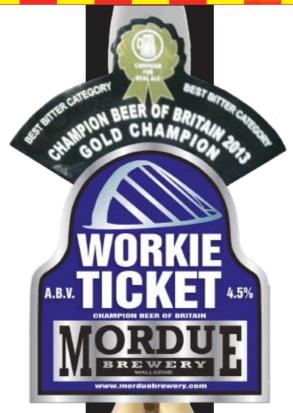
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Congratulations to Mordue Brewery, for winning gold in the Best Bitters category at the 2013 Great British Beer Festival, with Workie Ticket.

Congratulations also to Newcastle City Council, for being the first local authority in the country to impose the Late Night Levy (see page 22). The latest "Knee Jerk Reaction" legislation by the Government. It's only six months since the ridiculous Beer Duty Escalator was scrapped, after a successful campaign by CAMRA.

Since the last issue, there has been the Great British Beer Festival (see pages 8 & 9) and the launch of the 2014 Good Beer Guide (see page 24). Coming up is National Cask Ale Week, 27th September - 7th October and October is CAMRA Cider & Perry Month (a list of pubs selling real cider & perry is on page 20).

Don't forget to pull out the new Durham Ale Trail (centre pages).

Cheers

Adrian Grav Editor



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Thursday 10th - Saturday 12th October 5th Sunderland Octoberfest Bonded Warehouse, Low Street Sunderland (nr Fish Ouav)

Wednesday 16th October 7.30pm Wednesday Wander around Newcastle Starts at the Centurion

Tuesday 22nd October 7.30pm **Branch Meeting** Borough of Tynemouth Unionist Club, North Shields

Wednesday 13th November 7.30pm Wednesday Wander Sun Inn, Swalwell

Tuesday 19th November 7.30pm **Branch Meeting** Black Bull, Blaydon

Further details on times, itineraries and other local festivals can be found on the Canny Beyw website www.cannybevvy.co.uk, the branch Facebook page. www.facebook.com/tyncamra or in What's Brewing.

All the above events are for CAMRA members and non members. Everyone is welcome.

Autumn events at THE HEAD OF STEAM

NATIONAL CASK ALE WEEK 27th Sept - 7th Oct

@ Central: Ales from all 9 regions of England & a one-off brew from Allendale Brewery @ Cluny: New & Classic Ales from our favourite

local breweries. @ Durham: Classic British Beers on sale, plus 'Meet the Brewer on Wed 2nd Oct with

CIDER & PERRY MONTH

@ Central: A fine selection of real cider and perry from across the UK @ Cluny: Ciders from Gwatkin, Sandford, Mr. Whiteheads, Broadoak, Gwynt Y Ddraig, and more! @ Durham: The winner of **Durham CAMRA's Cider** Pub of the Year 2013! @ THOS Newcastle: 5 real Sonnet 43 Brew House. ciders on sale constantly

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GOOD BEER GUIDE PUB SELECTION

Have you wondered how CAMRA selects pubs for the annual Good Beer Guide? Each CAMRA branch is responsible for the entries in its area within the county and each listed pub must consistently serve real ale (and real cider if offered) of good quality.



To help us do this, we collect beer quality information through CAMRA's National Beer Scoring System (NBSS) in which members are asked to contribute scores for pubs throughout the year. It is easy to score your beers in NBSS. Log in to CAMRA's online pub guide, WhatPub (http://whatpub.com), using your membership number and the same password that you use to enter the CAMRA national website. Search for the pub and enter a score for each beer that you drank in the Submit Beer Scores panel on the right of the screen. There is plenty of help and information about NBSS on the Beer Scoring tab. A version of WhatPub optimised for use on a smart phone is due to be launched in August and a downloadable app will appear later, so you can score your beer in the pub while you drink it! If you don't have online access at all, then ask your NBSS Coordinator at a branch meeting for paper forms and we will enter your scores for you.

Having collected thousands of beer scores over the year, we generate a report in January giving the average, best and worst scores for each pub and a confidence factor based on the number of scores received. The Branch Committee uses these data to draw up a list of eligible pubs with the highest average score, supplemented by other sources of information, and then visits them to update the pub details ahead of a selection meeting in February. All branch members are invited to that meeting at which we select our quota for the next Good Beer Guide.

To make this work better, we need many more members to enter their scores. We value the opinions of all members whether active or not and we need as many opinions as possible for as many pints in as many pubs as possible. This is so we can have confidence in the statistics. We ask members to score the pubs continually not just once or twice. NBSS works across the country not just in our branch. If you are not a member but would like your opinions of beer quality in pubs to count, then join CAMRA!

