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PUB & ALE AWARDS & ACHEIVEMENTS



Our intrepid reporter Tom Carrington has been busy of late, with organising the annual Pub of the Year Competition in Newark, reporting on yet another milestone for Just Beer and attending beer awards. Well someone's got to do it! Here's his report:

NEWARK PUB OF THE YEAR 2016

Each year Newark CAMRA present an award to the best pub in the branch area. Any CAMRA member can nominate their favourite pub to be considered as the Pub of the Year (POTY) and all those nominated are judged by volunteers from the branch. Closing date for nominations is the October branch meeting and results are announced following a meeting of the branch committee and all judges in January. This year eight pubs, Final Whistle and Old Coach House in Southwell, Flying Circus, Just Beer Micropub, Oscar's Inn, Prince Rupert, Organ Grinder and Vaults Cider and Ale House in Newark were in the competition and nine judges volunteered



to do the scoring using CAMRA's POTY judging criteria. Each judge's results are converted into ranking points to reveal the winner. The competition proved to be very close with judges being very impressed with the standards of all the pubs.



The results were announced at a meeting on 25th January, with Just Beer Micropub being the winner of the 2016 Newark CAMRA POTY, and will go forward to the next stage of the competition, the Nottinghamshire CAMRA POTY, the winner of the county POTY then enters the regional stage of the competition and the regional winners progressing again. The national CAMRA POTY being announced in February.

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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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The 2017 Newark competition is open for nominations, e-mail poty@newarkcamra.org.uk with your favourite pub. If you can spare time to take part in judging could you forward your details to the same address.

The presentation of the 2016 award took place at Just Beer on 28th February, when I was pleased to hand over the trophy and certificate to Phil Ayling, Paul Murphy, Duncan Neil and Stuart Young. Five beers were on sale during the afternoon and Ian Dobbs thanked Suzanne Neil for producing the excellent buffet

3000 ALES & COUNTING

Whilst attending the CAMRA AGM, Newark CAMRA member Phil Ayling heard about the opening of the first micropub The Butchers Arms in Herne, he returned to Newark with an idea to open something similar in the town specialising just in cask ales.

At first quite a few people had the opinion that it would never work. However, with three more people on board, suitable premises were found and on the 4th of August 2010 Just Beer Micropub opened and the 4 tapsters Phil, Paul Murphy, Stuart Young and Duncan Neil began serving thirsty customers.

The vision of just selling cask ale never totally materialised but cask has proved to be the main attraction. Real cider and perries have always been available and snacks such as locally produced pork scratchings and pickled eggs are also sold.

The pub was awarded Newark CAMRA Pub of the Year, Nottinghamshire Pub of the Year, East Midlands Pub of the Year and Newark Business of the Year in 2012, and Newark Pub of the Year again in 2013 and 2014.

Over the last five years other products have been added to the range including British and World craft beers in bottles and cans from the fridge.

However, the number of cask ales continued to increase and 2004 days after opening Just Beer reached the milestone of 3000 different cask ales from over 1000 different breweries from all over the United Kingdom. This was reached on the opening day of the 5th Beermuda Triangle beer festival which is organised by Pubs in Newark Together (PINT), a group that the pub is very active in. To mark this achievement Newark CAMRA chairman presented a certificate to the pub.

CHAMPION BEER OF NOTTINGHAM 2016

On 18th February the fourth Champion beer of Nottinghamshire competition took place at the Canalhouse in Nottingham. All of the breweries in the county are invited to supply two beers from their regular range, this year 25 breweries supplied 51 beers, which were divided into five categories.

The two beers judged to be the best from each category are forwarded for final judging to find the overall winner, the other nine beers are classed as runners-up. Once judging is complete the function room of the pub was open to the public to enjoy the fares on offer, the beer festival then ran for the rest of the weekend.

The following beers were judged to be the best of category:-

Bitters

Nottingham Rock Bitter 3.8%
Welbeck Abbey Red Feather 3.9%

Best Bitters

Blue Monkey Infinity 4.6%
Castle Rock Red Riding Hood 4.3%

Strong Bitters

Blue Monkey Ape 5.4%
Navigation Apus 5.5%

Golden Ales

Idle Valley Vacant Gesture 3.8%
Tom Herricks East India Pale Ale 5.4%

Stouts and Porters

Lincoln Green Tuck 4.7%
Nottingham Damn Fine Coffee Porter 4.6%

The overall champion was Blue Monkey Infinity



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CHAMPION WINTER BEER OF BRITAIN 2016

