

DURHAM DRINKER!

News for Discerning Drinkers in the City and County of Durham



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FREE

2nd WINTER BEER FESTIVAL

FRIDAY, the 12th of FEBRUARY is the time, and **FOWLERS YARD, DURHAM CITY** is the place, for real ale fans to sample some of Britains finest "winter warmers", - those strong, dark ales with a fine reputation of keeping out the cold! After the success of last years' "St. Valentines Day Massacre", 25 different strong and medium strength ales are on offer - as well as cider - ranging from the ever-popular TAYLORS LANDLORD, to the aptly-named BAZ's BONCE BLOWER, one of the countries strongest ales, and which will be sold, as tradition demands, only by the half pint.

This, the **2nd WINTER BEER FESTIVAL**, will open on Friday lunch-time, at 11.00 a.m., with further sessions on Friday evening, Saturday lunch-time and evening. Commemorative glasses and shirts will be available, as will hot and cold food. In all, over 3,000 pints of beer and cider will be available, with some beers, such as BATEMANS VICTORY ALE and HOSKINS and OLDFIELD TOM KELLY STOUT making their debut in Durham. Another, WETHEREDS WINTER, ROYAL is also making its debut, but unfortunately, the Wethereds Brewery is due to close in May (shame on you, Whitbread), so this may be the last chance to sample this fine beer. Whatever your taste in beer, there's something here for you, so come along and enjoy yourselves, and support CAMRA in their fight to preserve Britains beer heritage.



CASK DOUBLE MAXIM

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of its launch, Vaux are to produce a cask version of its famous Double Maxim bottled beer, and by the time you read this, the first pints will have been pulled at Vaux's own beer festival in Sunderland, which is being held from Thursday 4th February - Saturday 6th at the Continental in the town centre. CAMRA has been campaigning for several years to have this beer produced in cask form, so lets hope that this is not the last time we have the opportunity to drink it in its natural form.

