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# Editor's Ramblings

I had a phone call out of the blue recently from a friend who said he'd just read an article in the Times stating that "hippies" were preparing to take on CAMRA's old guard in a battle over the organisation's future. Images of meetings being pervaded by cheesecloth, loon pants and

incense passed before my eyes before I saw a copy of the article and realised that my friend had misread "hipsters" as "hippies"! Should've gone to Specsavers and all that but, seriously, one wonders which of the two evils is the lesser...

At CAMRA HQ, meanwhile, we wish outgoing Chairperson Jackie Parker well whilst congratulating her successor Nik Antona on his new appointment.

Anyway – in the last issue I appealed to everyone to let me have details of forthcoming events for inclusion in our Diary Dates section. As if to reinforce the point, no sooner had we gone to press than I heard about three (fairly major) beer festivals in Peterborough which took place in May but which did not feature in these pages. May I request again that you forward details of events to the address below – it costs now! To help, future BAE deadline dates will now be included in the Diary Dates section.

Whilst on this subject, a committee member told me that he was talking to a local publican who asked how he could place a paid advertisement in BAE. Both of them reckoned they couldn't find advertising contacts in the magazine. All I can say is that the paragraph beginning "for all your advertising needs" has been at the bottom right hand corner of this page since the back end of last year. It has now been highlighted for easier spotting.

We are all aware that pubs continue to close at an alarming

rate. If your local is under threat, though, help is available. CAMRA alone cannot save a pub but a CAMRA guide, available online, provides a wealth of useful information which just might make the difference between a pub closing or, for example, gaining an ACV (Asset of Community Value) listing or possibly becoming a pub run by the community. It can happen!

Visit [www.pubs.camra.org.uk/communityownedpubs](http://www.pubs.camra.org.uk/communityownedpubs)

And Brexit – told you so, didn't I?

Good luck!

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# Chairman's Corner

Welcome to Edition 207 of the Peterborough & District branch of CAMRA's newsletter Beer Around 'Ere. Thanks mostly to the endeavours of our Secretary, Dickie Bird, we

have a new Peterborough CAMRA branch website, [www.peterborough.camra.org.uk](http://www.peterborough.camra.org.uk), with a dot replacing the hyphen from the old site. There are already new exciting features including an interactive map of the area, showing locations of all the pubs, and also links to a new Beer Festival website. For wannabe volunteers at this year's Festival, there is an on-line volunteering form which has a car park pass at the bottom which volunteers need to print off for use on the first day on site.

We have sent two beer-surveying teams out of the Branch area, the first to sample the other establishments nominated for the Cambridgeshire County Pub and Cider Pub of the Year. Many thanks to Mike Lane for again being chauffeur and putting up with our small team of merry surveyors. The second team have been on the longer trip to survey pubs of the East Midlands which include entries around Coventry, Northamptonshire, Leicestershire and Rutland. Hopefully at the end of the judging our nominations below will have won further accolades:

- Finalist for Cambridgeshire Pub of the Year – Frothblowers (Peterborough)
- Finalist for Cambridgeshire Cider Pub of the Year – Letter B (Whittlesey)
- Finalist for the East Midlands Pub of the Year – Tap & Kitchen (Oundle)

On a personal note I have managed to drag myself to a couple of cracking Peterborough pub-based beer festivals. The first, Charters, managed by the hard-working Warren Allett, even sold out before its end! It was also a bonus to see such a variety of younger real ale drinkers enjoying themselves over a very warm weekend on or next to the river. The second, at the Hand & Heart in Millfield, boasted a beer selection which would put many large CAMRA beer festivals to shame. This festival was held half in the bar, and half in the garden, where "Uncle Bram's Cabin" and a stage are located. Three popular bands played on consecutive nights, Friday being especially noisy with the Expletives rocking the night away.

Finally, many thanks to Andy Stone who has volunteered to be the committee member for Cider, and also to the new owners of the Queen's Head at Bulwick. It is nice to see the pub finally re-opening, selling fine food and at least three real ales including two LocAles.

**Matt Mace**

*Chair*

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# Pub News

Hopefully summer will be kicking in by the time you read this, so I thought it would be a good idea to do a bit of a rundown on various places in our branch area where a decent pint can be enjoyed whilst taking in some cricket. A family visit led to a mini crawl through Stamford, and to round it out there are the usual snippets about pub changes.

## A Stamford Shopping Trip

A recent visit from the northern branch of the family provided the choice between some shopping in Stamford or the chance to look in on some of the town's pubs. Decision made, our first port of call was to check out how the 17<sup>th</sup> Century **Millstone** was getting on since its refurb at the start of last year after the damage caused by Storm Doris. I chose a half a Doom Bar, chatted with the new tenants, who have been in for a year now, and I'm pleased to say that the pub is back to being a vibrant town centre pub with a good crowd enjoying the sports on the various TVs. The next port of call was down Scotgate to **The Green Man**, an old coaching inn that is no stranger to the pages of the Good Beer Guide. As expected the beer range was very good with beers from Tydd Steam, Oakham, and Grainstore on the bar alongside London Pride. A pint of well-kept Inferno went down very well! We ventured back into the town centre to relax in **The Crown Hotel**, one of the Knead Group bars in town, and a good pint of JHB. The hotel bar area has several distinct eating and drinking areas, and offers three beers, typically JHB, London Pride & Timmy Taylor's Landlord. The next stop was somewhere I hadn't been for many years. The **St. Mary's Vaults** hasn't had cask beer for a while, but it is a great pub and has a good traditional feel about it. As is standard with Sam Smiths places, all the products, beer, spirits, snacks and wine, are supplied from Yorkshire (maybe not the wine...), so I plumped for a half of the keg mild whilst I had a look around. Nice to see that the recent ban on mobile phone usage in the Sam Smith empire didn't seem to have too much effect on the people enjoying a quiet drink. Our last stop in Stamford was around the corner at The King's Head, which made its GBG debut last

year, and had five beers on offer, showcasing smaller breweries from around the country. I had the Sonic Non Youth from Kelham Island.

## An Adult Youth Centre

The Swiss Cottage in Peterborough has been reborn as Charlie's AYC. Locals Paul and Marija bought the pub from Ei Group on March 22<sup>nd</sup> this year, and opened a week later renaming the pub in honour of Marija's father, a regular who took her there a child. The first job was to thoroughly clean the cellar (see photo of Marija), and get some good beers hooked up. The vision is for a community pub and to help, the Oakham JHB is priced at £2.80. There is a small family area and TVs to show horse racing, but in order to encourage conversation, there is no pool table or juke box.



