



Ale Talk

The Real Ale Magazine of Huddersfield CAMRA



On Monday 2nd April Community Pubs Day will kick off the start of the Month and is the perfect opportunity for pub owners and punters alike to raise a glass and spread the message of the importance of local pubs.

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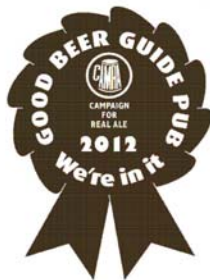
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HUDDERSFIELD BRANCH NEWS

At the AGM in November Michael Robinson stepped down from the post of Chairman and I was elected to replace him. Let me take this opportunity in print to thank Michael on behalf of the branch for the hard work and unstinting commitment that he brought to the role. Having only moved to Huddersfield around 18 months ago I am particularly grateful to Michael for the comprehensive archive of his term of office that I have inherited. I think he has forgiven me for being a Lancastrian by birth!

Usually I find it fairly easy to pen 400-500 words. Indeed I usually write far too much. The problem is, what can a new Chairman say that is actually new? The agenda will be familiar to all members; promoting real ale, cider and perry, campaigning against the rapacity of pub companies, and lobbying for a rebalanced tax regime that offsets the huge disadvantage that pubs suffer compared to supermarkets which is doing so much to put pubs out of business and change people's drinking and social habits for the worse. I offer a couple of thoughts about pub companies and breweries that still retain a tied estate. Back in 1831 Parliament found it necessary to pass the Truck Act which forbade employers from paying part of workers' wages in tokens which had to be spent in the company shop where, of course, prices were inflated thus reducing the value of wages. Effectively the regime operated by pub companies and breweries that retain a tied estate is directly comparable to the truck system, as the licensee does not get the full benefit of his lease by being forced to pay inflated prices for his stock. In the same way as prices were determined in the 19th century high street by the market so the true price of beer is determined by the free trade.

Consider this also. Back in 1931 the government nationalised coal royalties. These were charged to the mining companies by landowners lucky enough to have seams of coal running hundreds of feet below their land. The pub companies operate in a similar way as regards rents. In the high street rents are determined by the free market. Landlords and in particular local councils who don't understand this principle soon find themselves with empty properties on their hands. Life, however, is different for pub companies. Even though they do not supply any products to the business unlike a brewery, they still believe that they have the right to a cut from a thriving business i.e. a royalty, despite having contributed nothing to its success. As for businesses they price out of the market and send to the wall, they simply place a restrictive covenant on the pub so that it cannot be purchased by the free trade. The Conservative Party affects to be a party that believes in the free market. It seems that where the pub trade is concerned ministers have a huge blind spot condoning restrictive practices that they would never tolerate if they were being operated by a trade union in the public sector. The Prime Minister could replace the Liberal Democrat junior minister Ed Davey with someone who can be relied upon to stand up for the moderate drinker, the struggling publican, and the communities threatened with losing their pub. A phone call from Mr Cameron to Jason McCartney, MP for Colne Valley, at the next reshuffle would not come amiss.

And while I'm gazing out of my window scanning the horizon for flying pigs he could also give Mr Osborne a nudge about scrapping the beer duty accelerator.

PAUL LAXTON, CHAIRMAN, HUDDERSFIELD BRANCH

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Out and About Huddersfield

It is not the first time Huddersfield has scored highly among beer drinkers around the country. In the recent edition of the New Imbiber, Dave Hughes the well known beer guru, has praised the **Star Inn** at Lockwood for having one of the best pub beer festivals in the land, and for one of its new and up and coming microbreweries, **Magic Rock**. Praise indeed!

The **Star Inn** celebrated its official 10th anniversary in January this year, although it had opened shortly before Christmas on Friday 21st December 2001. A year later it went into the CAMRA Good Beer Guide and has remained a worthy contender ever since. This March will see the Star's Spring Beer Festival take place, running from Wednesday 21st to Sunday 25th March. As usual there will be a great line up of beers, all on handpull, accompanied by some good food and company.

The **Rat & Ratchet** recently held a mini beer festival showcasing its new range of 'Rat' beers with its many new Specials. The beers are a pleasant addition to the Ossett beers which grace the bar of the Rat. The brewers are not scared of trying new hop varieties and have cooked up some exciting recipes with a wealth of new flavours and tastes. As a bonus for Rat devotees, the brewery was thrown open for inspection with brewers Paul Spencer and Lisa Handforth giving guided tours and explaining the brewing process.

The Rat & Ratchet has been voted Huddersfield CAMRA Cider Pub of the Year 2012.

The **Sportsman** has been serving more of its own beers of late, allowing the visitor to try almost the entire range in one go. The cider sales have improved and it is a regular outlet for the local cider producer, Pure North. Over Christmas there was excellent mulled Elderberry Cider (10% abv) at a heartwarming £3 a half pint!

The **Grove Inn** is due to undergo some structural alterations in the next month which will see the opening up of the interior and a new corner entrance. In the meantime, it's business as usual with a "Meet the Brewer" evening on Wednesday 7th March. Fuller's Head Brewer, John Keeling, will be returning to give one of his tutored tastings. Tickets are £5 including samples.

The **Head of Steam** will be showcasing beers from Ireland for St Patrick's Day over the 17th - 18th March weekend. The breweries will include Dungarvan, Trouble, West Kerry, 8 Degrees, White Gypsy, Messrs Maguire, Porterhouse and Metalman from the republic, and Hilden and College Green from Northern Ireland.

The **Swan** in Westgate has been reported as having a handpull serving Copper Dragon Golden Pippin. Further up the road, the **Crown** has Marston's EPA as regular with a range of beers from the Marston beer portfolio. Beers have included Adnam's beers, Draught Bass, Wychwood Hobgoblin, plus a few unusual and rare beers.

