


2006 Good Beer Guide entries – Hertfordshire


Discover some of our Hertfordshire GBG entries. Many of the pubs can be reached easily by bus or train. The travel details given are from the nearest or most convenient railhead. Other local buses may also serve the area. School, shopper and works services have been omitted unless they offer the only access to a pub; please check bus times particularly on rural services to ensure that there is a convenient bus to - and from - your chosen pub, also that the pub will be open when you wish to visit. When walking to or from a country pub please take care as there are rarely pavements along the county's lanes.

For those of you coming by train (+) indicates that a return bus add-on ticket is available usually at **£1.60 - £2.20** on top of a return train ticket. This is an economical way to travel beyond 'walking distance' from a station and, in most cases, allows for a change of bus.

If you wish to take in two or three areas in one day then an **Intalink Explorer** is available at **£7** for two adults (and two children). It can be used on **most** buses in Hertfordshire and many Arriva services in adjacent counties. Buy Explorers on the first bus. If the ticket is bought on an Arriva (Shires) bus it is also valid on First Berkshire and Stagecoach East.

For detailed bus times please call the bus traveline on 0870 608 2 608 or see the National Bus Timetable on www.intalink.org.uk A Sunday service generally operates on bank holidays.

Many buses do not run in the evening or on Sunday. Restrictions are indicated by:- **eveX** – **NOT** evenings; **MF** – Monday-Friday **ONLY**; **MS** – Monday-Saturday **ONLY**; **Su** – Sundays **ONLY**; **D** - Daily.

≠ - National Rail station;  Underground station

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ENGINEERING WORK

SILVERLINK services may be disrupted because of the West Coast Main Line upgrade particularly during bank holiday weekends.

THAMESLINK Cross London services are now running again. Engineering work may still take place particularly at weekends.

WEST ANGLIA GREAT NORTHERN services are often replaced by buses between Stevenage and Wood Green late evenings and weekends.

Please check on 08457 48 49 50 for the current situation.

While information given here is believed to be correct, CAMRA cannot be liable for any errors or changes since publication.

NB The details are corrected to 4 September 2005.



ALDBURY: Valiant Trooper (SP964121)

≠ Tring (1 mile east of station). Buses **30, 31, 387** (all **MS eveX**), **327 (Summer Su)**

ALLENS GREEN: Queen's Head (TL455168)

≠ Sawbridgeworth; then by taxi. From ≠ Bishops Stortford bus **4** runs at 13.12 on a **Thursday** to the pub but a taxi will be needed to get back! The Queen's Head is over a mile walk west of Sawbridgeworth town centre.

AMWELL: Elephant & Castle (TL167132)

≠ Harpenden (+) and bus **320 (MS), 357 (Su), 366 (MS eveX), 636 (MF eveX)**; Hitchin and bus **304 (MS eveX)**; St. Albans (City) (+) and buses **304 (MS eveX) 320 (MS)** and **357 (Su)** (also **382 (summer Su)**); ALSO Luton or Welwyn Garden City then bus **366 (MS eveX)** from either. See also Colney Heath, Hitchin, Redbourn, St. Paul's Walden, Sandridge, St. Albans and Whitwell for other GBG pubs on the **304**; and Harpenden, Redbourn, Sandridge and St. Albans on the **320** and **357**. Watford is also served by the **320 (MF eveX)**

AMWELL is a 20-minute walk from **Wheathampstead**. If coming from St Albans alight at Butterfield Road (as soon as the housing starts). Walk the length of Butterfield Road and turn left into Amwell Lane (no pavements here). For those coming from Hitchin or Harpenden leave the bus at the church and walk up Church Street and down Amwell Lane

.BALDOCK: Cock (TL246338)

≠ Baldock, Buses **90, 91, 92, 94, 190, 199**, (all **MS eveX**), **99 (MS eves + Su), 700 (MS), 787**. See Buntingford, Hitchin, Puckeridge and Standon for other GBG pubs on the **700**.

BENINGTON: Lordship Arms (TL287237)

≠ Stevenage and Ware then bus **384 (MS eveX)** from either.

