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**Haven Inn, Barrow Haven, awarded our Winter Pub of the Season accolade**  
*Licensee Gillian Bayram (right), receives a framed certificate from branch member Christine Andrew*

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## COMMENT

CAMRA has recently celebrated three huge campaign wins. New laws to protect pubs listed as Assets of Community Value (ACVs) in England came into effect recently, and neatly coincide with the beer tax cut in the budget and the passing into law of the Small Business Bill, which will give pub company licensees in England and Wales a fairer deal on beer prices and rent.

From 6th April when a pub is listed as an ACV in England it will receive full planning protection, ultimately giving communities a say in what happens if the owner wishes to demolish the pub or convert it to another use. This is a powerful step towards protecting our valued community pubs.

Pub company reform is headed for Royal Assent after 10 years of campaigning by CAMRA and business and tenant groups.

The new law will give tenants tied to the large pub companies the opportunity to opt for a rent-only deal, allowing them to buy their supplies of drinks on the open market at competitive prices. CAMRA members also celebrated a historic third cut in beer tax following the Chancellor's Budget, which will keep beer prices affordable for pub-goers across the country. A good year!

## Branch Visit to Leeds Beer Festival



Branch members enjoying the beers at the Leeds Festival



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## Scunthorpe & District CAMRA Branch Diary

- Sat 9 May** Spring Pub of the Season award to the Nelthorpe Arms, Brigg  
**12 noon**
- Wed 13 May** Mild social at Blue Bell, Scunthorpe  
**8 pm**
- Sat 23 May** Trip by train to Lincoln Beer Festival. Meet at Scunthorpe Rail  
**1045 am** Station. Catch 1103 am train to Lincoln
- Sat 13 June** Trip to Crowle Gala Beer Festival, 7 Lakes Country Park, Crowle.  
**11 am** Meet Scunthorpe Rail Station.
- Sat 27 June** Pub crawl of Newark. Meet Scunthorpe Station.  
**10 am**
- Sat 11 July** Trip to Sunfest at the Rising Sun, Sheffield (prov).  
**10 am** Meet Scunthorpe Rail Station.
- Sat 25 July** Members barbecue at Barton. Contact Beverley to book.  
**12 noon**

## CAMRA Membership Rates 2015

New rates for CAMRA membership in 2015 are as follows:

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## *Pub of the Season Spring 2015 The Nelthorpe Arms, Brigg*

Our Pub of the Season for Spring is the Nelthorpe Arms at Brigg. This renowned Brigg hostelry, also known as 'Scanlons', was closed down in January 2014. In the interim, Sue Rainton and Phil Harrison, who were both involved in engineering, took a shine to the pub and its' stock of outbuildings, the latter having the potential to continue their engineering work. However before any of this could happen there was the small matter of refurbishing the pub which had become very run down.

This has been accomplished, and the pub, which reopened in June 2104, now boasts an attractive bar cum lounge and a separate snug, the latter used by several community groups for meetings. The Toll Bar restaurant was added in 2015, which was named after the historic Brigg toll once located at the nearby bridge over the Ancholme.

Chris Saddington was appointed General Manager, after experience gained in running pubs in Hull. Four real ales are generally offered – Greene King IPA and Abbot are regular beers, and the other two pumps are used to rotate guest beers from the likes of the Yorkshire Brewing Co, Springhead, Thornbridge, Black Sheep and Batemans. Real ciders are featured from Aspalls, Westons and Gwynt-Y-Ddraig. The Nelthorpe also offers a range of craft bottled beers from breweries in the Greene King group and also American and Belgian specialities.

Bar meals can be enjoyed lunchtime and evenings from Wednesday to Sunday, and the restaurant is open at the same times.

Beer festivals at the pub have already become a feature, and an Easter festival and another to support the 'Briggstock' music festival during the August Bank Holiday weekend, are staged annually. Live acoustic music is staged on the first and last Friday of each month.

And, as reported elsewhere in Iron Brew, the Nelthorpe Arms will be the new venue for the Brigg Lions Beer Festival held in May.

This well-deserved award will be presented on Saturday 9 May at 1230 pm.

