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Each CAMRA branch is responsible for nominating pubs in its area which do provide dependable quality beer for inclusion in the Good Beer Guide. With the best will in the world, the members of the branch committee cannot undertake to visit

every real ale pub in our branch area every year to do a quality test. Quite probably there are places which always have at least one top quality, well-kept real ale available, which we don't know about. If you know somewhere like that which you think we may have overlooked, let us know, so that we can consider it for nomination. You will find contact details for Peter Argyle, the Secretary, and for me, on page 15 in this magazine.

As the days lengthen and the weather (hopefully) improves there's more incentive to explore new places and seek refreshment in the local hostelry. Whatpub.com will help you find the latter. We need to work together to support our pubs and encourage the availability of good beer in them. It's a worthwhile aim, and enjoyable as well.

Roger Stokes

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## Roll up, Roll Up to Britain's Biggest Pub

### The Great British Beer Festival, Olympia, London, 12-16 August 2014

CAMRA's Great British Beer Festival will be bringing a carnival atmosphere to London's Olympia exhibition centre this summer with an extravagant circus theme complete with live-action circus performers.

But fantastic beer will of course remain the star of the show, with over 350 different breweries offering 900 different real ales, ciders, perries and international beers to over 50,000 thirsty beer lovers throughout the week-long event.

The festival will feature 29 bars including 11 brewery bars run by the nation's biggest and best brewers of real ale, plus food and merchandise stalls, as well as a full schedule of entertainment on the GBBF music stage.

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# County Pub of the Year – The Engineers Arms at Henlow



In 2011, the **Engineers Arms at Henlow** reached the last four in CAMRA's national Pub of the Year contest. This year, licensees Kevin Machin and Claire Sturgeon are in with a chance at the national top award

again – the Engineers is Bedfordshire Pub of the Year for 2014. Having been nominated by East Beds CAMRA branch, it had to beat the **Albion at Ampthill** – county Pub of the Year for two years, and South Beds CAMRA's nominee again – and North Beds CAMRA's champion, the **Stone Jug at Clophill**. All three pubs are, needless to say, pubs of great character that keep cask ale really well.

The Engineers had the edge for its status as a true community pub, attracting regulars,

including sports fans, as well as real ale connoisseurs from far and near. In its favour is the wide range of cask ales (up to ten) and real ciders and perries always available and in excellent condition. And of course the cordial welcome and excellent service everyone always receive from Kevin, Claire and their staff. Their service to the local Henlow community is also recognised. To cap off a notable spring for the Engineers, it has also been chosen as Bedfordshire Cider Pub of the Year!



Next, the Engineers has to compete with CAMRA's PoTYs for 2014 from Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire for the East Anglian Pub of the Year title. All Bedfordshire people will be

wishing Kevin and Claire well at the next stage of the competition!

## Another Tasty Breakfast



It has become a tradition that on the May Day bank holiday Monday North Beds CAMRA has a breakfast

at the White Horse in Newnham Avenue, Bedford, hosted by its genial licensee Nigel Anstead. This is followed up with a couple of pints from Nigel's beer festival which is held over this bank holiday weekend each year.

Fourteen of us partook this year, and the Full English had an Italian accent – Linger's Italian sausages, with a flavour of fennel

(we thought) and a hint of chilli. Excellent! As the festival was close to its end, several beers had sold out, but most of us liked the Buntingford Brewery's Royston Red, hoppy despite its dark colour. The other guests available were Concrete Cow's Cock 'n' Bull, B&T's Dragonslayer and Hopping Mad's Amazing Grace, which were all familiar, once we'd been told that Amazing Grace is the well-known Brainstorm re-badged! (No doubt Hopping Mad will let us know if that's not true...) Wells & Young's current seasonal – Bombardier Burning Gold – was also on, and it was nice to sample it in cask form after an interval of several years. All the beers were in decent nick, and we departed about midday well fed and watered.



# The Pleasantest Duty ...

...for a CAMRA Branch Chairman is the annual presentation of certificates to our chosen best pubs! Roger Stokes, chairman of North Bedfordshire CAMRA, carried out these duties during April and our photos show the presentations.

