

BREWERY HISTORY SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER



The 450kg mash tun at the Donnington Brewery near Stow on the Wold in the Cotswolds back in 2001. At the time the brewery was run by Claude Arkell, a distant cousin several times removed of the Swindon brewing family which took over the running of Donnington after Claude died in 2007. You can view more of Roger Putman's photographs courtesy of the Institute of Brewing and Distilling on the BHS Wiki Brewerypedia website.

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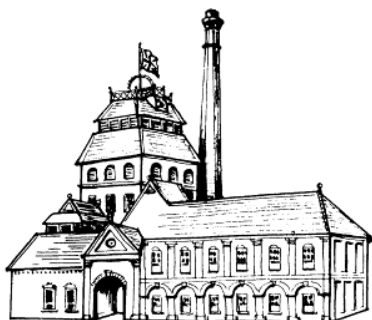
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Roger's third

Bannaghtyn from the rock in the middle of the Irish Sea.



your latest comic.

The pubs are full of bikers again. We are putting up with another fortnight of road closures as the annual Festival of Motorcycling aka the Manx Grand Prix takes place around the 37¾ mile long Mountain course. The seventeen minute lap barrier has been broken which is a hairy 133mph down our country lanes and through our pretty villages! As I am rather confined to my garret for fear of meeting a two wheeled visitor coming towards me on the wrong side of the road, it is as good a time as any to collate

You remain reluctant to comment on the new format and suggest further tweaks. Do not be shy. Do tell us what is going on in your neck of the woods and let us know the results of your researches and your queries to make further progress.

In this issue you will find a welcome to Miles Jenner from Harveys magnificent brewery (aka Lewes Cathedral) in Sussex who has kindly agreed to take over as our President. As a prominent member of the brewing business, he is well placed to ensure that the Brewery History Society is better known amongst his industry colleagues. We also welcome Susan Chisholm who joins our Committee taking a break from organising Greene King's brewing archive at Bury St Edmunds.

There was an alarming piece of news that Northamptonshire Archives and Heritage Service is restricting free access to historical documents to limited times and introducing an hourly charge of £31.50 to view archive material at all other times. Happily they have put the charging on hold 'pending a review' but it is likely that other Records Offices are seeking to make ends meet by charging users to carry out research. The Society urges all its members to contact the resources they regularly use and make their opinions known. A word with your local elected representatives would not go amiss either.

Copy closes for NL79 on November 17th.

Slaynt vie!

Calendar

- 17 October Nethergate Brewery, The Street, Pentlow, Essex, CO10 7JJ 2pm
- 21st October National Breweriana Auction at Burton on Trent Town Hall, doors open at 10:30. Auction starts at 12:00. To book a stall or enter some breweriana into the auction, contact Bill Austin at *e mail address withheld*.
- 25th November N-W Regional Meeting at the Pavilion, the home of Bank Top Brewery, Ashworth Lane, Bank Top, Bolton BL1 8RA . Meet from 11.00 for a 12:00 start. Please book this meeting with Dave Sweeney at the brewery (*address withheld*) - more details below.

Please book the Nethergate visit with visits@breweryhistory.com

N-W BHS meeting – 25 November.

Thanks to Dave Sweeney, there will be a regional meeting at The Pavilion, home of Bank Top Brewery on Saturday November 25th, from 11 am onwards.

John Robinson intends to come out of the shadows and present pieces on the Bedford Brewing and Malting Company and the emergence of George Shaw and Co from 1902. He will be assisted on the day by Peter Dickinson, the labologist with a talk on beer labels through the ages.

Also on the agenda will be a discussion on the way forward for the BHS N-W.

Please let your intentions to visit be known to Dave Sweeney and his team at Bank Top Brewery.

Beer will be provided by Bank Top, Topsy Angel and George Shaw's Brewery.

A good afternoon is promised for visiting members of the BHS, let's have a good turnout to take the BHS further in the North West.

BHS Visit to the Černokostelecký brewery in the Czech Republic July 2017



The old horse mill



Grain discharge from the lauter



The lauter tun



The two 80hL coolships

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NEW FACES

New President of BHS – Miles Jenner



Born in 1952, Miles Jenner spent his childhood living alongside Harvey's Brewery where his father was Head Brewer. The experience instilled in him a sense of romance for the industry that persists to this day. He graduated in history at Edinburgh University in 1976. Miles comes from five generations of brewers, his family having brewed at R. & H. Jenner's Brewery in Southwark between 1831-1938. He commenced his career as a Pupil Brewer at Greene King in Bury St. Edmunds (1976-1980) and joined the Brewing Room of Harvey & Son (Lewes) Ltd. in 1980, becoming Head Brewer (1986-present) and Joint Managing Director (2000-present). He was named 'Brewer of the Year' by the All Party Parliamentary Beer Group 2001, received a CAMRA Special Award for 'outstanding services to the beer industry' 2001, was named 'Brewer of the Year' by the British Guild of Beer Writers 2009 and was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of East Sussex in 2013. He is a Freeman of the City of London and served as Master Brewer at the Worshipful Company of Brewers 2015/16, where he remains a Court Assistant. Miles has combined his love of history with his brewing career. He pioneered the concept of 'seasonal brews' with the

creation of Tom Paine Ale, named after the excise man turned radical political writer, in a year that marked the bicentenary of his 'Rights of Man'. He has reproduced historical recipes, including 1859 Porter and Le Coq's Imperial Extra Double Stout, and made them commercially available. – the latter was recently named 'World's Best Imperial Stout' at the World Beer Awards 2017.

His outside interests are largely arts orientated. He served as President of the Lewes Little Theatre, where he both acts and directs. He recently played *Richard III* and has just written a one man show *'If I Catch Alphonso Tonight'* that tells the life story of the music hall artist Billy Merson. Miles enjoys creating a sense of theatre when conducting brewery tours. He is a frequent public speaker on local history and has been researching *'Lewes Breweries Past and Present'* for longer than he cares to remember.

Susan Chisholm joins the BHS Committee



After briefly working in a pharmaceutical laboratory Susan Chisholm joined Greene King as a laboratory assistant in 1978 covering basic brewing QC and microbiology. At that time G-K had its own maltings plant and were still purchasing small barley loads direct from the local farmers and she felt a strong link to her own background being raised on a mainly arable farm. In 1981 she became supervisor of the laboratories under the amazing chief chemist and head maltster Mike Upperton. This was a time when the brewing world was full of 'characters' and he was certainly one of them. In 1983 she became laboratory manager with some additional responsibility for barley purchase and maltings operations and later moved away from direct management of the laboratories and today her role is quite diverse covering food safety, legislation, sales and marketing support, recipe development, tasting panels as well as overseeing quality control and the laboratory teams at Bury St Edmunds and the Belhaven plant at Dunbar, East Lothian.

Susan is a long standing member of the Institute of Brewing and Distilling. Since 1993 she has sat on various committees of these organisations, was chairman of the Southern UK section of the IBD in 2011-13 and in 2014 was awarded a Fellowship of the Institute. She tell us that her own family history is well researched as daughter of a Scottish clan chief and she is Secretary of the Clan Chisholm Society which helps folk around the world with their family history researches. This interest in history led her to bring the Greene King collections into some order and to secure it for the future. It has been most gratifying to be able to assist various people with information for their own projects and researches. The collection is far from fully collated and recorded

and I am hopeful of getting this completed in the next few years.

She joined the Scottish Brewing Archive Association a few years back and this lead to her also joining the Brewery History Society. She added "I have very much enjoyed hosting meetings for the BHS and meeting all the enthusiasts and hearing about their different areas of interest. I look forward to working with the committee and contributing to the aims of the Society."

From the Chairman



I am delighted to start this edition of 'From the Chair' with two very exciting items of news.

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that Susan Chisholm, who many will remember hosting our wonderful day at Greene King for our 2016 AGM, has joined the BHS Committee. Susan brings a wealth of industry experience along with a passion for archives with her and we are looking forward to her input. There is more on Susan's background within this Newsletter.

I am also delighted to be able to report that we have been discussing the role of BHS President with Miles Jenner and he has very kindly accepted our offer. Miles has been a very long standing supporter of the BHS and has hosted some very special meetings at Harveys in Lewes, including historic town walks, over the years. I write this just as we reach the deadline for this Newsletter, so I'm not sure how much we shall get into this issue and how much will be reported on next time.

In welcoming Susan and Miles to their new roles I feel a great sense of optimism for the future of the BHS.

As mentioned previously, we have had a few changes in personnel recently and I am very keen to hear from anyone who might be interested in taking on the role of Visits Secretary or that of North West Region Coordinator. If you think either may be of interest to you do please call to find out more. There would be plenty of support for anyone taking on these roles. I am also always keen to hear from anyone who would like to arrange a meeting of any sort in their own area. We can provide publicity and support as required. We are hoping to arrange another 'Solent Region' gathering before winter sets in so do please drop me a line if you would like to be kept informed. This is likely to be in the general area of Portsmouth / Southampton / Isle of Wight.

Ken has posted some photographs from the recent BHS visit to Prague on the BHS Facebook Group page – do have a look. We shall make a determined effort to make more use of this to publicise our activities as we go forward. As ever, do please keep an eye on the BHS diary on the web site in case anything is arranged at too short a notice for the Newsletter.

Mike Brown's amazing book on London's breweries has proved very popular but in order to get as reasonable a price as possible we did have quite a large print run and would like to sell more of the stock. If you are thinking of buying a copy Paul in the bookshop would love to hear from you. If you can promote it anywhere, or have any suggestions for us to do so, do please let us know.

We are always very keen to hear feedback from members on all aspects of the Society. Many of you comment when sending in your renewal and our thanks for all of the messages - the many kind words of appreciation for the work put in by the team and the constructive criticism that helps to shape the way forward. Please don't hesitate to share your thoughts with us at any time.

We have recently started the new membership year and renewals are pouring in. May I point you to 'Membership Matters' and, in particular, to the point about ensuring any standing orders are for the correct amount, if you are still to get around to renewing.

Best wishes
Jeff Sechiari
chairman@breweryhistory.com

Membership matters

I am very sorry to pass on the news that Alan Gardner died on July 6th. Alan lived in the North West and was well known in collecting circles. He had been a BHS member for a great many years. He was one of the organisers of an annual charity meeting which, over the years, raised a substantial sum for charities and I understand that his collection will be auctioned off at this year's meeting on the 18th November. Alan was married to June for over 30 years and sadly she also passed away very shortly after Alan. We send our condolences to their family and friends and thank Alan for his long involvement with the BHS.

Alan supported the West Yorkshire Forget Me Not children's hospice by holding auctions of breweriana with Graham Lawley and Tom Connor. Meetings became auctions at the Jubilee Station Refreshment Room at Sowerby Bridge Station in 1995. To date over £5000 has been raised. They were abandoned in 2015 due to lack of support but Alan's family has donated his collection for auction on November 18th at noon.



New members

We welcome the following new members and hope that you all enjoy your membership of the Society. Please spread the word amongst your friends and colleagues – we are always keen to have new members and especially now as we have just started a new membership year.

John HARDY, *address withheld*

Neil KELLETT, *address withheld*

Jan LEMMENS, *address withheld*
Interests: Deviant fermentation

Deanne MASHTON, *address withheld*
Interests: My PhD thesis is an environmental history of English brewing during the long 19th century. I look at the global commodity chain of early industrial brewing to establish the extent of industry's environmental impact. I am also interested in Scottish and US brewing during the same period.

Tim O'ROURKE, *address withheld*
Interests: Tim is researching the history and origins of beer and beer styles and is preparing to write a book on the rise and rise of the Craft Beer Movement.

Keith RODWELL, *address withheld*
Interests: General interest in the history of beer and brewing

Daniel SCOTT, *address withheld*

Membership Renewals

We have recently started the new membership year (actually on 1st May) so I would be delighted to receive your renewal subscription. My thanks to the many of you have already paid.

