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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Scunthorpe & District CAMRA newsletter Iron Brew. We hope you like the new format and the professional new look of the magazine. We will continue to bring you the best in local and national news on beer and related topics, and hope you'll enjoy reading the pages within.

We're looking forward to our annual beer festival in September, and there's a sneak preview of what's on offer at the festival in this issue. Of course with the current resurgence of interest in real ale, it would be easy to believe CAMRA's battles had been won, but in fact new challenges emerge which all drinkers should heed.

One of the most important of these is the threat to UK pubs. While many are thriving thanks to enlightened management, the rate of pub closures is still alarmingly high. While CAMRA has successfully campaigned to break the stranglehold of the large pub companies, there is evidence that some pubcos are regrouping and considering selling off large tranches of their pubs rather than comply with the new rules.

CAMRA is advocating listing of pubs as Assets of Community Value to further protect our pubs, but many challenges still lie ahead. Enjoy the beer festival!

Mike Sayers

Chairman, Scunthorpe & District CAMRA

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SUMMER PUB OF THE SEASON

THE HORN INN, MESSINGHAM

Our Summer Pub of the Season award goes to the Horn Inn in Messingham. This open-plan village local has been refurbished to a high standard and opened up again for business on 8 April this year after a period of closure.

The pub is leased from Enterprise Inns by licensee Adam Kaye, who also runs two other pubs - the Blue Bell in Gringley-on-the-Hill and the White Swan at Blyth.

Manageress at the Horn Inn is Kate Boswell, who offers Black Sheep Best Bitter as a stock real ale at the pub, plus up to five rotating guest real ales and a real cider. Recent guest beers have included Black Sheep Velo, Salopian Darwin's Origin, Theakston XB and Adnams Lighthouse and Broadside.

The Horn Inn has an extensive food menu comprising pub classics and gastro dishes, all home-cooked to a high standard. Meals are available



The newly refurbished Horn Inn, Messingham

lunchtime and evenings from 12 - 2.30 pm and 6 pm - 9 pm Monday to Friday, 12 - 3 pm and 6 pm - 9 pm on Saturday, and between 12 and 6 pm on Sunday.

The pub hosts a cocktail night on Thursday from 6 pm, and on Sunday evenings there's a popular quiz, with cheese and biscuits provided at half time, and winner takes all pot.

It's good to see the Horn Inn thriving again, and we congratulate Kate and all Horn Inn staff on their award. A framed Pub of the Season certificate will be presented on Wednesday 26 August at 8 pm.

MILD SOCIAL AT THE BLUE BELL

During May the branch scheduled a mild social at the **Blue Bell** in Scunthorpe town centre, in support of CAMRA's national Mild Month campaign. Two draught milds were on offer – Kelham Island *Sons of Conformity* (3.4% ABV) and *Acorn Darkness* (4.2%), both in excellent order. We presented duty manger Calum at the pub with a Mild Award certificate to commemorate the occasion.

Many thanks to staff at the Blue Bell for organising the evening on our behalf.



Branch Chairman Mike Sayers (centre) presents the award to Blue Bell duty manager Calum

CAMRA's Key Campaigns

- Stop tax killing beer and pubs
- Secure an effective government support package for pubs
- Encourage more people to try a range of real ales, ciders and perries
- To raise the profile of pub-going and increase the number of people using pubs regularly

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BATEMANS CELEBRATION BEER LAUNCHED

LAW OF THE LAND

Batemans, the family brewer based in Lincolnshire, has brewed a rich, ruby beer to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta. The county plays an important role in the story of the historic document and is home to one of only four surviving original copies. Named **Law of the Land** and available by bottle, this 5.5% ABV beer has been brewed with sweet English barley and spicy Minstrel hops to give a balanced taste of history.

Batemans partnered with Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) and East Lindsey District Council (ELDC) to officially create this new beer for the anniversary celebrations. The beer was launched at an exclusive event held in the women's prison at the newly renovated Lincoln Castle, where Lincoln Cathedral's copy of the document is now housed in a new Magna Carta Vault. Renowned beer writer Roger Protz was a special guest for the occasion.

