



Ale Talk

The Real Ale Magazine of Huddersfield CAMRA



Local cider producer, 'Udders Orchard, wins both Yorkshire Cider of the Year 2011 Award and Cider of the Festival at Huddersfield Oktoberfest

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HUDDERSFIELD BRANCH NEWS

Time for a change. I have been Chairman of the Huddersfield Branch for two years now, and at November's AGM I shall have handed over to a new Chairman with new ideas on how to build the Branch and CAMRA's profile in a fresh style. I have enjoyed the two years and hope that my hard work can be seen to have achieved much to have raised awareness of the campaign for the promotion of real ale, particularly in Huddersfield. We have new faces on the Committee who are also working hard promoting real ale in all corners of the Huddersfield area.

Voting, for instance, is no longer restricted to those Branch Members who turn up at the Meetings or have the use of a computer, and a few votes are received each month by post for the seasonal and annual awards. We now have dedicated Huddersfield Ale Talks, in colour, and the Branch's meetings have been scheduled to be co-ordinated with the quarterly issues of the magazine. This enables us to notify members who might not pick up the nominated pubs and clubs from the Branch website in the hope that more members are drawn into the Branch's activities. Our web site is continuously kept up to date with news and information, and if you would like to vote for the Branch's Winter Pub or Club of the Season, you can register and vote there, or use the voting slip below and post it to the address shown.

Thanks to the hard work by the splendid volunteers in October, our Beer Festival was a success again being greatly enjoyed by those who visited during the three days. In line with countrywide difficulties, numbers were a little down on last year's, and revenue was also rather less than last year's record, but the APNA Venue is considered a great location and the inspired selection of beers and ciders was once again appreciatively examined.

Each edition of Ale Talk reaches all parts of Huddersfield, and you should send your news and views for inclusion in the Spring edition by the 21 February deadline for such contributions to be received. All that's needed is an e-mail or a phone call to the Editor, and mention will duly appear. Better still, if you would be prepared to support our magazine with an advert or a personal contribution, please call the Editor to make arrangements.

Michael Robinson, Chairman, Huddersfield Branch

Award Voting for Huddersfield Branch members only

Huddersfield CAMRA PUB or Club of the SEASON WINTER 2011

To be voted upon at the Branch meeting at the Sportsman. Mon 23rd January 2012

Nominations: Commercial, Slaithwaite; Kings Arms, South Crosland; White Cross, Bradley;
White Horse, Emley; Wills o' Nats, Meltham.

Name of the Pub or Club: _____

Member's name: _____ Membership No: _____

Please note that only currently Huddersfield Branch Members may vote, either at the meeting, via the website, or in person at the meeting.

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Out and About Huddersfield

The **Kings Head**, one of Huddersfield's favourite real ale pubs, has won the Huddersfield CAMRA's **Autumn Pub of the Season** Award. Congratulations go to licensees Michelle and Bruce and all the staff who regularly help out.

The **King's Head** is a regular Good Beer Guide entry and popular stopover on the Transpennine Real Ale Rail Trail. On the bar, it sports 10 handpulls serving a selection of local, regional and guest ales plus a dedicated cider / perry handpull. It is a regular outlet for Timothy Taylor's Landlord and Best Bitter with the occasional Ram Tam when in season, and rotating beers from Newby Wyke, Bradfield, Abbeydale, Moorhouses and Pictish breweries. From the local brewers there are Golcar, Mallinson and Summerwine beers.

On the opposite side of the Station building, the **Head of Steam** has recently hosted a month long selection of beers from the South coast brewery, Dark Star. These are excellent beers known for their hoppy and interesting beer styles. As part of a Christmas deal, the Head of Steam is selling special Winter gift packs of bottled Belgian beers including such favourites as Duval. Ask at the bar for an order sheet. The pub has 10 handpumps and serves real cider and perry.

The **Grove** is fast becoming the brewery tap for Magic rock beers. Recently, it featured the launch of a new beer, Rock Star, on Wednesday, 30th November. This was a beer brewed in collaboration with Dark Star Brewery at Brighton and based on an American style Brown Ale with plenty of hops! The Grove is also the main outlet for the new key keg beers from the new wave of craft brewers that have sprung up around the country in the last year or two.

The **Vulcan** has now added a 5th handpull to its bar. Popularity in cask ale has forced Peter to add this extra pump to the already busy 4 handpumps. The beer range is worth calling in for. It varies from local Mallinson's and Summerwine to regional brewer's seasonals such as Adnams, Thwaites, etc., plus guest micros such as Howard Town. It's always a surprise.

The **Sportsman** is continuing to brew its own beers but still retaining its LocAle beers which draw in the drinkers. Brewing had to briefly stop due to complaints from the next door take away about the brewing smell. Sam has now fitted a fume extractor to reduce this and brewing is back on board. Cider sales have improved and there is a good rotating range available including the delicious hot mulled cider. Regular s include Pure North cider and Valley Gold plus two guest ciders and perries such as Ribble valley Gold and Two Trees Perry.

The **Rat & Ratchet** is brewing now and has at least two of its beers on the bar alongside the Ossett range and guest ales. Congratulations go to Rob and Zee on the birth of their second child, Marcel. Rob brewed a special beer for him called Baby Rat Marcel 4.3%, a lovely reddish beer brewed with 4 hop varieties. The White Rat, a hoppy pale bitter, was the first beer to run off at the Huddersfield Oktoberfest. Fortunately, it is a regular beer and available at the pub.

The **Star** held its Winter Beer Festival recently with its 60 plus beers all on handpull. This is the high light of the Huddersfield pub festival year and certainly ranks highly throughout the land. Look forward to some more good and interesting Christmas beers over the festive season.

The **Cherry Tree** having just finished its international beer festival of 50 different and special brewed beers, including some excellent American ones, has now started on a month long festival of 24 Xmas Ales. This includes some special brewed for Wetherspoons and some of the country's regional brewers rarely seen Christmas beers. A truly festive challenge!

