

# NORFOLK NIPS

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## BEER FESTIVAL SPECIAL



### ST. ANDREW'S HALL

Tues. 22nd to Sat. 26th October  
11.30 - 2.30 & 5.30 - 11.00 Tues-Fri  
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Norwich and Norfolk CAMRA are pleased to present the 8th Norwich Beer Festival. This mega-event in the thinking drinker's year should once again attract in excess of 10,000 people to the city's St. Andrew's Hall. They will flood in from far and wide to sample some of the 100 different beers we will have on offer. Once again we have spread our net to all corners of the UK in order to get some rare and exciting brews for your consumption. Many of our ales will be in Norwich for the first time, and we have focussed our attention on the West Country in order to spotlight several excellent brews from there. Overall, we will be offering a terrific variety of beers, ranging in strength and style from light, easy-drinking bitters and milds up to the strong "Kamikaze" beers. We would recommend that you try a wide range of beers, starting if possible with those of a lower gravity and progressing upwards if you wish.

Once again we will be directly supporting the country's independent breweries, as we consider them very valuable in these days of takeovers and closures.

All of the beers have one thing in common. They are real, living beers which are not filtered, pasteurised or pressurised. They are naturally conditioned in the cask and will be served by gravity alone.

Throughout the week top quality entertainment has been booked for your delight and delectation. This includes brass bands, jazz and blues bands and a great range of other acts.

You will find that we have not neglected your nutritional needs — a range of wholesome food will be on sale, lunchtime and evening. Souvenir glasses will be available once more, and printed sweatshirts will also be on offer. Add to this our special selection of Belgian beers and it all makes for a great place to be.

So get down to the festival between the 22nd and the 26th of October — it's a great local experience!

## INN FOCUS

★ Since our last edition we have had two notable additions to the Norwich pub scene. Firstly the NORKIE, a large newly-built pub at Bowthorpe, opened up selling Adnams and Bass from handpumps. Branch member Steve Tillyard was the winner of an Evening News competition to name the new pub. The Norkies were the band of Norfolk labourers who travelled to Burton-on-Trent, after the late summer harvest, to work in the maltings. Clearly their accents identified them as being alien to the area, and they were tagged 'Norkies' by the locals.

Meanwhile the RIBS OF BEEF on Fye Bridge in Norwich has opened its doors and appears to be proving very popular. A contributory factor for this could well be the excellent range of beers, including Woodfordes, Reepham, Batemans, Greene King and Rayments. The RIBS also offers boat mooring, and has a downstairs room available for meetings and other functions.

★ The WOOD FARM INN at Wayford Bridge now offers Charrington IPA and Wethereds, the latter brew has also found its way into the EAST NORWICH INN at Acle and the CHAMPION in Norwich.

★ Haddiscoe comes to our notice for two reasons - firstly the CROWN has reportedly ceased selling real ale, but the PAMPUS LODGE now has Greene King beers available.

★ Tivetshall now offers the OLD RAM, selling a good selection of drinks including James Whites cider. Beers available include Adnams, Mauldons and Greene King.

★ The KING'S HEAD at Great Bircham now sells Bass and Charrington IPA.

★ Norwich's LORD RAGLAN now has Flowers Original Bitter.

★ Two sets of changing tenants have been noted; these are in the Trowse WHITE HORSE and the ROSE on Norwich's Queen's Road.

★ The NORFOLK WHERRY, one of Norwich's rare Ind Coope outlets, has closed. This Castle Meadow pub failed to attract much custom of late and the closure had been threatening for some considerable time. Also closed at present, reportedly due to illness is the PINEAPPLE, close to County Hall in Norwich.

★ The CHEQUERS at Nordelph is now a free house.

★ The local planners have rejected a planning application by Greene King to make the lower bar of the BROWN DERBY into a shop. It was felt that the distinctive 1930's architecture should be retained and that no such changes as this should be approved. Greene King were successful, though, with their application to make internal alterations to the FERRY BOAT INN. Part of the plans by Courage for the DUKE OF NORFOLK were reportedly refused.

★ The RED LION at Needham is apparently closed, as is the QUEENS HEAD at Tharston.

★ The WOOLPACK on Muspole Street Norwich has reopened, sporting plush carpet and S&P, as well as Ruddles County.

★ Roydon's WHITE HART and Billingford (Diss) HORSE-SHOES are both reported closed, albeit only temporarily, possibly for renovation work to take place.

