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Newark CAMRA Pub of the Year The Prince Rupert

The Prince Rupert on Stodman Street, has taken Newark CAMRA's top award to become Pub of the Year. This is a great achievement for the recently renovated pub that will have been open for a year on March 17th.

Congratulations go to Tony, Heidi and their team. Heidi was somewhat surprised and delighted with the news and had to ring Tony, who was taking a few days break in Bruges. Tony too was elated, and said he was in a great place to celebrate – as if he really needed an excuse!

Five pubs were nominated for this award. All have been independently surveyed by our team of judges over several months, judged on various criteria, each pub visited



twice by each assessor. I would like to thank them all for taking the time and effort to do this as without their commitment this award simply would not be possible.

The official presentation will be made on Saturday March 19th from 1pm. Please make a note of this date in your diaries and come along

for a pint or two. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Please give some thought to becoming an assessor yourself. It's a good opportunity to sample a beer or two in the nominated pubs, and to have your say in which pub gets our ultimate award. To find out more contact Lou at poty@newarkcamra.org.uk.

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THE THOUGHTS OF CHAIRMAN DUNC

Well that's another year just flown by! Where does the time go? As we slip out of Christmas and slide headlong into another year our thoughts often turn to diets, healthier living, weight loss, new year resolutions etc, but did you know that beer is good for you? So says a new report by the Beer Academy.

Yes you did read that correctly. Rather than being unhealthy, real ale, a natural product made from natural ingredients, water, malt, hops and yeast can help protect against heart disease and some cancers. How? Well, it contains important vitamins, fibre and antioxidants, so says the report. So, lower strength beer works well as a thirst quencher as it does actually allow balanced hydration if drunk in moderation. The report also highlights that real

ale is not as fattening as many other alcoholic drinks, in fact quite the opposite as it contains no fat or cholesterol and very few free sugars.

The major source of calories in any alcoholic drink is the alcohol itself, so swapping to a low or medium strength beer, as opposed to a glass of wine per day not only reduces your weekly alcohol intake by seven units, but also cuts down on more calories than you would burn off during 30 minutes of exercise.

I must emphasise that the report states that drinking in moderation and within government guidelines for men and women can help you lose weight and supplement a healthier lifestyle, so drink responsibly.

We always knew real ale was good for you, didn't we?

New Tap in Town

There is a new beer outlet in Newark that provides a vast range of beers for the discerning beer drinker.

At 12-14 Kirkgate the Real Ale Store has 150 different beers and ciders on offer. These beers are not only from many parts of the UK but also from many foreign countries as well. Richard Banks, the proprietor, does not just carry bottled beers, but also has a regularly changing pair of

cask ales available for take home sales in 2 and 4 pint containers. The Real Ale Store has been open since October 2010 and Richard would love to see you.



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Newark CAMRA strives to increase consumer choice of real ale by objecting to pub closures and championing high standards of customer service in the area's public houses. We support our local breweries by promoting the diversity they bring to the bar.

Newark CAMRA also brings national issues such as tax and opening hours to local attention. Importantly, we are a social group of likeminded drinkers of all ages and walks of life. Anyone is welcome to attend our meetings, details of which can be found elsewhere in this issue.

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Ron's Rounds

Phil and Annette took over the **Bramley Apple** in Southwell in late September 2010 and have made a few changes since arriving. The dining area at the rear has new furniture and a carvery "buffet device" has been installed. There are fewer guest beers on than before and the number of Springhead beers has increased slightly. I visited twice before Christmas and each time received a warm and friendly welcome and found the condition of the beers to be good.

The **Lord Nelson** in Sutton-on-Trent has tenants – Dean Penney of the Copthorne brewery and his business partner. The layout inside is unchanged but the beer range has changed somewhat. Three or four Copthorne beers are available but there are no guests. A visit in early January found all the beers to be in fine form and at £2.40 a pint very good value. Note though, this was before the rise in VAT which is bound to have a knock-on effect on beer prices in most pubs.

