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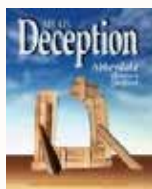
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Hello and welcome to Issue 75

Tetley's has come up quite a bit in this magazine over my years as editor. I am former fan of the beers, especially Mild, it is what I used to drink when I first started drinking real ale the late 80's. It is why I am here, editing this magazine, typing out these words.

Well of course as we know the brand suffered in the 90's and 00's and we all moved on to smaller breweries and better beers. Carlsberg closed the brewery, shopped production off to other breweries around the country and hoped no one would notice. They themselves seemed not to notice either with Carlsberg now saying that

"Tetley's is a sleeping giant" and "we haven't done much with it in the past five years".

But maybe now things are changing with a new pumpclip for Tetley's Bitter, now branded as "Tetley's Original Cask". Out

has gone the Huntsman and in comes the Tetley family crest, which is dividing opinion. Although what is "original" about a beer brewed far from its original home is anyone's guess but I suppose you can get away with anything in marketing these days, just look at the amount of big brewery beer labelled as "craft" these days.

And now via our galloping gourmet Colin Williams comes an image showing a flyer for a new Tetley's branded beer called "No 3. Pale Ale" with the headline "Brewed again in Leeds 2018".



Have Carlsberg seen the error of their ways, do they now realise that Tetley's should come from Leeds? Who knows.

This information came right at the very end of production of this magazine and I scrapped my

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original column to type this out. I can't find out anything more online about this new beer.

Hopefully it does come to something, I would love to order a Tetley's branded beer and say "yes, that is a nice beer" instead of "yeah, not as good as it used to be".

Mark

Ackworth from David Oates

There have been some significant events and further developments of the real ale scene since the last report back in January. Ackworth Cricket Club is now selling real ale.

A very successful inaugural Ackworth Real Ale Festival at the Bell Lane Parish Rooms took place on the 8th/9th March. Organised by the Rory Embling Foundation, based in Ackworth, which is a part of the CRY Charity (Cardiac Risk in the Young). The 20 real ales on offer showcased local micro-breweries and Wakefield District breweries. It raised over £4000 which will enable 80 plus 14 to 35 year olds to be heart screened for free on the 26th May in Ackworth. The festival was very well attended by Wakefield CAMRA members on the Saturday. Over 600 people attended over the 2 days.

Ackworth Cricket Club: Brian Lord, the Steward/Bar Manager at the Club, is trialling selling bottle conditioned beers. The Club is small, but very smart, and only opens 'part-time' and therefore would struggle to sell real ale on draught without having a big wastage. Brian is keen to provide his customers with a real ale choice and may consider putting on draught real ale when there is a big match on. Opening times are: Tues, Thurs, Fri and Sat from 6:30 pm and during the afternoon when there is a senior home game (fixtures can be viewed on ackworth.play-cricket.com). A Family Fun Day takes place on the Cricket Field on Sunday 20th May, admission £1, from 12:00 onwards with live music, a DJ, stalls and a funfair to raise money (£200,000 is the overall target) to send local 17month old Ivy Louise to America for ground breaking treatment for her Stage 4 High Risk Neuroblastoma.

Masons Arms: Bradfield Blonde and Brown Cow continue to be in great demand. Two changing guest real ales include a wide range of nationally sourced beers, frequent appearances from both the local Chin Chin and Outgang Brewery beers and by locals request Adnam's Mosaic Pale Ale and Ghost Ship. A real cider on a fifth hand pump has become a recent addition. The annual 'BEAT IT' day to raise money for Cancer Research UK takes place on Sunday 22nd July with a number of live bands. Last year £3,341 was raised. A real ale and cider festival in a marque out in the beer garden is being pencilled in for early to mid August.

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Brown Cow: Black Sheep Bitter and Ossett Silver King permanent real ales. A rotating guest is on a third hand pump, which was Butcombe Original Beer on a mid April visit. The pub will be open all day from 9:30am onwards on Friday 4th May to celebrate Tour de Yorkshire which passes the front door. Sandwiches (am) and Snacks (pm) will be available. Different live 'Singers' will be performing at 2:00, 6:00 and 9:00. A bucket collection will be made through out the day for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Rustic Arms: Ossett Yorkshire Blonde and Black Sheep Bitter popular permanent real ales. Timothy Taylors Landlord has replaced the Doom Bar as a third permanent. Mark is "dead chuffed" with the real developments in the Rustics and considering putting on a series of changing blonde/IPA guests on the Ossett Blonde pump as his locals are becoming more and more open to trying 'new' real ales. A recent Dinner- Dance raised over £3,500 for the Prince of Wales Hospice. The pub is well worth a visit when it is well frequented by people, and many in their vintage cars, steam engines and other unusual vehicles from the near by Ackworth Scammel on the 28th and 29th April.