SQUARE & COMPASS

West Cornforth

**Cask Stones
Bass Extra Light**

Lunches, Bar Meals. Ferryhill 54606

ARCHERS HEADBANGER, SWINDON

Strong and Malty 1065 ☐

BALLARDS, WASSAIL, W. SUSSEX

First time in Durham ☐

BATEMAN, XXXB, SKEGNESS

Sharp and Flavoursome 1048 ☐

BATEMAN, VICTORY ALE

New Winter Beer 1062 ☐

BIG LAMP, PRINCE BISHOP ALE,
NEWCASTLE

Pale and Tasty 1044 ☒

BURTON BRIDGE, OX,

BURTON-ON-TRENT

Dark Winter Warmer 1066 ☐

CLARK HAMMERHEAD, WAKEFIELD

Rich and Warming 1050 ☐

FULLER ESB, CHISWICK, LONDON

Award winning bitter 1055 ☒

GOOSE EYE, POMMIES REVENGE,
KEIGHLEY

Pale and Fruity 1058 ☐

HOSKINS AND OLDFIELD, STOUT,
LEICESTER

New, known as Tom Kelly Stout 1043 ☒

LEES, MOONRAKER, MANCHESTER

Successful lift off 1073 ☐

MARSTON, PEDIGREE,
BURTON-ON-TRENT

Smooth and full bodied 1043 ☐

MARSTON OWD RODGER

Strong festival favourite 1080 ☐

MOORHOUSE'S PENDLE WITCHES

BREW, BURNLEY

Potent malty bitter 1050 ☐

PITFIELD DARK STAR, LONDON

Dark quality brew 1050 ☒

RINGWOOD, OLD THUMPER, HANTS

Well hopped strong bitter 1060 ☐

ROBINSON OLD TOM, STOCKPORT

Very strong and smooth 1080 ☐

ROCKSIDE THURLSTONE BELL,
BARNSELY

New in Durham 1050 ☐

STAG AND HOUNDS, POACHERS ALE,
MELTON MOWBRAY

New from small brewery 1066 ☐

STAG AND HOUNDS, BAZ'S BONCE
BLOWER

Britains strongest full mash 1110 ☐

TIMOTHY TAYLOR LANDLORD,
KEIGHLEY

Simply the best 1042 ☐

TIMOTHY TAYLOR PORTER

Rich sweet winter brew 1043 ☐

THEAKSTON, OLD PECULIER,
MASHAM

Rich and heavy festival favourite 1058 ☐

TRAQUAIR HOUSE BEAR ALE, INNER
LEITHEN

Good reputation, new in Durham 1050 ☒

WETHERED WINTER ROYAL,
MARLOW

Potent dark ale 1055 ☐

THATCHERS CIDER

West country cider at its best ☐

BIG LAMP STOUT

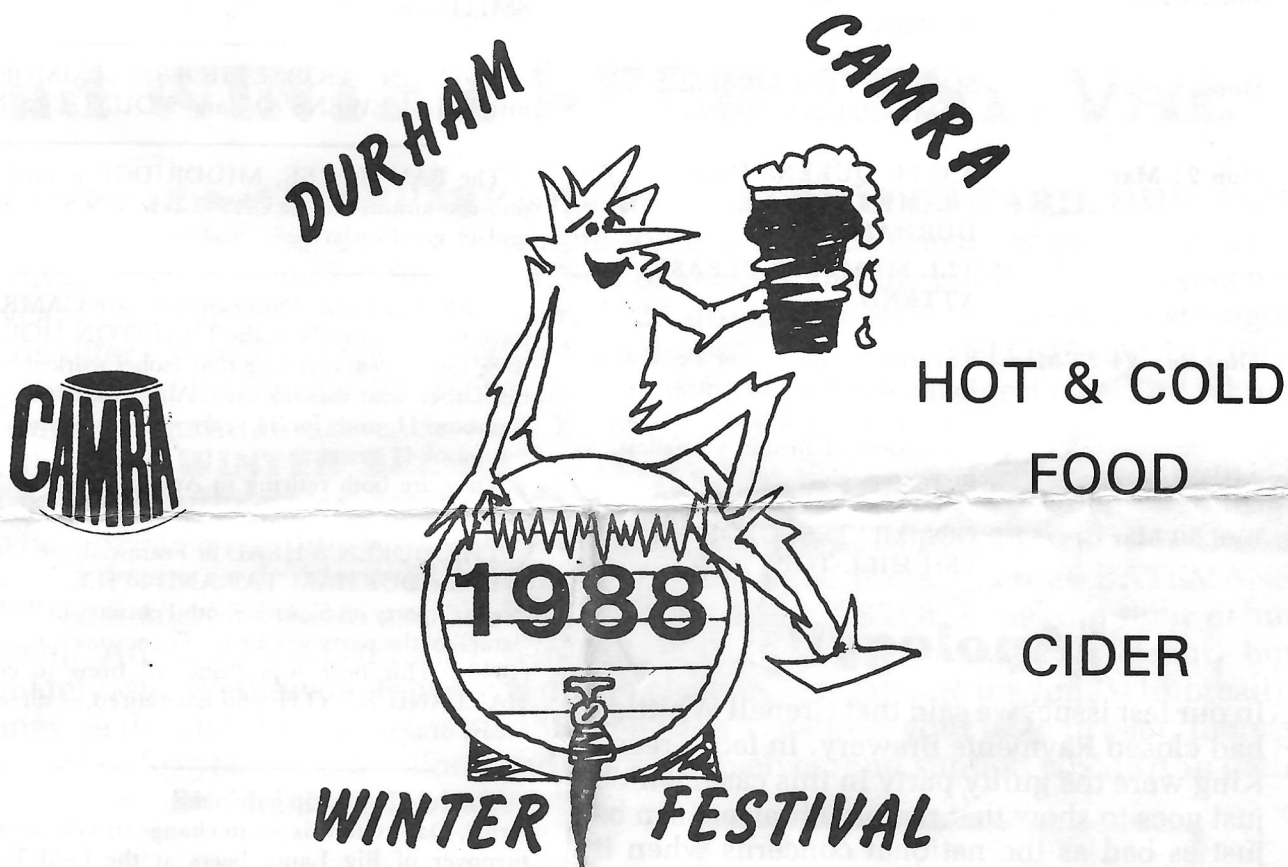
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2nd WINTER BEER FESTIVAL

FOWLERS YARD, DURHAM CITY

(BEHIND TOWN HALL ON THE RIVER)

12th & 13th FEBRUARY, 1988



A COLLECTION OF "WINTER WARMER" ALES TO LIGHT YOUR FIRE.
PLUS A FEW MEDIUM STRENGTH CLASSIC BREWS

ADMISSION 50p COMMEMORATIVE GLASSES

FRIDAY 12th, 11.00 — 3.00 p.m.; 5.30 — 10.30 p.m.