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PUB & BREWERY NEWS

THE BRIDGE TAVERN, 7 Akenside Hill, Quayside, Newcastle upon Tyne

This new brew pub opened on 27th September, is owned by the same people who own the Town Wall. The pub was formally Fever, but was originally the Newcastle Arms, or unofficially the "Bottom Arms". There are now two floors, the ground floor bar has 10 handpulls serving real ale and cider. The "house ale" is called Tavernale @ 4% (approx) ABV and is brewed by Wylam Brewery. There is another bar on the second floor, which also serves real ale and cider from 6 handpulls. There is also a decked roof terrace at the rear. This upmarket brew pub is another welcomed addition to the Newcastle real ale pub scene (details of the brewery are on page 7).

NINE (formally SHEARERS), St James Park, Strawberry Place, Newcastle upon Tyne Has recently re opened after an extensive refurbishment in the summer. It now sells real ale on 2 handpulls.

FTTZGERALDS, 60 Grey Street, Newcastle upon Tyne Re opened on 11th September, after refurbishment.

JAM JAR (The George Hotel), 88 Osborne Road, Jesmond Opened on 5th September, selling real ale on 2 handpulls.

BELISE, 97-103 Osborne Road, Jesmond Sells real ale on 3 handpulls.

PERCY ARMS, Percy Street, Newcastle upon Tyne Has increased it's number of real ale handpulls, from 1 to 3.

HEAD OF STEAM, 2 Neville Street, Newcastle upon TyneIs staging special events for CASK ALE WEEK and throughout October, for CAMRA's CIDER & PERRY MONTH.

Following on from the recent opening of the **JOHN THE CLERK**, **Cramlington**, Wetherspoon's are opening two more pubs soon. The HIGH MAIN, 63 Shields Road, Byker, is due to open in October. The second is THE WALLA (formally The Walla Cinema) in Blyth, is due to open in November.

The WALLS END, Middle Engine Lane, Wallsend Is a new build pub, opening recently and selling real ale on 3 handpulls.

NORTHUMBERLAND HUSSAR, Sackville Road, Heaton Has been bought by the owners of THE IVY HOUSE in Sunderland. It is their intention to re open as a brew pub, with a micro-brewery in the cellar.

ALETASTER, 706 Durham Road, Low Fell Has recently re opened after being closed for nine months.

BAR LOCO, 22 Leazes Lane, Newcastle upon Tyne Sells real on 3 handpulls.

PITCHER & PIANO, 108 Quayside, Newcastle upon Tyne Now sells real ale.

BOROUGH OF TYNEMOUTH UNIONIST CLUB, 32 Albion Road, North Shields
Now sells real ale on 2 handpulls.

THE WARDLEY HOTEL, 25 Brack Terrace, Bill Quay, Gateshead Now sells real ale on 2 handpulls.

The former manager of the **TWICE BREWED**, has taken over at the **BOWES HOTEL**, **Bardon Mill**. Real ale is served on 2 handpulls.

STATION HOTEL, Station Road, Killingworth Now sells real ale on 2 handpulls.

THE ANSON, Station Road, Wallsend Sells real ale on 2 handpulls.

Finally, congratulations to the HOTSPUR, TRENT HOUSE and the FORTH HOTEL, Newcastle city centre, GOSFORTH HOTEL, Gosforth, MAGNESIA BANK, North Shields, HUGOS AT THE COAST, Tynemouth, JOINERS ARMS, High Newton by the Sea, RED LION, Newbrough, BRIDGE END INN, Ovingham and the GREENHEAD HOTEL. Greenhead, for their inclusion in the 2014 Good Beer Guide.

MORDUE BREWERY. Congratulations on winning gold in the Best Bitters category, at the Great British Beer Festival, with Workie Ticket. This the second time this beer has won the award. It was voted Supreme Champion Beer of Britain in 1997.

TAVERNALE REWERY (Bridge Tavern). The brewery opened on 27th September and intends to brew 360 pints of beer, seven days a week. Every brew will be different from the one before. Guest brewers will be invited to brew their own recipes at the brewery. There will be a full time brewer on the premises at all times. Three of the conditioning tanks are visible at the end of the ground floor bar. A further three conditioning tanks will be situated in the cellar, where cask filling and bottling will take place. Canny Bevvy wishes the owners every success in their new venture.

TYNEBANK BREWERY. Brewery tours are now available weekly on Wednesdays at 1400 hours. To book ring 0191 2652828.

STU BREW (Newcastle University). Students at Newcastle University are launching a micro-brewery and intend to use home grown hops. Stu Brew will be run by and for students, to be a sustainable, enviromentally friendly real ale brewery. It will be the first student run brewery in the country. The micro-brewery will be financially supported by the National Union of Students' Green Fund.

CHODOVA PLANA BREWERY (West Bohemia, Czech Republic). Beer baths are being offered as a spa treatment. They claim a soak in warm dark beer offers a host of health benefits. Stress relief, soothed muscles and improved complexion, thanks to vitamin B complex in the beer. The addition of brewer's yeast and herbs might dampen their thirst, not to mention a stray hair or toe nail. Or you can try a "Beer Wellness" session at the Bernard Spa, Prague. A 30 minute soak with unlimited beer to drink, followed by 40 minutes relaxation. It costs £70 and the parking is free.