The **Cherry Tree** and the **Lord Wilson** (both Wetherspoons) have been selling Veto Ale (4.3%) in support of David Cameron's stance on the Euro. The beer was brewed by Bateman's using solely British ingredients, including Lincolnshire and Yorkshire malts and Bramling Cross and Challenger hops. Wetherspoons will be running their World Beer festival from the 14th March to the 1st April featuring beers specially brewed by foreign brewers based in the UK.

Herbert's bar on Cross Church Street continues to receive good reports. Recent beers have included Deuchars IPA, Brass Monkey beers, Castle Rock Harvest Pale Ale, and others. The **1535 Restaurant** in Firth Street is closed and the **Ramsden's Arms** (Sharkeys) is also closed.

Almondbury: An off-licence worth calling in if you are looking for local bottled beers is **Taste Fine Wines** on the corner of Westgate. This has Nook and Elland brewery bottled beers.

Aspley: The landlord of the Flyboat, Peter Grimes, is retiring this March after 10 years at the helm. The pub sells very good handpulled Tetley Cask bitter which won Peter a Huddersfield Pub of the Season award a number of years ago. It had previously sold some excellent Tetley Mild on handpull but dwindling customer demand and changes at the brewery resulted in its demise. See feature article.

Bradley: The **White Cross** held another very good Winter beer festival recently with a nice range of strong beers in the upstairs function room. There were a few ciders and perries on offer although John has had to take them off the bar due to poor sales. Unfortunately, real cider and perry won't be a regular feature anymore. The **Bradley & Colne Bridge WMC** is continuing to serve good Tetley Bitter and the nearby **Royal & Ancient** had Ringwood 49er and Wychwood Hobgoblin on recently.

Cop Hill: The Rose & Crown is reported as serving Thwaites Wainwrights, Black Sheep Bitter, Springhead Bees Knees, and Goose Eye Cop Hill.

Denby Dale: The **Pie Hall** will be playing host to the Denby Dale Lion's Annual beer festival on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th April. This is a great little festival featuring local beers.

Emley: The **White Horse** was recently visited by the local CAMRA branch who found the beer to be very good. The pub does serve Ossett beers but has a good mix of guests and LocAles. On the night there were beers from Bob's Brewing Co, Two Roses, Copper Dragon, Rat brewery and a cider on handpump, Weston's Old Rosie. The pub also has a good trade in food.

Farnley Tyas: The **Golden Cock** (Punch Taverns) is changing its name to **The Farnley Cock** and will be opening for an extra 30 minutes each day. The beer range remains unchanged.

Golcar: The **Golcar Lily** has Tetley Cask Bitter and Taylor's Landlord and Ram Tam on handpull. A new landlord, rumoured to be Jake ex Rose & Crown, is due to start at the **Commercial** in few weeks time. The pub, a Thwaites house, serves good Nutty Black, Original and Wainwrights plus the seasonal guest. On a recent visit this was Triple G 4.2%. The **Rose & Crown** has been serving a more varied range of guest beers of late. These have included: the Golcar brewery Ruddy Duck, Golcar Artic, Grafton Cracker, Naylors Rocket Fuel, The Brew Co. MMX, Empire Moonraker Mild, Leeds Pale, Thwaites Little Elf and Mill Town Dark Horse - all in fine form. **Walkers Arms** has Adnams Broadside and Greene King IPA plus guest from Punch's Finest Cask Range - Castle Rock Preservation Fine Ale was reported on a recent visit.

Junction One is planning to hold their 2nd beer festival the second weekend in March. Look out for details.



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Highburton: The Smith's Arms has Greene king IPA, Black Sheep Bitter and Taylors Landlord.

Holmfirth: The **Toad & Tatle** is reported to be selling 3 cask beers on handpump plus a real cider Westons Scrumpy or Old Rosie. The house beer, Toad & Tatle, is brewed by Phoenix and the guest ales have included beers (LocAles) from Ilkley, Magic Rock, Mill Town, Rat, Saltaire, Thornbridge, Buxton and Phoenix, etc. There will be a "Meet the Brewer" evening on Monday 23rd April featuring beers from Magic Rock served with specially created Tapas dishes from chef, Mark Irving. See advert for details. **Brambles** has continued to perform well on the real ale scene since opening before Christmas. The café bar supports a good range of beers, two of which are house beers from Empire, and a locally produced cider, Pure North. **The Nook** now has Cask Marque accreditation. Recently, they held an Australia Day with beers featuring Australian hops – very good in deed. Also, with Easter approaching, the Nook will be holding another of its legendary Spring beer festival. The Nook Madchester Beer festival will run from the 29th March to the 1st April and feature 40 beers with live music Friday/Saturday and Sunday.

Hervey's Bar has Copper Dragon Scots 1816, Black Gold, Black Sheep Bitter and Taylors Landlord. The **Elephant & Castle** has Tetley Bitter, Taylors Landlord and Copper Dragon Golden Pippin. The **Y bar** has Taylor's Golden Best and the Shoulder of Mutton has Copper Dragon Golden Pippin.

Kirkburton: There has been a change of tenancy at **The Royal**. Real ales are Copper Dragon Golden Pippin and Tetleys Bitter and the new opening hours are 11:30 to 12:00 every day.

Similarly, there is a new landlord at the **George**. Beers include Jennings Bitter, Brakespeare's Gold and seasonal guest. The **White Swan** has been re-named the **Stumble Inn**. The **Junction** at Turnshaws is now called the **Junk** and has been refurbished in café bar style, serving Black Sheep Bitter and Bob Brewing Co White Lion. The **Fox Glove** has Marston's Pedigree and Top of the Hops, Hopback Taiphon and York Terrier. The **Kirkburton Diamond**

Jubilee Beer Festival will be taking place at the Scout HQ, Hallas Road on the 1st to 3rd June featuring up to 20 beers at £2 a pint, plus pie & peas, barbecue and live music. Be Prepared!