The first visit was to the **Sun** at **Felmersham**, voted as **Most Improved Pub of the Year** by local CAMRA



members. When we'd visited the Sun a couple of years earlier it had been a Wells house on its last legs, but new licensees Ben and

Hannah Just, in place for just over a year, have brought it back from the dead as a free house serving excellent real ale. As 'the last pub in the village', the Sun is particularly important to the locality – the more so since the neighbouring village of Radwell has lost its only pub.

Next we went to last year's Most Improved Pub, the **Burnaby Arms** in the Black Tom area of **Bedford**. This year we voted it **Town Pub of the Year**, so licensees Lucie and Stephen Fuller now have two certificates to

display! The Burnaby is a classic town local, serving real-ale fans and local regulars with equal friendliness. It's a Wells pub with three regular cask ales (Eagle, Young's Gold and Directors) and a guest on.



Finally we went to North Beds CAMRA's **Pub of the Year** for 2014, the **Stone Jug** at **Clophill** – a classic village local this time. Licensee Vikki Stephens is assisted by her predecessor, her mother Joyce, and Joyce's



late husband preceded her – the pub has been in the family a long time! A previous winner of our Pub of the Year award, the Stone Jug

always maintains its high standards and richly deserved its second PoTY award. A free house, the Stone Jug usually has local ales on, often together of with one from the Otter Brewery in Devon.

## New Microbrewery in Ampthill

**A**mpthill – just outside North Beds CAMRA's area – has a strong history of brewing ever since the original brewery was opened by John Morris in the 1770s. **Amphill Brewery Ltd** will be the first brewery in the town for over eighty years. As beer enthusiasts, the owners' primary aim is to produce high quality, well-conditioned cask ales which will be available locally and across mid-Bedfordshire in pubs and clubs, building on the resurgence in popularity of cask ales in the local area.

They also plan to make ales available in bottles and polypins for people to enjoy at home, and they will be running brewery tours and tasting events. Their premises are at The Sidings, Station Road, with equipment ordered for installation and first brew in early September. South Beds CAMRA will then lose its unenviable status as one of the few CAMRA branches without a single brewery in its area! Watch out for news of their progress and details of their launch in the autumn on their Facebook site and in the local press.

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# Not to be Missed – 37<sup>th</sup> Bedford Beer and Cider Festival



**S**ummer is here, so autumn can't be far behind. And autumn in Bedford means one thing – it's Bedford Beer and Cider Festival time again! For the 37<sup>th</sup> time, CAMRA will be bringing a great selection of real beer, cider and perry to the people of Bedford and district. Note the dates in your diary now: **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2014**. And it's in **Bedford Corn Exchange** as usual, a location right in the heart of town in St Paul's Square.

Nearly 100 British cask ales from far and near will be joined by foreign beers (draught and bottled), real cider and perry, and perhaps this year country wines and mead – watch this space for more details of those! As usual there will be entertainment on the Wednesday and Saturday evenings. Meals will be available so that you don't have to



leave the festival for something to eat. And this year the range of food will be wider, since we will be using Number 13, the venue next door to the Corn Exchange, for food service, and its full regular menu will be available as well as festival favourite dishes. We pride ourselves on having the best food of any local CAMRA festival! Using Number 13 for meal service means we can move the cider bar to the Howard Room upstairs, giving more circulation space in the main hall and easing the congestion during the busy evenings.

## Help needed

One thing that hasn't changed – the festival is run entirely by volunteers. Fancy working behind a bar? Please volunteer! You'll be made welcome for as long or as short a time as you like. Go to [www.northbedscamra.org.uk](http://www.northbedscamra.org.uk) and find the online volunteer registration form, contact me, Festival Organiser (as well as *Firkin* editor) at [beerfestival@northbedscamra.org.uk](mailto:beerfestival@northbedscamra.org.uk) or phone 01234-303221. We also need volunteers willing and able to help in converting the Corn Exchange into a big pub on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>-Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October, and in converting it back again on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

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

## **31<sup>st</sup> Rugby Beer & Cider Festival**

Fri 13 to Sat 14 June at Thornfield Bowling Club, Bruce Williams Way, Rugby CV22 5LJ. Open Fri 2-11, Sat 11-11. Admission £2, CAMRA members £1. Over 50 real ales, cider, perry and foreign beers. Daily hog roast, tombola, pub games and live music Sat eve. Use X5 bus to MK station, then train to Rugby.