For the last three years the CAMRA national winter beer festival has been held at the iconic roundhouse in Derby. The festival starts with the judging of the Champion winter beer of Britain. Judging this year took place on the 17th February with the East Midlands regional competition being held at the same time. Results were:-

Champion Winter Beer of Britain 2016

Bronze - Plain Ales Inncognito

Silver - Elland 1872 Porter

Gold - Marble Chocolate Marble

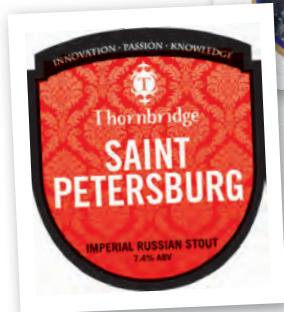
East Midland Regional Competition

Bronze - Phipps NBC Yuletide Ale

Silver - RAW Anubis Porter

Gold - Castle Rock Midnight Owl and Thornbridge St Petersburg Imperial Russian Stout

Next year the festival will be held in Blackfriars Hall Norwich



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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

NEWARK BRANCH

The Newark CAMRA Christmas meal was, as usual, a sell-out. We all had an excellent evening of food and real ale at The Greek Steakhouse, Newark. Thanks go to those who donated beer and raffle prizes and to the restaurant who gave the corkage to charity. For the first time we raised money at this event and it came in the final count to £900. This will be split between our four charities from last year and this. Readers may be interested in the Christmas cake raffle. This cake was originally won in a charity raffle by yours truly in July of last year. At that time I re-donated it to be iced for the Christmas meal raffle. Tracey Moran did a magnificent job of this. Imagine my initial delight and then horror to win it again at Christmas. So, we cut it into slices and charitable donations were made for the third time in the soon to be crowned Pub of the Year 2016 Just Beer Micropub.

Again we have been busy sampling real ale and trying to keep pubs open.

January saw the traditional New Year's walk, a branch meeting at The Castle and Falcon, Newark, the first beer festival committee meeting, a visit to BeerHeadz Retford to play them at traditional pub games and sample delicious beer, the POTY meeting, and the Newark Beermuda Triangle.

In February we had our branch meeting at Newark Brewery. This is housed in an old maltings with original floors and soot still on the walls. If you have not been, Will the brewer would be delighted to explain the history and show you around. We had to make a final submission of evidence to help The

NEWARK DIARY : 2016

- April 7th: Branch Meeting - 8pm
Final Whistle, Southwell
- May 5th: Branch Meeting - 8pm
Sawmill, Newark
- June 2nd: Branch Meeting - 8pm
Hearty Goodfellow,
Southwell

For up-to-date details of all meetings and socials check our website: www.newarkcamra.org.uk/diary or email: socials@newarkcamra.org.uk

Sawmill gain its Asset of Community Value. The local advertiser ran many articles about this. The locals led by Councillor Laurence Goff have organised a petition to save the pub. Nigel, the new landlord has really turned the pub around. Many more locals use it and new hand pumps for real ale have been installed. We hope to have our May branch meeting at The Sawmill.

By early March the preparations were well under way for the 21st Newark beer festival to be held in the usual venue of Riverside Park opposite the castle with around 130 beers and 25 ciders and perries. We staff our festival from our own branch which is very unusual but are always looking for more branch volunteers. If you are interested see our website. You will get a free tee-shirt, beer tokens and food vouchers as well as all the fun and camaraderie of our friendly festival.

You may be reading this after the event. Let's hope the weather was kind to us like last year's record event.

Andrew Birkhead
Chairman Newark CAMRA

GRANTHAM BRANCH

It has been a year of change at Grantham. A number of positions have moved around on the committee and new personnel taken over. I am sure we will move forward as we have done in the past.

As well as our reshuffle we see a change of beer festival organiser. It is Simon Skipworth. Having done the job myself for the last three years I am happy to

GRANTHAM DIARY : 2016

- May 1st: Wheatsheaf Beer Festival - Dry
Doddington (minibus available to this event)
- May 4th: Branch Meeting - 8pm.
Blue Horse, Skillington (minibus available to the meeting)
- May 13th: Tour of Vale of Belvoir pubs
(minibus available to this event)
- June 1st: Branch Meeting - 8pm.
Red Lion, Caythorpe (minibus available to the meeting)
- July 6th: Branch Meeting - 8pm.
Royal Oak, Swayfield (minibus available to the meeting)
- August 3rd - 6th: Grantham Beer Festival
- Check out our website for up-to-date details:
www.granthamcamra.org.uk/calendar-2

hand over to Simon as I am sure he will maintain the standards of the past. The venue of the festival is also changing and we are moving next door to the Railway Club to Huntingtower School.