The **Nags Head**, also in Sutton-on-Trent, effectively operates as the Copthorne brewery tap. On two visits

before Christmas we found the beers to be in very good condition and attractively priced at £2.40 a pint.

The **Crown** at Normanton is not far away. There are usually 2 Milestone beers on plus Black Sheep bitter and a guest beer. There is always a warm welcome here and I have never been served a poor pint. It is a pity that both this pub and the Lord Nelson cannot be reached by public transport during the evening from Newark.

The **Castle** in Newark has changed little since Tony and Heidi moved to the **Prince Rupert**. There are usually 6 different real ales available with Sharp's Doom Bar appearing to be a regular. Live music is a regular occurrence.

The beautifully restored, and renovated, **Prince Rupert** (formerly the **Woolpack**) in Stodman Street continues to thrive with a good selection of beer always available, that usually includes one or two from the Ufford brewery. It is good to see that the front bar now has an operating open fire. Good quality food is available and live music is a regular feature.

BGP Quiz No. 16

Welcome to the latest edition of our cryptic Prize Quiz.

This time the answers are all British Prime Ministers. There'll be a beery prize for the winner. Send your replies along with name, address and telephone number to:-

quizmeister@newarkcamra.org.uk or by snail mail to 'Beer Gutter Quiz No 16', 22 Ringrose Close, Newark, Notts NG24 2JL to arrive by 31 March 2011. The winner will be selected at random from the highest scoring entries.

1. African Country is short of nothing.
2. Warm – get hot.
3. A sober general.
4. Island off California.
5. Dead Middle-Eastern resident
6. Leaders of Whigs, Independents, Labour, SDP and Nationalists take in oxygen.
7. Resin left in mountain range.
8. Goulash demo: make a stew.
9. Shout to Asian – but not loudly.
10. Straightforward victory.

The winner of Quiz No 15 was Andrew Walsh of Newark
The answers to the last quiz were
1) Rodney Marsh 2) Shane Warne
3) Imran Khan 4) Donald Bradman
5) Kevin Pietersen 6) Brian Lara
7) Sachin Tendulkar 8) Andrew Strauss
9) Garfield Sobers 10) David Gower

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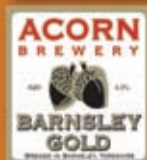
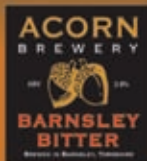
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A Short Tour in th

The beer and pub “paradises” of Liverpool, Manchester, and Sheffield are well known but perhaps the excellent hostelryes of what may be broadly termed the Black Country are not visited quite as much. However, a small group of us visited twice in 2010 and a further visit is planned for 2011.

There are frequent trains from Birmingham New Street to Wolverhampton (trains are quicker than the Metro). The **Great Western** is close to the station and opens at 11.00. Although twice extended in the 1990s the original rooms are full of character and there are three blazing open fires. Several Holdens beers are always available and the excellent Bathams Bitter is a regular.

The bus station is but a short walk away and there are frequent buses to Sedgley. The superb multi-roomed **Beacon Hotel** is about 10 minutes walk from the bus stop, and this CAMRA National Inventory pub is a must visit. The small Victorian tower brewery at the rear began brewing again a fair number of years ago and a good range of its beers are always available. It opens at 12.00 and closes most days at 14.30 before opening again



in the evening so careful planning is necessary.

The **Jolly Crispin**, an 18th century building, is a little over one mile away but it is on the route of the 558 Wolverhampton to Dudley bus. The day was fine and very cold but we walked. There is a smallish front bar, divided into two, complete with an enclosed fire. The back lounge is bigger and has an open fire. There is a good range of beer and those we tried were in good condition.