Mark Elsome

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## May is Mild Month

CAMRA promotes Mild throughout May, to try and protect this endangered beer style. CAMRA branches are encouraged to persuade at least one pub in their area to stock at least one Mild during May for the local pub-goers to try. Scunthorpe & District CAMRA will be holding a Mild Social on Wednesday 13 May at the Blue Bell in the town centre in support of this campaign. Please come along if you'd like to try a few tasty milds yourself.

We would also encourage non-active members to speak to their local licensees to see if they would be willing to try some milds during May.

Milds are black to dark brown to pale amber in colour and come in a variety of styles from warming roasty ales to light refreshing lunchtime thirst quenchers. Malty and possibly sweet tones dominate the flavour profile but there may be a light hop flavour or aroma. Alcohol levels are typically low, although a few milds can reach up to 6% ABV, such as Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby Mild, a recreation of a mild first brewed in Victorian times. Many brewers support

the Mild in May campaign by brewing a real mild just for that month. An example is Kelham Island Brewery of Sheffield, who this year are brewing a dark mild of 3.4% ABV called Sons of Conformity. Other brewers doing this include Ilkley, Revolutions and Saltaire, as well as others brewing a mild beer all year round such as Batemans, Rudgate, Timothy Taylor and Goose Eye.

So why not try a mild beer yourself during May? They are a refreshing change from bitter or pale ale and as most are lower in alcohol, a few pints can be enjoyed without risking a hangover! Milds are great beers, with

equal merit to other beer styles, and should not be consigned to the past. See you at the bar for a pint of mild in May!

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& blackboards*

## 18<sup>th</sup> Scunthorpe Beer Festival this September!

Just thought we'd let you know that the 18<sup>th</sup> Scunthorpe Beer festival will be heading your way this September. This year's real ale bonanza will be held in the function room of the Royal Hotel from Thur 24 – Sun 27 September. Our hire agreement with the Royal also includes the adjoining cocktail bar, so there'll be plenty of space and seating for everyone attending.



The beery delights on show will include twelve choice real ales from Yorkshire, served via handpump on two separate bars, a selection of brilliant beers from London & the South, plus a great selection of ales from our own region of the East Midlands. We'll have lots of hoppy IPA's, golden ales, bitters and dark beers (including the popular Dark Beer Trail), plus wheat beers, fruit beers and saisons. In short, we believe there'll be something to suit all palates. As well as real ales, we'll also have a selection of ciders and perries, and soft drinks for drivers or non-drinkers.

Other attractions at the festival include a hot and cold food menu courtesy of the Royal Hotel, a festival tombola stacked high with beery prizes, and a chance to purchase the 'hot off the presses' 2016 CAMRA Good Beer Guide. A souvenir festival pint glass will also be available to buy.

Festival admission prices and times are shown below.

Card-carrying CAMRA members are admitted free during all advertised opening times. It all adds up to another great real ale event – why not put the dates in your diary now? We'd hate you to miss out! Hope to see you there!

### **Opening Times & Admission:**

Thur 24 Sept: 330–11 pm (£2)  
Fri 25 Sept: 11 am-5 pm (FREE); 5–11 pm (£2)  
Sat 26 Sept: 11 am-11 pm (£2)  
Sun 27 Sept: 12 noon-4 pm (FREE)

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## Pub of the Year 2015

Scunthorpe & District CAMRA's nomination for the branch Pub of the Year is the Royal Oak at Snitterby. This attractive village pub, under the tutelage of licensee David Murray, sells a wide range of real ales in tip-top condition, including a selection of unusual guest beers which currently come from around the UK coast courtesy of a 'Coastline Beer Festival' running throughout 2015.

The pub has gradually been attractively refurbished under David's direction, and recently extended to include an additional seated area.

Although not currently offering food on a regular basis, David has experimented over the last few months with

occasional 'pop-up pizza nights', which have proved extremely popular. The Royal Oak is a worthy winner and a framed certificate will be presented in due course.



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## Pubs as Assets of Community Value

If you love your local pub and think it adds a lot of value to your community you can apply to give it extra protection from developers by listing it with the Council as an Asset of Community Value (ACV).

