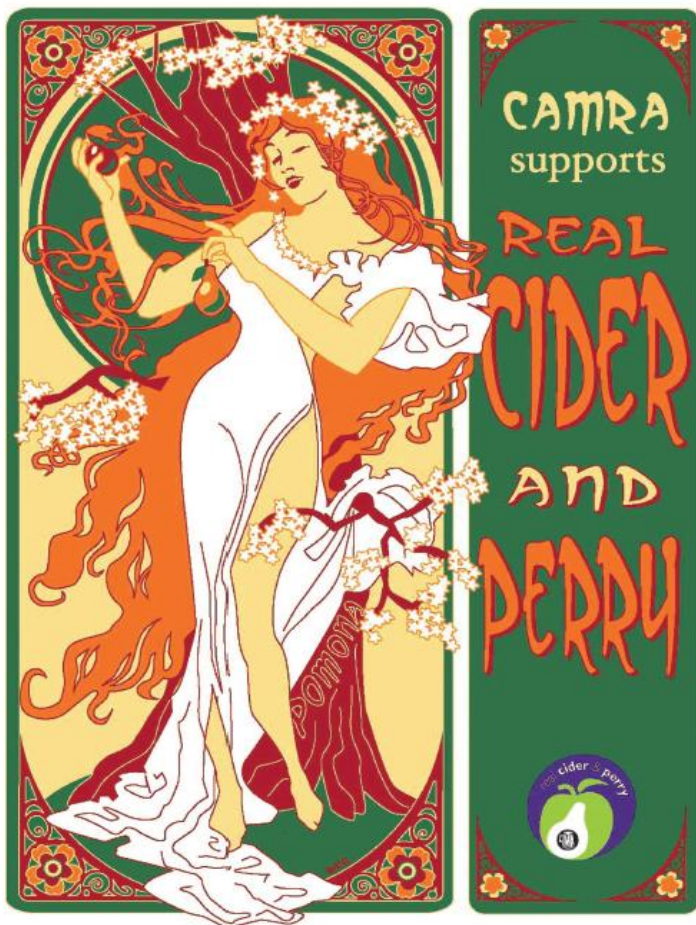




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HUDDERSFIELD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I don't often read Hansard, the verbatim account of parliamentary debates, but I did make an exception for the debate on pub companies held on 9 January 2013. Two cheers are in order for the Business Secretary whose department at long last conceded that voluntary regulation was not working and announced that a three month consultation would take place prior to the introduction of a statutory code which would provide for open market rent reviews, an independent adjudicator and crucially a free of tie option for those landlords who lease their pub from a pubco that owns at least 500 hundred pubs. Six major pubco's are affected by that provision. Smaller family owned breweries with a tied estate will not be affected by that proposal.

The debate threw up some interesting points. Did you know that pubs contribute £21 billion to GDP (Gross Domestic Product)? Did you know that 50% of landlords earn less than £15k per year? Given that many work in excess of 80 hours weekly it equates to an hourly rate of around £3.50, well below the minimum wage of £6.09 per hour. As a consequence many pubco landlords are receiving tax credits. This is an absolute scandal as it means that the taxpayer is subsidising the rapacious financial practices of charging above market rents and above market prices for beer that put viable pubs out of business and lead to them being sold off and turned into flats, minimarkets and even mosques.

It remains to be seen whether the government will deliver on its promise so two muted cheers only. When Mr Osborne scraps the beer escalator and Mr Pickles introduces planning laws that stop pubco's from selling off capital assets that deprive communities of their assets then three louder cheers may be in order.

Paul Laxton, Chairman

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Grove Inn, Town; **Riverhead**, Marsden; **Yeaton Cask**, Kirkheaton.

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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 **Star Inn** at Folly Hall will be holding its Spring Beer Festival in March, starting on Wednesday 13th at 5pm, and featuring a new selection of up and coming breweries, all on handpull of course! This year the Star will have been listed 10 consecutive years in the 2013 CAMRA Good Beer Guide. This is a great achievement for this award winning back street local which thrives on its popular support of new breweries and independently sourced ales.

The **Rat & Ratchet** will be following on in April with their 2nd annual Rat & Ratchet Inn-Fest beer festival where there will 18 Rat beers, some old favourites and at least 5 brand new ones. And for the spendthrifts amongst us, White Rat on at £2 a pint during the festival. A tutored tasting and exclusive beer preview will take place at 7pm on Thursday 4th April, and a 'Meet the Brewers' session is planned for Saturday between 12 noon and 6pm.

The **Grove** will be hosting a 'Meet the Brewer' evening with Red Willow's Toby McKenzie on March 20th. There will be some slightly unusual beers on offer and some equally interesting food pairings to accompany them. On the subject of food stuffs, the Grove has taken delivery of 4 different flavoured Horse jerky snacks – Black Beauty, Phwar Horse, Sea Salt n Black Pepper, and Champion the Worcester s'orse. Guaranteed 100% Beef free! Red Rum flavour to follow?

The **Kings Head** also celebrates 10 consecutive years in the CAMRA. This free house is another great supporter of independent brewers and is popular with a wide section of the community. The **George Hotel** in St George's Square is currently shut awaiting a new owner. This obviously affects **Stevy's Bar** which not so long ago re-introduced Real Ale in the form of Black Sheep Bitter. **Northern Taps** has recently opened on King Street with four handpulls reported. The beer quality is said to be good and this makes a good addition to the real ale scene in this part of Town. **Herberts Bar** also has a good selection of real ale and is a rare outlet for the Tetley seasonal guest ales. The **HDM beer shop** in Wood Street has applied to extend into the shop next door to expand operations. It is now serving its own beers from the **HDM brewery** which recently came on line before Christmas. This progressive craft / cask ale brewing company is producing some interesting new beers and often in collaboration with the likes of Magic Rock and Summer Wine. These are generally only available in the area at the **HDM shop**. The **Vulcan** now has 6 handpumps and serves a interesting range of beers. Also on the circuit, the **Sportsman** has resumed brewing on site and the Sportsman beers are more plentiful again.

Aspley: The **Somerset Arms** has finally closed its doors and is another great loss to the pubs in the area. Now only the **Aspley** and the **Turnbridge WMC** remain. Fortunately, both serve a good quality beers, with the latter serving a range of guest ales.

Bradley: The **White Cross** held another of its popular Febfest beer festivals last month featuring a good range of beers and a real cider. The pub, run by mine hosts John and Sheila, will also be celebrating 10 consecutive years in the 2013 edition of the CAMRA Good Beer Guide, proving it's still doing a good job and hasn't lost any of its commitment to quality real ale. In addition, the White Cross has been voted Huddersfield CAMRA's Winter Pub of the Season 2012/13. A presentation will made to John and Sheila at the Branch Meeting on Monday 18th March.

Brockholes: The **Traveller's Rest** serves Marston's Pedigree and Jennings Cumberland Ale as regular beers with guest ales such as Banks's Fields of Gold. The beer is reported to be good.

