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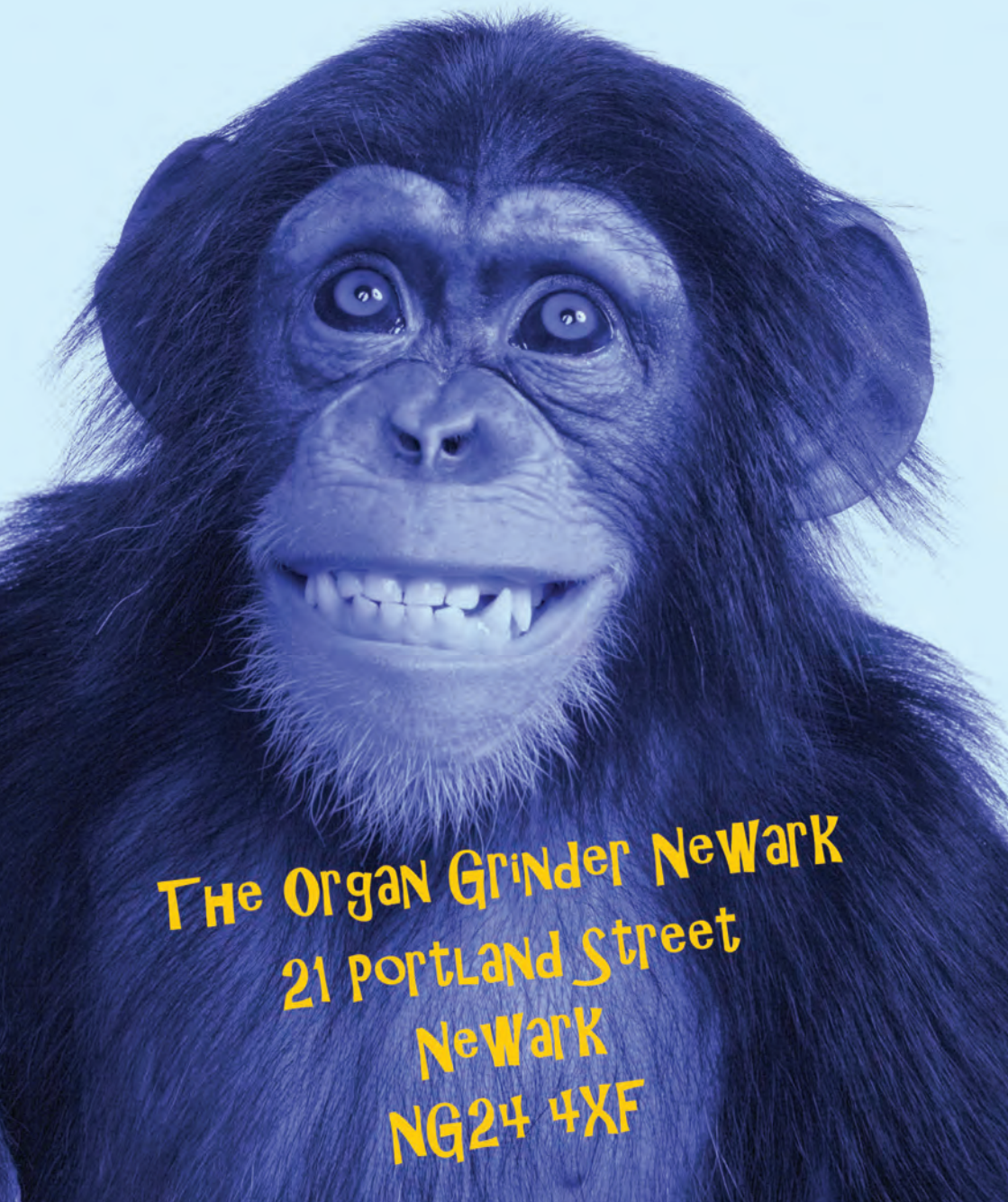
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# NEWARK CAMRA CIDER PUB OF THE YEAR 2015

Newark CAMRA is delighted to announce its first Cider Pub of the Year. Voting on nominated pubs took place at the September Branch Meeting and the winner was the Vaults Cider and Ale House, North Gate, Newark. The award presentation will take place during October, CAMRA's cider and perry month.

Ten months ago The Vaults opened for business in the atmospheric cellars of 14 North Gate, which had previously been used as a night club, wine bar and restaurant respectively.

Since being opened by David Birch they have showcased around 200 different ciders, many locally sourced but with others from around the country.

The management couple David Jex and Amanii Brittan met at Leeds University when David was doing a degree in photographic journalism and working part time on the outside bar business that David Birch runs to this day.

As well as being Newark Camra's inaugural



cider pub of the year they have also been chosen for inclusion in The Good Beer Guide 2016 which is no mean feat in the time they have been open.

The pub has also been gaining a reputation for good food. Sunday lunches, burgers and healthy eat for life meals are all produced from locally sourced ingredients.

