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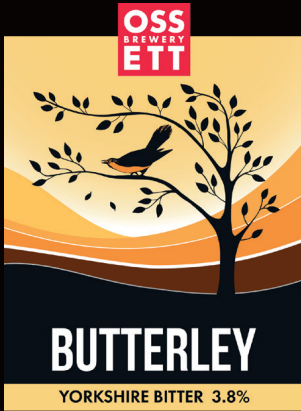


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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Ale Talk is back for the first time since the Spring issue of 2020 which didn't even get to the pubs before the country was locked down in the face of the Covid pandemic.

The branch itself returned to live action last Autumn and elected a new committee at the November 2021 AGM. So you may well ask, why has it taken so long for Ale Talk to return to your local? The answer is that Ale Talk was always financially supported by advertising, and more often than not still made a loss. Come the end of the pandemic with businesses struggling to get back on their feet, advertising in Ale Talk became a luxury and the publication became unviable. With no local festival to subsidise printing costs, the committee was caught between a rock and hard place. The permanent loss of Ale Talk would have been an even bigger blow than the loss of the Oktoberfest. Online publication only was not a runner, as so many of our members, particularly older ones, do not use I.T.

The decision was taken to outsource the collection of advertising revenue to an external company who will then produce Ale Talk at nil cost to the branch. Ale Talk has a new editor, Alex Barlow, and I welcome him to the role. Let us hope he finds it as rewarding as his predecessor, Bob Tomlinson, who is the only editor most of us can remember. Even he cannot remember how long he has done the job, other than it must be at least 20 years. **I wish to thank Bob personally and on behalf of the branch for his unstinting commitment to Ale Talk and the relationships he built with pub landlords over the duration of his long tenure.** I am grateful to Alex for taking the job on for Ale Talk is our voice, without which we have no meaningful presence in the community. You can look forward to finding Ale Talk in your pub and club every quarter from now on.

CAMRA has not lost sight of its core mission, to protect and preserve cask ale, and indeed cannot afford to do so given the hammering taken by small breweries as a result of the pandemic. Nevertheless, the biggest battle is for the survival of pubs. The most prominent casualties in Huddersfield have been The Corner and the Slubbers, both of which were regulars in GBG. According to CAMRA HQ, the number of long term pub closures almost doubled in the first six months of 2022. Long term closures differ from permanent closures in that there has not yet been a successful application for change of use. They are effectively mothballed, and I suspect that most members will know of a once thriving pub close to them that lies empty, adversely affecting the ambience of the area, exposed to the cold and damp, attractive only to thieves and squatters.

CAMRA has been campaigning ferociously for help for the licensed trade during the energy cost crisis. Before government intervention, CAMRA calculated that 75% of pubs were at risk. Remember that the trade had already been forced to swallow the first tranche of price rises. CAMRA has scored some useful victories. CAMRA is still lobbying for the energy 'cap' to be extended to two years from the current six months, for major changes to onerous business rates, and for reductions in VAT for the on-trade to partially offset the unfair advantages enjoyed by supermarkets.

So, CAMRA is busy, still fighting on your behalf. 'The pub is the hub' and you can help by visiting your local, doing your bit to keep pubs alive as an essential community asset.

Paul Laxton

Chairman, Huddersfield and District Branch

BRANCH AWARDS

After nearly two years, Huddersfield Branch has resumed presenting awards to demonstrate our appreciation of our pubs and recognise the contribution they make to their communities.

Our most recent awards are:

SPRING PUB OF THE SEASON

Star Inn, Folly Hall



SUMMER PUB OF THE SEASON

Railway, Berry Brow



CLUB OF THE YEAR
Armitage Bridge Monkey Club



CIDER PUB OF THE YEAR
Sportsman, Huddersfield



JOHN SUTCLIFFE SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
In recognition of 21 years' service as landlord at the White Cross, Bradley





AUTUMN PUB OF THE SEASON AWARD

The Boot and Shoe, Scholes



The Boot and Shoe at Scholes has been voted Pub of the Season for Autumn. A lively and popular village local, under the stewardship of long established licensees David and Debra Whiteley the pub has become the hub of village life and provides a warm welcome to all. During covid, the pub operated as a pop up shop when the village shop was forced to close, demonstrating David and Debra's real commitment to the village. Two television screens show live sports without dominating the pub, there is a popular quiz and occasionally live music on Saturdays.

As a wet led pub, beer is very much to the fore and the four handpumps serve quality real ales in excellent condition: Timothy Taylor's Boltmaker and Landlord; Bradfield Farmers Blonde and Tetley Bitter. Bus services 310 from Huddersfield and Holmfirth and H1 H2 from Holmfirth stop outside the pub.