The **Britannia**, a Bathams house, is on the other side of the road and less than 800 metres away. It is another National Inventory pub. There are two small rooms, including the famous tap room, at the rear plus a slightly larger bar at the front. Open fires, the unique tap

room, very friendly locals, great pork pies, Bathams beer (and here we sampled the seasonal Christmas beer for the first time) make this an absolute gem.

The **Shakespeare** in Dudley, another CAMRA National Inventory pub, opens at 11.00. Although run down and rather shabby, it is well-worth a visit. There is a small public bar at the front with a log fire burning in the grate, just the thing on a cold day. On the other side of the bar there is a larger room and on the other side of the entrance corridor there is a third room, that looks to be disused, and disfigured by an ugly 1950's fire surround. The only beer on sale was Theakston's mild, served in oversized glasses. Although the keg version, it was neither

he Black Country

too cold or gassy and quite tasty. We limited ourselves to a half pint each, as it had been a long day. The landlord was very friendly and helpful and we learnt that it used to be a Banks pub before being sold off a few years ago to Scottish and Newcastle (now part of Heineken).

If you are staying overnight in Birmingham then it is possible to visit two more gems, but this time buses are needed. The **Vine**, aka the **Bull and Bladder** is the Bathams brewery tap and is in Brierley Hill. The Christmas beer was available here too plus the Best Bitter and Mild. The former is meant to be 6.3% but I was

told in the Britannia earlier on, that it had turned out to be 7%. Whatever the strength, after some initial sweetness, it grows in complexity and doesn't really drink its gravity. A first for me, and for the other members of the group. Apart from the excellent beer, and the Best Bitter is still one of my favourites, there were very large ham and beef cobs on sale. Fresh and well filled and all of £1 each! Friendly locals too.

It was with some reluctance that we left the pub and made our way to the bus stop to get the bus to Ma Pardoos, aka the Olde Swan. By now it was below zero but we didn't have

to wait too long for the bus that stopped across the road from our destination. We went into the famous public bar with the stove in the middle of the room and the metal ceiling tiles. There was good choice of beer and many of us settled for the Bumble Hole (5.2%) followed by the Christmas beer, malty and well balanced and 6% in strength. I seem to remember trying the light mild and Original as well.

Visiting all the above in one day is just about possible by walking, train, and bus; better though to make these, and some others, over two days, or by using a mini-bus.

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Rare Beer at Just Beer

Since opening in early August 2010, Just Beer in Newark had sold a staggering 230 barrels by the second week in December. There has been beer from a huge number of small breweries, some of them quite rare, but the rarest of all went on sale on Saturday 11 December. This was the beer from the Bragdy Gwynant brewery at the Tynllidiart Arms, Capel Bangor, near Aberystwyth.

The brewery is almost certainly the smallest commercial brewery in the world and produces a mere 41 litres (9 gallons) at a time, and brews once a week. The beer

is a medium golden/brown in colour, abv 4.5%, and quite full bodied for the style.

Although perhaps a little lacking in hop character, it is a pleasant and easy drinking bitter. If you didn't get it at Just Beer, during its brief appearance on the bar, then you are going to have to make the long journey to Capel Bangor, because normally that is the only pub in the UK that sells it.

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Social Scene

In November I took over from Stu as Social Secretary. I have quite a few ideas about days out, but would welcome any suggestions from anyone as to trips we can make. E-mail me on socials@newarkcamra.org.uk with any suggestions.

Forthcoming trips and socials
Saturday 26th February.
Coach trip to Bradford area, to include Saturday afternoon

at Bradford Beer Festival if required. Names to me at socials@newarkcamra.org.uk or to Duncan/Phil at Just Beer. Deposits by 3rd February

March 19th

Pub of the Year presentation
Prince Rupert Newark

Date to be confirmed

Train trip to Doncaster area to include Toad brewery trip

TOM

Our Chosen Charity, Beaumont House

On behalf of the patients and staff of Beaumont House, a sincere "Thank you" for your work in 2010. An amazing amount of £1000 was raised as part of being your nominated charity and I was very happy to hear that you have nominated us once again to be your charity for 2011. Each year, we provide care and support to over 400 patients and their families who suffer from terminal or life-limiting illnesses. 70% of our patients suffer from cancer, whilst we support other illnesses such as Motor Neurones Disease, Parkinson's Disease and Multiple Sclerosis.