## A Traditional Country Pub

They say "If it ain't broken", a phrase that could be applied to The Ruddy Duck in Peakirk. Before the onset of "GastroPubs" this was always a safe bet for a good quality meal washed down with nice beer. And it is nice to know that some things don't change. The Ruddys (yes, that really is their name!), Andy and Sue, obviously saw their calling when they moved over from Leicestershire to take on the lease in 2003, and they have kept with the winning formula ever since. The food was good, made all the better for a pint of Firebird Two Horses. The cask ale sales have been down lately, but it is good to see a pub reduce the handpumps in line with demand; as Sue said, she doesn't want to serve a bad pint.



## News from Around the Branch

I'll start with one of our most southerly pubs, **The Addison Arms** in Glatton where regular Keith Miller responded with my request for an update with: *"Currently enjoying a nectar Fools Nook at the Addison, always immaculately well-kept, clear and fresh, specially nursed by the landlord Ray Groves, who makes it such a perfect pint. He cleans his lines weekly, which I'm sure makes the big difference. One of two regular ales including Addison Ale which is actually Shacklebush, always a third ale, often a guest from Theakstons. Quality of ales are always good; country style pub with historic links to playwright Joseph Addison; popular with walking groups and busy for food and excellent large garden facilities for the sunny days. Definitely worth a visit for any local CAMRA members."* High praise indeed, it has certainly got me thinking about a trip down the A1.

Out of the blue, I received an email from Dave Nunn, who was writing to me to see what CAMRA could do to help him in his quest to save **The Woodman's Arms**, Newton, near Wisbech. He explained that he moved to the village in 2015 and found that it took him just over a minute to get to his new local. Sadly, time marched on, and the elderly couple that ran the pub are no longer with us, leaving the pub standing empty for the last 12 months. It is believed that the building is owned by a London

based investment company so you can guess what's in store for it. Dave's desire is to create a community pub, one that would also function as a Post Office by day. The future of the pub is an agenda item for the Parish Council Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May, so Dave will know then if there is a desire within the village to resurrect their local. We wish them well.

There is a breath of fresh air in Kings Cliffe where we are hearing good things about the new landlords of **The Cross Keys**. Kyle and Tyler are successfully repairing the damage done by the previous incumbent, who left the pub suddenly, earlier in the year. Nearby **The Exeter Arms** in Easton-on-the-Hill is back up and running, the new team in place – Liam Kavanagh and Rob Savill - already run the successful Copper Room in Stamford.

Staying in Stamford, it looks like one of the town's iconic pubs, **The Lincolnshire Poacher** is unlikely to trade again. It is opening soon as a furniture shop. Although it wasn't much to write home about in its recent guise as The Pear Tree, those with longer memories will recall it having special dispensation to extend lunchtime opening hours until 4pm (!) on market day, which was a Friday.

Landlady of The Golden Fleece in Stamford for the last four years, Carole Frith, is moving on following the retirement of her fiancé Mick Purvis, who seems to have been around forever!

The last rites can't be far away for **The Silver Jubilee** in North Bretton. The pub closed several years ago, then any hopes of it reopening suffered when it was a victim to an arson attack. It now looks like there are plans afoot to incorporate it into an expansion for the nearby Heltwate School.

## Beer & Cricket

**Burghley Park Cricket Club** will be hosting their annual Cricket Week again this year, starting on Monday July 1<sup>st</sup> and running through to Friday July 5<sup>th</sup>. Where's the beer connection? Well, throughout the week, the club organises a beer festival in a marquee just by the boundary rope. This year there will be 70 Real Ales available along with other drinks and a BBQ Grill for snacks. The cricket involves all day matches starting at 10:00am and finishing at



6:00pm, after which the real fun begins with the region's premier 6-a-side tournament. Matches last about 1 hour, and each side gets just 5 overs (30 balls) to amass as many runs as possible. As you can imagine, all caution is thrown to the wind, so fans of "Big Hitting" will not be disappointed, the only precaution to take as a spectator is to always watch the action since a cricket ball could be heading your way at any time! There's three matches a night, and entrance is free, so what better way to spend a pleasant summer's evening. People who can't stand cricket, but appreciate good beer, are also free to wander around the parkland and enjoy the views of Burghley House in the distance. The cricket ground is located just inside the first entrance off Barnack Road on the way out of Stamford.

The Cricket Week got me thinking about the connection between cricket and beer, so here are a few more places where people can enjoy a good pint whilst watching some guys stand in a field. **Peterborough Town Sports Club** at Bretton Gate (by the Hospital) hosts the highest level of cricket in our area, constantly challenging for top spot in the Northamptonshire League, and to complement the cricket the bar typically offers two real ales. Matches are held on week-ends and the Huntingdonshire Over 50s use the ground for their midweek home matches.

Other high-quality cricket can be enjoyed at the following grounds which also have good outlets for Real Ale nearby.

**Oundle Town Cricket Club** also compete in the Northamptonshire League, and play their home matches very close to the middle of town at Milton Road, a five-minute walk will find the town centre pubs including **The Ship**, which justifiably graces the pages of the Good Beer Guide.

**Wisbech Cricket Club** compete in the Cambridgeshire League, and play their home matches at the Harecroft Road Playing Fields. The cricket pitch is at the north end of the fields, but it is just a short walk down to either **The Red Lion** or **The Rose Tavern**, two reliable outlets for real ale in town.

**March Town Cricket Club** also compete in the Cambridgeshire League, and their ground at Burrowmoor Road is just a ten-minute walk from the middle of town where there are a number of good pubs, including regular Good Beer Guide entries **The Ship Inn** and **The Rose & Crown**.

**Ramsey Cricket Club** round out the local Cambridgeshire League representatives, and their ground again is just 10 minutes from the town, where there are four good pubs including GBG entry **The Angel**.

**Bourne Cricket Club** compete in the Lincolnshire League and enjoy the pleasant setting of Abbey Lawns, not far from the middle of town and the selection of pubs there, or a 10-minute walk away from town will find you the GBG listed **The Anchor**.

**Market Deeping Cricket Club** are our other local representative in the Lincolnshire League, and play on the northside of town at the sports complex on Outgang Road. It's a bit of a walk into town, but fortunately there are normally a couple of real ales on tap in the clubhouse.

