

Real Ale and Local Pubs Group

Date: 3 December 2019

Pub or brewery visited: **The Fleece** for lunch followed by **the Green Dragon**, both in **Bungay**

Website of pub or brewery: <https://thefleeceinnbungay.co.uk> <https://www.greendragonbungay.co.uk>

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Beers sampled (The first three at the Fleece, the remainder at the Green Dragon)

| Brewery | Name of beer | ABV % | Tasting notes |
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| Greene King | IPA | 3.6 | Reasonable quaffing bitter. Nothing demanding. |
| Green Jack | Orange Wheat Beer | 4.2 | Orange flavour quite Christmassy, but end of barrel so lacklustre. |
| Green Jack | Jenny Morgan | 4.0 | A pleasant bitter. Not special |
| Green Dragon | Chaucer* | 3.7 | Good bitter with more "bite" than the beers in the Fleece |
| Green Dragon | Bridge Street* | 4.5 | Tasty darkish bitter |
| Green Dragon | Gold* | 4.4 | Good but would have been better to sample before the stronger flavoured bitters |
| Green Dragon | Strong Mild* | 5.5 | More hopped and tasty than expected for a mild. Liked by most but not all. |

*Compare tasting notes with the same beers in the Green Dragon in March <https://u3asites.org.uk/files/h/halesworth/docs/2019-03bungaygreendragon.pdf>. Do the differences reflect different people visiting/commenting, inconsistency of the note taker or just different perceptions on different occasions?

Impression of Pubs & Other Notes

Since **the Fleece** was refurbished about 3 years ago, it has an emphasis on good food with an adequate selection of beers. There were only two staff on duty in front of house, which surprised us as they knew our large group was coming and there were several other groups of 5 or 6 people. The two people were very busy but served us cheerfully and as efficiently as they could. Dogs are permitted in the uncarpeted bar area, but not in the restaurant, which suited us fine. Although they did not have their own jugs to serve beer in they were happy to fill our own 4 pint jug in order for us to share the beers around the group.

The Green Dragon does not serve food at lunchtimes. It brews its own beer on the premises. They have a good selection of beers which always seem to be served in good condition. They have their own 4 pint jugs and dogs are permitted. The present Green Dragon was established in 1991 by brothers Robert and William Pickard.

Number attending: 17

(Pictures below)



The Fleece beer selection



Linda raffling her gift from the Horseshoes Inn



Enjoying the beers in the Green Dragon