Denby Dale: Denby Dale Lions will be holding their **annual beer festival** at the **Pie Hall** from the 15th to 16th March. This is a great little festival with a good range of beers, all sold in aid of Lions Charities. See Festival File. The **Dales Inn** which had been shut for four years, re-opened just before Christmas. Six local businessmen have joined together to run the pub as a local with the upstairs as a Thai restaurant, the Orchid House. Thwaites Wainwright is its regular beer with Thwaites seasonal guest ales such as Big Ben, Nutty Black and Good Elf. Initial reports have been good and the beer quality is fine. The pub opening hours are: Mon – Thurs 4pm – 11pm; Fri 4pm – 1.30am; Sat 12noon – 1.30am; Sun 12noon – 10.30pm. The restaurant is closed Monday. The **Denby Dale Club** was reported on a recent visit to serve a good pint of Tetley Bitter and Sam Smiths Old Brewery Bitter on handpull. The nearby **White Hart** has Tetley Bitter, Black Sheep Bitter and Copper Dragon Golden Pippin on handpump.

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Farnley Tyas: The **Golden Cock** has recently achieved Cask Marque accreditation scoring 100% on all four of its handpulled beers – an impressive result. Two guest ales are available plus the two regular beers Black Sheep Bitter and Copper Dragon Golden Pippin.

Fartown: The **Harp** at Fartown has been sold, pending a change of use. Fortunately, the **Railway** across the road serves some great real ale with a good range of beers.

Fenay Bridge: The **Star** is reported to have Green King IPA and Marston's EPA on a recent visit.

Hinchliffe Mill: On a recent survey trip the **Stumble Inn** was found to be serving Tetley Bitter, Taylors Landlord, Farmer Belgian Blue and Copper dragon Golden Pippin.

Holme: The Fleece Inn is the village's only pub and popular with the locals. It has Banks's Bitter plus Jennings beers, which on a recent visit included Cockle Warmer and Cocker Hoop – both good.

Holmebridge: The **Bridge Tavern** is reported to be open again.

Holmfirth: The **Nook** will be holding its Spring Beer Festival from the 21st to 24th March. The theme will be the War of the Roses i.e. Yorkshire vs Lancashire beers. See Advert for details. There will be the usual barbecue and live entertainment Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening. With the discovery of King Richard III remains this year, there may be a special Plantagenet beer in the offering. Also, don't forget that for every pint of Rescue Red beer sold, 10p will go towards the Holme Valley Mountain Rescue team charity. The **Toad & Tatie** has been serving Milltown Golden Hop and Farmers Blonde in addition to their own house beer Toad & Tatie Bitter. Weston's 1st Quality cider is also available. The **Farmers Arms** at Burnlee continues to keep a wide selection of beers which include Taylors Landlord, Wells Bombardier, Greene king IPA and Abbott Ale, and Bradfield Farmers Blonde. There is a rotating guest mild – Black Cat on a recent visit – and guest ales from Phoenix, Abbeydale and Oakwell.

Honley: The **Jacobs Well** is serving good real ale and food. The pub has Thwaites Original and the seasonal beers on offer – all reported to be good on a recent visit. Please do visit.

Jackson Bridge: The **White Horse** was reported to be serving on a recent visit, Greene King IPA, Tetley Bitter and LocAle beers The Nook Brewhouse Bees Knees and Mallinson's Magnum Ella.

Kirkburton: The **Royal** is reported to be closed and boarded up. The **George** has Jennings Bitter, Ringwood Porter and Marston's seasonal guests. The beer quality is reported to be good. The **Fox Glove** continues to have a good selection of beers on offer – taken from a quarterly portfolio of national and regional guest ales. Expect to find some more unusual and specially brewed ales.

Kirkheaton: The **Yeaton Cask** is real community pub which has 7 handpumps serving 3 permanent and 4 guest ales plus a traditional cider. See advert. The beer quality is very good.

Lepton: The **Sun Inn** was reported to be selling Tetley Bitter, Tetley Christmas Cracker and beers from the Slightly Foxed Brewery at Sowerby Bridge – one of which was Howlin Fox 3.9% abv. All beers were on top form as usual.

Linthwaite: **Broad Oak Bowling Club** is free of tie and often has Empire or Mallinsons beers on at the weekend. They are planning to have a beer festival in April once the season gets going again.

Longwood: Long serving licensees Bob and Sue Kendal retired from the **Dusty Miller** at Christmas. In the intervening period, Ivan from the **Field Head** at Quarmby looked after the pub until Punch could find a new tenant. Fortunately, Nicki from the **Lockwood** at Lockwood has agreed to take over the management of the Dusty and keep the ale flowing. Please do visit. Across the road, the **Longwood Bowling Club** has Black Sheep Bitter on as regular with one guest beer, usually a LocAle beer from Mallinsons or Empire or further afield.

Meltham: The **Wills o' Nats** has been voted Huddersfield CAMRA's Rural Pub of the year 2013. This is a new award which recognises pubs in the out-of-town areas which have a rural community focus. The presentation will be made to licensees, Bob and Joyce, at the April branch meeting. The **Swan** is currently for sale.

Milnsbridge: The **Milnsbridge Socialist Club** has now added an extra handpump which is being used for real cider. The cider is from local producer Pure North. The Club serves guest ales from Empire and other local brewers. The quality is always very good.

Moldgreen: The **Jolly Sailor** 'change of use' application has been blocked again.

New Mill: The **White Hart** is for sale

Paddock: The **Royal Oak** is up for sale and **The Commercial** is now closed.

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Scapegoat Hill: The **Scape House**, which has suffered over the years from a succession of different licensees and owners, has new licenses. The pub is part of the same company which owns the **Rose & Crown** at Cophill, Slaithwaite and they are keen to re-establish the quality of the beer and food. Ringwood Boondoggle and Milltown Slubbers Gold were reported to be on sale when last visited.

Stocksmoor: **The Clothiers** was reported to be selling Theakston's Bitter and Moorhouse's Black Cat Mild on a recent visit.

Thunderbridge: The **Woodman Inn** has been bought by Leslie Country Inns, who have set about renovating the bar and dining areas of this Grade II listed property. The new general manager is Chris McHugh, formerly manager of the 315 Bar & Restaurant at Lepton and the **Junction One** bar at Golcar. The beer should be in safe hands though, as David Woodhead, formerly of the Jacob's Well at Honley, is now the Woodman's Real Ale Consultant. Look forward to great beer.

Upper Denby: **The George** was bought by the current licensees from Admiral Taverns last November and is now a Free House. This traditional rural pub is a true community local serving the village. It has a public bar with pool table and TV sports and separate backroom lounge with an open fire and comfortable seating. The bar has three handpumps currently serving Timothy Taylors Landlord, Tetley Bitter and a guest ale which was Ossett Silver King on a recent visit. The aim is to introduce more locale beers and guest ales now that they are free of tie. The pub does not do meals but has a tasty range of homemade pies. These include: steak, pork, pork and black pudding, chicken phal (hot), veg chilli, and haggis pies. The selection does vary and at £2 a time, is very good value and filling. The darts team play on Monday evening and on Wednesday there is a Quiz night. The pub has a function room, and fortnightly on a Saturday evening there is live music.

Upperthong: The **Royal Oak** has Taylor' Best bitter, Bradfield Farmers Blonde and rotating guest Elland Bargee plus two handpulled ciders Westons Old Rosie and B.B. Scrumpy.