Boot and Shoe: White Rat has become a very popular permanent. A rotating real ale from the Ossett which was a very good Progress Porter on a recent visit. A rotating guest from the SIBA list makes up the third handpump. Local Shaun Merrill, lease holder, reported that he tries to have at least one "dark beer" on at all times due to the likes and demands of the pub's locals, with Ossett Treacle Stout proving to be very popular recently. A new old brick entrance wall and arch/open door way inside the vestibule has made the pub warmer on colder days.

Angel: Black Sheep Bitter is the popular permanent. It was again 'top notch' on a recent visit. A regular guest from a wide range of breweries sourced nationally is on a second hand pump. Purity Brewing Company Mad Goose on a recent visit. Dean and Julie reported a new exiting new food menu coming on board very soon.

Ego at the Beverley Arms: Yorkshire Blonde is a permanente. A rotating guest from either Ossett, Fernandes or Rat is on the second hand pump, which was a good quality By George(4.2%) on a recent visit.

Spread Eagle at Darrington Reopens



The Spread Eagle at Darrington has reopened and is to be known as “The Spread”, which is what it has been known as locally anyway. Andrew the new landlord is keen on real ale and there are 4 on offer: Farmers Blonde, Doom Bar, Black Sheep and the excellent Purity Pure Ubu. It is good to hear that the latter has proved very popular.



They currently open at 5 Monday-Wednesday and all day Thursday to Sunday, There are big plans to develop the food offering, including breakfast. Transport is easy in the daytime on the 408 and 409 from Pontefract.

Colin Williams

Barnsley Oak at South Elmsall

The Barnsley Oak at South Elmsall continues to stock good pints of Black Sheep and a changing guest. Improvements are now up to Phase 3.



Phase 1 was some new toilets, replacing the original 1970 installation from when the pub opened as a Barnsley Brewery tied house. Phase 2 was a long overdue resurfaced car park and Phase 3 involves some very smart new interior decoration.

Colin Williams

Horbury Bridge The Ship which for so long was closed and almost turned into a Sainsbury’s has now been turned into di Bosco Coffee and Champagne Bar. The Calder Vale on Millfield Road is to become a brew pub, hopefully we have more information for the next issue.

Lofthouse Halfway House has closed.

Ossett The Thorntree will reopen.

Pontefract Hope & Anchor has been sold by Punch and will now be a free house. Earl Of Pontefract has changed hands and now has real ale with Landlord and a guest.

Wakefield Bull & Fairhouse will reopen in early summer as The Polka Hop. There is now real ale at Alfred Moodies on Little Westgate.

Wragby Spread Eagle has reopened.

Real Cider And Perry In The Wakefield District

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Brewers Pride, Ossett	Junction, Castleford	Six Chimneys, Wakefield
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PUB OF THE YEAR

Harry's Bar Wakefield

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The pub, just off Westgate, features real ales from just about all our local breweries with a house regular for Five Towns and James&Kirkman, Tigertops and other regularly appearing. The excellent North Riding have a regular handpull. Well done Louise and team for being Wakefield's best pub.



CLUB OF THE YEAR

Wakefield Labour Club "The Red Shed"

The Shed picks up the award yet again. Home to many local organisations political and non political.

But it is the beer we like and with 5 handpulls there is always something to enjoy, and even if there isn't something you like you can always go onto the range of Belgian beers in the fridge. Albert presents to George Denton in the photo.



CIDER PUB OF THE YEAR

Our Cider Rep David Jones presenting to the Wakefield Beer Exchange.



WINTER PUB OF THE SEASON

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Moved Into Our Area: Stuart & Margaret Atkinson, Anthony Bevan, Lee Cope, Paul Edwards, Tony Howell, George Richardson and Toby King & Louise Scholey.

If anyone has any problems please get in touch and I will do my best to sort things out as speedily as possible,

Cheers, Albert.

Nomination and Voting Dates

Pub Of The Season

Winter	December, January	February
Spring	March, April	May
Summer	June, July	August
Autumn	September, October	November

Most Improved Pub

July, August	September
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Pub Of The Year

November, December	January
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Club Of The Year

January

Tetley Dave Award

January, February	March
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Cider Pub Of The Year

May

To vote either send an email to Albert Bradbury or come along to the branch meeting of the month shown above.

Mark Goodair is our Events Secretary. If you want to come on any of our trips, just phone Mark on 07908 553206 or email markgoodair@gmail.com

Coach trips pick-ups at South Kirkby (Browns Coaches), Pontefract (Golden Ball) & Wakefield (Red Shed)

PROPOSED BRANCH MEETINGS

Thu 3rd May Fernandes, Wakefield 8.00pm

Thu 7th Jun Giffin, Castleford 7.30pm

Thu 5th Jul Reindeer, Overton 7.30pm

Thu 2nd Aug Revolutions Brewery 7.30pm

Minutes/Admin Secretary Needed

A new group, set up to review CAMRA's beer styles, needs a Minutes/Admin Secretary to arrange meetings and take minutes of the meetings.

The details of where and how frequently the group will meet have yet to be decided, and this will require the input of the secretary. Reasonable travel expenses can be claimed.