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PUB AND BREWERY NEWS

If you run a pub or have any news or information about your local that you want to tell us about email:

aletalk@huddscamra.org.uk

An appeal to all members in the Huddersfield District!

Pub surveys are our means of keeping the information in What Pub up to date - and, right now, many of our surveys are out of date. It's a really easy job to amend a pub survey; all we need are people to go into pubs and change the information if necessary. So, we're asking for your help, as CAMRA members, to get our What Pub descriptions up to date, so that members from any area can easily decide which pubs to visit and which of the excellent Huddersfield area ales to appreciate!

If you feel you can help, please contact the Pubs Officer (for a survey sheet) at:

pubsofficer@huddscamra.org.uk

Many thanks!

PUB NEWS

Railway, *Berry Brow*

Is a regular outlet for Abbeydale beers amongst others.



Shoulder of Mutton, *Lockwood*

Has fully reopened and sells Bradfield Farmers Blond, Tetley Bitter, as well as

rotating Abbeydale and Timothy Taylor beers.



Railway, *Marsden*

Is to let but still open.

BREWERY NEWS

BEER INK

Have released a trilogy of beers which were launched at their Brewery Tap opening on the 29th October. The three beers are based on the Cornetto's in the Cornetto Trilogy of Films (Shaun of the Dead, Strawberry; Hot Fuzz, Classico and The World's End, Mint). They will also be on at The Head of Steam.



'You've got red on you'

4% Strawberry Sour – 'We've gone big on the strawberries with this one! Over 100kg of Strawberry puree has gone into this beer with a tartness that will be sure to wake you from your eternal slumber'.



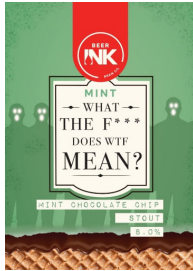
'The Greater Good'

6% Chocolate, Vanilla, and Hazelnut White Stout – 'Paler than Reg from The Bill but packed with all the lovely flavours you would expect from a stout. A real BOBBY dazzler'.



'What the f*** does wtf mean?'

8% Mint Choc Chip Stout – 'Stouts aren't alien to us, and we think we've outdone ourselves with this one! All the flavours of Mint Choc Ice Cream with a body thicker than a Marmalade Sandwich'!



EMPIRE BREWING

Legends (3.8% abv), a new pale session ale brewed to commemorate Denis Simpson and Brian Cadwell.



MAGIC ROCK BREWERY

Astrophilia (8.3% abv), an Imperial/Double IPA



MALLINSON'S BREWERY

Mallinson's Brewery are celebrating having won an award at Peterborough Beer Festival. Amarillo won the Bronze Award in the Bitters and Pale Ales class:



We've won an award!! Thanks to everyone at Peterborough CAMRA for the nod, it's great to know our beer is being enjoyed!!



Mallytoberfest 2022 (4.2% abv); B-Ale Out (4.1% abv); Bitter (3.8% abv); Lilibet (3.8% abv); Artful Flattery (4.3% abv).

RIVERHEAD BREWERY TAP

SB Ruby Mild (6.1% abv) – a collaborative beer with brewed with Beerhouses.



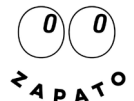
THREE FIENDS BREWHOUSE

Bitter, Not Twisted (3.8% abv) - rebrewed.



ZAPATO BREWERY

Not Nothing (6.5% abv), IPA; Onwards (4.5% abv) Festival Ale brewed for Huddersfield Onwards Music Festival.



HOLME VALLEY SAUNTER



All aboard the 310

The Holme Valley extends to the southernmost point of Huddersfield Branch area and includes remote villages, most of which have pubs selling real ale and are accessible by bus. The pubs on this saunter are reached by the 310 from Huddersfield and offer some of the best beer gardens in the Huddersfield area.

The first pub is the **Butcher's Arms** in Hepworth. A friendly, cosy pub, which although food-orientated is welcoming to drinkers. On the summer Monday evening of our visit, it was fairly quiet, but some people were taking advantage of the outside seating area and the warm sunshine. Real ales available were Timothy Taylor's Golden Best and Landlord and Bradfield Farmers Blonde. The Golden Best was tried and found to be good.