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The Real Ale Rail Trail – Have we created a monster?

The West Yorkshire Rail network from Leeds to Manchester and in particular from Dewsbury to Stalybridge on the Huddersfield Line has become synonymous with the Rail Ale Trail. Love it or hate it, it has become a popular day out for many social groups and the saviour of many pubs during the current economic climate. To others, it has turned Marsden and Slaithwaite into no-go areas for the local villagers. Likewise, the thought of using the local train service at weekends has become a nightmare with overcrowding, drunkenness and loutish behaviour in the carriages.

Like many good ideas, the Rail Ale Trail was dreamt up to promote local beer tourism and the use of the railways. With the region justifiably famous for its brewing heritage supporting both regional Manchester based family brewers such as Lees, Holts and Robinsons and small independent microbreweries such as Golcar, Linfit, Empire, Riverhead, etc on the Yorkshire side, it has highlighted Huddersfield as one of the major brewing capitals of the North.

Following the success of the Penistone Line Partnership Pub Trail, Northern sponsored and published its “Explore the Rail Ale Trail on the Huddersfield to Manchester Victoria Railway” guide in 2008. It was a great success and was actually promoted in the Summer edition of Ale Talk.

Basically, the guide invited you to stop and experience the hospitality of one or all of the great real ale pubs along the line, not forgetting the discounts and special offers (food) available. For real ale drinkers this was a chance to sample the ales and to visit some of the wonderful pubs along the Colne Valley.

Originally, the Rail Ale Trail started at the Kings Head, the Head of Steam and the Grove in Huddersfield. It was then onto Slaithwaite to visit the Swan at Crimble and the Wharfeside Inn. At Marsden there was the Riverhead brewery Tap and the Tunnel End Inn, before the train disappeared through the Diggle Tunnel towards the famous Stalybridge Buffet Bar, stopping briefly at the Railway at Greenfield and the Britannia Inn at Mossley. Since then, it has expanded to take in more pubs as times changed.

So what went wrong? Well, perhaps the visit from Oz Clarke and James May in 2009 which was popularised in their BBC television series had something to do with it?

During their drunken spree through Yorkshire in their quest for the perfect pint, they travelled along the Rail Ale Trail calling first at Dewsbury Station. By all accounts after their stop at the West Riding Licensed Refreshment Rooms, they were too inebriated to finish off their beer in the ‘Tavern’ and nearly missed the train to Stalybridge Buffet Bar. However, they did call in at three of the best Real Ale buffet bars along the line so the BBC researchers must have done their homework!

Think what you may of Oz and James’ boozy pub crawl but it did put the Rail Ale Trail on the map with all the pubs close to the stations reporting increased visits and beer sales. Unfortunately, it also seems to have set the tone of the trail with excessive drinking and drunken behaviour being the norm. What was once a leisurely rail pub crawl by real ale drinkers has now become a frenetic and loutish day out on the lash by large groups of mainly lager drinkers. The Rail Ale Trail appears to have been hi-jacked by stag and hen parties often in fancy dress, birthday revellers and people old enough to know better – all tanked up on cheap lager, wine and alcopops.

It is not uncommon to see grown men dressed as schoolgirls or as “Farmer Giles” types in flat caps, wax jackets and green wellies minus the whippet! Even Batman and Robin, Superman, Spiderman, Billy Banana and his bunch have been seen staggering around.

Nobody wants to be a killjoy and stifle a fun day out but when it deteriorates into drunkards invading old ladies’ houses, women and men urinating in gardens, dumping half filled pint glasses of lager onto the station platforms, then it’s hard to see the fun in it and of course it benefits no one. Some pubs have resorted to supplying plastic glasses to avoid broken glasses and injury and to putting up notices reminding revellers to use the toilet before returning to the station.

Let’s be clear, Real Ale drinkers are not the cause. It is the Media who have perpetuated this myth that all Rail Ale Trailers are Real Ale drinkers. Any sensible drinker will tell you there’re not. Somehow, Locomotive Lager Trail doesn’t have the same ring to it as Rail Ale Trail.

CAMRA – the Campaign for Real Ale - supports responsible drinking. All the CAMRA branches along the Rail Ale Trail deplore the action of the minority of irresponsible individuals who have

spoil it for the rest of the sensible law abiding drinkers, whose only wish is to enjoy a decent pint of ale. Our campaign is for a Real Ale Rail Trail which actively promotes Real Ale Pubs along the line and not the behaviour associated with the current Rail Ale Trail.

We would ask all Rail Ale Trailers to respect the pubs and villages they visit and enjoy themselves in a reasonable manner. The last thing we want is to see is extra British Transport Police guarding passengers, or street Marshalls herding people from the pubs to the stations and back, or placing temporary urinals on street corners. So, please THINK before you DRINK.

Bob the Beer Engine



Photo courtesy of Thrillist

Anyone for Oyster Stout ?

If you are from the America's Midwest you will be well aware that 'Prairie' or 'Rocky Mountain' Oysters are not seafood. Wynkoop brewery in Denver, Colorado was the subject of a spoof video suggesting that they had brewed an Oyster stout using this euphemism for bull's testicles. Given the publicity generated, head brewer Andy Brown decided to actually do it and he produced an 8 barrel brew of a 7% abv beer using 25lb of roasted gonads, giving roughly 3bpb (balls per barrel). Commenting on the final product Andy added, "We hope you go nuts for it."

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Huddersfield CAMRA Autumn Pub of the Season 2012

The Huddersfield CAMRA Autumn Pub of the Season Award goes to Brambles in Holmfirth. This is a pub that has the feel more of a café bar than a pub but which nevertheless serves an excellent range of 8 handpulled beers and a real cider. This is the pub's first CAMRA award since it opened in November 2011 following an extensive renovation and refurbishment of the former White Hart hotel.

Brambles is managed by Jonny Holmes, who previously ran both the Commercial and Swan at Slaithwaite, with partner, Shell. It is situated in a prime position in the centre of Holmfirth, just across from the bus station and a small car park, ideally placed to take advantage of the hordes of trippers who come to visit the 'Last of the Summer Wine' trail.