As well as real cider, cider cocktails are also available, for example Rhubarb and Custard which contains Rhubarb cider and a shot of vanilla liqueur.

There are regular live music events, a real fire, Camra discount and a loyalty scheme so even more reason to visit if any was needed.

Congratulations and here's to the future.

**Bobby Dobbins**

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*Newark and Grantham CAMRA also bring 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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# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Once again, a lot has happened in our branch since our last BGP was published in July. Here is a short summary.

Our Branch membership is now 700+ with active members coming back to Newark and branch meetings held on first Thursday of each month well attended with 30+.

Cider Pub of the Year was judged at our September meeting and the winner was The Vaults in Newark. Many congratulations to Dave Birch, his family and staff. The award will be made in October.

Our IPA trail was completed over ten days in July and went very well but not as well attended as last year. The Facebook page had 100+ visits.

Newark Rugby Club held a beer festival in June and with the advice of CAMRA the beer temperature was much better than last year. Transport was improved.

June 15th was Beer Day Britain 1215. Many members met at locals but very few pubs opened at the suggested time of 12.15. We suggest an evening event next year.

We welcomed a new landlord at Oscars. David Kirrage and his family are well known and he is very keen on real ale.

The Castle reopened with new landlady Angie who immediately started to improve the quality of real ale.

A Drink for England event was held at Just Beer, Vaults and Oscars with a beer from each county. This was well received and sales were up for the weekend.

We have been active in trying to protect local pubs from closure. This is reported elsewhere in the magazine.

At our July branch meeting we changed our method of judging POTY to avoid issues raised this year. This new method is available for all to see on our website. I hope you agree it will help with the final decisions.

In August at The Final Whistle, we presented cheques for £450 each to our charities REACH and Newark Crusader.

Pubs in Newark Together (PINT) are very active and The Civil War Real Ale Trail, endorsed by CAMRA, has been distributed to 149 outlets around the nearest counties and at as many beer festivals as members go to.

During the last weekend in August the PINT event was Newark Beer and Bite festival with around 6 pubs active.

Our active branch had members attending Grantham, GBBF and Peterborough beer festivals. We also had workers for the week at GBBF and Peterborough.

Our social committee has now expanded to three persons to help with work load. We will have committee posts vacant at our AGM in November. Perhaps you could help? I am sure we could do much better with sponsorship for our May beer festival. Do you have skills and local contacts in this area? If so, can you help?

Our press coverage was very good over the past three months with an article including multiple photos every other week mentioning CAMRA real ale and our area in positive terms.

**Andrew Birkhead**  
*Chairman Newark CAMRA*

## NEWARK DIARY : 2015

- October 1st: Branch Meeting - 8pm  
Cross Keys, Upton (bus from Newark)
- October 3rd: Vale of Belvoir Pub Walk
- November 5th: Branch Meeting - 8pm  
Roaring Meg, Newark (AGM)
- December 3rd: Branch Meeting - 8pm  
Castle Barge, Newark
- December 12th: Xmas Dinner & Social,  
Greek Steakhouse, Newark

*For up-to-date details of all meetings and socials check our website: [www.newarkcamra.org.uk/diary](http://www.newarkcamra.org.uk/diary) or email: [socials@newarkcamra.org.uk](mailto:socials@newarkcamra.org.uk)*

## GRANTHAM DIARY : 2015

- October 7th: Branch Meeting - 8pm  
Tally-Ho, Aswarby
- November 4th: Branch Meeting - 8pm  
White Swan, Barrowby
- December 2nd: Branch Meeting - 8pm  
Angel & Royal, Grantham
- January 13th: Branch Meeting & AGM -  
2016 8pm. Railway Club,  
Grantham

*Check out our website for up-to-date details: [www.granthamcamra.org.uk/calendar-2](http://www.granthamcamra.org.uk/calendar-2)*

# BEACHES & BEER

A holiday in Dorset has many attractions, allied to the fact that, for those of us of a certain age, the county will always resonate with memories of 'Five go mad in Dorset' – the hysterical spoof on the old Enid Blyton Famous Five books we read as kids.

Strange comings' and goings' were a little in short supply, but the week included marvellous views, great walks, and a fine selection of hostleries and local ale. The standout pubs were the ones right by the sea, and being in such a location must give the landlords and owners of such places a head start when it comes to business during the tourist season.

We were based in Lyme Regis, a place we fell for straight away, and exploring on the first evening we discovered the unusual sight of three pubs practically in a line on the seafront – all food oriented as you would expect but also boasting fine ale.

Our first port of call was the Royal Standard, which like its next door neighbour The Harbour Inn, backed onto the sea front with the front entrance (which we never used) off a narrow road on the other side. Walking in off the beach there is a sizeable patio area, a separate hatch for food sales, and incongruously a pool table just inside the door which you have to carefully circumnavigate to get to the bar. Four ales on handpump, all from the Palmers brewery up the road in Bridport, and fine quality Dorset Gold (which was to prove pretty common during the week) and Palmers were sampled. The main memory from this place though was the 'whole crab' – no



View from Anchor Inn

'dressed-in-the-shell' here, whole crab meant just that, and a fun half hour ensued trying to crack the huge claws with inadequate nutcrackers. Brute force became the only way, with fortunately no injuries caused by flying shells to report.