If you have experience of taking minutes and providing administrative support to committees and working groups, and/or would love to know more about CAMRA's beer styles and the review of them, the Group Chairman, Ralph Warrington would love to hear from you.

Email: ralph_warrington@hotmail.com

Each week Bob Wallis sends out an email to all branch members with local pub and brewery news and other items of interest to real ale lovers around the Wakefield district. If you are not receiving these emails, and would like to receive them, please contact Bob by email who will add you to the list.

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OTHER EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Sat 5th May Trip to Bingley Brewery, be on the 11:26 train at Leeds Station

Sat 26th May Survey Trip by public transport starting at 12 noon at Mason's Arms, Ackworth visiting Upton, South Elmsall and Hemsworth

A Good Meal And A Decent Pint

The Dam Inn, Newmillerdam

Recently, some of us were fortunate enough to attend a “VIP Evening” at the Dam Inn, Newmillerdam. They had reopened after a substantial makeover and we were able to inspect the smart interior and try the impressive range of cask ales along with some delicious canapés. The “mini puddings” in particular were quite a gastronomic orgy. It seemed only sensible to revisit and see what the main menu had to offer.

The Dam is a Classic Inn “Loved Locally”. It is unsurprisingly situated right by the water in Newmillerdam. Bus 59 goes right there in the daytimes but it is walkable from the 110 route at other times. If driven there by a designated driver, beware of the parking situation as the pub car park is run on a pay and display basis in the daytime. Keep the parking receipt as the cost is refunded in the pub when you order. With parking under pressure in the area, this seems a very sensible arrangement.

I called in on one of the very few pleasant days we have had recently. The pub had only just opened for the day and it was interesting to note a queue for the carvery. There is a family friendly atmosphere; they even have one of

those machines that dispenses prizes by means of a crane-like device. The fact that it was out of order seemed to be causing a certain amount of distress.

As on our previous visit, there was a good selection of cask on offer. From Acorn there was Yorkshire Pride, Barnsley Bitter and Newmiller Blonde, which is supplied as a house beer. There was also St Austell Proper Job. I sampled the house beer and it was in good order. The beers weigh in at £3.70 a pint but there is a loyalty card scheme where you can have a card stamped when you buy a pint and after 7 stamps you get a free pint. (One stamp per visit, please drink responsibly.) “Cask Club” is on a Monday and there is a Burger Night on a Wednesday and a Steak Night on a Thursday.

There is a varied menu and prices are more or less what one would expect to pay. For example there are lamb shanks (£10.79), steaks from £10.49, pasta dishes and salads around the £10 mark and some very reasonably priced desserts including the “mini pud” at £1.49 each or 4 for £4.99. The outstanding value is the carvery which people were queuing up for at 1200. It’s only £6.49 and is served Monday-Saturday from 1200-



2030. Sunday's carvery is £3 more. Check out the website for the full menu.

I waited until the queue had died down and duly sampled the carvery. As is often the case, there was a choice of 3 meats with Yorkshire pudding and a most impressive vegetable selection. You certainly won't leave hungry after this very good value meal. Desserts went unsampled but do look tempting for another occasion.



It's well worth a visit and there are some other real ale outlets nearby that are worth checking out too.

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Colin Williams

PLEASE NOTE: This column is inevitably produced on a "correct at the time of writing" basis. At the time of writing The Red Lion at Ossett no longer do curries and the New Albion at Alverthorpe no longer do food at all. It is therefore advisable to ring in advance to avoid disappointment.

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Scoring is easy, just log on to the Wajay Pub website at www.whatpub.com and submit your membership number and password. Search your pub and submit your scores.

But what should I score my beer? Well if the pub your in has no real ale available then score it 0 if it has real ale on the bar then follow CAMRA's guide and you shouldn't go far wrong.

0 No cask ale available.

1 Poor

Beer that is anything from barely drinkable to drinkable with considerable resentment.

2 Average

Competently kept, drinkable pint but doesn't inspire in any way, not worth moving to another pub but you drink the beer without really noticing.

3 Good

Good beer in good form. You may cancel plans to move to the next pub. You want to stay for another pint and may seek out the beer again.

4 Very Good

Excellent beer in excellent condition.

5 Perfect

Probably the best you are ever likely to find. A seasoned drinker will award this score very rarely.

Now remember you are scoring the quality of the beer not if it has too many hops in for your taste or if it's a dark beer and your not really keen on dark beers so you give it a low score.

And if you start scoring you can join the Wakefield CAMRA league table of beer scores and there is a prize involved.

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Members present Wakefield's Mayor with a cheque for £660 raised from the festival raffle.

Wakefield CAMRA Easter 2018 Belgium Trip

This year for the 27th Easter trip Wakefield CAMRA stayed in Aalst which is northwest from Brussels. It is located in the Flemish province of East Flanders. It is only really a base town as we visited all over including Goes in the Netherlands and the Belgian cities of Brussels, Ghent and Bruges.