Other good cricket can be enjoyed with a beer at the following locations:

- **Ufford Park** play at a very nice location in the grounds of Ufford Hall, which is just a five-minute walk to **The White Hart**.
- **Barnack** grace another nice ground close to the Hills and Hollows and **The Millstone**.
- **Castor** play down Port Lane, just opposite **The Prince of Wales Feathers** and a short walk from **The Royal Oak**.
- **Baston** play close to **The White Horse**, and there's also the option of **The Black Horse** at the far end of the village.
- **Newborough** play on the edge of the village, a 10-minute walk from **The Bull Inn**.
- **Weldon** play in the middle of the village and have both **The Shoulder of Mutton** and **The George** close by.
- **Chatteris** play at the edge of town on Wenny Road, which is a bit of a walk into town, but anyone making the effort will be rewarded by the GBG listed **Ship**, and some other good town pubs.



- **Stamford Town** are a mile out of town on Uffington Road.
- **Uffington** themselves play in the village and have **The Bertie Arms** nearby. It is in fact just a mile or so from Uffington to the Stamford ground, a nice walk that follows the path of the old Stamford Canal.
- **Orton Park** have a nice ground in the old village of Orton Longueville, just past the **Ramblewood Inn** which is only a couple of minutes' walk just over the road. Within a mile are the excellent Real Ale pubs of Oundle Road. The CAMRA cricket club also play their home matches here.
- **Nassington** have a nice ground on Fotheringhay Road, where, more often than not, club stalwart Bill Taylor will have put on a cask of Nene Valley's ales on the bar. Should Bill have drunk all the beer himself, then there are two pubs in the village, **The Black Horse**, where a nice range is available, and **The Queen's Head** where fans of Greene King IPA will not be disappointed.

*\*Editor's Note: In the last issue of BAE we ran a two-page tribute to Dean and Jill as they left the Jolly Brewer in Stamford. It's an unfortunate fact in publishing that as soon as something appears in print, a situation can change, and that's what has happened in this instance. At the couple's request, we are not going to quote details, but it seems that the parties buying the lease on the Brewer have pulled out, having found another business that isn't a pub. The upshot is that, in Foundry Road, it's a case of "as you were" for Dean and Jill, which is good news for everyone – except, perhaps, Dean and Jill.*

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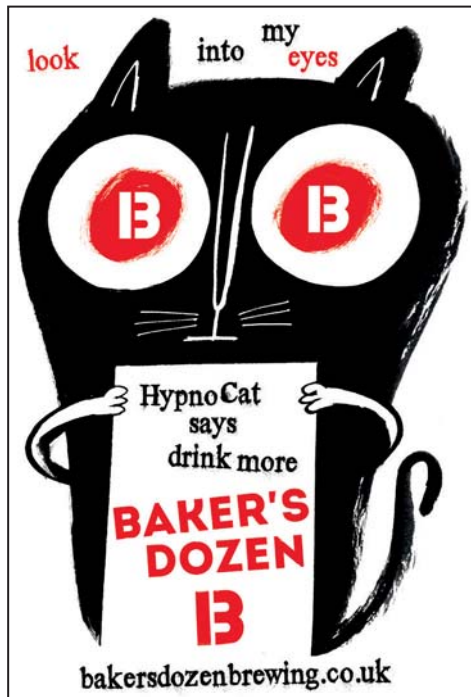
## A Call out to Doctor Who Fans!

Several years ago, Bram, the kind hearted landlord of Peterborough's **Hand & Heart**, started a "Rescue Centre" for disfigured Daleks.



He was willing to take in any robotic pepper-pot that had lost an eye, plunger or light. Over the years his collection grew and he has now decided to sell off some of the pieces. Apparently, he's holding on to all Daleks and Tardis bits, but others are up for grabs. Pop down for a pint and see if you can get yourself a Time & Space bargain.

**Mark Finney**



# Brewery News



## Blue Bell

[www.thebluebell.net](http://www.thebluebell.net)

The first Classic Car and Bike Rally of the year (first Wednesday of each month through summer – free admission) was very well attended, with 177 vehicles, and saw the launch of a new beer. It's called Burley Chassis, a 3.7% medium red beer. It was very well received and they sold a firkin on the first night. Burley Chassis will be available throughout the summer.

**Sarah Finney**



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## Castor Ales

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Spring is here at last, signalling the return of migratory birds and the start of the Beer Festival season.

Cambridge requested a festival special to celebrate the anniversary of the first moon landing, so naming the beer was easy: One small Sip for man, one giant Slurp for Cambridge! The tricky business was that the festival organisers wanted a lager. Now those of you fortunate enough to have had an elusive brewery tour will know the limitations of the brew house to

brew a decent real ale, let alone a lager. Not daunted by the challenge, the Castor boys set about the task in hand in March and fortunately the weather was perfect for the “lagering” process. The result was a Pilsner-type lager, balanced by noble hops and weighing in at a punchy 5%.

Making a lager needs attention and a nurturing approach, and we'd like to thank Richard at Mile Tree for his help and advice.

Cambridge also requested a mild, so Castorware Mild went back into production and the result has been a fruity, dark, smooth ale that will be available locally in the Prince of Wales Feathers, Castor and the Bumble Inn.

Salters Tree continues to be well received in the usual outlets as a regular addition to the Castor portfolio along with Roman Mosaic, Hopping Toad and 12<sup>th</sup> Man.

We're looking forward to the Peterborough Beer Festival in August after what I'm sure will be a great summer. Cheers!

**Duncan Vessey**



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## Elgood's

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**James Sheppard**



## Hopshackle

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Well, the original Brexit deadline of 29<sup>th</sup> March has been and gone and there have been no significant changes to exporting beer into the other European countries so far. I had put plans in place to make a “no deal” as painless as possible, but I had been warned the process would take much longer than previously. So – this month there are “one trip” kegs of the golden ales PE6 (4.0%), Session IPA (4.5%) and the black IPA Hibernator (5.8%) going over for another tap takeover in Berlin.

In the UK I will have casks at the Rutland Beer Festival (Oakham, late June) and the Bourne Beer Festival in early June. I have also done a “special” beer for the Goat in Frognall and the Nag’s Head in Bourne. Richard, the landlord of both pubs, came up with the cracking name “The Nagging Goat” which, I am sure you have spotted, has a relevance to both establishments! It is a traditional full-flavoured English bitter with complex malt, fruit and background toffee with a well-balanced dry-bitter finish. An ABV of 4.2% makes it a very quaffable session beer.

**Nigel Wright**



## Kings Cliffe Brewery

[www.kcbales.co.uk](http://www.kcbales.co.uk)

The brewery has had a good start to the year and beers have been available in several local

outlets. Jez will also be supplying beers to Beer festivals at Lincoln, Milton Keynes, Spalding and Northampton.

**Don Rudd**



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## Mile Tree

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Next events: Secret Garden Food and Drink Festival, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019 and Wilberton Beer Festival, 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019. Remember to follow us on Facebook for the latest news!

