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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

This is the first edition of Iron Brew for 2017. I hope that you all found some really great beers in 2016 and that this year proves to be better still. Please support those local pubs which serve real ales in general, and those that take the time and trouble to have mini beer festivals in particular.

In this edition you will find a list of all those pubs which serve real (cask) beer. Have a look through it and let us know if your pub is missing from the list or a listed pub has ceased to sell the real stuff.

Last year saw two more local pubs receiving some protection as Assets of Community Value. Both the Volunteer Arms in Barton and the Britannia in Brigg had their applications accepted by North Lincolnshire County Council. I'm also able to announce another recent, successful ACV listing, which is the Ironstone Wharf at Gunness. Let us know if you feel that your local needs such assistance and we'll be delighted to help.

Mike Sayers, Branch Chairman

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FESTIVE FROLICS

By the time you read this 2017 will be well underway, and we can only hope that 2017 will be more rewarding than the *annus horribilis* that was 2016! Towards the end of last year we did attempt to get into the Christmas spirit with a Christmas pub crawl of Leeds in early December, quickly followed by the branch Christmas party in Brigg a week later.



It's fair to say that central Leeds has improved enormously in recent years with regards to pubs and bars offering good beers. Like many major UK cities it has also embraced the craft beer phenomenon and the choice of both cask and craft keg beers has rocketed skywards. We started at the Hop at Granary Wharf under Leeds station, a modern pub with a good choice of Ossett and Rat Brewery beers plus guests. Crossing the River Aire we then ventured into the Holbeck area of Leeds and visited the Midnight Bell and Cross Keys on Water Lane, sporting our best Christmas hats and

jumpers, before pitching up at the Northern Monk Refectory around the corner to try a few, strong craft beers. Later we walked back to the city centre and visited the very busy Tapped, Whitelocks, North Bar and Mr. Foley's Cask Ale House for a very enjoyable day out. Worth trying! On the following Friday we had a good turnout for the branch Christmas party, where we were based in the back room of the Yarborough Hunt. A tasty DIY buffet had been assembled by those attending and



this was complimented by a surprisingly good range of real ales, including the Tom Wood festive brew Christmas Cheers. A tightly contested Christmas quiz was eventually won on a tie-break by Christine, Colin, Mike and Sue from Barton, who received a pack of bottled Christmas beers as a prize for their mental gymnastics. One or two small groups drifted off later to try other Brigg hostleries including the Nelthorpe Arms, Dexters and the Britannia, but for many of us the ambience at the Yarborough was hard to resist! A very enjoyable evening ensued, with thanks to Beverley for organising the event and for taking the photos.

Mark Elsome



WINTER PUB OF THE SEASON: THE WHEATSHEAF, BARTON-UPON-HUMBER

The Wheatsheaf in Barton is run by Gee, Debbie and the team. Gee has been in the pub hospitality trade for over 20 years and has obviously got the hang of it judging by the quality of what the pub has to offer. Having trained as an engineer he came to the UK from Brunei and in 1989 took over the former Liberal Club in Barton and changed it to a private members' club and then, in 2005, to the pub known as The Queens. This was followed by a move to the Wheatsheaf from which he has never looked back. He enjoys the company and banter supplied by its regular and enthusiastic clientele who fully appreciate the beers on offer. The pub's interior is divided into separate areas for the very popular dining options and two charming



bars one reminiscent of a snug. Gee has little spare time on his hands for the likes of golf and suchlike, preferring to concentrate on offering great service and managing a truly fine town pub. The presentation took place on Saturday 28 January.

Mike Sayers

BRANCH DIARY

Thurs 16 February Trip to Derby Winter Ales Fest. Meet at Scunthorpe rail station 10am.

Wed 22 February Branch Meeting to include visit of Greene King rep, Royal Hotel, 8pm

Fri 17 March Trip to Leeds Beer Festival. Meet at Scunthorpe rail station 10 am

Wed 22 March Branch social at Priory, Ashby, 8pm

Sat 1 Apr Branch AGM, Blue Bell, Scunthorpe, 12 noon

Sat 29 Apr Pub crawl of Cleethorpes. Meet at Scunthorpe rail station 11am.