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Great British Beer Festival London Olympia 13 - 17th August

Over 51,000 visitors attended this year's Great British Beer Festival, at London Olympia. Over 800 real ales, ciders and perrys were available. 225,300 pints of British real ale and approximately 9,000 pints of real cider and perry were consumed, over the five day event.

Tuesday started with the Champion Beer of Britain 2013 announcement. Elland Brewery's 1872 Porter being crowned Champion Beer of Britain. Buntingford's Twitchell was awarded silver and Fyne Ale's Jarl won bronze.



Nine breweries from our region submitted entries for the Champion Beer of Britain.

Workie Ticket (Mordue)

Tyneside Blonde (Hadrian Border)

Southern Star (Tynebank)

Matfen Magic (High House Farm)

Isis (Jarrow)

Paw's Gold (Black Paw)

Citra Nova (Durham)

Darkest Moment (Just a Minute)

Copy Lane (The Stables)

Congratulations to Mordue Brewery, for winning gold in the Best Bitters category.

CHAMPION BEER OF BRITAIN RESULTS

Overall winners

Gold - Elland, 1872 Porter (West Yorkshire) Silver - Buntingford, Twitchell (Hertfordshire)

Bronze - Fyne Ales, Jarl (Argyll)

Mild

Gold - Great Orme, Welsh Black (Conwy)

Silver - Cotswold Spring, Old Sodbury Mild (Gloucestershire)

Bronze - Fernandes, Malt Shovel Mild (West Yorkshire)

Bitters

Gold - Buntingford, Twitchell (Hertfordshire)

Silver - Moor, Revival (Somerset)

Bronze - Surrey Hills, Ranmore Ale (Surrey) and Butcombe,

Bitter (Somerset)

Best Bitters

Gold - Mordue, Workie Ticket (North Shields)

Silver - Surrey Hills, Shere Drop (Surrey)

Bronze - Purple Moose, Glaslyn (Gwynedd) and Woodfordes.

Nelson's Revenge (Norfolk)

Golden Ales

Gold - Fyne Ales, Jarl (Argyll)

Silver - Buntingford, Polar Star (Hertfordshire)

Bronze - St Austell, Proper Job (Cornwall)

Strong Bitters

Gold - Beeston. On the Huh (Norfolk)

Silver - Marble, Dobber (Greater Manchester)

Bronze - Castle Rock, Screech Owl (Nottingham)

Speciality Beers

Gold - Nethergate, Umbel Magna (Essex)

Silver - Saltaire, Triple Chocolate (West Yorkshire)

Bronze - Conwy, Honey Fayre (Conwy

Champion Bottled Beer of Britain

Gold - Molson Coor's, Worthington White Shield (Burton on Trent)

Silver - St Austell, Proper Job (Cornwall)

Bronze - Harvey's, Imperial Extra Double Stout (East Susse:





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It was a beautiful summers day in Northumberland, what more could you want. Plenty of Yellow Hammers feeding in a garden and a family of Woodpeckers playing in a tree. A motorcyclist was so suprised to see a bus coming round the bend, that he fell off his bike. With only his pride dented, he remounted and rode off. No one expects a bus full of CAMRA members around here.

When we arrived at the Star Inn, the owner, Vera Morton-Wilson, was waiting for us. She served us all through the hatch, after several trips to the cellar, with her tray. When everyone had been served, Ian Lee, Branch Chairman, presented Vera with her award, for 40 continuous years in the Good Beer Guide. There are only six other pubs in Britain that can say that. Vera thanked everyone for coming. A good day was had by all.



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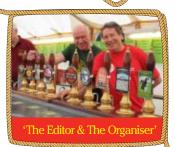
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HAYDON BRIDGE BEER FESTIVAL

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The 4th Haydon Bridge Beer Festival was blessed with glorious sunshine, over the two days. A stark contrast to the heavy rain last year. Almost 2,000 people attended, an increase



of 25% on last year. There were 40 local real ales on sale, plus 12 real ciders and 2 real perrys.

There were many musical performances over the two days, ranging from solo artists, to folk ensembles, to pop groups, to rock bands, to the Tyne Valley Big Band, who are sponsered by Wylam Brewery.



Profits from the festival benefitted the Haydon Bridge Football Club, the Great North Ambulance, Tynedale Hospice and St Oswald's Hospice. Next year's festival will have a



'Tyne Valley Big Band'

USA theme and will be held on 4th & 5th July. See www. haydonbeerfestival.co.uk for details.