**Karen Matthews**



## Nene Valley Brewery

[www.nenevalleybrewery.co.uk](http://www.nenevalleybrewery.co.uk)

Best news of the year so far: the 7.4% Midweek Bender was awarded East Midlands Champion Beer in the Strong Ale category. This ale is produced

as Californian amber with deep malt, molasses and candied orange and a big hop hit throughout.

Also, Kellerbier, a 4.6% traditional hazy light golden lager, is making a comeback. Brewed with German pilsner and Vienna malt for a slightly breadly, malty lager with a moderate hop bitterness, Kellerbier is very popular in summer months.

The brewery delivered beer to Milton Keynes for the Concrete Beer Festival (10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May) and beer was sorted for the Cambridge Beer Festival (20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May), where you were able to try the extremely rare and magnificent 11.5% Russian Imperial Stout along with the 6.5% Bible Black Porter and 5.0% Hop Stash. Six beers are destined to be available at the Northampton Beer Festival (31<sup>st</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June). On 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June, the Oundle Wharf will host its own Beer Festival, providing Nene Valley beers and showcasing many beers from other breweries. And – some new beers are on the horizon, brewed with Kveik yeast.

**Bill Taylor**



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Rocket Ales have had a busy couple of months and their products are now available in 20+ pubs in the Bedfordshire/Cambridgeshire border region. In the near future, their beers will be appearing at the Bury St. Edmunds and Cambridge CAMRA Beer Festivals, and also at events in Spalding and Yelling (Cambs) – and at pub Beer Festivals in Peterborough.

The Apollo 11 themed 3-bottle “special packs” will be on sale in mid-May. The brewery is also looking at brewing a special beer for the Wimpole Hall History Festival in June.

Visits to the brewery are proving to be popular. A joint Peterborough CAMRA/Frothblowers customers group called in recently (see separate report) and members of the Cambridge CAMRA branch also made their own trip. A visit is being planned by the Hunts branch and should have taken place in May.

**Don Rudd**



**Tydd Steam**

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**www.xtremeales.com**

The last three months has seen lower than usual activity at the brewery due to the head brewer moving houses. However, May/June/July will



see production back to twice-weekly brews in preparation for local and national Beer Festivals.

The team have recently brewed Three Hop Bus Stop (4.5%) for "Micro Fest 2019", a beer fest between Peterborough's three micropubs. The beer is a pale ale using chinook, simcoe and mosaic hops. They are also planning some new additions to their beer range and have been experimenting with new yeasts – look out for these over the coming weeks/months. There is a planned open day in June which will include Mile Tree Brewery and Icení Meadery – keep an eye out for more details!

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# 42nd Peterborough Beer Festival 2019



We are very pleased to confirm that the Society of Independent Brewers (SIBA) Midlands Region will be holding their annual SIBA Champion Beer of the Midlands Area competition at Peterborough Beer Festival on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August.

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The SIBA Midlands Region includes the counties below:

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Nottinghamshire	Oxfordshire
Staffordshire	Warwickshire
West Midlands	

There will be around 180 cask beers in the SIBA competition across a range of 10 categories from light beers to dark beers, IPA's, PA's and Bitters as well as strong beers and speciality beers. There will be only ONE cask of each competition beer so an early visit to the festival is strongly recommended.

The competition beers will be in ADDITION to the festival beers that you are all familiar with and will enable us to showcase around 450 different cask beers during the course of this year's Peterborough Beer Festival.

Peterborough Beer Festival, truly offering a unique opportunity to sample an unprecedented range of cask beers in one location!

**Mike Lane**

*Festival Organiser*



# Peterborough Beer Festival Open Meeting

Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> June sees the Peterborough Beer Festival Open Meeting at the Yard of Ale in Oundle Road at 8.30pm. All CAMRA members are urged to attend as this is a splendid opportunity to discover exactly what the plans are for this year's Festival, and what promotional material is likely to be available for distribution!

And don't forget – there's great scope for meeting old and new like-minded Beer Festival buffs. Plus – there are always Festival questions that need answering, and this is the ideal time to ask them. See you there!

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# Branch Website Update

For a number of reasons - among them the fact that it was long overdue – we felt that the time was ripe to update the Branch's websites. Thus the plunge has been taken, resulting in a new look for both the Branch and Beer Festival sites.

They can be found at:

[www.peterborough.camra.org.uk](http://www.peterborough.camra.org.uk) and

[www.pbrobeerfest.camra.org.uk](http://www.pbrobeerfest.camra.org.uk)

We would welcome your opinions so please visit both and let us know what you think by emailing [info@peterborough.camra.org.uk](mailto:info@peterborough.camra.org.uk)

We also have new email addresses (see Branch Contacts on page 31) – but the existing ones will work for some time.

**Dickie Bird**

## Peterborough CAMRA Cricket Fixtures

Ah, the thwack of leather on willow and the spectacle of England players brawling in the streets in the early hours... Yes, the cricket season is back, and the highly entertaining Peterborough CAMRA cricket team will be playing up to 40 games this season, with fixtures for June and July shown below. The season started with four straight wins, against Wansford, Orton Park, Upwood and Pytchley. If you fancy playing a game, or have a team who would like to play us in 2020, please contact me on 07809 629241.

Come along if you can and enjoy the cricket – and the ale!

**Matt Mace**

*Club Secretary*



DATE	OPPOSITION	START	LOCATION
Thur 30 May	Heron	1800	Castor
Sun 2 June	Rushden Wanderers	1300	Orton Park
Fri 9 June	Easton-on-the-Hill	1800	Easton
Sun 9 June	Bowden	1400	Bowden
Wed 12 June	Bharat Sports	1800	Woodlands
Sun 16 June	Knossington	1330	Knossington
Thur 20 June	Baston	1800	Orton Park
Sun 23 June	Woodford	1300	Woodford
Thur 27 June	Cummins	1800	Orton Park
Fri 28 June	Hepworth & Idle	1800	Bradford
Sun 30 June	Bradford CAMRA	1300	Bradford
Thur 4 July	Gonads	1800	Ramsey
Sun 7 July	Old Eastonians	1400	Orton Park
Thur 11 July	Sheikh	1800	Bushfields
Sun 14 July	Witham-on-the-Hill	1330	Witham Hall School
Thur 18 July	Bourne Optimists	1830	Orton Park
Sun 21 July	Tolethorpe Park	1330	Tolethorpe
Thur 25 July	The Thirds	1800	Orton Park
Sun 28 July	Rushden and Higham	1300	Short Stocks
Thur 31 July	Burghley Park	1800	Burghley Park



# MARCH IN MARCH IN MARCH 2019

Our annual pilgrimage to the Fenland town of March took place on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Ten of us took the train from Peterborough for the short trip including glamour provided by our four 'beer birds'. In the past we have walked into town and struggled to make the south end so a new plan was formed.