The running costs of Beaumont House are over £700,000 with £500,000 to

be raised by the local community. It is thanks to businesses, individuals and groups that we can continue to support our patients. £1000 represents 200 patient lunches, 50 hours of nursing care or 12 day care patient days. Newark CAMRA should be proud that we have been able to raise £1000 but more importantly have allowed Beaumont House to generate awareness of how we can help the local community.

On behalf of the patients and staff of Beaumont House, thank you for 2010 and we are looking forward to 2011.

Best regards

Wil Chung
Fundraising & Marketing
Manager

Diary

Branch Meetings

3rd FEBRUARY 2011

THE CASTLE AND FALCON-NEWARK

3rd MARCH

THE CHEQUERS-ELSTON

6th APRIL

THE MALT SHOVEL-NEWARK-TBC

5th May

The Newcastle Arms Southwell-TBC

Details of all meetings and socials can be seen on our website: www.newarkcamra.org.uk/diary.htm

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WELCOME TO THE 3RD NEWARK WINTER BEER FESTIVAL

I, and the Winter Beer Festival committee, would like to extend a warm welcome to this, the 3rd Winter Beer Festival held, once again, in the superb surroundings of the ballroom here in the Town Hall.

My thanks also to all of those involved at Newark Town Council for their help and co-operation in enabling us to make use of this magnificent building, and to bring the people of the East Midlands and beyond a pretty unique experience. As you can see from the beer list we have featured many winter brews, stouts and porters but have also made available a selection of lighter beers, so hopefully all palates should be catered for.

Please treat many of the winter ales and stouts with respect as they traditionally have a higher ABV. Each beer is clearly marked for this but if in doubt please ask one of the volunteer staff who

will be only too pleased to help. All beers also have an indication of colour on the cask.

Everyone working here this weekend is a volunteer, giving their time free for your enjoyment, so please be nice to them.

My thanks also go to Steve Westby of Nottingham CAMRA for seeking out the beers and to Ray Kirby for lovingly preparing them for your enjoyment.

Payment for the beer and cider is by pre-paid tokens, purchased at entry to the Festival. Unused tokens and small change can be donated to our charity for 2011, Beaumont House Community Hospice at their stand in the venue.

Thanks also to Jaccor Security and Event First Aid Services who are here for your safety and comfort. Last but not least thanks to you for coming and supporting this event. If you would like to join the campaign so that you can support the work of CAMRA, ask for details at the membership stand. Thank you and happy quaffing

Duncan Neil - Chairman

8 SAIL Heckington,
Lincolnshire **NEW**

1 DAMSON PORTER 5.0%
Dark malts used in classic
victorian grist with added
damson juice

2 WINTER SAIL 4.8%
Dark beer with addition of
cinnamon, cloves & coriander

ANGLO DUTCH Dewsbury,
W. Yorks.

3 DEVIL'S KNELL 4.8%
Golden ale with a strong cit-
rus hop character

BOLLINGTON

Bollington, Cheshire

4 LONG HOP 3.9%
A pale, hoppy and sweetish brew

BOTTLE BROOK Kilburn, Derbys.