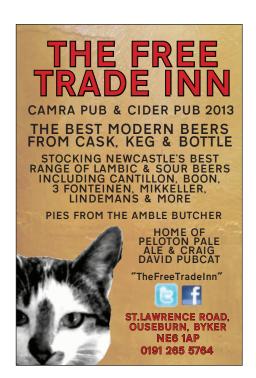
Top right, Adrian Gray, Canny Bevvy Editor and Ian Scanlan, Festival Organiser, middle right, Gordon Heal, Adrian Gray and Tony Turner, CAMRA



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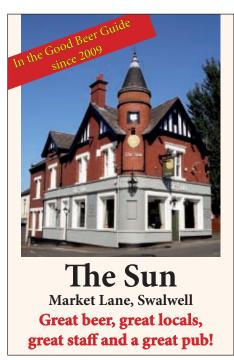
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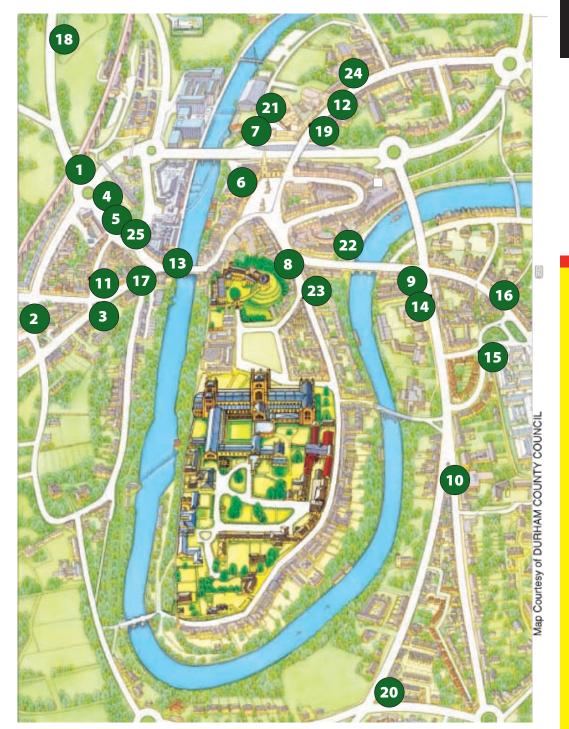












OBITUARY

LES FORBES

Many CAMRA Newcastle Beer & Cider Festival goers from over the years will re-call Les from Bensham as the "Pinman". Les had a cheeky grin and a laid-back wicked sense of dry humour. Some knew him more as "The Radgie Badgie Gadgie," who sold a range of amazingly intricate enamelled drawing pin heads from his easel-style stand. In later years, since he had problems with his eyes, he turned more to pendants and earrings. These were only a part of his talents, however, as he was also a portrait artist.

Les attended many other events across the region, particularly music festivals, where his extremely patient artwork, showing both great attention to detail and a flair for design, was well received too. Sadly after a long illness he passed away in mid-July (on his birthday ironically) at the very young age of only 51.



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Michelangelo Ristorante & Bar

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Manor House Inn

Cramlington

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Schooner Tilley Stone

Gosforth

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Chillingham

Higham Dykes Waggon Inn

High Horton

Three Horse Shoes

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High House Farm Visitor Centre

Meldon

Dyke Neuk

Milfield

Red Lion Inn

Morpeth

Electrical Wizard Joiners Arms Tap & Spile

Newbiggin by the Sea

Oueens Head

Newcastle City Centre

Bacchus Barca

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Duke of Wellington

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Forth
Head of Steam
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Pacific House Tilleys Bar Town Wall

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North Shields

Borough of Tynemouth

Unionist Club Oddfellows Victoria

Ponteland Blackbird

Slalev

Travellers Rest

South Gosforth Brandling Villa

Swalwell Sun Inn

Tynemouth

Hugos at the Coast

West Jesmond

Whitley Bay

Briar Dene Fat Ox Fire Station

Winlaton Turf

Wylam Boathouse

If you are a licensee or you are a customer and know of a pub which regularly sells real cider/ perry, please contact the Cider/ Perry Officer, Michael Forman via ciderpimp@cannybevvy.co.uk

REGIONAL CIDER PUB OF THE YEAR

A Weardale pub has come out on top in a competition to find the North East's best cider pub. The Black Lion in Meadhope Street, Wolsingham has been judged the North East Regional winner in the CAMRA Cider Pub of the Year competition. Eight pubs reached the regional final and in a closely contested judging round the Black Lion came out ahead and now goes through to the national rounds to find the UK's best cider pub.

Bill Wilkinson, CAMRA North East Regional Cider Co-ordinator commenting on the Black Lion's victory said "Apart from the main criteria of selling quality cider or perry, there are other factors taken into consideration, such as service and welcome; atmosphere and sympathy with CAMRA aims. He went on, the Black Lion is an excellent example of a small, terraced community pub in an attractive, small Weardale town. To find the selection of ciders on offer in a relatively rural part of the region is almost unique and a testament to the work of pub owner Sara Jane Stobbs in offering her customers the opportunity to enjoy real cider!".