For those who pay by standing order, could you please check the amount that you are paying – we are receiving the odd payment still set at the rates from some years ago, e.g. £15 / £18 / £21. Many thanks.

2017/18 Subscriptions

The AGM decided that subscription levels for 2017/2018 should remain unchanged and are as listed below.

	UK	Overseas
Individual		
- full	£25	£35
- retired	£22	£35
RCB	£40	£80
Corporate	£80	-

Options for Paying Subscriptions

Although we cannot offer Direct Debits, Internet Banking now means that anyone can pay electronically, and even set up your own regular annual payment if you so wish. A great many of you have done this and it seems to be working very well.

If you have **electronic banking** you are welcome to pay by this method – you can set up a standing order, which would remain under your own control, or you could make a one off electronic payment at renewal time. In either case please add a reference of your name **and postcode** so that I can identify you correctly – you wouldn't believe how many members have the same initial and surname! Whilst a reference of 'BHS Subs' works well on your bank statement it does leave us stranded wondering who to allocate it to at this end.

Please also see the note above about out of date Standing Orders.

Our bank details are *details withheld*

Do please email me (Membership@BreweryHistory.com) if you have any queries about this.

We are still delighted to receive payments by post, and thank you for the many nice letters and comments that often accompany such payments. My address is below.

We are also able to offer a credit card payment facility for overseas members through the kind efforts of Paul Travis in the bookshop. If you wish to use this facility, which gets around the problem of finding a sterling cheque, please contact Paul – address in the Journal or at books@breweryhistory.com. We are now also able to offer the option to pay using PayPal, sending the money to the email address- membership@breweryhistory.com, a very convenient way to sign up a new member.

Our overseas banking references are *details withheld*

Gift membership – Any time of year is an ideal time to consider a gift of BHS membership for one (or perhaps more) of your loved ones. Why not treat someone and give them a gift membership, so that they can share the pleasure that you get? A gift not only at the time, but also a reminder of you whenever a Journal or Newsletter pops through the letterbox!

Jeff Sechiari, Membership Secretary
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Folia Historica Cracoviensia

Professor Richard W. Unger at the Department of History, University of British Columbia in Vancouver has alerted us to a proposed brewery heritage publication from Cracow in Poland.

Slawomir Dryja has introduced a bachelor's degree in brewing for the forthcoming academic year at the University of Agriculture in Cracow. One of the subjects in the program, lasting for two semesters will be the history of brewing. He believes there is a strong need for a scientific journal that is devoted to the broadly understood history of brewing, with international coverage.

Since 1988, the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Cracow has been published in the *Folia Historica Cracoviensia*. From 2016, the journal now includes coverage into international issues. Plans have been made for the release of a special issue of *Folia Historica Cracoviensia* in 2018 with the subtitle: Journal of History of Malting and Brewing. Slawomir is seeking contributions.

Such academic organs are probably not like coffee shops and breweries in Oregon (you can never have enough of them) so Richard is encouraging cooperation with our own already international Journal of the Brewery History Society.

The message on a bottle by Peter Dickinson

Peter Dickinson is a keen beer label collector, Webmaster for the Labologists Society and a brewery historian. He has kindly agreed to supply us with an interesting story each quarter.

These labels are from Lion Brewery, Blackburn. The story is really of the label on the right. The Nuttall label is pre 1927 when the company was independent. The one on the right is after the takeover by Matthew Brown.

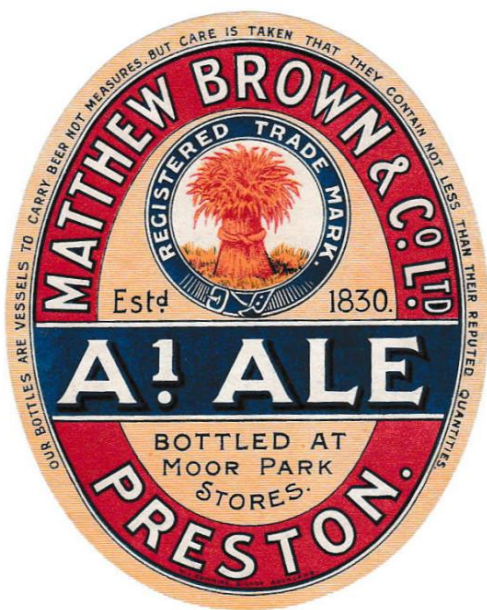


The label was produced by the Lion Brewery in Blackburn, probably in the 1920s. It immediately raises the question: Which company brewed it and why is there no indication on the label as it was common practice for brewers to have the company name prominent on all advertising material including labels for beer bottles. In 1927, Matthew Brown & Co Ltd was a successful brewer at Pole Street in Preston with over 250 pubs and a number of off-licences. The Pole Street Brewery was working to capacity and they were unable to expand. They already had a small presence in Blackburn from their earlier takeover of the Snig Brewery and the Nova Scotia Brewery but its acquisition of Nuttall and Co (Blackburn) Ltd together with 170 pubs was not popular in the town. The response from drinkers was similar to that during the attempted takeover by

Scottish & Newcastle in 1986.

Matthew Brown moved its entire production to Blackburn in 1928 and closed the Preston brewery. To promote a sense of continuity the new owners used an earlier Nuttall label design as the basis of the label pictured above.

This seems to me to be a signal to the drinkers of Blackburn that nothing had changed. Matthew Brown was not to be mentioned. Certainly the new design bore no relation to the labels used by Matthew Brown when the beers were brewed in Preston, although the A1 was added to the new design, the trade mark and company name have vanished.



The Lion Brewery advertising material in the Brewery History wiki pages gives no indication of the company name and even in the post war square labels the name Matthew Brown & Co Ltd is small and insignificant compared with the Lion trademark. Etched pub windows just stated Lion Ales and many can still be seen today. Compare that with the glorious Nuttall's tilework which can still be seen on the Park Inn in Darwen.

Out and about

BHS expedition to Prague and Pilsen in July 2017

Tuesday:

The group of six – Ed Wray, Ken Smith, Tim Holt, Martyn Cornell, Peter Dyer, Mick Connors – met our local contact Max Bahnson in Hostomická nalévárna, a pub Soukenická street. Max is an Argentinian living in the Czech Republic, aka the Beer Philosopher, who has written the *Pisshead's Guide to Prague*. He seems to know every pub and brewery in the country. As the name implies, the pub sells beer from the Hostomice microbrewery.

Then to Loď pivovar, which, again as the name implies, is a brewery on a boat on the river Vltava.



Open fermenters at Pilsner Urquell

Wednesday:

An excursion by train and bus to the small Bohemian town of Kostelec nad Černými lesy. The local brewery closed in 1987 and was later bought by Milan Starec and others, who have been working on restoring it for years now, under the name Černokostelecký zájezdní pivovar. It is obviously a labour of love. When the old brewery will start brewing again is unknown, but in the meantime a microbrewery has been installed in part of it; it produces a draught dark beer Černá svině and a bottled Baltic Porter, under the name Minipivovar Šnajdr. Milan who showed us around is also the author of articles on Czech brewing history.



The old brewery, remarkably, is wood fired. The coolships are impressive. There is a historic malt mill building; the mill was powered by a horse walking round and round (the technical name in Czech is 'žentour'). The restaurant in the brewery serves their own beers and a 10° beer Kněžna from Rychnov nad Kněžnou. The T-shirts are pink (Martyn Cornell bought one). Back in Prague, we had dinner (apart from Peter Dyer, who doesn't eat duck) at a new brewpub, Nota Bene Beerpoint, on Mikovcova.

Thursday:



Train trip to Plzeň (Pilsen). Visit to Prazdroj (Pilsner Urquell), the original Pilsner brewery. The first 'Pilsner' beer was brewed in 1842. The brewery was recently sold by SABMiller to Asahi. Inside the famous gate is not only a very large-scale brewery but also one of the biggest tourist destinations in the country.

There are guided tours in Czech, English, German and Russian. The visitor centre includes a film theatre and a portrait gallery of the head brewers from the famous (notorious?) Josef Groll onwards. Visitors are taken by bus from one part of the site to another. We were shown round by Markéta, who studied at Oxford and is well acquainted with many Oxford pubs.

We saw the old and new brewhouse (the new one still has pairs of copper vessels for triple decoction mashing), the new bottling plant (from Krones) and the old cellars which extend for many kilometres underground. We didn't see the archives. Only a small part of the cellars is still in use, where batches of beer are fermented and lagered in wooden barrels. It is said that the millions of hectolitres of beer produced in the cylindroconical tanks are checked for flavour against these batches. It is also said that the recipe for Prazdroj is unchanged since 1842.

We didn't have time for the Pilsen Brewing Museum, but visited the Beer Factory microbrewery, whose beers include a black beer and an IPA. Another microbrewery Pivovar Groll was closed. Some of the party complained about a few drops of rain (actually, it was a torrential downpour.).

Friday:

The party met at VÚPS, the Czech Beer and Malt Research institute, which is at Lípová 15 in the upper part of the New Town of Prague. We were received by Martin Šlabý, head of the Technological Department, who showed us the two experimental brewing plants, and also the statue of the famous pioneer of Czech brewing, F.O. Poupě. Downstairs is the Pivovarský Dům brewpub, with a 2-vessel brewhouse from Pacovské strojírný, so the building is probably the only one in the world to contain three breweries.

Únětický Brewery



Open fermenters at Únětický brewery

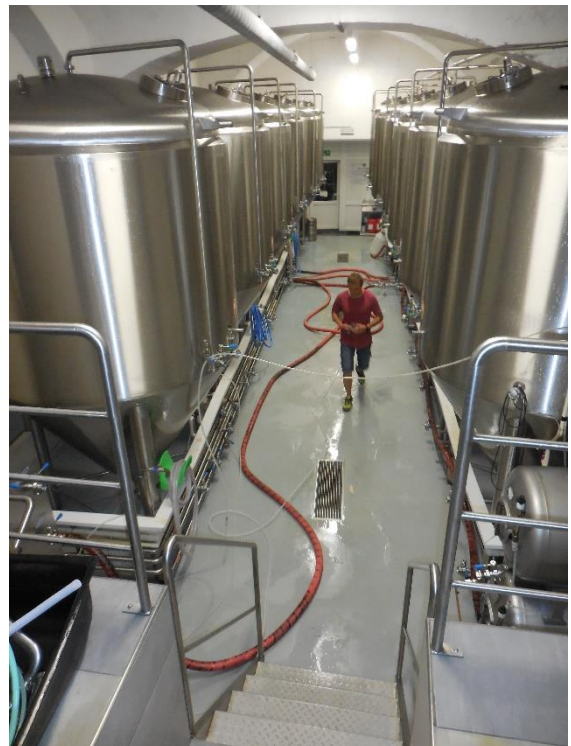


Then to Únětice, a village a few kilometres north-west of Prague, reached by metro to Dejvická and then the 355 bus (it took a long time to buy the metro tickets; getting six BHS members to agree on anything is like herding cats). A new brewery has been reinstalled in the buildings of the old brewery. It is too large really to be classified as a microbrewery; annual production is about 12 000 hL. The beers are classic Czech 10° and 12° pale beers. We were shown round the brewery, which surprisingly – probably uniquely – has its own indoor pétanque pitch inside (the local club is United Balls of Únětice).

Max took us to a pub in the Bubeneč district of Prague, Krkonošská hospůdka, Muchova 7, to taste Bob & Dave's beer (Bob is Robert Franěk, brewer at a very recently opened microbrewery in Kamenice nad Lipou, Dave is the landlord of the pub), as well as an IPA from Kamenice. We finished in Ferdinand (Opletalova), one of two Prague pubs belonging to the Ferdinand brewery in Benešov. Their beers include Sedm kulí (Seven Bullets), named in honour of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, assassinated in Sarajevo, who owned the brewery.