[www.rugbybeerfestival.com](http://www.rugbybeerfestival.com)

## **7<sup>th</sup> Gibberd Garden Beer Festival**

Sat 14 to Sun 15 June at Gibberd Garden, Marsh Lane, Harlow CM17 0NA (Harlow Mill stn 20 min walk). Open 12-8, last entry 7pm. Admission £4, concessions and CAMRA members £3. Over 40 real ales and ciders, plus full access to the gardens. Hot and cold food, free children's entertainment. X5 bus to Cambridge, then train.

[www.heb-camra.org.uk/gg](http://www.heb-camra.org.uk/gg)

## **37<sup>th</sup> Derby City Charter Summer Beer Festival**

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

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Tue 15 to Sat 19 July at Admirals Park, Rainsford Rd, Chelmsford CM1 2PL. Open 12-11, admission after 5.30pm £4 (Fri-Sat £5), CAMRA members free. Over 350 real ales, 120 ciders and perries, local wines and foreign beers. 350+ ales and 120 ciders and perries. Live music eves, family day with children's entertainers Sat. Hot and cold food available. Travel easiest via London.

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

## **6<sup>th</sup> Bishops Stortford Beer Festival**

Thu 24 to Sat 26 July at British Legion Club, Windhill, Bishops Stortford CM23 2NG. Open Thu 5-11, Fri-Sat 11-11, admission free. Large selection of real ales and cider, barbecue, rolls and sandwiches, hog roast Fri eve, live music Sat eve. Full beer and cider list online. X5 bus to Cambridge, then train

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## **Great British Beer Festival**

Tue 12 to Sat 16 August, at Olympia. See page 3 in this issue, or visit website for opening times and ticket prices.

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

## **37<sup>th</sup> Peterborough Beer Festival**

Tue 19 to Sat 23 August, under canvas on the Embankment, Bishops Road, PE1 1EF (city centre 10 min). Open Tue 5.30-11, Wed-Sat 12-11. Admission £2 before 3pm, then Wed £5, Thu-Sat £6, CAMRA members £2 eves. Over 400 real ales, ciders, perries, wines and bottled beers. Food stalls, pub games, tombola, live music all eves. X5 bus to St Neots station then train to Peterborough.

[www.beer-fest.org.uk](http://www.beer-fest.org.uk)

# Pub News

## Three Cranes, Turvey

This former coaching inn re-opened in March as a free house. Cliff and Hayley Elbourne are in charge behind the bar. Regular beers are Adnams Southwold Bitter, Greene King IPA and Abbot, plus a guest ale. Home-cooked food is served, with brunch available from 10.30 a.m. B&B will be offered later this year. Call 01234 881365.

## Railway Steamer, Shefford

This lively community pub has reopened after refurbishment, with new landlady Annabelle Franklin. She offers Sky Sports and BT Sport, plus regular live music evenings. Bar snacks are served Monday to Saturday and roast lunches on Sunday. Regular beers are Sharp's Cornish Coaster and Doom Bar, with an occasional guest ale, and Westons Old Rosie cider. Call 01462 819551.

## Legstraps, Keeley Green, Wootton

This pub-restaurant offers two regularly changing guest beers on handpump. It's closed on Mondays, but opens lunchtime and evening for the rest of the week, and all day on Friday to Sunday. Landlord Paul Collins offers a creative menu until 9 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday, and 6 p.m. on Sunday. Call 01234 854112 or visit [www.thelegstraps.co.uk](http://www.thelegstraps.co.uk)

## Gordon Arms, Castle Road, Bedford

Welcome to new licensees Philip Miles and Ruth Summers at this popular pub. Courage Directors, Wells Eagle IPA, Young's Bitter and a guest ale are usually available. Lunches are served daily from 10 to 2, with evening meals available except Sundays. The Ent Shed hosts regular live music and comedy gigs, and is available to hire for private functions. Call 01234 348668.