Kirkheaton: The Yeaton Cask has had a lick of paint and some new wallpaper. The three main beers Hawkhead Red, Thwaites Wainwright and Yeaton Cask are kept in good form. However, the four guest handpulls have proved even more popular with locals and visitors alike. The range varies but has include, Bradfield Yorkshire Farmer, Rudgegate Ruby Mild, North Yorks Fools Gold, Salamander beers, Milltown Maltissimo, Goose Eye Chinook but to name a few.

Leymoor: The Cask (formerly the Albert) is a small pub off the beaten track. It serves good John Smiths Cask, Worthington Bitter and Copper Dragon Golden Pippin.

Lindley: The **Nightingale** opposite the hospital is reported to be selling Draught Bass. The **Liberal Club** near the clock tower has two handpulls which on a recent visit had Fullers ESB and Black Horse Hetton Pale Ale. The **Black Horse**, next door, is reported to be selling Copper Dragon Golden Pippin. The **Saddle** has 3 Thwaites beers, Mild, Original and Wainwrights. The **Black Bull** has been serving Hook Norton Old Hooky alongside Tetley Bitter. **No 10** has no real ale but **Eric's Restaurant** does serve bottled Mallinson's beer – a good beer to go with good food. **Lindley WMC** has Tetley Bitter.

Lockwood: The **Lockwood** has Tetley Cask and Taylor's Landlord as regulars and is making use of the well respected Phoenix brewery beers. Recently these included Snowbound, Hopsack and Spotland Gold. The house beer Lockwood Bitter 3.9% is also brewed by Phoenix. The **Shoulder of Mutton** is the main Huddersfield outlet for the excellent OMB (Owenshaw Mills Brewery) beers from Sowerby Bridge. The recent Salt Road Blonde is a prime example. Also available is a Mallinson beer plus the regular Taylor's beers. The former **Red Lion** is now converted in shops. The **Lockwood & Salford Conservative Club** is an example of what a club can do if it sets its mind to serving real ale. Apart from Tetley Cask – which is well served – the guest pumps have served the likes of Magic rock Curious, Bob's Brewing Co White Lion, Abbeydale Absolution, Roosters Yankee, Salamander Golden Salamander, plus Mallinsons.

Longwood: The **Prospect** is run by enthusiastic landlord Paul Hirst. It is a free house and currently only has one handpump but this may change. Paul operates free of tie and on a recent visit, he was serving some excellent Grafton brewery Moon Frost. Do call in and check the beer out. The **Rose & Crown** is closed. The **Slip Inn** is undergoing a new lease of life with a good range of beers drawn from the Marston's range. Apart from the regular Marston's Pedigree, Jennings Bitter and Cocker Hoop, there are the seasonal ales such as Jenning's Soggy Bottom, Ringwood Filly Dript, Marston's Sweet Chariot, Wychwood Dirty Tackle and the Marston's single hop variety series such as Wai-Iti (NZ hops) 4% and Galaxy (Aussi hops) 4%.

Longwood Bowling Club has Black Sheep Bitter as regular with one guest ale. This has included beers from Mallinson's and Empire and recently Nobby's Gilsborough Gold.

Marsden: The landlady, Vicki Stagg, has left the **Riverhead Brewery Tap** and the new landlord has come from the **Kaye Arms**.

Marsh: Good news. **The Junction** has now re-opened after a period of closure, and the original tenants are back in business. The beer range is reported to be unchanged with Taylor's Landlord and Golden Best, Copper dragon Golden Pippin, Elland Yorkshire Lager and John Smith's Bitter. The Gledholt Male Voice Choir will be holding their now annual beer festival at the **Marsh Club**, Abb Street, Marsh from Friday 20th to Saturday 21st April. It will culminate in the Big Sing during the evening led by the Choir. This promises to be a great event with some great beers on hand. See advert.

Meltham: This is small village awash with Tetley Cask Bitter – some of it very good and some of it average. The **Waggon & Horses** has Tetley Bitter, Taylor's Landlord and Thwaites Wainwright as regular beers with a guest ale. On the last visit this was Bateman's Rosy Nosy. Across the road is the **Moore-ish** off-licence which has a good selection of foreign beers (mainly Belgian) and some of the Nook brewhouse's bottled beers. The **Meltham Liberal Club** has good Tetley Bitter plus a guest which was Greene King Fireside. The club held its first beer festival last year and hopes to repeat the success again later this year. The **Swan** has Tetley

Bitter and guest. The guest has included Taylor's Landlord and Wells Bombardier amongst others. The **Victoria Park** has good Tetley Bitter plus a guest ale which on a recent visit was Empire Golden Warrior. The **Meltham Conservative Club** does not have real ale. The **Travellers Rest** has Tetley Bitter and guests and is known for its food. However, it has recently added a new dimension with a Mutt's Menu. The canine carte lists 28 day aged pig's ear, pan fried doggy sausage, knotted bone and Pooch biscuits all at a £1 each. It is said to be a tail wagging success. The **Wills o' Nats** at Blackmoorfoot Road has Tetley Bitter, Black Sheep Bitter and Taylor's Landlord as regular with an ever changing guest ales list. LocAle beers are available and it is known for its excellent food. Not surprisingly, the pub was recently voted Huddersfield CAMRA's **Winter Pub of the Season 2011/2012**. A presentation will be made to Bob and Joyce Luty in the near future. The **White House**, originally built in 1799 as the Dyer's Arms, has been closed for some time and is now due to be converted in to three houses. At the other end of Meltham the **Durker Roods Hotel** has gained a good reputation for the quality of its beers and has two handpulls serving Saltaire beers. These have included Elderberry Blonde and Cascadian Black – both served in excellent condition.