(Some also visited other Prague brewpubs Národní, Marina, Šedivák, Victor Žizkov and U dvou koček, and pubs such as Na Rokytce (opposite the old English brewery), U Šumavy, the First Beer Tram and the Shot-Out Eye.)

PS: We still don't know the English for 'limpa'.



Peter Dyer

Mike's Meanderings

Calder Grove/ Crigglestone:

Garthwaite's Oak Brewery is long gone; however, looking at the map showing the location of Hammond & "Spurforth" there may be some remains at 600-604 Denby Dale Road. It was difficult to get a decent photo of the building which is now a house, but looks old enough to have been converted from part of the original.

Herbert Glover, Calder Grove Brewery (1921) In 1894 Thomas Hammond, previously Hammond & Spawforth.

John Smiths selling the plant 26th October 1920.

Conisbrough: Nicholsons' Holywell Brewery on Sheffield Road still has some buildings remaining.

Swinton nr Rotherham

There are details of the sale of the 'Don Pottery' brewery in October 1919. Online the history of the pottery firm which closed in the 1890s shows one building remains near canal. Off Rowds Lane/ Station Road.

On p101 of South Yorkshire Stingo David Parry mentions that local bottlers Wards brewed at the Albion Brewery in the late C19 with an address of Market Street. This is near enough to the Don Pottery site to suggest they may be the same. Any information would be appreciated for the update of Century.

Osmotherley

My questions about the current entry on the site were resolved by a visit to the North Yorkshire Records Office at Northallerton, where the staff very helpful. Although I had wondered about the information in Century, it seems David Parry had it nearly correct. The details:



Around 1890/3 Thomas Clarke was a brewer at the Three Tuns and seems to have traded on a more commercial basis as the Fountain of Wiske Brewery. The name was taken from the river Wiske, said to originate in the village. There was a local society which maintained the spring.

Thomas died 9th January 1909, when his debts outweighed his assets. At the time William Watson was at the Three Tuns, but with no mention of brewing. Part of the brewery became an adult institute or Reading Room, financed by local Quakers, which remains on Back Lane. However, the building opposite, at the bottom of the garden of the pub, looks as though it may have been the actual brewhouse:

Sporting Snippet

Richard Daft (2nd Nov 1835 – 18th July 1900) was an English cricketer. He was one of the best batsmen of his day, the peak of his first-class career (which lasted from 1858 to 1891) being the 1860s and early 1870s. Born in Nottingham, most of his important matches were played for Nottinghamshire and the All England Eleven, and he captained the former side from 1871 to 1880. His brother, Charles, his sons, Harry and Richard, and his father-in-law, Butler Parr, all played first-class cricket. Richard Daft was a founder-member of Notts County FC and played fairly often for the side until 1871-72.

Although a quite brilliant cricketer, Daft was a hopeless businessman. He had the principal sports shop in Nottingham, but it went steadily downhill. He was also a partner in the Radcliffe Brewery – founded by his father-in-law, Butler Parr. At one time he ran the Trent Bridge Inn, but at the time of his death – in Radcliffe, July 1900 – he was bankrupt.

Parr & Daft of Radcliffe.

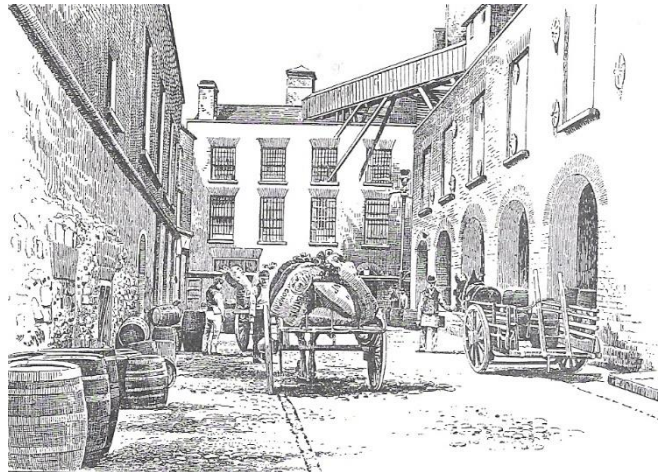
In 1876/77 also at 1 Listergate Nottingham, presumably stores. In March 1881 now Richard Daft. In September 1902 there was a mention of Samuel Hallam deceased.

Possible links: In 1797 Robert Daft held the Lord Nelson, Warsergate. In 1898 Richard Arthur Daft, Eight Bells, 5 St Petersgate, then 1914 at the New Town Inn, 75 Northumberland Street. Possibly the son?

I hazard a guess that the business may also have involved: George Parr (22 May 1826, Radcliffe on Trent – 23 June 1891) an English cricketer, whose first-class career lasted from 1844 to 1870. Known popularly as the "Lion of the North", Parr was a right-handed batsman and bowled occasional right-handed underarm deliveries.

However, I have been unable to find much about the brewing business, not even the location in the town, so any input for the rewrite would be most useful.

Dublin demolitions



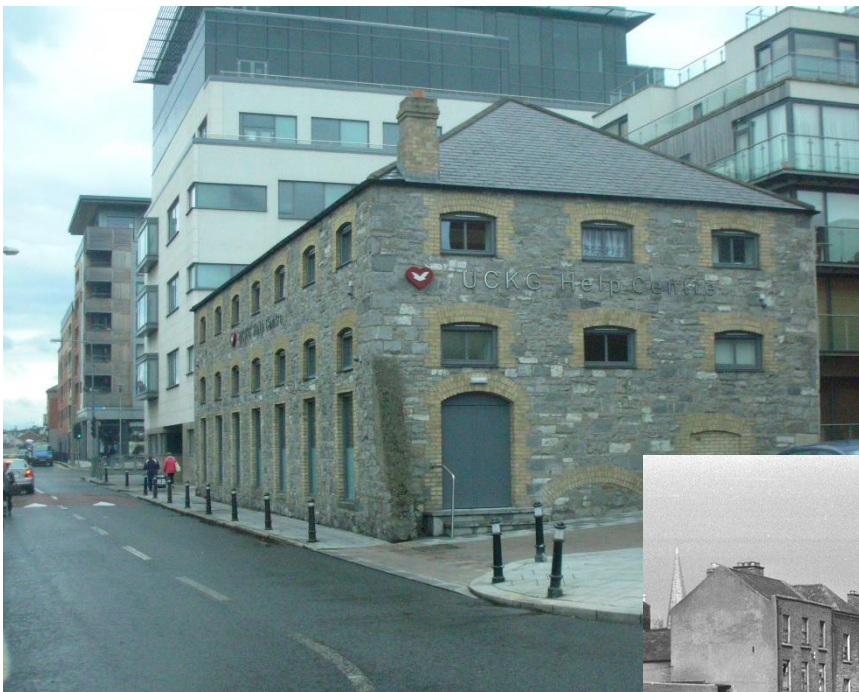
Our Dublin newshound Eddie Bourke tells us that there is huge redevelopment in the Newmarket area of Dublin with five hotels, three student accommodation blocks and offices under construction or planning. Sadly the planning application for the Watkins brewery site on Ardee Street involves preservation of only the brewer's house (above) but demolition of the remaining parts of the brewery including even the former monastic vaults mentioned in Bernard.



The Watkins brewery is on the site of the Abbey of St Thomas the Martyr which dates from 1215. After dissolution the brewhouse continued and by the end of the C17th, the owner Alderman Taylor was paying three times more excise duty than Arthur Guinness. He sold on to English brothers Richard and Joseph. In 1819 Watkins combined with Alderman Trevor of Ardee St to carry on business as Trevor & Watkins. Watkins finally traded as Watkins Jameson and Pim when the latter ceased brewing on their Anne Street site in 1906.

Watkins ceased production in 1950 following a fire and the buildings have been derelict ever since.

Another plan for a hotel at adjoining Warrenmount originally preserved a malthouse at the gate of Warrenmount house - the home of Alderman Warren who brewed in Dublin around 1750. This modest building was likely his brewery. With the hotel now nearing completion a variation has been applied for to demolish the brewhouse.

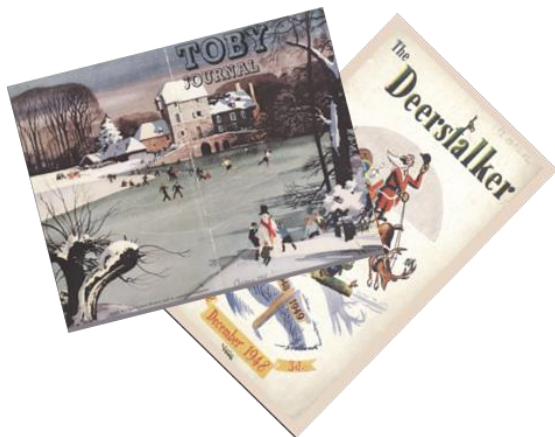


Former Watkins maltings in Ardee Street



Newmarket in 1950 showing the old Minch Norton maltings

Bass Museum Anniversary



Wednesday 19th July saw around 70 people gathered in the Worthington Suite at the National Brewery Centre to celebrate 40 years since the Museum's founding. Present were staff and volunteers from 1977. Memories were shared and conversation flowed! The NBC is creating a scrapbook of the event so if you would like record a memory of the Museum please e-mail it to the Collections Officer at [e mail address withheld](#).

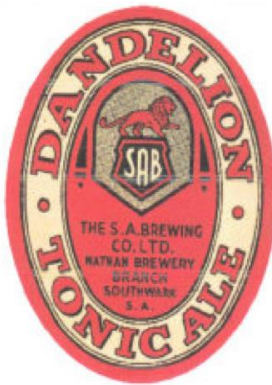
The National Brewery Heritage Trust will be selling Christmas Cards using two designs based on Christmas editions of M&B and Charrington house magazines. You will be able to get these from the on-line shop along with the coaster range.

Notes from downunder

Roger Bussell, our man in Perth has an extensive library of brewing books currently numbering 798 items but he tells us that he will probably be moving to an apartment in a year or so and I have been instructed by 'she who must be obeyed' that he will have to 'down-size!!!'. The books will probably go to one of the larger WA craft brewers who certainly have the space and he, as well as others, can still access them. He has accumulated the books over a long period - sometimes Chris Marchbanks obtained them and he also bought a few via Paul's Beer Inn Print site while paying annual BHS subs. On several occasions your current Newsletter Editor would take books over in his suitcase so that Marchbanks could save postage!



Comments on the enquiry in NL77 about dandelion and burdock produced some responses which attracted my attention. It reminded me that such products were produced in Australia and it would appear that each state had several manufacturers in the late 19th and early 20th centuries up to the 1940s



- not all of them non-alcoholic soft-drinks but some were Tonic Ales etc. What puzzled me was the source of such raw materials but, on enquiry, I have been informed that dandelions were farmed for the purpose - particularly in Tasmania - although some extracts were used - no doubt imported. Seeing that dandelions are not native to Australia it seems strange to have imported them for such a purpose and then farm them. I am not aware of any products currently being produced - I guess they have been swamped by all the modern soft-drinks available plus lack of raw materials now.

There were also several brands in Tasmania plus at least one produced by Eclipse Aerated Waters & Cordial Co in South Australia as well as in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia which were all associated through AW&TL Ware & Co and eventual amalgamation with the Walkerville Co-operative Brewery, SA.

Roger also remembers isinglass and Jimmy Vickers

Isinglass is still used extensively in the UK but it is now hardly seen in Australia. Back in 2002, the international standard for labelling of pre-packaged food (*Codex Alimentarius*) decreed that isinglass being derived from fish swim bladders was deemed to be a potential allergen and its use in beer would force a mention on the label. To

allow a clean label, the Aussies moved to filtration while the Brits fought to get a permanent derogation from the rules on the grounds that there was no evidence of any allergic reaction and the amount of fish protein in the finished beer is negligible. This was granted in 2007.