We started at the BRAZA Club next door to the station, a members-only establishment but we were welcomed as CAMRA members. Only Sharp's Doom Bar was on offer on draught but this much-maligned real ale was very drinkable. Just as well as the bus we were waiting for was late and we had to have another!

A spy on the bus kept me posted of its position so we didn't have to stand outside too long. The bus took us to the other end of town close to The Stars where we met our 12<sup>th</sup> Marcher, a new member. The Greene King range didn't inspire but a pint of Yardbird in the garden was more than satisfying.

Next stop was one of the town's two GBG entries, The Rose and Crown. The walk seemed worth it when a handpump with St. Austell Proper Job greeted us. Ever the gentleman I allowed the more elderly ahead of me. Never again!! Our distinguished Secretary took advantage of my chivalry to get the last pint. He then spent a good deal of time telling us how nice it was. Fortunately the Tribute was also in good condition.

The Oliver Cromwell was our next stop. How nice to see a hotel offering two real ales. Nelson's Revenge was my pick.



The Olde Griffin came next. A choice of four real ales in a picturesque old building. The group was starting to break up now but we were soon to be reunited.

The other GBG entry in March is The Ship Inn next to the river. Put simply we didn't want

to leave! Any pub that offers Titanic Plum Porter and Thornbridge Jaipur is going to rate extremely highly in my estimation. I almost felt sorry for the Wherry, sat innocently and ignored between them. In total, five real ales on offer in this little gem, all lovingly kept and served.

A quick visit to the Hippodrome, March's Wetherspoon's, ended the trip. A few of us hardy souls decamped to The Bumble on our return to finish the day in style.

So thank you March the town. Thank you March the month for the decent weather. And thank you to the Marchers!

**James Sheppard**



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# TOFFS AND TEDDY BOYS



CAMRA's Oldest Columnist, Gordon Bunting, continues his look back over life in a Stamford pub during the post-war years...

One evening, a gentleman walked into the bar of our pub, the Burghley Arms. He was dressed very smartly, tie, overcoat, trilby and so on, and we immediately marked him down as a "toff". He ordered a drink but didn't pay for it, telling my Dad (the landlord) : "You'll be all right, guv'nor".

This happened several times and the toff also ordered drinks for a number of regulars – without paying. Dad told me to keep an eye on him!

At closing time, the toff was the last customer to leave. "I tell you straight, guv'nor, I haven't got any money" he stated. "But my car is outside – and it's yours. Here are the keys". With that he walked out, never to be seen again. We hurried outside and found an Austin Seven (similar to the one pictured). We ran the car for several years after that in an era when, it was said, "Only butchers and publicans could afford cars!"

Another time, a quietly-spoken man walked in and asked if we had a piano in the pub. Dad said there was one in the back room (we never called it the lounge). The man bought a drink and then proceeded to fill the pub with the most beautiful piano music. It transpired that he was a concert pianist, on his way to a recital, who had felt the need to play...

I also recall being home on leave from the Army and looking out of an upstairs window to see a large group of men getting out of a charabanc in Sheepmarket before coming into the pub. They introduced themselves as a brass band from Yorkshire who were on their way to London to play, and asked if they could use the pub for a rehearsal! Permission was granted – and we were treated to an impromptu, and deafening, concert.

In the 1950s the Teddy Boy movement, with its attendant problems, was gathering momentum and Stamford had its share of delinquents. One evening, some of them came into the pub and asked if they could play their rock and roll records there. Dad, who had warned them to behave, initially declined, as we hadn't got a record player – but the lads said they would bring their own, so after some thought he agreed.

The Teddy Boys started by bringing in just two records and playing them *ad infinitum*! Gradually, however, their repertoire increased – and so did their numbers – until the back room was regularly packed with rock 'n' rollers from the town and further afield, with a coachload from Corby being regular visitors. Yet there was never any unpleasantness. And, of course, trade boomed. Most pubs in the town had suffered a drop in trade as the numbers of servicemen at nearby Wittering, Luffenham and Cottesmore were less plentiful than they had been in the immediate post-war years. This may have been a rare case of Teddy Boys restoring equilibrium!

## Gordon Bunting



# Breweriana Playing Card Fair at the Ploughman

A very enjoyable day was spent wheeling and dealing in brewery memorabilia at the Ploughman, Werrington, on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> April. And of course there was the added bonus of a superb selection of cask beer and cider at the bar!

Attendance was very good, mainly from our “regulars”, and it was a little disappointing that a few more locals didn’t appear, especially as Alun Thomas had featured the event on the front page of “Beer Around ‘Ere”, and Simmo had listed it on several local Social Media pages.



Collectors travelled from far and wide: from Halifax and Chester down to the South Coast. There was plenty of buying, selling, swapping, supping, and

chin-wagging throughout the day. At any time in the room you might find labeorphilists, labologists, phillumenists and tegetoslogists, or any combination of these! As you can see from the pictures below there was a fine offering of breweriana dating from the early 1950s right up to the present time.

A very happy and successful day was rounded up in town with a curry at the Banyan Tree, followed by after-dinner drinks at the Bumble Inn. One party member went AWOL for a while, having stayed at the Ploughman to watch the FA Cup semi-final between Man City and Brighton. We let him off as he actually had a ticket for the match but chose to come to our meeting instead. That's dedication for you.

Our thanks to all who attended, and especially to “Simmo” for allowing us free use of the Ploughman Function room for this event. Proceeds from the sale of filled rolls, together with donations, enabled us to give £50 to the Ploughman’s fund for Heltwate Special School in memory of the late Kelly Simmonds, who was a pupil there.



**Maxine & Mike**  
(British Brewery Playing Card Society)



# YARD OF ALE FAIRYTALE!

## LocAle Pub Of The Year Presentation

Felicitations of the highest order are due to James and Angela Hopkin and the team at the Yard of Ale on Oundle Road, Peterborough, after it was voted LocAle Pub of the Year. It doesn't seem five minutes since the pub re-opened after a number of false starts under different guises, but the couple have clearly got it right!

The CAMRA LocAle scheme is an initiative that promotes pubs stocking locally-brewed real ale. The scheme builds on a growing consumer demand for quality local produce and an increased awareness of "green" issues.

Our photos (including the one on the cover of this issue) show Branch Vice-Chairman Dave Murray presenting James with the prestigious award on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, an evening when, fittingly, five LocAles were available – variously from Digfield, Hopshackle, Oakham and Tydd Steam.