★ The GEORGE in New Buckenham has reportedly been sold as a free house.

★ Yarmouth's LANCASTER TAVERN has received the benefit of a name change, and rejoices now in the name of the COLONEL H.

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# BEER LIST

## **ADNAMS, Southwold, Suffolk**

*Popular local concern with increasing number of tied houses and extensive free trade.*

Mild (1034°) — dark and malty

Bitter (1036°) — well-hopped and distinctive

Extra (1044°) — their new robust bitter

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## **ARCHER, Swindon, Wiltshire**

*A brewery which, now five years old, has over 60 free-trade outlets as well as a thriving tied trade*

Best Bitter (1040°) — smooth and mellow

Headbanger (1065°) — the name says it all!

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## **BANKS, Wolverhampton, West Midlands**

*All real ale brewery, famous for its excellent mild*

Mild (1036°) — medium dark, smooth and malty

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## **BASS**

Draught Bass (1044°)

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## **BATEMANS, Skegness, Lincs**

*Producers of 'Good Honest Ales'*

Mild (1032°) — creamy, dark mild

XB (1037°) — distinctive hoppy bitter

XXXB (1048°) — a powerful malty ale

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## **BATHAM, Brierley Hill, West Midlands**

*Small family firm — last year provided best brew of festival!*

Bitter (1043°) — tremendous, full-bodied prizewinner

Mild (1036°) — dark and tasty

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## **BELHAVEN, Dunbar, Scotland**

*Scotland's best-known independent*

70/- (1036°) — beautiful well-balanced bitter

80/- (1042°) — heavy distinctive bitter

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## **BERROW, Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset**

*Small south-western concern*

BBBB (1040°)

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## **BODDINGTONS, Manchester**

*Situated next to Strangeways!*

Bitter (1035°) — a delightful straw-coloured beer

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## **BRAINS, Cardiff, Wales**

*This popular Welsh brewery serves real ale in all of its pubs*

Mild (1035°) — smooth malty and slightly sweet

Special Ale (SA) (1042°) — full-bodied and malty

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## **BRAKSPEARS, Henley, Oxon**

*Have around 125 tied houses*

Mild (1031°) — thin, hoppy and refreshing

Bitter (1035°) — light and hoppy wallop

Special Bitter (1043°) — rich and slightly sweet

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## **BUCKLEY, Llanelli, Dyfed**

*Their beers spread across South Wales*

Mild (1032°) — dark and fruity

Best Bitter (1036°) — full-flavoured

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## **BURTONWOOD, Burtonwood, Warrington**

*Has a portfolio of three ales to supply its 280 tied houses*

Bitter (1036°) — light and creamy

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## **BUTCOMBE, Butcombe, Avon**

Bitter (1039°) — light and clean tasting

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## **COTLEIGH, Wiveliscombe, Somerset**

*Becoming a reliable source in the south-west*

Tawny Bitter (1039°) — smooth and hoppy

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## **COURAGE**

Directors Bitter (1046°)

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## **DARLEY, Doncaster, Yorkshire**

Dark (1032°) — pleasantly malty

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## **DONNINGTON, Stow-on-the-Wold, Glos.**

*Perhaps Britain's most picturesque brewery*

XXX (1033°) — rare dark and pleasing

BB (1035°) — beautiful light bitter

SBA (1040°) — deliciously full-bodied

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## **ELGOOD, Wisbech, Cambs.**

*A brewery on the very edge of East Anglia*

Bitter (1037°) — refreshing brew

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**FELINFOEL, Llanelli, Dyfed**

Double Dragon (1041°) — very distinctive . . . almost a 'cult' beer

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**FULLER, London**

*One of only two independent brewers left in the capital*

ESB (1055°) — Extra Special Bitter in every sense

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**GALES, Horndean, West Sussex**

*All 103 tied houses sell real ale*

BBB (1037°) — hoppy, but has malty aftertaste

HSB (1051°) — moderately hopped and sweetish

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**GOLDEN HILL, Wiveliscombe, Somerset**

*'Best Bitter' winner at GBBF 1980*

Exmoor Ale (1039°) — malty and well-balanced

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**GREENE KING, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk**

*Expanding their tied trade locally*

Mild (1031°) — dry and dark

Abbot (1048°) — legendary and lethal

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**HALL & WOODHOUSE, Blandford, Dorset**

*Better known as Badger Beer!*

Tanglefoot (1048°) — well-balanced, which is more than you might be after a few of these!

