

News for home drinkers, Marks & Spencers have been granted a booze licence. Beers sold by other branches of M & S include RUTLAND BROWN (Ruddles), STRONG SUFFOLK PALE (Greene King), LANCASHIRE LIGHT (Thwaites), and YORKSHIRE STRONG BROWN (Sam Smith). Real beer freaks look out

Down the Pub has travelled to Bacton, where a lot of North Sea Gas comes hissing in. The pub to visit THE KING'S ARMS (W) It has big bars, a friendly atmosphere and a kids room in the old stable buildings at the back. Avoid the saturnine old rural character playing Crown and Anchor at the bar...

Opposit there are the ruined remains of a priory, all mixed up with flint cottages and orchards. It's very flat country with almost more churches than cottages about.

More Lowestoft news, THE MARQUIS OF LORNE is to be bought by Adnams, which is good news for everyone. Look after the wrought-iron gate chaps!

The HAVELOCK (WD) in Milton Road is a fine example of an unspoilt small town pub, what the Architectural Review would call Urban



BUNGAY FLEECE

Vernacular. Lots of wood, until recently in traditional chocolate and cream pub colours, now thoroughly brightened up by the brewers.

Whitbread seem to be going overboard with colour at many of the ex-Lacon houses they are doing up around the town with mixed results.

THE TRAMWAYS (WD) at Pakefield Terminus is worth a visit. It's very friendly with a tremendous contrast between the boisterous public bar and subdued lounge.

When in Bungay visit the THE FLEECE (A), a huge rambling pub with large bars and tables in the yard. There's a good atmosphere and Adnams beers of course.

Gossip corner: Exotic dancers were seen drinking Tequila in a riotous manner in the BEAR & BELLS in downtown Beccles recently

Pub of the month is THE WARTHOG at Frostenden Bottom.

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