*Photos : Don Rudd*



*Can Scotland still qualify for the Euros?*

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## KING'S HEAD KUDOS



There was a "special occasion" feel in the King's Head in Stamford's Maiden Lane on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> as landlords Steve Alcock and Annie Wilson celebrated three years at the pub by reducing drinks prices by 20%! The couple, who had run a pub in Nottingham prior to the King's Head, have recently bought a house in Stamford (see Quarts and Thoughts).

Steve and Annie run a strict "one-barrel" policy, i.e. there is never more than one barrel of the same ale on the premises at the same time. This makes for a fairly sharp turnover and to say that there is a Beer Festival on 365 days a year in the King's Head is not too wide of the mark. Certainly the ales I sampled on the night in question – Charnwood By George and Abbeydale Black Mass – were straight out of the top drawer! Also on were Adnams Lighthouse and Bad Co. 0518.

Steve reckons that this time last year the pub had offered 500 ales since he and Annie took over – so I'll let you work out how many they are up to now... In these generally difficult and challenging times for pubs, it's heartening to report that Steve and Annie are obviously getting something right – an opinion borne out by the fact that almost all their staff have been with them since the word go.

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# QUARTS & THOUGHTS

Lovely jubbly! Off to London for a mini-break, principally to see the stage version of *Only Fools And Horses*, but hoping to sample some capital ales as well. Having negotiated the big-city traffic and got parked, I was delighted to see that directly opposite our hotel in Drury Lane was the White Hart, proudly boasting that it housed “the Oldest Licensed Premises in London”.



Needing no further bidding, I abandoned Tina to the unpacking and strode into the pub, mouth watering, to be greeted by three handpumps, offering, erm, Molson Coors Doom Bar, Asahi London Pride and St. Austell Tribute, three ales you can find, well, pretty much anywhere in the country. A major disappointment. A more lasting impression, though, was the amount of piercings in the barmaid's face – the last time I saw that much metal in one place was in Fengate scrapyard about 20 years ago! I didn't like to think too much about the piercings I COULDN'T see...



However, things looked up the following evening. We'd spent most of the day on the hoof and an exhausted Tina ordered me – ordered me I tell you – to go out alone and have a few! In Endell Street, a couple of minutes away, I found the Cross Keys, and whilst sinking a pint of Brodie's Piccadilly Pale Ale I fell into conversation with a couple who, it transpired, run the Craufurd Arms in Maidenhead, a community-owned boozer. An ale brewed close to Maidenhead – Windsor and Eton Brewery's Guardsman – was also available in the Cross Keys and on their recommendation I enjoyed a pint of it.

Further down the road I strolled into the White Swan, a sports-orientated pub with a heavy Irish feel where I drank pints of Sambrook Scrumdown and Young's Special before my final stop, the Black Horse, where a pint of Southwark LPA was the order of the day. All three pubs seemed to have as many folk drinking outside as in and I should point out that at no time did I pay more than £4 a pint. Unfortunately any saving I made on ale vanished later as Tina (happily recovered from her exertions earlier in the day) and I dined in a fish-and-chip shop. £43 for fish and chips twice and two cups of tea! Good job we didn't have mushy peas...

Spending the night in Hadfield, near Glossop at the top end of the Peak District, I braved the bitter cold to walk up to the Spinner's Arms – only to find that they don't open on Wednesdays (this was a Wednesday). Pressed on though and was rewarded when I found the Palatine, a very smart Robinson's house where I had halves of four of their products – Unicorn, Cumbria Way, Trooper and Wizard (all very good indeed) as I nattered to a group of Manchester City supporters en route to their 9-0 League Cup semi-final victory over Burton Albion. My next call was the Pear Tree, a Thwaites house. Google enquiries told of a rude landlord so I thought I'd call and see for myself, but sadly – or perhaps happily – he wasn't in. Three handpumps – but no real ale. The lady behind the bar did offer me San Miguel, informing me that “it's very nice”, but I chose sustenance of a different kind – a spam fritter and chips from nearby Pete's Plaice. A couple of weeks later I was in Radcliffe, Manchester, overnight and visited the Old Cross. This is a Joseph Holt pub with some Rover's Returnesque interior design. I almost expected to be served by 1980s Rover's barman Fred Gee! Joking apart, this is a friendly boozer and the Holt's Bitter was eminently quaffable – at the strange price of £2.51 a pint. I asked the barmaid if



it was a nuisance and received an affirmative reply! Someone ordering two pints and paying with a tenner would receive £4.98 back ; a dozen or so orders like that must play havoc with your change! “Fiver for cash” springs to mind, but why should I worry – three pints AND meat and potato pie and chips from an adjacent takeaway and I still spent less than ten quid!

Was in Hereford overnight a week or so later and headed for the Beer In Hand, a micro in a former launderette. It was Quiz Night and standing room only, even at 7pm. The pub went up in my estimation immediately – I was leafing through some CAMRA mags and prominent among them was BAE 202, last year’s pre-PBF issue. As a result I got chatting to the landlord as I supped a delicious milk stout from the Bristol Beer Factory. He told me that there are three micros in a bit of a triangle in Hereford – so my next call was the Firefly, whose almost totally vegan regime also applies to the ale. My notes for this pub are missing, but while I can’t report what the ales were, they were tasty enough. Finally made my way to the Hereford Beer House, but chairs were being stacked on tables as I approached so I called it a night.

Closer to home – much closer, in fact – is the news that the landlords of the King’s Head in Stamford, Steve and Annie and their young family have outgrown the pub and have bought a house in the town. As statements of intent go, this is a seriously encouraging one. In fact they are now near neighbours of mine! I have told Steve that any food or ale that is surplus to requirements can be dropped off at my house on his way home to save him the chore of disposing of it through the usual channels. That’s the sort of helpful, neighbourly chap I am.



The Hand and Heart in Highbury Street is also currently subject to a major statement of intent. The ongoing refurb will be featured in a future issue, but I was given a guided tour of the cellar during a visit in April and a fascinating experience it was. Had my eldest daughter with me – she’s a real ale convert, especially when I’m buying. We were on a tight schedule and were planning only to stay at the Hand for a couple, but, well, the best laid plans and all that! I can never resist a breakfast stout and I have to say that my pints of Abbeydale Salvation (5.4%) were quite exceptional. We were about to take our leave when Bram announced that Nailmaker Clout (5.0%) and Waen Snowball (7.0%) were about to become available – and our departure was further delayed by the arrival of brewing top brass – Graham Moorhouse of Weldon Brewery and Bogdan, landlord of the Shoulder Of Mutton in Weldon, who were delivering ale for Bram’s Big Bash.