Milnsbridge: the **Milnsbridge Socialist Club** will be holding its 1st Beer & Pork Pie festival on Thursday 19th to Sunday 22nd April. There will be 30 ales available all themed on St George to celebrate our Patron Saint. There will be a selection of 15 different flavoured pork pies to accompany the wonderful ales on offer. See festival file. A planning application (2011/92981) has gone in to convert the **Armitage Arms** to a retail outlet and flats.

Netherton: The Netherton Conservative Club has obtained Cask Marque accreditation. It was reported serving Mallinson's Stadium, Copper Dragon Golden Pippin and Freddie Truman, and Tetley Cask Bitter. All on top form when sampled.

Outlane: Outlane **Golf Club** is reported to have two handpumps and was recently selling Theakston's Mild and Mallinson's Stadium Bitter. More reports please.

Primrose Hill: A planning application (2011/92910) has gone in to change the Primrose Hill Conservative Club from club to dwelling.

Scapagoat Hill: A new landlord has now taken over at the **Scape House**. The previous landlord, having done a good job of building the trade back up, has moved onto a new pub. The beer range remains basically the same and on a recent visit there was Brakespeare Oxford Gold and Banks' Fine Fettle both on fine form. The **Scapagoat Hill Liberal Club** has Tetley Bitter and a guest at weekends.

Slaithwaite: The Slaithwaite Conservative Club is now serving Peak Ales brewery beers alongside the excellent Moorhouse's Black Cat mild. On a recent visit, Carol was serving Peak Ales Swift Nick 3.8% and very nice it was too. Hopefully, there will be some on for Sarah Wayte's 30th birthday party. The **Wharfe** was reported to be selling Copper Dragon Christmas Classic 4.2%. The **Shoulder of Mutton** was reported have been robbed by armed robbers.

South Crosland: The **Kings Arms** has unfortunately closed its doors (15th January) and is unlikely to re-open as a public house. The pub was selling two good quality regular Mallinson's beers at £2 a pint before it closed. This is a great loss of a Community Pub to the locals – who appear to have de-camped to the **Beaumont Arms** down the road in Netherton.

Thunderbridge: The **Woodman** was visited around the Christmas period and was reported to be serving good Taylor's Landlord and Bitter, Black sheep Bitter and a guest which was the rare M&B's Chocolate Orange (4.0%).

Upper Denby: The **George Inn** is good little community pub served by a keen landlord, Dean. The range may be small but it make up for it in quality. Tetley Bitter and Taylors Landlord are regulars with a guest. These have included Adnams Old Ale (rare), Bradfield's Belgian Blue Greene King IPA, St.Austell Trelawny and Holt's IPA coming up amongst others. Do visit if passing.

Upperthong: The **Royal Oak** was recently visited by the local CAMRA branch who reported the beer to be on fine form. On the night was Taylor's Landlord and Best and Bradfield's Farmer's Blond. This is another great little community pub that needs supporting.

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Landlord retires after 10 years at the helm

The Flyboat at Aspley, is one of those quiet unassuming traditional backstreet pubs that you never really bother or hear about until they have gone. Yet, it is a small community pub with a history that can be traced back to the late 1850's when it was built as a watering hole for the bargees that sailed their narrow boat barges or flyboats along the Huddersfield canals.

At the end of March, the current lease finishes and Punch Taverns will be putting the Flyboat up for sale. There is a strong possibility it may not continue as a pub but may go the way of most pubs that close with no suitable buyer. A manager will be put in temporarily until sold.

Peter Grimes, the landlord, has decided to retire after running the pub for the last 10 years. During that time, he has run this traditional workingman's pub selling only Tetley Bitter and Mild on handpump. He experimented briefly with a guest ale many years ago but his customers remained loyal to his Tetley ales. In latter years, with changing tastes and brewing moved out of Leeds to southern climes, the Mild was taken off with only the Bitter remaining. Although never the same, Peter kept some very good Tetley Cask Bitter and this was appreciated by his customers.

In 2003, Peter was voted Huddersfield CAMRA's Summer Pub of the Season in recognition of the quality of his beer, then Mild and Bitter, community spirit and the welcome drinkers were given. It had always been a stopping off place for a drink before and after the Town football and rugby matches, and was on the local snooker circuit. Players from the Tennis club also frequented the Flyboat during the summer months. And Thursdays was Quiz night.



Peter receives the 2003 Summer Pub of the Season award from Huddersfield Branch member Val Kemp



The pub has a keen sense of history and this is obvious from the displays of photos and pictures of old Huddersfield town and its pubs and buildings. There is a large games room with dark wooden panelling and wall mounted seating, full size snooker table and darts board. The main bar has a fire and wall mounted seating giving a cosy traditional feel to the pub. Outside there is a small beer garden enclosed within whitewashed walls. The gentlemen's urinals have that Oates & Green Ltd of Halifax and London stamp of approval.

We wish Peter all the very best in his retirement and thank him for making the following history available to the Branch and fellow pub historians. Peter is the 34th licensee of the Fly Boat Inn since George Richardson was mentioned in 1867. Prior to taking the lease of the Flyboat in December 2001, Peter had run the Beaumont Arms at Kirkheaton for 10 years.

The Fly Boat inn was first mentioned in 1857 when the boiler of Kaye's Mill exploded on the 23rd November and a fire-bar was blown through the window and set fire to a small bundle of papers in the fireplace.

The first licensee to be mentioned was George Richardson when he applied for the licence of the fly boat, Colne road, Upper Aspley, in April 1867. The lease was owned by Joseph Sutcliffe, it was then leased to John Smiths brewery, and it was sold at auction on the 29th November 1932 to Thomas Ramsden of Halifax, and then it went to Tetley's and Allied brewery. It was proposed to make the Inn redundant in the Spring of 1934 but it managed to hold onto its licence.

