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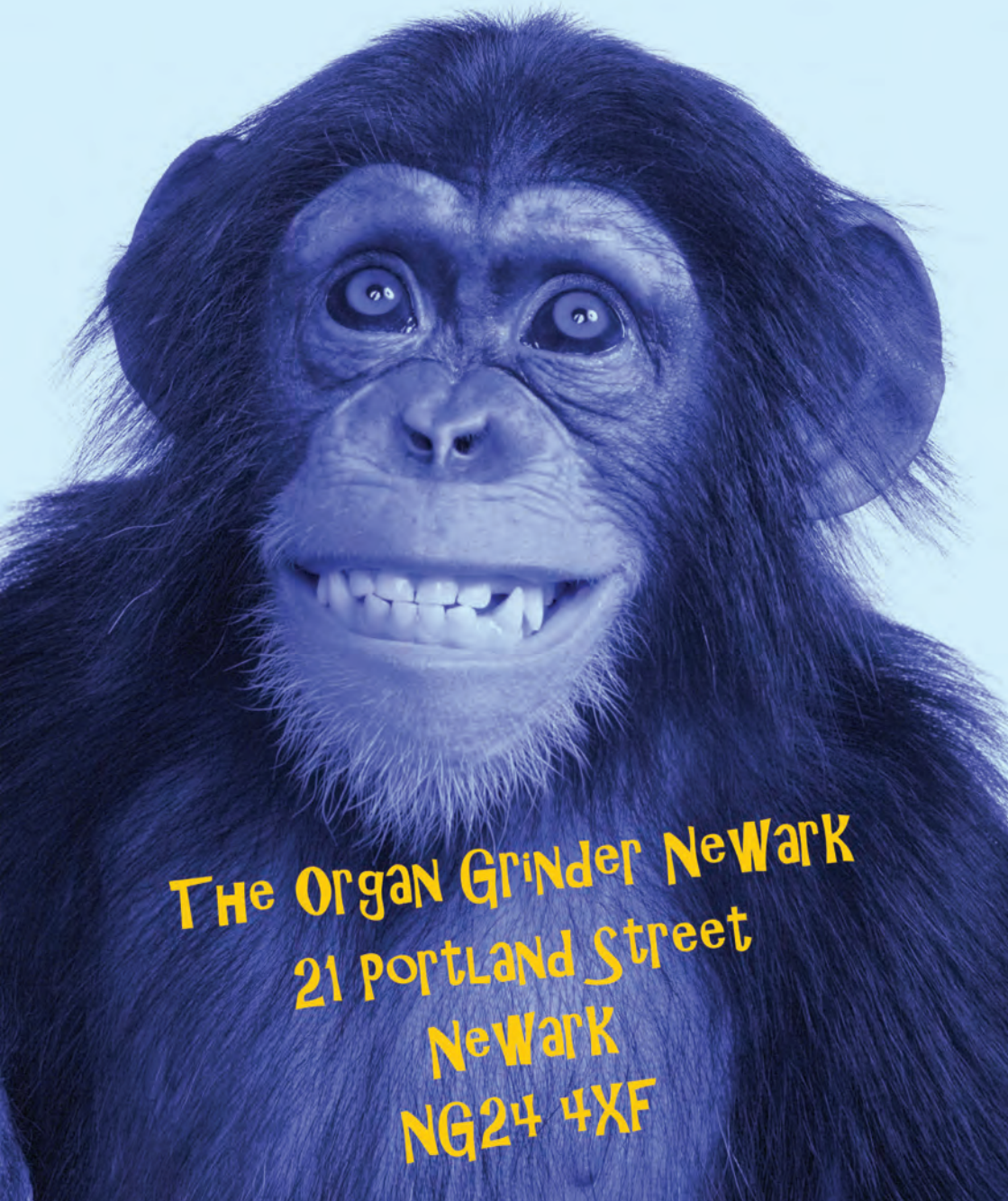
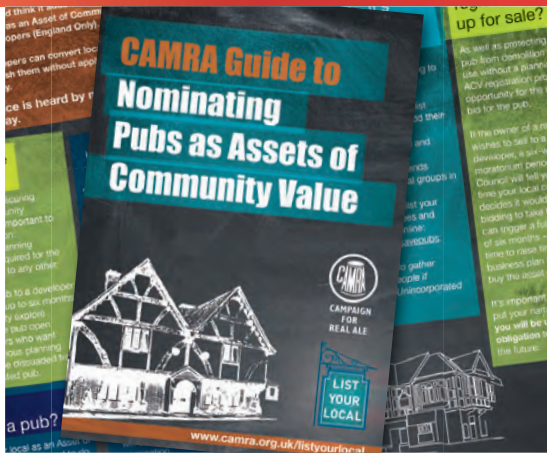


# SAVING NEWARK'S PUBS




At the moment in the Newark Branch area we are blessed with many excellent pubs serving good real ale, but closures still happen to the detriment of communities. Current examples are the Spread Eagle at Hockerton, The King's Head at Collingham and The Plough at Coddington. But local residents, and CAMRA, can now have a greater say in the future of their locals.

Through the Localism Act, the Government has introduced new powers for communities in England to nominate valued facilities such as pubs as "assets of community value". Where pubs are listed this enables communities to "stop the clock" for up to six months if they're put up for sale to consider options for saving the pub. With 18 pubs closing every week across the country we need CAMRA members and branches to get involved in listing pubs before more of them are lost.

**WHY LIST MY LOCAL?**

Listing a pub can be hugely beneficial and acts as a marker that the pub is important to the local community.