And we were held up again - in the nicest possible way – as our route took us past the Burghley Square Club and we thought it would be rude not to call in and sample halves of Milestone Honey Porter and Rich Ruby (both 4.5%). Thumbs up in both cases! Ended up getting a taxi for our first – and very favourable - visit to the Wonky Donkey, where ales sunk were Digfield Barnwell (4.0%), KCB P51 (5.1%) and an ale I’m sure was called Round Corner Lazars (4.1%). Did Dave Williams say it was one of only two barrels in the country, or did I imagine it? Anyway, by the time we ended up at Charters Beer Festival we only had time – and room for that matter – for one pint, but it was worth drinking – an 8.0% stout from Lacons of Yarmouth. Great to see the garden area at Charters absolutely packed with drinkers on a sunny afternoon!





*Clearly a man who can*

Finally to Stamford Rugby Club's second annual Beer Festival on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Not all the projected on-field entertainment was available due to the First XV having rather inconsiderately reached a Cup Final – and thus not being able to play at home – but in a busy atmosphere some splendid ales were sunk. Breweries represented were Thornbridge, Castle Rock, Black Iris, Grainstore/Stoney Ford, Milestone and Oakham, while Craft Keg came courtesy of Windswept, Black Iris and Totally Brewed. Real ciders were from Grainstore and

Rutland Cider Co. As I mentioned in the last issue of BAE, the club is only ten minutes' walk from my house – and the return journey did, indeed, take a little longer...

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# THE BUMBLE INN

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# MORE GONGS FOR OAKHAM ALES

Pictured is Oakham Ales brewer Stewart Poulter with prizes won at the recent Champion Beer of East Anglia Awards. Oakham came away with a silver medal for Citra in the Golden Ales category and a bronze for Bishop's Farewell in the same class.

Overall Champion Beer was a mild called Two Tone from Shortts, silver went to Colchester Brewery's Brazilian Coffee and Vanilla Porter and bronze to Crouch Vale Brewer's Gold.

**Dave Allett**



## ROCKET ALES BREWERY VISIT



On Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> a group of beer enthusiasts made the trip to Rocket Ales Brewery in Great Staughton. The trip had been arranged jointly by the Peterborough CAMRA Branch and Steve Williams of the Frothblowers micro pub. Around 30 people (of which the overwhelming majority were Frothblowers regulars) made the journey.

We were greeted at the brewery by Dave Smith, Mike Blakesley and his wife Carron. They had kindly laid on beer and food for us to sample. The beers ready for us to try were Komet Bier (4.5%), Maverick Honey Ale (4.0%), Bloodhound (4.2%), Congreve IPA (3.6%) and Atlas IPA (5.8%). All were in very good condition. Everyone seemed to enjoy the beers and food in the afternoon sunshine and it was good to see that Jez O'Neil (Kings Cliffe Brewery) and Richard Matthews (Mile Tree Brewery) had also made the journey.

After leaving the brewery we all ventured into St. Neots. We had enough time to call in at the Pig 'n' Falcon and the Ale Taster before catching the train home.

On behalf of everyone on the trip I would like to thank Dave, Mike and Carron for all their efforts and hospitality. I must mention that Steve Williams's organisational skills worked a treat – making sure everyone caught taxis from the station to the brewery and then later from the brewery to St. Neots.

An enjoyable day out!

**Don Rudd**

*Photos : Don Rudd*

# A TRIP TO LINCOLN

## Lots of Real Ale Pubs to visit and Historic Buildings to see

Recently a party of us went to Lincoln for the day. The cheapest way to get there is by buying - at least 4 weeks ahead - some Advanced Single tickets from as little as £6.90 each way (£4.55 Railcard holders) from the LNER website. We travelled to Lincoln for £11.00, changing trains at Newark North Gate, and it took less than one and half hours.

In the centre of Lincoln just north of the station you will find the High Bridge 'Glory Hole' a 16<sup>th</sup> century, four storey half-timbered building over the River Witham that was rebuilt in 1900-01 and includes Stokes High Bridge Cafe. Nearby is the Guildhall and Stonebow, which has been the meeting place of the Lincoln City Council from Medieval times to the present. The term 'Stonebow' indicates a stone archway that visitors entering the city from the south, along the High Street, would have passed through.

To the west of the Stonebow is the Mailbox, 19-20 Guildhall Street, Lincoln LN1 1TR, a conversion of the former city main Post Office building. It is a large pub with an industrial interior and parts on the right on two levels. On the bar were Beermats Brewery Yes Mate, Pheasantry Excitra, Sharps Doom Bar and Old Rosie cider. Opposite is a recent real ale pub gain - the William Foster, a large recently modernised pub. It was selling Pheasantry Lincoln Tank Ale, Dragonfly A Black IPA, Sharp's Doom Bar and Greene King IPA.

Heading east past the Stonebow and you find the Still, 18-20 Saltergate, Lincoln LN2 1DH. This is a grand early 20<sup>th</sup> century pub, part of a much bigger range of buildings owned by the Co-operative Society.



It has a central U-shaped bar with a bar back surmounted by leaded glass panels to ceiling height. All rooms are panelled and there are two more lounges to the rear on the right, with art nouveau leaded light panels. It is on CAMRA's Midlands Inventory of Historic Pub Interiors. It sells five real ales from Marston's Group breweries.

A short walk leads to the Jolly Brewer, 27 Broadgate, Lincoln LN2 5AQ situated across a dual carriageway near the foot of Lindum Hill. There is some inter-war tiling in the porch and the interior is of two long narrow rooms and on the right is some reclaimed cinema seating. On sale were Little Critters Ruby Brewster, Welbeck Abbey Henrietta, Milestone Black Pearl and Heritage Brewery Gold and the pub is in the Good Beer Guide.

A handful of us decided to walk up Lindum Hill aware that just over halfway up is the Adam & Eve, another pub in the Good Beer Guide. It has a number of areas in an open-up pub with modern fittings (one stone fireplace at the front looks old). Normally five real ales on sale, and there was Firebrand Pale Ale, Castle Rock Harvest Pale, Greene King Old Speckled Hen and Taylors Landlord on the day.

A short walk past Pottergate Arch and we arrived at the Morning Star, 11 Greetwell Gate, Lincoln LN2 4AW, an 18<sup>th</sup> century pub with a red tiled floor laid diagonally.