As change seems to be the theme of this report we have had a change in our POTY. Our winner this year is The Castle Inn, Castle Bytham. The Town pub is The Lord Harrowby, Grantham. The COTY is the Ancaster Sports and Social Club, Ancaster. Congratulations to all our winners and keep up the good work.

Neville Lomas
 Chairman Grantham CAMRA

2016 SOCIAL CALENDAR

I am happy to receive any suggestions for places to visit; either on walks, cycle rides, pub crawls or beer festivals. It's always helpful to have more ideas.

If you are a CAMRA member but are not getting our regular email updates, please let me have your email address. Contact me at: socials@newarkcamra.org.uk

Are you reading this, would love to join in with one or more of the below, but are not yet a CAMRA member? Email me on socials@newarkcamra.org.uk, you will be made to feel most welcome.

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| April 16th: | Country Pubs Survey by minibus/coach. North & east of Newark. <i>Bus leaves Castlegate at 11.45. Seven pubs to visit. Return approx. 19.30. Please let me know if you are coming.</i> |
| May 7th: | Lincoln Green Brewery Birthday Beer Festival |
| May 27th - 29th: | Newark Branch Beer Festival. |
| July 9th: | Branch cycle ride. <i>Destination TBC.</i> |
| August 13th: | Newark Half Pint Marathon. |
| September 17th: | CAMRamble. <i>Destination TBC.</i> |
| October 22nd: | Country Pubs Survey by minibus /coach. East & south of Newark. |
| December 17th: | Branch Christmas Party. <i>Venue TBC.</i> |

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OUT ON A JOLLY IN THE FENS

An entry in the Nottingham Drinker caught my attention. Ray Kirby was rallying a troop of Nottingham branch stalwarts to visit the annual Whittlesea Straw Bear Festival on Saturday 16th January 2016.

Now I am fairly familiar with Olde English customs & folklore like mumming plays ("I can cure the itch, the stitch, the palsy & the gout, the pains within & the pains without..."), morris dancers - even the Staffordshire horn dancers (no, it's not pubescent boys at a school disco) - but I'd never heard of straw bears before. So I was curious.

Whittlesea (a.k.a. Whittlesey) is an ancient fenland market town six miles east of Peterborough. Since time immemorial it was customary on the Tuesday after Plough Monday (which is the first Monday after 12th Night) to dress a "plough boy" in straw. The Straw Bear would then be lead around town by his "keeper" along a specific route, including all the pubs, accepting gifts of beer/food/money. It was thought to celebrate the end of winter and the straw used in the costume is usually burned on the following Sunday, after which a plough(share) is blessed in the local St Mary's church. The tradition was stopped in 1909 when the local police chief thought it smacked of scrounging.

Fortunately it was revived in 1980 and so is now in its 37th year as a festival.

In its present form the festival now starts slightly later than Plough Tuesday, this year on Friday 15th January, with an evening concert of various folk music acts. Saturday sees the procession of the bear, 10.30-15.30, followed by a barn dance in the evening (the straw burning and church



blessing being on the Sunday).

This straw bear procession is the only one of its kind in the British Isles

although there seems to be others in Germany & parts of Eastern Europe. On the Saturday it attracted a huge gathering of folk dancers. The following sides were expected:- 14 Morris, 9 Molly, 5 Clog, 4 Linked Swords, 1 Mixed Rattlejag (broom, bacca pipe & sword dances apparently) and 1 Appalachian.

Three of us ventured from Newark (including the Queen of Cider/Cribbage) by train (it's down to Peterborough Station & then one stop eastbound) and managed to meet up with the Nottinghamsters. There are some excellent pubs in Whittlesea (there's even a 'Spoons) and they all make a special effort, which is why it's a magnet for CAMRA members. We unfortunately missed most of the procession and dancers due to beer/cider (rhubarb cider proved popular!) tasting commitments but I'll certainly try and return next year.

Steve Darke

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.

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Welcome to this addition of P.I.N.T, Pubs In Newark Together, keeping you abreast of upcoming events in the towns premier watering holes.