The fact that the community have rallied together to nominate a pub; and the local authority have agreed to list it adds a further level of protection as the listed status of a pub can be used by a local authority as a material consideration in a relevant planning application, such as if a pub is threatened with conversion to residential use.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*Newark and Grantham CAMRA also bring national issues such as tax and opening hours to local attention. Importantly, we are a social group of likeminded drinkers of all ages and walks of life. Anyone is welcome to attend our meetings, details of which can be found elsewhere in this issue.*

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Getting a pub listed could therefore help put off property developers who want to avoid a contentious planning application.

More importantly, if the owner decides to sell the pub off, if it is listed this will trigger a moratorium on the sale for up to six months, giving the community valuable time to get together a suitable bid for the pub.

Since the scheme began in 2012, these new powers have already been used to stop the clock on sales of pubs and March 2013 saw the first community takeover of a pub using the scheme.

**HOW DO I LIST A PUB?**

To list your local as an asset of community value, all you need to do is follow these simple steps:

- Go to your local authority website and look up the section on Assets of Community Value or Right to Bid
- Download a nomination form (or if there isn't one available you can download CAMRA's template form from their website)
- Fill in the form with as much detail as you can on why the pub should be classified as a community asset
- Demonstrate that at least 21 people from the local community support the listing of the pub
- Check your local council website to see where the nomination needs to be submitted. Many councils have produced guidance explaining how they are accepting nominations.

For advice and support, see **www.camra.org.uk/listyourlocal**

The good news is that your local CAMRA Branch is actively applying for ACV status for some pubs in the area. It's early days yet but we hope to have an update in our next edition.

*Editor*

# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

## NEWARK BRANCH

What a festival weekend! The weather was very kind for a change which meant record crowds flooded to Riverside Park and the Twentieth Newark Beer festival at the end of May. Over the weekend we had just short of 3000 real ale and cider drinkers enjoying the atmosphere, drinks and food. All the cider and perry sold out with just a little beer left at close on Sunday. The entertainment was, as usual, excellent with the quizzes, musicians and Morris dancers.

The first cask to run dry was a Blue Monkey special called Chocolate Amaretto Stout. A very chocolate nose, chocolate taste and an after taste of almonds. No wonder it went first. My favourite was from Track brewery called Sonoma. This was an unfined and unfiltered golden ale with a lemon taste. Very different, with a full tangy flavour and just right at 3.8% as a session beer on a warm day.

.We must not forget that the whole event was organised and run by CAMRA volunteers from Newark and Nottingham. My personal thanks to them, their partners and families for all their time, effort and skill. A special thanks to the festival committee who spent many hours before, during and after the event ensuring all went safely and smoothly.

I thought that all the staff turned out in identical tee shirts sporting our festival logo looked very smart. So, many thanks to the sponsors. We are always looking for more for next year.

You, the festival goers, were very generous and gave £900 to our charities Newark Crusader and Reach.

By the time you read this, The Castle will have reopened and yet another pub in Newark will be planning to become an outlet from a well-known and established Nottingham brewery.

With real ale events planned for every month leading up to December and into the New Year, there are always special real ales and ciders to be found in and around our branch of Newark and District.

*Andrew Birkhead*
*Chairman Newark CAMRA*

## NEWARK DIARY : 2015

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| July 30th - August 9th: | Newark IPA Trail (see centre pages). |
| August 1st: | IPA Trail cycle ride. Newark to Southwell, leaving the Wharf at 10.30am |
| August 1st: | IPA Trail mini bus tour. |
| August 5th: | Evening cycle ride, including Collingham |
| August 6th | Branch Meeting - 8pm Final Whistle, Southwell |
| September 4th: | Branch Meeting - 8pm The Ram, Newark |
| September 12th: | Vale of Belvoir Walk & Ride Trip |
| December 12th: | Xmas Dinner & Social, Greek Steakhouse, Newark (provisional). |

*For up-to-date details of all meetings and socials check our website:* **www.newarkcamra.org.uk/diary** *or contact Tracey Moran on 07971 484372, e:* **socials@newarkcamra.org.uk**

## GRANTHAM DIARY : 2015

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| July 29th: | Branch Meeting - 8pm Brownlow Arms, Hough on the Hill |
| September 2nd: | Branch Meeting - 8pm Royal Oak, Long Bennington |

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

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

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

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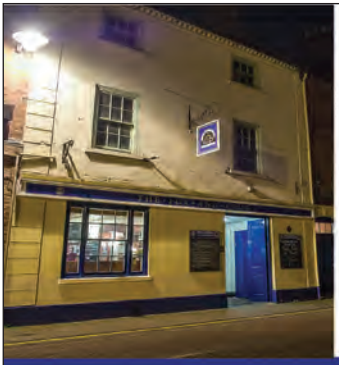

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KNEAD Pubs

# MARTYN HILLIER WINS 2015 CAMRA CAMPAIGNER OF THE YEAR

Martyn Hillier, the founder (and some say Godfather!) of the Micropub movement won the title of CAMRA Campaigner of the Year at the recent CAMRA AGM in Nottingham. A great result for the Micropub revolution!