Its neighbour the Harbour Inn was sampled on a different evening, and this place had the added advantage of a seating area right next to the beach. Great for taking in the views, people watching, and sampling Otter Bitter, Otter Ale, and St Austell Tribute; although the latter is pretty ubiquitous these days, it nevertheless was my favourite in there. Entertainment was provided by watching people trying to eat fish and chips before the gulls could steal it all; we experienced our own excitement in this regard during the week, and they are not to be missed with.

The only one of the three we didn't try was the Cobb Arms at the end, and this somehow proves the point in that it didn't have the main outdoor seating area actually adjacent to the beach so somehow lacked the same appeal as the others.

The one pub in Lyme which featured in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide was the Volunteer in the town centre, which I found adequate but somehow lacking next to the seafront-located

neighbours – perfectly adequate Branscombe Vale Donegal served from a cask behind the bar but nothing out of the ordinary as a pub.

The best pleasures have



Square & Compass



Harbour Inn

to be earned, as I think someone once said, and the best beach pub experience came further along the coast after an energetic six and a half mile walk which included a haul over Golden Cap, the highest point on the south coast. Back down past the little village of Seatown (no, me neither) lies the Anchor Inn, situated in splendid isolation in a little valley with a pub garden view par excellence – we were lucky enough to be there on a sunny day but the views back along the coast were superb, and the Palmers Dorset Gold and Best Bitter were again on fine form. Blue skies, turquoise seas, paragliders overhead, friendly staff – interestingly though, the Anchor is neither in the Good Beer Guide and the Good Pub Guide, which suggests how subjective some of these entries can be.

There was one pub in Dorset which had been on my 'must do' list for a long time, it being featured not just in the beer guides but in walking magazines and county guides as well. The Square and Compass in Worth Matravers had attained near legendary status, not just because of its location but also its timeless quality as well. After a ride on the Swanage steam railway and walk from Corfe Castle along the Purbeck ridge (looking out for Famous Five inspired dubious looking characters along the way), a short drive to Worth Matravers brought us to the noted watering hole. After a false start where we overshot the nearest car park (£2 on an honesty box basis) we were able to sit out front and observe the view – not on the beach as such, but a fine rural vista with the blue sea in the distance.

The pub has no bar, just a central serving hatch with four ales and several ciders served straight from the cask or container; as you would hope with a pub with a reputation to maintain, the quality was excellent and again Dorset Gold was one of the choices. You can have any food you like as long as it's a pasty, and the unique garden furniture largely consists of the results of stone carving sessions held there on a regular basis. There is another pub garden round the side and the interior is something to behold – dark rooms that must be very cosy in winter, and there is even a fossil museum off to the left.

We went back there a couple of days later and although the mist was swirling around that time, it somehow added to the atmosphere. A great pub and worth the accolades it receives; just accept the somewhat chaotic queue to be served, they do things at their own pace!

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# SAVING NEWARK'S PUBS

An Update

In the last edition we reported on what members of the public, as well as CAMRA branches, can do to list pubs as "Assets of Community Value". Nominating a pub removes the permitted development rights which ensures the pub is protected in planning law should it come under threat, and offers a six month moratorium should the owners wish to sell. This gives local residents time to put together their own bid for the pub.

## GRANTHAM CAMRA'S COUNTRY PUB OF THE YEAR

The award was presented to the proud owners Charlotte and Eamonn on a lovely summer evening in June where a minibus full of Grantham CAMRA members and locals enjoyed a fine selection of well kept beers. The Castle Inn, after a total of twenty two survey visits during the year came out top of the forty three country pubs in the Grantham area.

Congratulations on a job well done.



Castle Inn,  
Castle Bytham

Three closed pubs have been the subject of local community or CAMRA activity - The Spread Eagle at Hockerton, The Plough at Coddington and The King's Head at Collingham. We're pleased to announce that following an application by Newark CAMRA, the Plough at Coddington has been listed as



an Asset of Community Value. Collingham residents have been active in support of the King's Head and have lodged an application for an ACV with Newark and Sherwood District Council. A local meeting in Hockerton was held regarding the future of The Spread Eagle. After much discussion including the offer of active support of CAMRA the villagers agreed to find out how much support there was to maintain a pub.

CAMRA Newark also applied for an ACV for Oscar's Inn in Newark. While this is currently a thriving pub (and long may it continue) the Branch were aware of the site being up for sale for redevelopment in the past and thought that ACV status would offer future protection and not be detrimental to the pub's current status. However this was turned down by the District Council for the following reason:

"That the asset fails to meet the test set out in Section 88(1) (a) of the Localism Act, as the actual current use of the building... does not further social wellbeing or interests of the local community."