On receiving the news of the award the Black Lion's licensee Sara Jane Stobbs was "surprised and delighted to have won. It doesn't feel like we've done very much apart from giving customers what they want".

Sara Jane has owned the pub for eight years having previously worked in it. In a classic case of "I liked it so much I bought it" she has introduced regular beer festivals which proved very popular. Real cider was introduced to these festivals and gradually became so popular that last year it became a permanent addition on the bar. The pub hosts cider tasting events and tasting notes are available at the bar to assist customers appreciate the ciders on offer.

The award was presented to Sara Jane by Bill Wilkinson, CAMRA North East Regional Cider Co-ordinator, at the Black Lion on Saturday 3rd August 2013. Also present was Paul Dobson, CAMRA Durham Branch Cider Officer.

The eight finalists in the North East Regional Cider Pub of the Year competition were:

Black Lion Wolsingham Rat Race Ale House, Hartlepool (Winner in 2012) Free Trade Inn, Newcastle upon Tyne Boathouse, Wylam The Maltings, South Shields The Isis, Sunderland The Head of Steam, Durham City

Quaker Coffee House, Darlington



Black Lion - main view of pub from Meadhope Street.



Presentation of the award certificate.



Ready for some cider tasting?



Under Holy Orders – the Black Lion offers customers the rare opportunity to sample cider from Ampleforth Abbey in North Yorkshire. When are you going to get some on draught, Sara Jane?

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Late-Night Levy in Newcastle upon Tyne

In July 2013 Newcastle City Council decided that it will become the first local authority in England to assess an annual levy of between £299 and £4,400 from licensed premises authorised to supply alcohol between midnight and 6:00 am. This would also include licensed late-night grocery stores. The council plans to implement this levy in November 2013 and hopes to collect £400,000 annually, although the council is legally required to give at least 70% of the levy collected to the police. There are some exemptions for country village pubs, but in Newcastle these are restricted to Dinnington and Brunswick Village. Other local councils around the country are considering following Newcastle's example.

Tony Brookes, Managing Director of the Head of Steam Ltd. Says "Newcastle City Council has adopted an iniquitous policy of charging all licensed premises in Newcastle city a Late Night Levy if their Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate allows them to sell alcohol between midnight and 6:00 am."

The LNL is supposed to pay for policing of the night time economy – police, street wardens and so on. "But that is completely unfair on pubs like the Cluny and Cluny 2 in Ouseburn, under Byker Bridge, which never has any trouble and never sees a policeman or street warden (what are they?) from one year to the next" said Julian Ive, Manager of the Cluny.

According to figures from Newcastle City Council from early September 2013, "A total of 370 properties with a premises or club premises certificates have been identified for the levy in the City. 2 properties have since been identified as being exempt under the community premises exemption, and a total of 48 minor variations have been received to date." If you have passed Sir John Fitzgerald pubs like the Crown Posada or the Bodega you will have seen the evidence.

How did this come about

The same Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 that brought us elected police commissioners also allowed the introduction of the late night levy in England and Wales.

There was a ministerial commencement order in October 2012 and Newcastle City Council consulted on the levy between February and April 2013. In spite of strong opposition from the trade, the Council intends to go ahead with the levy.

What Next

Once again pubs serving real ale responsibly are being lumped in with the cheap booze brigade.

Colin Valentine, CAMRA national chairman says; "... well run community pubs and the like with no history of trouble should be exempt from this levy as it is just another tax on hard working local business people who are already struggling to make a living." Ultimately it is we the punter who will pay the price if we drink at an establishment with a late licence, whether we drink late or not, as the pubs will have to factor the levy into their prices.

The branch is in touch with the council to establish the effect of the new levy on the pub trade in the Newcastle local authority area. It needs to be seen if the levy and Newcastle's rush to implement it will not send the wrong message to would-be visitors that there is a problem.

Saving pubs will not happen by sitting back. It will happen only by actively pursuing the first word in the name of our organisation, CAMPAIGN for Real Ale.

To see the amended government guidelines, refer to: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/118369/late-night-levy-guidance.pdf

I would welcome it if we as a CAMRA branch could form a sub-committee on public affairs, which could lobby politicians, and work for the protection and promotion of real ale and community pubs. Equally, I would welcome your email addresses for urgent actions to campaign for pubs and real ale. Feel free to contact me for any other information:

Hubert Gieschen publicaffairs@cannybevvy.co.uk



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FAIR DEAL FOR YOUR LOCAL

Britain's biggest pub company is debt-laden Punch Taverns, with about 4,200 pubs to its name. It is currently involved in selling off large numbers of pubs. Too often the supermarkets are the buyers and they pose a threat to the survival of community pubs. Even if the pub is still operating, the supermarkets' only focus is in converting them into a convenience store for food. You can't have a relaxing pint with friends in the beer aisle of a convenience store. The Victoria and Albert Inn in Seaton Delaval. Northumberland is a case in point. It is a grade Il listed building on a site which has had public houses for two centuries. After some ups and downs in its fortunes, its purchase by Tesco has galvanised the local community, and the pub has once again become a true community pub. This was shown when over two thousand local residents signed a petition against Tesco's plans since 2011 to turn the pub into a Tesco Express. The petition was organised by local campaigner Stephen Keir, who also contacted our CAMRA branch for support. As the law stands, a change of use from pub to supermarket does not require planning permission, unlike alterations to the building itself.