This was an extra special event, as the nomination was written and submitted by Newark branch member Phil Ayling of Just Beer Micropub on behalf of the Newark CAMRA branch. The wording of the nomination was as follows:

*"Newark CAMRA would like to nominate Martyn Hillier, of the Butcher's Arms in Hearne, as CAMRA Campaigner of the Year.*

*It should not be underestimated what Martyn's contribution to the Campaign has been (either directly or indirectly) since his brief presentation at the 2009 Members Weekend at Eastbourne.*

*From planting the initial seed in the minds of two members present that weekend, namely Pete Morgan who opened the second Micropub, The Rat Race in Hartlepool later in 2009, and Phil Ayling (Newark branch member) who went on to open the third in 2010 – Just Beer in Newark – the Micropub movement is gathering pace.*

*In just five short years the Micropub movement has blossomed to a point where there are almost (at last count) around 80* or so Micropubs opened or due to do so shortly and has obvious signs of gathering momentum.*

*In a nation where literally dozens of mainstream pubs are closing every month, the Micropub is bucking the trend and its 'Real Ale' only and no-frills ethos is providing both a welcome outlet for the new brewer's products and for the drinker who has been deprived of a watering hole that has been closed down by a larger operator for being unprofitable or 'commercially unviable'.*

- *Micropubs are showcasing, almost exclusively, the produce of the smaller, independent microbreweries.*
- *By doing so they are giving a shop front to all the exciting and innovative breweries that are springing up all over the country which don't get a chance in mainstream pubs.*
- *By selling exciting beers, Micropubs automatically spread the Real Ale gospel through its happy customers.*
- *Micropubs sell ONLY real ale – how much more focused on the Campaign could a business be?*
- *Collectively, Micropubs must be contributing as much to the treasury as a small to medium pub chain.*

*Many other bullet points could be raised, but you get the idea!*

*All this is down to Martyn. He gives advice tirelessly to other would-be Micropub owners and has formed a small but like minded group, the Micropub Association where people can ask questions and get free advice on opening their own Micropub.*

*Without doubt, the Micropub movement is set to snowball. All this is down to Martyn and Newark CAMRA wholeheartedly nominate him for CAMRA's Campaigner of the Year Award.*

*Phil Ayling.*

*On behalf of the Newark CAMRA branch."*

This is a great bit of prestige for both the branch, Just Beer and a massive boost for the Micropub movement in general. Big congratulations to Martyn. Well deserved. You can visit the Micropub association web site at **www.micropubassociation.co.uk**

**Current count of Micropubs (22/04/15) is 131.*

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# BREWERY NEWS

## BREWSTERS

At the end of April two medals were picked up at The International Brewing Awards 2015 Dinner at The Guildhall in London - GOLD for Hophead in the session beer class and SILVER for keg IPA. These were after March saw BRONZE for Rutterkin in the national cask beer SIBA BeerX 2015 Champion Premium Bitter. For those of you not in the know; Rutterkin was the cat the Belvoir Witches used to put a curse on the Dukes of Rutland.

The Marquis of Granby, which is the brewery tap, has won CAMRA's Vale of Belvoir Pub of the Year 2015. The pub is in Granby, Nottinghamshire.

The end of April was also the time Project Venus ladies got together to brew a golden beer -Britannia's Brew 5% for Beer Day Britain on 15th June with rose petals for England, heather bud for Scotland, flax for Northern Ireland and sea weed for Wales. 15th June is also the Magna Carta celebrations date, and so 1215 bottles will also be produced as a limited edition.

WhimsicAles brewed: Cheval Mort for mild in May, Roll in the Hay for June. American Beauty for July and Hopstocks for August.

Wicked Woman beers brewed: Lamia 4.8% using Admiral and Summit hops for May. Maris for June using Maris Otter malt with Citra and Chinook hops.

Brewsters have now got a premises licence in place so can sell direct to the public as well as through open days and brewery tours.

## HANDLEYS

Handley's continue to meet capacity. The beers are well received. Handley's supplied their first beer, Wash Sparky, to the Newark Beer Festival this year.

## MALLARD

The Brewery is very busy at the moment. There are no new developments apart from they are running a bar within Rolleston Village Hall and therefore Mallard Beers are available at all functions held in the hall.

## MAYPOLE

The Hand & Heart, Nottingham had several beers on for the CAMRA AGM. Southwell Folk Festival also stocked Maypole beer.

The brewery has recently celebrated its 20th anniversary of the brewery, with a new brew - Anniversary Ale.

Uncle Tommy's Vanilla Stout, a traditional black stout, dry roasted with vanilla overtones was brewed to mark the 60th Birthday of local CAMRA stalwart Tom Carrington, in June.

## *LocAle UPDATE*

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

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

*Pubs wishing to apply for accreditation should contact their local branch. More information at:* **www.newarkcamra.org.uk/locale** *and* **www.granthamcamra.org.uk/locale**

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

**NEWARK:**

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

The Robin Hood Theatre, Averham serve LocAles on performance days

**GRANTHAM:**

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

***Look out for the LocAle window stickers and font crowns on hand pumps!***

### MILESTONE

Milestone is still busy. Two new beers are Anniversary Ale-10 Years, an amber red ale 5.0% beer produced to celebrate 10 years of brewing and Colonial Pale a 4.8% beer light in colour brewed in the style of a USA west coast ale.

### NEWARK

The Brewery has reported that Summer Gold is back in production and is selling well.

### NEWBY WYKE

Rob's visit as a guest of the Pegas Brewery in Brno went ahead at the end of April, where in the latest exciting episode of his venture with Jiri, the Pegas Brewer, they brewed the Newby Wyke Distant Grounds using a noticeable difference in procedures but blending the Czech and English methods very successfully. Rob is visiting again in August and Jiri is planning to visit Grantham Brewery in October.

