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#### **Beer News**

##### **1850 London Porter, one of the best!**

This month, the Independent revealed Pitfield Brewery's 1850 London Porter as Number 1 in "the best 10 bottled beers" in the world list. Mark Sears, Pitfield's Brewery Liaison Officer congratulated Martin Kemp for this prestigious rating.

#### **Pub News**

##### **Shocking Statistics on Pub Closures**

Pub Estate Agents, Fleuret's have released a report which contains pretty dire stats on the fate of 'distressed' pubs during 2011. More than half (54%) of were lost to demolition and/or change of use. This is a distinct upward trend, where 50% were sold for alternate use in 2010.

As predicted further planning application has been submitted for the **Old Highway** site in Hoddesdon, this time for 13 houses. As some may remember, 2 earlier planning applications were rejected before the long-neglected shell of the pub was demolished.

The **Force and Firkin** in Cheshunt has re-opened under its original name of the **George**.

#### **Locale Updates.**

Due to a change of sourcing, the **Rising Sun** at High Wych is no longer LocAle accredited. However it does continue to serve top class beers on gravity mainly from the East Anglan region.

#### **Campaigning Issues**

We continue to deliver over 600 copies of Pints of View through pubs in the Hertfordshire part of our branch area. The next issue will be ready to go out at the beginning of April, which marks the start of Community Pubs Month. If you think you can help, however little, please contact us.

#### **What's On**

(Please note that this list does not include regular events such as quizzes and live music nights and can only cover what we know about).

#### **Friday-Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> February**

Beers featured in February's mini beer festival at the **Queen's Head, Allens Green** are Farmers Ales from Maldon.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February

A beer and food matching night is being held at the **Axe & Compasses, Aythorpe Roding**. Mine host for the evening is Nigel Sadler (Wibbler's Brewery and area SIBA representative).

***That's it folks***, for this month- comments and corrections welcome.

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