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North Bedfordshire Branch

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Wellington Arms is Pub of the Year

The Wellington Arms in Wellington Street, Bedford, is the CAMRA North Bedfordshire Branch Pub of the Year 2010.

Once a neglected street-corner local, the "Wellie" is now a successful pub leased by local company Burlison Inns to brewers B&T of Shefford. Although strictly tied to B&T, it operates more like a free house with 14 handpumps offering guest real ales from regional and micro-brewers throughout the country, as well as two brands of real cider or perry. In the 12 years since its re-launch, it has become a premier real ale pub and a regular entry in CAMRA's annual *Good Beer Guide*.

The Wellington Arms has won the annual North Beds Pub of Year title six times before. It also went on to win the Bedfordshire county title in 2001 and 2008, and the East Anglia title in 2001.

Managers Royston Beer and Lesley Griffin have worked hard to earn the Wellington Arms its seventh Pub of the Year award. The pub is open daily from 12 noon to 11pm (10.30pm on Sunday) and is often packed with real ale drinkers on Friday and Saturday. Food is limited to filled rolls at lunchtime on Monday to Saturday, so don't expect a banquet other than the range of often rare beers that grace the bar. A good selection of draught and bottled beers from Belgium, Germany, the Czech Republic and other countries is also available.

The pub runs occasional beer festivals offering an even wider range of real ales. However, with the beers already available every week you could be forgiven for thinking that there is a permanent festival!

The branch will present a framed certificate to Royston and Lesley at 6pm on Thursday 1st April.

The Wellington Arms will now go head to head with another of B&T's pubs, the **Globe in Dunstable**, and with the **Rising Sun in Potton**, for the title of CAMRA Bedfordshire Pub of the Year 2010. The county winner will then compete with the best from around the region for the East Anglia Pub of the Year.

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Further information about CAMRA North Bedfordshire and its activities is available at
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About CAMRA

CAMRA – the Campaign for Real Ale – is a voluntary consumer organisation founded in 1971 to represent the interests of beer drinkers and other pub users. It campaigns for traditional cask ales and coined the term "real ale" to describe beer made from malt, hops, yeast and water, allowed to mature naturally in the pub cellar and served to the customer without the use of applied gas. It also campaigns for the traditional British pub, for diversity in the UK brewing industry and for the interests of the consumer.

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