Ann Garside turned it into a hotel but Brook Horsfall turned it back into an inn and the address changed to 6 Colne Street about 1914. Ann Garside was prosecuted on the 20th April 1906 for permitting gaming by allowing dominoes to be played for money, and G.E. Hayhurst was prosecuted on the 14th March 1955 for allowing public music during non-permitted hours and on the 11th September 1955 for allowing gaming on licensed premises.

Huddersfield Weekly Examiner 24th August 1867. Annual Licensing Sessions – Mr Learoyd supported an application by George Richardson, Fly Boat Inn, Aspley, and spoke of the suitability of the house for the purpose of a public house.

Huddersfield Weekly Examiner 26th November 1932. Sales by Auction: lot 4. All the leasehold Fully licensed Public House, known as the Flyboat Inn situate in and numbered 6, Colne street, Aspley, in the occupation of Mrs Cockhill. Also the leasehold Dwelling House adjoining numbered 5, Colne Street. Area 330 square yards, term 99 years from 1859. Apportioned Yearly Ground Rent £6.12s.0d.

On the 29th November 1932, the leasehold public house known by the name of The Flyboat inn, Aspley, and the dwelling house adjoining, was sold to Thomas Ramsden Halifax brewery for £1,450.

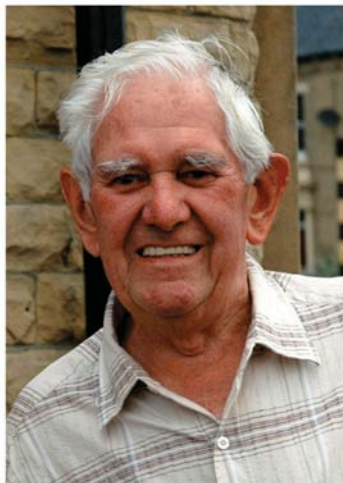
Dick Maplesden R.I.P.

Dick Maplesden died in December, he was 89 years old. Although he had lived in the North for many years his accent still betrayed his Southern roots. He had not attended CAMRA meetings for many years as blindness and the loss of his wife Pat had hit him hard.

When he was a mere stripling in his 60's, he was however an active member of the branch, working at beer festivals, sifting through survey forms for both National and local beer guides, and generally doing whatever was required. This included drinking the good stuff, with a cheery grin on his face and a pint in his hand; even in his latter days he was a welcome regular in the Star at Lockwood .

Speaking to his daughter Anne Goodwill after the service, we tried to remember if Dick had ever been on Kirklees CAMRA's committee. We couldn't remember but thought he must have been. Typical of the bloke he just got on with the job, didn't worry if it was up to him, in his remit or not , if it wanted doing Dick would put his hand up to volunteer. Unnoticed by many, but sadly missed by all.

Last year CAMRA nationally held a dinner for the great and the good, the 50 or so members who were thought to have done most for the campaign since its inception, Dick was not on the list. He would not have expected to be. He was just the ordinary member who just got on with the job, didn't worry.....etc. Cheers **Jim Turney**



Editor's Note: Dick was actually named Alan but chose to be known as Dick for some reason. Dick and Pat, his late wife, were instrumental in transcribing all the pub data onto computer for the 1989 Real Ale in Kirklees guide. As it mentions in the foreword, "Without their efforts, this guide could not have been produced." He was Branch Contact around this time and also coordinated new pub info for then bi-monthly Ale Talk. Dick was one of those unsung heroes.

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All Change at the Top

November's Branch AGM at the Rat & Ratchet, Huddersfield, saw the retirement of the Branch Chairman, Michael Robinson and the election of a new Chairman, Paul Laxton. Before handing over the chair of office, Michael gave a brief speech on the branch's achievements under his leadership.

After the appointment of Paul Laxton as Branch Chairman, the outgoing Chairman presented him with Charlie's gavel, and Paul chaired the remainder of the meeting. The new Chairman thanked Michael for his service over the last two years and the Branch gave him a rousing round of applause. Fortunately, Michael did not let off any fire extinguishers as he left the room.

The meeting also saw the appointment and confirmation of other Branch officials as required by CAMRA internal policy. The Branch Committee consists of:

Chairman	Paul Laxton	Secretary	Paul Lunn
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Ale Talk Editor	Bob Tomlinson	Website & Beer Scoring	Mark Davies
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Beer Festival Organiser	Paul Laxton	Beer Tasting Panel	Vacant

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Outgoing Chairman Michael Robinson (Right) presents incoming Chairman Paul Laxton (Left) with the late David Charlesworth's "Charlie's" gaval.

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Russ has produced a few new beers with a silver and gold theme. These have been doing the local rounds and the following have been reported: Silver Spirit (4.4% abv), Sun Gold (3.9% abv), Silver Citrus (3.8% abv) and Pagan Gold (4.3% abv). The latest one Dominion (3.9% abv) featured at the recent Derby Winterfest beer festival.

Bottled beers are available for sale direct from the brewery.

Golcar Brewery. Tel: 01484 644241

The latest new beer has been Artic (4.2% abv), a pale golden winter special brewed with Citra hops. Artic = Citra backwards? This has been on sale at the Sportsman, the Kings Head and the Rose & Crown at Golcar.

The award winning Golcar Mild (3.4% abv) featured at the London 28th Pig's Ear beer festival in December and Guthlac's Porter (4.5% abv) has been chosen for the Rotherham Magna beer festival.

The Golcar Lily Day festivities will be taking place in early May. If you are interested in seeing where the beer is brewed then visit the brewery on the Open day, Saturday 12th May and sample some of the special Lily Day ale.

Magic Rock. Tel: 01484 649823

The first new speciality beer of 2012 is Magic 8 Ball, a black IPA with a strength of 7.0% abv. This is a beer brewed with special de-husked malt which gives the necessary black colour with as little roasted malt flavour as possible. It is hopped with Cascade and Columbus hops to produce the hoppy IPA punch. After fermentation, it undergoes dry hopping with New Zealand Nelson Sauvin hops. The first brew was bottled and the second brew will be kegged. Bottles are available from the Grove in Town.