## Crown, Willington

This community pub is now run as a free house by Mark McGillys. Wells Eagle IPA and a couple of guest ales are usually

available, often from local microbreweries. Traditional pub food is also served, with a roast on Sunday and fish and chips to take away. There is a quiz on Sunday evenings. Call 01234 831024

## Tiger Moth, Avon Drive, Bedford



This modern pub reopened in April as a free house under new landlord Paul Clarke. Further improvements are being made. Wells Eagle IPA, Young's London Gold and a guest ale are usually

available. The pub is open all day, closing at midnight on Friday and Saturday. Call 01234 349439.



## Chequers, Yelden

Welcome to new licensees Simon and Lisa Presland, who took on this fine pub in March. Greene King IPA and Fuller's London Pride are joined by three guest ales and a guest cider on handpump. The pub is open from noon, offering a range of popular food including tapas and chargrills, every day except Monday. Call 01933 356383.

## St John Arms, Melchbourne

Eamonn and Julie Dowling have moved from the Five Bells at Cople to take over this pub just outside the village. Greene King IPA and Sharp's Doom Bar are on handpump, with Greene King Abbot served direct from the cask. Beers from local brewery Copper Kettle will soon be added. The pub is open all day, with good value pub grub available throughout the week. Eamonn and Julie will welcome bikers and other special interest groups who have met here for many years. Call 01234 708238.

# A Shefford Saunter

North Beds CAMRA has usually run two types of socials – ‘walkabouts’ in Bedford, and minibus trips out to the villages in our area. There about 150 pubs in our area and minibus hire isn’t cheap, so we would take a long time to visit them all. Now we have started a programme of visits to outlying parts of our area where several pubs are close together and can be reached from Bedford by public transport. The first of these went to Shefford, which fortunately has late evening return buses. A modest but enthusiastic group set off from Bedford, picking up Malcolm at Haynes on the way to make up a half dozen.

We visited five pubs – the Railway Steamer, the White Hart, the Cornerstone, the Bridge and the Brewery Tap.

We disembarked opposite the **Railway Steamer** with some clouds lowering, but spirits were not dampened. The Steamer is a 1960s estate pub, but inside has two recently revamped bars with an airy feel, painted in white and ‘heritage’ pastel green. The beers were both from Sharp’s, Doom Bar and Cornish Coaster (unfortunately just gone), and Weston’s Old Rosie Cider was also available. We were amicably served with pints of Doom Bar, which was very satisfactory.

Moving on and managing to miss most of the shower, we took a longish walk to the **White Hart**, a pleasant old hotel with a dining room,



stocking a range of Greene King Beers (IPA, IPA Gold, Hardy & Hansons Bitter and Abbot) on handpump. Some had the H/H Bitter and some IPA Gold (new to me), and both were in good condition, even if we bemoaned the loss of proper Kimberley Ales.

We crossed the road to the **Cornerstone** (Black Swan as was), which again has been revamped, boasting a large modern well-lit bar with leather sofas, a pool and darts area, and a karaoke stage. London Pride and Doom Bar were served. I had the Pride, having tried Doom Bar earlier. It was acceptable, but not as good as this beer can be.

We continued on to the **Bridge**, much more of a local Pub with a quiz night in full swing. We retired to the quieter back bar. They serve only Courage Bitter on handpump, but it was a very good pint.

We strolled back round the corner to finish our evening at B&T’s **Brewery Tap**. Shefford Bitter and Dragonslayer were on handpump, together with Everard’s Tiger and St Austell Spring Brew. As you would expect, all the beers were in fine condition, and I enjoyed the Spring Brew, and a half of Shefford just to check. Then we took the conveniently timed 11.05 p.m. bus back home.