The **Barking Spider** has changed ownership and name and is now called **Molly Malones**. The pub is still serving real ale and has Clarke's beers from Wakefield on the bar. The house beer, Molly Mallone's, is also brewed by Clarkes.

On Cross Church Street a new bar, **Herberts**, has opened. Although having a large selection of continental bottled beers it does serve real ale. Currently, this is Taylors Landlord and a Brass Monkey beer with promises of OMB and Mallinsons in the near future.

Rhubarb on Queensgate has 3 handpumps selling cask ale. On a recent visit there was Moorhouse Premier, Brass Monkey Baboon and Black Sheep Golden Sheep – all reported to be good. This is probably one of the better student real ale bars around town.

The **Zephyr Bar** on King Street has just one handpull serving Copper Dragon Golden Pippin on a recent visit although Leeds Pale has been spotted before. It has a good selection of continental bottled beers on sale.

If you are able to gain entry, the **Huddersfield University Student Union Bar** has four handpumps serving Black Sheep Bitter, White Rat, Moorhouse Ruby Witch and Pendle Porter and all found to be of reasonable quality.

Almondbury: The **Almondbury Conservative Club** has only one handpull but they rotate all the time with a 4%-ish session beer which is usually an Ossett beer and well kept.

The **Woolpack** has 3 handpumps with a reason choice and according to reports served well. The **Rose & Crown** is reported to be for sale.

Armitage Bridge: The **Monkey Club** has 3 handpumps serving Timothy Taylors Best and two guests – one a light coloured and the other dark or mid brown. Recent beers have included: Conwy beers – Shipwrecked IPA 5% and Xmas beer, OMB beers, Bradfield, Great Newsome, Mallinsons and Elland beers. Note the club is closed Monday and Tuesday but open Wednesday and Thursday from 7pm, Fri from 5pm and Sat & Sunday from 12noon.

Berry Brow: The **Berry Brow Liberal Club** now has a Club beer, Berry Brow Bitter, brewed by George Wright brewery. In addition it also has Jennings Cumberland Ale as permanent with two rolling guest ales which the club gets from Moorhouses, Abbeydale, Great Newsome and Phoenix breweries. The beers are kept and served well and a visit is worthwhile. See advert.

Bradley: The **White Cross** is holding its annual February Beer Festival on the 9th to 11th of February. There will be the usual 17 beers upstairs and 6 downstairs with a real cider and perry.

Unfortunately, the dabble into real cider and perry has not taken off as expected and John will no longer be stocking them in future. However, we can look forward to some excellent beers at the festival, including John's favourite tipple, Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby Mild. With the introduction of Enterprise Inns new seasonal guest ale list, there will be a wider range of interesting beers such as Theakston's Double X, Wadsworth Sword, Caledonian Double Amber but to name a few.

Crosland Hill: The Rising Sun has replaced Tetley Bitter with Black Sheep Bitter

Denby Dale: The **White Hart** currently has Tetley Bitter, Black Sheep Bitter and a rotating guest, Wharfebank Tether on a recent visit. The **Dunkirk** has Taylors Landlord, Tetley Bitter and Copper Dragon Golden Pippin on sale.

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Emley: The popular Ossett pub, the **White Horse Inn**, is helping to raise money for the Meningitis Trust by selling a special beer brewed by Elland Brewery. Chaerlie's Ale (4.2%) is being sold in memory of baby Charlie Mann who tragically died of meningitis aged 15 weeks. A donation from each barrel sold will go towards the charity. Charlie's family are regulars at the pub. Landlord Steve Bamford has already ordered several barrels in support of the event.

Flockton: On a recent visit to the George & Dragon, it was reported as selling Thwaites Original and Wainwright and Moorhouses Witchfinder General. All on good form.

Highburton: The **Smiths Arms** has Black Sheep Bitter, Greene King IPA and Sundance.

Hillhouse: The **Slubbers Arms** was recently voted Huddersfield CAMRA Summer Pub of the Season in recognition of its ale quality. The pub now has 6 handpumps with one devoted to a regular mild - Golcar mild on a recent visit. Taylors Landlord and bitter and guest ales make up the remainder. Guests have included Conwy Celebration Ale, Thwaites Crafty Devil, and Phoenix Firecracker. In addition two handpulls have been dedicated to a cider and perry.

Holmfirth: Brambles has now opened and is selling real ale. Jonny, formerly of the Commercial in Slaithwaite, has taken over as licensee and transformed the previous trouble spot into a café bar type environment. The central bar serves 8 real ales, two house beers from Empire Brambles Best Bitter 3.8% and Dark Mild 3.8% and the others from Phoenix, Brew Co, Milltown, and Great Newsome all reasonably priced and in good nick. There is Pure North Cider on handpull and a selection of lagers and foreign beers available too. The **Box Office** has Taylors landlord, and a Nook beer which was Nook Blonde on a recent visit. **The Nook** is selling its Winter spice beer (4.5% abv) ready for the cold winter. Due to a number of brewery swops, the Nook is now selling the rarely seen Cleveland Brewery beers. The **Toad & Tattie** has established itself as a good guest ale house. On a recent visit, it was selling Ilkley Best, Phoenix Navy, Little Valley, Ossett and York brewery beers and Weston's cider.

The **Farmers Arms** at nearby Burnlee, has Taylors Landlord, Wells Bombardier, Copper

Dragon Golden Pippin, Greene King IPA and Abbott Ale as permanent with guest ales such as Adnams Explorer. Christmas dinners are being served and a new menu is available.

The Ford Inn at Harden Moss has Theakston's bitter and a guest ale which was Brains Bitter. **The Huntsman** has Lees Bitter, Coronation St. and Marco Pierre's White Governor brewed by Lees brewery.

Honley: The Honley Liberal Club is reported to have Copper Dragon Golden Pippin and Shepherd Neame Spitfire on handpump, both said to be good. The **Railway** is still closed and the Coach & Horses is rumoured to be changing to the Balooshi Indian restaurant.