BERKHAMSTED: Lamb (SP989078)

≠ Berkhamsted, Buses 30, 31, 322, 353, 500 (all MS eveX), 501 (MS eve + Su), 327 (summer Su)

BISHOP'S STORTFORD: Half Moon (TL487214), Jolly Brewers (TL491203)


≠ Bishops Stortford, Buses 5, 7, 20, 301, 308, 333, 351, 386, (all MS eveX), 700(MS), 510.

BOXMOOR: Boxmoor Vintners (TL051063)

12 (MF eveX), 52 (MS + SU eveX), 322 (MS eveX), 51 (MS eveX)

≠ Hemel Hempstead, Buses 6/W6, 10, 11, 500/1 (all D) 758 (MS eveX); 352 (MseveX); 327 (Summer Su) serve the station. Additionally, buses 1, 4, 5, 43, 46, 300/1, 320, 340, 634, 707, 748, 757, 758, 759, 768, 769, 787 serve the *bus station* (1 mile from railway station).

BRICKET WOOD: Black Boy (TL122022)

≠ St. Albans (+) or Watford Junction then bus 320 (MS eveX), 321 and 724 (both D). The pub is over a mile walk from Bricket Wood station.

BUNTINGFORD: Crown Inn (TL363293)

≠ Royston or Ware then bus 331 (MS eveX) from either; OR Ê Bishops Stortford and Stevenage then bus 386 (MS eveX), 700 (MS) from either. See Baldock, Hitchin, Puckeridge and Standon for other GBG pubs on the 700.

BUSHEY: Swan (TQ133953)

≠ Bushey (½mile) Watford High Street/Junction) (+) then bus 7 (MS eveX).

The pub can be reached, with a London Travelcard including zone 5, to Edgware, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Harrow & Wealdstone, South Harrow or Stanmore stations then buses 142 and 258. These buses also serve Bushey and the Watford stations. Intalink explorers are not valid on 142 and 258.

CHANDLERS CROSS: Clarendon Arms (TQ982065)

≠ Kings Langley or Watford Junction then bus **352 (MS eveX)**. Alight at Redhall Farm and walk up Redhall Lane to the end – approx 1 mile.

CHAPMORE END: Woodman (TL328164)


≠ Hertford (East or North), Ware then bus **384 (MS eveX)**

CHAPMORE END is about a 15 minute walk from the roundabout on the main Wadesmill Road (B158). Turn left and follow the road as it turns right at a ‘T’ junction. The pub is further along on the right.


CHIPPERFIELD: Royal Oak (TL041017)

≠ Watford (High Street or Junction), Croxley or Hemel Hempstead then bus **352 (MS eveX)** from any of them. Alternatively use ≠ Kings Langley and bus **R19 (MF eveX); R9 (MS eveX)**.

COLNEY HEATH: Crooked Billet (TL201062)

≠ St Albans (City) (+) then bus **304 (MS eveX)**; also ≠ Welham Green then **304 (limited MS eveX)**.

CROXLEY GREEN: Sportsman (TL069953)

⊖ Croxley (½ mile) and → ≠ Rickmansworth. Buses **5, 6/A, 321, 352, and W4** provide a frequent service passing the pub (Watford (+) ticket covers the journey).

HARE STREET: Beehive (TL390297)

≠ Ware then bus **331 (MS eveX)**.

HARPENDEN: Carpenters Arms (TL143133)

≠ Harpenden. Bus 321 (D), 320, HA1 (both MS eveX) to the Skew Bridge then 3 mins. walk, or buses 202 (MS eveX), 357 (Su) to Harpenden *George*, then, walking south, skirting the Harpenden Arms and, keeping the common on your right, follow Southdown Road for 10 minutes, under the railway bridge, across the mini roundabout, then first right, Cravells Road. From the station (20 min walk), come down Station Road to the Harpenden Arms then as above.