Butcher's Arms, Hepworth

It's about a 10 minute walk downhill, or a few minutes on the 310, to Jackson Bridge to the next two pubs. The **Red Lion** is on Sheffield Road, reached by a footpath up through the beer garden from East Street in the centre of the village. The Red Lion is a former coaching inn on the A616 Sheffield Road and was busy with both drinkers and diners at the time of our visit. Beers on offer were Timothy Taylor's Boltmaker and Bradfield Farmers Blonde, the Boltmaker was tried and was very good.



Red Lion, Jackson Bridge



Retrace your steps down the footpath to East Street and turn right, the next pub, the **White Horse**, is visible a short distance ahead. Another cosy pub, the White Horse is in a hollow next to a mill beck. It was quiet, with a couple of people enjoying the outside seating during the evening sunshine and a couple inside. The beer choice provided a bit of variety compared to the previous pubs with Theakston Summit, Abbeydale Moonshine, Bradfield Farmers Ale, and Marston 61 Deep. The Moonshine was tried and found to be average to good.



White Horse, Jackson Bridge



Boot and Shoe, Scholes

It's about 10-15 minute walk uphill to the final pub, the **Boot and Shoe** at Scholes, or another short ride on the 310. The Boot and Shoe is a thriving village local with a warm and friendly welcome and was busy on this

occasion. A customer was celebrating their birthday and at one point slices of birthday cake were passed around the pub for all to enjoy. Real ales available were Timothy Taylor Boltmaker and Landlord; Bradfield Farmers Blonde and Tetley Bitter, all of which were tried and found to be good to very good.

It was a fitting end to the evening which was highly enjoyable and though the beer range across these four pubs was rather repetitive, on the whole quality was very good and we were a contended group as we headed back to Huddersfield on the 310.



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A BREAK IN BIRMINGHAM

Number one of a series of goodness knows how many

Carol and I decided on a whim to go somewhere for a bit of a break and Birmingham seemed like a good choice, plenty of beer and a bit of football too.

Travelling by National Express at a very reasonable £15 each we arrived in the city around 12.30pm and made our way to our hotel which was the Hampton by Hilton on Broad Street. Our football for this evening was sorted and was a Wolverhampton Wanderers under 21 game v Fulham u21 at Kidderminster Harriers ground which neither of us had visited before.

Train was a little late leaving Snow Hill to Kidderminster but we duly arrived around 4.15pm and decamped straight away to the King and Castle attached to the Severn Valley railway and a lovely pub which to be honest we could have spent longer in. First beer of the evening turned out to be a very good pint of Bewdley brewery Hagley Hill, then down the hill to the Weavers alehouse where beers from Britt and Arbor were

procured and very much enjoyed. Next was the Golden Lion across the road and up the hill from Weavers, only the Ringwood Boondoggle appealed but was in good condition, the pub itself being a very nice backstreet local and very popular.

Then onto the ground tickets secured at a more than reasonable £4/2 admission and the Harriers arms on the ground had 4 hand pumps on with the obvious choice being Batham's Bitter – Carol's first crack at this beer and she loved it as did myself. For a football pub this place was first rate.

The game itself wasn't fabulous and a 1-1 draw sufficed enough for us—and then the heavens opened 5 minutes from the end and to say it was biblical is an understatement. The pair of us were drowned on the 10 minute walk back to the station although we have to say that the 21.16pm train arrived on time and a bus connection back to our hotel saw us arrive back by around 10.30pm very very wet indeed.



Felix Holt



Lord Hop

A BREAK IN BIRMINGHAM

A cracking breakfast Tuesday morning saw the two of us deliberating what to do before football at 19.45pm (Halesowen v Loughborough Dynamo). In the end 2 tram and bus day tickets sufficed at £5.90 each a bargain. Carol fancied “doing” the whole tram route so a trip to Wolverhampton was done and dusted with a view to going to Cannock (Carol had friends there a few years ago). Just before the bus we took in the Hogshead in Wolverhampton and had a half of Hogshead Blonde which was ok. Bus 71 to Cannock and Wetherspoons again. The Linford Arms where we had Portobello central line red which was very palatable indeed, across to the Royal Oak for Goff’s Cheltenham Gold which again was ok. Bus back to Birmingham for yet another ‘Spoons, the Square Peg, for some grub and very good beers Beowulf Black and Berry and also their Dragon Smoke, plus Brightside Bitter and Grafters Honest Bitter finished a good hour there. The football at Halesowen was excellent and a 3-2 win for the home side was deserved –fabulous support from the home crowd too. Bus directly back to our hotel finished a quite tiring day.