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**HARTLEY, Ulverston, Cumbria**

XB (1040°) — round and well-flavoured bitter

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**HIGSONS, Liverpool**

*Famous Scouse brewery*

Mild (1032°) — subtle and pleasant

Bitter (1038°) — hoppy, thoroughly sound

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**HOLDEN, Dudley, West Midlands**

*Only the second time these beers have been at the festival*

Mild (1036°) — dark and tasty

Bitter (1039°) — hoppy and full-bodied

Special (1052°) — sweetish, full-powered bitter

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**HOLT, Manchester**

*Sell real ale in all of their 86 tied houses.*

Mild (1033°) — medium dark and malty

Bitter (1039°) — a bitter drinker's bitter

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**HOOK NORTON, Oxon**

*Well-travelled, respected ales*

Old Hookey (1049°) — a genuine dark old ale

**HYDES, Manchester**

*All 50 of their tied houses sell real ale*

Bitter (1035°) — full flavoured and hoppy

Anvil S.A. (1080°) — rich and heavy — a real Kamikaze brew!

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**IND COOPE, Burton**

Burton Ale (1047°)

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**JAMES PAINE, St. Neots, Cambs.**

*Almost one of our local breweries*

EG (1048°) — slightly sweet, distinctly malty and flavoursome

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**LEES, Manchester**

*Produce the legendary Moonraker . . . read on!*

Mild (1032°) — thin and medium-dark

Bitter (1038°) — malty favourite

Moonraker (1074°) — truly lifting experience!

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**MARSTONS, Burton**

*These beers now enjoy a country-wide reputation*

Mercian Mild (1032°) — dark and fruity

Pedigree (1043°) — the drinker's chum!

Merrie Monk (1043°) — powerful dark brew

Owde Rodger (1080°) — always a festival favourite — handle with caution!

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**MATTHEW BROWN, Blackburn, Lancs**

*Popular northern outfit*

Lion Bitter (1036°) — malty and smooth

John Peel S.B. (1040°) — well-hopped, light in colour

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**MAULDONS, Sudbury, Suffolk**

*Family brewery revived in 1982 by ex-Watney brewer*

Special Bitter (1044°) — new last year, a very tasty bitter

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**MINERS ARMS, Priddy Wells, Somerset**

*Run by Barry Haslam, produces bottled and draught beer*

Bitter (1040°) — a prized rarity, and a big catch for Norwich CAMRA

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**MITCHELLS, Lancaster, Lancs.**

*90% of their pubs sell real ale*

Mild (1035°) — rich and dark

Bitter (1036°) — robust and malty

E.S.B. (1045°) — well-rounded nectar

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**MOORHOUSES, Burnley, Lancs**

*Started beer production in 1979*

Pendle Witches Brew (1050°) — deservedly popular potent beer

**OLD SWAN, Dudley, West Midlands**

*Former home of the famous Doris (Ma) Pardoe Bitter (1034°) — beautifully balanced, light and hoppy*

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**OLDHAM, Oldham, Manchester**

*A subsidiary of Boddingtons since 1982*  
Bitter (1037°) — pale and full-flavoured

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**PALMERS, Bridport, Dorset**

*The only thatched brewery in the country!*  
I.P.A. (1039°) — tremendous, well-balanced  
Tally Ho (1047°) — nutty summer brew

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**REEPHAM, Reepham, Norfolk**

*One of the local micro-breweries, currently enjoying a boom*  
Granary Bitter (1038°) — pleasant easy drinking bitter  
Brewhouse (1055°) — extremely pokey heavy ale  
Special (1044°) — made especially for the festival

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**ROBINSONS, Stockport, Manchester**

*Owners of Hartleys, they have over 300 tied houses*  
Mild (1032°) — excellent dark brew  
Best Bitter (1042°) — fine hoppy beer  
Old Tom (1079°) — a warming winter brew

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**SAMUEL SMITHS, Tadcaster, Yorks.**

Old Brewery Bitter (1038°) — full-bodied and malty  
Museum (o.g. unavailable) — a specially produced rare brew

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**SMILES, Bristol**

*Avon's first new brewery, now has some 50 outlets*  
Exhibition (1051°) — strong and well-rounded

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**TIMOTHY TAYLORS, Keighley, Yorks.**

*Perhaps the finest portfolio of beers in the country*  
Golden Best (1033°) — light tippling bitter  
Best Bitter (1037°) — well hopped and robust  
Landlord (1042°) — an established favourite  
Ram Tam (1043°) — fruity winter ale  
Porter (1043°) — rich, dark and habit-forming

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**THEAKSTON, Masham, Yorks.**

*Dales brewery, probably most famous for this one beer*  
Old Peculier (1058°) — notorious!

