

Camra *Beer* **Gibberd Garden**
28 June 2008
Beer Details

	Crouch Vale Brewery Golden Duck 3.8% ABV	Light Summer Ale	Crouch Vale Brewery, been brewing since 1981. One of the first "New" Generation Micro Brewers. 23 Haltwhistle Road, South Woodham Ferrers, Chelmsford. 01245 322744
	Buntingford Brewery Golden Plover 3.8% ABV	Light Bitter	Buntingford Brewery. Originally based in Buntingford, now moved to new location, Therfield, near Royston. Greys Breweryhouse, Therfield Rd, Nr Royston. SG9 9NW. 01763 250749
	Saffron Brewery Flying Serpent 4.5% ABV	Regular Bitter	A new Brewery, just moved to a new brew house in Henham, Near Eisenham. Saffron Brewery, The Carthouse, Parsonage Farm, Henham. CM22 6AN. 01279 850923
	Red Squirrel London Porter 5.0% ABV	Traditional Dark Beer	Red Squirrel Brewery Mimram Road, Hertford, Hertfordshire, SG14 1NN. 01992 500660
	Green Tye Hertfordshire Hedgehog 4.7% ABV	Traditional Bitter	Green Tye Brewery, Green Tye, Near Much Hadham, Herts. SG10 6JP. 01279 841041
	Sawbridgeworth Gibberd Garden Ale 4.2% ABV	Red/Brown Ale special brew	Sawbridgeworth Brewery, The Gate, London Road, Ale. One off Sawbridgeworth. CM21 9JJ. 01279 722313
	Essex Farmhouse Cider Red Stokes Cider	Traditional Essex Cider	Traditional Essex Cider, Totham Knee Cracker Cider Co. Ridgewells Farm 55 Maldon Road Gt Totham Maldon Essex CM9 8NL. 01621 892356.

Herts & Essex Borders Branch of Camra www.heb-camra.org.uk
 Gibberd Garden Trust. www.thegibberdgarden.co.uk

Herts & Essex Borders Gibberd Garden Beer Festival Saturday 28th June

Peter and I set out on a beautiful sunny day to walk to the Herts & Essex Borders - Gibberd Garden Beer Festival. We had a glorious walk along the river towpath to Harlow Mill then along the road to Old Harlow and across a field to the edge of the Gardens. We met up with Spencer when we arrived, there was also a very good **RACS** attendance. We all thought the festival was a really good success. The beer was being served from a completely ivy covered 'bunker'

building which kept the beer nicely cool. There were only 6 local beers and one cider to choose from but the different types of beer more than covered the range of tastes. The festival was very well attended which apparently meant that an extra barrel of Beer and Cider was brought in later in the

day, I believe that this lasted sufficiently though to the end. We really liked the very relaxed atmosphere which was a joint venture between the local Camra group and the Gibberd Garden. The entrance money was paid to the Gibberd Garden, they also had the café open for Soft Drinks and Food. Camra members had a discounted entrance fee which also allowed access to the gardens. The festival was very family friendly and the children had plenty of space to play. There was a Gazebo area with seats which proved to be a nice covered area in the strong sunlight.

I would like to say well done to Brendan and the local Herts & Essex Borders Camra group for a very enjoyable afternoon.

We are very much hoping they will repeat it.

Ann Dodkin





GBBF Trade Day

Tuesday August 5th

Jan managed to get tickets and six of us caught the train to Earl's Court. We had a short time queuing — CAMRA were not too prompt opening the

doors — but finally we were in and settling at a table where we could see the world go by. We met James from Sharp's and enjoyed his beers. The Cornish contingent, courtesy Skinner's, were singing their hearts out to celebrate winning Gold (in the Best Bitter category) with Betty Stoggs (who kindly allowed Deb and me to have our photograph



taken with her!) and Bronze in the Golden Ale category for their *Cornish Knocker Ale*. A good day finished with a couple of pints in Hamilton Hall because, sadly, we could not get on a train until 6.30pm!



GBBF RACS Visit August 6th



The usual coach load of **RACS** set out for the first full day of the GBBF.

For those with children the Family Room again provided amusements

for all ages and a private escalator to get to and from the ground floor where the beers were.

And we all managed to be back on the coach on time!