The next beer to be brewed is Admiral Blucher 5%, a genuine Wheat Beer. This ship was named after the Prussian Field Marshal Gebhard von Blucher the commander of the Prussian forces who, alongside his British Allies and the Duke of Wellington, defeated Napoleon – this is the second of a series of beers commemorating the Battle of Waterloo.

Two more beers from the past history of Rob's beers will be brewed:

- Grantham Gold 4.2% - a Golden beer, full rounded hops and a fruity finish.
- HMS Revenge 4.2% - brewed with 100% Cascade hops.

### OLDERSHAW

Sunnydaze 4% is a summer seasonal wheat beer available throughout the summer months has been flying out and the popular Traleblazer 4% brewed using the Jester hop is eagerly anticipated in July.

July will also see the return of American Hopquad IPA 5.5%, a fresh and lively IPA brewed with 4 all-American hops to create a unique flavour. Boasting distinct orange aromas and herbal notes, this light-Amber ale is backed with a warm, toasted malt base leading to a and crisp finish. Not only will American Hopquad be available in casks as of July but we will also be capturing the intense flavour of this IPA in bottles, widening our popular range of bottled beer.

The Brewery will be featured as Brewer of the month with the Pub People group for July. They will be featuring a range of beers including the best selling Heavenly Blonde 3.8 %.

# PUB NEWS

Currently closed and for sale are The Plough Coddington, King's Head Collingham and The Spread Eagle. Hockerton.

Adam Shields and Evie Schofield have left Oscar's. During their short tenure the pub went from strength to strength and became a focus for the local community with excellent ales (and pizzas!). They will be sorely missed. The good news though, is that the new licensees are Dave and Lesley Kirrage, who many will know from their time at the Mail Coach and elsewhere. It's good to welcome them back to a Newark pub.

After a short period of closure, the Castle, in Castle Gate, has reopened after a repaint, under the management of Angie Hide. Mike Wardell, who is a director of owners Here for You Hospitality said "The Castle will return to being a friendly and relaxed pub with a great product range, new entertainment and a strong customer focus." Angie is particularly looking forward to welcoming CAMRA members who will receive a 15% discount on production of their membership card.

The Crown at Rolleston has joined forces with Gurkha One, who have relocated to the pub, offering Nepalese cuisine alongside real ale.

## *GRANTHAM CAMRA'S PUB OF THE YEAR*

Pictured is Eddie Pimlott, owner of the Nobody Inn, Grantham proudly celebrating the award for the second consecutive year. Serving consistent quality beers from six hand pumps and surveyed on over fifty occasions throughout the year, the award is very well deserved and congratulations are in order for a job well done.

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# CIDER PUB OF THE YEAR 2015

Real cider is a long-established traditional drink which is produced naturally from apples and is neither carbonated nor pasteurised. However real cider is in a similar situation to that which faced real ale some 30 years ago with the number of outlets for real cider diminishing, even in the West Country. The situation with perry (which is made from pears) is even worse, as it is rarely available away from the farm gate. It is unfortunate that many of the most well-known ciders in the UK are cold, fizzy keg products which have been produced artificially rather than naturally. CAMRA now allows fruit flavoured ciders and perries as long as actual fruit and not concentrate or artificial flavours are used.

## DEFINITION OF REAL DRAUGHT CIDER & PERRY

### Ingredients

- The liquid content before fermentation must consist entirely of non-pasteurized apple (cider), or pear (perry) juice (The CAMRA AGM in 2015 allowed whole fruit eg strawberries to be added)
- No apple or pear juice concentrates to be used.
- Normally, only the sugar naturally available in the fruit should be used to cause fermentation, but in years when the level of natural sugar in the fruit is low, the addition of extraneous sugar to aid fermentation is acceptable.

### Process

- No pasteurisation to take place during the production process.
- No added colourings to be used.
- No added flavourings to be used.
- There must be no artificial carbonation for draught products.
- Sweetener may be added to fully fermented Cider/Perry to make it sweet or medium.
- The addition of water is permitted to bring the alcoholic content of the Cider/Perry down to the level required by the producer. Ideally, however the minimum juice content should not be lower than 90% volume.
- No micro filtration allowed (this takes all the yeast, leaving a “dead” product).

If you are not sure if a cider or perry is “real” then there is a comprehensive list on the national CAMRA website.

It is well worth tracking down some real ciders and perries. Increasing numbers of people are discovering for themselves how deliciously mellow, aromatic and intoxicating the flavours of naturally produced real cider can be.

In order to help you. The Newark branch of CAMRA is nominating a Cider Pub of the Year for the first time. Nominations will be made at the August branch meeting. Between then and Newark’s Food and Cider weekend at the end of August, CAMRA members will be out in force sampling the ciders and perries. We shall be looking for top quality and well-kept real ciders and perries.

At the September branch meeting, we will be voting on those nominated pubs to find the winner. The award will be made during October, one of CAMRA’s national cider and perry months.

# A VISIT TO THE ADNAMS FAMILY

Our ongoing journeys around England recently took us to Suffolk, or more specifically to Southwold. This is a genteel seaside resort and home to Adnams brewery, so amongst other activities a visit had to be undertaken. As we couldn't get into our apartment until 4pm for some reason never explained, it made sense to go round the brewery earlier that afternoon, so a 2pm slot was duly booked.