I first met the second President of the BHS - Geoffrey Ballard - at an Institute of Brewing convention in Perth in 1972. He was with his uncle Jimmy Vickers of James Vickers & Co, Coggeshall, Essex which was one of the main suppliers of isinglass finings around the world. Uncle Jim was introducing Geoffrey to customers in this region and Geoffrey had been persuaded to give a presentation on finings at the aforesaid convention - *Amelioration of Colloidal Conditions of Beer*. With a title like that he, naturally, was rather nervous and we have never let him forget him talking about '*night wortrogens*'!!! We remained good friends and we saw him regularly on trips out to this region and also, as he lived near my sister in Suffolk, I would see him at his Colchester house during my visits to the UK.

Isinglass finings was utilised by all breweries at that time and the Swan Brewery, Perth used to purchase whole fish maws in bulk from Vickers and do their own 'cutting' on site. The brewery had just moved from its two old sites in the city to a greenfield site in 1979 when I was contacted by Geoffrey - apparently Swan had purchased a pallet of isinglass maws just before their move but could not use them in that form at the new site. As he had a customer in the region he was willing to purchase them back. I duly went to the old brewery and looked in vain for this pallet. I was eventually informed that one of the 'shut-down' crew had done a deal with a local Chinese restaurant who had gladly taken the pallet and had, no doubt, produced some excellent authentic dishes.

Tony Mathews from Tooth & Company, Sydney also told a tale of staying once at Uncle Jimmy Vickers house in Coggeshall. Jimmy was a great collector of antiques and apparently he had so many chiming clocks - on the quarter hour - that Tony had great difficulty sleeping!

Incidentally, when I arrived in Australia in 1968, Tooth & Company were the largest brewing company in Australia and, in the 1930s they were the second largest company in Australia - mainly due to all their pubs and hotels. Tooth & Co were finally closed down as a company in 2005 and I was talking to some young local craft brewers recently and mentioned Tooth & Co and they looked very puzzled and said 'Who?' How short memories can be - presumably it may happen in the UK with such famous names from my youth such as Whitbread, Courage, Bass, Truman etc.

...and perhaps some subterfuge

The AW&TL Ware's Torrenside Brewery was established in 1886 on the banks of the Torrens River in Southwark (now Thebarton), South Australia. It was operated by Arthur Wellington Ware and his brother Thomas Lincoln and then was passed on to the four Ware brothers, Arthur's sons, whose mother ran the Exchange Hotel on Hindley Street, Adelaide.

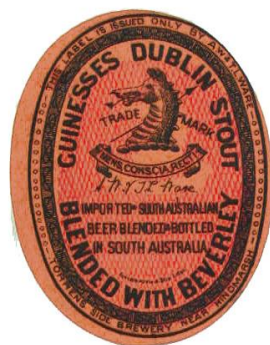
The popularity of the Torrenside beer in Victoria, meant that in 1888 they opened a brewery in Richmond Victoria, the brewery was named the Beverley Brewery. The brewery in Richmond closed in 1890. Tom Ware had meanwhile established a brewery in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia - Eclipse - which was part of the company - hence the association of the same names in the various remote breweries. Tom died soon after the WA venture in 1896 and his less experienced brother, Charles, took over the reigns.

The two brothers - Tom & Charles - had been joined by their remaining two brothers in 1893. The brewery amalgamated with the East Adelaide Brewery - whose brewer was Edward Clark - and was renamed Clark, Ware & Co in 1898 and later that same year the brewery was purchased by the Walkerville brewery. The Walkerville Brewery continued the Beverley Stout name until 1925.

The first reference to Beverley Stout is in 1886 when the Adelaide Brewery opened but it is not a reference to the Richmond Brewery though. The suburb of Beverley is a mile or so from the SA brewery - perhaps one of the brewery owners lived there? It seems to have been used as a trade mark for the brewery.

The *Guinness* reference on the label is related to the brewery importing Guinness Stout and blending the expensive well known Irish stout with the local, cheaper and less appreciated stout, thus making the Guinness double in volume and making more money from it. Presumably Guinness back in Dublin was not aware of this outrageous behaviour at the time.

Note the one label has Guinnesses & the other Guinness's - they somehow couldn't get the spelling right nor consistent or perhaps they thought the strange spellings would act as some protection if the Dublin brewers ever took them to court!



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Gleanings – tomorrow's history today!

The thin end of the wedge

A letter in the *Telegraph* on August 21st alleged that Northamptonshire Archives and Heritage Service is restricting free access to historical documents to limited times and introducing an hourly charge of £31.50 to view archive material at all other times. The writer suggested this would render personal research prohibitively expensive for many people and sets a dangerous precedent that historical knowledge will only be available to a privileged elite that can afford it. Subsequently the idea was dropped but only while a review takes place.

The BHS finds this a frightening prospect and we should flag it up to members so they are aware of the threat. We suspect that Northants is not the only authority considering such a move. They will argue that much is online and they want to push people to access records through that route (thus doing themselves out of a job?), but of course a huge amount is not online and there is nothing quite like the magic of the original documents.

We do not have a problem with charging people who make the conscious choice not to visit a Records Office and do not wish to undertake research themselves but there is a massive issue if people were being charged at this level for access in person. There were of course certain rights of access when documents were enticed into these central repositories for assured safe keeping so we advise members to make their feelings known to the Offices and to their local elected representatives.

Carlsberg buys London Fields

Carlsberg in cahoots with Brooklyn Brewery has bought up-and-coming London micro London Fields which is based in Hackney. Perhaps a distressed sale as the proprietor Jules de Vere Whiteway-Wilkinson was allowed to set it up in 2011 to pay down reparations following his conviction for peddling cocaine to City brokers. He was later charged with duty and VAT offences and while the trial was on going the brewery passed to his father who sold it on. Mr Whiteway-Wilkinson has subsequently been found not guilty

Purity's Flo is BOTY

Frenchman Florian Vialan has been named Brewer of the Year by the All-Party Parliamentary Beer Group. Flo with a degree in Environmental Science and Agriculture hails from Lyon and has been at Purity near Alcester in Worcestershire for the past 11 years.



The APPBG has a new chairman in the shape of Mike Wood who is MP for Dudley South with its 75 pubs and four breweries – Bathams, Black Country Ales, Ma Pardoes and the Pig Iron. The previous Chairman, Graham Evans lost his seat in the recent General Election.

The Group was set up in 1993 and has a membership of over 350 MPs and peers. Its objectives are to broaden recognition of the enormous contribution of brewing and pubs to the UK economy from grain to glass - and to celebrate the unique role that beer and pubs play in our society.

Going to the Oktoberfest?

Then you will find a usually-not-full litre stein of beer brewed specially for the Munich festival will retail at €10.95 (£9.60) which is €0.25 (22p) more than it was in 2016. Two of the 14 tents will be selling for €10.60 but my correspondent did not say which two! The five million or so visitors which are expected to flock to Munich from 16 September to 3 October will likely take the 2.3% price increase in their stride.

H&W sells old brewhouse

Hall & Woodhouse has sold part of its brewery site at Blandford Forum to the Homes & Communities Agency (HCA), which is a Government housing delivery agency which will work with partners to carry out a residential redevelopment of the 1899 brewhouse block. It plans to start redevelopment to provide 180 homes

in early 2018, anticipating that it will take about three years to complete.

M-C to move out of Montreal

Rather than spend capital on modernising its existing brewery in Montreal, Molson Coors will build a brand new \$500m brewery in the greater Montreal region. A site for the new plant has not yet been selected. It is not yet known what will become of the current brewery on Notre-Dame Street along the St



Lawrence River, where beer has been brewed since 1786 beyond installing a microbrewery and sales facility leaving the rest for redevelopment.

Robbos to brew a Belgian

Following the runaway success of Trooper, Bruce Dickinson and Iron Maiden have teamed up with Robinsons Brewery once again to work on a Halloween beer. The beer brewed with Belgian yeast will be named Hallowed. The label will feature Iron Maiden's mascot, Eddie, dressed in a monk's robe in honour of Belgium's monastic brewing style.

Fancy a probiotic beer?

Researchers in Singapore say they have developed a gut-friendly beer infused with the 'good' bacteria called probiotics. These currently exist in the form of yogurt, kombucha and kefir etc. There are even some fancy waters that simply add probiotic strains to the mix. The challenge to making probiotic beer is the presence of hop acids which suppress the growth of bacteria. After nine months of tweaking the process, the yeast and bacterial cultures, the scientists have souped up a 3.5% beer with *Lactobacillus paracasei* L26 which is known to enhance gut and immune responses..... in mice.

How strong is your Carling?

The alcohol content of Carling, which is Britain's biggest selling standard

lager is a lot weaker than its advertised 4%ABV. HMRC was pursuing Molson Coors which brews it in Burton on Trent and Tadcaster for unpaid duty of some £50 million as the beer has a nominal 4% strength and yet the brewer had been aiming at only 3.7% since 2012. The company managed to convince a Tax Tribunal held in the Spring that a reduction in alcohol is a legitimate ploy to reduce production costs and that EU labelling rules allow a 4% beer to be anything between 3.5 and 4.5%ABV. M-C said customers had not been misled. Internal taste tests had considered at which point they might get a 'negative reaction' and indeed some tasters apparently preferred the weaker product. Philip Rutherford, M-C's VP for Tax Affairs said the 'key driver' behind the decision not to change the labelling on Carling products was to stop retailers demanding 'a slice' of the savings! Perhaps we are being a bit old fashioned but surely the idea of labelling is that the customer can expect the long term actual strength to match the stated nominal. *(I am sure I am not the only one feeling diddled. Ed)*

Critics slam Aurosa

A Czech brewing company has come under fire on social media for making a beer for women. Marketed as the 'first beer for her', Aurosa is sold in marbled pink and white bottles and claims to allow women to drink beer while keeping their 'natural femininity' intact. As far as we know, male and female taste buds are the same so women surely do not require special, pretty beer in order to enjoy a good brew; perhaps they are trying to counteract the rampant sexism running through current beer advertising.



A new brewing yeast from the Alps

Working with the National Collection of Yeast Cultures, researchers at the University of Manchester have discovered a new member of the *Saccharomyces* family which is closely related to brewers' strains. It was found growing more than 1000 metres above sea level on an oak tree in Saint Auban, in the foothills of the French Alps. Obviously well adapted to cold conditions Professor Daniela Delneri hopes they might be able to create novel hybrids and enhance the performance of lager yeasts.

Irish government allows brewers to sell beer

The Irish government has approved legislation that will allow craft breweries and distilleries to sell their products directly to their visitors. Previously they would have needed a pub licence. It would allow microbreweries sell their drinks on their premises between 10:00 and 18:00 but visitors would have to complete a guided tour of the brewery before they could buy its alcohol.

Springfield repairs will cost more

The redevelopment of the historic Springfield plant in Wolverhampton into a super campus will cost a further £500,000 after the contractors discovered more structural defects.

Recipe reveals

Breweries from each American state have released five or ten gallon home-brew versions of some of their successful commercial beers. The inaugural 50-State Commercial Beer Clone Recipes Guide is compiled by the American Homebrewers Association.

Now a fried chicken beer

The weird beer ingredients trend has perhaps been pushed so far that we are not longer surprised anymore. That was until Veil Brewing of Richmond, Virginia, teamed up with Evil Twin Brewing in New York to create the Fried Chicken Beer, which, naturally enough has some fried chicken added to the mash.

The brewer's Facebook page says the 8%ABV double dry hopped IPA-style brew contains only a trace amount of chicken (0.4%), and does not taste like chicken at all. That's alright then?