Ministers have recently announced that they will remove nationally permitted development rights for the change of use or demolition of a pub listed as an ACV, adding a new layer of protection to pubs. This means that any changes to a pub listed as an ACV would need to go through a planning application first, providing an opportunity for local people to comment and enabling the local planning authority to make a decision on the application.

With 29 pubs closing every week CAMRA needs your help to list thousands of our local pubs across the country before they are threatened. So far we have 600 pubs listed – can we make it 1,000?

In the Scunthorpe & District Branch area there are surprisingly few pubs listed as ACV's. Currently only the

Dolphin at Althorpe, Nelthorpe Arms, South Ferriby and the Butchers Arms and George Hogg at Winterton are listed as ACV's with North Lincolnshire Council.

As part of CAMRA's overall strategy to protect pubs, branches are being encouraged to take a more active role in the ACV process. So, if you want to protect your local from being turned into a supermarket or betting shop or being demolished for housing, we can help, so do get in touch. There's lots of guidance on the CAMRA website such as:

<http://www.camra.org.uk/list-your-local>, and the whole process is much easier than you might think! [6]

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I will keep this non-exhaustive list of excellent pubs to within a 10-minute stroll from the railway station.

Check out the **Centurian** which can be accessed direct from the platform. This serves real ale but the outstanding feature must be the Victorian glazed tiles throughout the magnificent interior. In a past life the railways used it for stores and the tiles were panelled over which has undoubtedly helped preserve them. Over the road and passing Robert Stevenson's statue there is one of Wetherspoons' finest. The **Union Rooms** cover three floors and boasts a library room, separate dining areas and the original stained glass windows as well as the usual wide range of beers.

The next two establishments are well described in the 2015 GBG pages 467 & 469 respectively.

**The Bridge Hotel** has a fine interior to match its views and the **The Crown Posada** (down the hill) is an absolute classic – 'nuff said.....

**The Head of Steam** is directly opposite the railway station and supports live music as well as a good range of real ales.

**The Mile Castle** (Lloyds No. 1) is a splendid building with a frontage akin to a Greek temple. This is a huge place. There are some interesting street statues on the short walk from the station. Finally have a look at **The Dog & Parrott** to the left of the main entrance to the station and over the road. Old and comfy this is a locals' pub. Don't miss your train.....happy drinking! *Mike Sayers*

### ***The Sun & Anchor, Scotter*** **Music Festival**

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## Axed Draught Burton Ale to be Saved

Burton Ale is a classic beer and this one time Champion Beer of Britain was run down until finally being killed off by its current owners Carlsberg. But you can't keep a good beer down so rather than wait for Carlsberg to reverse what surely must be the greatest mistake in world history Burton Bridge brewery are making their own version.

Following the announcement by Carlsberg that they were to stop brewing the historic Draught Burton Ale (DBA), interested parties started a campaign on social media to find a brewer to produce this iconic ale.

Both Burton Bridge Brewery directors, Geoff Mumford & Bruce Wilkinson were involved with the original beer at Ind Coope and felt it important that the beer returned to its' Burton home. It was agreed that Burton Bridge Brewery would run a trial brew which would make its' debut at the Burton CAMRA Beer Festival in March 2015.

It would be impossible to brew an exact replica of the original, but they intended to get it as close as possible. Hops used are known only to a few and have not been revealed, although they plan to dry hop the brew with Styrian Goldings.

While the beer will be as similar to the original as possible, the branding bears little similarity. It would be difficult, nigh impossible, to trademark the name Draught Burton Ale as it's a style of beer.

But the good news is that DBA has been supplied to sixteen pubs in Burton and Derby, and two casks of DBA at the Burton Beer Festival were emptied by drinkers in two hours! Burton Bridge will continue to brew the beer while demand is high, and are aiming for 50 barrels of DBA a week.

A lot will now depend on the response of Carlsberg. According to the Morning Advertiser, Carlsberg are considering whether to bring the beer back into production. "We are exploring all options for Ind Coope Draught Burton Ale and as such are in discussion with various groups", said Bruce Ray, Carlsberg Corporate Affairs Director. If DBA does come back under Carlsberg's control, this will be the biggest climb-down in history!

