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HUDDERSFIELD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Since the last edition of Ale Talk we have had the budget and there has actually been some good news for the cask ale drinker. For the first time since 1959 when Harold McMillan was Prime Minister there has been a reduction on the duty on beer and Alastair Darling's loathsome beer duty escalator has been abolished. Pleased as we are the full three cheers are not really in order. A penny off beer duty is a symbolic reduction and on its own will not restore the pub trade to full health, not least because there are inevitable price rises on the way. This is because of the rising cost of raw materials, some of it attributable to the weather but some of it also attributable to costs imposed by government such as rises in employers' national insurance contributions. Furthermore the abolition of the beer duty escalator has not been applied to cider (or wine or spirits), so although welcome it is only a partial victory and there is work still to do.

There are other things that Government could and should be doing. We can now realistically hope for the independent regulation of pub companies which should put an end to rack renting and the forced purchase of beer at above market prices imposed on tenants and lessees. Let's be bold and hand licensing back to the local magistrates. The old system was not broke and didn't need fixing. The current system allows local councils to levy exorbitant fees on businesses well in excess of true administration costs and then waste that money on climate change co-ordinators and other non-jobs. Most of all we need a radical overhaul of planning laws which tilts the balance firmly in favour of the community against the asset stripper.

Quite properly CAMRA does not attach itself to any particular party nor does it endorse individual candidates, but it is legitimate to explore and expose what political parties and individual politicians have got to say to our members with regard to the issues within the industry. The beer and pub sector sustains the employment of 950,000 people (2011 figures) but employment has been falling and at its peak 52 pubs per week were closing. For rural communities this has been devastating. Our politicians individually and collectively, nationally and locally need to be held accountable. Let's keep the pressure on!

Paul Laxton, Chairman

-----Original Message-----

From: MCCARTNEY, Jason [<mailto:jason.mccartney.mp@parliament.uk>]

Sent: 20 May 2013 21:21

Subject: Fair Deal for Your Local

Dear Paul and Bob,

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The **Star Inn** at Folly Hall was the only local pub to hold mini beer festival over the May Bank Holiday featuring a selection of Milds and some of Mallinson's extensive repertoire of beers. The next festival is the Summer Beer festival starting on Wednesday 17th July and running through to the weekend.

The **Rat & Ratchet's** 2nd annual Rat & Ratchet Inn-Fest beer festival was also a massive treat for Rat fans, particularly with the brewery visits and 'Meet the Brewers' session. A total of 18 different Rat beers were on offer. On the cider front, The **Rat & Ratchet** shares the **Huddersfield CAMRA Cider Pub of the Year 2013** with the **HDM Beer Shop**. Both joint winners were judged to have a wide and varied selection of ciders and perries both on draught and in bottle, and all of high standard and quality. Congratulations to both of them. Unfortunately, Landlady Katie Green has left the Rat and a new landlord Richard has now taken over.

The Huddersfield University **Students Union Bar** is claimed to be selling real ale in the form of Black Sheep Bitter and Sharpe's Doombar.

The **Bar Moroc** (formerly the Island Bar opposite Wilco's) now has real ale. On a recent visit it was serving beers from Marston's range such as Jennings Cumberland Ale, Banks's Sunbeam and Marston's Magador – the house beer. Around the corner, the **West Tavern** in Albion Street (formerly the West Riding) has given up on real ale and no longer serves it. **The Crown** in Westgate has a selection of beers from the Marston's range and a few local ones. Recently, these have been Jennings Tom Fool, Marston's EPA, Wychwood Battle Axe, Copper Dragon Freddie Truman, Bradfield's Farmers Brown Cow and Sheffield Tigers, and Ossett Maypole.

The **Kings Head** celebrates 10 consecutive years in the CAMRA this year. It has also been voted Huddersfield CAMRA's **Mild Pub of the Year 2013** for its Mild. This free house is run by Bruce Travis who is a great supporter of independent brewers. In addition to Taylors Landlord and Golden Best which are permanent, there are guest locales from Empire, Golcar, Bradfield and Magic Rock and new breweries such as Leamside Brewery but to name one. There is a regular handpulled cider such as Janet's Jungle Juice and a guest cider from France, Rosquijeau Breton Cidre 7.4% to coincide with a Breton dancers evening. The **Head of Steam** has been selling a selection of Milds throughout May from established regional brewers. **Northern Taps** is now reported to be serving real cider on handpump. **Five Bar** on Cross Church Street is reported to be selling Taylors Landlord and a Holden's beer.

Work has now started on the expansion of the **HDM Beer Shop** into the adjacent shop on Wood Street. An entrance has been made through the wall to allow access to the new area which has a new bar, tables and seating. Recently, it held a Beer vs Wine, Meat and Cheese Pairings evening featuring **Vinceremos** and the **Birkby Cheese Company** who supplied a plethora of meat and cheese to pair with **Vinceremos wine** and **HDM beers**. This has been followed with a mini beer festival featuring exclusive beers on handpull, gravity and keg plus the new 'sours' from the Hand Drawn Monkey Brewing Co. Look out for further events on www.hdmbeershop.co.uk

The Sportsman recently celebrated its 4th anniversary with a Birthday Beer festival featuring 20 special birthday cask beers from the Sportsman Brewing Co, Mallinsons, Empire, Golcar, Nook, Riverhead, and the Brew Co. The pub has also embraced the new craft beer revolution like the **Grove** and the **HDM Beer Shop** with a craft beer selection featuring beers from Red Willow, Odell, Mikkellar and La Trappe brewers. Currently on sale are bottled beers from the new brewery at Stalybridge, **Ticketybrew**. These are Belgian inspired craft beer brewed with Trappist yeast. There is Pale Ale 5.5% and Dubbel 6.5%, dark and spicy. At £3.75 a 330ml bottle they compare well with their Belgian counterparts. In addition to the excellent **Pure North** ciders there is a rare cider available, **Grumpy John Cider** from Shipley, West Yorks. Congratulations are also in order for the **Sportsman** on having been voted **Huddersfield CAMRA's Pub of the Year 2013**. A presentation will be made on Monday 17th June at the Branch meeting. The **Cherry Tree** (Wetherspoon) has set out a program of monthly events which run to December of this year. Following the International Real Ale festival in April featuring 50 excellent beers, there will be a Pale Ale festival in June, Fruit Ale festival in August, Strong Ale festival in September, Octoberfest

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beers in October, the National Weatherspoon beer festival in November and Christmas Ale festival in December. **The Vulcan** on St Peters Street always has an interesting range of 6 guest ales and is worth visiting for its beer and sports coverage. **The Keys** restaurant and coffee house in the old crypt beneath Huddersfield Parish Church is now selling bottled beers from Marston's and the Golcar brewery. These include Golcar Mild, Best, Guthlacs Porter and Marston's Pedigree. Pure North Cider is also available in bottles.