Northumberland County Council's South East Area Planning Committee rejected Tesco's application for structural changes to the building and car park in February 2012 on grounds of road safety, noise and fear of anti-social behaviour. An appeal by Tesco to the national Planning Inspectorate was not upheld. In late 2012, however, Tesco submitted further applications, which were rejected again in December 2012 and February 2013. The fight is not over yet, however. Tesco once again went to the national Planning Inspectorate where a decision could be arrived at any time.

At all three meetings I spoke against the applications on behalf of our branch. Throughout the campaign there was coverage in The Journal and The Chronicle.

If Tesco had been more flexible they may have been able to obtain planning permission for another site in the village. As it happened, the Coop did obtain planning permission for another site in Seaton Delaval. While CAMRA is concerned at any supermarket converting pubs, in 2012 two thirds of the roughly 200 pub conversions were done by Tesco.

In rural communities, such as in many parts of Northumberland, the loss of a community pub can mean the loss of a meeting place for the community to come together. That is why the campaign to save the Victoria and Albert in Seaton Delaval is important.

Recent changes to planning laws give hope to campaigners all over England. The most important of these changes came into effect in September 2012, the Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012. The regulations define an Asset of Community Value (ACV) and how it can be listed, and specifies that a public house is the type of concern that can be registered as an ACV.

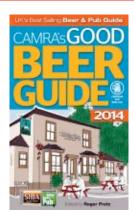
This regulation provides a six-month breathing space and is effectively an opportunity for a local community to buy a community pub before it gets converted to a non-pub use, such as a supermarket outlet. Since the regulation came into effect, more than a hundred pubs have been registered as ACVs.

Please contact us if you would like to join CAMRA or help in some other way to protect the future of community pubs.

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BOOK REVIEWS BY MARTIN ELLIS



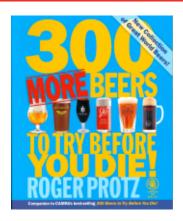
Good Beer Guide 2014 RRP £15.99 **CAMRA** members price £12.99

This book is the bible for every real ale drinker. It is essential reading and preparation for any UK trip. Every year CAMRA members spend many hours surveying and selecting pubs. This is why the Good Beer Guide is the best pub guide by far. Whilst the guide has many pubs that are selected every year, due to the diligent assessment and evaluation process sometimes as many as a third of pubs change with each new edition. Obviously some pubs are delighted to be selected and others may be disappointed.

The Good Beer Guide is the only pub guide that has a comprehensive listing of the UK's breweries, now well over a thousand breweries from new start-up small micros to long established family brewers.

Editor Roger Protz has included a pub crawl around York which I am looking forward to following. The feature on beer festivals provides the reader with an insight into what goes on behind the scenes in organising a CAMRA beer festival.

My biased view, make sure you don't travel around Britain without the latest edition.



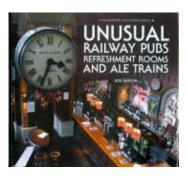
300 More Beers To Try Before You Die

by Roger Protz RRP £14.99 CAMRA members price £12.99

This book follows 300 Beers To Try Before You Die, a book which has been a best seller. Many readers have set themselves the task of trying all the beers. However, you don't need to have read the first book to enjoy Roger Protz's latest book. An introductory chapter provides an overview of beer around the world, followed by a chapter explaining the brewing process. A section on tasting beer will interest readers who are new to the world of beer and those who consider themselves to be experts. The book is illustrated throughout in colour with great pictures of beer bottles and labels. The beers are organised by style, with a detailed introduction to each beer style's history and the unique methods used to brew them.

There are beers included from throughout the world. Durham is the only brewery from the north east that has a beer listed, Benedictus is featured in the abbey and Trappist section.

A great book that will make a great present for every enthusiastic beer fan.



Unusual Railway Pubs Refreshment Rooms and Ale Trains

by Bob Barton RRP £15.99

Many real ale fans are also passionate about trains. In the nineteenth century 'railway mania' led to huge investment in a huge rail network linking every town and city. Alongside the phenomenal development of the railways, many railway companies built magnificent bars, hotels and pubs. Other pubs were built to meet demand from the travelling public.