HERONSGATE: Land of Liberty, Peace and Plenty (TL023949)

≠ ⓪ Rickmansworth then bus R4 (limited MS eveX).
Bus timings permit a weekday lunchtime visit. The pub can also be reached via ≠ ⓪ Chorleywood and a 30 minute walk.

HERTFORD: Black Horse (TL323123), Old Cross (TL324127), White Horse (TL325123)

≠ Hertford East and Hertford North
Buses: 310, 395, 724 (all Daily), 331, 341, 351, 379, 384, 388, 390 (all MS eveX)
311 (eve + Su), 380 (MWF), 641 (M–F). See also Ware and Wareside for other local GBG pubs.

HIGH WYCH: Rising Sun (TL465142)


≠ Sawbridgeworth (2½ miles). The easiest way is to Ê Harlow Mill then bus 510. In Sawbridgeworth alight at, and walk (1 mile) along High Wych Road. See also Sawbridgeworth for another local GBG entry.

HITCHIN: Half Moon (TL187291), Kings Arms (TL183290), Sunrunner (TL185293)

≠ Hitchin (1 mile), Buses 8, 12, 54A, 88–92, 94, 97A, 100, 172, 181, 304, 700 (all MS eveX); 99 (MS eve + Su); 171, 700 (both MS); 54, 97, 101, 182, 777, 787 (all D). See also Amwell, Colney Heath, St. Albans, St. Paul's Walden, Sandridge and Whitwell for other GBG listings on or near the 304; and

Baldock, Bishop's Stortford, Buntingford, Puckeridge and Standon for entries served by the 700.




ICKLEFORD: Plume of Feathers (TL182316)

≠ Hitchin (+) then bus **182 (MS eveX)**.

KINGS LANGLEY: Saracen's Head (TL072026)

≠ Kings Langley (1 mile), Buses **322 (MS eveX)**, **R19 (MF eveX)**, R9 (MS eveX) **500/1 (D)**.

LETCHMORE HEATH: Three Horseshoes (TL153978)

≠ Bushey (+) , Radlett (+) and Watford (High Street) (+) then bus **602** from any of them. See Aldenham, Radlett, St. Albans and Watford for other GBG pubs on the **602**.

Letchmore Heath is about one mile south of Aldenham. Leave the bus at the Loom Lane/New Road stop in **Battlers Green** and head down New Road-Common Lane away from the main road. Letchmore Heath is at the end of Common Lane.


Old Knebworth: Lytton Arms (TL229202)

≠ Knebworth then 35 minute uphill walk; Buses **44/5 (MS eveX)**. On Sundays, from April to the end of October, bus 382 departs ≠ St. Albans at 11.40 or Stevenage bus station at 12.40 allowing a long afternoon visit.

PIRTON: Fox (TL137317)

≠ Hitchin, bus **89 (MS eveX)** A lunchtime visit is possible but buses start from town centre – Bancroft (1 mile from Station).

PRESTON: Red Lion (TL180247)

≠ Hitchin (+) or Luton then bus **88 (MS eveX)** from either.

PUCKERIDGE: Crown & Falcon (TL385233)

≠ Ware then bus **331 (MS eveX)**; or Bishop's Stortford then bus 386, 700 (both **MS**). See Baldock, Bishop's Stortford, Buntingford, Hitchin and Standon for other GBG pubs served by the 700.

RADLETT: Red Lion (TL164998)

≠ Radlett, Buses **356 (MS eve + Su)**, **623(MF eveX)**, **655 (MS eveX)**, **602**. See also Aldenham, Letchmore Heath, St. Albans and Watford for other GBG pubs on the 602.

ST. ALBANS: Boot (TL147071), Farmers Boy (TL152063), Farriers Arms (TL144073) Garibaldi (TL149068) Goat (TL148068), Lower Red Lion (TL143072), Mermaid (TL152074), Portland Arms (TL142074) White Hart Tap (TL149068).