It should be remembered also that The Muskham Ferry Inn was awarded ACV status in December 2014.

If you are aware of a local pub being under threat of closure or change of use and would like CAMRA's help, email [newsletter@newarkcamra.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@newarkcamra.org.uk)

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

The Newark Branch currently emails our branch minutes and notices about upcoming events as well as a monthly survey which gives you the chance to "vote" for where you've been drinking good beer. The survey helps us in choosing pubs for the national Good Beer Guide. You can also nominate pubs for the annual Pub of the Year.

So if you would like to receive the above please email [membership@newarkcamra.org.uk](mailto:membership@newarkcamra.org.uk) with your name and email address. **Editor**

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# CHAMPION BEER OF BRITAIN 2015

*Tiny Rebel's Cwtch crowned Champion Beer of Britain at the Great British Beer Festival*



After over a year of local tasting panels and regional heats leading up to the finals, the Campaign for Real Ale, CAMRA, has announced that today Tiny Rebel's Cwtch has been crowned the Best Beer in Britain at the Great British Beer Festival, Olympia, London.

The Newport brewed real ale was named the Supreme Champion over a host of other finalists in ten different beer categories (Bitters, Best Bitters, Strong Bitters, Golden Ales, Milds, the Speciality class and also the winter beer styles of Porter, Stouts, Barley Wines and Old Ales, and Strong Old Ales and Strong Milds), including beers from both small microbrewers and large regional brewers.

Nik Antona, Champion Beer of Britain Director, spoke in praise of the winner saying: "The Champion Beer of Britain title is the most coveted titles in British beer, for over 30 years brewers have put forward their real ale in the hope it will win and this year Tiny Rebel's Cwtch is a very worthy winner of this prestigious award"

The man who brewed Cwtch – which is pronounced 'cutch' and means cuddle in Welsh – Head Brewer Gareth Williams said what it meant to

win, "I feel like I'm dreaming! This is the ultimate award to win in our eyes and after winning at the Great Welsh a few years ago this feels even better. It's just a crazy feeling and we're massively proud."

Co-founder of the brewery Bradley Cummings, added this on the beer itself, "We were brought up on

real ale and we love traditional styles, Cwtch is our modern version of a traditional bitter, with extra hopping for a more pronounced bitterness and aroma. It's new world and old world all in one."

This year's Silver went to Kelburn, Jaguar (Renfrewshire) whilst the Bronze award went to Dancing Duck, Dark Drake (Derby).

## OVERALL WINNERS

- Gold Tiny Rebel, Cwtch
- Silver Kelburn, Jaguar
- Bronze Dancing Duck, Dark Drake

## MILD

- Gold Williams Bros, Black
- Silver Rudgate, Ruby Mild
- Bronze Great Orme, Welsh Black

## BITTER

- Gold Pheasantry, Best Bitter
- Silver Acorn, Barnsley Bitter
- Joint Bronze Purple Moose, Madog's Ale & Timothy Taylor, Boltmaker

## BEST BITTER

- Gold Tiny Rebel, Cwtch
- Silver Highland, Scapa Special
- Joint Bronze Barngates, Tag Lag & Salopian, Darwin's Origin

## GOLDEN ALE

- Gold Kelburn, Jaguar
- Silver Adnams, Explorer
- Bronze Blue Monkey, Infinity

## STRONG BITTER

- Gold Dark Star, Revelation
- Silver Salopian, Golden Thread
- Bronze Grain, India Pale Ale

## SPECIALITY BEER

- Gold Titanic, Plum Porter
- Joint Silver Kissingate, Black Cherry Mild & Sالتايرة, Triple Chocolate
- Bronze Hanlons, Port Stout

## CHAMPION WINTER BEER OF BRITAIN

*(from category winners announced in January 2015)*

- Porter - Elland Brewery
- Stout - Dancing Duck, Dark Drake
- Barley Wines & Strong Old Ales - Lees, Moonraker
- Old Ales & Strong Milds - Purple Moose

## CHAMPION BOTTLED BEER OF BRITAIN WINNERS

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- Gold - Harveys, Imperial Extra Double Stout
- Silver - Fyne Ales, Superior India Pale Ale
- Bronze - Mordue, India Pale Ale



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# VOTE FOR BEER!

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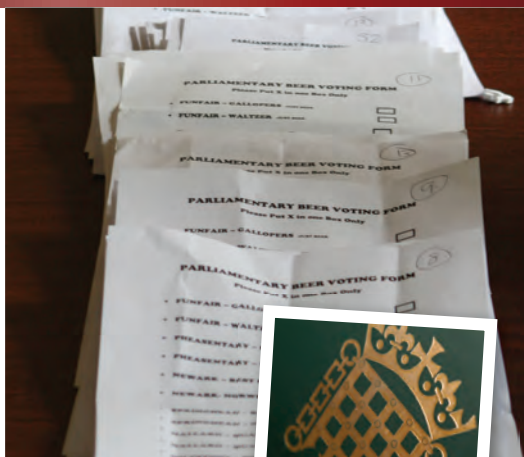
Under the guest ale programme set up in conjunction with SIBA, MP for Newark Robert Jenrick was invited to choose a beer from breweries situated in his constituency.