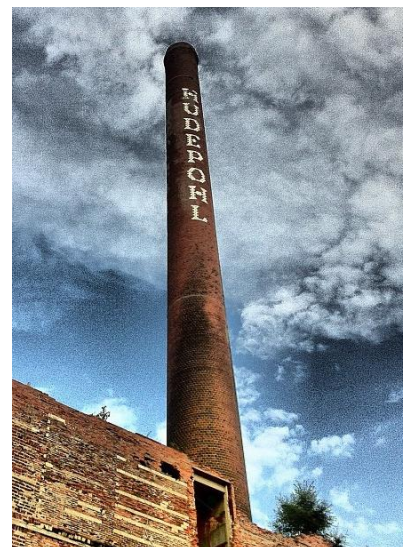
HK beer race panned

A Hong Kong race where competitors are required to drink a can of beer every 400m over a 1600m course has brought down the wrath from doctors and the health authority. Some 3,000 to 5,000 participants are expected to take part in "Beer Run 2017" at Kai Tak cruise terminal on November 4. In a similar vein but far fewer protestations, there were pint beer stops every kilometre in the first Marple Beer Race near Manchester which included three craft ale stations and more drinks at the finish line. The new 4km charity fun run included a beer at every kilometre marker - what could be more motivating than that say the organisers.

Gin and tonics were also available for those who do not like beer - or for tactical drinkers to see off more

swiftly. The winner received a yard of ale to drink and a free taxi back to Marple.

Hudepohl stack cannot be saved



Efforts to save the 170 foot tall brewery chimney at the old Hudepohl plant in Cincinnati have apparently not been successful due to the escalating cost of the operation. The stack would have to be dismantled brick by brick and rebuilt from scratch as it sits on top of buildings destined for redevelopment at the 1.6 acre site in the centre of the city.

Cask Marque takes over Cyclops

Originally developed by Everards, after a ten year spell spent establishing itself as the industry's leading tasting note system, Cyclops has been taken over by Cask Marque. It is claimed that 400 breweries have 2500 beers on the system thus covering over 90% of Britain's cask volume.

Halewood buys into Sadlers

Halewood Wines and Spirits has taken a majority holding in Sadler's Brewing based in Stourbridge. It will still operate as a separate concern as is Hawkshead which joined Halewood earlier this year.

Sapporo takes over Anchor Steam

Japan's Sapporo has acquired the iconic San Francisco brewer Anchor Brewing Co in a deal worth \$85 million. Anchor Distilling Co is not included. The 121-year old brewery, known for its *Anchor Steam Beer*, ranked as the 22nd largest craft brewing company in the US in 2016, producing 135,000 barrels of beer but sales had declined 4% from the previous year. Washing machine magnate Fritz Maytag, widely regarded as one of the earliest pioneers of micro brewing in the

States, bought the failing brewery in 1965. He sold on to private equity operators Griffin Group in 2010. As the distillery is installed deep inside the brewery, future plans for the divorce are not yet known. Nor are Anchor's earlier plans to build on the seafront at Pier 48. Sapporo bought Canada's number three brewer Sleeman in 2006 for \$400 million and it said it intends to keep operations in San Francisco.

Beer might be doing you good

A study at the University of Graz in Austria has found that beer boosts your creativity by inspiring more 'eureka' moments. Researchers say 'mild intoxication' helped drinkers relax and cleared mental blocks and increased problem-solving abilities by a fifth.

Meanwhile a 29-year study by the University of California San Diego School of Medicine found that men and women over the age of 65 who consumed up to one alcoholic drink a day were more likely to live to the age of 85 without dementia or other cognitive impairments than non-drinkers.

Warrington Museum beer exhibition



We are afraid that you probably missed an exhibition on Warrington's brewing history at the town's museum as it finished on September 2nd. Beer, Breweries and the Band of Hope, also commemorates the 150th anniversary of the local Burtonwood Brewery, as well as focussing on the local Temperance movement which grew in response to the number of breweries in the town.

It would be useful if BHS members approached their own local museums to put on similar displays.

A swimming pool filled with beer!

Seven redundant 90hL fermenting vessels at Schloss Starkenberger in Austria have been converted into swimming pools where visitors can take a dip for £200 pounds for a two hour spell. Entry to the pools comes with a strict warning not to drink the beer in the pool as it is not cleaned after each dip. The brewery in Tarrenz insists that beer is good for the skin and it can help cure psoriasis and heal open wounds. We are not sure whether we would like to share a dip



with someone suffering from suppurating open sores!

An expensive pint

The *Mirror* newspaper is on a quest to find Britain's most expensive pint after discovering that the Rake in London's Borough Market is selling pints of Cloudwater 9%ABV Double IPA from Manchester for £13.40 – almost four times the average UK price.

The pub which is run by Utobeer says it sells out as soon as it arrives, has to be bought via a distributor as the cellar will not take full pallets, UK duty is too high, US Citra and Amarillo hops cost a fortune, the pub does not make a big markup and people tend not to buy a pint anyway. Back home, a more than triumphant Manchester Evening News said the beer was only £12 a pint at the Port Street Beer House in the city!

Ridleys becomes homes

Development of the old Ridley's site at Hartford End near Chelmsford in Essex by Stockdale Homes which will create 26 new homes is reaching completion. The first eight new houses will be ready this month while work converting four existing brewery workers' cottages, the grain store and the main brewery buildings to apartments continues.

We are told the façade of new apartment block has been constructed in a design that replicates the style of the original brewery building. The brewery involves a complete strip out of the interior, the acid washing and re-pointing of the external facade, the upgrading of the roof, and the installation of damp

proofing and new timber framed windows. This element also links to the original 80 ft high chimney that has undergone extensive refurbishment to be retained as one of the original features.

Jersey site sold

Andium Homes – the company responsible for Jersey's social housing – has bought the former Ann Street Brewery plus two adjoining



sites and plans to build 150 affordable homes close to the centre of St Helier. A number of the buildings are listed, including the Brewery façade.

San Miguel to build in the USA

Philippines based San Miguel Brewery (48% owned by Kirin) is planning to build a 2mhl brewery in the Los Angeles area where it is looking for a suitable 10ha site. The project is expected to cost \$150m. This development is part of a \$500m spend to build three more breweries – the other two are back home at Cagayan de Oro and Iloilo City.

Brewdog plans pub on US Mexico border

Maverick Scottish brewer BrewDog is probably facing its toughest planning application yet – for a bar that will straddle the border between the USA and Mexico. 'The Bar on the Edge' will be half in Texas and the other half in Chihuahua. The mock ups show a construction made from shipping containers festooned with the slogan 'Make beer not walls'.

New Brews News

This information is kindly supplied by Ian Mackey. We have sorted it into county order so that readers may more readily see activity in their own area.

ABERDEENSHIRE

Platform 22, Bakehouse & Brewery, Station Road, Torphins, AB31 4JF

T: 01339 882 807

A small brewery producing bottled beers.

Brew Toon Ltd, 72a St Peter Street, Peterhead AB42 1QB

W: www.brewtoon.com

This Micro Brewery and café bar commenced Brewing in March 2017.

ANGUS

Law Brewing Company, 17 Mid Wynd, Dundee DD1 4JG

W: www.lawbrewing.co

Brews using a number of small plants.

AVON

The Incredible Brewing Co, 214-224 Broomhall Road, Bristol BS4 5RG

W: www.incrediblebrewingcompany.com

Established in late 2014 by Stephen Hall brewing in small batches mainly for bottling.

Good Chemistry Brewing Ltd, Unit 2, William Street, St Phillips, Bristol BS2 0RG

W: www.goodchemistrybrewing.com

Brewing commenced Autumn 2015.

BEDFORDSHIRE

Biggleswade Brewhouse, New Inn, 16a Market Square SG18 8AS

T: 01767 222938

Using a two and a half barrel plant brewing commenced in April 2016.

BERKSHIRE

MoogBrew, 1 Copeland Cottages, Marsh Lane, Taplow, Maidenhead SL6 0DF

W: www.moogbrew.co.uk

A commercial home brewer, some beers were initially Cuckoo brewed at XT, the rest are brewed at the bottom of the brewers garden.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

The Bootlegger Pub, 3 Amersham Hill, High Wycombe, HP13 6NQ

W: www.thebootleggerpub.co.uk

Plant at the pub producing small runs of bottled beers.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Tinshed Brewery, Justice Close Farm, Tilbrook Road, Kimbolton, Huntingdon PE28 0JW

W: www.tinshedbrewery.com

Established by Dean and Chloe in August 2014 as a part time operation, with brewing at the weekends.

CARDIFF

Beardface and Bines Brewery Limited, Cardiff

T: 07850 119 481

From 2016 they cuckoo brewed at Crafty Devil Brewery.

CEREDIGION

Oast House Breweries Cyf, c/o 32 Brynystwyth, Penparcau, Aberystwyth SY23 1SS

W: www.oasthousebrewery.co.uk

Cuckoo brewery, has used Brecon, beers first appeared late 2015.

CHESHIRE

Stag Brewery, The Stag at Walton, Chester Road, Walton, Warrington WA4 6EG

W: www.thestagatwalton.co.uk

Brewing commenced at this pub in the summer of 2016.

Buccaneer Brewery Ltd, Sycamore House, Sutton Quays Business Park, Clifton Road, Sutton Weaver, Runcorn WA7 3EH

E: buccaneerbreweryltd@gmail.com

Brewing commenced in Spring 2016.

CLWYD

Axton Brewery, Pentre Lane, Axton, Holywell CH8 9DH

T: 01745 855 657

James McGeown started brewing in mid 2015 on a One and a half barrel plant. He only currently supplied the pub he works at The Arches in Prestatyn.

CO ANTRIM

Black Mountain Brewing Co Ltd, The Speckled Hen, 47 Derriaghy Road, Lisburn BT28 3SH

T: 028 9061 1113

Brewing commenced early 2015 at this pub in Lisburn.

CORNWALL

Woodman's Wild Ales, Unit 5, Viaduct Works, Frog Lane, Ponsanooth, Truro TR3 7JW

W: www.woodmanswildale.com

Brewing commenced in Autumn 2016 using the plant and location left by Verdant Brewery.

The Fowey Brewery Ltd, Unit 9d, Restormel Industrial Estate, Luddicoat Road, Lostwithiel PL22 0HG

W: www.foweybrewery.co.uk

Established by Dom Comonte and Geoff Troup, brewing commenced Summer of 2016.

Treen's Brewery, Unit 3 Viaduct Works, Frog Hill, Ponsanooth, Truro TR3 7JW

W: www.treensbrewery.co.uk

Started in 2016 by Simon and Sarah Treen. Whilst waiting for their own plant to arrive the brewed at Black Rock Brewery, hence the first beer names with Cuckoo titles. The new kit arrived in May 2017.

FishKey Brewing Company, Unit 4, Granite Quay, East Looe, Looe, PL13 1DX

W: www.fishkeybrewingcompany.com

Brewing commenced early 2016, based overlooking the estuary at Looe.

DERBYSHIRE

Aurora Ales, Unit 6, Gallows Industrial Estate, Furnace Road, Ilkeston DE7 5EP

W: www.aurora-ales.co.uk

Brewing commenced in Autumn 2016 by Mark Derbyshire and Trevor Bishop. Mark previously had experience at Hardy Hansons and brews on a 10 barrel plant, but it is flexible enough to go down to a two and a half barrel brew. Beers names are space themed.

DERBYSHIRE (continued)

Furnace Brewery, Furness Inn, 9 Duke Street, Derby, DE1 3BX

T: 01332 385 981

When Shiny moved to a larger site, the pub commenced brewing under the name Furnace Brewery. Commenced Spring 2017.

Neon Raptor, 133 Green Lane, Derby, DE1 1RZ

W: www.neonraptorbrewingco.com

Beers first seen in early 2016 from this Cuckoo brewer.