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**THWAITES, Blackburn, Lancs.**

*Their bitter won a Brewex award in 1983*  
Best Mild (1033°) — excellent malty brew  
Bitter (1035°) — award-winning and creamy

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**TOLLY COBBOLD, Ipswich, Suffolk**

*Still a force in East Anglia*  
Original (1036°) — well-hopped and flavoursome  
Old Strong (1046°) — fruity and mellow winter brew

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**WADWORTH, Devizes, Wilts.**

*Reliable beers often seen in the free trade*  
6X (1041°) — a splendid malty bitter  
Farmer's Glory (1046°) — dark and distinctive  
Old Timer (1053°) — heavy and fruity

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**WANGFORD, Wangford, Suffolk**

*Stable-block mini-brewery*  
Wangle (1040°)  
Old (1050°)

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**WHITBREAD**

Flowers Original (1044°)

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**WOODFORDE, Erpingham, Norfolk**

*Ray Ashworth's enterprising local outfit*  
Wherry (1040°) — delightful malty bitter  
Norfolk Porter (1042°) — dry, nutty and dark  
John Brown Special (1043°) — recent addition to range — a sturdy bitter  
(1072°) — Headcracker VSOP special festival brew!

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**YOUNGS, London**

*Still deliver by horse-drawn drays*  
Bitter (1036°) — light and bitter  
Special (1046°) — distinctive and potent

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## BELGIAN BEERS

Once again we are offering a superb collection of bottle-conditioned Belgian beers at unrepeatable prices — indeed those appearing a second time *will cost no more than last year*.

These beers are all, like British beers and unlike continental lagers, top fermented. Unlike nearly all bottled British beers, their final conditioning takes place in the bottle, some throwing a very heavy sediment, others a mere trace. Before this there is lengthy maturation, and sometimes a blending of old and new beer, as in the making of sherry. The process known as triple brewing is a feature of some. These works of art reach very considerable strengths, and are treated in Belgium almost as aperitifs. Such beers cannot, of course, be cheap.

**Note:** Since Original Gravity (OG) is not a measure used on the continent, that given is an approximate estimate only (for comparison with British beers), based on the declared alcoholic strength and the type of beer.

**La Gauloise** (1070°) Copper-coloured, malty and well-flavoured. The Belgian Gauls were reputed the bravest of all, hence the name.

**Poperings Hommel** (1070°) Made annually, hopped with the first local pickings. Fresh, flowery and slightly sharp — altogether delightful.

**Rodenbach Grand Cru** (1055°) The vintage version of the classic Belgian brown — utterly unlike a British brown. Matured for two years in oak vats. Full-bodied but with a characteristic 'sour' taste.

**Witkap Pater Tripel** (1068°) Some lager malts are used in this well-matured palish fruity brew of distinction.

**Villers Triple** (1072°) Fairly pale, relatively dry but not sharp. Rather similar to last year's favourite, Duvel, unfortunately unavailable this year.

**St. Sixtus Abt** (1080°) Dark brown, yeasty and fruity — and superbly strong, in which respect Belgium's own Abbot puts England's in the shade!

**Forbidden Fruit** (1085°) Strongest beer of the festival, and amazingly well-balanced for its strength. Worth it for the label alone, but hurry — only 12 bottles!

**Regal Christmas** (1068°) Strong Scotch and 'Christmas' ales have long been popular in Belgium — some actually imported from Scotland (but alas unavailable in U.K.), others, like this one, Belgian-

## Trappist Beers

A distinctive group — probably the most revered in their homeland. The Belgian Trappist fathers brew and sell beers which are world classics. The monks are said to be under a vow of silence. Their beers, however, can speak for themselves!

**Chimay Blue** (1072°) Full-bodied and fruity, well hopped but marvellously balanced. 'Vintage' dated, and deemed by some the Rolls Royce of all Belgian beers.

**Orval** (1058°) Another marvel. Triple-fermented, with a lengthy middle maturation, it is dry-hopped with Kent Goldings, hence its unique hoppy but full palate.

