

# DURHAM DRINKER!

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BEER FESTIVAL ISSUE

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## 12TH BEER FESTIVAL

**THURSDAY, 3rd September** sees the start of the **12th DURHAM BEER FESTIVAL** in **DUNELM HOUSE, DURHAM**, at **5.30 p.m.** One Hundred and Ten kilns of beer (over 15,000 pints) plus one hundred and fifty gallons of cider and perry from all over the country, representing over seventy of the finest beers in the land have been gathered together under one roof.

This year, for the first time, two special ales have been produced for the beer festival. CAMERONS have again brewed their FESTIVAL ALE, which has proved so popular in the past, and BIG LAMP have brewed the PRINCE BISHOP'S ALE, a light-coloured, medium strength (1044) brew, named after the County Council's promotion of Durham as the "Land of the Prince Bishops". Also for the first time a few bottles of German bottle-conditioned beer will be available.

Two breweries rescued from closure in the last year are well represented at the festival. CALEDONIAN brewery, formerly Lorimer and Clarks, was saved by a management buyout from closure by Vaux,

and this is the first chance real ale fans will have had to try their new, all-malt-brews, in England. BATEMANS, saved after a titanic two-year struggle are represented by their award-winning MILD, as well as XB and XXXB. RAYMENTS brewery is currently under threat of closure by Greene King, so this is the first, and possibly last time that their BBA will be available in the north-east. Award-winning beers available this year include annual favourites TAYLORS LANDLORD, the powerful MARSTONS OWD RODGER, and for the first time in the north-east, PITFIELD DARK STAR, recently voted "Britain's best beer" at the Great British Beer Festival in Brighton.

For customers wishing to bring children to the beer festival a creche will be available on Friday and Saturday afternoons only. This year's charity will be the N.S.P.C.C. which will, no doubt, be well supported by ever-generous real ale fans. And finally, our annual appeal for helpers. If **YOU** would like to help ensure the success of this year's festival, please fill in the accompanying form, or come along and help us make this year's festival the best yet.

HELP	HELP	HELP
<b>Thursday</b> <b>5.30 - 10.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Friday</b> <b>11 a.m. - 3 p.m.</b>	<b>Saturday</b> <b>11 a.m. - 3 p.m.</b>
If you can help, please fill in this form and send it off to the secretary.	<b>5.30 - 11.00 p.m.</b>	<b>5.30 - 11.00 p.m.</b>
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DURHAM ALE, CAMRA'S guide to real ale in County Durham (including Sunderland and surrounding areas) will be officially launched at this year's Durham Beer Festival. Listing over 230 real ale outlets in the county, and including several town maps. It will be an invaluable guide for all real ale fans. It will be on sale at the beer festival at a special introductory price, and also in Durham market place on Thursday, 3rd September, when the Vaux dray will also be present.

## END OF AN ERA

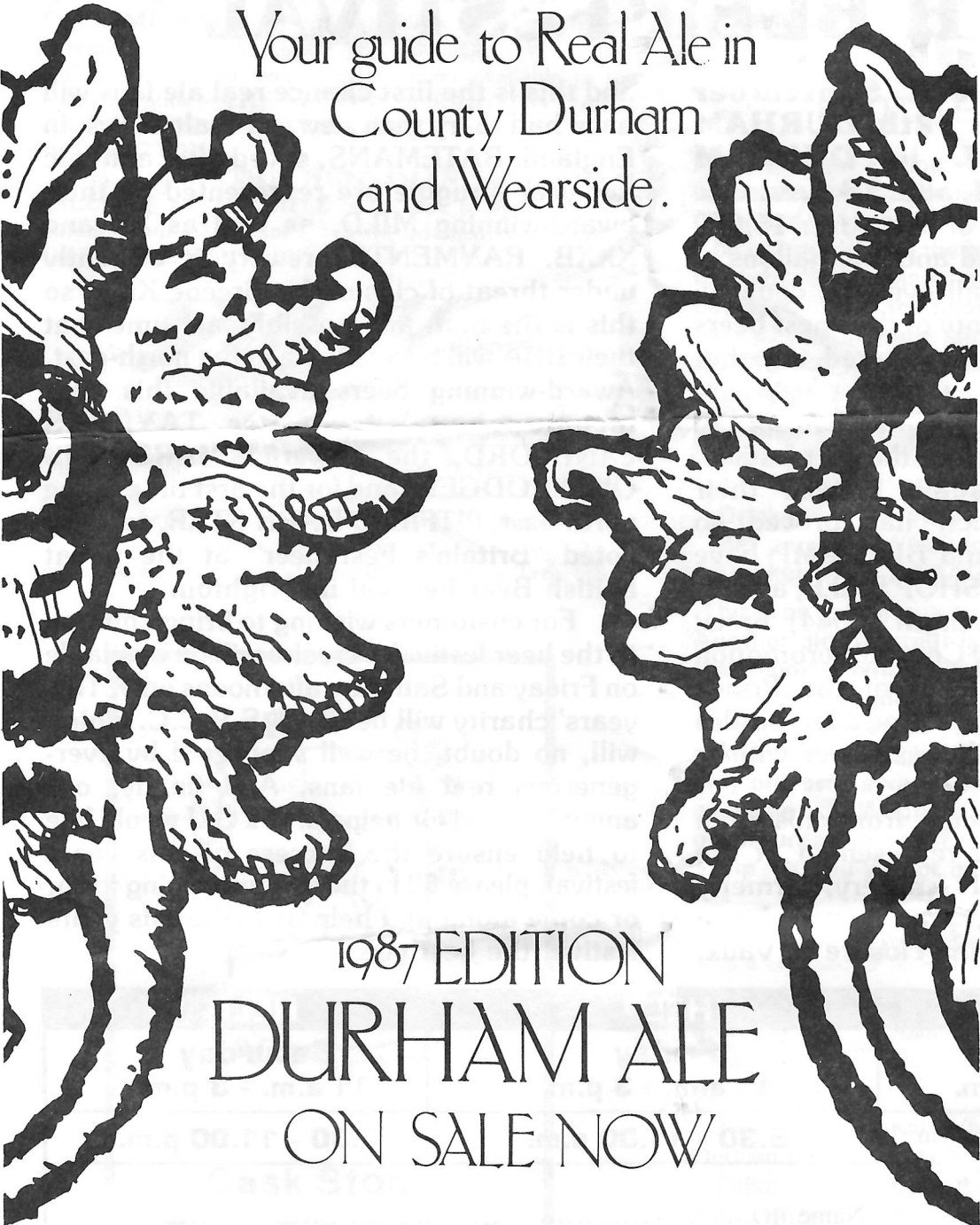
A visit to long-serving real ale outlet The Bay Horse (Jockey Club) at Woodhouses at the end of July proved a bit of a shock, to say the least.