Hairy Brewers Ales Ltd, Venture Garage, Belper Road, Holbrook Belper DE56 0SX

T: 07415 209 489

Brewing commenced at the end of 2015.

DERRY

Dopey Dick Brewing Co, Beraghmore Road, Skeoge Industrial Estate, Londonderry BT48 8SE

T: 028 7141 8920

Brewing commenced late 2015 creating Irish beer to German standards.

DEVON

Checkstone Brewery, The First and Last, 10 Church Street, Exmouth EX8 1PE

T: 01395 263 275

Established in June 2016 at the First and Last Inn.

Bere Brewery, Homefield, Bere Aston, Yelverton PL20 7JA

W: www.berebrewery.co.uk

Brewing commenced in Summer of 2016 offering a taste of the Tamar Valley. Beers at the start were just produced in bottle conditioned format.

Bale Ale, Janie Craig Cottage, Liddaton, Coryton, Okehampton EX20 4AD

W: www.baleale.com

A home brewer, James Bale, who started small scale commercially in Summer 2016.

DORSET

Hattie Brown's Brewery Ltd, Unit 1, The Sidings, Victoria Avenue Industrial Estate, Swanage, Dorset BH19 1AU

W: www.hattiebrownsbrewery.co.uk

Initially Hattie Brown's used spare capacity often at Wessex Brewery. In 2015 they set up their own brewery in Swanage,

DURHAM

McColl's Brewery Ltd, Unit 4, Randolph Industrial Estate, Evenwood, Bishop Auckland DL14 9SJ

W: www.mccollsbrewery.co.uk

Brewing commenced in May 2017. Set up by Daniel and Gemma McColl they use a 20 barrel plant.

DYFED

Seal Bay Brewery, Parc-y-Pratt Farm, Cardigan SA43 3DR

E: colintmathew@yahoo.com

A part time operation run by Colin Mathews, using a one barrel plant at his home.

Preseli Brewery, Unit 15 The Salterns, Tenby, SA70 8EQ

W: www.preseli-brewery.co.uk

Using a six barrel plant Preseli commenced brewing in June 2009. The equipment was purchased new from Porter Brewing. They closed in 2015 when the owner retired. The site and plant was taken over by Tenby Brewery.

DYFED (continued)

Tenby Brewing Co, Unit 15 The Salterns, Tenby SA70 8EQ

W: www.tenbybrewingco.com

Brewing commenced in late 2015 after the Preseli site and six barrel plant was purchased by James and Rob.

4Four Brewery, Sarngwm, Bethesda, Narberth SA67 8HG

W: www.4four.beer

Named from a musical expression, steady, reliable and consistent! Set up by Christie Goymer in the summer of 2016.

EAST LOTHIAN

Winton Brewery Ltd, 4 Vinefields, Pencaitland, Tranent EH34 5HD

W: www.wintonbrewery.com

Established in March 2017 by Steve Holligan and John Mackinnon. The beers are contract brewed at Top Out Brewery.

EAST SUSSEX

Battle Brewery, Netherfield Hill Farm, Netherfield Hill, Battle TN33 0LH

W: www.battlebrewery.co.uk

Brewing commenced early 2017. The 1.5bbl plant is located in the heart of 1066 country.

Holler Boys Brewery, Dairy Building, Little Goldsmiths Farm, Beechy Road, Blackboys, Uckfield TN22 5JG

W: www.hollerboysbrewery.co.uk

Brewing commenced Spring 2017 by Steve, Bethany and Ant the farmer. Beers are sold in cask, keg and bottle.

Old Tree Brewery, Old Tree Café, Field House, Preston Barracks, Lewes Road, Brighton BN2 4G:

W: www.oldtree.house

Brewery commenced in late 2015. Ethos is all sustainable and eco friendly.

Hand Brew Co, Hand in Handn 33 Upper St. James Street, Brighton BN2 1JN

W: www.handbrewpub.com

This name was used from 2016, at the Hand In Hand pub where Kempton brewed until 2015. In fact, some beers still have the Kempton name. The previous five barrel tower brewery is used.

Ewhurst Ales, The Barn, Ewhurst Green, Robertsbridge TN32 5TD

W: www.ewhurstales.com

David and Richard commenced brewing late in 2016. They are in a barn converted for the purpose on Davids smallholding. They also created their own micro pub, Bakes and Ales in Wadhurst.

Brewing Brothers Ltd, The Imperial, 119 Queens Road, Hastings TN34 1RL

W: www.brewingbrothers.org

Edward and Charles Braxton commenced brewing at their pub in Autumn 2016. The head brewer is Billy Erikson. A two barrel plant is used.

FIFE

Brew Shed Beers Ltd, Wellheads House, Sandilands, Limekilns, Dunfermline KY11 3JD

W: www.brewshed.scot

Brewing commenced Summer 2016.

Craft Originale, 1 Toftill, Markinch, Glenrothes KY7 6NX

W: www.craftoroginale.co.uk

Small scale brewery who started early 2017. Their main thrust is running brew days and also have a mobile bar.

GWENT

RT Ales, Unit 6B Alexandra Industrial Estate, Wentloog Road, Rumney, Cardiff CF3 1EY

W: www.rtales.co.uk

Brewing commenced in October 2016 by Duncan Illsley. He has combined his love of beer and art, and the pump badges feature different artists designs.

GWYNEDD

Coppertown Brewery Ltd, Unit D, Site 7, Amlwch Business Park, LL68 9BX

E: sales@coppertownbrewery.co.uk

After the Anglesea Brewing was taken over in summer of 2015, it was renamed Coppertown. There five and a half barrel plant is used.

Bragdy'r Bwthyn, Llambadrig, Cemaes Bay, LL67 0LN
Small scale brewer, who produced bottles only.

HAMPSHIRE

Tap It Brewing Co, Unit 6, William Street, Southampton SO14 5QH

W: www.tapitbrew.co.uk

Brewing commenced February 2017 using an eight barrel plant. There is a Taphouse located with the brewery.

HERTFORDSHIRE

Garden City Brewery, 22 The Wynd, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3EN

W: www.gardencitybrewery.co.uk

Brewing commenced Summer 2016 at this bar.

Hadham Brewery, Unit 6c, Hadham Industrial Estate, Church End, Little Hadham, Ware SG11 2DY

W: www.hadhambrewery.co.uk

Established in 2015 by William Compton.

Foragers Brewery. The Verulam Arms, 41 Lower Dagnall Street, St Albans AL3 4QE

W: www.the-foragers.com

Brewing commenced in 2015 at the Verulam Arms.

INVERNESS

Two Thirsty Men Ltd, The Brewery, High Street, Grantown-on-Spey PH26 3EL

W: www.twothirstymen.com

Brewing commenced in August 2016 by Frazer Blyth and Colin Stobie.

KENT

The Folkestone Brewery, Chart Road, Folkstone CT19 4EN

W: www.thefolkestonebrewery.co.uk

A small scale operation commenced in early 2016.

The Brewery of Angels and Demons Limited. Great Cauldham Farm, Cauldham Lane, Capel-Le-Ferne, Folkestone CT18 7HQ

W: www.fantasticbeer.co.uk

Brewing commenced on a small scale in late 2015, but a 20 bbl plant was added and running by late 2016.

Established by Ross Gandon and Jim Fowle with Joe Andrews brewing. Beers are sold under B.A.D and McCanns brands.

The Amazing Brewery Co Ltd, Ship Inn, 65 Sandgate High Street, Sandgate, Folkestone CT20 3AH

T: 01303 248 525

Brewing commenced at this pub in early 2016.

Tankley's Brewery Ltd, c/o 33 Beech Avenuer, Sidcup DA15 8NH

W: www.tankleysbrewery.com

Cuckoo brewer, Glenn Heinzl, uses UBrew and started in late 2016.

LANARKSHIRE

Out of Town Brewing Ltd, 84 Telford Road, Cumbernauld, Glasgow G67 2NJ

W: www.outoftown.co

Brewing commenced September 2016. Run by James Morton, Owen Sheerins and Richard O'Brien, the self made plant can produce 500l per brew.

LEICESTERSHIRE

Beardy Monkey Brewery, Thorpe Road, Melton Mowbray LE13 1SG

E: tobychaplin71@gmail.com

Toby Chaplain a home brewer started commercial production in Spring 2016.

LINCOLNSHIRE

The Fuddy Duck Brewery, Unit 12 Kirton Business Park, Willington Road, Kirton, Boston PE20 1NN

W: www.fuddyduckbrewery.co.uk

Brewing commenced in July 2016 by Jason Marshal in a small scale on his farm.

Cheeky Imp Brewery, The Old Dairy, Monson Farm, Jerusalem Road, Skellingthorpe, Lincoln LN6 4RP

T: 07884 022 236

From 2015 – 2017 it was located at 127a, Station Road, Unit 1, Waddington Lincolnshire. Brewing commenced Mid 2015 and moved to The Old Dairy in mid 2017. Run by John Carcass an arborist by trade, but a home brewer for many years.

LONDON

Reunion Ales, V17 Vector Park, Forest Road, Feltham, TW13 7EJ

W: www.reunionales.com

Established by Francis Smedley, with brewing commencing spring 2016.

Alphabeta Brewing Co. The Pitt Cue, 1 The Avenue, Devonshire Square London EC2M 4YP

W: www.alphabetabrewery.com

Michelle Ex Upstairs started brewing at this outlet in early 2016.

Affinity Brew Co Ltd, 39a Markfield Road, London N15 4QA

W: www.affinitybrewco.com

Brewing commenced in the summer of 2016.

Nirvana Brewery, Unit T6, Leyton Industrial Village, Argall Avenue, E10 7QP

W: www.nirvanabrewery.com

Brewing commenced in February 2017 next to the River Lea in London. They produce a wide range of tasty but low or no alcohol beers. A 14 barrel brewery is used.

MANCHESTER

Dan's Brewery. 98 North Western Street, Manchester M12 6HR

T: 0161 661 3676

Brewing commenced in Autumn 2016.

MIDLOTHIAN

The Campervan Brewery, Unit 4 Bonnington Business Centre, 112 Jane Street, Edinburgh, EH6 5HG

W: www.campervanbrewery.com

Interesting brewer who commenced in his garage and part in a campervan in early 2016. In April 2017 they opened a full sized brewery on an industrial estate.

NORFOLK

Yaarbrew Microbrewery Ltd, Pleasure Boat Inn, Hickling, Norwich NR12 0YW

W: www.yaarbrew.co.uk

Brewing commenced in June 2016. Named after two local terms, one for Great Yarmouth and a farmer signifying agreement.

Blimey! Brewing Co, Branksome House, 166 St. Clements Hill, Norwich, Norfolk, NR3 4DG

T: 01603 449 298

Cuckoo brewery commenced in March 2017.

Wildcraft Brewery Ltd, Foragers' Rest, Coltishall Road, Buxton, Norwich NR10 5JD

W: www.wildcraftbrewery.co.uk

A five barrel plant established in Norfolk by Mike, commencing in Autumn 2016.

Boudicca Brewing Co, The Old Store, Walsingham Road, West Barsham, Fakenham NR21 9NP

W: www.boudiccabrewing.co.uk

Initially a cuckoo brewery set up by Helen and Simon St Ruth, and Emma Pinder with Andy Mitchel, previously with Spectrum Brewery as Head Brewer. Late in 2016 they bought the Jo C's plant and operated from there.

Ampersand Brew Co, Camphill Farm, Middle Road, Earsham, Bungay, NR35 2AH

W: www.ampersandbrew.co

Established in May 2017, they keg and bottle the beers.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Shoulder of Mutton Brewpub, 12 Chapel Road, Weldon, Corby NN17 3HP

T: 01536 601 016

Brewing commenced at this pub in August 2014. In 2016 they relocated to Bencroft Grange Farm in Rushden.