Let's hope Draught Burton Ale, in one guise or another, is here to stay.

*Adapted from Burton Bridge Website/Protz On Beer/Morning Advertiser*



## Pub & Brewery News

**The Hope & Anchor** at South Ferriby, now under the control of celebrity chef Colin McGurran, has reopened after an extensive makeover. The pub closed after it was damaged following last year's tidal surge, but now has a welcome, new lease of life. As to be expected, it has a high quality food menu, but also sells **Tom Wood** beers. Do be aware though that on Mondays the pub doesn't open until 5pm, and there is no food service that day.

**Axholme Brewing Co.** is staging a beer festival at 7 Lakes Country Park between Fri June 12 and Sunday June 14 as part of the Crowle Gala weekend. Owner Mike Richards is planning to put on 20 cask ales and a selection of local ciders. The park is a short walk from Crowle Rail Station.

**The Queensway** in Scunthorpe has been refurbished by owners Greene King and now offers seven handpulled cask beers. On our visit the featured beers included **Mauldons Bronze Adder** and the rare **Greene King XX Mild**. Worth a visit!

**DarkTribe Brewery** at the Dog & Gun, East Butterwick, has brewed a new dark beer called **Moocusser** (4.0% ABV). It's a very tasty beer with some stout qualities due to the use of roasted barley in the brew. We enjoyed it so much that we ordered a cask for the upcoming 18<sup>th</sup> Scunthorpe Beer Festival.



**Wetherspoons'** new outlet in our area, the **White Horse** at Brigg, has opened to unprecedented local demand. The conversion of the previous pub of the same name has been carried out very tastefully, and the new venue includes a no-smoking outdoor seated area, which should prove very popular during the Spring and Summer months.

**The Horn Inn** at Messingham has reopened under new owners after an upmarket makeover. Four real ales from **Purity**, **Tetley**, **Black Sheep** and **Greene King** were offered at the time of our visit, plus two real ciders from **Aspall** and **Westons**. [7]

## Changes to Scunthorpe & District CAMRA Branch Committee and Iron Brew

By the time you read this, there will have been some changes to our local branch committee, following the branch AGM. After some 15 years as Branch Chairman, Mark Elsome is stepping down, and assuming the succession takes place as envisaged, Mike Sayers will be taking over as the new Chairman.

Our Social Secretary, Sarah Wullink, is also stepping down due to work commitments, and current Branch Secretary, Beverley Branton has agreed to take over Sarah's role. Mark will take over as Branch Secretary unless someone else comes forward to take this on.

The other change you'll notice shortly is in the appearance of our branch newsletter, Iron Brew, and this current issue will be the last in this format. We are turning over production of the newsletter to Capital Media of Newark, who have a very good record in delivering professional looking newsletters for several other CAMRA branches. We've been struggling to recoup our newsletter printing costs for the last couple of years, so it's a good time to make the change. We hope you'll like the new look of Iron Brew – watch out for it in our local pubs at the beginning of August.



# BEER

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## New Home for Brigg Lions Beer Festival

The popular, annual beer festival run by the Brigg Lions charity group, will have a new home this year. From Thur 14 – Sun 17 May the festival will take place at the Nelthorpe Arms in Brigg. The pub has a large courtyard and a beer garden at the rear, and this is where the festival will be staged – the Nelthorpe has used some of the outdoor buildings and the courtyard for its own beer festivals already. It should be a marked improvement on the previous venue of a road transport garage, a cavernous space where the heady whiff of diesel could often be enjoyed while supping your pint!

A selection of 30 real ales will be on offer plus cider and a range of bottled beers. Members of Scunthorpe & District CAMRA hope to attend, and if other years are anything to go by, it should be an excellent event. See you there!

## Branch Trip to Doncaster Beer Festival



We had an enjoyable branch trip to the Doncaster Beer Festival in April as the pictures show. The top picture is of Branch Chairman Mark Elsome (centre), taking part in one of the festival tasting panels to determine the beers of the festival, and checking beer clarity and condition should you ask! The bottom picture shows (some of) the CAMRA group enjoying the excellent range of festival beers. Roll on next year!