Armitage Bridge: The Armitage Bridge WMC aka the Monkey Club will be holding its annual MonkeyFest beer festival on the Saturday and Sunday of the 6th and 7th July. See advert. There will be approximately 60 beers on offer along with live music to help the beer go down.

Berry Brow: The **Railway** has been selling an interesting range of beers of late from the likes of Pennine Brewery Amber Nectar and Gold; Oates Summit and Equinox; Partners Ghost; Acorn Barnley Bitter and OMB beers. In addition, the pub also serves hand pulled cider which was Weston's Old Rosie followed by Scumpy.

Bradley: A special presentation has been made to **The White Cross** after 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. The pub is an Enterprise Inn pub which has a range of good quality guest ales that are kept in excellent condition by mine hosts, John and Sharon. It is not difficult to see why they have achieved 10 years in the Guide.

Deanhouse: The **Cricketers** has beers from the Marston's portfolio of beers. These include Marston's EPA, Jennings Cockerhoop and Ringwood 49^{er}. Pure North cider is also available. Rob North has now opened his **Pure North Cider** barn and shop which attached to the cider farm. Please check out the advert and article for opening times, etc. Note: public transport is limited.

Fartown: The **Railway** on the Bradford Road serves some great real ale with a good range of beers drawn from Finest Cask List. Vinnie and Julie have been in the Railway 7 years this year and are keen supporters of real ale. Over the last year or two they have seen the interest in real ale develop and as a result they now have 5 handpulls on the bar. There is Tetley Bitter, Greene King IPA and Copper Dragon Golden Pippin as regulars with a permanent house beer Railway Inn 3.7% and an ever changing guest which was Pennine Real Blonde on the last visit.

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Golcar: The **Rose & Crown** recently held a mini beer festival with beers to celebrate Golcar Lily Day. The **Golcar Brewery** held an open day with guided tours, Morris dancers, BBQ and beer to slake the thirst. The **Golcar Liberal Club** has been voted **Huddersfield CAMRA Mild Club of the Year 2013** in recognition of its Mild. It was reported to be selling Brain Dark Mild as a replacement for the incumbent Tetley Dark Mild, and Wells Bombardier. The **Golcar Conservative Club** is selling an addition guest beer Thwaites Wainwright alongside Tetley Bitter.

Hade Edge: The **Bay Horse** has Jennings Cumberland Ale on offer but unfortunately the Mild has been withdrawn.

Harden Moss: The **Ford Inn** serves a good pint of Taylors Landlord and Black Sheep Bitter whilst the **Huntsman Inn** has Lees Bitter and Drayman's Tipple.

Hepworth: the lease on the **Butchers Arms**, run by the famous Yorkshire chef, Tim Bilton and owned by Enterprise, is up for renewal in September. It is understood Tim has bought the **Spiced Pear** situated on the Sheffield Road and was formerly called the **Crag Rats** and is currently signed up as the Hepworth Kitchen. It is his intention to have cask ale available at the **Spiced Pear**, and real ale will continue at the **Butchers Arms**.

Hillhouse: The **Slubbers Arms** was recently featured in the Examiner Pub of the Week.

This Free House and Good Beer Guide entry serves some excellent ale. Taylors Landlord and Best Bitter are permanent along with Thwaites Wainwright and a range of guest beers from local microbreweries and regional breweries. It always has a Mild pump which changes regularly and a cider on handpump. It was also **runner up** to Huddersfield CAMRA's **Mild Pub of the Year 2013**. Well worth a visit. Across the road, the **Waggon & Horses** is closed following a fire which exposed an illicit cannabis factory. The premises is currently for sale.

Holmfirth: The **Nook** will be holding its Summer Beer Festival from the 23rd to 26th August. The festival will be celebrating 150 years of Yorkshire Cricket and showcasing 50+ cask ales and ciders from across Yorkshire. See Advert for details. There will be the usual barbecue and live entertainment Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening. The **Box Office** behind the cinema has Taylors Best bitter and Golden Best available. **Gonzo**, formerly the **Y Bar** on Dunford Road, has opened as Holmfirth's Craft Beer Bar. Beers include Brooklyn Brewery, Flying Dog and Nook

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beers, with food by Soul Kitchen. There is a new landlord at the **Postcard** who is keen to promote real ale and previous ran the **Plough** at Mirfield. Apart from Tetley Bitter there has been Cameron's Strongarm, Leeds Pale Ale, Wharfebank Celtic Red, Okells Spring Ram and Castle Rock Sherrif's Tipple, Wadsworth 6X, Skinners Betty Stoggs and Robinson's Unicorn. Weston's Old Rosie and Perry are also available on handpull. 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, Bradfield Farmers Blonde, Ossett Big Red and Abbeydale Moonshine.

Jackson Bridge: The **Red Lion** was reported on a recent visit to be serving Tetley Bitter, Taylors Landlord, Thwaites Wainwright and Clark's Classic Blonde. Not far away The **White Horse** has Greene King IPA, Tetley Bitter and locally sourced guest beers such as Nook beers, Empire and Mallinsons.
Kirkburton: The **Royal** is open again. No reports on the beer yet.