The weekend always starts with the madness of leaving the Red Shed at 9pm to catch a 4.30am ferry from Dover. On arriving in Aalst it is straight to Brouwerij Malheur in nearby Buggenhout. A fantastic brewery visit, all five brewery visits we did were excellent but this one was a great way to start, you forgot being so tired with the start to the day being tasters of 6%, 10% and 12% beers.

Saturday and we are in Brussels. En Stoemlings is a new craft brewery to the north west. Classic Belgian beers here with a modern twist. After the visit we take the Metro to Brussels Midi and Anderlecht to take in the classic Lambic brewery bar at Cantillon which is nearby. Look out in the bar area for the Wakefield CAMRA certificate from the 2007 visit. A short distance from here is Nanobrasserie de l'Ermitage, a new craft brewery with bar. Very modern with a Belgian twist to American style beer, I felt sorry for the guy behind the bar as there are almost 32 people and everyone wants the 4 125ml tasters.

Sunday is a visit to Fort Lapin, Kristof is ready with some great beer for us to try, the bottle shop is impressive. The Rouge was probably my favourite beer of the weekend. The afternoon is spent in Bruges.

Monday and we are off to the Netherlands and Slot Oostende in Goes. The brewery also brews the renowned Emilisse Brewery beers. The brewery is set in a modern brasserie in a rebuilt castle so whilst it is all modern up top our tasting session is in the stone cellars below. Jens the brewer gives an excellent tour of his impressive brewery. The final beer of the tasting session we have is Barrel Finished #1 which is a 13% Imperial Russian Stout that has been placed into Bowmore whisky barrels. It occurs to me drinking this that CAMRA and it's members are often described as the "Boring brown beer brigade"....there is nothing boring or brown about the beer we are drinking this weekend, we are however "a beer brigade".



Brouwerij Malheur



En Stoemlings



Fort Lapin



Slot Oostende

The Eighth Edition of the CAMRA's Good Beer Guide Belgium is now available. It has been 4 years now since the seventh so this new edition is very welcome. This new edition features details on 1,000 beers and 800 places in which to try them (against 900 and 500 in the previous issue).

The book starts with a guide to Belgium, the history, how to get there and how to get around. There is also a guide to the food, it is similar to the UK if you are like me a simple eater in case you are wondering. You can get steak and fries, spaghetti and pasta are popular as are croques. If you want to be more adventurous then this book offers some alternatives, you'll never feel lost looking at a menu with this book.



There is a large section on the beers available in brewery order, covering large and small. It certainly doesn't pull its punches when describing certain breweries and beers - one beer "is impressively clean, beautifully presented wet air". Fun as they are to read you will be more interested in the more interesting beers. Each beer also has a star rating from 1 to 5.

It isn't uncommon in bars in Belgium to be presented with a bewildering list running into over 100+ beers to choose from, most you have never heard of. The list often comes with little or no description as to the type of beers they are, sometimes you don't know the ABV either which given the Belgians habit of producing strong beers can become a bit of a lottery. Having a book like this to hand is very handy as you can quickly look up the beer, find out what it is and whether in the author's opinion the beer is a good one. You will soon pick up on the beers and start remembering

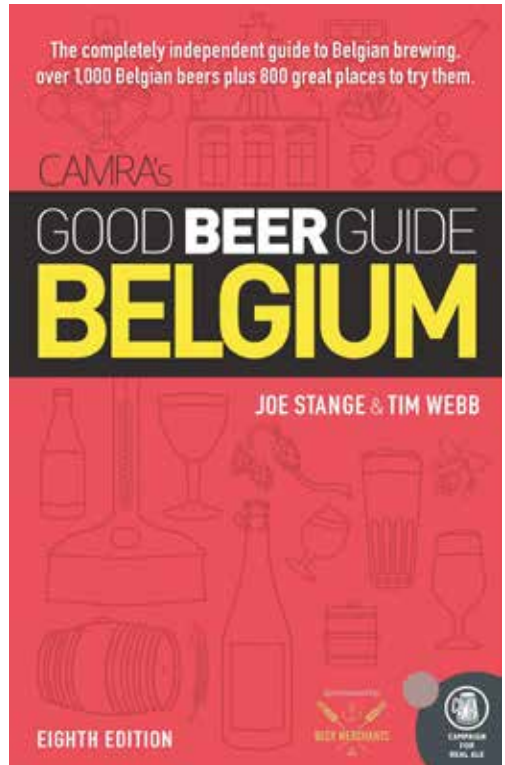
them so when in a bar you'll get to a point where you know what to order.

The bars guide is equally comprehensive with all towns and cities you'll want to visit in the book. The best bars are listed with good descriptions. The maps are limited but functional, you are going to need a maps app on your phone to really get around. Take note of the opening hours, bars in Belgium seem to open and close at odd hours.

If you are thinking of going to Belgium then this is the ideal book, there are books offering guides to individual cities like Bruges and Brussels but only this book offers a complete guide to the country, all the major towns and the beers.