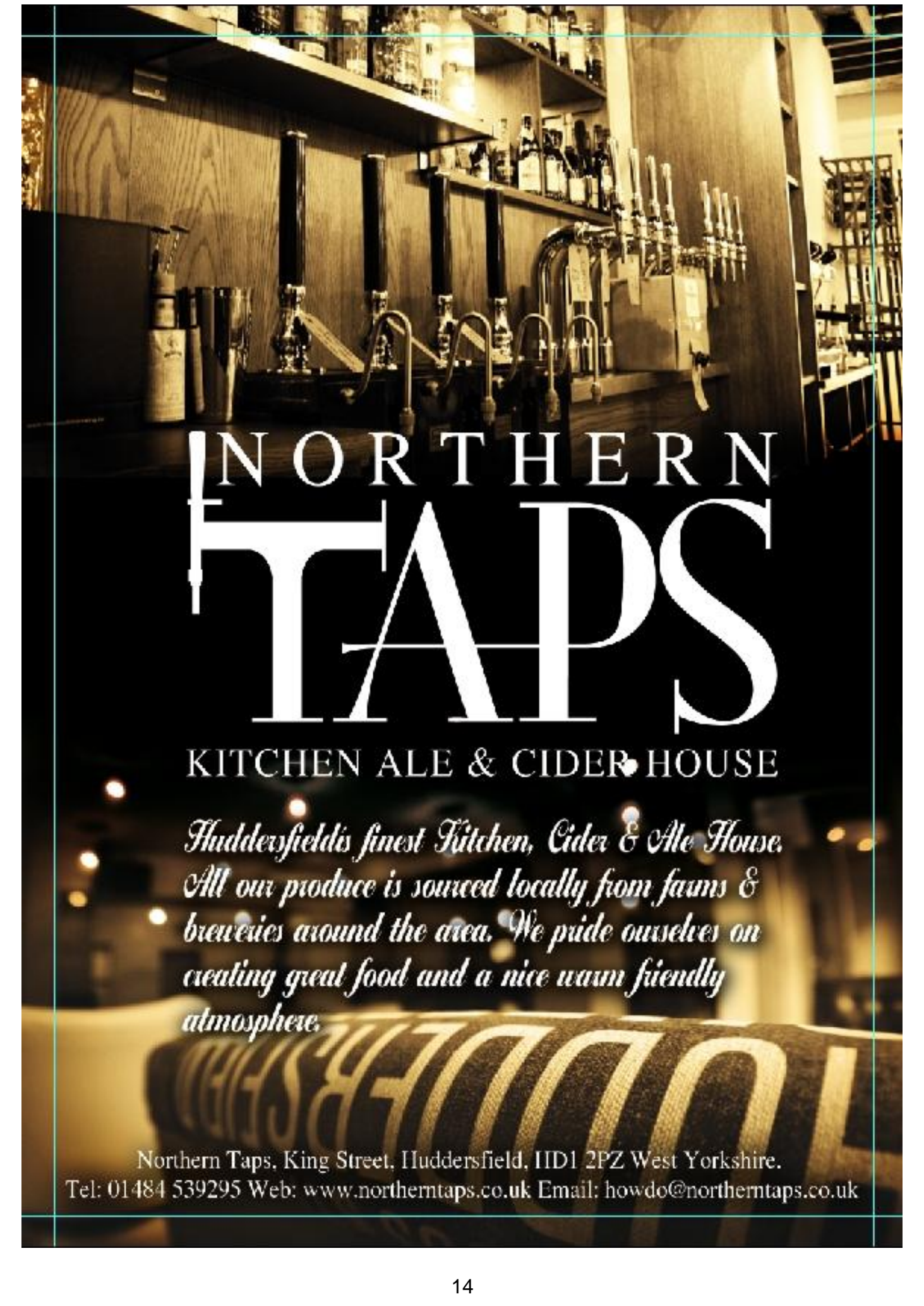


Paul Laxton, Branch Chairman centre, presents the Autumn Pub award to Shell and Jonny

Inside Brambles is light and airy; plenty of glass and steel and exposed stone walls in some parts reinforce the contemporary feel. The décor is sympathetic and understated but just adds to the ambience of the place. There are different seating areas with plenty of small tables and is geared up to cater for all sorts of tastes. Upstairs is The Blackberry Lounge, a fully air conditioned function room which seats at least 100. This can be hired out for parties and functions. Since opening, the management team have achieved a well deserved five stars in its first 'Scores on the Doors' inspection.

The bar opens at 10 o'clock in the morning serving tea and coffee. Although, if it's food you require then the Bar & Café has a delicious menu offering mouth-watering pub food with a twist!

The central bar serves 8 real ales which includes a house bitter and mild brewed by Empire Brewing at Slaithwaite. The other 6 handpulls are devoted to guest ales from local and regional breweries such as Milltown, Brew Co., Phoenix, Great Newsome, Greenfield but to name a few. These are reasonably priced and always in good condition. The traditional cider is sourced from local cider producer Rob North at Deanhouse who has his own orchard and cider press. There is also a selection of lagers and foreign beers available too. As Jonny say, "Real Ale is my passion. Brambles is a pub that does good food – not a food pub." Note, Brambles is now Cask Marque accredited.



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With the news that Royal Mail will be raising the prices of its stamps next month, members of the Marketing Department have been trying to find ways to take the bad taste out of people's mouths. At last they have the problem licked, and are pleased to announce a new scheme, in conjunction with the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA).

A new series of six collectible stamps will be released at the beginning of April 2013 featuring prominent Real Ale breweries around the UK. The face of each stamp will feature a picture of that brewery and will be available both as part of a collectible set and for individual purchase in Post Offices.

The crowning glory of this new collection lies not on the face but rather on the reverse. In a new method known only to a team of scientists at CAMRA's top-secret research laboratory, the signature glue on the back of the stamps has been carefully blended with a batch of beer from each of the breweries. Following a treatment process to remove alcohol and enhance the flavour, the glue is applied to the back of the stamp relating to its own brewery.

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Heard on the Hopbine.....

Stranger and stranger In the race to capture the headlines and headaches, Brew Dog have teamed up with Flying Dog in Maryland, USA, to produce a collaborative brew called 'International Arms Race.' However, one of the principal weapons, hops, has been banned by mutual consent. Instead, the 7.5% abv 'Zero BU IPA' – presumably abbreviated to OBUIPA for convenience – will be flavoured with spearmint, bay leaves, rosemary, juniper berries and elderflower. Mineral water anyone?

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Spotlight on Cider

Happy New Year from all of us. This year promises to be a much better year than last for cider makers, last year was terrible for the fruit crop leaving less cider to sell. Things are looking good for Rob North and his Pure North Cider Press, who will launch his Cider Barn Café and shop on the 1st May 2013. They will be open Wednesday to Sunday offering light meals, drinks (including cider) and a range of wholesome items from the shop. Watch the website for further updates.

www.purenorthciderpress.com

Another multi-national beer brand is to launch a 'cider'. Carlsberg, those that own Tetley's and closed its iconic brewery in Leeds, have developed Somersby, apparently having a 'more balanced taste (than its rivals Bulmers and Magners) and contains no artificial sweeteners or flavours.' It'll be made in Herefordshire and be backed up with the usual overhyped advertising and branded peripherals! Just letting you know!

Cider pub of the year is to be voted upon at the 18th March meeting, all Camra members are welcome. Nominations are as follows – The Rat & Ratchet, The Sportsman and HDM Beer Shop. All sell local cider as well as a good selection from further afield. If you are a CAMRA member you can vote on this. Please see the Huddersfield Camra Website for voting dates and details.

According to a recent report by marketing research company Mintel more people preferred cider to spirits last year – and the gap is closing on beer, research shows. Pear cider [sic] is also catching up on apple as the preferred flavour.

Chris Wisson, of Mintel, said: 'Usage has flourished. While many drinks markets are struggling to grow in real terms, cider is one of the anomalous success stories.'

Sales of cider hit £2.7billion in 2012, up from £1.8billion in 2007, and Mintel forecasts duty increases and popularity will boost sales to £3.7billion.

The report also say that despite its success, cider is struggling to shake off associations with underage and binge drinking.

Mr Wisson added: 'Sophistication is an area where there is significant room for improvement.!' Well, Mr Wisson has obviously not seen Huddersfield's cider drinkers, we are a very well-bred and suave bunch!