Weldon Brewery, Bencroft Grange Farm, 322 Bedford Road, Rushden NN10 0SE

W: www.weldonbrewery.co.uk

Brewing commenced at this Northamptonshire pub in 2016. Several different beers are produced all named with a local connection. Relocated to Rushden in 2016 and renamed Weldon. A three and a half barrel plant is used.

Three Hills Brewing, 4 Thrapston Road, Woodford, Kettering, Northants NN14 4HY

W: www.threehillsbrewing.com

Named after the ancient communal tombs on the outskirts of Woodford. This is a nano brewery where each beer is brewed just once by Andrew Catherall. Brewing commenced summer 2016.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Linear Brewing Co, 2 Chaworth Road, Bingham, Notts, NG13 8EU

W: www.linear.beer

Established by Marc Williamson, a hobby brewer who has gone commercial. The 50L operation starts in his kitchen and finishes in his shed. Marc is a fermentation scientist, so well qualified as a brewer. The name comes from the local Railway line.

Lenton Lane Brewery, 5G The Midway, Nottingham NG7 2TS

W: www.lentonlane.co.uk

When Frontier Brewery relocated from Derby they changed the name. A new ten barrel plant was added.

Tom Herrick's Brewery, The Stabe House, main Street, Carlton-on-Trent, Newark NG23 6NW

E: tomherricksbrewery@hotmail.com

Brewing commenced late 2014.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE (continued)

Angel Microbrewery, The Angel, 7 Stoney Street, Nottingham, NG1 1LG

W: www.angelmicrobrewery.com

Brewing at the Angel pub commenced in early 2017.

OXFORDSHIRE

Pirate Brewery, The White Lion, Fritwell Road, Fewcott Bicester OX27 7NZ

W: www.thewhitelionfewcott.uk

Brewing commenced Spring 2017.

Compass Brewery, Unit 7, Clare Terrace, Carterton, OX18 3ES

W: www.compassbrewery.com

2009 – 2012, The Compass Brewery, 6 Compass Close, Oxford. OX4 3SX. Initially it was claimed that the brewery was based in brewer Mattias Sjoberg's shed. Beers are however brewed at Cotswold Brewing Co. The beers are mainly bottled, but in late 2011 cask commenced. In August 2012 they are found premises at an industrial estate in Carterton. In 2017 they ceased trading.

PEEBLESHIRE

Campbells' Brewery Ltd, Unit 9, South Parks Industrial Estate, Peebles EH45 9ED

W: www.compbbells-brewery.com

Brewing commenced Spring 2017. Established by Murray Campbell, he has two brewers Mark Harrison and Craig Barrett.

PERTH & KINROSS

Dalrannoch Brewing Company, 16 The Old Dairy, Meikleour, Perth PH2 6FB

W: www.dalrannochbrewing.co.uk

Brewing commenced in July 2016.

POWYS

Tydwals Brewery, The Brewhouse, Tynnewydd Farm, Llangors, Brecon LD3 7UA

E: info@redstone-brewery.com

The Redstone site was taken over and under Tydwals name commenced in late 2015.

ROXBURGHSHIRE

Stow Brewery Ltd, Plenloth House, Old Stage Road, Stow Galashields TD1 2SU

W: www.stowbrewery.com

Brewing commenced in Summer 2016.

SHROPSHIRE

Target Brewery Ltd (Shropshire Legends), Roden Nurseries, Roden Lane, Roden, Telford TF6 6BP

W: www.shropshirelegends.co.uk

After the closure of Dickensian, the site was taken over by Target Brewery. They trade under the name Shropshire Legends Brewery. The head brewer is Mark Nadany.

STAFFORDSHIRE

Brewhouse & Kitchen (Lichfield), 1 Bird Street, Lichfield WS13 6PW

W: www.brewhouseandkitchen.com

Brewing commenced in April 2017.

Uttoxeter Brewing Co Ltd, Demontford Way, Uttoxeter ST148XY

W: www.uttoxeterbrewingcompany.com

A home brewer who went commercial in late 2016.

The Vine Inn & Brewery 2016 Ltd, Sheepfair, Rigeley, WS15 2AT

T: 01889 574 443

Set up by Chris Hilton in Mid 2016.

TYNE & WEAR

Reynolds Brewery Ltd, The Schooner, South Shore Road, Gateshead NE8 3AF
T: 0191 477 47404
Brewing commenced in March 2017 at the Schooner pub.

WEST SUSSEX

81 Artisan, The Courtyard, Crowhall Farm, Chillgove Road, Lavant, West Sussex PO18 9HP
W: www.81artisan.com
Adrian Kingsbury is Head Brewer of this 12 barrel plant that commenced in January 2017.

WEST YORKSHIRE

Hogs Head Brew House, Stanley Street, Sowerby Bridge, HX6 2AH
W: www.hogsheadbrewhouse.co.uk
Brewing commenced in April 2016.
Steampunk Brewery Ltd, Hillcrest Drive, Castleford, WF10 3QW
T: 07789 988 077
Home Brewer, Neil Sherburn, went commercial but still based at home in Summer 2016.
Morton Collins Brewing Co Ltd, Brunswick, Ryhill, Wakefield WF4 2DH
T: 07812 111960
Brewing commenced April 2016. Small batch microbrewery.
Horbury Ales Ltd, Brewers Pride, Low Mill Road, Ossett WF5 8ND
T: 07970 299 292
Brewing commenced in Summer 2016 using the same plant and location as Bob's Brewing Company.
Here Be Monsters Brewery, Paris Road, Holmfirth, West Yorkshire HD9 1UA
W: www.herebemonstersbrewery.co.uk
Brewing was commenced in late 2014 by Doug Scard, with output mainly bottled. The name for the brewery is derived from old maps that pictured monsters in the remote area near Holmfirth.
Bingley Brewery, Unit 2, Old Mill Yard, Wilsden West Yorkshire BD15 0DR
W: www.bingleybrewery.co.uk
Darren established his six barrel brewery in June 2014.

Ghost Brewing Ltd, Unit D, Tong Business Centre, Otley Road, Baildon BD17 7QD
W: www.ghostbrew.co.uk
A cuckoo brewer using Baildon Brewery, beers first seen in 2015.

Frisky Bear Brewing, 21 Weavers close, Morley, Leeds, LS279FF

W: www.friskybear.com
Established by Carl Saint, brewing commenced June 2016. He can brew 1bbl a week.

Chin Chin Brewing Co Ltd, 35 Caddon Avenue, South Elmsall, Pontefract WF9 2WJ
Home brewer, went commercial in Spring 2016 using a 1bbl plant.

Bilbrough Top Brewery, St James House, Main Street, Bilbrough, York YO23 3PH

A six barrel plant was installed by Nigel Cay in 2016, with brewing commencing early 2017.

Mill Valley Brewery Ltd, Woodroyd Mills, South Parade, Cleckheaton BD19 3AF

W: www.millvalleybrewery.co.uk

Brewing commenced January 2016.

Eyes Brewing, c/o Manor Farm, Intake Lane, Acaster Malbis, York YO23 3UJ

W: www.eyesbrewing.com

Beers first appeared in 2016. Apparently the UK's first and only wheat only brewery according to bottle label. They are based at Ainsty Ales and cuckoo brew there.

WILTSHIRE

Castle Combe Brewery, Preston West Farm, Preston, Chippenham, SN15 4DX

W: www.castlecombebrewery.co.uk

Established in 2014 when the Braydon Ales five barrel brewery and site were purchased.

WORCESTERSHIRE

Boat Lane Brewery, Unit 3, Stream Side Business Park, Boat Lane, Offenham WR11 8RS

W: www.boatlanebrewery.co.uk

Established by Ian Hazeldene, with brewing starting in August 2016.

Lakehouse Brewery, Lake House, Peachfield Road, Malvern WR14 3LE

W: www.lakehousebrewery.com

Brewing commenced in October 2016. Run by Dab Frost and Greame Gordon, beers are sold in cask and bottles

Champion Beers of Britain

Nuneaton's Church End Brewery was awarded CAMRA's top accolade at the Great British Beer Festival in London. 3.8%ABV Goat's Milk is named after the pub where it was first sold. Here is a list of the winners since 1978

1978	Thwaites Best Mild/Fuller's, ESB – joint winners
1979	Fuller's, London Pride
1980	Thwaites, Best Mild
1981	Fuller's, ESB
1982	Timothy Taylor, Landlord
1983	Timothy Taylor, Landlord
1984	No event held this year
1985	Fuller's, ESB
1986	Batmans, XXXB
1987	Pitfield Brewery, Dark Star
1988	Ringwood, Old Thumper
1989	Fuller's, Chiswick Bitter
1990	Ind Coope, Burton Ale

1991	Mauldons, Black Adder
1992	Woodforde's, Norfolk Nog
1993	Adnams, Extra
1994	Timothy Taylor, Landlord
1995	Cottage, Norman's Conquest
1996	Woodforde's, Wherry
1997	Mordue, Workie Ticket
1998	Coniston, Bluebird Bitter
1999	Timothy Taylor, Landlord
2000	Moorhouse's, Black Cat
2001	Oakham, JHBr
2002	Caledonian, Deuchars IPA
2003	Harviestoun, Bitter & Twisted
2004	Kelham Island, Pale Rider

2005	Crouch Vale, Brewers Gold
2006	Crouch Vale, Brewers Gold
2007	Hobsons, Mild
2008	Triple fff, Alton's Pride
2009	Rudgate, Ruby Mild
2010	Castle Rock, Harvest Pale
2011	Mighty Oak, Oscar Wilde
2012	Coniston, No.9 Barley Wine
2013	Elland, 1872 Porter
2014	Timothy Taylor, Boltmaker
2015	Tiny Rebel, Cwtch
2016	Binghams, Vanilla Stout
2017	Church End, Goat's Milk

Questions and occasionally some answers

If you have any observations on any of the following inquiries, please send them to the Editor – newsletter@breweryhistory.co.uk and I shall pass them on to the originator and print them in the next issue.

Eric Doré asks about E Robins & Son Ltd of Hove.



ABBC member Eric Doré is writing a short history of E Robins, Anchor Brewery of Hove and is seeking any information, photos, details regarding the location of company records etc that members might have. Fortunately, this appears to be one of the breweries which was visited by Alfred Barnard but, sadly, escaped the attention of researchers, Lesley Richmond & Alison Turton. The brewery was started by Ebenezer Robins in Brighton in 1789. One researcher says that Ebenezer was a member

of an "impoverished Jewish family" living in Hove but if that is the case, the source of the information has not come to light, nor has any detail concerning the source of original finance for the brewery. Does anyone have information? The last set of beer labels showed an imp as a trademark or logo but the thinking behind this is not clear. Also, one of the last bottle labels was for a Royal Pale Ale but whether this celebrated a Royal event is also not clear. Eric has information from Andrew Cunningham who has a bottle of the last brew at Waterloo Street, Hove with a date of 30th January 1924 shown on the label. The brewery had moved to Brighton from Hove by 1831. But the company did not dispose of assets until 1928. What happened in the meantime?

Since Eric made the same request in Beer Memorabilia, a member has provided the following: With regard to the "Imp" trademark on



the Pale Ale label, this may relate to the legendary character Robin Goodfellow. The fact that the imp on the label is wearing a traditional brewer's hat is of interest. Brewers are "goodfellows" by nature of their calling and the use of the Robin Goodfellow imp links Robins' with a "goodfellow". Robins was eventually taken over by Findlaters (a wine merchants who became Findlater, Mackie & Todd) who also had interests in Dublin. The first picture is their brewery frontage and entrance to brewery yard taken about 1900. The second picture is an aerial photo of the old Robins' Brewery site. The green highlighted area is the off-licence & office shown in the previous picture. The red area is the site (redeveloped) of the old brewery which was accessed in the main from Golden Lane.