Law of the Land is a rich and opulent old-style beer, brewed specially to be a modern-day representation of the type of ale that would have been enjoyed by the barons who created Magna Carta. It's

full-bodied and characterful, with hints of berries and fruits to enhance the traditional flavour. The use of Minstrel hops is also deliberate, as they feature some characteristics of hops of that time.

Stuart Bateman, Managing Director of Batemans Brewery, commented: "We're incredibly excited to have produced this limited edition bottle beer in partnership with LCC and ELDC as part of the Magna Carta celebrations. The beer is vibrant and gives a real sense of occasion – bursting with richness it is a very befitting tribute to the rebelliousness of the barons to which we owe so much. Magna Carta is a hugely important part of our history that still impacts us today, so what better way to mark this milestone than by raising a glass of Law of the Land beer!"

Law of the Land will be available to buy in 330ml bottles from the Batemans Visitor Centre and online store, as well as Lincoln Castle and Lincolnshire Co-op stores. It is the perfect beer to enjoy during the national celebrations of British beer and the signing of the Magna Carta in 1215.



Batemans staff and guests at the launch: Jaclyn Bateman (2nd left), Roger Protz (centre) and Stuart Bateman (right)

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BRANCH DIARY

For further information on any branch events please check out the website www.scunthorpecamra.org.uk

Saturday 1st August	TBC	Members' barbecue at Barton , Contact Beverley for details
Wednesday 26th August	8pm	Pub of the Season presentation to the Horn Inn, Messingham & Beer Festival meeting
Saturday 5th September	10am	Trip by train to Magic Rock Brewery Tap, Huddersfield
Saturday 17th October	11am	Trip by bus to Gainsborough Beer Festival, the Old Hall, Gainsborough
Saturday 31st October	11am	Trip by train to Cleethorpes for crawl of selected pubs



> Thursday 24th - Sunday 27th September - 18th SCUNTHORPE BEER FESTIVAL - Royal Hotel, Scunthorpe <



A GRAIN'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

MARIS OTTER BARLEY MALT

It may seem strange to note the anniversary of a cereal variety, but there's good reason to celebrate the half century of one particular barley type. Particularly so given the tale of domination, decline, rescue and revival that spans its extraordinary fifty year history.

While Maris Otter might not be a household name, it is legendary among a group of craft brewers and beer-lovers. Once malted, it becomes the ingredient by which loyalist brewers swear.

Although less than 6% of British beer is produced with Maris Otter malt, nine of the most recent fourteen Champion Beers of Britain (64%) are made with Maris Otter. Quite the record for an ingredient!

Most cereal varieties are superseded within five or six years. Fifty years' continual production is truly exceptional. It is, as Mark Banham from grain merchants H Banham points out, "well worth commemorating." So he has joined forces with David Holliday from Norfolk Brewhouse to create a commemorative beer festival.

Fifty new beers are being created especially for the national Maris Otter 50th anniversary festival in

Norwich, 17th – 19th September. Brewers from forty-four different counties of Britain and six countries from across the world are each providing a birthday beer for the event.

There are now more than 1,400 breweries in Britain, and three new ones are opening each week. With the revival of the craft beer sector, interest in ingredients is extending, and demand for quality malt and hop varieties is growing rapidly.

Bottled ale sales are increasing at around 10% a year and premium cask sales by around 4% - with specialist craft beers even faster. In the ten years to 2003, an average of 25,000 tonnes a year of Maris Otter barley was bought by maltsters, whereas in the ten years to 2013 this had grown to 34,500 tonnes a year. That's an increase of nearly 40%. Maris Otter is now exported to over twenty countries worldwide.

So let's raise a glass to this unsung hero of the grain world and one that contributes so much to many of our favourite beers.

Cheers!

To book your Beer Festival tickets, or to see the full list of participating brewers, visit: www.h-banham.co.uk



PUB & BREWERY NEWS

> More change at the **Beckwood** pub in Bottesford, where manager Paddy McIlhenny and business partner Ian Brooke have quit after three months in charge. They blamed a lack of custom for their decision, and temporary managers have taken over day-to-day running of the pub.

> For the second time in less than two years the lease of **Abacus** in the town centre is up for grabs, part of a restructuring exercise by owners Enjoy Pubs Ltd.

> The **Black Bull** in Brigg is the latest pub to announce its closure, continuing the 'domino effect' apparently caused by the opening of a Wetherspoon outlet, the **White Horse**, in the town in January this year.

