



Autumn 2018

Durham Drinker



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- ***Pub adjudicator—may the farce be with you #2***
- ***Beer Festival stories***
- ***It's POTY time again!***
- ***Nominate for Champion Beer of Britain***
- ***Regional award winners***



The Half Moon Inn

Diary Dates:

- September 27th, Meet the Brewer, Bad Seed at the Station House, 7pm
- October 4-6th, Sunderland Beer Festival, The Point, Holmeside
- Tuesday October 9th, 7:30 Branch Meeting, Water House, North Road, Durham
- October 11th—14th Station House beer festival, North Road, Durham
- October 25th, Meet the Brewer, Consett Ale Works at the Station House, 7pm
- Saturday October 27th 2pm, regional award presentation, the Golden Smog, Stockton
- Saturday November 3rd, Regional Meeting, Darlington—venue to be confirmed
- Tuesday November 13th, 7:30, Branch Meeting, Sedgfield Cricket Club
- Friday December 7th, Christmas meal, Three Horse Shoes, Leamside
- Tuesday January 8th, 7:30, Branch Meeting, Victoria, Hallgarth Street, Durham



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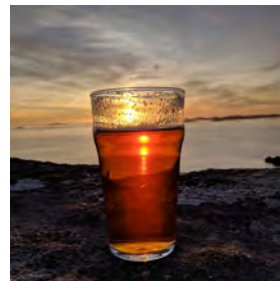
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The Half Moon Inn

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Hello, and welcome to Durham Drinker 130.

We've had the 38th Durham Beer Festival, at a new venue, and things went well, with visitors from far and wide—the chaps pictured on the right travelled all the way from Spain to attend! There are more details on page 12, but many thanks to Ye Old Elm Tree, The Station House, Maxim, Camerons, The Three Horse Shoes Leamside, SPBW Tyne & Wear, T.J. Sawyer, LWC Drinks, The Woodman Inn, and the Victoria for their support.



There have been a lot of comings and goings across the pub scene in our county, with details on pages 22 and 23, and this is a reflection of the situation across the country. Almost 1,300 pubs have closed their doors over the last year—that's 25 every week—meaning that it's more important than ever to support your local.

Finally, we have to report the sad passing of another CAMRA Durham stalwart. Dennis Simpson might have moved to the South West, but he maintained contact with us and visited regularly. Sincere condolences to his family.

Dennis
at the
32nd
Durham
Beer
Festival



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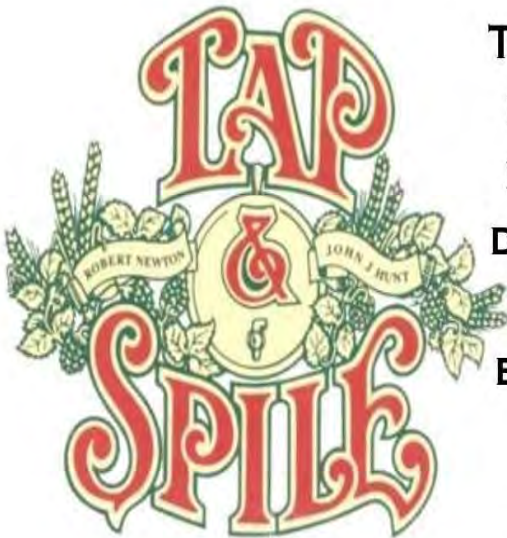
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“Government cannot any longer ignore the failure of the Pubs Code and must now commit to legislate and appoint a new Adjudicator”

The British Pub Confederation, which represent pubs and publicans, has welcomed the conclusion of the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) Select Committee, who have confirmed that the Pubs Code is not working and that the Government must step and intervene.

The Committee, chaired by Rachel Reeves MP, has written to BEIS Minister Richard Harrington to call for urgent action to ensure pub tenants enjoy the rights and protection promised to them by the Pubs Code. This correspondence follows a recent Committee evidence session with the Pubs Code Adjudicator, Paul Newby, and his deputy, Fiona Dickie, to review the operation of the Pubs Code and the performance of the Pubs Code Adjudicator. The evidence sent to the Committee and acknowledged by the Pubs Code Adjudicator clearly showed that the current system isn't working, that tied tenants continue to be exploited and ripped off by pubcos and that the Pubs Code Adjudicator is failing to deal with this. The evidence has shown that some of the big pub companies are gaming the system and bullying tenants by pushing them into accepting poor terms. The Pubs Code is currently failing to deliver either of the two key principles of the legislation; the principle of fair dealing and the principle that tied licensees should not be worse off than free of tie licensees. Instead, as Rachel Reeves MP has described, profits continue to be “hoovered up by these pub giants while the efforts to break free of the tie by these small, local businesses are being frustrated at every turn”.

The Government have called on the Minister to “and not just sit on its hands and wait for the review next year” and has made clear that Parliament will need to revisit the issue and determine whether further legislative changes are required to protect pub tenants. The British Pub Confederation have consistently demonstrated the ongoing failure of Pubs Code and Adjudicator with pubcos using a variety of tactics to the tenant taking the Market Rent Only option. The Confederation have also made clear that there are flaws in the current system, with inadequate powers for the Pubs Code Adjudicator and a lack of clarity about the Market Rent Only option, things that must be rectified.

So far Ministers have ignored the failure of the Code and the dreadful performance of the conflicted Mr Newby and have refused to do anything about it, despite tenants clearly telling BEIS that they are being denied their legal right to access the Market Rent Only option. This is not only unacceptable, but is also subverting the will of Parliament who introduced the legislation.