A chance conversation with Duncan Neil, partner in Just Beer and chairman of PINT (Pubs In Newark Together), led to Duncan coming up with the idea of electing a winning brew. He then arranged for six local pubs each to feature two suitable beers from a constituency brewery.

The event was advertised in the local press, with ballot papers and even ballot boxes being available in each pub for voting. The election ran for some 10 days in early September.

## The six pubs participating, and their beery candidates, were as follows:

- Just Beer: Funfair Gallopers & Waltzer
- The Vaults: Pheasantry Best Bitter & Pale Ale
- The Flying Circus: Newark Best & Norwegian Blue



- The Fox and Crown: Springhead Robin Hood & Outlawed
- Prince Rupert: Mallard Quackpot & QuackerJack
- Navigation: Milestone Sherwood Pale & Loxley

The beers could be easily identified by a specially designed pump crown featuring the famous Houses of Parliament crowned portcullis and printed in green to match the House of Commons benches.

In true electoral tradition a count was held in Newark Town Hall on Saturday 12th September. Deputy Town Mayor, Dean Hyde and Councillors David Lloyd and Stuart Wallace were in attendance to count and generally see fair play. A representative from each pub and two of the breweries attended the count and wore rosettes. Acting returning Officer and CAMRA Chairman, Andrew Birkhead, made the declaration. 187 votes were cast and with 52 votes, the clear winner was Outlawed by Springhead, with Norwegian Blue by Newark Brewery coming second.

Julie Hook, Springhead's Regional Sales Manager gave a short speech and thanked Caroline Franklin, Landlady of the Fox and Crown for her support in promoting the beers.



# BREWERY NEWS

## BREWSTERS

The Brewery is very busy at present with core beers and these extras: • A dry hopped Aromatic Porter at 4.5% was produced for Peterborough beer festival. • Artemis 4.8% in the Wicked Woman range uses a French hop called Aramis. • Marie Antoinette 4.8% is another of the Wicked Woman range. • Rutter Kitty 4% which is son of Rutterkin (the cat if you remember).

## MALLARD

The brewery is very busy at present, with many private sales of beers. Beer is flying out of the door. Bottled beers are also being supplied and are very popular. No new beers being developed at present.

## MILESTONE

The Brewery is busy. The current new beer is Lock Hop and Barrel. Kenny describes it has a Deep copper coloured traditional bitter. Its ABV is 4.0%.

## NEWBY WYKE

Peterborough Gold 5% was brewed especially for the 2015 Peterborough Festival.

Black Beards Xtra 4.6% is the next beer to have been brewed for the Xtra Range, following on from

the success of the Bear Island Xtra 4.9%

Queen Elizabeth 6% was brewed again to commemorate the occasion in September of Her Majesty becoming our longest ruling Monarch

During a recent visit to Brno in the Czech Republic, Rob renewed his friendship with Jirka Cejka the Brewer at the Pegas Brewery. Jirka wishes to brew an IPA for his customers, so to achieve this he is visiting the Newby Wyke Brewery for a few days in October when Rob and Jirka will be brewing the Newby Wyke Distant Grounds IPA 5.2%abv.

Melton Mowbray Beer Festival had Britannia 4.2% and Warrior 5% to go with their WW1 theme.

This year's Christmas Ale will be a fruit beer, Festive Delight 5% abv.

## OLDERSHAW

Trade is doing well with new beers being produced each month.

Gary Gooch, the brewery manager is leaving after working for Oldershaw brewery for 16 years. He will be missed by all of his work colleagues as he moves on to pastures new.



## LocAle UPDATE

LocAle accreditation is awarded to pubs which pledge to always offer at least one locally brewed real ale on their bar.

(The Grantham Branch defines a brewery as local if it's within a radius of 25 miles from the pub's door, however the Newark Branch uses a radius of 20 miles)

Pubs wishing to apply for accreditation should contact their local branch. More information at:

[www.newarkcamra.org.uk/locale](http://www.newarkcamra.org.uk/locale) and [www.granthamcamra.org.uk/locale](http://www.granthamcamra.org.uk/locale)

The following pubs in our area are currently in the scheme:

### NEWARK:

- Boot and Shoe, Flintham
- Bramley Apple, Southwell
- Castle, Newark
- Crown, Normanton on Trent
- Ferry Inn, North Muskham
- Fox and Crown, Newark
- Full Moon, Morton
- Hearty Goodfellow, Southwell
- Just Beer, Newark
- Newark Rugby Club
- Old Coach House, Southwell
- Prince Rupert, Newark
- Sir John Arderne, Newark
- Spread Eagle, Hockerton
- The Chequers, Elston
- The Final Whistle, Southwell
- The Flying Circus, Newark
- The Real Ale Store, Newark
- The Reindeer, Southwell
- The Roaring Meg, Newark