Kirkburton: The **Spring Grove** although having 3 handpulls, it normally has only two rotating ales. Tetley Bitter has been spotted. The **White Swan** is open again but no reports as to the real ale situation there. Similarly, the **George** has re-opened. The **Foxglove** always has 3 guest ales from the Vintage Inns range of beers. The manager is an enthusiast and keeps his beers well. Recent beers have included: Lancaster Blonde 4.1%, Ilkley Lotus IPA 5.6% and Roosters Wild Mule 3.8%.

Kirkheaton: Since the **Yeaton Cask** opened 18 months ago, it has served over 650 different beers through its 4 handpumps it reserves for its guest beers which isn't bad for a small village pub. And that is in addition to its regular beers Thwaites Wainwright, Hawkshead Red, and house beer Yeaton Cask. Guest ales on a recent visit included Bradfield Bitter, Milltown Slubbers Gold, Crown Brewery IPA and Phoenix Uncle Fester. Jane is keen to promote real cider and is hoping to have a Cider & Cheese matching evening on the 8th December with Pure North Cider from Deanhouse, Speciality cheese from Cherwic from Brighouse and Owl Wines. Check with the pub if you are interested.

Lepton: The **Sun** has 4 handpulls and is Cask Marque accredited. Tetley Bitter has now replaced John Smiths Cask as the permanent beer. The 3 rotating guest ales on the last visit were Copper dragon Golden Pippin and Little Valley Sixpence and Cragg Vale Bitter – all kept and served well.

Linthwaite: The **Bulls Head** is now open again. More reports please.

Lockwood: The **Lockwood** has Tetley Bitter and Taylors Landlord as permanent with a house beer, Lockwood Bitter (3.9% abv) brewed by Phoenix. There are often other phoenix and guest beers available. The **Shoulder of Mutton** has 8 handpulls serving real ale and has become a regular outlet for the excellent OMB (Owenshaw Mills brewery). Recent guest have included OMB Skinny Duck and Little Golem with the latest new Mallinson beer. The nearby **Lockwood & Salford Conservative Club** has 2 handpumps serving permanent Tetley Bitter and Black Sheep Bitter and two guest pumps which on a recent visit included Bogart Rum Porter and Roosters Oakey Cream Ale - both on top form.

Longwood: The **Slip Inn** serves beers from the Marston portfolio which includes Jennings beers. On a recent visit there was Jennings Biggest Liar and the beer quality was reported to be very good. The nearby **Dusty Miller** has been bought by Punch. On a recent visit it was selling very good Kelham Island Easy Rider. At the **Longwood Bowling Club** in Dodlee Road, the club was selling a very good pint of Maggie brewery Hedge Hopper.

Marsden: **Marsden Socialist Club** now has real ale. Two handpumps have been spotted serving Greenfield beers. All of Marsden's clubs are now reported to be selling real ale. The Puleside WMC (aka the Cot), located halfway up Old Mount road, has 3 handpumps serving Greenfield Dobcross Bitter as regular with guests such as Greenfield Icicle, a Nook and a Leeds brewery beer. Opening times are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 8pm to 11.30pm and 12noon to 4pm Sunday during the winter months. It is the home of the *Avalanche Dodgers*. Further on towards Oldham, The **Carriage House** has two Theakston and one Phoenix beer – Arizona on a recent visit. The **Great Western** has Copper Dragon and Taylors plus guests.

Marsh: The **Junction Inn** on the roundabout in Marsh is closed. The landlord who had been at the pub for the last nine years blamed the rising cost of beer charged by the Pub Co for his departure. The stewards at **Marsh Liberal Club** are retiring. Guy and Wendy Brook have done an excellent job in looking after and promoting cask ale at this award winning club. Not so long

ago, the Club was awarded the branch's Mild Club of the Year and the Club of the Year 2011. What a tribute to leave on! We understand that Chris Thorpe from the **Marsden Liberal Club** will be taking over the stewardship of the club. Chris is no stranger to real ale and will do a good job in looking after the beer and maintaining the standard the members have been used to.

Meltham: The **Meltham Liberal Club** is reported to have Tetley Bitter, Taylors and a guest. The **Durker Roods Hotel's** mini beer festival was a success with a good range of local and regional beers. The hotel bar also serves Saltaire beers on a regular basis.

Milnsbridge: The Warren House on Manchester Road, closed for some time, has been converted into offices (Vitality). The **Armitage Arms** is reported to be shut. The **Horse & Groom** is selling good Shepherd Neame Spitfire.

Moldgreen: The **Jolly Sailor** has been sold and the manager is reported to have left. A planning application has gone in for change of use from a public house to a Community Hall.

Netherton: The **Beaumont Arms** serves a fine range of beers drawn from the Finest cask range. Recently, landlord Dave Smith was awarded Cask Marque accreditation in recognition of his beer quality. Regular beers include Tetley Bitter, Adnams Bitter, Saltaire Blonde and guests – all served in excellent condition.

Oakes: **Oakes WMC** which became the **Oakes** pub has a planning application in to change it from a former WMC to offices.

Quarmby: The **Fieldhead** There are 3 handpulls serving beers from Punch's beer list, though at quiet times during the week this may be reduced to two. Recent beers have included Everards Sunchaser, Riverhead Butterley Bitter and White Rat from the newly opened Rat brewery. The beer quality is good. Subject to confirmation, the pub is hoping to run another beer festival the last weekend in January.

Scholes: An application has gone in to demolish the existing **St George's WMC** and erect 12 sheltered residential accommodation units.

Slaithwaite: The **Slaithwaite Conservative Club** recently held the annual Moonrakers Beer festival. This is a popular festival which showcases new breweries and features local beers- all in the name of charity. The bar downstairs was reported as selling Milltown Golden hop recently. The **Shoulder of Mutton** has a new landlord and a handpull has been spotted. Reports please. The **Commercial** has been selling Empire Brewing's In the Pink (4.3% abv) in aid of Breast cancer awareness charity. **The Swan** has 5 handpulls and is Cask Marque accreditation. It sells Taylor's Golden Best, Saltaire Blonde, and guest ales. **Slaithwaite Rugby Club** formerly the WMC has one or sometimes two beers from Golcar or Empire breweries usually from Thursday evening through to the Saturday or Sunday night until it runs off.