Belgium is a great place to visit and drink beer, it's reputation is richly deserved and this is an essential book.

CAMRA's Good Beer Guide Belgium is available from the CAMRA shop (shop.camra.org.uk) and other book sellers priced £14.99.



BOONS



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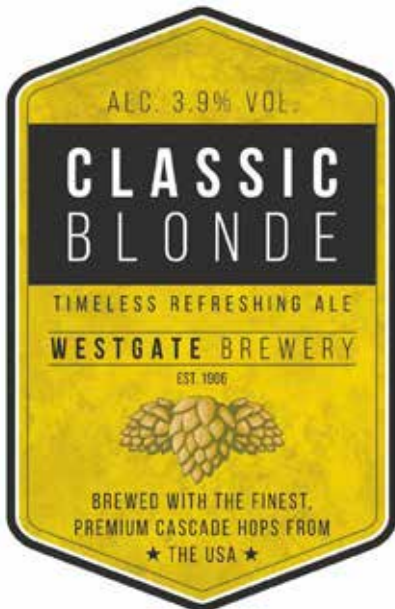
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The mat featured this time is the second of four produced to advertise last year's Wakefield Beer Festival.

It is also the first to be issued by Chin Chin Brewery which was started in October 2015 by brothers David and Andrew Currie ably assisted by David's wife, Gemma and dad, Michael. The reverse of the mat has details of the Beer Festival whilst the front proudly proclaims that the beer is brewed in South Elmsall at the first ever brewery in the village.

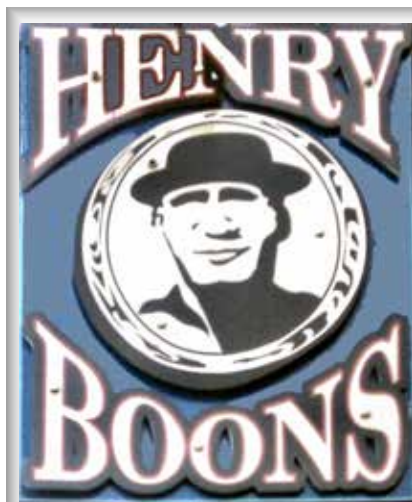
The brewery was originally at David's house in South Elmsall where beer was produced on a half barrel kit but it moved in February this year to an industrial unit in South Kirkby, also a first, using a 5 barrel plant bought from Quantum Brewery.

They produce several different styles of beer which are snapped up as soon as they are ready, hence the need to move to larger premises.

They are usually available in the United Services Club (Soldiers) and the Junction in South Elmsall as well as other outlets

locally. We are very fortunate to have the likes of Chin Chin in our area and wish them well in the future,

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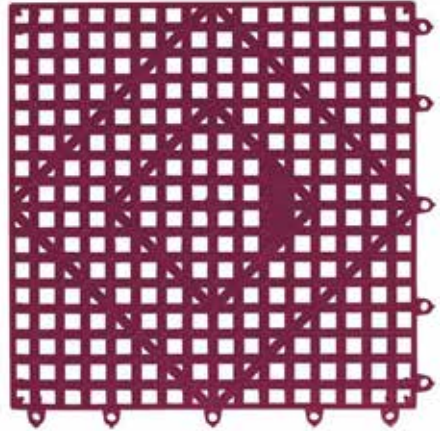
There may be regional customer preferences and bar staff should always try and satisfy customer requirements. If a customer requests a top-up, staff should oblige. Store glasses upside down on sheets of plastic lattice; this may come on a roll or be in interlocking squares and it allows fresh air to circulate within the glass.

DON'T refill a used glass, for two reasons: a) it's unhygienic as bacteria from customers' saliva may get passed to the tap spout, b) used glasses suppress the release of gas bubbles; reducing head retention and making the beer appear flat.

DON'T use warm glasses straight from the glass washer; beers may foam up if the glass is warm.

DON'T use glasses that are still wet inside as the beer head will collapse rapidly.

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Those sackloads of banknotes from the monster ransom prove to be quite a lumber.

The lessons from the story are that in this life a man can have a lot of money or a lot of friends but he can't have both, and also that a man loaded with such wealth really must give serious attention to security!

It also transpires that from drinking on the job

with trade customers, alcoholism was rife among Heineken sales reps. In the Dutch film there seems to be redemption for Freddy as he stops turning a blind eye to that staff drink problem, generally Freddy becomes more humane in his relationships and pulls back from his own womanising. The two gang members who evade capture by the Dutch police, escaping to France, then appear to wriggle free from extradition through French legal loopholes but get flown off to the Caribbean.



Freddy Heineken

If you are a fan of Death in Paradise, it's that kind of place. Sint Maarten is approximately one half of the island of Saint Martin; the remaining northern half of the island-the Collectivity of Saint-Martin - is an overseas territory of France.



Freddy Heineken

The islanders do not like their homeland being abused by crooks and take the law into their own hands!