Adnams is not just one building or even one complex; it is integrated into the fabric of the town by having various sites on different roads and interspersed with old cottages and shops. The Adnams shop itself is a couple of hundred yards from the brewery buildings, in a modern purpose built construction incorporating a café. Before all that, however, we assembled outside what is possibly the ugliest building in Southwold, a seventies eyesore which does nothing for the reputation of that period's architecture. A bright and bubbly Dutch lady called Alex greeted us and after the initial introductions we were shown a 10 minute film about the history, current status and future plans of the place.

Then it was off to the real thing. Fortunately it was not raining, as Alex showed us the disparate parts of the brewery standing at roadsides and on village greens before we entered the first building and were shown the various hops and other ingredients. The inside of the brewery belies the old facades; a mass of

a younger clientele in mind. The large range was evident and welcome when we visited the various hostelries of the town, more about which we will come to later.

The brewing process is pretty basic, and it takes a good tour guide to keep it all interesting and fresh; Alex certainly managed that, and apologised in advance if she went over the allotted time (which she did).

All breweries seem to vary in their generosity where the sampling is concerned, however, and in Adnams' case your £12 includes two or three samples in the bar (not halves, jugs of Ghostship and Broadside were fetched from another room and distributed evenly among us and bottles of Dry Hopped Lager and Mosaic Pale Ale followed suit), and a free bottle from the shop or money off other purchases. We also had the added bonus of spirit sampling back at the shop; as well as the well-established brewing in the town, there is now an award winning distillery and samples of vodka, gin and a whisky distilled from Broadside were offered.

All in all, a good brewery to go round and reasonable value.

Back in the day you would travel to different parts of the country and one brewer's beer would dominate the area totally. This has largely gone in these days of guest beers, microbreweries and new freehouses, but in Southwold it is like a relic of bygone times. Adnams own all four pubs and two hotels in the town, and nowhere did we find any other brewery's cask ale. It is a moot point why there were no guest beers, but quality throughout was excellent and the only other issue was the price. Southwold is an affluent town which attracts affluent tourists, and London prices dominate. £4 per pint was almost mandatory for anything other than Southwold Bitter.

There are three pubs in the town itself (The Lord Nelson, The Red Lion and Sole Bay

Inn) plus the Harbour Inn which is a little further out overlooking the river. The two hotels (The Crown and the Swan) both have small public bars as well. We sampled all but the Swan, and out of all of them The Lord Nelson had the most 'pubby' feel about it in the front bar full of naval memorabilia. All did food, and we dined well at both the Red Lion (serenaded by a very competent jazz band) and the Sole Bay Inn (a light, modern and airy establishment next to the Lighthouse).

Service throughout was very good, so no complaints there, and for a town which could have felt quite stuffy it was a friendly place with locals and tourists rubbing along quite admirably. However, don't go if you like to complain about Newark pub prices!

Adnams' main range (Southwold Bitter, Ghostship and Broadside) could be found in all the pubs we visited, and in all but the Red Lion we also had the option of new or seasonal beers such as Jester (a single hop golden beer brewed with a new British hop called Jester), Fat Sprat (a 3.8% pale amber summer beer proudly supporting the Marine Conservation Society) and a cask version of Mosaic (a Pale Ale made with Mosaic hops which is normally bottled under their Jack range).

The Jack range is named after Southwold Jack, a local icon found on the brewery wall, and is bottled in 330ml bottles to attract the youngsters (presumably on the basis that something that appears hip and trendy takes precedence in some quarters over value). In the interests of research, I bought cases of both ranges, and the Jack range are perfectly acceptable bottled beers, including the Dry Hopped Lager which would not normally attract.

CAMRA members may argue vehemently about the lack of guest beers and the Adnams monopoly, as well as the pricing, but there is no doubt that Southwold has some very pleasant pubs and excellent quality beer.

*DJ*

# NEWARK IPA TRAIL 2015

On the opposite page is your tear off Collector Card for the Newark IPA Trail 2015. Simply tear/cut out and take with you to all 22 pubs and collect a sticker for each pub.

Addresses and opening times are below as well as travel information for Southwell and village pubs. Newark pubs are on most major bus routes.

## NEWARK

**CASTLE** - 5 Castlegate, NG24 1AZ.
OPEN: 12-10 Mon-Tue, 12-11 Wed-Thu, 11-1am Fri-Sat 12-11 Sun

**CASTLE & FALCON** - 10 London Road, NG24 1TW.
OPEN: 7pm-Midnight Mon-Thu, 12-3.30pm, 7-12.30am Fri Sat

**CASTLE BARGE** - The Wharf, NG24 1EU.
OPEN: 11-11 Mon-Thu, 11-Midnight Fri-Sun

**CLAY TAVERN** - Slaughterhouse Lane, NG24 1ER.
OPEN: 12-11 Mon-Thu 12-Midnight Fri-Sat, 12-11 Sun

**FLYING CIRCUS** - 53 Castlegate, NG24 1BE.
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**FOX AND CROWN** - 4-6 Appletongate Newark NG24 1JY.
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**PRINCE RUPERT** - 40 Stodman Street, NG24 1AW.
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**FINAL WHISTLE** - Station Road, NG25 0ET.
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**Join us on the trail. Visit each pub from the list below over the ten days, buy at least a half of IPA & receive a sticker to add to your card. Completed cards will be entered into a Grand Prize Draw.**

**There will be a second prize draw for those visiting twelve pubs or more but not completing the Trail.**

Castle - Newark
Castle & Falcon - Newark
Castle Barge - Newark
Clay Tavern - Newark
Flying Circus - Newark
Fox & Crown - Newark
Just Beer Micropub - Newark
Navigation Waterfront - Newark
Organ Grinder - Newark
Oscar's Inn - Newark
Prince Rupert - Newark
Ram - Newark
Real Ale Store - Newark
Sir John Arderne - Newark
Vaults - Newark
Bramley Apple - Southwell
Final Whistle - Southwell
Hearty Goodfellow - Southwell
Old Coach House - Southwell
Chequers - Elston
Grey Horse - Collingham
Muskham Ferry - North Muskham