Thurstonland: The **Rose & Crown** has just received Cask Marque accreditation for the quality of its beers. This is an excellent village pub with a good choice of beers. There is usually two Brass Monkey beers on plus guests such as Bradfield beers.

Upper Denby: The **George** is great little village pub run by an enthusiastic young landlord, Dean. His permanent beers are Tetley Bitter and Timothy Taylors Landlord and next to these he keeps one or two guest ales. Recently, these have included Thwaites Wainwright, Fullers Chiswick Bitter 3.5%, Box steam Brewery Golden Bolt 3.8% and Hook Norton Jackpot 3.8%. All the beers are well kept and this is a pub worth a visit.

Upperthong: The **Royal Oak** has Taylors Landlord and Golden Best, Bradfield Farmers Blond and is also selling Weston's Old Rosie.

Brewery History Society XMAS Charity Social 2011

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'Udders Orchard Whisky Cask Cider has won the Yorkshire Cider of the Year 2011 at a blind tasting competition held at Norwich CAMRA festival in October. This is a tremendous achievement for a locally produced "garden" cider and a first "Yorkshire only" for Yorkshire Cider. Last year's award was a joint Yorkshire - East Midlands award.

The award was presented to David Kendall-Smith, owner of Udders Orchard, by the Yorkshire Regional Cider Co-ordinator, Dave Litten at the Rat & Ratchet in Huddersfield on Sunday the 20th November. At the same time, David was also presented with the Cider of the Festival award from the Huddersfield Oktoberfest by Michael Robinson, Huddersfield CAMRA Branch Chairman.



David sold cider and perry as a former licensee of the Rat & Ratchet. For him it was a natural progression to become a producer. He had his "Isaac Newton" moment in 2008 and has been producing excellent ciders and perries ever since. All products have sold well in local pubs and at local festivals. 'Udders Orchard will gain a wider audience when the Whisky Cask Cider represents Yorkshire at the National Championships at reading in May 2012.

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Summer Pub of the Season 2011

The Slubbers Arms has been reinvigorated since it was bought by Bill Brogan earlier in 2011, and was the deserved winner of the Huddersfield CAMRA Summer Pub of the Season 2011 award. It has retained the Taylors presence that has long been associated with the pub, but also expanded the guest beer range and added a real cider/perry.



Bill Brogan (centre) accepts the award from Michael Robinson, Branch Chairman (left).

Autumn Pub of the Season 2011

The Kings Head, Station Buildings, is a previous Huddersfield Pub of the Year 2005 and popular stop over point on the Transpennine Real Ale Trail. It supports 10 real ales on handpull and a real cider/perry, live music and is a LocAle outlet.



Licensee Michelle Pursell receives the award from Michael Robinson, Branch Chairman (left).

Spotlight on Cider

Oktoberfest – A complete Cider Fest

This year's Oktoberfest saw a massive increase in the ciders and perries available. A total of 52 were available from 4.2% to 8.3%, from the sugary sweet to mouth puckeringly dry. Those fabulous people serving the wares were swamped by boxes of the good stuff. A record 4 Yorkshire producers were present at the event including Holmfirth's Pure North who provided their Medium and Deanhouse Dry and Huddersfield's 'Udders Orchard with their Whisky Cask. Ampleforth Abbey provided a strong and yet very sweet example of their work, and Moorland send two.



There were some cracking single variety drinks, available from Gwatkin's Foxwhelp to Heck's Hendre Huffcap perry, the names of these ancient varieties make me chuckle.

'Udders Orchard Whisky Cask was voted Cider of the Festival.

Mulled Cider

This time I thought as the festive season fast approaches what better way to fend off the cold from the toes than a nice mug of mulled cider. The following recipe was provided by real-cider.co.uk (a wealth of knowledge) but can be tweaked. It is most important not to let the mixture boil as this will allow the alcohol to evaporate.

Ingredients:

- 4 pints of still, dry farmhouse cider
- 3 apples – washed, cored and sliced
- 2 oranges, washed and sliced
- 8 whole cloves
- Juice and zest of 1 unwaxed lemon
- 2 tsp ground mixed spice
- 6 tbsp light soft brown sugar
- 2 cinnamon quills snapped in half

Method:

- Put all the ingredients into a pan, cover and heat gently for a minimum of 1 hour
- Do not boil
- Gather friends, and serve
- For an extra kick why not add a splash of calvados

Cider News

Real cider or perry is available at all the pubs listed below, but they will only continue to be supported by the punter, if you like the real stuff please support the landlord/lady when they try to sell it.

I popped up to see Rob at Pure North Cider Press at Deanhouse a week or two back and what a delightful set up I was greeted to. Rob has converted a stable block into a purpose designed ciderhouse equipped for sorting and cleaning apples, pressing and fermenting and indeed selling further down the line. He has also planted several acres of cider apples and perry pears, reviving some old varieties, which should begin to bear in a few years time. It is a credit to the area to have such a dedicated producer.

'Udders Orchard has scooped a Yorkshire-wide award for their Whisky Cask Cider, which is now Yorkshire Cider of the Year 2011, more on this elsewhere.


Pubs in our area selling real cider

Cherry Tree, Huddersfield; Commercial, Slathwaite; The Grove, Hudds; Head of Steam, Hudds; Kings Head, Hudds; Rat & Ratchet, Hudds; Riverhead, Marsden; Sportsman, Hudds; The Slubbers Arms, Hillhouse; Cricketers, Deanhouse; Toad & Tattie, Holmfirth; Royal Oak, Upper Thong; The Little Bridge, Slathwaite; Yeaton Cask, Kirkheaton; The White Horse, Emley.

Please update me if you know of others.

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High in the Pennines above the village of Uppermill in Saddlworth you will find the home of the Taylor family, this is known to the locals as The Church Inn.