≠ St. Albans Abbey (Silverlink), St. Albans (Thameslink)
Buses **84, 301, 321, 602, 724, S2, S4** (all **Daily**); **34, 320 (MS)**, **35, 300, 304, 358, 655, S1/4/5, S7/8/9** (all **MS eveX**), **340 (MS eve)**, **343, 356, 357** (all **Su**), **382 (Summer Sun.)**

ST. PAULS WALDEN: Strathmore Arms (TL192222)

≠either Hitchin or St. Albans then bus **304 (MS eveX)**.

See also Amwell, Colney Heath, Hitchin, St. Albans, Sandridge, and Whitwell for more GBG pubs on or near the **304**.

SANDRIDGE: Green Man (TL168104)

≠ St. Albans (City) (+) and buses **304 (MS eveX)**, **320 (MS)**, **357 (Su)** and **382 (summer Su)**. See also Amwell, Colney Heath, Hitchin, St. Albans, St. Paul's Walden, and Whitwell for other GBG pubs on or near the **304** also Amwell, Harpenden, Redbourn and St. Albans on or near the **320** and **357**.


SAWBRIDGEWORTH: Gate (TL481147)

≠ Sawbridgeworth (1½ miles) then bus **SW1, SW2 (MF eveX and Sat morn.)**. Bus **510** from Bishops Stortford and Harlow Mill passes the pub. See also High Wych for another local GBG pub.

STANDON: Fox (TL396222)

≠ Ware then bus **331 (MS eveX)**. Bus **700** also serves Standon (**MS**). For other GBG pubs on the 700, see, Baldock, Bishop's Stortford, Buntingford, Hitchin and Standon.

STEVENAGE: Our Mutual Friend (TL254218)

≠ Stevenage (+) then bus **4A/5A (both MF eveX), 444, 555 both MS eveX), 4/5**.

TRING: King's Arms (SP924114), Robin Hood (SP926115)

Buses **61 (MS), 63, 64, 387, 500 (all MS eveX), 501 (MS eve + Su), 161 (Su), 327 (summer Su** ≠ Tring is 2 miles distant (buses **64, 327 and 387** connect).

TYTTEHANGER GREEN: Plough (TL183059)

≠ St. Albans (City) (+) and bus **S7 (MS eveX)**.

WARE: Crooked Billet (TL362150)

≠ Ware (1 mile). Bus **395 (daily – Su eveX)** from **É** Hertford (East/North) or Ware. Buses **331, 350/1, M2, M3, M4 (all MS eveX), 310 (MS), 311(Su), 724**, all serve Ware station. See also Hertford and Wareside for other local GBG pubs.

WARESIDE: Chequers Inn (TL395156)

≠ Ware then buses **M3, M4 both (MS eveX)** also afternoon journey back on **350 (MF)**. See also Hertford, Ware and Widford for other local GBG pubs.

WATFORD: Nascot Arms (TL106974), Southern Cross (TL104974).

≠Watford Junction – both are walkable from station. Buses serving the town centre: 1, 4, 6/B, 7, 10, 320, 322, 336, 350, 500, BB1, R4, R8, W2, W9, W14/5, W19, W20, W30 (all MS eveX), 352 (MS), 1A, B9, W4, W6, W7, 501 (all MS eve + Su), W5 (Su eveX), 5, 8, 18, 142, 258, 321, 602, 724, W1 (all daily). A London travelcard or bus pass can be used on buses 142 and 258. The Intalink explorer is not valid on 142 or 258.

WHITWELL: Maiden's Head (TL049063)

≠ Hitchin and St. Albans (City) then bus 304 (MS eveX). See Amwell, Colney Heath, Hitchin, St. Albans, St. Paul's Walden and Sandridge for other GBG pubs on or near the 304.

WIDFORD: Green Man (TL420159)

≠: Ware then buses 350, 351 and M4 (all MS eveX) See also Hertford, Ware and Wareside for other local GBG pubs.

WILDHILL: Woodman (TL265068)

≠; Hatfield or Hertford (East or North) then bus 341 (MS eveX) to Essendon.

Wildhill is 2 miles south of Essendon. Head down the B158 (High Road – Cumcum Hill) and turn right at the 'Wildhill' sign. An alternative 2 mile walk is from ≠ Welham Green along a twisting lane

