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Summer 2017 Edition



Magazine of Mansfield &
Ashfield CAMRA

Welcome to the Summer 2017 edition of Ale & Apple.

In this edition we have a bumper round up of well deserved awards to pubs and publicans in our branch. Also recently we had our Annual General Meeting during which we elected a new Chairman, Ralph Golds see page 32. So I would like to express my own gratitude to the outgoing Chair, Mick Bull who I'm sure many inside and outside our Branch will know. Mick has been a great figurehead and served the Branch well. Cheers to you Mick. And Welcome to the New Chairman, Ralph Golds. It's going to be interesting times ahead and I look forward to Ralph's tenure.

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Branch Diary

Tuesday Branch Meetings – All meetings start at 8pm

8th August; Railway, Mansfield

12th September; Greyhound,

Mansfield Woodhouse

10th October; TBA

Survey Trips – Depart the Railway Inn, Mansfield, at 7pm unless stated otherwise – Bus free for CAMRA members

Tuesday 25th July; Warsop, Cuckney & Surrounding

Saturday 29th July departs 1pm;

Selston (see Sojourns)

Friday 11th August; Partial Sutton in Ashfield (see Sojourns)

Tuesday 29th August; Mansfield

Woodhouse route 1

Tuesday 26th September; Ravenshead, Blidworth & Surrounding

Sojourns, Saturday – unless stated otherwise

29th July; Partial survey into Selston finishing at Selstock Beer & Music

Festival, bus departs Railway, Mansfield, at 1pm, £3 per head (£6 non-members)

Friday 11th August; Departs from Railway, Mansfield, at 7pm, partial Sutton in Ashfield survey finishing at Fat Rabbit Beer Festival, £4 per head (£6 non-members)

26th August; Reindeer Inn, Mansfield for 1pm, 1st Real Ale & Cider Festival with FREE shuttle bus provided to

Kings Clipstone Brewery 6th Real Ale & Cider Festival

Events

28th – 30th July; Selstock at The Horse & Jockey, Selston, Beer & Music Festival


11th – 12th August; 1st Fat Rabbit Beer & Cider Festival inc. Hog Roast

25th – 27th August; Kings Clipstone Brewery, 6th Beer, Cider & Music Festival


25th – 27th August; The Reindeer Inn, Mansfield, 1st Real Ale & Cider Festival

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Latest News  

Brewery News

Black Market Brewery - Warsop Brewing continues at the Black Market mainly to meet demand in their own bar with occasional local beer festivals being supplied. A new addition to the range is In the Dark, a 4.4% mild which was brewed in time for the Mild in May promotion and will be brewed throughout the year but not on a regular basis. Imperial 4.4% best bitter and the flagship Illicit 4.4% pale ale remain the core range.



Kings Clipstone Brewery - Kings Clipstone

Brewing continues on a more regular basis than before as demand from regular customers has increased and several new brews have been added to the range. The first of 2 annual Music Beer and Cider festivals has just taken place and was very successful with an increased range of real ale and cider all selling out. The second will be over the August Bank Holiday weekend. The Reindeer Inn on Southwell Road in Mansfield has been recently refurbished and is now the brewery tap where 3 Kings Clipstone beers feature.



Langwith Brewing Company - Mansfield

The refurbishment of the Langwith Brewing Company tap house the “Beer Shack” is still ongoing. The bar will be reopening under the name “Langwith’s #1”. The bar at the brewery was completed for a soft launch on 10th June (pictured). Opening times yet to be decided, check whatPub.com for details, this will be known as “LBC-HQ” The canning of Peg’s Pale has been well received and now Pocket Locket is available in 330ml cans too. LBC are now part of the SIBA Beer Flex scheme and were to undertake first order deliveries on 1st June. LBC have been approached by J.D. Wetherspoon to supply some of their beers to regional pubs which will include the Stag & Pheasant in Mansfield. LBC have an Assistant

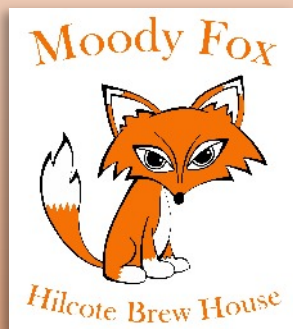


Brewer - Adam Wilson, he has completed a two-month induction programme and is a fully-fledged member of the team.