John Robey asks about the Cannon Brewery in Clerkenwell

I am researching John Mayor, MP for Abingdon in C18th. In 1755 he was a brewer of Knightsbridge, also with property in Essex and Berks. He is not in London trade directories. His second marriage was in December 1770 at St Pancras Old Church to Miss Mary Dickinson of East Smithfield. Since Rider Dickinson owned the Cannon Brewery it is likely that there is a connection but I have not yet found the relationship of Mary Dickinson to Rider Dickinson.

Do you have any information about John Mayor's brewery or any connection with Dickinson's brewery in Clerkenwell, not far from East Smithfield?

Mike Brown our archivist replies...

We recently published London Brewed, which covers the history of the various concerns. I think you are referring to Rivers Dickinson – Rivers being a first name used in several generations of the family.

MAYOR, John (c.1735-1817), of Lacy Court, nr. Abingdon, Berks.

b. c.1735, 1st s. of John Mayor, brass founder, of Little Moorfields, London. m. (1) 30 June 1757, Miss Nettlefold; (2) 26 Nov. 1770, Miss Dickenson of East Smithfield.

Lanesborough House was built about 1718, and houses and a brewhouse were built on the enclosure belonging to the lazar-house at about the same time. The brewhouse on the lazar-house property here was pulled down and redeveloped by John Mayor, in 1773– 4

From: 'Knightsbridge South Side: East of Sloane Street', Survey of London: volume 45: Knightsbridge (2000), pp. 19-21.

The Cannon Brewery originated with a brewhouse attached to the Unicorn inn, which stood towards the northern end of the site. It was in existence by the early 1670s. Known as the Horseshoe by the 1740s, it was the twelfth-largest of the 52 principal London breweries in 1759, producing more than 23,000 of their combined annual output of 975,000 barrels. In 1764 the brewery was acquired, with other property in the vicinity, by Samuel and Rivers Dickinson of Chick Lane, whose family were long-established brewers and maltsters in London and Hertfordshire. Their father, Rivers, had been an associate of Edward Godfrey, proprietor of the brewery for many years until 1715

Rivers Dickinson (b1686 Ware son of Richard a maltster there) on 11th August 1701 was apprenticed to Edward Godfrey, who the following year was Master of the Brewers' Company, and was related by marriage. In October 1714 mention of Mr Godfrey's brewhouse in St James, "John Mayes" possibly being employed.

Rodney Brooks from South Carolina asks about beer and dockyard workers

I am drafting a graphic novel and need some information about the breweries and the logistics of how beer was distributed on the dockyards. I believe most of the dockyard workers and sailors were allowed five quarts of small beer each day and they also got a quart of strong beer.

I know that the porter had a tap at the main gate which is on the East End of the dockyard. Take the blacksmiths for example which were on the west end of the dockyard. I cannot see them putting down their hammer, letting their work get cold and walking across the dockyard for a pint. Did they have small beer barrels in the smithy and through the dockyard?

Who was the beer contractor in 1800 at the dockyard in Portsmouth? Or did Weevil Brewery support the dockyard and the ships in Portsmouth harbour? Or were the ships supplied by the victualling board? Was beer carried using wood buckets on a yoke by boys? How was it poured into the wooden mugs? Any ideas or sources of information would be appreciated.

Mike Brown replies...

We have had previous correspondence on the subject of brewing in the dockyards.

Peter Mathias' text on the brewing industry does touch on Navy brewers, but is more concerned with the economic history rather than the day-to-day nature of the business.

Roger Putman remembers working overtime washing wooden casks at Georges Bristol Brewery while a student in the mid 1960s where there was a stainless steel bucket of beer and everyone dipped a half pint glass tankard in. Go back 160 years to a wooden bucket collected from the gatehouse and a leathern pottle each.....

Mark Gordon, Founder of Wimbledon Brewery asks about football and breweries

We are producing a bottled beer for AFC Wimbledon ("Wimbledon 1889" named after the formation date of the original Wimbledon Old Centrals FC and the date of the original Wimbledon Brewery fire), we also produce Plough Lane Ale for the club. There is a long history of breweries and football teams working together. I wondered if you had any historical information about these partnerships that we might refer to?

Our Chairman remarks...



Thank you for your query, which I am passing on to our Archivist and Newsletter Editor, along with one or two others, in case they can help I am sure I have read an article on this in the distant past, but I am struggling to recall where at the moment

Funnily enough a few days ago I was looking at a book on the brewing industry awards and noticed a judge was Fred J Bearman, a name I recalled from my early days of supporting Tottenham as he was a director there from 1909 - 1964, and also MD of the Notting Hill Brewery

As you say, there is a long history of breweries and football teams working together and I'm sure our team can come up with something.

Masha Kuzmenko asks about Springfield Brewery at Wolverhampton

I am working on BBC1's Heir Hunters programme. It's a show about social history and genealogy. We are looking at a family tree of someone, whose great grandfather was a brewer in Wolverhampton. According to my research, he worked at the Springfield Brewery in Wolverhampton, as its address is listed next to him name on the 1891 census. He was an apprentice back then, so he must have been a brewer at the turn of the century.

We would love to speak to someone who can tell us what his job would have entailed at the time, what the working conditions would have been like and how significant this brewery was.

James Hewitt who has family connections with Springfield is helping Masha out.

Bernie Fynn from New Zealand asks about a pub at Monks Eleigh in Suffolk

I have an ancestor who owned a pub in Monks Eleigh in Suffolk until 1825 when both he and his wife died. It was the Red Lion which is still standing and the owners were James and Martha Fynn. Would you know of any records of this place and its history?

Mike Brown replies...

I'm afraid that we do not have much information on individual pubs. The only details we have is that the "Lion" was to let with brewing equipment in March 1840. That would probably have come from an ad in one of the local papers - see British Newspapers Online. It is also possible to google trade directories of the period on a University of Leicester site.

You could contact the Pub History Society in case any of their members have done any research.

Paul Caputo asks about the Lion Brewery in Chester

I'm looking into the trademark ownership of the Lion Brewery in Chester - I believe it was purchased by Bents' in Liverpool in the early 20th century but my trail goes cold there.

I am working on the early stages of a community initiative to perhaps revive the brand for a one off heritage project.

Mike Brown comments....This was a brewery which involved an interesting character in Thomas Montgomery, something of a speculator. The business was indeed bought by Bents and brewing ceased. "In 1902 they took over the properties of the Chester Lion Bwy Co Ltd, and those belonging to Mr Thomas Montgomery (Stone Brewery + 23 pubs), when the capital was increased. Montgomery was also involved with the Chester Lion.

At its AGM on 23rd Feb 1906 there was some disagreement about the policy of the directors and the cost of management. The purchase of the Lion (Chester) Brewery concern was particularly selected for "animadversion" (Brewers Journal, page 140). It was easy to be wise after the event, but it was not deniable that the Chester purchase had not hitherto been a success."

Bents was acquired by Bass Charrington in 1967; hence, I assume the latter would have also taken ownership of trademarks.

The Bass Museum at Burton on Trent is now the National Museum and it would be worth contacting them or else Molson Coors also in Burton on Trent.

David Pryor asks about William Bass

I have heard through the grapevine that there may be a celebration in Burton on Trent to commemorate the 300 year anniversary of the birth of William Bass. Do you have any details?

The Burton Mafia resident at the Coopers Tavern know nothing about this but there is a display in the Hinckley Museum about one of that town's most famous sons.

Alan Fell asks about Truman's vehicle liveries

I am interested to know the livery of Truman, Hanbury, Buxton vehicles in the late 1920s. Could you kindly shed any light on this subject?

Mike Brown observes... We recently covered the history of the firm in London Brewed; however, I do not recall there being any mention of the vehicle livery. I had a look at Arthur Ingram's book on Brewery Transport, but the pictures are all in black and white.

There are business papers for them at the London Metropolitan Archives which might be worth checking. The other possibility is the National Brewing Library at Oxford-Brookes University which I believe has some of their old company magazines.

Suzanne Jackson asks about a South Yorkshire pub name

I am trying to establish the true name of a pub that is either called Hatfield Chace or Hatfield Chase in South Yorkshire. The pub was originally built by Darleys but I cannot find any images. The area has been documented as both spellings since 1066 as the French word Chace emerged into the Modern English language later becoming Chase but ultimately the answer comes down to what the first pubs sign said!

The archivist replies... Our photographic archive is now with English Heritage at Swindon.

David Parry's book South Yorkshire Stingo includes a history of Darley's brewery in Thorne. He records that when they acquired the pub it was as the 'Chace'. He does not mention the brewery from which they bought it and who presumably built and named it. It might be worth contacting the Pub History Society, but if it is a modern build it might not be in their area of research.

Terry Dansey of the Coopers Company in London asks about land markers



The Company is aware of cast metal markers with their insignia at locations where it did not own any land. There is one at Stanwick in Northamptonshire and we subsequently found out that two of the people in the village had bought one each at a sale and had taken them back and planted them there. The team at Coopers Hall are very confused and hopes someone in the Society might have an answer.

Professor Richard Sheppard asks about a brewery at Little Bookham in Surrey

In the context of a very large research project (which is not, unfortunately concerned with breweries), I am trying to identify a brewery which was working in the 1840s /1850s at or near Little Bookham, Surrey. The reference concerns one Thomas Helme (later Thomas Helme Mashiter) who lived in Little Bookham and described himself as a brewer – which does not, of course, necessarily mean a brewery owner. In about 1861 he and his family moved to Hornchurch, Essex, where they became involved in the management of The Star Brewery (founded 1708 and renamed Ind Coope in the early-middle C19th). I know quite a lot about this part of Mashiter's life but would like to find out more about his earlier brewing activity and wonder whether you can help me with this?

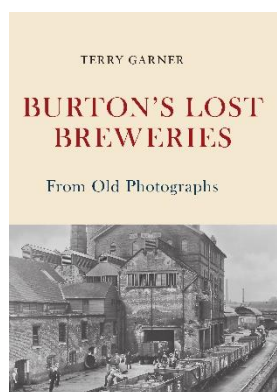
Mike Brown replies I'm afraid that there isn't much in our files, though the name Mashiter certainly rings a bell, but can't recall where I have seen it. In terms of Romford the only snippet is:

1860 pd July OE Coope, George Coope, Edward Ind, CP Matthews, Thos Helme and Chas L Ind when latter left.

There isn't any mention of him in Essex Breweries by Ian Peaty, so it is possible that he moved to another brewery.

Changes to the BHS Booklist

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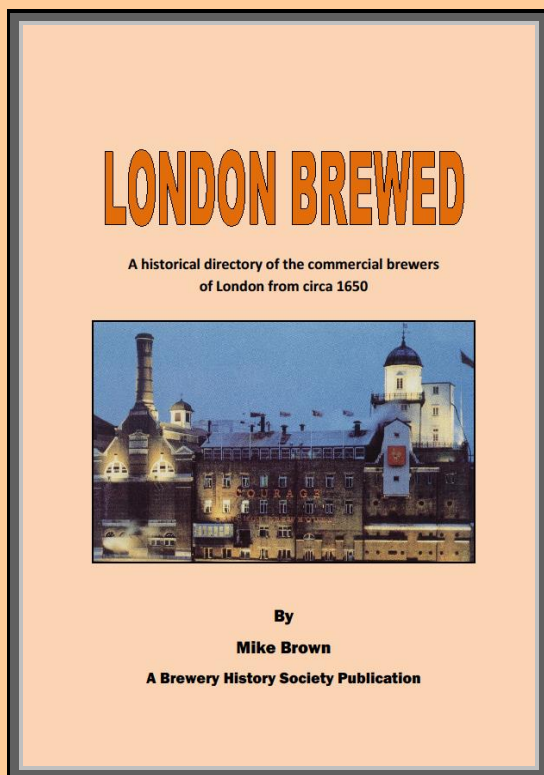
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