*To enter, leave the card in the last pub you visit or post to* ***CAMRA Newark, c\o Capital Media, First Floor, Central Buildings, Middle Gate, Newark, NG24 1AG*** *to arrive no later than* ***Friday 21st August 2015.***

*Please check with individual pubs for opening times. CAMRA Newark cannot accept responsibility for non-availability of certain beers, or pubs withdrawing from the Trail. Please drink responsibly.*

**FILL IN YOUR DETAILS...**

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Postcode: ..... Tel: .....

Email: .....

My favourite IPA was: .....

and was served at: .....

## NEWARK CAMRA

# THE IPA TRAIL

## July 31st - August 9th 2015

## YOUR COLLECTOR CARD

**INTERNATIONAL IPA DAY COMES TO NEWARK**

**CELEBRATE INDIA PALE ALE**

**22 PARTICIPATING PUBS**

**PRIZES TO BE WON**

**The event is run by Newark CAMRA but is open to all.**

CAMRA
CAMPAIGN FOR REAL ALE

# JOIN OUR IPA TRAIL

## Friday 31st July to Sunday August 9th

**Newark CAMRA is celebrating India Pale Ale (IPA). Over the ten day celebrations visit each pub on your collector card, buy at least a half of IPA and receive a sticker. Add your sticker to the relevant space and try to collect them all!**

**Completed cards will be entered into a Grand Prize Draw. There will be a second prize draw for those visiting twelve pubs or more but not completing the Trail.**

**No need to rush - you have ten days in which to sample some rare and amazing beers, visit some great pubs and maybe make some new friends!**

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Newark

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Castle & Falcon
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Newark

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Castle Barge
The Wharf
Newark

### CLAY TAVERN
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Slaughterhouse Lane
Newark

### FLYING CIRCUS
Flying Circus
53 Castle Gate
Newark

### FOX & CROWN
Fox & Crown
4-6 Appleton Gate
Newark

### JUST BEER MICROPUB
Just Beer
Swan & Salmon Yard
Newark

### NAVIGATION WATERFRONT
Navigation Waterfront
48 Mill Gate
Newark

### ORGAN GRINDER
Organ Grinder
21 Portland Street
Newark

### OSCAR'S
Oscar's
105 Balderton Gate
Newark

### PRINCE RUPERT
Prince Rupert
Stodman Street
Newark

### THE RAM
The Ram
19 Castle Gate
Newark

### REAL ALE STORE
Real Ale Store
12 – 14 Kirk Gate
Newark

### SIR JOHN ARDERNE
Sir John Arderne
1-3 Church Street
Newark

### THE VAULTS
The Vaults
14 North Gate
Newark

### BRAMLEY APPLE
Bramley Apple
51 Church Street
Southwell

### FINAL WHISTLE
Final Whistle
Station Road
Southwell

### HEARTY GOODFELLOW
Hearty Goodfellow
81 Church Street
Southwell

### OLD COACH HOUSE
Old Coach House
69 Easthorpe
Southwell

### CHEQUERS
The Chequers
Toad Lane
Elston

### GREY HORSE
Grey Horse
Low Street
Collingham

### MUSKHAM FERRY
Muskham Ferry
North Muskham

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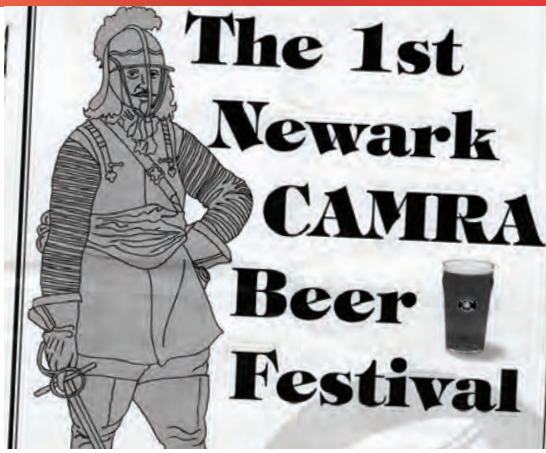
# MEMORIES OF NEWARK'S 1ST BEER FESTIVAL

## *How times have changed*




Newark CAMRA was a sub-branch of Nottingham branch and was still only 2 years old in this present form. Steve Armstrong, the treasurer from Nottingham branch, had approached Chris Constantine to reform Newark branch in 1993 and by 1995 it was felt that Newark was overdue for its own BeerFest.

It all started in a meeting at Newark Town Hall in October 1995. Chris, Phil Ayling & myself met up with Mike Wilson, the Town Clerk, and began to thrash out the basics. The Town Hall and The Buttermarket were both considered as venues but eventually the Castle Grounds was agreed on. This was before the faux Victorian-style bandstand was built! It would involve a marquee (a bijou version of Peterborough BeerFest) and take place over the May bank holiday weekend. Chris, as chairman, would be in overall control and handle publicity, programmes etc. I'd be site manager and Phil was in charge of entertainment and groupies. Steve Armstrong would be our mentor and in charge of the budget; Steve Westby, who was the Nottingham Beer Festival organiser, was in control of the beer.