Bob Barton not only celebrates the station pub, he explores the link between railways and the brewing industry. Perhaps this marks the book out as a 'cut-above', it is far more than a guide to Great Britain's station pubs, it places the pubs and brewing into historical context.

At the recent Great British Beer Festival the books sold out, more stock arrived and sold out, so more was dispatched and which quickly sold out. The Centurion Bar at Newcastle station and the Boathouse at Wylam, both pubs on the Tyne Valley Line are included and written about in detail.

This book will appeal to people interested in architecture and history, as well as thousands of train spotters and beer tickers.



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Write to Reply

MODERN REAL ALES AND CRAFT BEERS

I am writing in response to Hugh Price's thought provoking letter in the 'Your Shout' slot of the last edition of Canny Bevvy; issue 224 Summer 2013, where he outlined his view as to the poor quality of many "modern real ales". I believe that when he raised filtering and centrifuging as contributing to their supposed dumbing down he started from the wrong position as none of these processes even as 'no goes' form part of Real Ale's definition. CAMRA defines Real Ale as:

beer that has been brewed and stored in the traditional way, and has undergone secondary fermentation in the container from which it is dispensed. Secondary fermentation is an essential and indispensable characteristic of real ale.

Therefore we agree on the absolute requirement for secondary fermentation to take place to produce real ale, and pasteurising a beer which kills off all live yeast clearly prevents this. Centrifuging or filtering a beer, unless it's done to the extent to give the same outcome as pasteurisation, does not, to me, of itself mean that a beer cannot still be real ale.

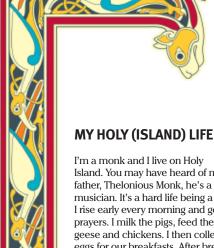
Though I too think that some real ales in draught form from breweries established in recent times have far less sediment and are much easier to look after even to the extent of being virtually ready-toserve than some others coming from breweries established for generations. (This was even before Marston's "redefined real ale" with their FastCask.) Whether or not the latter's brews in bottled or cask form by the way are necessarily better than the former is I think merely a matter of personal preference rather than a matter of the era in which they were first brewed.

Mr Price also raised the "blurring...between some modern real ales and craft beers". Well here again while I concur that some craft beers are indeed not real ales at all and I am very firmly of the opinion that 'Craft Beer' does not have anywhere near as widely an accepted definition as Real Ale and possibly never will have. (As an aside I reckon the term is marketing professional's delight in that they can stretch craft beer's boundaries largely as they see fit to promote a particular beer, which is what they are employed to do of course). Personally speaking the terms real ale and craft beer are actually used to describe different though overlapping types of beer so that CAMRA's policy on craft beer in its relation to real ale is quite correct:

CAMRA recognises the term "craft beer" as describing beer with distinctive flavour brewed by artisans. Most real ales are craft beers but not all craft beers are real ale.

Finally, while I don't sup much bottle conditioned real ale, I do think Hugh is quite right when he mentioned Worthington White Shield as having far less yeast sediment these days than it once had. However I would add that the relative merits of different beers is all about personal taste and surely that is much of what drinking real ale is all about, isn't it?

John Holland Former CAMRA National Executive Member



I'm a monk and I live on Holy Island. You may have heard of my father, Thelonious Monk, he's a jazz musician. It's a hard life being a monk. I rise early every morning and go to prayers. I milk the pigs, feed the goats, geese and chickens. I then collect the eggs for our breakfasts. After breakfast we say more prayers. Then I go and tend the allotment, were we grow the food we eat. After that we say more prayers before lunch. After lunch I go and help out in the brewery, making the mead. If no one's watching, I have a quick taste, I love it. Then it's more prayers followed by meditation. After that we have our evening meal. followed by even more prayers, before we go to bed.

My gang of brothers (we always wear our hoodies when we go out), include Cuthbert, Aidan, Bede, Aldred, Billfrith and Ethilwald (what ever happened to him? Ed). Cuthbert is my best mate. Bede can be a devil in drink. If he's in the mood, we have to hide all the mead. That's how he got his name, the Vunerable Bede. We hardly see Bishop Eadfrith, he's always writing in his illusrated book. I told him why bother, no one will ever read it. Aldred is always writing between the lines in it. he thinks he's Banksy. I wouldn't want to be in his sandals when the Bishop finds out.

Every Wednesday some of us go to Berwick Market, to trade mead for livestock and other produce. When we have finished, we call in the Pilot (formally Pontius Pilot), then the Free Trade and finally the Barrels.



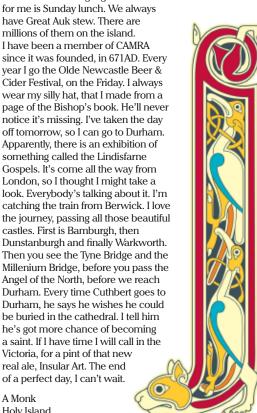
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If Bede is with us, we usually end up carrying him back to the ox cart. Sometimes we get a lift from a passing coble, going to Craster. We trade mead for kippers and if we have time, we call in the Jolly Fisherman for a quick pint.

