, where their sentence was carried out.

All that remains to be said is that in 2011, a visitor to the Gun will be guaranteed a warm welcome, first class ale and nourishing fare. Providing you are lucky and don't overstay your welcome, the friendly ghost will also be on his best behaviour.

The Gun, 142 Andover Road, Wash Common, Newbury RG14 6NE Tel. 01635 580032

Meg Thomas

## Beer Festival Diary

CAMRA-run beer festivals provide excellent opportunities for sampling a wide range of real ales, from all over the UK and overseas. Here are some of the major and most accessible festivals for West Berkshire drinkers.

19-22 January

### National Winter Ales Festival

Sheridan Suite, Oldham Road, Manchester M40 8EA  
Details: [www.alefestival.org.uk](http://www.alefestival.org.uk)

28-29 January

### Salisbury Winterfest XIV

Castle Street Social Club, Scots Lane, Salisbury SP1 3TR  
Details: [www.salisburycamra.org.uk](http://www.salisburycamra.org.uk)

9-11 February

### 21st Battersea Beer Festival

Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill, London SW11 5TN  
Details: [www.batterseabeerfestival.org.uk](http://www.batterseabeerfestival.org.uk)

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## Diary Dates 2010

The following is a list of all forthcoming meetings of the West Berkshire branch of CAMRA. Some are 'social' meetings, lively and friendly occasions where we enjoy a few beers; others are 'branch' meetings, which are slightly more formal and where we discuss beer and pubs issues. Unless stated, our meetings are open to all-comers - and new members are particularly welcome!

### Tue 11 Jan - Interim GBG

Selection Meeting  
Diamond Tap, Newbury  
**Branch Members only**

### Sat 15 Jan - Central Southern Ale

**Trail Passport to Pimlico**  
A pub crawl around London SW1  
Starts **noon** St. Stephen's Tavern,  
8-9 Bridge Street, London SW1A 2JR  
(Westminster tube) See page 4

### Tue 8 Feb - Final GBG & Community

Pub Selection Meeting  
Bacon Arms, Newbury  
**Branch Members only**

### Tue 15 Feb - Meet the Brewer event

Swan Inn, Newtown. **7pm start**  
See page 5 for booking details

### Tue 22 Feb - Community Pub of the

Year Award Venue TBC - check our website for details

### Tue 8 Mar - Branch Meeting

Woodpecker, Wash Water, RG20 0LU

**All meetings start at 8pm unless otherwise stated.**

Please check our website for further details of events:

[www.westberkscamra.org.uk](http://www.westberkscamra.org.uk)



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