Kirkheaton: On a recent visit to The **Yeaton Cask** there was Empire The Dragon, and Khartoum, Growler from Essex Border brewery, Grafton's Packett Punch, Leeds Pale Ale and Nine Standards Original Standards. This village pub never fails to have a surprising new beer on offer and always in good condition. Definitely, worth a visit. Further down the road, **The Spangled Bull** has resumed selling real ale. The beers on offer were Theakston Lightfoot and Caledonian Bitter on a recent visit. Jane and Pete who run the pub are hoping to develop the real ales sales with the possibility of four handpulled beers including a guest.

Lepton: The **Sun Inn** is a modern local serving a good range of four beers. There is Tetley Bitter as permanent with usually 3 Locale beers. These included a Nook beer, Little Valley Midgley's Mild and Clarke's Classy Blonde. The beer quality is always reported as good. See advert.

Rowley Hill Club did have Tetley Bitter but did change this to Ossett Yorkshire Blonde. However, the beer has now settled Oakwell Barnsley Bitter.

Leymoor: The **Old Cask Inn** formerly the **Albert**, has been re-launched as part of the Percy Vear group of pubs, as **Percy Vear's Old Cask Inn**. The pub has been re-vamped with stone flooring throughout and the removal of the pool table from the back room, creating a suitable meeting room for community groups when not in use for darts. There are 4 handpumps on the bar selling John Smiths Cask Bitter, Saltaire Blonde, Percy Vears Bitter – the house beer from Empire, and Slightly Foxed's Urban Fox. Hawkshead Red had just run off when last visited.

Linthwaite: **Broad Oak Bowling Club** is free of tie and often has Empire or Mallinsons beers on at the weekend. Recently, there has been Lees Premium Gold. The **Th'Alma**, a Thwaites house, had Wainwrights, Lancaster Bomber and Nutty Black on a recent visit. **The Sair Inn** was reported to have had two new beers on recently, Slant Gait and Old Boiler. These were on top form as were the rest of Ron's beers. The **Royal Oak** on Manchester road, has Taylors Landlord as permanent with Greene King IPA, Copper Dragon Golden Pippin, St Austell Tribute and Brakespeare Bitter also available.

Longroyd Bridge: The **Bridge** has won the **Huddersfield Examiner pub of the Year**, voted for by its readers. Despite being a bikers' pub and Carling Lager being their best seller, it does serve Copper Dragon beers which are reported to be good.

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The **Prospect** no longer has any real ale and has limited opening hours during the day.

Marsh: The **Marsh Liberal Club** will be holding their 7th Annual Beer Festival over the weekend of the 28th June and will be featuring 15 real ales on handpull in the bar and on stillage. The Club has also been voted Huddersfield CAMRA Club of the Year 2013 and a special presentation will be made on the Friday night at 8pm.

Marsden: The **Riverhead Brewery Tap** will be re-launching the Riverhead range of beers with a mini beer festival on the 27th to 29th June. This feature up to 9 Riverhead beers. Good news! The toilets are being revamped at long last. We also understand the **Marsden Conservative Club** is currently installing a new bar in their function room to accommodate potentially more handpumps. Work should be completed soon.

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 pub serves Taylors landlord, Black Sheep Bitter and Greene King IPA as regular beers with guest beers. On a recent visit these were McMullen Country, Howard Town Hope, Ilkley Wit Marie and Castle Rock Elsie Mo. The pub is Cask Marque accredited and serves excellent home cooked food. This summer there is a program of outdoor live music in the car park.

Netherton: The **Beaumont Arms** was recently highlighted in the Huddersfield Examiner Pub of the Week column. Dave serves an excellent pint of Tetley Mild and Bitter, Adnams Bitter, Copper Dragon Golden Pippin, Everards Sunchaser and Ossett Blonde. The pub is also wellknown for its homemade individual meat pies. The **Netherton Conservative Club** also has a good range of beers often including beers from Ossett with guest ales.

Newsome: The **Hall Bower Athletic Club** is holding their summer beer festival again at the Club in Hall Bower on the 27th and 28th July. This is a great little festival with good beer, food and atmosphere and generally good weather, so get yourself along to it. See advert for details. The **Victoria** aka **Bum Royd** is currently selling Thwaites Bitter and Wainwrights at £2.55 a pint on handpull. The quality is reported to be very good.

Outlane: The **Waggon & Horses** and the **Swan** are both "To Let". The **Commercial** has a good range of beers which change each month and do good food. Worth a visit.

Paddock: The **Angel** is currently closed, To Let.

Shelley: The **Shelley Village Hall** will be playing host to the **Shelley Beer Festival** over the weekend of the 20th and 21st of September. The festival is organised by Huddersfield 68 Round table and 41 Club and if anything like last year's festival, is definitely not one to miss. **The 3 Acres** is reported to be selling Black Sheep Bitter, Taylors Landlord, Copper Dragon Golden Pippin and the IPA. All said to be good. **The Flying Ferret** has Taylors Landlord and Milltown Platinum Blonde on the bar. Quality is said to be good.

Shepley: The **Farmers Boy** has Black Sheep Bitter, Farmers Blonde and Copper Dragon Golden Pippin. **The Sovereign** had Leeds Pale, York Terrier and a rotating guest ale which on a recent visit was Robinson's Optimus.

Slaithwaite: The **Shoulder of Mutton** is doing well and has Sharpe's Doombur, Copper dragon Golden Pippin, Kelham Island Easy Rider with a house beer Slaughtered Lamb 3.8%. The **Commercial** will be holding a **mini beer festival** featuring approx. 20 beers over the weekend of the 13th to 16th June. The pub has a wide range of ever changing guest beers and is the unofficial brewery tap for **Empire beers**. The **Slaithwaite Conservative Club** is now open Saturday afternoon 12 to 4pm. It also has an impressive range of rotating beers. Beers have included: Milltown Platinum Blonde, North Yorkshire Temptation, Cross bay Sunset Best Bitter, Grafton Ferris Wheel, Copper Dragon Spring Gold but to mention a few. Always worth a visit to see what's new and to engage in lively conversation with the Steward. The **Wharfside** is a Copper Dragon pub and has Best, 1816, IPA and Golden Pippin generally available. The **Swan** at Crimble Bank has had Cask Marque for 3 years now. The beer range is very good with Saltaire Blonde and Boggart Rum Porter being two of the locals favourite tipples. On a recent visit guest ales included Dr Morton's Bag of Nuts and Pot belly Brewery Pigs do Fly – all on top form.