5 FULL MOON 4.6%
Amber coloured brew, fruity
with a hint of smoked malt

CAPTAIN COOK

Stokesley, Middlesbrough

6 DISCOVERY 4.4%
A brown best bitter

COPTHORNE Sutton-on-Trent,

Notts **NEW LocAle**

7 BLACK BEAUTY 4.8%
Traditional London-style porter

8 COMANCHE 4.0%
Copper in colour with
caramel overtones

DANCING DUCK Derby **NEW**
9 22 4.3%

Best bitter with good malty
flavour and dark fruit notes

10 AY UP 3.9%
Pale session ale with subtle
malt and floral notes

FAT CAT Norwich, Norfolk

11 COUGAR 4.7%
Pale golden beer with an
excellent citrusy nose

FLIPSIDE Colwick, Nottingham
LocAle

12 COPPER PENNY 4.3%
Light brown session bitter
with good hop flavours

13 DUSTY PENNY 5.0%

Porter bursting with chocolate, caramel & vanilla malt flavours

14 FLIPPING BEST 4.6%

Traditional dark brown best bitter with strong malt flavours

FUNFAIR Ilkeston**15 DIVE BOMBER 4.6%**

Straw coloured brew

GREAT NEWSOME

Winestead, Hull

16 HIDDEN HOLDERNESS 4.0%

A new dark amber brew

GREAT OAKLEY

Great Oakley, Northants.

17 WELHAM VALLEY 3.6%

Dark and flavoursome mild with a slight roast taste

GREEN JACK Lowestoft, Suffolk**18 LURCHER 4.8%**

A smooth stout, fruity, chocolaty, rich and fulsome

HAPPY VALLEY Bollington,

Cheshire **NEW**

19 BLACK MAGIC 4.6%

A dark porter

IDLE West Stockwith,

Nottinghamshire

20 SANTA 4.5%

Ruby red seasonal brew

ISLE OF PURBECK Studland, Dorset**21 PURBECK BEST BITTER**

3.6%

A classic deep amber best bitter

MALLARD Southwell, Notts

LocAle

22 DRAKE 4.5%

Fruity, ruby coloured premium bitter

23 DUCKLING 4.2%

Refreshing light coloured bitter

MILESTONE Cromwell, Notts.

LocAle

24 SHERWOOD STAG 4.8%

A new chocolate dunkel

25 SHIRE WOOD PORTER 5.0%

A new smooth porter

MILL GREEN Edwardstone,

Suffolk

26 LOVELY'S FAIR 4.0%

Pale golden ale brewed using a blend of aromatic hops

MORDUE North Shields, Tyne & Wear**27 WINTER TYNE 3.9%**

Dark winter ale, hopped with English hops to give a spicy flavour

MR GRUNDY'S Derby **NEW****28 NO MAN'S LAND 4.5%**

Dark traditional bitter, hoppy with soft malty flavours

NEWMANS Caerphilly, Mid

Glamorgan

29 BLEDDYN 6.0%

A strong golden ale

PEAKSTONES ROCK

Alton, Staffs.

30 SUBMISSION 5.0%

Copper coloured brew

PRIOR'S WELL Hardwick

Village, Nottingham **NEW**

LocAle

31 FATHER HAWKINS 4.5%

Deep copper coloured best bitter

32 SATURNALIA 5.8%

Powerful bronze coloured ale

SHEFFIELD Sheffield**33 PORTER 4.4%**

Darkly delicious with rich chocolaty, malty and caramel flavours

TRING Tring, Herts.**34 LEGLESS LA'S WINTER**

ALE 4.5%

A ruby red bitter with a typical English hop aroma

VALE Brill, Bucks.**35 LONG DARK NIGHT 4.3%**

Warming winter ale, dark mahogany in colour with spicy notes.

WHITE HORSE Stanford in the

Vale, Oxon.

36 BLOWING STONE 4.2%

Traditional brown beer brewed with English pale & amber malt.

WOODLANDS Wrenbury,

Cheshire

37 REDWOOD 4.9%

Deep red coloured bitter with a sharp aftertaste.