The Old Brewhouse, situated at the side of the pub had been in use as a brewery 150 years ago, it was restored in 1997 by Julian Taylor.

The first brew to be introduced was named Saddlworth More followed by an ever growing selection of traditional beers, all hand brewed in small batches with a variety of speciality malt and imported hops.

Saddlworth Brewery has also recently been named winner of 'Own Brew of the Year Good Pub Guide Award'



LocAle Brewing

Empire Brewing. Tel: 01484 847343, 07966 592276

A new regular outlet for the Empire beers is Brambles in Holmfirth. This has two house beers Brambles Best 3.8% abv, a pale session bitter and Brambles Mild 3.8% abv, a dark mild. Other local outlets include the Commercial at Slaithwaite with its unique Commerciale, Dirty Dicks in Halifax with Dirty Dick's Ale and NOBB (New Oxford Best Bitter) for the New Oxford in Salford. Russ's Golden Warrior (3.8% abv) and Pandemonium Porter (4.4% abv) featured along with new beers Sovereign (4.2% abv) and Bedlam (5.8% abv) at the recent Huddersfield Oktoberfest beer festival. Bedlam is brewed using rye malt and infused with Juniper berries for a very interesting beer.

New beers which have been making the rounds include: Supernova (4.1% abv), Spiral (4.0% abv) and Galaxy (4.2% abv) in the celestial series; Indian Summer Stout (4.8% abv); XL5 (4.2% abv); 500 (3.9% abv) for the 500th gyle; Glorius (4.3% abv) for the pheasant shooting season; Antipodes (3.9% abv); Jonah (4.3% abv); Millers Reserve (4.3% abv) after Windy Miller in the children's TV series Camberwick Green; Spectrum (4.3% abv) celebrating the ZX Spectrum and Sir Clive Sinclair; Witches Broom (3.8% abv) for Halloween; Kismet (4.1% abv); OSB (4.0% abv) – Original Strikes Back after Russ's first ever beer; In the Pink (4.3% abv) for cancer charity; and Coronet (3.9% abv).

And of course, Brewers Dog (4.1% abv) – Russ's answer to Brew Dog beers and which features his lovable dog.



There is a good selection of bottled beers available from the brewery in packs of 3 or 6 bottles at very reasonable prices. Do call in when passing. For the bottle collectors there was a celebration bottle done for the recent 2nd Colne Valley Food Festival (3.8% abv). For details see www.colneucopia.co.uk

Golcar Brewery. Tel: 01484 644241

John produced a special beer for the Lawrence Batley Arts & Ale beer festival in September named rather aptly as Arts & Ale Ale (4.0% abv). This was a pale golden bitter with a hoppy bitterness. For the Marsden Jazz Festival in October, there was Pennine Jazz (4.2% abv), a pale session bitter which was on sale around the pubs and clubs of Marsden hosting the Jazz players.

The award winning Golcar Mild and Porter were among the much praised dark beer selection at the Huddersfield Oktoberfest beer festival.

The latest new beer is Forever Autumn (4.2% abv) which has been on sale at the Sportsman and the Kings Head in Town.

Linfitt Brewery: Tel: 01484 842370

Brewing has recommenced at the sair inn. The new brew house is reported to be "immaculate" compared with its former state, and following the make-over, is producing fine ale again. The lighter coloured bitters were brewed first with the darker ones gradually being re-introduced until the full range is back to normal. Initial reports indicate that the new brews are back on top form.

Magic Rock. Tel: 01484 649823

Recently, the brewery and the efforts of head brewer, Stuart, have reached the attention of The Independent's beer correspondent, Will Hawkes. Described as Yorkshire's American beer revolution, he praises the new wave of microbreweries inspired by the American Craft brewing scene, singling out Magic rock as a prime example. He notes that "since launching in the summer, they've built a reputation that stretches far beyond the Broad Acres. Most of their beers are strong and all are powerfully flavoured." See

<http://blogs.independent.co.uk/2011/11/04beer-yorkshire-american-revolution/>

Not long after winning Beer of the Festival at Grantham BF with High Wire, Magic Rock picked up another award with dart arts (6.0% abv) winning gold in the Porter/Stout class at Peterborough beer festival. Well done Stuart.

Both Dart Arts and Curious (3.9% abv) featured at Huddersfield Oktoberfest beer festival with Curious narrowly coming runner up in the Bitter class to Mallinson's Citra (3.8% abv) – both excellent beers. Curious was also chosen for the 18th Bolton beer festival while the full range appeared at York beer festival. Rapture (4.6% abv) and Highwire (5.5% abv) were at the recent SIBA Great Northern beer festival in Manchester, with Highwire and Curious NZ at Wakefield.

Curious NZ (3.9% abv) is described as "same but different" and is brewed with 5 different New Zealand hops to produce a South Pacific Pale Ale. It is pale and hoppy, with passion fruit and lychee on the nose and gooseberry on the palate. Certainly, an excellent beer with a new twist.

On the 30th November, the brewery launched its first new collaborative ale with the Dark Star Brewing Company, simultaneously at the Evening Star in Brighton and the Grove Inn in Huddersfield. Joining forces with head brewer, Mark at the Dark Star, Stuart decided to brew a US style Brown Ale that would be satisfyingly malty as well as intensely hoppy in character. And the name of this "all singing, all dancing" collaborative brew? Well, Rock Star (7.0% abv), of course! It is available in both cask and key keg versions.

Also, in time for Christmas is Bearded Lady, an Imperial stout weighing in at 10.5% abv. This will be available both in bottle and on draught.

Mallinsons Brewing Company. Tel: 01484 654301

Tara and Elaine's beers have been doing the festival circuit of late. The new single hop variety bitters – note the new black pumpclips – Citra (3.8% abv); Chinook (3.9% abv) and Amarillo (4.2% abv) all featured at York beer festival. At Sheffield beer festival, Citra won Bitter of the festival and was joint overall runner up of Beer of the festival. Not satisfied with that, Citra also won Bitter of the festival at the Huddersfield Oktoberfest. Well done.