Upperthong: The **Royal Oak** is holding a Cider festival weekend on the Friday and Saturday of the 28th to 30th of June. This will include a Spitfire flypast on the Sunday. There will be a selection of traditional ciders and perries, an all day BBQ and an 80's Night on the Saturday. Please note public transport is limited.

Waterloo: The **Waterloo**, since it re-opened, has been serving real ale and has 3 handpumps in regular use. On recent visits these have been Phoenix Monkey Town Mild and Best and Milltown beers. The beers were reported to be good.

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What is Fair Deal for Your Local?

- Fair Deal for Your Local is calling for much needed reform of the tied model operated by the large pub owning companies.
- Currently pubcos take more than is fair or sustainable from pub profits.
- This makes it difficult or impossible for many licensees to make a living and is causing the failure of pub businesses up and down the country.

The Fair Deal for Your Local campaign believes that the way to ensure a fair deal for pubs – and to deliver the Government's clear commitment – is to include in the statutory code an option for tied publicans to only pay a fair, independently assessed market rent to the pub owning company – a 'market rent only' option.

- This would bring down the cost of a pint in pubco owned pubs (around a third of all British pubs) allowing many pubs to survive and thrive.
- It would also lead to fairer access to the pub market for small brewers and cider producers which would both boost their businesses and increase choice at the bar.
- Importantly, all family brewers would be excluded as the code would only apply to companies who own more than 500 pubs.

What can I do to help?

- 1 Signing up to support the campaign at www.fairdealforyourlocal.com!
- 2 Take part in the Government's consultation on pub companies and tenants before June 14th. Have a look at the website for advice on how do this.
- 3 Write to your MP as soon as possible, asking them to support the campaign and back a fair deal for local pubs.



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Pure North Cider Press “Shop & Café” Opens

Bank Holiday weekend saw the opening of the new shop and café at Pure North Cider Press at Deanhouse, near Netherthong. A lovely afternoon was enjoyed on Saturday and friends and invited guests gathered to celebrate the new venture headed by partners Rob North and Alison Pollard. Entertainment for all was provided by Maypole dancing, storytelling, live music and hunger was kept at bay by a hog roast.

The café serves homemade and locally sourced hot meals and snacks made using Pure North ciders, along with sandwiches, salads, drinks, homemade cakes, ice creams and boozy sorbets and cider lollies in a friendly and contemporary setting.



A relaxing atmosphere can be enjoyed with family and friends on the new outdoor decking or visitors can cosy up by the wood burner. The rural location on the outskirts of Holmfirth makes it the ideal spot for walkers. The Cider Press is dog friendly too. Free WiFi is available and there is plentiful free parking.

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Huddersfield CAMRA Rural Pub of the Year 2013

The Wills o' Nats at Meltham has been voted Huddersfield CAMRA's Rural Pub of the Year 2013. This is a new award which recognises the contribution that pubs in rural settings make to the real ale scene and the local community. It has long been felt by the Branch that rural pubs were sometimes overlooked and neglected when awards were made, yet they were often the focus through which the local community was held together.

The Wills has long been recognised as one of those rural pubs with a community focus serving excellent real ale. Located not far from the Blackmoorfoot reservoir, it is not easy to reach by public transport. However, it has an enviable reputation for good food and fine ale which attracts a wide cross section of the community from families, ramblers, day trippers to walkers with dogs.



Joyce and Bob (centre, right) receive their award from Branch Chairman Paul Laxton (left)

The pub is run by Bob and Joyce Luty who take pride in their real ales and homemade food. This fact is acknowledged by their local CAMRA awards for Summer 2009 and Winter 2012 Pub of the Season awards and their Good Beer Guide listing.

There is Timothy Taylors Landlord and Black Sheep Bitter permanently on offer with up to 4 guest ales. The beers are Cask Marque accredited and there is at least one LocAle beer and a Real Cider.

Food is served in their 40 seater restaurant. There is a wide and varied menu offering a good selection of speciality pies, vegetarian dishes and a Sunday Carvery.

During the Summer, the pub holds its annual music festival – dubbed 'Tea in the (car) Park' which will feature 7 new bands as well as some of the regular pub favourites. The 2013 music season kicked off with three local bands as part of the May Day weekend celebrations featuring bands such as The Hungrey Hearts, Speed Weasels and SilverBurn.

Punch Taverns senior business relationships manager Heike Funke also praised the Wills o' Nats on winning the Rural Pubs award by saying, "The way this rural pub combines great cask ales, excellent food and special events under one roof is exemplary." We can't disagree with that!

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Pressing Issues

Welcome to the cider pages of Ale Talk, whilst writing this month I am drinking Virtual Orchard's Hard Core, last year's champion cider. However, it's now time for a new winner....

At the beginning of May, Reading CAMRA Beer Festival hosted **CAMRA's National Cider and Perry Awards**. Pure North entered their Fusion in the competition as the current holder of the Yorkshire Cider of the Year.

The winner of the **Cider Gold Medal** is Springfield Wobbly Munk which the judges describe as having '*fantastic balance with a pleasantly sharp aftertaste of apple and lemon*'.

The winner of the **Perry Gold Medal** is Dunkerton's Perry which judges described as '*initially sweet but develops into a dry, complex, white wine-like character with a lasting aftertaste*'.

The full results are:

Cider

GOLD – Springfield Wobbly Munk, Monmouthshire

SILVER – C.J.'s Surprise, Gwent

BRONZE – West Milton, Dorset

Perry

GOLD – Dunkerton's Perry, Herefordshire

SILVER – Gwynt Y Ddraig Two Trees, Glamorgan

BRONZE – Raglan Cider Mill Snowy Owl, Monmouthshire

I hope some of these winners will appear in a good pub nearby soon!

Pure North Cider Press Café & Shop

In the last issue of Aletalk we brought you the news that Pure North Cider Press was opening their cider press to the public in the form of the café and shop. So I took the family to see what Rob North had been up to.