Magic rock formally introduced its beers into Scotland in February – although if you were in Edinburgh before Christmas you could have tasted them! The Stockbridge Tavern in Edinburgh has recently held a month long exhibition of the beers to promote them.

Brian, the occasional barman at the Grove and member of the cult band Wobbly Bob, has been completing his brewing apprenticeship at the Magic Rock brewery under the expert tutelage of head brewer, Stewart. However, there is no truth in the rumour that they have produced a special called Wobbly Rock or was it Magic Roundabout – Brian?

On the festival scene, Curious (3.9% abv) appeared at the Smithfield Hotel Winterfest in Manchester and at the Bradford beer festival. Highwire (5.5% abv) also featured at Bradford, at the National Winter Ales Festival in Manchester and the Derby Winterfest along with Rapture (4.5% abv); Dark Arts (6.0% abv) also appeared at Derby.

Mallinsons Brewing Company. Tel: 01484 654301

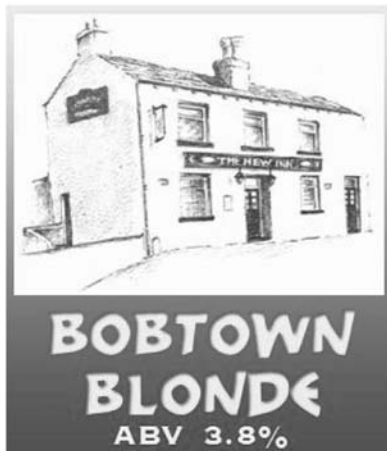
The range of new beers continues unabated. The single hop series has featured Stella (3.9% abv) using an Australian hop variety; Saaz (4.0% abv); Admiral Chinook (4.2% abv), a mixture of Chinook and Admiral hops; Bruella (4.2% abv), a mixture of Stella and Brewers Gold; Kiwi Classic (4.4% abv) with Pacific Gem, Motueko and Nelson Sauvin; Citrella (3.9% abv) with Citra and Stella hops; Aramis Cascade (3.7% abv) using Cascade and Amaris hops; and Indulgence (3.7% abv) which is gyle 400 brewed with Cascade, Chinook, Centennial and Citra hops.

The bus series continues with Enviro (4.1% abv) (No 14) and Lance (4.3% abv) (No 15); in the sidecar series with Hillborough Derwent (4.0% abv) (No 6) and in the Space series, Kuiper's belt (3.8% abv) (No 11), Luna (3.8% abv) (No 12), Mars (4.9% abv) (No 13) and Jupiter (4.2% abv). The viaduct series continues with Ferryden (4.0% abv) (No 15).

Other specials reported include: Double Celebration 93.8% abv for Sam's ##th and Janet's @@th birthdays; JMY70 (4.3% abv) for Elaine's Dad's 70th birthday; Fox House (4.3% abv) No 22 in the Follies series; Hop #10 (3.8% abv); Mitre Magic (3.7% abv) for the Ship & Mitre beer festival in Liverpool; Empty Nest (3.7% abv) and Gate Keeper (4.4% abv).

A new outlet in the Heavy Woollen area is the New Inn at Robertown which regularly stocks a Mallinson beer. Called Bobtown Blonde (3.8% abv) it is described as golden in colour with a citrusy hop aroma with a bitter hop taste and finish.

Mount Pleasant Mild (3.7% abv), Stadium (3.8% abv) and Nelson Sauvín (3.8% abv) all featured at Derby Winterfest.



Milltown Brewing Company. Tel: 07946 589645, 01422 610579

Maltissimo (5.3% abv) was launched before Christmas as the Winter special. This is a rich malty dark amber/red coloured beer which is a pleasant alternative to the preponderance of pale citrusy bitters that abound. It has been on sale around town and at the Yeaton Cask. The other new beer was UB4.3 (4.3% abv) and a special called Two Little Ducks (4.3% abv), a pale golden hoppy ale representing Neil's 22nd brew.

The Platinum Blonde (4.0% abv) is now a permanent pump at the Barge & Barrel at Elland which has become an unofficial brewery tap for Neil's beers. The Flying Ferret at Shelley still continues to offer Golden Hop (3.8% abv) on a regular basis

Neil's beers will be featured at the Rotherham Magna beer festival with a special called appropriately Steel Mill (4.5% abv). Also, new and representing the local Golcar Lily theme is a pale bitter called Golden Lily (4.1% abv). Slubbers Gold (4.2% abv) featured at the recent Derby Winter Ales Festival and Dark Horse (4.5% abv) at the London 28th Pig's Ear beer festival.

Nook Brewhouse. Tel: 01484 682373

The brewery has been brewing to capacity recently and concentrating on its core range of beers. However, the seasonal Winter Spice (4.5% abv) made a welcome return over Christmas. On the festival circuit, Strawberry Blonde (4.5% abv) featured at the recent Chesterfield 14th Beer Festival and did well among the speciality beers. Expect to see some more specials at the forthcoming Nook Spring beer festival.

Rat & Ratchet Brewery. Tel: 01484 542400

The Rat & Ratchet brewpub held a mini beer festival over the weekend of the 10th -12th February showcasing its latest range (upto 15) of Rat Specials together with its core range. Coinciding with this, there were guided tours around the brewery by Lisa handforth, Brewster at the Riverhead. Paul Spencer, head brewer at Ossett and David Kendall-Smith (apprentice brewer) were on hand to assist.

Over Christmas, the festive Rat specials included Good King Wencesrat (4.1% abv), Jingle Rat (4.0% abv) and Ratsputin (7.4% abv), an impressive Imperial Stout.