As springtime rolls on so does our range of events at some of Newark's premier pubs. Our next one being "Drink for Olde England - St Georges Day" a festival celebrating our patron saint and featuring beers from every old shire county in England. This will be held over 4 days, Thursday 21st April to Sunday 24th April incorporating St Georges day, which is Saturday April 23rd. With 10 town pubs taking part, the aim is to feature a beer from every old shire county in the country spread across the participating pubs. A great way to sample beers from far flung counties that you may never have come across before.

A flyer will be available in all participating venues with a map showing which county beer is in each pub thus enabling you to chase any county of your choice. Much has been said over the years that the English don't embrace or celebrate our patron saint in the same way as say, the Irish with their St Patricks day celebrations, well this is our chance to show our national pride whilst enjoying a festival of beers!

P.I.N.T. DIARY

28th - 31st January	Beermuda Triangle Winter Beer Festival.
21st - 24th April	Drink for Olde England, St Georges Day celebrations.
27th - 29th May	Newark CAMRA Beer Festival.
4th - 12th June	Gin in June.
26th - 29th August	Pint and Bite, Cider & Food Festival.
27th - 31st October	Ale'oween. Welcome to the Dark Side Festival

PINT is at this time working on producing a leaflet extolling the fantastic array of pubs and attractions that Newark has to offer, making it a great "beer" destination, whether that is for a day trip or a weekend break. With great road and rail links plus the river Trent bringing boaters through during the summer months it is the perfect time to check out what Newark has to offer. Did you know for instance that you can do a pub crawl to and from either railway station/bus station in which you are able to take in 12 pubs, all selling an array of quality ales all within a total 3 mile walk. Not many market towns can boast that! This leaflet will be launched at another premier event, the Newark CAMRA beer festival held over the Spring bank holiday weekend, May 24th-27th. In the meantime please check-out, like and share our Facebook page, facebook.com/PINT - Pubs in Newark Together and keep abreast of events plus help spread the word. It's our town, be proud of it!

Until next time.

Duncan Neil
Chair, Newark P.I.N.T. - Pubs in Newark Together



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CYPRUS REAL ALE MICROBREWERY GETS THE FINAL GO-AHEAD!



The Yorkshire-family-owners of the Paphos-based Aphrodite's Rock Microbrewery & Brewpub, the first licensed microbrewery in Cyprus, tell CAMRA the incredible story of how they overcame years of the former administration's rampant bureaucracy to start their brewery.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO START A MICROBREWERY IN CYPRUS?

William Ginn, 'Bill', said, "I'm a Chartered Engineer in the oil industry and have travelled all my life. We wanted to start a family business and saw real potential to establish a microbrewery in beautiful Paphos where we had happily settled along with many other British expatriates.

Melanie, his daughter, studied in Sunderland as one of a growing band of British women brewers. Then, in 2010, we prepared a full business plan for CIPA, the Cyprus Investment Promotion Agency, who agreed to assist us.

We didn't enter into this lightly nor, knowing Cyprus, did we expect things to be easy but no market research, business plan or MBA could have prepared us for the government nightmare to follow..."

WHAT WERE THE PROBLEMS YOU ENCOUNTERED IN CYPRUS?

"We found an old defunct winery in a lush green valley in the hills above Paphos. The size was perfect plus it was full of charm and character with all permits as a 'winery'. CIPA said the 'Change of Use' application to 'brewery', "... should be straightforward". It was, however, Easter 2012, eighteen months of continuous and largely unnecessary work later, before our thick dossier of documentation was complete. We were assured all was in order and we "...should receive the Permit to Brew in a week". Imagine our shock on receiving notification from Nicosia not with our promised Permit to Brew but with further demands, then further and then still further unreasonable and, often, impossible demands.

It must be said that Jean, my wife, and I were treated very badly during these years and our health undoubtedly suffered. It turned out that CIPA was, in fact, powerless to help. It almost felt as if there was a deliberate attempt by the government to drive us out of Cyprus for some reason!

We persevered and met all demands making it clear we would not just meekly go away. Customs & Excise then dropped their bombshell, never previously



mentioned, that should we ever receive a Permit to Brew we must pay a €51,000 bond and have a full-time Inspector on our premises whose salary and all expenses would be to our account. The cost could be well over €100,000pa; a crippling sum for a small family business."

TO BRUSSELS AND THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT...