Cider & Perry List

Biddenden Bushells

Medium 6%

Broadoak

Kingston Black 7.5%

Hecks

Blakeney Red Perry 6.5%

Hecks

Vintage Medium 6.4%

Moles

Black Rat Cider 6%

Mr Whitehead's

Novo Pyrus Perry 7%

Mr Whitehead's

Boxing Dog 7.5%

Thatchers

Cheddar Valley 6%

Westons

Old Rosie 7.3%

Westons

Perry 4.5%



Anorak's Corner Supermarket Booze?

Supermarket booze? It's been in the headlines quite a bit recently. Politicians using the excuse of binge drinking, underage drinking and associated problems to justify hiking up the prices. So when we get a load of cans, bottles and crisp papers around the trusty old park bench that has been there for years, how do we deal with the problem? Remove the bench? Not really, so how about sorting out the people who cause the problem rather than taking the soft and profitable option of punishing us all.

OK, rant over!

Following on from the last Anorak's Corner, "Beer at Home", I thought that there was still some research to do to see what the supermarkets have to offer the discerning home beer drinker. Armed with a notepad, I took it upon myself to visit four town centre supermarkets on a day in December to gauge what delights were on offer and for what price.

First up, **Waitrose**. Not renowned for cheapness, you can usually get stuff at Waitrose that you simply can-

not find elsewhere. Whether this is true for beer, I was about to find out.

In 500ml bottles the following were on sale at the time of my visit:-

Bath Gem £1.99, Milestone Lion's Pride £2.14, Springhead Roaring Meg £1.90, both Locales, St Peter's IPA £1.99, St Peter's Organic Bitter £1.85, Fuller's London Pride £1.80, Discovery, ESB, Bengal Lancer, Ringwood Fortyniner, all at £1.92, Brakspear Oxford Gold £1.91, Timothy Taylor Strong Pale Ale £2.09, Bateman's Victory Ale £2.00, Shepherd Neame £1.84, Hogsback Traditional English Ale £1.85.

In cans I noted Charles Wells Bombardier x 4 £4.69 or two for £8.00, Badger Fursty Ferret £5.09, There was also Tanglefoot, Wadworth 6X, John Smith Original, Tetley Bitter, London Pride £5.89 and Green King IPA. Also 4 x Carlsberg Special at 9% ABV for £5.69.

Netto

At the time of my visit there was very little beer as they were obviously stocking up for the Christmas lager drinker. The only beers on

the shelf were Marston Pedigree x 4 £4.00, John Smiths x 4x £3.19.

I have been there before, though, purchasing Ringwood Fortyniner for £1.00 per bottle as long as you bought 4, so deals can be had.

Aldi

In 500ml bottles:-

Pedigree £1.39, Banks's Bitter £0.99, Bateman's Combined Harvest £1.39, Spitfire £1.29, Wychwood Wychcraft £1.39, Badger £1.29.

There are some very good supermarket home brands to be had at very nice prices as long as you don't become a label snob. Finchley Ales Golden Brew is a very nice brew and a very nice price at £1.19 a bottle. I've also had their very hoppy IPA at £1.00 on previous visits. Who brews it? It might be Batemans, but I am not sure.

In the can market, I also spotted Shipsterns! At 3.6% ABV x 4 for £2.39 I gave it a miss!

Finally Morrisons

Space and time (sounds like something out of a Star Trek film) prevents me from listing all that I spied, so I've picked

out a few that might catch your eye to give you a flavour (pun intended).

In bottles, two home brands Morrisons Chestnut Beer and Morrisons Chocolate Vanilla Stout, both 4.5% ABV and £1.25. Most of the worthwhile beers were available in bottles, with limited choice in cans. £1.69 was the common price for many of the bottles. Roaring Meg was flying the locale flag and there was JW Lees Moonraker at 7.5% ABV costing only £1.99!

Bargains could be had with a few recognizable and acceptable brands including Jennings Cumberland Ale at £1.29.

Out of the four town centre supermarkets visited, there were beers on offer from about 30 breweries with the number of different English beers ales on offer around the 5% ABV mark. Average price for a 500ml bottle of something half decent being in the region of £1.70

So? Shop wisely and of course no binge drinking!