Soup is a food for all year round, even though parsnips are not, despite not being seasonal I thought that I'd share this delicious recipe with you;

Parsnip soup with cider

A deliciously rich and warming autumn soup. You can finish this in all sorts of ways, but I like to scatter some butter-fried diced apple and a few thyme leaves on top. You could make a similarly delicious soup with pumpkin or squash. Serves four.

1 tbsp olive oil, 1 knob butter, 1 large onion, peeled and chopped, 500g parsnips, 2 garlic cloves, peeled and sliced, 250ml cider, 500ml vegetable or chicken stock, 1 large sprig fresh thyme, 50ml cream (optional), salt and black pepper

Heat the oil and butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Sweat the onion gently for a few minutes. Peel, quarter and roughly chop the parsnips. Add to the onion with the garlic, and sweat, stirring a few times, for five to 10 minutes. Pour in the cider and stock, add the thyme sprig, bring



to a simmer and cook for 20 minutes, until the parsnips are soft. Remove the thyme, then liquidise the soup, adding a splash more stock (or water) if you think it needs it, but keeping it nice and thick. Return the soup to the pan, stir in the cream (if using) and adjust the seasoning to taste. Serve sprinkled cubes of fried apple.

If anyone has a recipe they wish to share with our readers please get in contact.

Pubs in our area selling real cider

The latest addition to our real cider selling list is new bar Northern Taps on King Street, Huddersfield, who were recently selling Pure North Fusion. They describe themselves as a kitchen, ale and ciderhouse so this is going to be one to look out for. Please check this out and support a great new venture.

Brambles, Holmfirth; **Cherry Tree**, Hudds; **Commercial**, Slaithwaite; **The Grove**, Hudds; **Head of Steam**, Hudds; **Junction One**, Golcar; **Kings Head**, Hudds; **Rat & Ratchet**, Hudds; **Riverhead**, Marsden; **Sportsman**, Hudds; **Cricketers**, Deanhouse; **Toad & Tattie**, Holmfirth; **Royal Oak**, Upper Thong; **Bridge Inn**, Slaithwaite; **Yeaton Cask**, Kirkheaton; **The White Horse**, Emley; **Wills O'Nats**, near Meltham; **Royal Oak**, Paddock; **Farmers Arms**, Holmfirth; **Huntman Inn**, Holmfirth; **HDM Beer Shop**, Hudds. **Milnsbridge Socialist Club**, Milnsbridge. **Northern Taps**, Hudds

Please update me if you know of others.

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Interested in beer? Of course you are, or you wouldn't be reading *Ale Talk*. A number of your colleagues in the Huddersfield Branch of CAMRA are members of the Brewery History Society and we thought it would be a good idea to tell you a little about this organisation.

The BHS was formed in 1972 and focuses mainly on British brewery history (including related subjects such as maltings), although foreign news is also reported. We currently have some 500 members including 70 Corporate members, and around 15 institutions, major museums and libraries. The Corporate members are mainly brewers and malsters, of course, but also include such organisations as the Institute & Guild of Brewing and English Heritage, whilst the Individuals comprise a broad church of industry professionals, historians (both amateur and professional), collectors and those with a general interest in beer and brewing.

Publications include a quarterly journal; typically a perfect bound volume full of erudite articles, complemented by a quarterly newsletter full of industry news, readers' queries (and hopefully answers) and general informal snippets of information. We also publish books from time to time, generally county directories and, of course, 'A Century of British Brewers-Plus', the first essential for all beer aficionados, containing details of over 10,000 British brewers known to have existed since 1890. The new edition entitled 'Century Plus Plus' (£21.95 p+p) is available from Paul Travis at the BHS Book Shop, Long High Top, Heptonstall, Hebden Bridge, HX7 7PF.

We hold a number of meetings at breweries throughout the year, have a major archive (professionally maintained for us by Birmingham City Library), an oral history archive and arrange occasional conferences.

One area that many people, even non-members, have enjoyed contributing to is our collection of defunct brewery information and photographs. This is a large part of the web site, organised by place, that records all known examples of now defunct brewery names still to be seen – in the Huddersfield section alone we have almost 30 entries, including evocative names as Bentley & Shaw, Seth Senior & Sons, P. Marsland & Sons, John Ainley & Sons, George Netherwood & Sons, Abraham Spivey, George. A. Haigh, John Stocks, Joseph Marshall, Edward Roberts & Sons, and many more, including the new microbreweries. We are always keen to hear of any that we have missed.

Do please have a look at the website, www.BreweryHistory.com to get a feel for our activities. As mentioned above, brewery visits form an important part of our calendar and this year the plan included visits in April to Thwaites Brewery at Blackburn for the AGM and Irwell and Bank Top breweries; in June to Camerons Brewery at Hartlepool with SBAA members; and Palmers of Bridport in September.

In December the **Brewery Historians Charity Christmas Social and Auction** at the **Jubilee Refreshment Rooms at Sowerby Bridge Railway Station, HX6 3AB** on **Saturday 8th December 2013 at 12 noon**. All money raised will go to Overgate Hospice, Elland.

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Russ's latest new beers have been turning up at a few of the regional beer festivals. At Chesterfield, there was Norwegian Blue (4.3% abv), made famous in the Monty Python Dead Parrot sketch. At The New Oxford pub Winter Ales festival in Salford there was Lumpy Stevens (4.3% abv) named after the outstanding Surrey cricket bowler from the mid 1700's, and Black Mountain (5.0% abv), an Indian Pale Ale which featured at the recent Marsden beer festival. K2 (4.3% abv) was available at the Horsforth Beer festival in Leeds.

Other new beers appearing locally include: Silver sea (4.2% abv); Winter IPA (4.4% abv); Indian Porter (4.4% abv); High Treason (4.4% abv) and Ning Nang Nong (4.1% abv) immortalised in song by Spike Milligan.

Golcar Brewery. Tel: 01484 644241

The award winning Golcar Mild (3.4% abv) and Guthlacs Porter (4.5% abv) were chosen for the 21st Rotherham Magna beer Festival at the beginning of March This festival features over 200 beers mainly from Yorkshire and last year John was a winner with his beers.

The Golcar Lily Day festivities will be taking place again in early May. If you are interested in seeing where the beer is brewed then call in at the brewery in Swallow lane on the Open Day, Saturday 11th May and sample some of the special Lily Day brew.

Hand Drawn Monkey Brewing Co. Tel: 07906 279038

The new brewery at Lindley in the former Mallinson's premises is now fully operational and brewing some really interesting new beers under the direction of brewers Tom Evans and Rob Allen. The beers are usually available at the HDM Beer Shop in Wood Street, Huddersfield and at a few selected establishments throughout the region such as The Grove and the Port Street Beer House in Manchester. They have even been seen in London!

A few of the beers have featured at a number of recent beer festivals. Experimental No. 1 (4.2% abv) and Dunkel Hopfen Weisse (5.6% abv) made their debut at Fleetwood beer festival. No. 15 (4.0% abv) featured at the New Oxford Winter Ales Festival in Salford and What would Jephers Do? (4.5% abv) appeared at the Derby CAMRA Winter Ales Festival recently. And Jephers? Well, he's a dog!