Moody Fox Brewing Co. - Hilcote

The brewery is doing well at the moment with their 2 regular brews of Pale Tale 5.4% & Cub 3.8% usually available at the brewery site, the Hilcote Arms Country Club. 2 New brews appeared recently, Moody Mild 4.1% and Spitting Feathers 4.6% described as a session pale ale. Beers have also been seen in local pubs and on the bar at the Barrow Hill Rail Ale Festival. They have invested in a bottling plant which is installed on site. Plus later this summer brewer Dan Moody plans to personally drop his beer off at local pubs on a steam engine! If you know of any pubs who may be interested in participating contact Dan directly at the brewery (local being within 3-4 miles of Hilcote).



Priors Well Brewery - Mansfield Woodhouse

Now SIBA accredited and have achieved Food Safety Qualification. Had a very busy St Georges Open Day (pictured). First beer festival planned for September. 3 New brews added to the growing range: Citra 3.9% lager style, and Mosaic 4.6%, both a single hop variety, plus Maun Valley Best, a 4.5% traditional style English bitter.



Meet the Publicans, The Beehive, Maplebeck



Maplebeck is home to the most easterly pub in our branch which holds the title of being the smallest pub in Nottinghamshire. The Beehive is a tiny, traditional pub in an idyllic setting. It was a small brick cottage built in 1803 and known as the Gate Inn until 1844. It has had some colourful characters running it in its long history, more details can be found at www.maplebeck.org.uk.

The pub is currently owned by Claudine Bratton and her partner Nick who

will have been at the Beehive 9 years this September. Although the pub only has 2 little rooms and a small bar the atmosphere was fantastic on our recent visit.

We had the pleasure of dropping by on Claudine's birthday so the pub was full of friends and family including Claudine's mum who I hope will be very pleased to see the photo below. There are 2 handpulls on the bar, one usually offering Castle Rock Harvest Pale, and sometimes a guest, plus 3 real ciders were also available. Dogs are welcome at all times but especially on Tuesday which is dog night when you can bring your furry friend to meet other dogs, treats are provided.

On 28th August (bank holiday Monday) they will be having a band in the car park from 12pm The pub doesn't have a phone but can be found on Main Street NG22 OBS.





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a pub or bar (there will be posters on display) and who feels threatened can go to the bar and simply ask for Angela. Staff, who will have been trained by the police in how to respond, will then escort the person somewhere safe and call them a taxi,

contact friends or family, ask the person causing the distress to leave the premises, or in extreme cases call



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The Hilcote Arms - Hilcote

This village pub has looked like it had been close to opening for quite a while then finally on 24th March 2017 it was open for business being closed since 2014. There has been an extensive refurbishment throughout which included the introduction of four hand pulls, a log burner and a fresh new interior. Three local beers were available on the opening weekend from Lincoln Green, Blue Monkey & Dancing Duck. Owners Richard & Mary welcome dog walkers

and well behaved kids until 8pm. No food offered currently but may do in the future.



Serviced by the Trent Barton 9.1 bus but be warned there is about a one mile walk from the McDonalds bus stop.



Amber Valley CAMRA Beer & Cider Festival 2017

The 8th Amber Valley CAMRA festival will be held at Strutts on Derby Road, Belper from Thursday 28th September to Sunday 1st October 2017. The former Herbert Strutt Grammar School is situated on the A6 just outside the town centre and has its own car park, with the railway and bus stations only a short walk away and buses stopping right outside the venue.

The festival is held in the main hall and various “classrooms” of this unique, atmospheric venue, with the bars being set up in a marquee in an adjoining playground. Several areas will be kept free for those who prefer to drink quietly, have a chat or to sample the great selection of hot and cold food that will be on offer from local caterer, Farmhouse Kitchen, during all sessions from Thursday to Saturday. Snacks and soft drinks will also be available with free soft drinks for designated drivers.

The festival will launch on Thursday with a special preview session from 4-6pm with free entry to all including non-members. This gives customers the opportunity to access the full range of beers, ciders and perries without the weekend crowds. This will be followed at 7.30pm by our popular, free-to-enter quiz with prizes,

where table-service will be provided for participants.

There will be live music in the main hall on Friday and Saturday nights - for full details of all entertainment, opening times and prices, please visit www.ambervalleycamra.org.uk . Advance tickets are not required at any sessions but be sure to arrive early to ensure admission. Over 18's only after 6pm. There is free wi-fi at the venue. Dogs are welcome but only allowed in certain areas.