Freddy Heineken

Original titled De Heineken ontvoering it is available through Amazon for around a fiver, although the Anthony Hopkins film is on offer for a lot less.

Blu-ray versions are available.

RKW

Wakefield CAMRA Online



ACKWORTH and neighbouring villages Landladies and Landlords again show their great generosity.

With the dates now set for the 4th to the 6th of October, and detailed elsewhere in this publication, for the 2018 Wakefield CAMRA Beer Festival, it seems a good time to once again thank the owners, lease-holders, managers and manageress's of the eight different establishments (pubs and restaurants) in Ackworth, Upton, South Elmsall and Wentbridge who for the third consecutive year generously provided raffle prizes for the charity raffle at the 2017 October Merrie City (Wakefield) Beer Festival. In doing so, they all made a significant contribution to raising the £500 plus at the festival that went to the Mayor of Wakefield nominated charities.

Four of the five establishments serving food, and real ale, in Ackworth provided a voucher to cover a free meal for two as a minimum. A big heart felt thank you to: Julie and Dean at the Angel; Kirsty and Adam at the Brown Cow; Martin, the manager, and the management team at Ego at the Beverley Arms; and, Caroline and Mark at the Rustic Arms for their Sunday carvery for four. Phil and Jayne at the Upton Arms provided a carvery for two and Mark and Sue in the Barnsley Oak at South Elmsall provided a meal voucher as prizes.

Liz and Shaun at the Boot and Shoe, Maxine and Tony at the Masons Arms and Lisa at the Blue Bell in Wentbridge all sponsored a firkin (9 gallons/72 pints) of real ale for the festival.

I am again sure I can again extend my appreciation to all the above from all other Wakefield CAMRA members and the Lord Mayor's charities who benefited from their generosity. As in the last two years, the best way we can again show our appreciation is to visit some, if not all, of the nine establishments in 2018 and sample some of their good quality real ales...it would only be right, wouldn't it? (a good excuse if you need one!). An Ackworth pub walk with a meal? A visit to the only real establishment in Upton? To experience the amazing view of the Elm Valley from the Barnsley Oak Conservatory? or a walk in the Went Valley and a pint and/or a meal in the Blue Bell? All sound good 'adventures'. You might mention to the bar staff that you are visiting as a thank you for their generosity and of course to sample their real ales. All eight establishments locations, contacts and what they offer are to be found on CAMRA's whatpub.com website. There is a brief update of the real ale situation in Ackworth as found in mid- March to mid April elsewhere, under the Pub New section, at the front of this publication.

Finally, thanks again – you did all the real ale drinkers in Ackworth, Upton, South Elmsall and Wentbridge proud.

Dave Oates (Ackworth Resident and CAMRA Member)

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FOX HUNTER - 4%

Thick creamy head, has a subtle balance of hoppy it aity bitter / sweet flavours of caramel and a hint of liquorice with a really tart aroma. Ideal drinking full bodied ale.



RUBY - 5.6%

A rich ruby real ale that is delicately coloured in the light. This brew has a smooth finish with nutty / toffee aroma and tangy palate. Yet the overall result is pleasing.

I'll be the first to admit I'm a bit of a social media 'dinosaur'. I play around a bit on Twitter, I love the Caskfinder app (to scan Cask Marque certificates in pubs), and occasionally explore Untappd. However, I don't do Facebook at all, and my other half teases me mercilessly for pronouncing WhatsApp as 'What's Up' in a broad Yorkshire accent.



I totally understand the importance of social media to promote and market a brand and a business. But equally, I value my privacy and personal life with a vengeance.

And having been on the receiving end of a stream of utterly soul destroying keyboard warriors when I've dared to air my opinions to the world, I can quite understand JD Wetherspoon's controversial decision to withdraw from all their social media platforms.

Their reasons for doing so included the statement that social media encourages un-necessary negative feedback which is counter productive to their business, and they no longer wish to be involved with this merry-go-round of vitriol and animosity.

Whenever I'm training people about beer, I encourage them to air their opinions. If they don't like a beer, that's okay! It's subjective, everyone has their own personal taste, and what suits one person, doesn't suit another. It doesn't mean a beer is bad, it just doesn't suit their taste. I was running a training course for a pub group in London last month and one of the attendees (female, if you're interested) said she HATED stout. She had massive misconceptions about this style of beer: her assumption was that it would be "heavy, strong and bitter". We tried four different types of stout and porter and she is now one of the biggest advocates of porter you could imagine. We just needed to get that drink in her hands, and get her to sample it. If she had looked at social media, she would never have tried this style of beer. That's real life.

Similarly, when I ask people where they drink, one person's opinion about a pub is completely different to another's. It totally depends on what they like personally, what environment they like, what beer range they prefer, how the beer is served. Real life versus virtual life. There is no wrong and no right.

Which is why I applaud JD Wetherspoon's retraction from social media. Some might think it's a publicity stunt, but I feel what they're doing is taking pubs, and specifically beer, back to where we understand it fully. If you don't experience in it 'real life', how can you form a realistic opinion?