Gary Mudd

Details of all pubs in Bedfordshire, including those featured in articles in the *Firkin*, and all pubs in most of the UK, can be found in CAMRA’s new national online pub guide, **What Pub?**, at [www.whatpub.com](http://www.whatpub.com)







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# Three Little PoTYs All in a Row

The result of the contest for Bedfordshire's overall Pub of the Year is reported on page 4 and the front cover. Traditionally, North Beds CAMRA organises an evening brewery trip in April, but this year we weren't able to find a suitable one. So we had a different idea – why not visit the three Bedfordshire CAMRA branches' Pubs of the Year all on one evening?

So we set out from the Wellington Arms in Bedford in a well-filled minibus, and headed for **Henlow**.



**The Engineers Arms** (East Beds CAMRA's Pub of the Year) is very much a CAMRA-style pub, with numerous

handpumps and an ever-changing range of beers. Landlord Kevin told us that he has recently had two old-fashioned wooden barrels made for him by a cooper in Yorkshire. He takes these to a brewery – most recently the Salamander brewery in Bradford – and gets them filled with two beers. Bringing them back to Henlow, he then serves the beers genuinely 'from the wood'. I tried Buntingford Twitchell, a session bitter (3.5% abv) that was runner-up in the 2013 Champion Beer of Britain contest – unsurprisingly it was very good – and Oakham Scarlet Macaw (4.4% abv), always a favourite of mine.



Moving on to the **Stone Jug at Clophill**, we found it crowded, but the welcome was warm and Vikki and her staff worked tirelessly to serve us all. The Stone Jug was created out of three tiny 16<sup>th</sup>-century

cottages and space inside is scarce. Like the Engineers, it is a free house owned by its licensee. Five handpumps are always in use, and I sampled Otter Amber from Devon, a 4% abv bitter, Gun Dog Brewery's Jack's Spaniels, a blonde 3.8% abv session bitter from Woodford Halse in Northants, and an old favourite again, Old Hooky from Hook Norton, a 4.6% abv tawny bitter. As expected at our own North Beds CAMRA's Pub of the Year, all were in excellent condition.



**The Albion at Ampthill** is a Banks and Taylor's house with that brewery's usual formula of many handpumps and

interesting guest ales. We arrived there at exactly the same time as South Beds CAMRA, who were on a walking tour of the pubs of Ampthill, ending at their own Pub of the Year. This led to some longish queues! Licensee Russell and his staff worked hard to bring them down quickly, and the Albion is a bit of a Tardis, with various different rooms available to accommodate the crowds.

Their Spring Beer Festival was on, so we split between the festival beers – mostly little-known ones – and the ten handpumps on the bar. From the festival I chose Pride of Dartmoor from Black Tor, a brewery too new to be mentioned in the 2014 Good Beer Guide. I found it a bit tasteless, though others liked it. And from the bar I had Upham Stakes, from Hampshire, a strong, rich dark bitter, certainly not lacking in flavour

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# Cask and Craft

Controversy rages about 'cask' and 'craft' beers – are both 'real' or is only cask ale real? Some think that the insistence in CAMRA's rules that only cask- and bottle-conditioned beers are 'real' is outdated. But how do you define 'craft beer'? Beer made in small batches in a small brewery? Or does it have to be made by a master crafts (wo)man? Many microbrewery owners are not qualified brewers, but converts from home brewing.

In the USA, cask beer doesn't exist, but microbreweries proliferate. In Oregon, craft beer now has 50% of the total beer market. In Chicago, the proportion approaches 20%, and many craft beers are widely available. I recently visited the Atlas brewpub, by the Chicago Cubs baseball ground, and talked to Ben the brewer (see photo below). He told me that Atlas, only a couple of years old, are acquiring large premises elsewhere in the city in order to brew more and sell to other bars. When does a brewery become too big to be craft? Goose Island, a Chicago 'craft' brewer, now has its beers in most bars in the city, but I found it was brewed in Colorado!