Bill said "With no options left to us, and feeling very alone, we took this to the European Parliament in Brussels with the support of our former Yorkshire MEPs." Questions put to the European Commission in 2012, were:

"Will the Commission investigate whether the difficulties and very long delays experienced by Aphrodite's Rock Brewing Company in its attempts to open for business in Cyprus are a function of:

- *The existence of non-tariff trading barriers*
- *The Cypriot authorities manipulating regulations to prevent or discourage competition*
- *Tacit and potentially illegal bureaucratic connivance in favour of existing Cypriot business*

And, whether the brewing sector in Cyprus is operating in accordance with the requirements of all relevant aspects of EU law"

"After nearly four years of struggles our Permit to Brew was finally granted with the resident Inspector and bond requirements dropped."

Bill said, "After all those years of Cyprus bureaucracy, I nearly called our Irish Red Ale 'Red Tape!'" He added, "Finally, however, we can say that a holiday in the 'Med' no longer condemns CAMRA real ale drinkers to long days of bland, commercial lagers. Cheap flights and low cost accommodation make even a long weekend break possible so come to our little oasis in Paphos in 2016 and have a few great days with us!"

The family's tenacity and determination to bring this much demanded microbrewery to fruition in Cyprus is to be commended. Institutional problems continue for them but they say the support and solidarity shown by fellow CAMRA members, and friends & family, visiting them in Paphos is a great help.

APHRODITE'S ROCK MICROBREWERY & BREWPUB TODAY

Aphrodite's Rock Microbrewery & Brewpub is in a lovely old winery 15 minutes from Paphos surrounded by beautiful olive groves and grape vine terraces. You can take in the views sat in the traditional stone courtyard shaded by walnut, hazelnut and mulberry trees and also enjoy regular live entertainment staged for your pleasure. The kitchen offers delicious, great value-for-money meals plus authentic hand-stretched Italian pizzas

baked-to-order in an Italian wood-fired oven. "Portions are generous - come hungry, you won't leave that way!" Bill said. You can also join the highly popular, informative and complimentary Brewery Tour held every Monday to Friday after lunch.



Despite its stunning location, great restaurant and warm ambience, Aphrodite's Rock Microbrewery & Brewpub is still, first-and-foremost, a microbrewery. Quality real ales and real ciders are brewed by Head Brewer, Melanie, and her team for tourists and residents alike. There are six core beers ranging from Yorkshire Rose, a best bitter at 3.8% to West Coast IPA, an American style pale at 6.0%. Bill says "We currently have about 100 outlets, eg bars, restaurants, tavernas, hotels, etc including the British and American Forces Bases here on the island, but many are simply purchasing the occasional crate. We do, however, have a number of full draft outlets mainly operated by expat British owners who know how to keep a good pint of real ale. The full range of our products is only available from our Brewpub. Our hand-pulled real ale in our Brewpub is very popular with our British expat and tourist customer base as well as other Europeans, Americans, Australians and New Zealanders. Our beers are also very popular with our Russian guests who particularly like 'live beer' being unfiltered, unpasteurised and complete with a load of additional brewer's yeast - you can almost chew it. I hasten to add that all our beers are, of course, unpasteurised. Our real ales are brewed more towards easy drinkability than equivalent styles in the cooler climate of the UK but with a good complex flavour profile. Our London Porter is the only real ale that is not 100% malt and in this we add a small controlled amount of local carob which just lifts the chocolate/coffee profile without making this heavy-going as some porters - it gives it a true taste of Cyprus."

Opening Hours: Monday – Saturday: 11.30am – 10.00pm (breakfast from 9.30am). Sunday Roast: 12.00noon – 4.00pm

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BREWERY NEWS

BREWSTERS

Bottles of Aromantica 4.2%, Aromatic Porter 4.5% Hop A Doodle Doo 4.3% Pale Ale 5% and India Pale Ale 6% are available in the brewery shop along with mini kegs of Hophead and Marquis (to order).

They are planning to hold an open day sometime in the Spring to invite the local CAMRA groups to visit; Dates to be announced.

A collaboration with various other brewsters to celebrate International Women's Day is in the planning stages.

MALLARD

Bottles produced for the Xmas period have all been sold. Extra member of staff employed to answer the phones and deal with sales. Steve is planning to produce a Mild in May brew.

MILESTONE

The Brewery has begun producing craft beers in both cask and keg versions. The beers are Boston Bitter 5.0%, Lindum Pale 6.0%, Helles Lager 5.0% and Hoppenny Porter 4.9%.

A new keg line is now also in use. Milestone also produced 6 Cask Beers for the Rugby Union.

Home Internationals namely English Rose 4.5%, Scotland the Brave 5.0%, Welsh Dragon 4.1%, Italia 4.8%, Luck of the Irish 4.8% and French Cockerel 4.9%. All are in the style of a Bitter.