Having originally brewed with Mallinson's, the brewery has continued its joint collaboration theme with other local breweries. Joining forces with Brian from Bitches Brewery, they brewed the excellent Dunkel Hopfen Weisse (5.6% abv), and with Magic Rock, Saison (6.0% abv).

The latest new beer is the hoppy pale ale, Monkey Loves Hops (3.8% abv).

Magic Rock. Tel: 01484 649823

The brewery continues to expand with the recent acquisition of further fermentation vessels. Hand in hand with this expansion is the arrival of a new member of staff on the brewing team, Giada Maria Simoni. Giada is a young Italian brewster (lady brewer), who joined Stuart the Head Brewer in November. Previously she had brewed at the noted Thornbridge Brewery, responsible for some outstanding and innovative beers. She will be helping to brew the core range and hopefully, bringing some Italian influence to the beers.

The first new beer of the year is Simpleton (2.6% abv), a version of a style that's becoming increasingly popular at the moment, a 'Session IPA.' The idea is that they are heavily hopped to resemble US style IPA's in both aroma and flavour, but very low in alcohol to allow you to drink as many pints as you like.

Simpleton is heavily hopped with Cascade and Simcoe whole cones in the hopback and dry hopped with Citra and Galaxy in the conditioning. Despite its low alcohol content, the malt balance



has been designed not to appear thin bodied or watery. The taste is full of passion fruit and mango and crisp.

Another new beer is Dancing Bear (5.0% abv), a Bavarian style Pilsener. Brewed with Munich and Cara malts to create the pale colour and classic lager character, it is hopped with a mixture of German Strisselspalt, Herrsbrucker and Hallertau hops to give the bitterness and earthy aroma.

The latest new beer was inspired by Giada who suggested brewing a Gose style beer. This is a German style beer relatively unknown in the UK and was once brewed across North Germany and the Low countries. The beer is called Salty Kiss (5.0% abv), a gooseberry gose, which is a top fermented sour wheat beer. This has been brewed in collaboration with Anders Kissmayer, a Danish Master brewer who was invited to visit Magic Rock to lend his expertise.

On the festival front, Highwire (5.5% abv) featured at the recent Fleetwood beer festival. Dark Arts (6.0% abv) was at Bradford beer festival and with Rapture (4.6% abv) at the Rotherham Magna beer festival.

Mallinsons Brewing Company. Tel: 01484 654301

The new brewery is well impressive and like Dr Who's Tardis appears to be rather larger on the inside than expected with plenty of room for the extra brewing capacity and cold rooms. Bottling can now take place in a dedicated area unlike the cramped conditions at the old brewery.

Various new beers have been brewed. Tightrope Tipple (3.9% abv) made its debut at the Huddersfield Festival of Lights in December. This was followed by Lockwood (3.8% abv) and a new series of single and double hopped brews i.e. Magnum Ella (3.8% abv), Cluster Chinook (3.9% abv), Riwaka (3.7% abv) and Perle Amarillo (3.7% abv).

In the bird series, new ones included Dabchick (4.1% abv), Pondrasper (4.2% abv) and Tammie Norie (3.9% abv). While in the planet series there was Tethys (4.3% abv) and the long anticipated Uranus (3.9% abv). Another new beer was Diamonds (4.3% abv).

On the festival scene, Castle Hill Premium (4.6% abv) and Columbus (3.8% abv) featured at the 9th Pendle beer festival in Colne where coincidentally, Columbus was voted Beer of the Festival. Centennial (3.9% abv) and Motueka (4.1% abv) were chosen for the Rotherham Magna beer festival and Stadium Bitter (3.8% abv) was present at Gloucester beer festival.

Milltown Brewing Company. Tel: 07946 589645, 01422 610579

A new beer you may have seen around is It's a wonderful pint (3.9% abv), a pale golden session beer originally brewed as a Christmas special. This has been distributed exclusively by Beverage Express in Elland and is an excellent beer – just like it says on the pumpclip! Also new for Christmas, was Winter Woolley (4.1% abv), a pale gold bitter.

Broster's Blackley Bitter (4.3% abv) is an easy drinking golden ale which is now available permanently on the bar at the Golden Fleece at Blackley. This is also a great little pub to visit.

The latest special available at the moment is Sterling Gold (4.3% abv). This is brewed with Maris Otter pale ale malt, Crystal and Munich malts to create a well-balanced golden ale with a fruity hop kick. This featured at the recent Marsden beer festival.

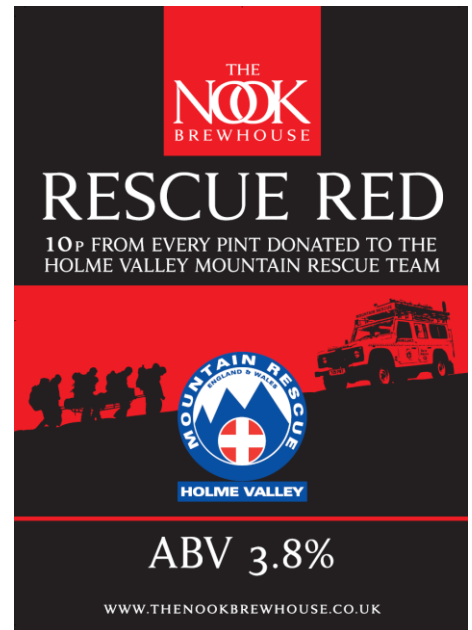
Both Platinum Blonde and Golden Hop have appeared at the Ramsbottom beer festival last month. Maltissimo (5.3% abv) is now available in bottles.

Nook Brewhouse. Tel: 01484 682373

The full range of Nook beers will be available for the forthcoming Nook Spring beer festival where they will go up against the combined beers of Lancashire in a War of the Roses battle. With the discovery of Richard III's body at Leicester there may even be a Plantagenet beer available!

The latest new beer is Rescue Red (3.8% abv). This is less malty than their other red ales with a subtle hoppy after-taste and a floral aroma. The beer has been brewed to support The Holme Valley Mountain Rescue Team with 10p from each pint going to the charity.

Cherry Stout (5.2% abv), a wonderful oat stout with hints of cherry, liquorice and sweet roasted malt flavours, was chosen for both the Derby Winter Ales Festival and the Rotherham Magna beer Festival.



Rat & Ratchet Brewery. Tel: 01484 542400

The brewery will be showcasing its full range of Rat beers over the weekend of the 5th – 7th April at the brewpub. There will be a few new ones to add to the infestation, some of which will include All Rat Jazz (4.0% abv), Rat in the Hat (3.8% abv) and Bohemian Ratsody (4.3% abv). On the Saturday the brewery will be open for visits and to meet some of the brewers including the Head Rodent.



Various new beers include: Irish Rat Stout (4.1% abv); Angel Rat (4.0% abv); Red Nose Rodent (4.2% abv); Pestilence Pale (4.3% abv); Black Death (6.5% abv) and Rat CC (3.8% abv) for the 200th brew.

The latest development is Project Rat 001. Centennial (4.3% abv). This is the first of a series of beers brewed by the Head Rodent at the Rat & Ratchet. All products subject to final tests on the human population.