In the UK, Sharp's and Worthington both belong to Coors, but Doom Bar and White Shield are certainly 'real'. If we switched to a definition of real ale that depended on the size of the company rather than the nature of the product, would the beer stop being real when the company grew too big?

*Fytton Rowland.*



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# Carlsberg in a New Light



Say 'Carlsberg' to British real-ale drinkers and they will be overwhelmed with apathy. It means a multinational company producing lagers with little to distinguish them from all the others. But say 'Carlsberg' in

Copenhagen and it means something else entirely – a major benefactor to the city. They even paid for Copenhagen's most famous feature, the Little Mermaid statue. And the company's history is fascinating.



J.C. Jacobsen established the company in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century just outside Copenhagen. The site was on a slight rise, which in flat Denmark is a mountain

('berg'), and he named the company after his only son, Carl. A plain man, J.C. built functional buildings and prospered for a good while. A major feature of the displays in these buildings today is an enormous collection of beer bottles from all around the world! They also stable dray horses there, rather as Young's did.



When Carl grew up he joined the business, but he was a very different, with an artistic bent. The two men fell out, so Carl built his own

brewery next door. J.C.'s brewery became Old Carlsberg, and Carl's was New Carlsberg. Carl's was a piece of high Victorian architecture, with part of the building resting on the shoulders of a

quartet of huge stone elephants. The main brewing hall is beautiful, with copper vessels and a great deal of ornate wrought iron work.

Only after J.C.'s death did the two breweries



recombine into one company. And Carl, rather than pass ownership on to his own children, transferred ownership to a charitable foundation. Today the foundation owns 51% of Carlsberg; the other 49% went to the shareholders

of Tuborg when Carlsberg absorbed it in 1960.

Little brewing now takes place at the



Copenhagen site – just a microbrewery remains, housed in J.C.'s Old Carlsberg buildings. Mass production takes place in a modern plant elsewhere in Denmark. The historic buildings are preserved and the public is admitted for tours,

which is how I learned all this. The New Carlsberg buildings will soon become a conference and exhibition centre. Much of the site is being redeveloped as Carlsberg Byen ('Carlsberg Town'), a residential area.

A major element of Carl's beneficence is the Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek, a large art gallery near the Tivoli Gardens, which contains Carl's own art collection – mostly sculpture, 'glyptotek' means a sculpture gallery – but also containing a good number of French Impressionist paintings. The collection has been enhanced by further donations from the Carlsberg Foundation over the years.

So Carlsberg isn't all bad after all, is it?

*Fytton Rowland*



# Branch Diary

CAMRA North Beds Branch business meetings are normally held on the second Thursday of alternate months, e.g. January and March. Social and campaigning events are usually held on the third Thursday of each month.

Guests are welcome at social events, but members have priority on brewery visits. For latest information check *What's Brewing* or visit the branch website at [www.northbedscamra.org.uk](http://www.northbedscamra.org.uk)

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## JUNE

### Thursday 5 – Summer Day Out

All-day visit to breweries in the Grantham area. Coach departs from the Wellington Arms, Bedford, at 10 a.m. £10 deposit to Gary Mudd.

### Thursday 26 – Visit to pubs in Kempston

By bus from Bedford Bus Station. Meet at the route 1 bus stop to catch the 7 p.m. bus.

## JULY

**Thursday 3 – Branch Annual General Meeting**  
At Bedford International Athletic Stadium, Barkers Lane, Bedford, at 8 p.m. CAMRA members only.

### Thursday 24 – Branch Meeting

Business meeting at Bedford Rowing Club, Duck-mill Lane, Bedford, at 8 p.m. CAMRA members only.

## AUGUST 2014

### Thursday 7 – Visit to pubs in Bedford

On foot. Meet at the Wellington Arms, Wellington Street, at 7 p.m.

## SEPTEMBER 2014


### Thursday 11 – Branch Meeting

Business meeting at Bedford Rowing Club, Duck-mill Lane, Bedford, at 8 p.m. CAMRA members only.

### Thursday 18 – Social

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