Richard Burhouse (left) from Magic Rock brewery receives award for High Wire from Richard Howlett (right) Chairman of Grantham CAMRA at Huddersfield Oktoberfest.



Tara (centre) and Elaine (right) receive Beer of the Festival from Branch Chairman Michael Robinson (left) at the brewery.

Triple Nelson (4.0% abv) brewed to celebrate the 333rd gyle (with 3 additions of the Nelson Sauvín hops) and Empty Nest (3.7% abv) featured at the 18th Bolton beer festival. Both Nelson Sauvín (3.8% abv) and the new Take Your Aim (4.2% abv) were on sale the Wakefield festival. Whilst the number of new brews continues unabated, some of the old favourites are making a

welcome return, so if you missed them first time round, you now have a second chance to score them.

New beers include: Mount Pleasant mild (3.7% abv); LBT Ale (3.8% abv) and Art Attack (4.6% abv) for the Lawrence Batley beer festival; Noxal Paramount (4.1% abv) and Surrey Camberley (4.3% abv) – sidecar series; A Lee 2 Be (3.7% abv) for Hannah Holland and Jason Lee's engagement; Sorachi Ace (3.8% abv) brewed with Japanese Sorachi hops; Worth a try (3.7% abv); Anyone for Denis (4.2% abv) – for Denis Simpson's birthday; Dragon (4.5% abv) – 13th in the bus series; Centennial (3.9% abv); OMnom (4.2% abv); Amarillo II (4.2% abv); Hopped #6 and Hopped #7 (Perle, Cascade, Amarillo + Simcoe dry hopped); Witch hope (4.4% abv) for Halloween; EYE-PEA-AY (4.9% abv) – an IPA; and Munchies Mirlees Pale (3.8% abv) to celebrate "Munchies" aka Paul Whyte's birthday and which features a Mirlees train on the pumpclip

Milltown Brewing Company. Tel: 07946 589645, 01422 610579

Neil's beers have been appearing at a few CAMRA beer festivals recently. Both the Golden Hop (3.8% abv) and Slubbers Gold (4.2% abv) starred at the York, Nottingham, Sheffield and Huddersfield beer festivals.

Two new beers have been added to the portfolio – Platinum Blond (4.0% abv), a pale bitter and Dark Horse (4.5% abv), a strong dark mild. They were both launched at the Huddersfield Oktoberfest beer festival and also chosen for the Wakefield beer festival.

A special, Visuale art (3.8% abv) was done for the Lawrence Batley Beer Festival.

Nook Brewhouse. Tel: 01484 682373

The Nook's Beer Festival saw the launch of Funky Banana (4.5% abv), a pale, subtle banana flavoured bitter. This was so popular that it was the first beer to run off. Also making its appearance was the Nook's take off of Newcastle Brown Ale, Nook'y Brown Ale (4.9% abv). Baby Blonde (3.8% abv), a lower strength version of the Blonde (4.5% abv), was brewed originally to celebrate Sheila's new baby boy. However, this has proved to be a popular session beer and was chosen for the Huddersfield Oktoberfest beer festival, along with the Nook'y Brown Ale, Best (4.2% abv) and Oat Stout (5.2% abv). The latter also appeared at the recent SIBA Great Northern beer festival in Manchester.

With Christmas coming, look out for the warming Winter Spice (4.5% abv).

Rat & Ratchet Brewery. Tel: 01484 542400

The new brewery was officially launched on Saturday 24th September by Rob Allen, landlord of the Rat & Ratchet, with Ossett Head brewer Paul Spencer, Bob Lawson, and the brewery team Lisa Handforth, brewster at the Riverhead brewery and Graham Stead, brewer at Ossett.

Local and Regional CAMRA members and Rat drinkers were encouraged to try the new Rat beers with a free pint and offer of Yorkshire Tapas – pork pie, black pudding, pork scratchings and drip bread. Without doubt the beer range has something for everyone.

The Brew plant has a 6 brewers barrel capacity (24 firkins) with 3 fermenters capable of producing up to 72 firkins per week.

A range of 7 core beers are being produced, supplemented by special one-off brews. The core range includes: Dirty Rat (3.5% abv), a dark brown mild; Brown Rat (3.8% abv), a brown ale; Golden Rat (3.8% abv), a golden hoppy session bitter; White Rat (4.0% abv) a very pale hoppy bitter brewed with 3 high alpha American hops; Rattus rattus (4.3% abv) a cloudy wheat beer with a continental taste; Black Rat (4.5% abv) described as a porter; and King rat (5.0% abv) a hoppy citrusy bitter brewed with Nelson Sauvin hops.

The beers will be available in the Rat & ratchet and as guests in the other Ossett pubs and the free trade. So far they have featured at the Huddersfield Oktoberfest beer festival where White Rat was the first beer to run off, and at the Bolton, Slaithwaite Moonrakers, Silkstone and Wakefield beer festivals.

A number of specials have already been reported. Lab rat (4.6% abv); Rat Catcher (4.0% abv); Red Rat (4.3% abv) and Baby Rat Marcel (4.3% abv) – to celebrate Rob and Zee Allen's new baby son, Marcel. The beer was described as a reddish bitter brewed with Nelson Sauvin, Amarillo and Centennial hops and dry hopped with Simcoe hops. Recent ones include: Pestilence Pale (4.3% abv) and Cheating Rat (4.1% abv).

Riverhead Brewery. Tel: 01484 841270

The Brewsters Blonde (3.8% abv) and Redbrook Premium (5.5% abv) both featured at the recent Wakefield beer festival. Wessenden Wheat (4.5% abv) was chosen for Huddersfield Oktoberfest and Brewsters Blonde for York beer festival.

A special ruby coloured ale, Red (4.5% abv) was reported at The Slip Inn beer festival at York and another new beer seen around was Hopcatcher (4.1% abv).

Sportsman Brewery. Tel: 07866 901162

Following on from the official launch of the brewery, a core range of beers has emerged. This include: Town Mild (3.5% abv) a dark roasted malty mild; Hops Cotch (4.6% abv); Deco IPA (5.0% abv) and Pigeon Bridge Porter (4.7% abv).