For further information on any events, contact Social Secretary Beverley Branton

BREWDOG
GET ALL
SHOOK UP
UH-HUUH



Late last year our old friends Brewdog were at it again in a rather petulant response to the Elvis Presley Estate, when the latter complained and threatened legal action over the use of the name 'Elvis Juice' for one of Brewdog's beers. Rather than talk to the Estate in a rational manner, they replied by saying, "We don't take kindly to petty pen-pushers attempting to make a fast buck by discrediting our good name under the guise of copyright infringement", and the two founders, James Watt and Martin Dickie, both changed their first names to Elvis by deed poll. They're now known as Elvis Watt and Elvis Dickie, allowing the beer to be legally called Elvis Juice! A shrewd business move or infantile posturing to generate even more free publicity? You decide!

Mark Elsome



Elvis has left the building!

SHIPSTONE'S TO BE
BREWED IN
NOTTINGHAM
AGAIN



A beer brought back from the brink is to be the toast of Nottingham once more after returning to its spiritual home. Shipstone's beer is being brewed in Basford for the first time in 25 years at the former Alcazar Brewery site behind the Fox & Crown pub. The microbrewery has been refurbished and rebranded as the



Little Star Brewery. The famous old beer was first brewed at

the Star Brewery in Nottingham in 1852 and was made for generations until the brewery was closed in 1991. The brand was revived in 2013 by Nottingham native Richard Neale and former Shipstone's brewer Colin Brown, brewing the beer at Belvoir Brewery in Leicestershire. Shipstone's first beers at the new site will be a bitter, Original Amber, and a mild called Gold Star. A Christmas brew (Baubles) was also in the pipeline, and the brewery is open to suggestions of past pints to revive. We're glad to see them back and hope they prosper!

Nottingham Post



CAMRA'S Revitalisation Project, which began in April 2016, has proposed that the Campaign remains committed to its core aims of promoting real ale, real cider, perry and campaigning for pubs and clubs - but has suggested CAMRA needs to widen its vision and mission to reflect changing consumer needs and developments in the drinks industry. In summary the Revitalisation Project has recommended that:

- Campaigning for real ale, cider and perry and protecting community pubs and clubs will remain core to CAMRA activities.
- CAMRA widens its mission and purpose to reflect changing consumer needs and developments that have taken place across the sector since CAMRA's foundation in 1971. The Revitalisation Project found that there is much CAMRA does well, so its proposals principally

relate to opportunities for the organisation to remain relevant and effective in the future.

- CAMRA broadens its focus to play a "leading role in informing and representing all those with an interest in good beer of any type".
- CAMRA promotes the "virtues of well-produced, well-kept cask-conditioned beers as the pinnacle of the brewer's craft" while also promoting greater awareness and understanding to help drinkers judge for themselves what "quality" beer is.
- Celebrating and protecting well-run community pubs and clubs should also remain core to CAMRA's purpose, but the Campaign should do more to improve the range and quality of beer, cider and perry in "communal drinking" venues across the on-trade.
- In response to the attacks on responsible drinkers by health campaigners, the organisation plays a leading role in speaking on behalf of all UK beer, cider and perry drinkers, and pub and club-goers.

The Revitalisation Project considered the views of tens of thousands of CAMRA members who responded to three surveys and the opinions of thousands who attended consultation meetings across the country. Its findings also take into account feedback from numerous industry stakeholders including politicians, brewers, cider producers, publicans and journalists. Most of the recommendations are of the 'as-you-were' variety, but new initiatives are the recognition of and provision of information for so-called 'craft keg beers', and the change to a neutral position on cask breathers (a bone of contention with licensees for many years). In making these recommendations CAMRA have brought themselves up-to-date with recent beer developments in the industry (although my view is that they had little choice in the matter if they wished to remain relevant), while still retaining their core values of promoting real ale, real cider and protecting UK pubs.