> **Tom Wood's Beers** are celebrating their 20th anniversary of brewing at the Melton Ross site and have developed a series of commemorative seasonal beers.

The first of these was *Old Codger* (4.0% ABV), followed by *Crafty Farmer* (4.4%).





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BREWERY TAP OPENS

MAGIC ROCK BREWERY

Magic Rock Brewery of Huddersfield have opened up a brewery tap at their new purpose-built brewery in Birkby, near the town centre. So why is this news? I hear you ask. Well Magic Rock are among the new wave of UK brewers who have taken on the American ethos of small-scale 'craft' brewing to produce a range of superb hop forward and other beers, much influenced by our brewing cousins across the pond. Their products are much sought after by fans of good beer, but as we found out on our visit last December, their original brewery in an industrial unit, was not really suitable to receive visitors. Although they graciously provided three of their beers for us to sample on the visit, we ended up standing on the concrete brewing floor to drink them. We even had to use the staff toilet in their cramped little office when answering a call of nature!

As you can see from the photo, the new tap is a good size and it features 11 of Magic Rock's own beers.

It's also possible, once they start brewing in the brewhouse next door, to watch the brewing process while supping a Magic Rock beer. We in Scunthorpe & District CAMRA are big fans of Magic Rock beers – their High Wire American pale ale was Beer of the Festival at the 17th Scunthorpe Beer Festival last year – and we've wasted no time at all in setting up a branch trip to the Magic Rock Tap on Saturday 5 September.

The Tap is open on Thursday/Friday from 4 – 10 pm, and on Saturday/Sunday from 12 noon – 10 pm. It's about a 15 minute walk out of town past the Sportsman pub near the rail station, according to some Facebook postings we've seen from people who've been there already. And of course, Huddersfield itself has a number of excellent town centre pubs worth visiting such as the Grove and the Ginning Rat, so we're really looking forward to our visit. It's not the most convenient of rail journeys, but it should be worth it. Fancy sampling a Dark Arts, Cannonball or Bearded Lady beer – then why not join us on the day? Cheers!



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SCUNTHORPE BEER FESTIVAL

A PREVIEW OF THE 18TH FESTIVAL

The 18th Scunthorpe Beer festival will be rolling into town from 24 – 27 September (Thursday – Sunday), and here’s a sneak preview of what to expect.

The new venue for 2015 is the Royal Hotel in the town centre on Doncaster Road, which comprises a large function room plus an adjoining cocktail bar providing lots of space and seating for all attending.

We’re continuing the regional theme for our beers again, and this year we’re having two Yorkshire bars, showcasing twelve great beers on handpulled dispense from the White Rose county. In addition, on gravity, we’ll have a great range of other real ales from London & the South and the East Midlands, plus a selection of traditional ciders and perry.



Just some of the beers at the Scunthorpe Festival this year.

We hope you’ll enjoy this year’s selection of beers and ciders – as well as lots of hoppy pale ales, we will have bitters, dark beers (and the popular dark beer trail will again be in operation – drink five different halves of dark beer and get the sixth half free), and examples of fruit, wheat beers and saisons.

In addition there will be a beer-themed festival tombola, with a stack of beer-y prizes up for grabs; a souvenir festival pint glass and the 2016 edition of the beer lover’s bible, the CAMRA Good Beer Guide, will also be available to purchase.

The Royal Hotel themselves will be providing a tasty festival food menu featuring a selection of hot and cold meal options to stave off the pangs of hunger during all the festival sessions.

Admission prices for entry into the festival are £2 per session, except for Friday lunchtime to 5 pm, and Sunday lunchtime when admission is FREE. Card-carrying CAMRA members are also admitted free to all sessions.

FESTIVAL OPENING TIMES:

- Thursday 24 September 3.30 pm – 11 pm
- Friday 25 September 11 am – 11 pm
- Saturday 26 September 11 am – 11 pm
- Sunday 27 September 12 noon – 4 pm

We hope you’ll be able to join us for another great event.

We’re not the biggest CAMRA festival around, but we like to think we’re one of the best! See you in September!