The notice in the porch window should have provided a clue - "Permission granted for extensions and alterations". The lack of the famous "Forest" of houseplants inside the porch was a further indication of things to come, and inside the bar the suspicions were confirmed. Landlord Tommy Wyse was finally leaving. No tankards hanging from the beams, no old maps, racing photographs or other decorations on the wall.

The Jockey Club has been a reliable and famous real ale outlet for many years under the capable supervision of ex-Jockey Tommy Wyse, and has been up for sale for some time to allow his retirement. It remained one of the county's few (very few) totally unspoilt pubs - a real gem, with open beamed ceilings, great atmosphere, and an excellent pint of Camerons (Lion) Bitter.

The approach of semi-detached suburbia over the last few years have suggested that any change of hands would result in drastic changes to cater for this potential new custom, and we can only hope that we don't end up with another open-plan, central bar, flock-wallpapered pub with a multiple choice of lagers (the designer electric pumps would not, I presume, be located behind one of the landlords pot plants as in the past).

Many of the plants and other decorations have not been lost to view forever, as they have been purchased by another beer-pulling, ex-Jockey - Tommy Nevin of the Sportsman, Canney Hill. Coincidentally, Tommy Wyse has moved into his retirement home just down the hill from the Sportsman, and CAMRA would like to take this opportunity to wish Tommy a long and happy retirement, and thank him for many years service to the real ale cause.



Your guide to Real Ale in  
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and Wearside.

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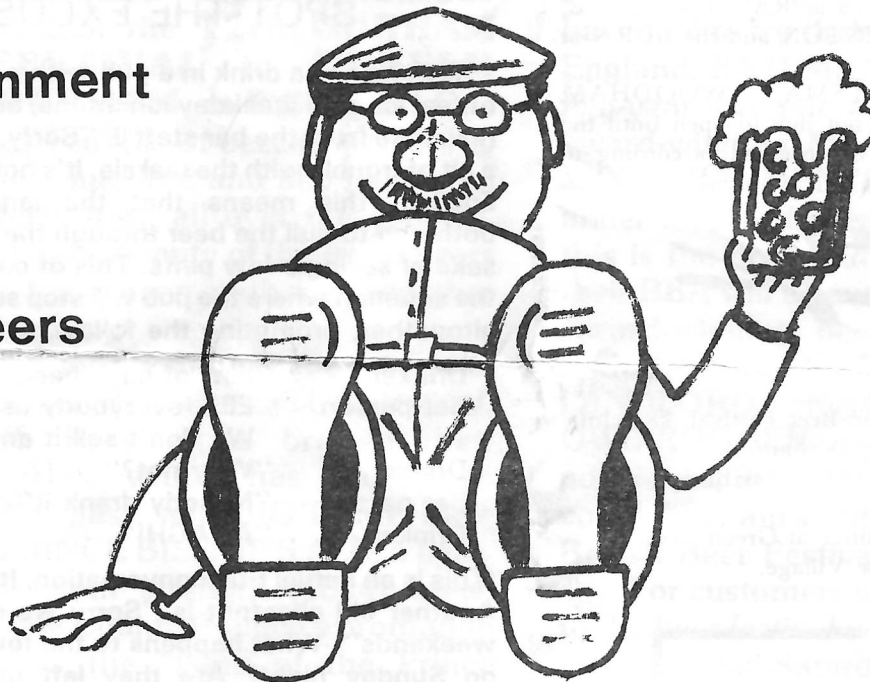
# DURHAM BEER FESTIVAL