On a beautiful bank holiday Monday we drove to the sleepy Deanhouse village after a walk round Digley Reservoir. There's plenty of parking but it's a great place to walk to as well. You probably want to, as the cider is strong. Inside was quite small so we sat down outside on the decking. On offer were several Pure North ciders, some bottled ales and some soft drinks. I had a pint of Valley Zest, Lynda had a half of Fusion (Yorkshire Cider of the Year 2012) and the boys had a glass each of the apple juice. The apple juice was lovely, made predominantly from Bramley apples, George and Harry are used to that sharp style. Valley Zest was beautiful and fresh, had lovely tannins and was a real cider drinker's cider. The Fusion was mellower and well received by the better half.

There was food on offer, a range of baguettes with salad garnish and on this occasion the vegetarian chili was being championed. All the food was home made, and delicious. I had a stilton baguette and the boys and wife had the veggie chili. The adjective/superlative used was 'scrummy'. We'll be back again soon!

If the enterprise proves successful as I'm sure it will, more space will be required inside but as long as the sun shines.....

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- There will be a Cider Festival weekend on 28th – 30th June 2013 at The Royal Oak, Upperthong. We are promised an all-day barbeque, an Eighties night on Saturday and a spitfire fly-past on Sunday, weather permitting!
- A campaign is being formed to press for the minimum juice content of cider to be increased in order to differentiate between real craft cider and the industrial version found in most bars. Currently a 35% juice threshold is used by HMRC but real cider makers would like it higher. More on this next issue.

Pubs in our area selling real cider

The list of pubs selling real cider selling list is ever increasing;

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; **Pure North Cider Press Café and Shop**, Deanhouse.

Please update me if you know of others.

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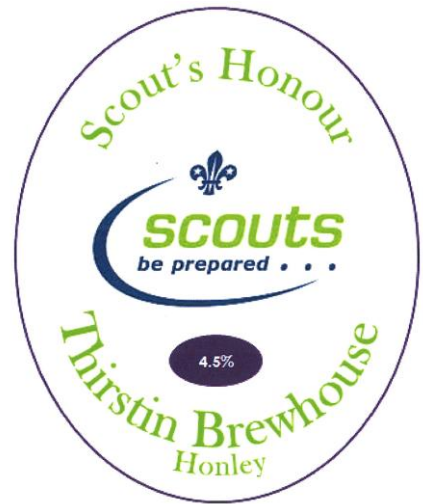
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LocAle Brewing

The local brewing scene never remains static for long. News has reached Ale Talk that a new microbrewery has started up in Honley, making this the 13th brewery in the Huddersfield area.

The brewery, **Thirstin Brewhouse**, launched their first beer, Scout's Honour at the Kirkburton Scouts 5th KUG beer festival over the Spring Bank holiday. This was described as an amber Yorkshire bitter, 4.5% abv, brewed using Target and Brambling Cross hops to give a slightly fruity but hoppy finish. The proceeds from the sale of this first brew all went to the Scout's KUG fund.

Stewart Horn, the brewer and owner, can be contacted on 07908 986562 or by email stewart.horn@googlemail.com
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Empire Brewing. Tel: 01484 847343, 07966 592276

One of Russ's latest beers is King Crimson (4.2% abv), a light amber bitter which the Huddersfield Examiner chose as their Pint of the week. This was available at the Rose & Crown, Golcar, the Sportsman and Northern Tapps.

Other new beers include: The Dragon (4.3% ABV), Khartoum (3.9% abv), Great Game (3.9% abv), Jaguar (3.9% abv), Operation Torch (4.3% abv) and Santana (4.3% abv).

To celebrate the Sportsman's 4th anniversary beer festival, Russ brewed a special called Here's to 4 more (4.1% abv), a pale hoppy ale.

On the festival scene, Strike's Back (4.0% abv) featured at the 22nd Chippenham Beer & Cider festival at the end of April.

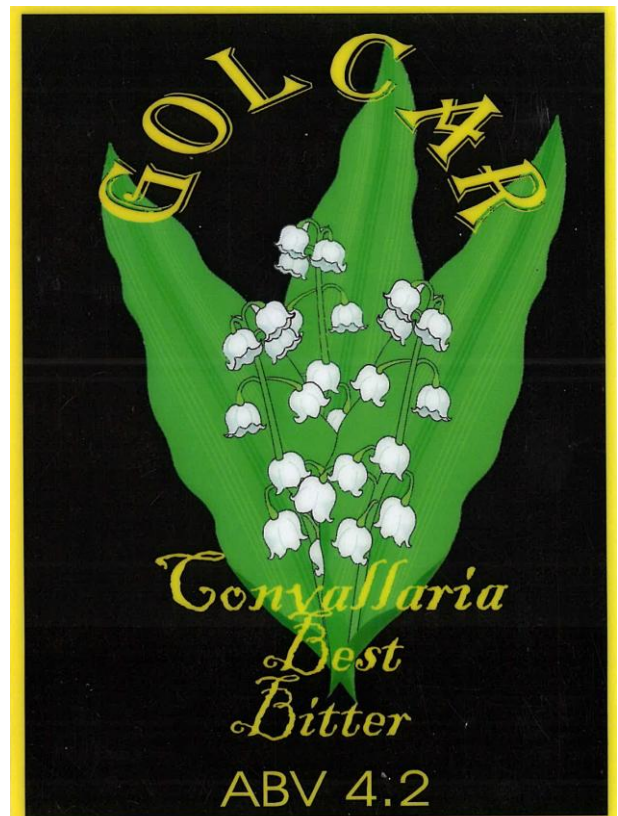
Golcar Brewery. Tel: 01484 644241

News has come through that Golcar Mild (3.4% abv) was voted Mild of the Festival at the 2012 Woking Beer Festival last year. Well done John on gaining another accolade for this award winning Mild.

John's latest session beer is Pale Trevale (4.2% abv), a pale hoppy bitter to compliment his existing Pennine Gold (4.2% abv). This has been available at the Sportsman and the usual pubs.