You can tell someone how great a brand of cask beer is in hundreds of words on social media, but unless you put a glass of it in their hands and say "try that", you will never convince non beer drinkers to develop a love for the product.

Social media has a massive far reaching effect. But don't forget the old adage: don't believe all you read.

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SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

SR1. To approve the deletion of Article 2 in CAMRA's Articles of Association, other than the following wording: "2. The objects for which CAMRA is established are:" etc... **84.1% in favour**

SR2. To approve the insertion of the following Article 2(a) in CAMRA's Articles of Association: "2(a) to secure the long term future of real ale, real cider and real perry by increasing their quality, availability and popularity;" **88.8% in favour**

SR3. To approve the insertion of the following Article 2(b) in CAMRA's Articles of Association: "2(b) to promote and protect pubs and clubs as social centres and part of the UK's cultural heritage;" **92.1% in favour**

SR4. To approve the insertion of the following Article 2(c) in CAMRA's Articles of Association: "2(c) to increase recognition of the benefits of responsible, moderate social drinking;" **89.3% in favour**

SR5. To approve the insertion of the following Article 2(d) in CAMRA's Articles of Association: "2(d) to play a leading role in the provision of information, education and training to all those with an interest in beer, cider and perry of any type;" **78.2% in favour**

SR6. To approve the insertion of the following Article 2(e) in CAMRA's Articles of Association: "2(e) to act as the voice and represent the interests of all pub-goers and beer, cider and perry drinkers;" **72.6% in favour**

SR7. To approve the insertion of the following Article 2(f) in CAMRA's Articles of Association: "2(f) to ensure where possible that producers and retailers of beer, cider and perry act in the best interests of the consumer." **88.4% in favour**

SR 8. To approve the deletion of Article 3 in CAMRA's Articles of Association, and to replace it with the following: "3(a) CAMRA is formed as an independent, volunteer led, non-party political body to pursue its objectives. 3(b) CAMRA will operate in a transparent, inclusive, enthusiastic and welcoming manner, at all levels." **92.4% in favour**

SR9. To approve the deletion of Article 4 in CAMRA's Articles of Association, and to replace it with the following: "4. In furtherance of the above objects but not otherwise CAMRA shall have power: etc..." **87.5% in favour**

SR10. To approve the addition of the following at the end of Article 25 in CAMRA's Articles of Association: "..., and such written notice of intent has been signed by not less than 50 Members." **89.1% in favour**

Here is a selection of motions from the AGM with particular interest to Wakefield members. The use of Autovac (which a lot of our local pubs use) and discounts to CAMRA members which is a topic that has appeared here often.

Motion 5

This Conference instructs the National Executive to liaise with the relevant bodies, to press for mandatory notices on the use of return trays to be prominently displayed at the point of sale in affected premises. **CARRIED**

Motion 6

This Conference instructs the National Executive to lobby and work with the pub and brewing industry to create and apply a clear symbol to indicate if a beer is unfiltered at the point of sale. **REMITTED**



Motion 8

This Conference believes that CAMRA should campaign for a reduction in the level of Small Brewery Duty Relief coupled with an increase in the barrelage on which it is granted. **DEFEATED**

Motion 10

This Conference believes that no CAMRA member or Branch should ask for, or expect, a permanent discount from any pub or brewery. **CARRIED**

Motion 11

This Conference views with concern the possible public health implications of the use of return trays (AKA beer economisers/Autovacs) in the dispense of real ale, and instructs the National Executive to contact the relevant bodies with a view to press for further scientific research into the bacteriological quality, and viral contamination risk to the public. **MOVED TO NEXT BUSINESS**

Motion 12

This Conference instructs the National Executive to implement a neutral position on cask breathers within CAMRA. **CARRIED**

Motion 15

This Conference views with concern the lack of drinkers' awareness on the use of return trays (AKA beer economisers/Autovacs) in the dispense of real ale. In order to address this concern, Conference instructs the National Executive to arrange for suitable information on the use of these devices to be posted on What Pub and in the Good Beer Guide (including the GBG app) for all affected establishments. **CARRIED**

Motion 17

This Conference instructs the National Executive to ensure CAMRA beer festivals, that choose to offer other types of beer, do so in a way that reinforces CAMRA's belief in the superiority of real ale, and provide educational material about all beer types on sale. **PASSED**

CAMRA PRESS RELEASE

Members of the Campaign for Real Ale have voted to approve all but one of its National Executive's (CAMRA's board of directors) recommendations designed to take the organisation into the future.

Almost 18,000 members voted online and at CAMRA's AGM, held in Coventry on 21 April, to express their views on changes to CAMRA's Articles of Association to re-define the 47-year-old organisation's purpose and campaigning activities. Members voted to remove the organisation's current "objects" in the Articles of Association – the statement of what the Campaign exists to achieve.