A special Arts & Ale Festival Ale (5.0% abv) was produced for the Lawrence Batley beer festival. As the Sportsman is a Huddersfield Town sponsor, it brewed Andy Booth's Pale Ale (3.6% abv) in honour of the Town player.

Keller Bier (4.3% abv) was brewed for the Cricketer's Oktoberfest beer festival at Horbury and also appeared at the Huddersfield Oktoberfest. This is an amber coloured German style ale brewed with German Perle hops and Northern Brewer hops.


A plum and blackberry version of Pigeon Bridge Porter (4.7% abv) aka Fruity Pigeon has also been produced. The latest new beer is Beautiful Blue (3.9% abv), a pale hoppy session bitter, lightly hopped with super alpha hops for extra bitterness. It is definitely not blue.

Summer Wine Brewery. Tel: 01484 682373

The Summer wine beers were represented at York beer festival by Saison (nettle & Ginger) (6.0% abv) – there are other flavours and versions - and the award winning m&C's of Rye (7.0% abv). At the Slip Inn beer festival also in York, there was a special whisky-oaked stout available, Cossack Imperial Whisky stout (7.2% abv). This was described as a rich, very complex, dry, classic stout flavoured with hints of whisky and caramel.

At the Lawrence Batley beer festival, there was Lowry (4.2% abv), a pale dry bitter. Resistance mild (4.0% abv) and 7C's of Rye both featured at the Huddersfield Oktoberfest beer festival. First place went to 7C's of Rye in the Strong Ale class beating Fullers Vintage 2010 into 2nd place. Well done James and Andy.

The 7C's of Rye is a fantastic beer with a good malt and hop balance that makes its dangerously drinkable for its strength. It is hopped with Columbus, Centennial, chinнок, Cascade, Crystal, Cluster and Citra hops – hence the seven c's
Other new beers which appeared at the 18th Bolton beer festival include Vega (4.0% abv), a pale ale brewed with citra, Amarillo and Liberty hops; Gambit (4.2% abv) a golden ale; Rouge Hop (5.0% abv), a red ale with a malty base tempered with four hop varieties and dry hopped with Simcoe and Cascade; and Sedona (5.2% abv), an American amber ale hopped with Chinook, Herkules, Amarillo and Williamette.
The latest new beer is white Water (5.0% abv).



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All Aboard the Cider Bus!

A couple of months ago some of the staff of the West Riding Pub Group had an idea for something rather different to celebrate CAMRA's Cider Month in October. It was to have a mini-cider festival at each of the group's three pubs, each in a different CAMRA Branch, and to transport a merry band of over 60 eager cider nuts between them on a double-decker bus, hired especially for the occasion.

It came to pass on a cloudy and wet October Saturday afternoon and a fine time was had by all on what became known as the West Riding Cider Bus Tour.

At around 1.30pm the travellers began gathering under cover in the extension of the West Riding Licensed Refreshment Rooms, Dewsbury, and each was presented with a wooden rack accommodating three 1/3rd pint measure glasses christened by the West Riding as "Gills". At the start of the event these were filled with two ciders and a perry including Pure North Deanhouse Dry (7.2% abv), a pale crisp cider full of zest from sponsor Rob North based near Holmfirth. Three other ciders were also available at the bar

Three other ciders were also available at the bar but by 3 o'clock it was time to leave. Glug! And so the party boarded the ex-Sheffield 1961 AEC Bridgemaster double-decker bus with go-faster red wheels and black wings and set off for the Cricketers Arms at Horbury.



Armed, wooden racks at the ready, we soon arrived for the next round of the three 1/3rd of different ciders, this time from Pure North Valley Gold (6.0% abv), Moorlands Medium/Sweet (6.4% abv), both from Yorkshire, and Burnards Oaky Dokey cider (5.5% abv) from Norfolk, the latter having been fermented in oak rum casks, imparting a lovely oak and vanilla edge to the flavour. Several other ciders were available at the bar including Skidbrooke Vintage (5.5% abv) from Lincolnshire and the lovely single Port Wine of Glastonbury (5.0% abv) from Hecks. These were nicely complemented by sandwiches provided from the outside hog roast, supplemented by stuffing and apple

By now it was 6 o'clock, dusk was approaching and the jolly troupe poured back on to the bus for the trip to Huddersfield. Time passed quickly as we agonised over a tricky cider quiz which was deservedly won by two experts from Stockport. In no time we arrived at the Sportsman, recently a deserving winner of an English Heritage Conservation Award, for thirds of Pure North Sam's Session (5.0% abv), a mellow one-off Pure North creation, Moorlands Medium (6.5% abv) and Dove Syke Ribble Valley Gold (6.2% abv) from over the hill in Lancashire. As with the other venues, further choices of cider and perry were available at the bar. Homemade pie and peas were on offer for the peckish to keep their hunger at bay. At 8 o'clock, the Ugly Mug Jug Band struck up with some traditional skiffle and rock & roll to make a great evening even greater.

What a day! For some it was a laugh, for others it was an education, but for everyone it was a "Grand Day Out!"

Nelson Codlin

How do pubs get in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide?

This is a question often asked by beer drinkers and landlords alike every time the new CAMRA Good Beer Guide is published.

The first thing to note is that the Good Beer Guide is not a good pub guide but a good beer guide. It is a guide in which all the entries have been selected on merit by local branch members. It is not a publication that pubs, clubs or restaurants can subscribe to; neither can they pay to be included in it. The Campaign does not accept payment for inclusion in the Guide.

Similarly, just because a pub sells Real Ale or has ten handpumps on the bar doesn't mean it will automatically qualify for entry. Beer quality, above all, determines the choice of the pubs.

The CAMRA Good Beer Guide features 4,500 of the best real ale pubs in the UK and unique to the guide, 900 breweries along with details of their regular beers. The Campaign comprises over 200 branches each with an allocation of pubs, clubs or real ale outlets in the guide.