Golcar Lily Day saw the brewery open to the public with a chance to sample Convallaria Best Bitter (4.2% abv), brewed annually for this event. The beer, named after the Lily of the Valley flower, is a pale amber session bitter with a fruity/floral hoppiness. Also available on the brewery bar was the Mild (3.6% abv) and Guthlacs Porter (5.0% abv).

Two specials were produced for the Sportsman's 4th anniversary beer festival. These were Four Chestnut Mild (3.8% abv), a brewery mix of Dark Mild and Pennine Gold, and Fork Handles (4.1% abv), a traditional amber ale consisting of a brewery mix of Pale Trevale and Pennine Bitter. Both were excellent beers in their own right. Remember the Two Ronnies' pun, Fork Handles or was it Four Candles?



Hand Drawn Monkey Brewing Co. Tel: 07906 279038

The Branch visited the brewery recently to present Rob and Tom with various awards from last year's Oktoberfest. These included HDM 4CC IPA (6.5% abv) which won Speciality beer of the Festival and joint overall Beer of the Festival, and Quasar (3.9% abv), Bitter of the Festival which was a collaborative brew with Mallinsons brewery.

Since taking over the old Mallinson's premises, Rob and Tom Evans, brewer, have transformed the place and introduced a visitors room for brewery visits and special functions. The brew plant is essentially the old Mallinson's equipment with 4 fermenting vessels and 2 conditioning tanks.

A new development has been the use of wooden Bourbon / Islay whisky and red wine barrels

for cask aged beers. Currently, in storage there is a Belgian Brown Ale (6.0% abv) slowly maturing in an American Bourbon whisky cask.

Other beers have included: Pale Ale (4.0% abv); Malpa (3.9% abv); Monkey Loves Hops 4 (4.2% abv); Kriek (3.6% abv), an unfiltered Belgian style cherry beer; Porter (4.5% abv); and Extra Pale Ale (5.0% abv).

At the recent HDM beer festival, there was a Meat Porter (4.8% abv) brewed with dry biltong; a double Belgian brown ale (6.0% abv), an oaked Dubbel; Got Woody (3.6% abv), a brown beer brewed with twigs and sticks!; Milky Mild (3.8% abv) using lactose; Ginger Pale (4.0% abv) brewed with dry ginger; Citronnade IPA (5.0% abv), an IPA with black lime, lemon and citrus oils; Martini IPA (5.0% abv); 69 Pale (6.9% abv), a pale ale brewed in collaboration with Bexar County Brewery – pronounced Bear by the way. This is an unadulterated version, the rest is going into whisky casks; and 123.45 IBU (7.0% abv), another Bexar collaboration featuring 6 different malts, 8 different hops brewed in the style of a West Coast Stout.

Linfit Brewery Tel: 01484 842370

It has been some time since a new beer graced the bar of the Sair Inn. The current range of beers is testament to the long standing popularity of the beers and Ron has not seen fit to deviate from them. However, two new beers have been reported. These are Slant Gait (5.2% abv) and Old Boiler (5.9% abv), the latter being a misbrew of Lead Boiler (6.3% abv). Both beers were powerful mid-brown beers. Some of the older beer tickers may remember Slant Gate (4.2% abv), named after the steep road leading up from Manchester Road, which was brewed many years ago and a pale bitter.



Magic Rock. Tel: 01484 649823



First there was Cannonball IPA (7.4% abv), then there was the double IPA Human Cannonball (9.2% abv) and now there is the even stronger and more hoppy triple IPA, Un-Human Cannonball weighing in at an unbelievable 12.0% abv.

Un-Human Cannonball is a triple India Pale Ale or IIPA, which is brewed with Golden Promise malt to give a very pale colour. Loads of Centennial, Citra and Columbus whole hops were used in the hop back and dry hopped with four massive additions of Amarillo, Centennial, Simcoe, Citra and Chinook hops in the cold conditioning. This is obviously not a session beer but one for savouring among friends. It is available in bottles, though if you are lucky enough you might get to try it on tap as a small number of key kegs have been produced for speciality beer bars such as the Craft Beer Co. Islington, London.

Magic Rock has invited a guest brewer, Tobias from the Danish microbrewery, To Øl, to help brew a collaboration beer. The hybrid is a mixture of Snowhill (To Øl's saison)/ Cannonball/and Magic 8. It will be a black saison type beer called the Juggler (6.0% abv).

Mallinsons Brewing Company. Tel: 01484 654301

Recent beers have included Nelson Chinook (4.1% abv), Amarillo (4.2% abv), Galaxy (3.9% abv) and the latest Mosaic (4.0% abv). This is brewed only with American Mosaic hops and is a pale blonde ale with a spicy fresh nose and a bitter sharp grapefruit flavour and bitter intense finish. Also new is Danger Hops (5.2% abv), a pale straw coloured ale dry hopped with citra hops, and Indulgence - Gyle 551 (3.7% abv).

New in the space series is Venus (3.8% abv), 22nd and Wormhole (4.3% abv) 23rd. Epicurion (3.9% abv) is the 10th in the bird series and is the colloquial name for pied flycatcher. Others, include Anna Perenna (4.0% abv), named after the Roman goddess associated with the return of Spring and Empress of Canada (3.9% abv), both of which featured at Doncaster beer festival. HPA (3.8% abv) aka Huddersfield Pale Ale has made a welcome return.

On the beer festival scene, Star Trinians (4.1% abv) and Super Chinook (4.0% abv) featured at the Star Inn's Spring festival; Jasper (4.2% abv), TC's Funky Pint (3.7% abv) and Dangerous Pineapple (3.7% abv) all appeared at the Sportsman's 4th anniversary beer festival.