There will be over 70 ales from around the country, showcasing a good mix of traditional styles along with some unusual and contemporary beers. The Cider Bar will be serving a varied selection of ciders and perries and also country wines and soft drinks. The beer and cider list will be available to view on our website closer to the event.

2017 Festival commemorative glasses in various styles will be on sale for £3 and hire glasses will be available on sale or return.

The Sunday session 12-2pm is free entry with any remaining beers at £2 a pint.

Amber Valley CAMRA look forward to welcoming visitors old and new and hope you have a great time with us at Strutts.

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Meet the Brewer at The Picture House, Little Critters

Founded in 2016 the Little Critters Brewing Company is a family owned and operated microbrewery based in Sheffield. Sales director Mark Wall and



brewer Richard Hancock treated our branch to a meet the brewer night organised directly with The Picture House in Sutton in Ashfield.

They had planned to have 6 beers available for locals to sample but unfortunately only 3 were ready for dispense on the night. These 3

beers didn't disappoint though. First up was Blonde Bear, a 4.2% lightly flavoured pale beer with a hint of tropical fruit. Next up was Sleepy



Badger, a 4.5% oatmeal stout. As would be expected there was the taste of chocolate along with nutty and smoky characteristics.

Finally there was Hazelnut Milk Stout; this fabulous beer comes in at 6%. If you don't like hazelnuts this is not a beer for you. You can smell the aroma of hazelnuts before the glass is even raised off of the bar and the smooth body comes

from the addition of oats and lactose. Seek it out, it's delicious. There is a handy tool on their website littlecrittersbrewery.com called 'Find a Critter'. This

shows where you can find their beers local to you or if you are visiting Sheffield they have a tap room at the Doctor's Orders and the Fox and Duck in Broomhill.

Pictured with Mark is Matt Nevin, Wetherspoon Duty Manager at The Picture House.



CAMRA Membership Keeps on Rising

The Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) has just signed up its 185,000th member reinforcing its place among some of the top membership organisations in the UK. It now boasts more members above all but one of the major political parties. The milestone member was one of hundreds who signed up at the recent Manchester Beer & Cider Festival which played host to almost 15,000 visitors in January 2017. The organisation now has more membership than the Conservative Party, the Scottish Nationals, the Liberal Democrats, the Green Party and UKIP. Only the Labour Party has more members with nearly half a million.

In 2016 CAMRA embarked on a member wide consultation about its future direction and purpose to ensure that it remains relevant 45 years on from its founding. The proposals put forward by the committee charged with running the revitalisation consultation suggested various changes that CAMRA could make in order to better represent the modern beer and pub environment. A final decision on these proposals should be made at CAMRA's Member Weekend 2018 in Coventry.

Colin Valentine, CAMRA's National Chairman says "It is fantastic to see

our membership continue to grow year on year at such a successful rate.

CAMRA remains an attractive organisation in this day and age because of our ability to adapt to the new issues that face the beer and pubs industry. We have seen the world of beer change significantly since 1971 with the rise in breweries and the rapid closure rates in pubs which is why we continually evaluate our purpose and strategy to reflect these changes. As a result we are looking forward to another 45 years of pubs and beer campaigning."



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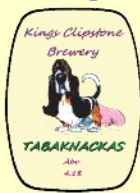


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Mild Trail 2017

This years mild trail was supported by 21 pubs and shops prompting over 200 visits. Disappointingly this was down on last years total but most pubs said that even though they didn't give out as many stickers this time around the mild was well received and proved popular with punters which is good to hear.

The 2 most visited pubs were the Widow Frost and the Stag & Pheasant, our 2 Wetherspoon pubs in Mansfield town centre. We ask anyone who enters the trail to nominate the pub they found the best mild served in, this year the 'David Brett Award for Pub serving Best Mild 2017' went to the Devonshire Arms South Normanton. This pub has

supported the mild trail from day one but it is the first time they have won this award. More details of the 'Dev' can be found in the



awards roundup section of this magazine. This pub actually offers mild all year round usually in the form of Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby 6%.