- The Vaults, Newark
- Staunton Arms, Staunton
- Willow Tree, Barnby in the Willows

The Robin Hood Theatre, Averham serve LocAles on performance days

### GRANTHAM:

- Nobody Inn, Grantham
- Lord Harrowby, Grantham
- Tollemache Arms, Grantham
- Railway Club, Grantham
- Conservative Club, Grantham
- Angel & Royal, Grantham
- The Beehive, Grantham
- Five Bells, Claypole
- Castle Inn, Castle Bytham
- Blue Cow, South Witham

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# PUB NEWS



## THE CLAY TAVERN, NEWARK

After the Wheatsheaf's somewhat controversial name change and refurb comes the news that the pub has a new landlord and landlady, Stew and Ali Kemp. Married for 30 years and hailing from Peterborough, this is their first foray into running a pub. Ali explained: "The reason we got involved in the pub trade is my sister Lisa and brother in law Graham took over an Everards pub in Sileby called The Free Trade Inn just over 2½ years ago. Stew and I began helping them out behind the bar and we really enjoyed it. Graham then put Stew through his cellar training and his personal licence so he could fill in when they went away. We then decided to run a pub ourselves, so after looking at quite a few pubs we chose The Clay and so here we are."

Both are CAMRA members and real ale drinkers and they are hoping to widen the range of Marston's

beers on offer.

"We both want The Clay to be a community/family pub, somewhere that everyone feels welcome", Ali explained. "We are looking at bringing live music and other entertainment back to the pub, a Saturday meat raffle, a quiz night and I'm sure we will come up with other ideas!"

## BEERHEADZ, GRANTHAM (OPENING SOON)

Grantham will soon welcome a branch of BeerHeadZ, following on from the success of the first branch in Retford, which has been awarded a Good Beer Guide entry in its first year of operation. The pub is planned to open before Christmas at 27 Watergate, and will sell an ever changing range of cask ales from microbreweries across the UK, as well as a large range of American and European bottled beers. Partner David Moore explained, "There is a function room and beer garden. No TV, or loud music, just good conversation and beer served with a smile in oversized glasses so a pint means a pint".



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# IPA & CRICKET - A TASTE OF THE EMPIRE



I anticipated that the first week in August could turn out to be fairly memorable, I had scanned my social diary and noted that the 3rd Newark IPA trail was due to start on the 31st of July and the Australian cricket team were due to arrive in Nottingham to compete in the 4th Ashes Test at Trent Bridge commencing the 6th of August. My two passions both happening at the same time. I was not to be disappointed.

With 22 establishments signed up to the trail this year and a potential 5 days at the cricket planned towards the end of the trail period, meticulous planning was required. However, by the evening of Friday the 7th of August after the second day's play at Trent Bridge, I arrived at the final call of the trail. During my visits to the pubs there had been a total of 31 different cask IPAs of 5% ABV or above as stipulated by the rules of the trail, from 28 different breweries available. In addition there were also some keg versions and of course multiple bottled and canned versions. The public voted Downton Endeavour weighing in at 10% ABV as the best of the casks available; my personal favourite was the Tiny Rebel Urban IPA at 5.5% ABV. Oldershaw American Hopquad 5.5% ABV was the most repeated with 3 sightings with only 6 others being repeated. Also during my visits there was only one pub on the trail not stocking beers of the required ABV.

So my first goal was achieved and I then witnessed two of the best days cricket in my life as an Englishman, (not sure many Australians would agree, as they collapsed to 60 all out on the first morning, with local hero Stuart Broad recording the stunning bowling figures of 8 for 15). England then followed with a competent batting display and another good bowling display, leaving Australia still 90 behind with only 3 wickets left at the end of day 2. So with anticipation of England regaining the Ashes I departed on Saturday morning to watch the final session of the test. As it panned out the game was over in 45 minutes and the presentations were concluded by 12.30pm, so I joined many happy English cricket supporters around the pubs in Nottingham. I picked up a copy of Nottingham Drinker and discovered that the Nottingham IPA

trail had started on the Thursday, the first Thursday in August each year now having been designated international IPA day. This trail was due to run until the end of August and 42 pubs had signed up to take part. So with a few more days planned watching Nottinghamshire playing cricket and free days because of the early finish to the Test, I took up the challenge.