Huddersfield has 15 entries to represent 300 or more licensed premises in the area. Some branches have more, some less. Invariably, it means that competition is fierce and often some very good pubs don't quite make it. This is not a reflection on the beers or ownership but down to the number of entries allowed in the guide. One thing is certain, the standard and quality of cask ale in the area is very good.

All entries are compiled by CAMRA members. The entries are regularly surveyed by local members throughout the year not only for the quality of the cask beers in each one but also for changes of ownership or management that could affect the range of beers on offer.

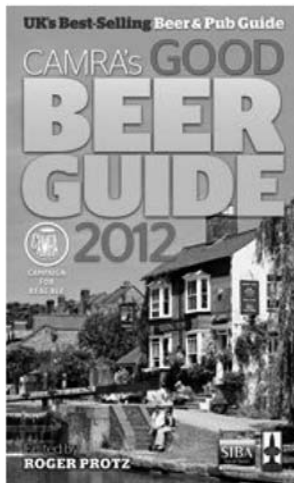
Nominations for the GBG are taken at Branch meetings from November onwards and a short list of qualifying pubs, clubs, etc is drawn up. Due to the production schedule of the guide, a vote must be taken each February at a Branch meeting to decide entries for the following year's GBG. The short list is reduced to 15 possible entries – although the branch is not bound to fill all of its allocation if it doesn't think the beer quality of the nominations is of GBG standard.

The Committee will deliberate on borderline cases where more than one entry has the same score. In some cases, average beer scoring values can be called upon to justify consistency as well as beer quality. Hence, the importance of regular beer scoring.

The branch does not relax once its final 15 are chosen. It continues to monitor up to the final stages before printing of the GBG and can pull a pub for such reasons as closure, change of ownership or poor beer quality. This can happen during the life of the current GBG with the pub being de-listed on both the CAMRA website and in the Campaign's magazine, *What's Brewing*.

The GBG is not a good pub guide but it is concerned about a pub's history and architecture, its food, family and disabled facilities, beer gardens and special features of note eg Heritage pubs. It is CAMRA's belief that if a publican looks after the real ale in the cellar – a task that requires a degree of skill and even passion – then the qualities of the other facilities should be of an equally high standard.

The 2012 CAMRA Good Beer Guide is on sale now and is available from all good book shops (RRP £15.99) ISBN 978-1-85249-286-1, or from www.camra.org.uk/gbg The special online price to CAMRA members is £10 plus packaging and postage.



Local and Regional Beer Festivals

- 8th – 11th Dec** Winter Beer Festival, Suddabys, Wheelgate, Malton
Thu to Sat 12noon – 11pm;
- 9th – 11th Dec** Headingley BF, St Michaels Parish Hall, St Michaels Rd, Leeds LS6 3AW
Fri 4pm -11pm; Sat 2pm – 11pm; Sun 2pm – 9.30pm
- 18th – 21st Jan** National Winter Ales Festival, Sheridan Suite, Oldham Rd, Manchester
Wed 5pm – 10.30pm; Thu to Sat 12noon – 10.30pm
- 2nd – 4th Feb** 8th Pendle BF, Colne Municipal Hall, Colne BB8 0AE
Thu 5pm – 11pm; Fri & Sat 11.30 – 11pm.
- 3rd – 4th Feb** 14th Chesterfield BF, Winding Wheel, Holywell St., Chesterfield
Fri & Sat 11am – 4pm, 6.30pm – 11pm
- 9th – 11th Feb** White Cross BF, Bradley, Huddersfield HD2 1XD
Thu 5pm – 11pm; Fri & Sat 12noon – 11pm.
- 10th – 11th Feb** 4th Ilkley BF, Ilkley Kings Hall, Station Rd, Ilkley LS29 8HB
Fri 6pm – 11pm ; Sat 12noon – 11pm
- 23rd – 25th Feb** Bradford BF, Victoria Hall, Saltaire
Thu 6pm – 11pm; Fri 11.30 – 4pm, 6-11pm; Sat 11.30 – 4.30pm, 7 – 11pm
- 29th Feb –
3rd Mar** 20th Rotherham BF, Magna Centre, Sheffield Rd, Rotherham S60 1DX
Wed to Fri 6pm – 11pm; Sat 12noon – 11pm
- 16th – 17th Mar** Denby Dale Lions BF, Pie Hall, Denby Dale, Huddersfield
Fri 7pm– 11pm; Sat 12noon – 11pm.

Note: Tickets may be required in advance for some festivals. An entrance charge may be made, although card-carrying CAMRA members may receive a discount at CAMRA beer festivals. Contact ALE TALK at aletalk@huddscamra.org.uk for a free listing. A listing of a non-CAMRA event does not necessarily indicate CAMRA endorsement.

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- 12th Dec** Branch meeting at the Commercial, Carr Lane, Slaithwaite, HD7 5AN. Bus 182 at 19.15 from Huddersfield Bus station or 19.30 train from Huddersfield Train Station.
- 17th Dec** Christmas Social at the Slubbers Arms at Hillhouse, Huddersfield HD1 6HW for 19.30. Bus No. 363 at 19.25 from Huddersfield Bus station
- 16th Jan** Branch meeting at the Sportsman, Huddersfield, HD1 5AY. Bus No. 182 at 19.15 from Huddersfield Bus station.
- 21st Jan** Branch survey trip of some of the GBG nominated pubs in the more remote areas. Minibus departs St George's Square 18.30 and returns at 22.30.
- 6th Feb** Branch GBG 2013 voting meeting at the Rat & Ratchet, Chapel Hill, Huddersfield, HD1 3EB. Voting by members only.
- 20th Feb** Branch meeting at the White Cross, Bradley Rd, Bradley, Huddersfield. HX2 1XD
First Bus 328 from Market St at 19.20 or Arriva Bus 229 from Bust Station at 19.30

CAMRA Regional Meetings

3rd Mar Bell Hotel, Driffield, East Yorks for 12 noon. Venue to be confirmed.

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