Thanks to anyone who entered the competition or for just supporting your local mild trail pub. Winners of the Mild Trail prize draw this year are;

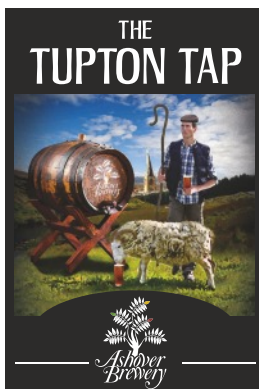
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Roger Chadburn from Mansfield: Bottle gift pack courtesy of Hops in a Bottle Beer Shop (pictured with shop owner Elaine)

Laura Evans from Sutton in Ashfield: Beer vouchers courtesy of the Barrel & Bean, Kirkby in Ashfield

Richard Walker from South Normanton: Beer vouchers courtesy of the Dandy Cock Alehouse & Gin Parlour, Kirkby in Ashfield



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Mansfield & Ashfield CAMRA Pub of the Season-
Winter 2010, Spring 2013, Summer 2014, Autumn 2015
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Good Beer Guide entry since 2012

Awards Roundup

There are lots of presentations to cover this issue so let's jump in with the 2 big ones, our Pub of the Year 2017 awards.

For the Nottinghamshire part of our branch Mansfield & Ashfield CAMRA were pleased to present the Pub of the Year to **The Brown Cow**, Ratcliffe Gate, Mansfield (cover page, top left). David Hemstock from Raw Brewery and landlords Chris and Nicola Johnson were presented with the award during their packed Spring Bank holiday beer & cider festival. Since this wonderful refurbishment of an old run down pub was reopened in 2013 it has offered up to 12 real ales and a range of real cider and continental beers. As

this is a collaboration pub between Raw with Everards, Tiger Ale 4.2% is always available along with ample choice from the Raw range plus beers from near and far. Highlights at the festival were RAW Pompelmo, a 5.5% hazy, grapefruit IPA, and Thornbridge Lucaria, a 6% ice cream porter. Part of the pub used to be the cottage dwelling of Robert Dodsley, poet, playwright and publisher (died 1764) who is probably most famous for first suggesting (and partly financing) Samuel Johnson's Dictionary. Chris & Nicola are also awaiting the birth of their first child so Mansfield & Ashfield CAMRA would like to wish all the best to the 3 of you.





The Brown Cow

The Derbyshire Pub of the Year for our branch was once again awarded to **The Devonshire Arms**, Market Street, South Normanton (cover page, top right). Patricia Henry and her son Karl (who is also her cellar man) were delighted to receive this award for an astonishing 10 years running. To add even more joy to the night a second certificate was presented for being voted 'Pub serving Best Mild on the 2017 Mild Trail' (further details of this can be found elsewhere in this magazine). 8 Hand pulls usually offering up to 6 real ales and 2 ciders adorn the

best side bar. Ashover Brewery featured on the night with Coffin Lane Stout, a 5% bitter coffee and chocolate flavoured stout, and Zoo, a 5.5% IPA alongside Moody Fox Pale Tale, a 5.4% IPA brewed at the Devonshire Arms sister pub the Hilcote Country

Club. Patricia has a reputation for good food as well as good beer, if it's not on the menu just ask, and has been in the Good Beer Guide for 11 years running. Well done to Trish and her team.



The Devonshire Arms



Our Pub of the Season for spring 2017 award was presented to Mandy and Albert Bainbridge at **The Speed the Plough**, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield (cover page, bottom left). This pub has been run by Albie and Mandy for 10 years so to celebrate they threw a party for their customers. We were very pleased to go along and support them on their special day (and relieve them of some of the free buffet!).

Mandy and Albert decided to give real ale a try a few years ago and quickly went from having one pin on at the weekends to offering 3 guests every day of the week, one usually being a Locale. Quickly building a reputation

for good quality ales got them into the CAMRA Good Beer Guide for the first time this year; hopefully they will remain in it for many years to come. Blue Monkey Infinity, St Austell Proper Job, & GK Abbot were on offer on the day. This pub is a big supporter of the armed forces charities and there is usually some raffle or charitable event happening.

And last but not least we have a special mention for the long standing landlady at **The Greyhound**, High Street, Mansfield Woodhouse (cover page, bottom right). Lynda Britten has been associated with the Greyhound for over 30 years but has run the pub



The Greyhound

single handed for the last 25 years. A special achievement award was presented to Lynda to recognise her efforts over those 25 years and thank her from CAMRA for maintaining a tradition well run pub. For 22 of those years the pub has been included in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide, a truly impressive achievement. A celebratory beer was provided by Welbeck Abbey Brewery. Mini festivals are put on several times a year when the pool table is converted into a temporary stillage.