Nottingham CAMRA had stipulated that the IPA should be 5.5% ABV or above and cask only, and following the 2nd day of play of the County Championship match between Notts and Warwickshire on Saturday 22nd August I had managed to complete my second trail of the month. During my visits 19 different cask IPAs above 5.5% from 16 different breweries were available. Castle Rock Screech Owl 5.5% ABV was sighted 10 times with multiple sightings of 9 others also, Navigation Apus 5.5% with 5 sightings being second and 4 others appearing 3 times. 5 pubs didn't stock beers of the required ABV on the days I visited. Some keg IPAs were available with the Black Iris Mother's Ruin a juniper IPA 7.0% ABV being notable. My favourite was Elland Hoptomiser 6.5% ABV, this led to an amusing discussion with the barman about the obvious typo on the pumpclip describing it as full of "graperuit" flavours. Later in the month I took the opportunity to speak with the brewer from Elland and found out this was much to his disgust as the commissioning of the clips was quite expensive and this was the first time something like this had occurred.

I would like to thank all the establishments taking part in both trails which enhanced my joy at watching England regaining the Ashes, Notts qualifying for the 50 over quarter finals and score 600 in a championship match for the first time in 7 years.

As a member of Newark CAMRA I would also like to thank the Newark area pubs and shop for the excellent choices on offer during the 9 days of the trail and for the prizes they donated for those who returned their cards to compete for.

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# NATIONAL PUB DESIGN AWARDS 2015

CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale, has launched its National Pub Design Awards 2015 in a quest to find the most stunningly designed pubs in the UK. The awards, held in association with English Heritage and the Victorian Society, recognise high standards of architecture in the refurbishment and conservation of existing pubs, and the construction of new ones.

"Whether it's a converted theatre or a Victorian Coaching House, we are looking to discover the best pub interiors and exteriors that Great Britain has to offer. The CAMRA Pub Design Awards competition is open to all pubs in the UK, and buildings can be nominated by their owners, landlords, local CAMRA branch members, or anybody else that thinks the pub deserves to win." Sean Murphy, organiser of CAMRA's Pub Design Awards

However Sean added that "entrants should bear in mind that they may be required to provide additional photographs and plans of the building during the judging process, so the pub licensee should always be made aware of, and approve of, the entry."

## THE COMPETITION INCLUDES FIVE CATEGORIES:

- **New Build category:** This category is for entirely newly built pubs. The judges look for a number of details when judging the worth of any new establishment. The pub might reflect pubs of the past but without becoming a mere

Best New Pub 2014,  
Hall & Woodhouse,  
Somerset



pastiche of Edwardian, Victorian or even Georgian artefacts. Or it could be completely modern, using materials of the 20th or 21st century.

- **Refurbishment category:** Refurbishment can range from a complete gutting and replacement to an enhancement of what was originally there. Refurbishment should suit the individual pub and not be an excuse to use uniform furnishings to brand the pub with brewery or Pub Co's image.
- **Conversion to Pub Use category:** This is where an existing building is converted to pub use. Pubs are judged on the taste and restraint used on both the outside and inside of the pub.
- **CAMRA/English Heritage Conservation award:** This award, sponsored by English Heritage, is usually given for work which conserves what is good in the pub to ensure its future for generations of customers.
- **Joe Goodwin Award Category:** Named after the late CAMRA chair Joe Goodwin - is reserved for outstanding refurbished street-corner locals.

The work on entries should have been completed in the period 1st January 2014 to 31st December 2014. To enter the competition visit: [www.camra.org.uk/pub-design-awards-online-entry](http://www.camra.org.uk/pub-design-awards-online-entry)

**Closing date for entries: 18th October 2015**

## LOCAL CAMRA DISCOUNTS

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- Castle Barge, Newark - 30p off a pint
- Just Beer, Newark - 10p off a pint & 5p off a half
- G H Porter Provisions, Newark - 10% off
- Fox & Crown, 20p off a pint, 10p off a half of cask ales & real ciders
- The Vaults, Newark - 20p off a pint, 10p off a half
- White Hart, Newark - £3 per pint
- Grey Horse, Collingham - 10p off a pint, 5p off a half

- Bramley Apple, Southwell - 15p off a pint
- Old Coach House, Southwell - 15p off a pint
- Reindeer, Southwell - 10p off a pint & 5p off a half
- Five Bells, Claypole - 20p off a pint & 10p off a half
- Angel & Royal, Grantham - 65p off a pint
- Lord Harrowby, Grantham - 30p off a pint
- Nobody Inn, Grantham - 20p off a pint
- Castle Inn, Castle Bytham - 20p off a pint
- Ancaster Sports & Social Club, Ancaster - 30p off a pint

# BEER IN BRNO

So here we were visiting from one rich beer heritage country to one equally as rich in brewing history. We stayed at the Hotel Pegas in Brno, which dates back to the 14th Century, and is equipped with a Microbrewery, which is the third oldest in the Czech Republic and the first in Moravia. The brewery was launched in 1992 with an annual production of 3000 hectolitres.

The current Brewer Jiri Cejka visited the Grantham Brewer Robert March last October to brew an original IPA (Distant Grounds) and was for the first time involved in a brew using Whole Leaf Hops, a different concept to the Czech use of Hop Pellets and a whirlpool. This successful visit led to us being invited to Brno to brew Newby Wyke's Distant Grounds in the Pegas Brewery. Rob and Jiri, both passionate about their beer, spent the day brewing and sharing their knowledge to appreciate the different aspects of their brewing methods.