The festival was planned to run from 11-10, Friday & Saturday, noon -10 on Sunday or while beer stocks lasted. The marquee was hired from a local firm in Belton (at a total cost of £998.75) and housed 45 beers, 3 ciders and 1 perry. The stillage was scaffolding borrowed from Grantham CAMRA and transported in my little Fiat Amigo campervan. Mike Wilson was to approach Mansfield or Wards Breweries or Tom Cobleigh for possible sponsorship - ultimately Diamond Cable (remember them?) came up with something.

The entertainment was shown in the programme as follows:- Friday was a "quiet night"; Saturday afternoon - Riverside, a guitar duo, and in the evening - Heel, a 4-piece "retro-rock" band. Sunday afternoon was to feature The Hickville Bombers,"rockabilly at it's best". There was also meant to be a juggler and some members of the Sealed Knot "strutting their stuff" (sic). "Unfortunately the Basildon Over Forties Yodelling Belly Dancers were fully booked"(sic). A map on the back of the programme mentioned the following Good Beer Guide pubs for 1996: Cross Keys, Upton; Crown, North Muskham; Mail Coach, Newark; Newcastle Arms, Newark; Old Malt Shovel, Newark; Old Reindeer, Edingly; Wheatsheaf, Newark; Wing Tavern, Newark. Of those eight pubs not one now appears in the GBG, half of the names have disappeared and of the four remaining two of them have become residential accommodation. It was also mentioned that

Crowds drink ale festival dry

Event ends day early

THIRSTY real ale fans forced a Newark beer festival to be cut short after the event drained the place dry. Organisers got through 4,200 pints in two days during the event in Newark Castle, so by Sunday had to be call

Three days of Castle capers!

With over forty beers available over the Whitsun bank holiday weekend, Newark's First CAMRA Beer Festival looks set to be a merry event.

From lunchtime on Friday 24th May through to Sunday evening the Castle Grounds will play host to festivities which will hopefully become a permanent fixture in the town's diary.

Newark CAMRA has arranged the festival in association with the Town Council and both organisations realise the potential for drawing in visitors from far and wide. Beer festivals are very popular and with this year being CAMRA's twenty-fifth anniversary more interest than ever is expected.

A one-off beer is being brewed locally by Springhead to celebrate, not only the event, but also the 350th anniversary of Newark surrendering to the Parliamentarians.

The Newark Beer Festival team limber up for late May.

A marquee erected in the grounds will house the beer but the site will reverberate to more than the sounds of guzzling.

Performers are now being invited to offer their services for this prestigious occasion. If you fancy demonstrating your skills, whether it be making foot tap, creating gutfaws or constructing ships from beermats give Filthy Phil a ring on 01636 706026.

Entrance to the festival will be free but anyone wishing to imbibe will need a commemorative glass, on sale for a mere £2. CAMRA members will get 50p off this price.

With the glass, drinkers get a programme detailing all the ales on offer plus other blurb besides. If you or your business wish to advertise in the programme then call Newark 77246 now to book your space. It's an ideal opportunity to get additional drinkers into your pub. You could even promote your taxi service, nobody will want to drive home after a real ale sampling session!

The 1st Newark CAMRA Beer Festival May 1996

the total CAMRAmembership in 1996 was 45000 members (now 160,000).

Entrance was free to the festival for everyone but commemorative mugs were £2 and CAMRA members got 50p off. (The mugs for this first festival are now collectors' items and occasionally sell on Ebay for serious money). Of the 45 beers the strongest was Cottage's Norman Conquest at 9% - 1995 Champion Beer of Britain. The specially brewed Festival Brew was Springhead's Hole-in-Spire celebrating both the festival and marking 350 years since Newark surrendered to the Parliamentarians. The name, thought up by Jane Wetton (later Murphy) refers to the supposed damage caused by a cannon ball to the parish church and also remembers Hole's Brewery of Newark. This beer, according to the festival programme written by Chris and using Alan Gill's description was: - "...similar to Guinness...extremely smooth...Like being rubbed down with a velvet glove..." We had to curtail this description here as Alan began to get a bit too graphic for comfort!

Anyway, for those of you who didn't attend this debut festival, or for those of you who did but have had their brains addled by too much beer over the years, the event went ballistic! It was as if the town was re-enacting 350 years earlier when the siege was over. We just couldn't keep up with demand. It was planned to run till the Sunday but 2,000 visitors managed to drink it dry by 8pm Saturday night. There was no way we could have predicted the response as it was all virgin territory. As someone commented "It certainly shows that the people of this town can sup!" It made the local TV & radio news and even Japanese radio. The Daily Telegraph briefly reported it with the headline "Caught on the hop!". Poor Phil, in charge of the music, had to placate the now non-performing Saturday act, Heel, by finding them an alternative place to play – The Wheatsheaf. In the next issue of the Newark Advertiser the late Billy Phillips came up with an apt quote "The first beer sampled was May Day from the Eakring-based brewery. It was a prophetic choice because the organisers were soon sending out a Mayday message for more beer".

Anything to come on the empties?

STRONG LINE-UP AT BEER FESTIVAL

Festival licence given after beer glass pledge

Connoisseurs drink a beer festival dry

Foaming firkins for festival

***Stevie Dee***

# GRANTHAM CAMRA'S RUBY ANNIVERSARY

Take a guess! How old is this photograph? There are some clues. Perhaps most obvious of these are the hairstyles, the wide jacket lapels, and have you noticed that everyone is wearing a tie! If you guessed that this would have been taken around the late 1960s or early 1970s you're pretty close.