NEWARK

Still producing core range of nine beers, none dark. Brewing twice a week. As well as Newark the

brewery is trading in other parts of the country through swaps. Plans for new brews are currently under wraps. The brewery hosted the February Newark branch meeting.

NEWBY WYKE

England Expects 4.6% was brewed as part of a Small Beers promotion for the Six Nations Championship. HMS Illustrious 4.4% will be this year's St. George's Day beer and will be yellow hued in colour.

Yamato a Japanese style beer, named after the world's biggest ever battleship, has been brewed using Japanese hops and ingredients.

The next New-k-Ham creation from the Pugwash series, by those two extrovert brewers from Newby Wyke and Oakham Ales will be called Master Mate 4.5% followed by Roger the Cabin Boy.

The end of April will see Newby Wyke travelling to the Pegas Brewery in Brno, to brew a second joint beer Marie Celeste 4.6%.

TOM HERRICKS

Building work continues but still awaiting the delivery of the vessels, the pilot plant is still being used to brew whilst this is ongoing. East India IPA was entered into the Champion Beer of Nottinghamshire competition and was voted one of the two best beers in the golden ales category and therefore announced as one of the runners up in the competition.



LOCAL CAMRA DISCOUNTS

The following local outlets provide discounts to CAMRA members on production of a valid membership card. Please note that these offers can be changed or withdrawn at any time. If you know of any changes or new discounts, please email newsletter@newarkcamra.org.uk

- The Castle, Newark - 15% off cask ales
- 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 - 10p off a pint
- Nobody Inn, Grantham - 30p off a pint
- Castle Inn, Castle Bytham - 20p off a pint
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ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE (ACV) SUCCESS IN GRANTHAM



Grantham branch of CAMRA has successfully applied to have four of their local pubs registered with South Kesteven District Council as Assets of Community Value. The four pubs are the Springfield Arms, The Lord Harrowby both in Grantham as well as the White Swan, Barrowby and the Five Bells at Claypole.

With pubs closing at the rate of 29 every week this listing is an important step in recognising the value to a local community of the local pub. The good news is that active campaigning, by CAMRA and others,



has saved many pubs from being lost forever.

Branch Chairman Nev Lomas states "Getting four pubs listed is a start, only another 66 to go."



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GRANTHAM'S AGM

Once again the branch assembled at Grantham Railway Club for its annual 'bunfight'. About twenty branch members were in attendance as was Alan Ward, Deputy Regional Director, CAMRA.

Branch Chairman, Neville Lomas outlined the previous year, the highlight being the celebration of 40 years of Grantham branch. For the celebratory event a return was made to the historic Angel & Royal hotel, the scene of the first branch meeting, where members past and present enjoyed a thoroughly good 'bash'. With that event out of the way attention turned to the beer festival. Again a well-attended event took place with visitor numbers up on previous years.

Neville concluded his report by stating "after what was achieved in 2015 I think we can look forward to 2016 with confidence." This also made reference to the success the branch had in securing its first round of Asset of Community Value (ACV) applications.

The usual reports were submitted by the various branch officers, though seemingly the secretary wasn't asked for his. Good job, he hadn't actually submitted a report and would've had to 'wing it' on the night.

Onto the formal business of election of officers and with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary being re-elected en bloc it meant matters could proceed quickly to a 'beer break'. Other committee posts were also voted upon; though, as in many organisations, people sat looking at the ceiling/floor/walls etc in the hope they wouldn't be asked to fill a vacancy.

The Branch has therefore returned the following as officers for 2016:

- Chairman - N Lomas
- Vice-chairman - J Tear
- Secretary - A Hides
- Treasurer - S Skipworth
- Membership Secretary - R Dowsett
- Webmaster - S Skipworth
- Social Secretary - Vacant
- Pub Protection Officer - J Tear
- Committee Members - Branch Officers and M Cooke

The position of Social Secretary remains vacant and any branch member that wishes to volunteer for this role please contact the Grantham branch secretary.

Similarly Phil Ayling has stood down as Webmaster after many years which included winning a CAMRA award for best website. Due to the site's construction, which utilises easy to follow templates this is not a "technical role" and could easily be combined with the role of magazine editor.

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 and www.granthamcamra.org.uk/locale

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

NEWARK:

- Boot and Shoe, Flintham
- Bramley Apple, Southwell
- Cross Keys, Upton
- 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
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