Head for the rear left where a doorway leads to the small snug with a fireplace and fixed seating from c.1960 and service from a hatch to the back of the bar. Another Good Beer Guide pub, it had on sale Taylors Golden Best, Purity UBU, Sharp's Doom Bar, Wells Bombardier,

Greene King Abbot Ale and Ruddles Best. It was here we met up with the rest of the party who had taken the bus instead of walking up the hill!

We walked close to Priory Gate and the Roman remains on Eastgate to BeerHeadz, Eastgate, Lincoln LN2 1QA – the fifth outlet for the small chain of micropubs. It sells up to 6 changing real ales – on sale were North Riding American Pale Ale, Shiny Affinity, Red Willow Feckless, Abbeydale Salvation, also real draught cider and perry. In the shadow of Lincoln Cathedral is the Magna Carta, 1 Exchange Gate, Lincoln LN2 1PZ, a Marston's pub selling Pheasantry Spring Ale, Stout, Marston's Pedigree, Lancaster Bomber and Bombardier.

Lincoln Cathedral sits strikingly on top of Steep Hill – one of the finest cathedrals in the whole country with a magnificent west front, excellent carvings and stained glass. There is an admission fee of £8 (Concession £6.40). Also worth a visit is the Medieval Bishops Palace, Minster Yard, Lincoln LN2 1PU (English Heritage).

Our local guide, Tony Laverick, then took practically all the party through the grounds of Lincoln Castle (no charge to do this) past an old prison building and the current Crown Court. Lincoln Castle was built in 1068 for William The Conqueror and has a unique Victorian prison chapel, one of only four originals of the 1215 Magna Carta, and excellent views. Admission is £13.50 (£11 Concession) and it is open from 10am to 4pm.

A right turn out of the castle grounds led us to the Victoria, 6 Union Road, Lincoln LN1 3BJ. This is a two-roomed Batemans pub with a long narrow bar on the right and a snug on the left. Also in the Good Beer Guide - on sale were Taylors Knowle Spring, Landlord, Sharp's Doom Bar, Batemans XB, Castle Rock Harvest Pale, and Wells Bombardier. Opposite the Victoria is one of only two remaining open-air Victorian urinals in Lincoln, the other is at Newport Arch.

Around the corner is the Strugglers, a small pub but big on character. The small snug is unspoilt with bench seating and an interwar style brick fireplace. The bar has been much modernised. It is on CAMRA's list of pubs with an Interior Of Some Regional Historic Interest and also in the Good Beer Guide. Real ales were Ashover Littlemoor Citra, Aurora Ilkeston Pale, Greene King Abbot, Dukeries Vanilla Gunsmoke, Kelham Island Best Bitter, Ossett Yorkshire Blonde, St Austell, Tribute, Theakston Old Peculier and Timothy Taylor Landlord.



The last pub we visited in what is known as the Cathedral Quarter was the Lion & Snake, 79 Bailgate, Lincoln LN1 3AR, a Marston's pub selling food all day. It sold Marston's 61 Deep, Old Empire IPA, Eagle Parallax IPA, Wychwood Gold and Hobgoblin. The Lion and Snake and the nearby Magna Carta have a Discount card you can buy for £5.00 and then real ales for one year are only £2.00 a pint!

Another pub in the area visited by some of us was the Duke William Hotel, 44 Bailgate, Lincoln LN1 3AP. An hotel situated near to the Newport Arch, it has two separated seating areas which are served from a central bar and sells up to six real ales.

We now started to walk down Steep Hill and soon came across Crafty Bottle, 12 The Strait, Lincoln LN2 1JD, a specialist bottle shop and sample room. You can drink in the shop or in a small lounge upstairs, a beer on the shelves or the two beers on handpump from 12 noon to 5pm (open at 10.30am for off sales).



Further down the hill is the Straight & Narrow, 29-31 Strait, Lincoln LN2 1JD, a continental-style beer bar converted in 2012 from a retail outlet. It opens at 2pm and was selling Mourne Mountains Glafy, a dry stout from Northern Ireland, Framework (Leics) Small Schops, Northern Monk Eternal and Taylors Landlord. A few steps away is the Cardinals Hat, 268 High Street, Lincoln LN2 1HW. This 15<sup>th</sup> Century timber-framed building is a Grade II listed structure and was restored 1952-53 by St John Ambulance Brigade. The sensitive conversion has

revealed a number of historical features. In the Good Beer Guide it sold Lincolnshire Craft Beers Lincoln Gold, Cardinals Ale, Adnams Mosaic, Rat Brewery White Rat (also four craft beers).

A short walk to the west is the Tap & Spile, 21 Hungate, Lincoln LN1 1ES that opens at 4. It re-opened seven weeks previous and has a centrally placed bar and three areas around. On sale were Black Sheep Best Bitter, Butcombe Original, Sharps Doom Bar, Theakston's Old Peculier and Taylor's Landlord.

Close by the Joiners Arms, 4 Victoria Street, Lincoln LN1 1HU is a mid-terraced pub with three distinct rooms / areas – one at a lower level with a part quarry-tiled floor and a bar billiard table. Here you will find a



Lincoln Dart Board which has very narrow doubles beds but no trebles beds. In the Good Beer Guide it opens at 4pm and sells up to three changing real ales with Ascot Final Furlong, Harwich Town EPA 100 on sale.

On the way back to the railway station a couple of us fitted in a quick beer at the Square Sail, Brayford Wharf North, Lincoln LN1 1YW, a Lloyds No. 1 bar in a waterside setting which was selling Wetherspoon's Beer Festival beers.

Near Lincoln station is the Treaty of Commerce, 173 High Street, Lincoln LN5 7AF, a Bateman's pub which almost has two bare wood floored rooms with an archway between them. The old bar counter painted light blue has been moved from the back of the room to the right hand side. On sale were Batemans XB, Gold, XXXB, Salem Porter & a seasonal beer.

There are two pubs in the Good Beer Guide we didn't find time to visit – the Golden Eagle, 21 High Street, Lincoln LN5 8BD - a friendly two roomed old coaching inn selling up to 9 real ales; and the Ritz, 143-7 High Street, Lincoln LN5 7PJ – a Wetherspoon's conversion of a cinema closed in 1996, selling six changing real ales. Also worth a visit is the Dog & Bone, 10 John Street, Lincoln LN2 5BH, a Victorian pub with bar and lounge that opens at 4.30pm and sells three Batemans real ales and two guest beers from their list.

A free Lincoln Ale Trail leaflet is available from the Lincoln Visitor Information Centre, 9 Castle Hill, Lincoln LN1 3AA near the Cathedral or can be ordered from the [visitlincoln.com](http://visitlincoln.com) website but a postage charge is payable.

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