On the festival scene, White Rat (4.0% abv) and Black Rat (4.5% abv) were chosen for the Rotherham Magna beer festival and both Angel Rat (4.0% abv) and Snow Rat (3.8% abv) were available at the New Oxford Winter Ales festival in Salford. The Rat & Ratchet brewery / Brew Co. collaboration Brewtown Rat (4.4% abv) featured at the Hop beer festival in Sheffield along with Project Rat 001, and at Gloucester beer festival.

Riverhead Brewery. Tel: 01484 841270

Following on from the wonderful Christmas beers, Lisa has brewed Cinnamom Mild (3.6% abv) and Gingerbread Mild (3.6% abv). Both of these are typically mild with the addition of festive spices to maximise the taste.

Both Butterley Bitter (3.8% abv) and White Cloud (4.5% abv) featured at the recent Rotherham Magna beer festival while Sherbert Lemon (4.0% abv) appeared at the New Oxford Winter Ales Festival in Salford.

Sportsman Brewing Company. Tel: 01484 421929, 07866 901162

The beers are now being brewed back at the Sportsman following a brief period before Christmas when they were being cuckoo brewed at Golcar brewery. This followed complaints from neighbours to the Environmental Health which have now been resolved.

Beer production has increased as they now supply the Stalybridge Buffet Bar, part of the same group. Currently, the brewery is concentrating on Deco and Hops Cotch to meet demand. Unfortunately, the Christmas beer did not materialise and was replaced by Darker Shade of Ale (3.9% abv). The first of the beers brewed at the pub was Alpha #3 (3.9% abv), a pale hoppy bitter based on the previous Alpha recipes but tweaked to give a better hop taste.

Summer Wine Brewery. Tel: 01484 665466

The brewery at Honley has been revamped to improve output and brewing efficiency, although the aim is to find large premises to cope with demand. The beers are usually available at the HDM Beer shop in Huddersfield along with a wide selection of their bottled beers.

On the festival scene, both Barista Espresso Stout (4.8% abv) and Rouge (5.6% abv) featured at the recent 30th Luton beer festival.

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Huddersfield Public House Checks

It may seem odd today but during the Victorian period from 1845 to just before the First World War, local public houses issued their own tokens which were used in lieu of money. There are well over 10,000 varieties known and it is certain that there are many more to be discovered.

The practice of issuing tokens occurred throughout most of the country with the greatest number being issued in former industrialised areas. Huddersfield was no exception and at least 60 are known to exist for pubs and another 10 for clubs in the local area.

These tokens are generally termed “checks” not tokens because tokens can be changed at many places but checks are restricted to being redeemed at their place of issue.

Typically, pub checks take the form of a brass disc about 26 mm in diameter, with the name of the pub, sometimes (but not always) the landlord’s name, often the location and a value on the reverse side. The denomination is typically 1½d, 2d or 3d though checks with higher values such as 6d in old pence exist. Most of the Huddersfield pub checks are for 1½d and 2d.

The value is usually the price of a drink, either a half pint or a pint. As beer prices varied in the 19th century, far more so than now, it is not always clear whether the price was for a pint of cheap beer or a half pint of dearer beer.

The “golden age” when pub checks were issued was during the second half of the 19th century. This is based on research into the dates the licensees ran the pubs although their use continued on well into the 20th century.

So, how were these checks used? There is no definitive answer, other than in several different ways. Often we don’t know as there are few recorded details specifying their use. What we do know is gleaned from insights into the social history of the time.

Some checks were clearly for the playing of a pub game. The Swan Inn at Marsden issued a check inscribed Bagatelle. The value of the check, 1½d, is for a drink, so presumably the player bought a check to ensure he didn’t enjoy the pub’s facilities without making a contribution towards the costs.



Occasionally, the design shows an image which may represent a sporting interest such as shooting. The New Inn at Lockwood issued checks with Crossed Rifles and Cannon and Shot.

Other checks were issued by Friendly Societies which met in the pub’s back or upstairs rooms. Many small and local friendly societies existed in the 19th and 20th centuries. Before the days of the Welfare State, some landlords took on the role of custodian of the local “Sick and Draw Club”. This was a facility where people could pay in money weekly in good times so that they could draw out money in bad times such as illness. Obviously, these deposits would accrue interest so the licensee would pay out this interest in checks only redeemable at his pub.

Other kinds of friendly societies were based on a mutual interest in a trade or skill. They would typically meet once a month or once a year to carry out official business and finish with some social activity. The custom and practice of the day was that each member using the meeting room would pay for a drink rather than the society/club pay for the room. Members would be given a check which they could use to buy a drink or a cigar. In this way the licensee would be sure of getting the price of a drink from everyone.

Some checks were stamped simply as Refreshment Ticket with no monetary value. Both the Stag Inn at Greenside and The Three Crowns Inn at Fenay Bridge issued checks for non-alcoholic refreshment or food. Similarly, the Star Inn at Fenay Bridge also issued a Refreshment Ticket check but with a value of 2d.

Various political clubs issued checks but of a lower denomination such as ½ d and 1d. These may have been used for alcoholic drink bought at a cheaper price than local public houses.

The following is a list of known checks issued by public houses in the Huddersfield area. If you have any checks not on this list please contact Bob Tomlinson on 01484 654062 or Richard Law on 01484 657223 so that the list can be updated.

Public House	Area	Value	Date	Landlord
Adega Billiard Hall	Westgate	2d	1886 - 1909	C.H. Bradley
Bath Hotel	Lockwood	2d	1888 - 1890	J.H. Dews
Bath Hotel	Lockwood	2d	1881 - 1888	T.Iredale
Bath Hotel	Lockwood	2d	Pre 1870	J. Wood
Bay Horse Inn	Lockwood	1½d	1886 – 1891	R. Garside
Belle View Gardens	Sheepridge	?	1853 – 1875	J. Aspinal
Belle View Hotel	Fartown	2d	1881 – 1893	John Parker
British Oak	Taylor Hill	1½d	1904 - 1906	H. Bowen
Brokers Arms	Aspley	2d	Pre 1868	R. Cayford
Castle Hotel	Beaumont Park	6d		
Cremone Gardens	Marsh	2d	1857 – 1881	
Croppers Arms	Marsh	2d	1870 - 1883	H. Earnshaw
Duke of York	Shorehead	1½d	Pre 1865	Jonas Wright
Flyboat Hotel	Aspley	2d	1879 – 1881	W. H. Hall
Fly Boat Hotel	Aspley	2d	1872 – 1874	Ralph Rawstron
Fox & Grapes	Lockwood	1½d	1898 - 1899	W.H. Levitt
Ford Inn	Holmfirth	1½d		
George Gothard	Rashcliffe	1½d	1877 - 1880	George Gothard
George Inn	Holmfirth	2d		
George Kinder	Lockwood	1½d	Circa 1867	George Kinder
Green Cross Inn	Moldgreen	2d		
Grove Inn	Dalton	2d	1877 – 1904	
Grove Inn	Skelmanthorpe	1½d	1857 – 1904	
Junction Inn	Marsh	2d	1853 - 1876	William Burton
Kings Arms	Moldgreen	3d		
Mason's Arms	Underbank	3d	1873 - 1900	Joseph Brook
New Inn	Lockwood	?		
New Inn	Lockwood	?	1857 – 1887	
New Market Tavern	Huddersfield	2d	Post 1879	
Northgate	Huddersfield	2d		W. T.
Northgate Inn	Huddersfield	1½d	1873 -1903	Ely Wood
Northgate Inn	Huddersfield	2d	1873 – 1903	Ely Wood
Railway Hotel	Berry Brow	1½d	1857 – 1904	
Railway Hotel	Honley	1½d		
Rock Inn	Brockholes	1½d	1906 - 1919	Alfred Potter
Rock Inn	Brockholes	2d	1906 - 1919	Alfred Potter
Rose & Crown	Almondbury	2d	1877	Thomas H. Kaye
Rose & Crown	Golcar	1½d	1901 – 1904	A.W. Hall
Royal Hotel	Kings Mill Lane	2d	1871 - 1875	John William Noble
Royal Oak	Taylor Hill	?		
Royal Oak	Thongsbridge	1½d	1861 - 1886	Fenton Walker
Shakespeare Inn	Marsden	1½d	Circa 1870	R. Broadbent
Shore Head Hotel	Huddersfield	2d	1881 - 1893	Wm Watkin
Shoulder of Mutton	Lockwood	2d	1872 - 1878	Joseph Branch
Shoulder of Mutton	New Mill	2d	1889 – 1901	Wilson Bower
Stag Inn	Greenside	?	1867 – 1893	Sam Broadbent
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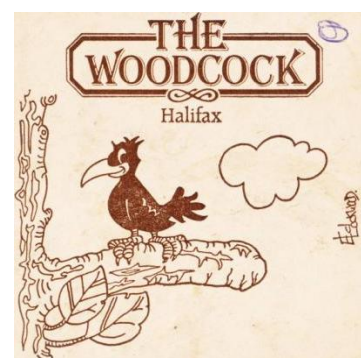
Local and Regional Beer Festivals