Royal Hotel - New venue for the 18th Scunthorpe Beer Festival



PROVISIONAL BEER & CIDER LIST FOR THE 18TH FESTIVAL

BEERS

BREWERY, LOCATION	BEER ABV%
AXHOLME, Lincolnshire	<i>Seasonal</i> ?
BAD CO., Yorkshire	<i>Wild Gravity</i> 5.2
BAD SEED, Yorkshire	<i>Hefeweizen</i> 5.1
BATEMANS, Lincolnshire	<i>Salem Porter</i> 4.7
BINGHAMS, Berkshire	<i>Hot Dog</i> 5.0
BLACK IRIS, Nottinghamshire	<i>Orange Saison</i> 4.0
BLUE MONKEY, Nottinghamshire	<i>Bonobo</i> 5.3
BRADFIELD, Yorkshire	<i>Farmers Cherry Beer</i> 4.2
BRASS CASTLE, Yorkshire	<i>Hazelnut Mild</i> 4.2
BUXTON, Derbyshire	<i>SPA</i> 4.1
DANCING DUCK, Derbyshire	<i>Ginger Ninja</i> 4.1
DARK STAR, Sussex	<i>Carafa Jade</i> 5.0
DARKTRIBE, Lincolnshire	<i>Moocusser</i> 4.0
DOWNTON, Wiltshire	<i>Elderquad</i> 4.0
FIVE POINTS, London	<i>Pale</i> 4.4
FLIPSIDE, Nottinghamshire	<i>Franc In Stein</i> 4.3
FULLERS, London	<i>Bengal Lancer</i> 5.0
GREAT HECK, Yorkshire	<i>Shankar IPA</i> 5.9
HOP BACK, Wiltshire	<i>John Barleycorn Bitter</i> 4.3
ILKLEY, Yorkshire	<i>The Invader</i> 4.0
KELHAM ISLAND, Yorkshire	<i>25th Anniversary Ale</i> 6.5
MAGIC ROCK, Yorkshire	<i>Rapture</i> 4.6
NOOK, Yorkshire	<i>Orange Choco Stout</i> 5.0
REDEMPTION, London	<i>Big Chief</i> 5.5
REVOLUTIONS, Yorkshire	<i>New Gold Dream</i> 4.5
SIREN, Berkshire	<i>Liquid Mistress</i> 5.8
TOM WOOD, Lincolnshire	<i>Seasonal</i> ?
TOTALLY BREWED, Nottinghamshire	<i>4 Hopmen of the Apocalypse</i> 5.2
TREBOOM, Yorkshire	<i>Kettle Drum</i> 4.3
WHARFE BANK, Yorkshire	<i>Green Hop</i> 4.3

CIDER & PERRY

BREWERY, LOCATION	CIDER / PERRY ABV%
BOTTLE KICKING, Leicestershire	<i>Scrummage</i> 6.5
LILLEY'S CIDER, Somerset	<i>Bee Sting Perry</i> 7.5
MILLWHITES, Somerset	<i>Hedgelay</i> 4.8
SKIDBROOKE, Lincolnshire	<i>Vintage Cider</i> 5.5

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THREE GREAT PUBS TO VISIT

On a recent holiday in the capital we stayed in the Whitechapel area of London, an area that is mostly overlooked on the tourist trail. There are three underground stops to the area; Aldgate, Aldgate East and Whitechapel (a 30 minute walk overground between all three). And within this area are three great pubs to visit.

Starting from the Aldgate East stop, the first pub of interest is the **White Hart**. Small fronted but the interior goes back a long way. There were three handpulled beers on when we visited and the barman was very friendly and talkative. The pub has been serving ales since 1721 and has the claim to fame in that a Jack the Ripper suspect (Klabinski), hid out in the pub when he was being chased by the police! There are Jack the Ripper walking tours from near the pub.

Walking down the road towards Whitechapel station you come to the next pub of interest, the **Blind Beggar**. Large fronted and spacious inside (there is supposedly the largest beer garden in the area at the side but we didn't try it as it was a bitter January when we were there), even when opening up the pub to create space, it has kept some of its original features

such as fireplaces. There were again three handpulled ales on offer.

The pub has two claims to fame; one is that it is the pub that in 1966 Ronnie Kray shot and murdered George Cornell in front of witnesses, which led to his arrest and conviction. The other claim is that the pub is the location of the first sermon of William Booth in 1865 which resulted in the creation of the Salvation Army.