Other new Rat beers featuring at the festival were: Love Rat (3.8% abv), an extra pale session ale; Rat Pack (4.0% abv); Red Nelson (4.3% abv), the Red Rat dry hopped with Nelson Sauvin hops; Ratatouille (5.5% abv), an excellent well balanced IPA brewed with Citra hops.

On the festival circuit, White Rat (4.0% abv), a very pale hoppy ale using 3 high alpha American hops to produce an intensely aromatic and resinous finish, was chosen for the Chesterfield Beer festival. Ratatouille featured at Derby Winterfest, while Dirty Rat (3.5% abv), a mild and Pied Piper (4.2% abv), a brown bitter hopped with Simcoe hops, appeared at Bradford beer festival.

Riverhead Brewery. Tel: 01484 841270

The Head brewer at the Riverhead Brewery, Joe Kenyon, has now retired and Lisa Handforth, brewster, has taken charge of the regular brewing. Joe is credited with turning around the beers when Ossett bought the brewery and promoting darker amber coloured beers when all other brewers were pushing pale citrusy beers. A self –taught brewer, Joe did an excellent job in brewing the original Riverhead beers which are widely enjoyed and respected. Fear not though, Lisa has been brewing these beers for a few years and is an expert on Riverhead beers.

The recent beers have included Clough Lea (3.6% abv); Mrs Crachit's Copper Cracker (4.0% abv) – the Christmas special; Summit Pale (3.8% abv); and White Cloud (4.5% abv) an extra pale, heavily hopped IPA with intense citrus hop finish. White Cloud featured at the recent Bradford Beer festival and Butterley Bitter (3.8% abv) at the Chesterfield Beer Festival.

Sportsman Brewery. Tel: 07866 901162

A fuller range of the Sportsman's beers is now available in the pub allowing most of the beers to be sampled in one session.

Popular barmaid, Kelly, left the Sportsman at Christmas. To celebrate her time behind the bar, a cheeky special was brewed called End of an Era!!... What Kelly did next (3.6% abv). This did not last particularly long as most of her friends drank it. Also, brewed for Christmas was Xmas Ale (5.2% abv).

The Sportsman's beers, Deco (5% abv), Town Mild (3.5% abv) and Pigeon Bridge Porter (4.7% abv) were all represented at the recent Derby Winter Ales Festival among the new breweries.

Two new beers available at the Wakefield Food, Drink and Rhubarb festival were Rhubarb (3.6% abv), a golden session ale, lightly hopped with just enough rhubarb tange, and Pub of the Year (3.9% abv) to celebrate the Cricketers at Horbury being voted Wakefield CAMRA Pub of the Year.

Summer Wine Brewery. Tel: 01484 682373

The Rat & Ratchet is now selling a regular Summer Wine Beer on keg font. This has been the excellent Diablo (6.0% abv) and more recently Bravura (5.5% abv). The cask version of Diablo was also available at the Sportsman and was superb. For a strong pale bitter it has a good hop/malt balance and drinks much less than its 6% strength. Certainly worth trying.

As mentioned previously, the place to try the Summer Wine beers is Mr Foley's in Leeds. The pub is a regular outlet for the beers and generally has all the new beers plus the bottled versions.

New beers include: Libertine (4.2% abv), a very pale and dry bitter; Aussie Yules (5.5% abv), an Australian amber beer; Jericho Pale (4.0% abv), a pale, very dry, citrusy tasting bitter; and the brilliant Cohort (7.5% abv), a double black Belgian Rye Pale Ale.

Bottles beers are available for: Covernant (5.2% abv), a red hop beer; Hermes (5.0% abv), a pale hop beer; Cohort (7.5% abv), as above; Rouge Hop (5.0% abv), a red hoppy bitter; Barista (4.8% abv), espresso stout; and Diablo (6.0% abv), an IPA.

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Spotlight on Cider

Despite the obvious busy cider making period of autumn, there is a lot of work to be done at other times. Around now some cider makers may still have fermenting cider, others may have packed theirs away for maturation already. Those with an orchard may be pruning trees before the spring arrives or planting new trees. Rob at Pure North is planning to plant a further two hundred trees this winter.

I hope everyone enjoyed the mulled cider recipe from last issue, this time we have



Mussels in Cider

Ingredients

glug of olive oil
a medium-sized onion, peeled and chopped
a fresh bay leaf
½ teaspoon whole black peppercorns, roughly crushed
2 cloves of garlic, whole, unpeeled
1 x 500g/1lb 2oz bag of mussels
250ml/9fl oz medium or dry cider
crusty bread, to serve

Preparation method

Heat the oil in a large, flat pan and fry the onion with the bay leaf, crushed peppercorns and garlic. Thoroughly wash the mussels, discarding any that are heavy, broken or that remain open when tapped.

Add the cider to the pan and bring it to a gentle boil. Add the mussels, cover the pan tightly with a lid and steam for 2-3 minutes, or until the mussel shells start to open. (Discard any mussels whose shells remain closed.)

Serve in bowls with bread to mop up the lovely broth.

Please let me know any recipes you wish to share.

Cider Awards and other News

Pure North emerged from Pendle Beer Festival with an award of Cider of the Festival for Deanhouse Dry. Congratulations Rob, a tremendous accolade amongst some great cider makers from traditional cider country. Pure North is locally based at Deanhouse, Holmfirth.

The Rat & Ratchet was once again awarded Cider Pub of the Year. It has a continually changing range of real ciders and perries.

A Specialist shop in a village near Selby has been named Independent Cider Retailer of the Year for the second year in a row. The Jug & Bottle, in Bubwith, is the first shop ever to win the National Drinks Retailing Award two years in a row and has now won it three times in four years.

The Orchard Inn in Husthwaite, North Yorkshire, has recently started producing its own cider. Formally The Balmoral, the new owners of the pub have set up a co-operative to oversee the production of the village's own cider, having replanted the old orchards. Orchard's of Husthwaite is available at the pub. Check <http://theorchardinn.co.uk/> for details.