Entertainment

Over 70

Cask Beers

Cider



Perry

Hot & Cold

Food

## September 3rd, 4th, 5th.

THURS. 5:30-10:30 ; FRI., SAT. 11-3, 6-11pm.

### DUNELM HOUSE,

### NEW ELVET, DURHAM CITY.

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## PUB NEWS

THE FIGHTING COCKS in DURHAM has replaced DRAUGHT BASS with the lighter E.L.B.

THE SWAN AND THREE CYGNETS in DURHAM is now selling the potent MUSEUM ALE in place of TADCASTER.

THE GREYHORSE at HASWELL has started selling YOUNGERS NO. 3.

THE RED LION at PLAWSWORTH, which already sells YOUNGERS NO. 3 and McEWANS 80/- has now added 70/- to its range as and when supplies permit.

In WEST CORNFORTH the ROSEDALE is selling TETLEY BITTER at weekends only.

THE FLEECE in BISHOP MIDDLEHAM is selling BURTON ALE an unusual beer for the area.

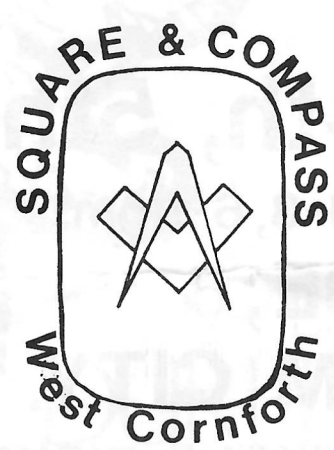
THE DUN COW at BILLY ROW is now selling HEROES QUAFFING BITTER, a 1035 bitter, brewed by BIG LAMP in Newcastle for Legendary Yorkshire Heroes. It replaces TETLEY FALSTAFF SCOTCH.

Cask-conditioned beers are no longer available in the following pubs - THE MASONS at RAINTON GATE, GREYHOUND in WEST RAINTON and the BURN at WILLINGTON.

And finally, THE HUNTSMAN, WOODHAM VILLAGE, nr. AYCLIFFE is not due to open until the autumn, but handpumps will be installed, according to GREENALL WHITLEY.

## Diary

Mon. 17 Aug.	Social at Queens Head, Lanchester.
Thurs. 3 Sept. -	Durham Beer Festival, Dunelm House, Durham.
Sat. 5 Sept.	Social at Wardles Bridge, Holmside.
Mon. 14 Sept.	Committee at Green Tree, Tudhoe Village.
Mon. 28 Sept.	



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## REAL LORIMERS?

Apparently Vaux have a trade agreement with the Caledonian brewery that prevents them from competing with Vaux in England. This came to light when the Great British Beer Festival weren't allowed to take Caledonian beer because they hadn't ordered the full range of Vaux beers. Fortunately, the Durham Beer Festival always takes the full range of Vaux so we are allowed to present Caledonian (ex Lorimers Brewery in Edinburgh) ales alongside Vaux's Sunderland brewed Loris; and the Sunderland Bitter which replaced Lorimers 80/-. Comparisons should be interesting!

## SPOT THE EXCUSE

Try and get a drink in a pub with a low turnover of real ale on a weekday lunchtime, and a common response from the bar staff is "Sorry, were having a bit of trouble with the real ale, it's not on". In plain English, this means that the landlord hasn't bothered to pull the beer through the pipes for the sake of selling a few pints. This of course leads to the situation where the pub will stop selling the beer altogether, prompting the following dialogue:

Drinker - "pint of cask beer, please"  
 Bar person - "EEh, everybody asks for that. We don't sell it anymore."  
 Drinker - "Why not?"  
 Bar person - "Nobody drank it"  
 Drinker - "AAAGH!"

(This is an actual true conversation. It did happen.) Another old chestnut is "Sorry we only sell it at weekends". What happens to the few gallons left on Sunday night? Are they left until Saturday 11 o'clock, or could you drink it on Monday if you asked nicely enough. "Weekends only" beer is also only one step away from no beer at all - if it is not available on a Wednesday, few people will go back on Saturday to see if the beer is ok.

Tip - If you've got it, you'll sell it.

## NEW COMMITTEE

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