Then came the time to add the Hops which was Rob's forte (no surprise there then!), the conversion maths were worked out and the amount of hop pellets decided. Jiri felt it was too much but went along with the figure and much to his surprise when the finished product was sampled was pleased with the balance (oh he of little faith!). The biggest difference in the procedure came with the addition of the Aroma Hops to the FV two weeks later whereas Rob adds them at the end of the boil. The secondary Cold Hopping leads to a full, fresh, green in your face aroma.

So after the day spent brewing, a visit to some of Brno's many establishments was on the agenda. We selected five pubs to visit, starting with the furthest away so that we were nearest our hotel at the

end - reason being it was less distance should I have needed a wheelbarrow to get me back!. Our first stop was

*Photos are all of the Pegas Brewery*



The Kings Head. The owners had visited the Kings Head in Northampton, liked it and replicated it in Brno. So on we went heading to number

two on our list, we never made it, as we imbibed the Czech beer delights in five more pubs (no beer was repeated-amazing). The theory was we all felt it would be rude to walk past and not go in and try the offerings- hic!!!

Next day we felt it would be discourteous to our host if we did not visit some more establishments who just happen to sell beer. With Jiri as our guide our first stop was Na Stojaka, as the name Standing Pub suggests this place has no seats but is probably one of the most popular places in town. We drank a Primator Pseniona 12° Wheat Beer, it was awesome (banana flavours), and as we found out later it had been voted the World's Best Wheat Beer in 2011. Next up was the Schrott Bar which we nicknamed the "Mad Max" pub because of the interior design. We had a really hoppy American Pale Ale Cloak 12° which was voted Moravian Beer of the Year 2014.

Zelena Kocha Pivarium (The Green Cat) has eight beers on offer which are displayed on a blackboard with tasting notes and strength.

Brno has numerous Microbreweries - many of whom have a Brewery Tap. One being Charlie's Square, founded in 2014, which is well worth a visit. The stainless steel vessels are located behind the bar from which the finished beers are sold. And of course not forgetting the Starobrnno Brewery which was founded in 1325 as part of a Cisterian Convent. The Brewery was named Starobrnno in the second half of the 19th Century.

Looking forward to visit number four!



# PINT OF VIEW

**PINT - Pubs In Newark Together - is a cooperative of publicans plus other associates working together to promote beer and pubs in the town of Newark**

>Welcome to the first of a regular column keeping you informed of the goings on of P.I.N.T. – Pubs In Newark Together.

PINT was formed to engage several pubs and publicans together with local council and business representatives to enhance Newark and help publicise the town as a great destination for the discerning drinker, this, running alongside the town's visitor attractions and events, will hopefully put Newark firmly on the map as a great place to visit.

The ethos is very much “working together makes you stronger” instead of working against each other and fragmenting ideas and events.

The first fruit of this venture came in the shape of the now popular Civil War Real Ale Trail leaflet, about to go into its second re-print, and distributed to local pubs and hotels and Tourist information offices across the East Midlands.

Over the August bank holiday weekend a number of pubs ran a cider and food festival which proved relatively successful considering it was a first event, and it's felt that it is something that can become an annual event.

The next joint event is Newark Ale'oween – The dark side beer festival. Running over the Halloween weekend of October 29th – November 1st participating pubs will be featuring a selection of stouts, porters and old English style ales alongside their regular selection, allowing people to stroll between pubs sampling the dark delights (don't worry, light ales will also be available). Fancy dress is an option for both staff and customers with pubs giving prizes for the best dressed witches and ghouls.

Watch out for further details and beer lists in October on our facebook page and participating pubs, Just Beer, The Flying Circus, The Ram, The Rupert and The Fox & Crown.

We will be producing a diary of events for 2016 and also incorporating this into the Town Council diary of all events taking place in our town next year, so until next time enjoy Newark and all it has to offer.

**Duncan Neil**

**Chair PINT - Pubs in Newark Together**



## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - A CALL TO ARMS!

The **Annual General Meeting** of the **Newark Branch of the Campaign of Real Ale** will be held at the Roaring Meg, 117 Barnby Gate, Newark NG24 1QZ, on **Thursday 5th November** at 8.00 pm

We are a thriving branch in terms of membership but unfortunately that doesn't mean we always have people on the committees to do all the work to keep the branch going, publicise our activities and, possibly most importantly, organise the annual Newark Beer Festival. For too long all the work has fallen on a few people who quite rightly feel that the work should be shared and others assume the mantle.

All existing committee members are standing down at the AGM, and while some are willing to stand for re-election, we are in need of a new Vice - Chairman and Social Secretary as well as enthusiastic members to be active on the Beer Festival Committee. And that's the very minimum – we also need people to shadow other important posts so that we can maintain continuity.

So please make every effort to attend, give us your views, cast your votes and volunteer for the coming year!

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