The work of the Revitalisation Project is now finished, but this is really only the start of the process for the National Executive and CAMRA members. The proposals will be discussed at the 2017 National Conference in April and then a final vote will be taken on any changes to CAMRA's purpose at the Members' Weekend and AGM in 2018.

Campaign for Real Ale/Mark Elsome



CAMRA has called for permanent measures to keep pub doors open to be introduced now, as it marks 2,000 local pubs being listed as an Asset of Community Value (ACV).

Since legislation was introduced in May 2015, community groups have spent countless hours fighting tooth and nail to ensure their locals are registered as ACVs, and are therefore subjected to the regular planning application process. Without being registered, pubs can be demolished

or converted overnight without public consultation. ACVs can be granted on any building that has a proven

strong community focus, but pubs have had by far the biggest take up from local communities. Out of just under 4,000 ACVs on building such as libraries, community centres, post offices, half of them have been granted for pubs.

CAMRA is calling on the Government to cut out this frustrating process, which puts a huge burden on local communities and councils, who deal with this lengthy and clunky procedure. The ACV process can be



CAMRA CALLS FOR PERMANENT MEASURES TO KEEP PUBS OPEN (cont.)

time-consuming, fraught with difficulties and at the end of the day is only a temporary measure – listings must be renewed every five years to maintain protection.

Instead, they believe that placing pubs in a class of their own so that owners must *always* seek planning permission before converting or demolishing a local will provide permanent security for locals.

Note: As Branch Chairman Mike Sayers has noted, Scunthorpe & District Branch recently secured ACV listings for the Britannia in Brigg, the Volunteer Arms in Barton-upon-Humber and the Ironstone Wharf at Guinness.

Campaign for Real Ale

FEATURED LOCAL PUB – THE CROSS KEYS, GRASBY



The Cross Keys is an attractive, traditional country inn situated at the roadside on the A1084 Brigg to Caistor road, 6 miles from Brigg.

Mine hosts at the Cross Keys are Laurance 'Taff' Jones and Lynn Powell who have been in the licensed trade for 12 years, and will have clocked up 3 years at the Cross Keys this coming May. They have also run other pubs in Yorkshire including the Blacksmiths at Swinton, the Lettered Board in Pickering and



the Station Tavern at Grosmont. The Cross Keys has a separate public bar (where books and jigsaws can be loaned during your visit, although a small charity donation is always welcome), and a comfortable lounge leading to a 40-cover restaurant. Black Sheep Bitter and Greene King IPA are the stock real ales, with a third handpump devoted to a rotating guest beer (a Christmas beer from Wells Brewery, A Good Stuffing,



was on during our visit in early January). The pub is also Cask Marque accredited. Tables and chairs are set out at the front of the pub and it has a beer garden at the rear. The well appointed restaurant offers tasty, home-cooked meals on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday (12-2, 5-9), Friday & Saturday (12-9) and Sunday (12-8), including daily specials. The meals are generously portioned, as I found out when I ate there during the visit. The restaurant is also available for private hire. A popular quiz night is held on a Tuesday evening. The Cross Keys is



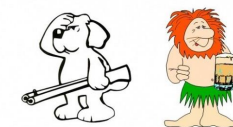
closed on Mondays except for Bank Holidays (Sunday hours).

The Cross Keys is a welcoming, comfortable pub in which to enjoy the cosy ambience along with a pint or two of well kept real ale or a tasty meal. The views over the Lincolnshire Wolds are superb, and make the Cross Keys a recommended stopping off point if you are in the area. We definitely plan to return at some point.

Mark Elsome

PUB & BREWERY NEWS

The Beckwood in Bottesford was recently taken on by Mark Seddon, who was looking to develop the pub for the better after its recent chequered past. Mark was keen on his real ales and was planning to have four cask ales available – but unfortunately his was a very short tenure and he's now left the pub. It is now planned to open it under a new license as the New Beckwood.