On Friday nights the gang all go on a pub crawl. If the Vikings are on the island, it's always exciting. They definately know how to enjoy themselves. The highlight of the week for me is Sunday lunch. We always have Great Auk stew. There are millions of them on the island. I have been a member of CAMRA since it was founded, in 671AD. Every year I go the Olde Newcastle Beer & Cider Festival, on the Friday. I always wear my silly hat, that I made from a page of the Bishop's book. He'll never notice it's missing. I've taken the day off tomorrow, so I can go to Durham. Apparently, there is an exhibition of something called the Lindisfarne Gospels. It's come all the way from London, so I thought I might take a look. Everybody's talking about it. I'm catching the train from Berwick. I love the journey, passing all those beautiful castles. First is Bamburgh, then Dunstanburgh and finally Warkworth. Then you see the Tyne Bridge and the Millenium Bridge, before you pass the Angel of the North, before we reach Durham. Every time Cuthbert goes to Durham, he says he wishes he could be buried in the cathedral. I tell him he's got more chance of becoming a saint. If I have time I will call in the Victoria, for a pint of that new real ale, Insular Art. The end

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Answers:

If you are a licensee and would like to join the scheme or would like some more information, or you are a customer and know of a pub which regularly sells local beers, please contact the LocAle co-ordinator Dave Vaughan via locale@cannybevvy.co.uk.

All new additions shown in red.

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Allenheads Inn

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Bowes Incline Country

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Blaydon

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Byker

Cumberland Arms

Free Trade

Catton

Crown Inn

Coalburns

Fox & Hounds

Cornhill on Tweed

Collingwood Arms

Dipton Mill

Dipton Mill Inn

Eglingham

Tankerville Arms

Eighton Banks

Waggon Inn

Felling

Wheatsheaf

Gateshead

Central

Gosforth

Gosforth

Coppers 8 til 8 County

Gosforth Hotel

Job Bulman

Queen Victoria

Haltwistle

Haltwistle Comrades Club

Milecastle Inn

Heaton

Chillingham

Higham Dykes

Waggon Inn

Langlev

Carts Bog Inn

Low Eighton

Angel View Inn

Low Fell

Black Horse

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High House Farm Visitor Centre

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Bridge Hotel

Broad Chair

Centurion

Hotspur

Lady Grey's

New Bridge

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Redhouse

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Stannington

Anarchy Brew Co

Thropton

Three Wheat Heads

Tynemouth

Cumberland Arms

West Jesmond

Lonsdale

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Wylam

Boathouse

Canny Bevvy Quiz

by Baz Lite Beer

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- Which is the largest pub company in the UK with 5720 pubs?
- What was the original name of the famous old brewery, believed to be the UK's oldest, which closed in Wandsworth, London in 2006?
- Old Engine Oil, an ale produced by the Harviestoun Brewery, is specifically aged in what?
- In which UK city did the biggest regional library in Europe open in September 2013?
- Which children's book, about the Waterbury family, was written by Edith Nesbit and published in 1906?
- Which actress played the part of Eliot's mother in the 1982 film E.T.?
- Which six letter two-word French expression was adopted into English in the mid 1700s referring to a witty remark?
- 9 Debrecen is the second largest city in which European country?
- Which English golfer led going into the final round of the 2013 Open Golf Championship?

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LAST ORDERS

MEMBERSHIP FIGURES

The North East Region has 2,760 (2,682) members Darlington Branch has 330 (328) members Sunderland & South Tyneside Branch has 442 (428) members

Durham Branch has 545 (530) members

Tyneside & Northumberland Branch has 1,443 (1,396) members

CAMRA National Membership is now over 154,825 (149,659)

(Figures correct at 12th August 2013. Previous figures from last issue shown in brackets)

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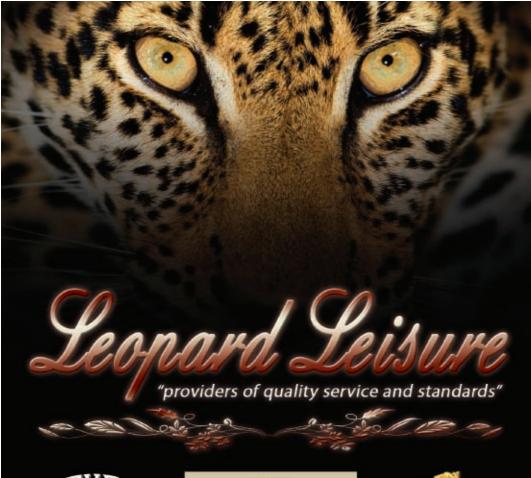
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