PhilK



**CAMPAIGN
FOR
REAL ALE**

The delight of East Notts in Winter

As a couple of CAMRA members from Norfolk we had ventured west previously this year to sample the beery delights of Southwell during its excellent folk festival and, as a winter break, we returned with great expectations.

A whim had us call into Sutton-on-Trent before check in and what a move that turned out to be. The Lord Nelson offered a friendly welcome, a red-hot coal fire and a range of beers that we had not encountered before from the Copthorne brewery. The Black Beauty and Gold were both top quality and we were also recommended the second pub in the village. On a freezing winter pre-Christmas day we entered the Nags Head, a beautiful ancient pub full of enthusiastic drinkers and, as luck would have it, after choosing Cossack and Gold, I fell into conversation with the Copthorne brewer himself. He explained that the brewery had only just come into production and it was clear that he was indulging in a little quality control at the bar. Soon we were off across the frozen yard to the brewery itself, and with the aid of a blowtorch the padlock opened and we entered the old listed outbuilding that housed the brewery on two floors. Downstairs the stainless steel fermentation vessels were full of the latest brews, upstairs the

copper and mash tun were sited on specially strengthened floor. What a superb and practical conversion of a lovely old building this was. From the upstairs window, across the railway line, the Springhead brewery could be seen. Back in the bar in front of the real fire the conversation was about beer and show-jumping and we left the Nags Head with reluctance. With two breweries and two pubs the people of Sutton are blessed, and from the numbers drinking in the pubs they probably know it!

That evening we walked into North Muskham. We were disappointed to find the Crown closed as we had seen Robert Green (ex-Norwich) fumble the first goal against USA in June, but the Ferry provided sustenance and good beer at a lovely location. Next day Newark yielded several absolute delights: the historic and superbly restored Prince Rupert, the Just Beer house with its intimate atmosphere, and then the Castle, and the Fox and Crown with great beer and cheer. We have nothing but warm memories of our cold winter break in East Notts, top quality beer and history, and welcoming publicans and punters. We will be back, with friends, in June.

LocAle Update

LocAle accreditation is awarded to pubs which pledge to always offer at least one locally brewed real ale (within a radius of 20 miles from the pub's door) on their bar. The following pubs in our area are currently in the scheme:

- Boot & Shoe, Flintham
- Bramley Apple, Southwell
- Castle, Newark
- Crown, North Muskham
- Crown, Normanton on Trent
- Crown & Mitre, Newark
- Ferry Inn, North Muskham
- Fox & Crown, Newark
- Full Moon, Morton
- Hearty Goodfellow, Southwell
- Just Beer, Newark
- Nag's Head, Sutton on Trent
- Old Coach House, Southwell
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- Vine, Newark
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- The Real Ale Store **NEW!**

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- Bridge Inn, Dunham on Trent
- Old Red Lion, Wellow
- Staunton Arms, Staunton

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Pubs wishing to apply for accreditation should contact Newark CAMRA.

More information at:

www.newarkcamra.org.uk/locale.htm

They say the funniest things



It is great fun working at the beer festival, we have to laugh at some of the quotes from our customers over the weekend. Here are just a few

“I’ll have an ‘Old school’ and a ‘Cock’ for the lady!”

“I don’t like that it tastes too much like beer!”

“I’ll have 1/2 a cock..... I actually quite like that”

“Have you any ciders with fruit in them?”

“Have you any beers that taste like cider”

Asked for a perry, tasted it and said “Very appley”

“I don’t like beer so what do you suggest”

“Have you got anything that’s good!”

“What do you recommend”

Wast water is England’s deepest lake situated in the Western Lake district. It has had more than one beer named after it in recent years. Currently The Great Gable Brewery produced Wastwater Gold, a 3.6% pale session beer which was recently on sale in Just Beer Micropub in Newark.

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