The latest Star MMM fest i.e. Mild & Mallinsons festival featured a selection of new Mallinson's creations with some very interesting pumpclips showing the order of use of the hops in the brewing process. These were:

Mmm Tart (3.8% abv) – Brewers Gold, Aurora, Amarillo and Nelson Sauvignon hops giving a golden, orangey citrus hop aroma and taste; Mmm Aromatic (4.3% abv) – Topaz, Summer, Cascade, Chinook and Columbus hops giving a blond medium bitter with citrusy, woody, resinous aroma; Mmm Dangerous (5.2% abv) – Brewers Gold, Aurora, Cascade, Centennial and Mosaic hops giving a pale golden bitter with tropical fruity and earthy aroma and taste.; Mmm Citrusy (3.9% abv) – Galaxy hops only but included at each stage and dry hopped with citra to give a pale gold bitter with tropical fruit notes of mango and passion fruit. Others included: Super Columbus (3.9% abv); FFS Sorachi (4.2% abv) and FFS Nelson (4.2% abv).

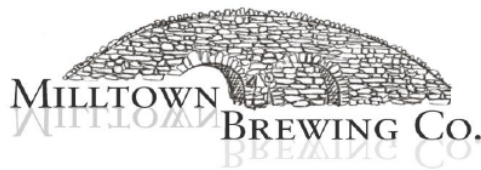
Milltown Brewing Company. Tel: 07946 589645, 01422 610579

Neil has taken over the lease of the Dusty Miller at Longwood and the Milltown Beers will be available on a regular basis.

A couple of new beers have been making the rounds. These are Spring Fever (4.0% abv), a blonde ale brewed with Maris Otter and wheat malts and hopped with American and Slovenian hops to give a fruity hoppy bitterness and long dry finish, and Cloudcatcher (4.2% abv), a golden ale brewed with Marris Otter, Munich and Crystal malts and hopped with American and English hops to give a well balanced easy drinking beer.

Also, look out for Two Little Ducks (4.3% abv), which is being re-brewed again. This is a pale golden ale brewed with Marris Otter and Crystal malts, generously hopped with English Progress hops in the late boil to give a slightly spicy and zesty hop flavour.

In July, Neil is brewing Steel Mill (4.5%abv), last brewed for Rotherham Magna Beer festival in 2012. This is a golden premium ale brewed with Maris Otter, Crystal and speciality malts and hopped with a combination of English, American and Slovenian hops to give a well balanced floral bitterness.



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Nook Brewhouse. Tel: 01484 682373

The Nook will be holding its annual Summer beer festival featuring the full range of beers from the Nook Brewhouse. See advert for details.

On the festival scene, the Nook Brewhouse provided Birthday Banana (4.5% abv), a pale banana ale; Blueberry Birthday Blonde (4.5% abv), pale blueberry infused ale; Cheeky Stout (5.2% abv), a cheery stout; and Spring into Spring (3.8% abv), a pale session beer for the Sportsman's 4th anniversary beer festival. Bees Knees (3.9% abv) and Oat Stout (5.2% abv) both featured at Rothwell beer festival, Leeds.

Rat & Ratchet Brewery. Tel: 01484 542400

The 'Rat Inn Fest' beer festival was the ideal chance to sample a fine collection of nearly 20 different Rat beers, both new and old favourites. What was interesting to note was the range of hops used to brew the individual beers.

The Project Rat series has progressed with Project Rat #2 (4.3% abv), a wonderful cherry porter brewed with HBG (Hedgerow Brewers Gold) hops and Project Rat #3 (6.5% abv), a powerful American IPA brewed with Simcoe hops.

It was perhaps fitting that the Rat brewery which bases all its beer names on Rat themed subjects should brew a special, James Herbert (4.2% abv) as a tribute to James Herbert, the author of The Rats, who died 20th March 2013. The beer was described as a 'bitter with a rabid bite!'

Other new beers include: Cloudy Rat (5.5% abv), a cloudy honey wheat beer (hefeweissen) brewed with German hops to give a distinctive wheatbier aroma of cloves and bananas; Borat (3.8% abv), a golden hoppy bitter brewed with Citra Hops; Raw Rat (5.0% abv), a ruby coloured full bodied bitter with a pronounced citrus hoppiness, brewed in collaboration with Raw Brewery; and Rat Fink (3.6% abv), a pale dry delicate ale with a spicy hop aroma.

Riverhead Brewery. Tel: 01484 841270

The Riverhead Brewery Tap will be hosting a festival of Riverhead beers and the launching of the new Riverhead beers and pumpclips on Thursday 27th to 29th June.

Lisa Handforth, the head Brewster, is brewing to capacity five times a week now such is the popularity of the beers. One of her latest beers, Handforth IPA (6.5% abv), was showcased at the recent Kirkburton Scouts 5th KUG beer festival. This was a wonderful strong hoppy pale ale with citrus notes. Other new beers reported on the festival scene include: Cirrus (4.1% abv), a pale bitter brewed with Simcoe hops providing a fruity, citrus aroma with hints of pine. This was at Dewsbury beer festival and Doncaster beer festival along with Chopper (4.1% abv). White Moss Mild (3.6% abv) was at the Ale & Music Festival at the Tap Room, Batley, and Sherbert Lemon (4.5% abv) and White Clode (4.5% abv) both featured at the Rothwell beer festival, Leeds. The Sportsman's 4th anniversary beer festival included Birthday Blond (3.5% abv), a straw coloured session beer brewed with Mount Hood hops; Town Terrier (4.5% abv), a lager style beer with Centennial and Cascade hops; and Black Flood (4.5% abv), a rich chocolatey, malty porter.



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The first of a new series of experimental one-off brews for 2013 was Alpha #3 (3.9% abv). This is a pale session beer with an intense hoppy flavour and hints of apple, pine and herbal notes. Alpha #4 (6.0% abv) is a golden complex IPA with a sweat aroma of heather honey infused with a floral hoppiness. Deceptively potent but very easy drinking.

Alpha #5 (4.5% abv) is a premium pale ale, single hopped with Nelson Sauvin hops. It has a fresh cut grass, exotic fruity sweetness and gooseberry tartness combined with a hoppy bitterness. Hops Cotch (3.9% abv) is a classic pale session ale which has much improved and is the Sportsman's flagship brew. Light and golden this hoppy bitter was chosen for the Doncaster Beer Festival along with Darker Shade of Ale (3.9% abv), a dark ruby black ale with hints of coffee, caramel and liquorice. Hops Cotch also featured at the recent Dewsbury beer festival with the latest new beer, Naughty Ale (6.8% abv) This is a powerful IPA packed with Cascade and Pacific Gem hops giving a spicy blackberry fruitiness with a hoppy bitterness. It is deceptively drinkable!