Another good breakfast at the hotel, no footy today so its beer time and we decided to go out of Brum getting West Midlands day ranger tickets and also the £5.90 bus/

tram so we were covered for all transport. Arrived at New Street station and the first train we fancied was to Nuneaton and duly arrived there around 10.45am. Off to the **Felix Holt** (Wetherspoons - pictured) for an early snifter of beers from Byatt and Burton Bridge which were fine. Picked up a couple of local magazines in the pub and saw the **Lord Hops** was open at noon and only a short walk so that was the next stop – a fabulous little corner micropub and stacked with magazines too. A good chat with the landlord who is a keen Nuneaton Borough FC supporter, working there and going to away games too. The beer was on top notch from Beowulf, shame to leave this place and very recommended if in the area.

On to Tamworth next which is renowned as a more than decent drinking spot and we did have the very good Tamworth Town Ale Trail maps. 10 min walk from the station up to town and Wetherspoons Bale Bridge with a very decent Black Hole Cyborg. Then it was onto the **Sir Robert Peel** which opened at 2pm. A totally fabulous pub with knowledgeable staff and it was in there we got chatting to the locals and it was obvious we were not going any further for a while. Several beers drunk in there and also 10p off with CAMRA card. A long stay in the end and the beers from Thornbridge, Anarchy,



Sir Robert Peel



The King's Ditch

A BREAK IN BIRMINGHAM

Oakham and Salopian went down a treat-a proper pub and deservedly GBG listed. Finally, we left the Peel and called in at the Globe which is listed as “also try” but only had the terrible Doom Bar and Wainwrights on so it was just a ½ of Staropramen before wandering across the road to the **King’s Ditch** micropub. A small, friendly place with up to 6 ales on including a dark, and for the discerning cider drinker no less than 16 on, and cider pub of the year for the local branch. We had Harlequin single hop and one of the best of the day. Things then took a very nasty downturn with yet another horrendous downpour as we left the pub. Completely soaked at the station and slight worse for wear it was decided that we should abandon the day and dry off at the hotel.

On arriving back at our digs, we got changed and then, with a Wetherspoons just up the road (the Figure of Eight) we had trot up for a beer and some food before retiring for the night. All in all, a cracking 3 days in the West Midlands and we will go again without any problem.

Carol & Nigel Fox

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THE VICTORIA

AKA BUM ROYD, NEWSOME

The Victoria at Newsome, also known as the Bum Royd, has undergone a major refurbishment recently, Marcus Garside has been along and tells us all about it...

The Victoria Pub - Bum Royd, is about a 20 minute walk up Jackroyd Lane from Newsome Church or a 10 minute walk downhill from Hall Bower.

The pub was given a very good written review by Bob in the Winter 2019 Aletalk magazine, I visited the Victoria towards the end of September, and this updates that review with updated information and pictures. The pub was drastically refurbished just as Covid struck.

From October opening hours are as follows, Monday 12-8, Tuesday to Thursday 12-11 with Friday and Saturday 12-12 and 12 to 10.30 on Sunday.

When I visited the following real ales were available:

- Spitting Feathers Honey Trap 4.1%
- Spitting Feathers Session Beer 3.6%
- Spitting Feathers Brainstorm 4%
- Stancil Barnsley Bitter 3.8%

I prefer pale ales and had both Session and Brainstorm both of which were very pleasant beers.

The beers are changed as and when each barrel runs out and there were 5 x Pennine Brewery beers ready to add, IPA to Dark Ale. Nicola the landlady does try to get beers from local breweries as much as possible.



THE VICTORIA

AKA BUM ROYD, NEWSOME

Overall, this is a very good family pub now with plenty of seating inside and I now consider it my local as is rather better than the other pubs nearer to me. There is some good outdoor seating which in the early days of Covid was well used and still is in the nice weather. There is a great view of Castle Hill of course.

The pub also offers tea and coffee and there are 2 banks of Keg Beers as well as cocktails and gin.

306, 307, 308 buses will take you to Newsome Church whilst the 341, 354 (infrequent) stop at High Lane, Hall Bower.



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Mon 5th Dec, 20:00

Branch Meeting at Head of Steam, Huddersfield Railway Station

Sun 18th Dec, 16:00

Christmas Social at the Railway, Berry Brow
Catch the 15:40 314 First Bus from Huddersfield Bus Station

JANUARY 2023

Mon 9th Jan, 20:00

Winter Pub of the Season Presentation (TBC)

Wed 18th Jan, 20:00

Branch Meeting at Shoulder of Mutton, Lockwood
Catch the 19:40 314 First Bus from Huddersfield Bus Station

Thank you to the **Sair Inn, Marsh Liberal Club** and **The County** for hosting our October, September, and August Branch meetings.

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