Ask Michael



Dear Michael,

My boyfriend and I are going out on the town on the pull and have a bet as to who will be the victor. He is going to some wine bar but I have chosen a Real Ale venue and wondered if you could help suggest a good one as I really want to win the bet.

Yours Miss T Reat, Warsop

Dear Miss T

Don't worry. Your friend will doubtless be spending so much time looking in the mirror, as I do, getting his hair right before going out, that you will surely get a head start on him. But you are on another winner as any real ale establishment will have bar staff trained to pull, thanks in part to John Lofting (1659 – 15 June 1742). This Dutch manufacturer, merchant and inventor moved to London when he was 27 and set up a mill in what became known as Lofting Street, before moving to Great Marlow in Bucks to make thimbles, some 2 million of them a year to be precise. While working up a thirst at the mill he frequented a nearby hostelry and when asking for a beer was given to musing as to why the serving girl would come up from the cellar with a

pair of jugs when she could draw it up from below the bar. He went back to the mill and came up with plans for what has become popularly known as the hand pump which he patented in 1691. The London Gazette – officially the oldest surviving English newspaper, having being first published on 7 November 1665, recorded that “the patentee hath also projected a very useful engine for the starting of beers and other liquors which will deliver from 20 to 30 barrels an hour”. A very useful tool indeed that remained in use until prolific English inventor, locksmith and engineer Joseph Bramah patented his version of the beer pump on May 9 1785 and later a beer engine, patent No 2196 in 1793. In essence this has not altered that much since then, with the exception of a few other variants, such as the lever action handpump, also known as the cash register handpump. With that thought in mind how much will the bet be ringing in the till? My payment for putting you on the right track? Well a pint of Win-Win will suffice. I'll be the one standing by the bar looking in the mirror combing my hair in the 'Spoons pub the Joseph Bramah on Market Hill, Barnsley, his home town!

Cheers, Mick.

Want to ask Michael a question?

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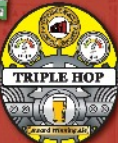
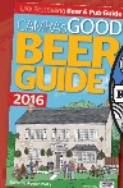
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Running in parallel to the upsurge in micro breweries in recent years there has also been

a growth in the cider making world with the resurrection and revival of some of the small cider producers in the country, and even the creation of new ones, not just in the more 'traditional' cider producing counties but also elsewhere, such as Nottinghamshire. In the 19th century the art of cider making in Britain appears to have suffered a set back compared to the previous centuries when improvements in the quality of the drink took place. When G W Radcliffe Cook wrote, A Book About Cider and Perry in 1898 a revival of interest in cider apples began.

Experiments in cider production took off and helped to pave the way to the formation of the National Fruit and Cider Institute. This ran extensive trials in the mid 1930's which led to the widespread use of an apple variety known as Yarlington Mill, a cider apple developed in Somerset in the late 19th century. It is still used by many cider producers today such as Gwatkins single varietal cider surprisingly enough called Yarlington Mill.

Fast forward to today and there are no shortage of craft cider and perry

makers vying for the title in CAMRA's National Cider and Perry Championships. In April this year the competition was held in Reading at the beer and cider festival, where producers from across the country came together looking for a place on the winners rosta. The entries this year confirmed there is a strong commitment to good quality cider and perry demonstrating the high quality and standard of the drinks produced. This year CAMRA will have been campaigning for real cider and perry for 29 years and in terms of 'real' this means a drink that is unfiltered and unpasteurised and made from freshly pressed apples or pears, producing a natural and delicious drink.

So who were this year's winners? Well in the cider category Devon's Countryman took Gold with their Medium, Silver went to Salt Hill's Autumn Gold from Berkshire and Bronze went to Gwatkins of Herefordshire with Captain Gwatkins Rum Cask. In the perry field Gold was awarded to Nempnett with Piglet's Perry from Somerset, while Waulmill of Dumfriesshire took Silver with Mooseheid Perry and Bronze went to Hartland's Perry from Gloucestershire. In sixth place in the cider competition was Blue Barrel from Nottingham based at Summerwood Community Garden, with Clifton Beauty. Well done to all the winners!