**St. Benedict** (1070°) Not strictly a 'Trappist' beer, since not monastery-brewed, but a fairly close relative. Full-bodied and warm in character.

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## CIDER LIST

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### SYMONDS CIDER

Delicious Sweet  
Harvest Vat  
Strong Vat  
Scrumpy Jack  
Old Mill

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### ZUM ZIDER

Scrumpy  
Medium  
Sweet

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### INCHES

Harvest Special

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### WESTONS

Farm Brand

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### JAMES WHITE & OTHER GUEST CIDERS AVAILABLE

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★ The HILL HOUSE in Happisburgh now sells Woodfordes Wherry and Adnams Southwold Bitter, while the SARA-CEN'S HEAD at Wolterton has added Rayments to its range.

★ If driving to Aylsham you may feel tempted to stop at the GREENS and it would seem you might be rewarded, as Adnams and Batemans beers are available here.

★ Cromer has the WELLINGTON, which now offers beers from Samuel Smiths, Greene King and Adnams.

★ Wiveton BELL chimes in to offer you Bass, Adnams and a house beer brewed by Woodfordes.

★ Woodforde's Did is currently in preparation, and should be ready to titilate our palates shortly. Sales of the excellent John Brown's are reported to be doing very well.

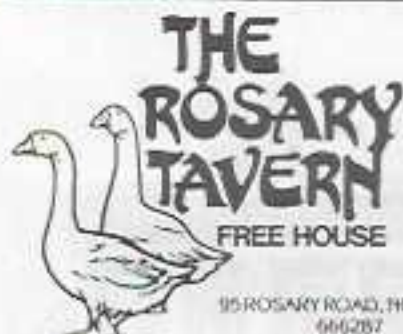
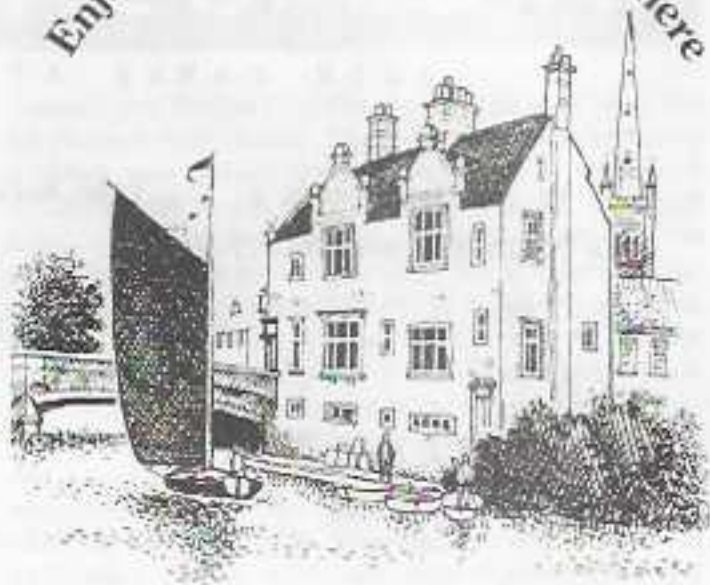
★ Happisburgh VICTORIA has an impressive list of ales on offer at present. These are Greene King IPA and Abbot, Rayments and Courage Best and Directors. In addition many guest beers have recently been in evidence, and these have tended towards the strong side, for example Marstons Owd Rodger, Batemans XXXB, Reepham Brew-house and Ruddles County.

## PUB NEWS FROM WATTON

Paul Moorhouse

Andrew J. Mitchell of Watton has sent in some welcome information about the pubs of Watton. 'Ye Old Willow House' has changed hands and its range of beers, the real ale being Adnams Bitter. The main bar area has been extended to include the bar which was previously used by customers of the pub's restaurant. However, the character of the pub has been retained and the Adnams Bitter is served consistently well, but could benefit from a more realistic price. The Crown in Watton High Street is believed to be under new management. This Charrington pub formerly served Adnams Bitter but has recently offered no cask ale at all. Hopefully this will now revert to its former self. Finally, the King Arms, owned by a mysterious 'local' concern, is serving handpumped beers from Manchester, Halifax and Rutland!

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Have you tried a beer during the festival which you consider to be the best of them all? We are running a 'Best Beer of Festival' ballot this year and print form below for your completion. One of those people who has voted for the eventual winner will receive a special prize.

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YOUR ADDRESS .....

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