This April was the 4th anniversary of the sportsman pub and to celebrate this, Jules produced two specials Celebration Ale (6.8% abv) aka Naughty Ale and Merriment Mild (3.8% abv), a rich dark nutty mild.



Summer Wine Brewery. Tel: 01484 665466

Not much to report in the cask line. However, two new keg beers, The Devil Loves Simcoe IPA (7.2% abv) and Wart Hog Porter (6.8% abv) have been on sale at the HDM Beer Shop alongside Pacer (4.1% abv), Rouge (5.8% abv) and Maelstrom (9% abv).

We understand the brewer is away in the USA and will no doubt be picking up some new ideas for beer recipes on his return.

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Local and Regional Beer Festivals

13th – 16th June	Summer BF, The Commercial, 1 Carr Lane, Slaithwaite, HD7 5AN Thu – Sun Normal opening hours.
21st – 22nd June	3rd Greater Manchester Cider & Perry Festival; Copper Face Jacks, The Palace Hotel, Oxford Road, Manchester M60 7HA www.manchesterciderfestival.co.uk
28th – 29th June	7 th Annual BF, Marsh Liberal Club, 31 New Hey Rd, Marsh, Huddersfield HD3 4AL Fri 5pm – 11pm; Sat 12 noon – 11pm
27th – 30th June	Summer BF, Navigation Tavern, 6 Station Road, Mirfield. Thu to Sun Normal opening times
28th – 30th June	Cider & Perry Festival, Royal Oak, 19 Towngate, Upperthong, Holmfirth, HD9 3UX Fri – Sun Normal opening hours.
28th – 29th June	Summer BF, Jemmy Hirst, 26 Riverside, Rawcliffe, East Yorks, DN14 8RN Fri 5pm – 11pm; Sat 12noon – 11pm.
5th – 6th July	Newmillerdam Scouts BF, Scout HQ, Newmillerdam WF2 6QQ Fri 6pm – 11pm; Sat 11am – 11pm
6th – 7th July	Monkeyfest, Armitage Bridge Monkey Club, Dean Rd, Armitage Bridge, Huddersfield, HD4 7PB. Sat 12 noon – 11pm; Sun 12 noon – 9pm
17th – 20th July	Summer BF, The Star Inn, Albert St., Lockwood, Huddersfield, Wed & Thu 5pm – 11pm; Fri & Sat 12 noon – 11pm.
27th July	Bobtown Beer Bash, Roberttown Community Centre, Church Rd, Roberttown Liversedge, WF15 7LS Saturday only 12noon - finish
27th – 28th July	Hall Bower BF, Hall Bower Athletic Club, 53 Hall Bower Lane, Newsome, Hudds. HD4 6RR Sat & Sun 12 noon – 12 midnight
2nd – 4th August	1 st BF, The Cross Keys, 3 Whitegate, Siddal, Halifax, HX3 9AE Fri – Sun Normal pub opening hours.
10th – 11th August	Microfest, The New Inn BF, 131 Roberttown Lane, Liversedge. WF15 7NP Fri & Sat Normal opening hours
13th – 17th August	Great British Beer Festival, Olympia, London. www.gbbf.org.uk
23rd – 26th August	Holmfirth Summer BF, The Nook, 7 Victoria Square, Holmfirth, HD9 2DN Fri – Sun. Usual opening times.
20th – 21st September	Shelley BF, Shelley Village Hall, Huddersfield Rd, Shelley, HD8 8HE Fri 6pm – 11pm; Sat 12 noon – 11pm
20th – 21st September	3 rd Rastrick BF, St John's Community Hall, off Gooder Lane, Rastrick HX6 1HJ Fri 3pm – 10.30pm; Sat 1pm – 10.30pm

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 Penistone Summer Line Music Trains

Monday 17th June - The Pathfinders' '60's covers band
 Monday 24th June - ABBA Train
 Monday 1st July - The Train Gang Jazz Music
 Monday 5th August - The Train Gang Jazz Music
 Monday 16th September – Fishing for Compliments alternative/indie
 Monday 30th September - The Pathfinders' '60's covers band

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Huddersfield & District Branch Diary

Branch website: [http:// www.huddscamra.org.uk](http://www.huddscamra.org.uk)

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

Sign up for email updates at www.huddscamra.org.uk

Mon 10th Jun	Branch Social Crawl of Longwood. Meet at the Slip Inn, Longwood gate for 19.45hr; Longwood Bowling Club, Dodlee Lane for 20.20hr; then Dusty Miller, Gilead Rd for 21.00hr. Bus No. 356 at 19.30 from Huddersfield Bus station.
Mon 17th Jun	Branch Meeting and Presentation of POTY to the Sportsman, St John's Road, Huddersfield, HD1 5AY for 20.00hr.
Fri 28th Jun	Branch Social Visit to Beer Festival and Presentation of COTY to the Marsh Liberal Club, New Hey Road, Marsh, HD3 4AL for 20.00hr
Mon 1st Jul	Branch Social Crawl of Lindley. Details to be confirmed.
Mon 15th Jul	Branch Meeting at the Milnsbridge Social Club, 42 Bankwell Road, Milnsbridge, HD3 4LU for 20.00hr.
Mon 5th Aug	Branch Social Crawl of Jackson Bridge, Holmfirth. Start at Red Lion, then White Horse and Boot & Shoe. Bus 310 at 19.07 from Huddersfield Bus Station
Mon 19th Aug	Branch Meeting at Brambles, Towngate, Holmfirth HD9 1HA for 20.00hr. Bus 310 at 19.07 from Huddersfield Bus Station

CAMRA Regional Meetings

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

Campaign for Real Ale Ltd. 230 Hatfield Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 4LW

<http://www.camra.org.uk>. Tel: 01727 867201 Fax: 01727 867670

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Branch interactive pub map: <http://huddscamra.org.uk/local/local-pub-maps/>

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