A five minute walk further down the road is another pub called the **White Hart**, this one being a brew pub that has six of its own ales available as well as some guest beers. Their own beers were: Wheat Beer 4.5%, Ginger Beer 4.5%, IPA 5%, Ruby IPA 5.2%, Porter 4.5% and Best Bitter 4%.

N.B. Across the road from the pubs there are the ruins of the original White Chapel (est. 1338), now a park, and the Whitechapel Bell Foundry which is the oldest manufacturing company in Britain. This company made Liberty Bell and Big Ben, the bell that chimes in the Houses of Parliament.

Editor's note: The black & white picture is of a London fog in Victorian times-very atmospheric for television drama producers but in reality much improved since then!



White Hart



White Hart Brew Pub



The Church Bell Foundry



The Blind Beggar



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- If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit The Campaign for Real Ale Ltd will notify you 10 working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request The Campaign for Real Ale Ltd to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request.
- If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit by The Campaign for Real Ale Ltd or your bank or building society you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society.
 - If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when The Campaign For Real Ale Ltd asks you to.
- You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify us.

The Malt Shovel

The Country Pub in the Town

Serving cask conditioned Tom Wood's Best, Exmoor Gold, rotating Oakham + up to 5 ever changing guest beers from UK microbreweries (tasters available); Erdinger Weiss & Aspalls Cyder

Various cellar cool real ciders including La Cantina ciders straight from the cellar (*100% pure fruit ciders, various flavours and ABV's*)

- Freshly Ground Fairtrade Italian Coffee •
- Over 40 Malt Whiskies (*35ml measure*) •
- New Wine Menu by the glass & bottle •

• HOME COOKED FOOD & CHEFS SPECIALS •

*Food served: Mon - Weds 12 - 2pm & 4.30 - 8pm;
Thurs & Fri 12 - 2pm & 4.30 - 9pm; Sat 12 - 9pm; Sun 12 - 7pm*

• TEATIME SPECIALS •

1 course £4.75 - 2 courses £6.75
Mon - Sat, 5 - 8pm

OPEN
Sun - Thurs
10am - 11pm
Fri & Sat
*10am -
Midnight*

**LIVE
MUSIC**
Every other Saturday
from 8.30pm
*Check press &
blackboards*

**QUIZ
NIGHTS**
Tues & Thurs
*Win beer & loose
change*

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THE PRIORY

A huge modern pub split into sections catering for everyone's tastes. The **RELAXED AREA** has easy chairs and sofas with a quieter background to make conversation easier. The **PARTY AREA** has a dance floor for our DJ & discos. Matches can be viewed on the big screens and TVs throughout the pub and an array of entertainment facilities, such as pool tables can be found in our **SPORTS AREA**.

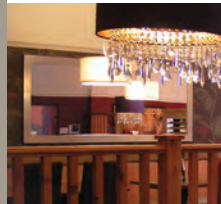
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Jonathan, David and the team are here to make your visit memorable and enjoyable. Whether it's a dish from our **sizzling flame grill** or a **traditional pub classic**, there's something for everyone.

Our new menu is full of pub classics bursting with flavour. We know that too many pubs serve the same dishes, but we are confident we have something different to offer you.

Try our marinated beef or lamb skewers, both cooked on our flame grill to capture all the flavour. Why go to the beach when you can enjoy our award winning Cod & Chips or our new improved Scampi & Chips, using Whitby Scampi.

Back by popular demand is our **CURRY NIGHT** with four different curries on offer every Thursday including; Chicken Tikka Masala, Chicken Korma, Beef Madras and Vegetable Curry.



The whole pub is decorated in contemporary soothing colours, such as chocolates and reds and both the locals and staff will always give you a warm welcome.

This is a friendly pub attracting the complete range of ages. If you like a game of pool, want to watch your favourite match or just grab a bite to eat or drink, this is the place to come.

Why not try the Priory soon?

FUNCTION / CONFERENCE ROOM - Our private room with it's own bar, big TV screen and restroom facilities is for parties, weddings & conferences etc. Buffets can be provided. please ring to discuss your requirements



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OPENING HOURS

Mon - Thu: 11:00 am - 11:00 pm

Fri - Sat: 11:00 am - 12:00 am

Sun: 11:00 am - 11:00 pm