SATURDAY 13th, 11.00 — 3.00 p.m.; 6.00 — 11.00 p.m.

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PLEASE DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE

Diary

Fri-Sat 12-13 Feb	2nd WINTER BEER FESTIVAL, FOWLERS YARD, DURHAM.
Wed 24 Feb	Pub of the Month, SMITHS ARMS, LITTLE LUMLEY.
Sun 28 Feb	COMMITTEE, COLPITTS, DURHAM.
Mon 14 Mar	SOCIAL, BLACKSMITHS ARMS, PITTINGTON
Mon 21 Mar	A.G.M. QUEENS HEAD, FRAMWELLGATE, DURHAM. ALL MEMBERS PLEASE ATTEND.
Thur-Sun 24-27 Mar	The 2nd Smallest Beer Festival in the World. Arts Centre, Darlington. Twelve cask beers from some of Britain's smallest breweires.
Wed 30 Mar	COMMITTEE, GEORGE, ESH HILL-TOP.

Apology!!

In our last issue, we said that Grenall Whitley had closed Rayments Brewery. In fact Greene King were the guilty party in this case, which just goes to show that regional brewers can be just as bad as the national concerns when it comes to depriving the beer drinker of his favourite tipple.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/We wish to become a member(s) of the CAMPAIGN FOR REAL ALE LTD!

I/We agree to abide by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the CAMPAIGN.

I enclose £9 for FULL MEMBERSHIP.

Full name
(Block Capitals)
Full Postal Address

Signature Date

Cheques should be made payable to Campaign for Real Ale Ltd. Applications should be sent to Membership 34 ALMA ROAD, ST. ALBANS, HERTS, AL1 3BW.

PUB NEWS

Camerons have recently announced that Durham is to get its own Tap and Spile. The Queens Head in Framwellgate will close on 18 April to undergo a £90,000 modernisation that will convert it into a traditional Tap and Spile, serving an ever-changing range of guest beers, as well as Camerons own products. More news on this excellent development in later issues.

Having closed for the second time last year, the LORD SEAHAM, in Gilesgate, was bought by John Smiths, and recently re-opened after extensive alterations as the GILESGATE MOOR HOTEL, and now has JOHN SMITHS BITTER on handpump.

The THREE HORSE SHOES, LEEMSIDE has recently installed McEWENS 80/- and YOUNGERS NO. 3.

The BAY HORSE, MIDDRIDGE is now a Roast Inn pub-restaurant, but the CASTLE EDEN ALE is still available and in good order.

Clyde and Isobel Patterson who are CAMRA members, have been licensee's at the LAMBTON HOUNDS, PITY ME, for 15 years. Before that Isobel worked in the pub for her father who was licensee. Altogether Isobel has been at Lambton Hounds for 34 years and has worked for Vaux for a total of 41 years.

They are both retiring in April.

THE QUEEN'S HEAD at Framwellgate Moor, which is to be the DURHAM TAP AND SPILE, is the venue for a "cellar" party on Saturday, 6th February in the evening. The "star" of the party will be the Camerons special brew HHH (1048). This beer is a "one-off" brew to commemorate HARLAND HEATH who has retired as director from the board of management.

The only Big Lamp pub in the county outside the Cleveland Arms, Darlington, is set to change to Whitbread. Sadly the turnover of Big Lamp beers at the Odd Fellows Arr Haswell, does not justify continued support from Newcastle's only independent brewery and the licensee William Mealing who has been allowed to buy the pub, will switch to Whitbread starting sometime in February. It is a fact of life that small independents cannot sustain pubs like the Odd Fellows, while national concerns like Whitbread eager to gain a foothold in most areas can "take the strain". One consolation for real beer fans is another outlet for Castle Eden ale which will be hold alongside the key trophy special.

All kinds of used or broken glass removed. Regular empty bottle collection service undertaken. Any time, any quantity, free of charge.

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