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Please update me if you know of others.

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Kicking off proceedings on Monday April 2nd with Community Pubs Day - the day after CAMRA's Members' Weekend & AGM in Torquay - activity will commence with regional and national press stories circulated by CAMRA to highlight the aims of the campaign and relay the major issues facing pubs.

As well as CAMRA branches ordering promotional material to maximise the exposure for this new campaign in pubs across Britain, pub licencees can also order packs direct from CAMRA. Available from early 2012, Community Pubs Month packs will include campaigning posters, beer mats, leaflets and pump clip crowners. Pubs interested in acquiring material for Community Pubs Month can find out more by visiting www.camra.org.uk.

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16th – 17th March	Denby Dale Lions BF, Pie Hall, Denby Dale, Huddersfield Fri 7pm– 11pm; Sat 12noon – 11pm.
15th – 17th March	Leeds BF, Pudsey Civic Hall, Dawson's Corner, New Pudsey, Leeds LS28 5TA Thu & Fri 11am – 3pm, 5pm – 11pm; Sat 11am – 4pm, 6pm – 11pm
21st – 25th March	Star Inn Spring BF, Albert Street, Lockwood, Huddersfield. Normal pub opening hours
29th March – 1st April	Holmfirth Madchester Spring BF, The Nook, Victoria Sq. Holmfirth. HD9 2DN Normal pub opening hours
5th – 7th April	Walsden Cricket Club BF, Scott Street, Walsden, Todmorden, Lancs. OL14 7TF Thu 5pm – 12 midnight; Fri & Sat 12noon – 12 midnight
6th – 8th April	Emley Brass Band BF, Emley Band Room, 9 Beaumont St, Emley. Fri & Sat 2pm – 11.30pm; Sun 2pm – until dry!
12th – 14th April	Doncaster BF, The HUB, Doncaster College, Chappell Dr., Doncaster DN1 2RF Thu 6pm – 11pm; Fri & Sat 11am – 11pm
12th – 14th April	Guisley Factory Workers Club, 6 Town St, Guiseley Thu 7pm – 11pm; Fri & Sat 12noon – 11pm.
14th March – 1st April	Wetherspoons World BF, Cherry Tree, Huddersfield Normal pub opening hours
19th - 22nd April	1 st Beer & Pork Pie BF, Milnsbridge Socialist Club, Bankwell Rd, Hudd HD3 4LU Thu & Fri 7pm – 11pm, Sat 12 noon – 11pm, Sun 12 noon – 10.30pm
19th – 21st April	Hull BF, Holy Trinity Church, South Church Side, Hull, HU1 1RR Thu 12noon – 11pm; Fri 12noon – 5.30-pm, 6.30pm – 11pm; Sat 12noon – 11pm
19th – 21st April	6 th Skipton BF, Town Hall, High Street, Skipton Thu 5pm – 10pm; Fri 11am – 10pm; Sat 11am – 8pm
20th – 21st April	Gledholt Male Voice Choir BF, Marsh Club, Abb St., Marsh, Hudds. HD1 4PB Fri 6pm – 11pm; Sat 12 noon – 11pm.
27th – 28th April	24 th Oldham BF, QE Hall, Civic Centre, West St, Oldham Fri 12noon – 3pm, 5.30pm – 10.30pm; Sat 12noon – 4pm, 6pm – 10.30pm.
11th – 12th May	Halifax Mayfest BF, Square Chapel, Halifax. HX1 1QG Fri & Sat 12noon – 11pm.
24th - 26th May	Dewsbury & Heavy Woollen Beer & Cider festival, Dewsbury Town Hall Thu (CAMRA Members 4 – 6pm) 6pm – 10.30pm; Fri & Sat 12noon – 10.30pm
1st – 3rd June	Kirkburton Diamond Jubilee BF, Scout HQ, Hallas Road, Kirkburton, HD8 0QQ Fri 4pm – 11pm; Sat 11am – 11pm; Sun 11am – 5pm.

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.

Huddersfield & District Branch Diary

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- 5th Mar** Branch Pub Crawl of Marsden. Meet at Marsden Socialist Club at 20.00hr, then at Marsden Liberal Club at 20.30hr, and onwards. Bus 182 at 19.15hr from Huddersfield Bus station or 19.30hr train from Huddersfield Train Station.
- 19th Mar** Branch meeting at Brambles, Towngate, Holmfirth, HD9 1HA for 20.00hr. Bus No. 313 at 19.10 from Huddersfield Bus Station.
- 26th Mar** Branch Social Crawl around Huddersfield. Meet 19.30hr at the Vulcan. St Peters St., then 20.00hr at Herberts Bar, Cross Church St, and onwards.
- 2nd Apr** Branch trip around the Linfit brewery at the Sair Inn, Lane Top, Linthwaite HD7 5SG Bus 182 at 19.15hr from Huddersfield Bus Station.
- 14th Apr** Saturday Branch Social 313 Bus Crawl around Holmfirth. Bus at 11.21hr from St. Georges Sq. or 11.30hr at Bus Station to first pub Butchers Arms at Hepworth.
- 16th Apr** Branch Meeting at the Lockwood, Lockwood HD4 6ER for 20.00hr. Bus No. 314 at 19.40hr from Huddersfield Bus Station.
- 14th May** Branch Mild Crawl around Huddersfield Town centre pubs. Details to be confirmed.
- 21st May** Branch meeting at the Armitage Bridge (Monkey) WMC, Dean Brook Rd, Armitage Bridge. HD4 7PB for 20.00hr. Bus 321 at 19.40hr from Huddersfield Bus Station.

CAMRA Regional Meetings

16th Jun The Kings Arms, 9 Bolton Road, Silsden. BD20 0JY. Meeting for 12 noon.

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