Harold Wilson was Prime Minister, David Beckham was born, and the Bay City Rollers were topping the hit parade with 'Bye – Bye Baby'. The Ford Cortina was the 'must-have' car at the time (but the breathalyser had been introduced already, in 1967!)

The black and white photo shows the 'founding fathers' of CAMRA in Grantham in the same year – forty years ago. The organisation had been started in 1971 and Grantham, like hundreds of other towns up and down the country was keen to start its own branch – which it did in 1975 - and it's still going strong today. This inaugural meeting took place at The Angel and Royal Hotel. A chairman and a committee were formed and campaigning in the area could begin in earnest. There was a lot to do!

In the Good Beer Guide at that time there were only two pubs in the town - The Angel and Royal Hotel and The Granby and the only brewery in the entire county of Lincolnshire was Bateman's. The Mowbray's brewery in the town had been swallowed by Flower's in the mid-sixties (and they in turn, by the ubiquitous Whitbread giant)

In the photograph can be seen a Ruddles sign and, although still independent and brewing real ale, they were based in Langham near Oakham.

There truly was a dearth of real ale brewed locally and very few outlets in which to get it! Independent brewers of real ale were being closed or taken over at an alarming rate so how encouraging it now is that Grantham can boast three small (and successful) breweries.

On Saturday May 30th all three were available to be enjoyed when over sixty CAMRA members past and present assembled once again at the Angel and Royal Hotel to meet up with old friends and colleagues and to reminisce about those early years.

Many had travelled a huge distance to attend - most notably Alan Wills (third left) and Adrian Hobbs (first left) who can be seen in this original photograph and were part of the very first committee.

Committees, chairmen, secretaries, treasurers and members come and go but the Campaign for Real Ale will continue and Saturday May 30th proved that lovers of real ale and real pubs will always share a common bond - even years later.

The colour photo shows Grantham Branch chairman Neville Lomas presenting hotel manager Jane Green with a commemorative certificate to mark the occasion.

Local beers available were Brewsters Hoptical Illusion and Hophead. Oldershaws Grantham Dark and Old Boy and the Newby Wyke Bear Island.

The Rose & Crown invite you to their Seaside Themed

# SUMMER BEER FESTIVAL

## 31ST JULY - 2ND AUGUST 2015

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# PINT OF VIEW

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

PINT's first project was to produce "The Civil War Ale Trail" in time to mark the opening of the National Civil War Centre in May. This free publication, is a guide for the visitor to the top civil war attractions, and ten of the best pubs in town. It is available from all participating pubs and is being distributed to tourist information centres, libraries and other outlets across the region and beyond.

PINT supports the aims of CAMRA and we hope that the two organisations will collaborate on a number of exciting projects in the coming year.

**UPCOMING PINT & RELATED EVENTS INCLUDE:**

- **August 28th to 31st - Newark Cider and Food Festival.** Many pubs in town will be matching a great range of real ciders with their own food choices from sausages to seafood.
- **September 11th to 13th - Newark Blues Festival.** The best of Blues and the best of Beer. Eight pubs in the town will be hosting some of the forty bands appearing.
- **October 29th to 31st - Ale Owe'en.** Come over to the Dark Side. Participating pubs will be featuring dark ales of all types in celebration of this ghoulish time of year.
- **January 28th to 31st 2016 - Beermuda Triangle.** Get lost in the Triangle. This pub-based festival goes from strength to strength. In 2015, 6 pubs featured 70 beers. What can we expect in 2016?

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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

On page 20 of your April issue there is an article about "Shipstone's". By co-incidence the same article appears in North Nottinghamshire Branch equivalent publication at page 9.

I must say that I am surprised that a CAMRA publication should lack an important detail that the public ought to be made aware of – in the interests of provenance. The detail is of course – where are Shipstone beers now brewed? Their website doesn't tell anyone and they appear to be content to let the public believe that they have a brewery.

We at CAMRA should be publishing the facts.

Regards

*Brian Francis*

***In response to Brian's letter, Richard Neale of Shipstone's writes:***

I'm very pleased to be able to work with Colin Brown at Belvoir Brewery and under no circumstances intend to mislead where Shipstone's Beers are brewed. I'm very proud to work with a former Shipstone's Brewer and together we have worked hard to protect and preserve such a historic name in brewing. Belvoir Brewery is a fantastic brewery and on both our pump clips and bottled beer labels we proudly show where it is hand crafted. On our website we also show where the brewery is on the 'contact us' page and on the 'about us' page dedicate a section to Colin Brown and Belvoir Brewery.

My business is still in its infancy and I still do pretty much everything myself apart from the brewing and from now and in the future have always wanted Colin to be a part of the project. I'm passionate about ale, I'm passionate about the region's brewing heritage and I'm passionate about Shipstone's.

*Richard Neale, Shipstone's Brewery*

# 50TH BIRTHDAY IN HONOUR OF A GRAIN

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Fifty new beers are being created especially for the national Maris Otter 50th anniversary festival in Norwich, 17th – 19th September. Brewers from forty-four different counties of Britain and six countries from across the world are each providing a birthday beer for the event. "This is the first beer festival to have all fifty beers brewed with a single malt variety," says Mark, "As far as we know, it's also the first birthday party ever to be held in honour of a grain!"

To book your tickets, or to see the full list of particpating brewers, visit: **www.h-banham.co.uk**

MARIS OTTER 50 1965 - 2015 BEER FESTIVAL 17-19TH SEPT 2015

## LOCAL CAMRA DISCOUNTS

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