In place of the old objects, members voted to approve recommendations to add in new objectives for the Campaign, designed to make the organisation more inclusive, relevant and welcoming:

To secure the long term future of real ale, real cider and real perry by increasing their quality, availability and popularity

To promote and protect pubs and clubs as social centres as part of the UK's cultural heritage

To increase recognition of the benefits of responsible, moderate social drinking

To play a leading role in the provision of information, education and training to all those with an interest in beer, cider and perry of any type

To ensure, where possible, that producers and retailers of beer, cider and perry act in the best interests of the customer.

However, the majority of members did not approve the recommendation to add one additional object to CAMRA's Articles of Association:

To act as the voice and represent the interests of all pub goers and beer, cider and perry drinkers.

The changes will see CAMRA put increased focus on educating members (and non-members) about different types of beer. It also sees campaigning for real cider and perry added to the objects for the first time, as well as recognising pub and club protection as a key object for the organisation.



Brewery News

Ossett Brewery, Ossett

Tel: 01924 237160 @ossettbrewery



The April seasonal beers are:

BY GEORGE, 4.2%

A traditional English ale. Pale, wheat and crystal malts combine with Goldings hops to produce a mellow, smooth ale, with moderate bitterness and delicate spicy hop character.

PROGRESS PORTER, 4.4%

A smooth dark porter.

Horbury Ales, Ossett

@HorburyAles

Brewing has now stopped at the Brewers Pride with the kit up for sale.

They will be brewing at the Cherry Tree in Horbury during May.

Old Mill Brewery, Snaith

@oldmillbrewery



We're so proud to be collaborating with such worthwhile charities. Opening up Cricket and the Campaign Against Living Miserably.

12th Man is available now and 5p for every pint sold going to said charity which helps raise awareness of

male suicide, which is the single biggest killer of men under the age of 45 in the UK and takes 12 lives a day!

For more information visit www.openingupcricket.com www.thecalmzone.net or search #project84

We will also be celebrating 35 years in the brewing industry this year with an Brewery open day on Saturday 4th August. More details to follow but will definitely include free brewery tours and free samples! We will also announce the winner of our 'Design a Beer for Next Year' winner.

Fernandes, Wakefield

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Double Three is a new 3.8% stout based on the original Double Six.

Polaris is how a regular beer.

Dragon's Breath is 4.3% with lots of chopped fresh chillies!

Chin Chin Brewing, South Kirkby

@ChinChinBrewing

The boys have now moved from South Elmsall to South Kirkby and have a 5 barrel kit now.

We'll have a full report and pictures in the next OtoK.



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1983 - 2018

Name of beer ABV Colour

Tasting Notes

Why should we choose your entry

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James & Kirkman, Pontefract

Tel: 01977 702231

From Simon Seaton:

We brewed our award winning Moodies Mild 6.0% and a special beer to mark the 200th brew.

Gyle 200 is a 92.2% Russian Imperial Stout, to mark the 200th brew since James & Kirkman Started. Brewed using English malts, such as Crystal malt, chocolate malt, oats, roast barley, and hopped using magnum, Marynka & challenger. Big strong and malty!

We now have a bottling plant which has enabled us to produce bottled conditioned ales. These will be available shortly:

Norther Lights 3.8%

Yorkshire Dreamer V2 3.9%

Priory Porter 4.5%

Cardinal Sin 5.0%

Triple Chocolate Stout 5.6%

These should be in bottle shops in Yorkshire & Chesterfield.

We will also be bottling Gyle 200 & Moodies Mild.

We are at a number of beer festivals:

Horsforth Hall Park

North Leeds Charity Beer Festival

Doncaster Brewery Beer Festival

Morley Beer Festival

Bosun's Brewing Co, Horbury

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The six core cask beers are Down The Hatch, Blonde, King Neptune, Tell no Tales, IPA and Maiden Voyage.

There are two new keg beers also Artice Myst Pilsner and IPA.

Seasonals include Huddersfield Terrier. Bunny Boiler was also available over Easter.

Revolutions, Castleford

Tel: 01977 552649 @revolutionsbrew



A Limited Edition 6.9% special - The 600th brew here in Castleford prompted Revolutions to make their first Sonic Youth reference.....

Death Valley '69 is an IPA - unfiltered, unfiltered, punchy and powerful - just like the track that inspired it.



Another new beer is Tarzan Boy with Revolutions say "Now that spring is approaching we can all start dreaming of Jungle Life. Whoa-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh."



A beer brewed in collaboration with a comedy duo called the Brett Domino Trio who are celebrating 10 years in the business. There will be a video on their Youtube channel (180,000 followers) showing the beer being brewed. 4.5% pale ale called Something About

Keyboards. Beer will be launched when they preform at the Brudenell, Leeds on May 6th.

Hamelsworde, Hemsworth

Tel: 07530 669332 @Hamelsworde

On Saturday 26th May join Hamelsworde at The Tap between 7pm-11pm for a 3rd birthday party. There will be special drinks offers and a buffet.

Their annual beer festival will be held on 15-16 June at The Grove Hall, South Kirkby.

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