A photograph of four men sitting around a wooden table in a pub, each with a glass of beer. They are all smiling and engaged in conversation. The man on the far left is wearing a red and white checkered shirt. The man next to him is wearing a blue button-down shirt and glasses. The man in the center is wearing a grey and white striped polo shirt and glasses. The man on the far right is wearing a dark blue sweater. In the background, there are two framed pictures on the wall and a large black sign with white text.

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The Oasis Lounge Bar, Sutton in Ashfield

A new real ale outlet has been added to the choice available in Sutton in Ashfield. The Oasis Lounge Bar on Outram Street has opened on the site of the old amusement arcade near Wilkinson.

Two hand pulls are available with one ale being offered at the moment until they find their feet. This was Black Sheep Bitter, with Doombar being available previously at a keenly priced £2.60. They open at 7.30am every day for breakfast (10am Sunday) but don't serve alcohol until 9am. The menu looked very tempting which was also priced sensibly. The inside is very nicely kited out with chandeliers, comfy chairs for drinkers, and proper tables for diners.

All food is freshly prepared and nothing is cooked with a 'ping' as the co-owner Joanne was proud to tell us. Nice to see another real ale option added to Sutton in Ashfield town centre.

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10 Differences to get in this picture that features Nottinghamshire breweries pump clips.



Words from the Old Chair



Well over a quarter of a century ago I became influenced by the fledgling CAMRA while on a working holiday on a farm in Cornwall. The beers I tried all tasted different to those brewed by Mansfield Brewery and I got to thinking, 'if they can do it so can others'. Back home the taste buds reverted back to being accustomed to Home Ales in the Crown Hostelry or Mansfield Ales in any number of pubs. I first joined CAMRA when working in Derby, then since the 2nd Mansfield and Ashfield beer festival at the old Leisure Centre I became an active member of the branch and have in subsequent years held committee

posts culminating in the past few years as Branch Chair. However at the recent AGM I decided to stand down and let someone else have the fame and glory of this esteemed post. On the night the accolade fell to Ralph Golds of the Masons Arms, Sutton in Ashfield who had allegedly attended the AGM to persuade me to stand again.

CAMRA has changed dramatically since I first took an interest in it and I'm sure it will continue to evolve to meet with consumer and industry demands and I am equally sure Ralph will be the person to move this branch forward, doubtless with a helping hand from the outgoing Chair and the committee members.

Congratulations Mr Golds. The Chair is yours.

Words from the New Chair

To ease Ralph into his first editorial as the new Chairman of Mansfield & Ashfield CAMRA we thought a Q&A session would be a good way to get to know him better;

Name: Ralph Golds

Alias: Badger, when my beard started to turn grey it looked like a badger's tail.

Occupation: Publican



definitely a gentleman who prefers blondes (beers of course)

What CAMRA means to you: CAMRA to me is a group that started as a bunch of blokes looking for a decent pint into a force looking out for the good of the whole beer industry and consumer.

Aims as Chairman: My aims as chairman are to encourage more people to take an active role in supporting not just the branch but the whole movement and I am looking forward to working alongside the enthusiastic members we already have.

Can you recall where you had your first pint of real ale: I can't really recall where but I first started drinking Shipstones Bitter served from a proper hand pull beer engine and if you found a landlord who was good at his trade a mighty fine pint it was too, unfortunately they were few and far between hence the decline into fizzy keg. My first ventures into the world of real ale was in places like the Dewdrop in Ilkeston and the Holly bush in Makeney, sometimes travelling to the Horse and Jockey at Selston. I can't remember many of the specific beers but Timothy Taylors Landlord has made me forget several things.

Favourite tippie: I don't have an individual favourite beer but I'm

Likes: Good beer and good company. I enjoy motorcycling including going to watch the occasional race and tinkering in my garage when time permits.

Dislikes: Wasting time and cold tea.

Cats or Dogs: Dogs are a faithful friend; cats can be useful (mice like beer as much as people do!)

Beer & Royalty – Christine Cryne, former CAMRA National Executive

One of the great things about beer is its history. For centuries it has played a part in people's lives, whether king or pauper! The Royal Palaces recently asked me to do a tasting for them on royalty and beer and some of the history surprised even me! We may complain about the lack of a full pint (and I'm sure many of us are aware that the Magna Carta brought in weights and measures) but this didn't address sharp practises.