1st – 3rd March	Junction One, 1 Knowl Road, Golcar, Huddersfield HD7 4AN Fri – Sun. Usual opening times.
7th – 10th March	Spring BF, Drop Inn, 12 Elland Lane, Elland HX5 9DU Normal pub hours
13th – 16th March	Spring BF, Star Inn, Albert Street, Lockwood, Huddersfield Wed & Thu 5pm – 12 midnight; Fri & Sat 12noon – 12 midnight
13th – 16th March	SIBA BF, Ponds Forge International Sports Centre, Sheaf St, Sheffield S1 2BP Thu & Fri 5pm – 11pm; Sat 12 noon – 5pm, 6pm – 11pm.
14th – 16th March	Leeds BF, Pudsey Civic Hall, Dawson's Corner, Pudsey, Leeds LS28 5TA Thu & Fri 11am – 3pm, 5pm – 11pm; Sat 11am – 4pm, 6pm – 11pm.
15th – 16th March	Denby Dale Lions BF, Pie Hall, 297 Wakefield Rd, Denby Dale HD8 8RX Fri 7pm – 11pm; Sat 12.30 – 11pm
21st – 24th March	Spring BF, The Nook, 7 Victoria Square, Holmfirth, HD9 2DN Thu – Sat. Usual opening times.
29th – 31st March	3 rd Emley Real Ale BF, Emley Band Room, 9 Beaumont St, Emley, HD8 9RN Fri & Sat 2pm – 11.30pm; Sun 2pm – until dry.
5th – 6th April	Rothwell BF, Holy Trinity Church Hall, Church St., Rothwell, Leeds LS26 0QL Fri 6pm – 10pm; Sat 12 noon – 10pm
5th – 7th April	2 nd Rat & Ratchet Inn-Fest BF, Rat & Ratchet, Chapel Inn, Huddersfield, Fri & Sat 12 noon – 12 midnight; Sun 12noon – closing time.
11th – 13th April	7th Skipton BF, Skipton Town Hall, High St, Skipton. BD23 1AH Thu 5pm – 10pm; Fri 11am – 10pm; Sat 11am – 8pm.
11th – 13th April	7 th Guiseley Factory Workers Club BF, 6 Town Street, Guiseley Thu 7pm – 11pm; Fri & Sat 12 noon – 11pm.
11th – 13th April	23rd Doncaster BF, The Hub, Chappell Drive, Doncaster, DN1 2RF Thu 6pm – 11pm; Fri & Sat 11am – 11pm.
12th – 13th April	25th Oldham BF, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Civic Centre, West St, Oldham OL1 1NL Fri & Sat 12 noon – 10.30pm.
26th – 27th April	2nd North Leeds Charity BF, St Aidan's Community Hall, Roundhay Rd, Leeds, LS8 5QD. Fri 6pm – 11pm; Sat 12 noon – 11pm.
10th – 11th May	Halifax Mayfest BF, Square Chapel, 10 Square Rd, Halifax, HX1 1QG Fri & Sat 12 noon – 11pm
16th – 18th May	Dewsbury & Heavy Woollen Beer & Cider Festival, Dewsbury Town Hall Thu (CAMRA Members 4 - 6pm) 6pm – 10.30pm; Fri & Sat 12 noon – 10.30pm
17th – 18th May	Rail Ale Festival, Barrow Hill Roundhouse, Campbell Drive, Barrow Hill, Chesterfield S43 2PR. Fri & 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.

The Passing of a Legend, Jim Wright RIP

Sad news. I am sorry to report the death of Jim Wright, the founder of The Fighting Cocks chain of pubs including of course The Fighting Cock in Bradford, Duck & Drake in Leeds, Red Rooster at Brighouse, The Woodcock in Halifax and other good ale houses. His funeral was held at Nab Wood cemetery, Shipley on Monday 11th February 2013. Graham, spbw@talktalk.net



Huddersfield & District Branch Diary

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All meetings and socials start at 8pm on a Monday unless otherwise stated.

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Mon 4th Mar	Branch Social at the Yeaton Cask, 4 Town Road, Kirkheaton, HD5 0HW for 20.00hr. Bus No. 262 at 19.50hr from Huddersfield Bus Station. Return on Bus No 262 at 22.18hr.
Mon 18th Mar	Branch Meeting at the White Cross, Bradley, HX2 1XD. First Bus No 328 at 19.20hr from Market Street or Arriva Bus 229 at 19.30hr from Bus Station
Mon 8th Apr	Branch Social crawl of Linthwaite. Bus No. 183 from Bus Station at 19.30hr. Meet at Th'Alma near Linthwaite church.
Sat 13th Apr	Branch Visit & Presentation to the HDM brewery, Plover Rd, Lindley, HD3 3HS For 19.00hr. Limited numbers only.
Mon 15th Apr	Branch Meeting & Presentation at the Wills o' Nats, Blackmoorfoot, Meltham, HD9 5PS for 20.00hr. Minibus to be arranged.
Mon 20th May	Branch Meeting at the Head of Steam, St George's Square, Huddersfield for 20.00hr. TBC

CAMRA Regional Meetings

15th Jun The Cleveland Bay Hotel, 718 Yarm Rd, Eaglescliffe, Durham, TS16 0JE Meeting for 12 noon.

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View branch Pub & Club data at: <http://www.pubzilla.org.uk> and <http://whatpub.com/>

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