The Dog & Gun, East Butterwick (established circa 1800)
Is now the home of the
DarkTribe Brewery (established 1996)

More on the friendly takeover of the **Dog & Gun** at East Butterwick referred to in the last issue of Iron Brew. The new owner is Andy Clarke who has fish and chip businesses in Upton and Scotter. Joe Nash is the new man behind the bar and he tells us that the Dog & Gun will continue as a traditional pub and brewery. Brewer Richard Stores is also staying on to brew all the DarkTribe beers.

The Royal Hotel in Scunthorpe has just had a thorough revamp of its main bar and lounge areas. The bar now boasts five handpumps and has an attractive tiled backdrop with two

'craft beer' chiller cabinets containing bottles of Duvel, Brewdog and Sierra Nevada among others.

Branch Chairman Mike Sayers recently sent a letter to Sam Smith's Brewery following their decision not to allow the **Queen Bess** in Ashby to sell their Old Brewery Bitter on cask.



This was thought to have happened as a result of Sam Smith's changing their delivery system from weekly to fortnightly. In a reply from the brewery they claimed it was a commercial decision, caused by the Queen Bess not being able to sell enough Old Brewery Bitter, causing quality issues with the beer which is delivered in wooden casks. Should this be a widespread policy then other Sam Smith's pubs might take the same action. We are thus left with the **Berkeley** as the only remaining local outlet for Sam Smith's real ale



This is a list of all pubs in our branch area known to sell at least one real ale, provided for information only.

Althorpe

Ironstone Wharf

Ashby

Anchor
Crown
Malt Shovel

Barnetby

Whistle & Flute

Barrow

Six Bells

Barrow Haven

Haven Inn

Barton on Humber

George
Huntsman
Old Mill
Sloop Inn
Volunteer Arms
Wheatsheaf
White Swan

Bonby

Haymaker

Bottesford

Beckwood
Black Beauty
Chancel



Brigg

Britannia
Dexters
Lord Nelson
Nelthorpe Inn

White Hart
White Horse
Yarborough Hunt

Broughton

Dog & Rat Tavern
Old Thatch Inn
Red Lion

Burringham

Take a Gander

Burton-upon-Stather

Ferry House Inn
Sheffield Arms

Crowle & Ealand

Red Lion
Seven Lakes
White Hart

East Butterwick

Dog & Gun

Eastoft

River Don Tavern

Glentham

Crown Inn

Grasby

Cross Keys

Hibaldstow

Wheatsheaf

Kirton-in-Lindsey

George
Shires

Messingham

Bird in the Barley
Crown Inn
Green Tree Inn
Horn Inn
Pooleys

New Holland

Magna Charta



North Kelsey

Butchers Arms

North Kelsey Moor

Queens Head

Redbourne

Red Lion

Scawby

Sutton Arms

Scawby Brook

King William IV

Scunthorpe

Abacus
Berkeley
Blue Bell
Class 6
Honest Lawyer
Old Farmhouse
Priory
Riveter
Royal
Queensway
Warren Lodge

Snitterby

The Royal Oak

South Ferriby

Hope & Anchor
Nelthorpe Arms

Susworth

Jenny Wren

Thornton Curtis

Thornton Hunt Inn

Waddingham

Marquis of Granby

Winteringham

Bay Horse

Winterton

Butchers Arms
George Hogg

Wooton

Nags Head

Wrawby

Black Horse
Jolly Miller

Yaddlethorpe

Dolphin

... and, just outside the branch area, but also worth a visit ...

Scotter

Mucky Duck (White Swan)
Gamekeeper
Sun & Anchor



Please use this listing to explore the range of real ale pubs that fall within the Scunthorpe & District Branch area. The details are provided in good faith, but if

we've missed out any local real ale pubs that you know of or got anything else wrong, then please let us know. We believe that well kept real ale is the best long drink in the world, so what better time to check out what our local area has to offer? Good beer hunting!