From the 13th century onwards there were a number of provisions made around beer. At the end of Henry III's reign in 1272 a tariff of provisions was fixed by the City of London owing to extortionate prices, and four years later the Assize in London fixed the price of ale at 3/4d per gallon with 1d for strong ale.

The beer at this time would have been without hops, using herbs and spices to create some balance; bog myrtle was a particular favourite. But beer did contain malt and this was a good source of calories as well as enjoyment.

Beer had a big part to play in military matters, armies and navies expected

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to have a ration of beer, and if the king didn't deliver they could expect no one there beside them when they went into battle. Six pints per day is often quoted for medieval times.

Skip forward a few centuries and you would still be expecting to have some of your wages from the king paid in beer but it might contain this odd ingredient called hops. Although present in Europe for hundreds of years, they only started to be used in England from the late 1400s, with Henry VIII having both brewers who brewed with hops (beer) and those who brewed without (ale). His household at Hampton Court were

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getting through 13,000 pints a day.
But beer was not just a male preserve
and there are many stories
surrounding Elizabeth I including the
fact that she reduced the cost of hops
and banned strong beer (called
Double-Double). She was also known
to get grumpy if she couldn't get her
favourite beer.

Then, of course, we have Catherine
the Great of Russia who loved
London's dark beer (Imperial Russian
Stout), Victoria and her supply of beer
to her troops in India (India Pale Ale),
the late Queen Mother (most of us
have seen the photo of her in Young's
pubs with a pint) right through to
today's Prince of Wales and his Duchy



organic beers. British Royalty has
always loved its beer!

Pleasley Pit Festival

Last year I was talking to one of the volunteers at the Pleasley Pit Trust, who look after the old pit workings and country park as featured in the last issue of this magazine, and the seeds for a beer festival in the engine house were sown.

Fast forward to the end of April this year and the dream became a reality. As with any new venture it is always

back to back engine house. Saturday afternoon continued the trend of thirsty customers with musical entertainment by the Pleasley Colliery Brass Band and by the time 3 Wise Men took to the stage I had already been home and replenished dwindling cider stocks and done a 40 mile round trip to bring in some ready racked beer to go straight on to prevent selling out too early.



difficult to judge how many will turn up and how much beer and cider needs to be ordered but I was confident the balance was about right. On the Friday night there were folks waiting for the bar to open, always a good sign and the evening never let up. An acoustic duo, Fitzy, played outside to a thirsty crowd who kept coming back to replenish their glasses at the bar which was located in the atmospheric setting of the Victorian

Was it a success? Most definitely, proving real ale, cider, and industrial heritage are a perfect match. At the end of the Sunday afternoon session there was very little beer left and all the cider, over 200 Litres had vanished mid-afternoon.

I for one, and I know I'm not on my own, look forward to the 2018 festival!

Mick Bull

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE ANSWERS

How many did you get ? Here are the answers to last editions Spot the Difference.



JUST FOR FUN

Match the beer-loving definitions with the terminology and slang:

1. The act of spraying hot water on spent mash grains to collect the liquid malt extract and sugar that's leftover in the grain husks.
2. The chemical study of fermentation, as in brewing.
3. The act of collecting beer mats or coasters.
4. A cask that holds 54 imperial gallons.
5. The smell of sulphur that indicates the presence of sulphate ions.

- a. Tegestology
- b. Burton Snatch
- c. Sparging
- d. Zymurgy
- e. Hogshead

Answers: 1c, 2d, 3a, 4e, 5b

Saturday Sojourn (Verb, sojourn - pass time in a specific way)

Did you know that as well as a monthly survey trip your branch also runs a Saturday Sojourn that often goes out of area? If a bus is provided this is generally subsidised by the branch but a small fee may apply, non CAMRA members welcome. Brewery tours may also incur a small charge. Interested? Further details can be found on our website, or drop an email to socialsecretary@mansfield.camra.org.uk

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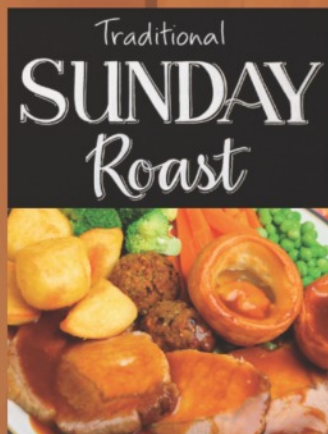
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