Greg Mulholland, Chair of the British Pub Confederation, commented saying:

“We welcome the fact that the BEIS Select Committee have now confirmed the reality, that the

Pubs Code is failing to deliver fairness for tied tenants and failing to do what Ministers themselves promised would happen. Tenants are reporting that with some of the companies, pubco behaviour is as bad as ever with tied tenants being ripped off, exploited, and bullied yet Ministers and civil servants keep ignoring this.

“The reality is that no tenants are able to access their legal right to an independently assessed free-of-tie agreement in the way Parliament had intended. It is time that Ministers accepted this reality and acted. They need to conduct a review as soon as possible, but more importantly commit to legislate to put in place a simpler and clearer system that will stop the on-going abuse of tied tenants by pubcos and ensure they can access a genuine Market Rent Only option without this being thwarted or delayed, as is currently happening.

“It’s time they also accepted the glaring reality of the appalling performance of the conflicted and Paul Newby, who has proved beyond doubt how inappropriate it was to appoint a surveyor with links to the pubcos and has demonstrably failed in his basic statutory duty to uphold the Pubs Code. Ministers need to show a bit of courage and sack him and replace him with a non-conflicted lawyer who will both uphold the Code and work with them to deal with the flaws in the system so it works as intended”.

David Mountford, tenant adviser and a British Pub Confederation Steering Group member said,

“We are obviously pleased that the BEIS committee have identified the clear problems with the failing of the PCA and the Code. When we first met Rachel Reeves, shortly after her appointment it was clear that this was an issue in which she was going to give careful consideration and not be rushed. As a result, the Committee have been thorough in investigation the facts, and not just the emotions and have come to the clear decision that the Code is not working, as intended. We welcome this confirmation of something we have been saying since day one and am particularly pleased that tenants who have written to their MPs have and been fobbed off by the Secretary of State, have been vindicated in their clear concerns. We now look forward to Richard Harrington reviewing the Code as a matter of urgency.”

Chris Wright, of the Pubs Advisory Service and a British Pub Confederation Steering Group member said,

“It’s clear to everyone now that Paul Newby’s narrow interpretation of unfair business practices is allowing his former clients off the hook. The bias is clear, he has failed to follow the law because it didn’t suit him & he doesn’t want to stop abusive pubco practices that damage pubs. He needs to be removed and we need to see legislation to give proper powers of adjudication to a non-conflicted adjudicator”.

If you've ever been to York, and you're a Real Ale fan, there's every chance you've visited the Blue Bell on Fossgate.

CAMRA York have raised an online petition to prevent Punch Taverns punishing landlord John Pybus for exercising his right to an improved deal under the pubs code. The initial target of 5,000 signatures was passed in early September, so let's show the Pubco that we, the general public, mean business and see how many signatures can be obtained



To Clive Chesser – Punch Taverns CEO

As CEO of Punch Taverns we call on you to intervene to withdraw the Section 25 (lease termination and eviction) notice which was served on licensee John Pybus at the Blue Bell in response to his attempt to exercise his legal right to an improved deal under the Pubs Code.

We note that the Pubs Code Adjudicator has recently reiterated specific concern regarding the widespread use of Section 25 notices in exactly such circumstances.

We call on Punch to negotiate a new agreement with John, with terms which will allow him to continue his excellent work at this much loved and iconic pub on sustainable terms.

Your hostile actions towards John have been widely publicised and are well understood, not least by the regular customers who are the source of the majority of The Blue Bell's revenue, and who have made it very clear that they will not support the pub under the proposed retail agreement.

You can find the petition on Facebook or www.change.org/p/punch-taverns

What's the real thing?

There seems, even today, some confusion as to what real ale actually is. A visit to our local supermarket will almost certainly reveal a shelf labelled "real ale", but which in fact contains nothing more than British beer. Some of it may well be bottle-conditioned, but the majority won't be, because many people, obviously including supermarket employees, but more worryingly, licensees, seem to believe that if it's darker than lager, it's British, and it's in a bottle, it's real ale. This isn't necessarily the case.



Basically, if it's undergone a secondary fermentation in the vessel from which it's served—bottle, cask, key-keg— and it isn't forced out of that container by direct contact with extraneous carbon dioxide, it's real ale. It's slightly more complicated than that, but basically, if it doesn't, and/or it is, then it isn't.

The Miners Arms at Medomsley, near Consett, has new folks in charge. Tom Maloney, lately of the Ram's Head, Langley Park, has moved in and will be offering a 20p a pint discount to CAMRA members on production of a valid membership card.



There is currently one changing ale, but the plans is for a second pump to be installed and to establish the pub as a real ale destination - with good, home-cooked, food. There will also be a cask and craft loyalty scheme.

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Mr Q's Karaoke

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Festival time—a new beginning

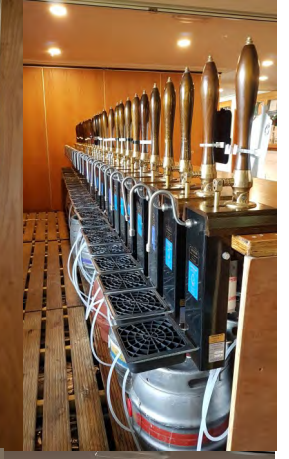
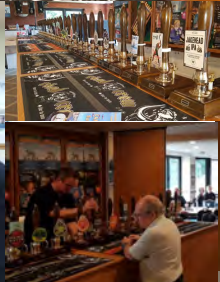
This year's Durham Beer Festival, CAMRA Durham's 38th, saw some big changes, most notably that of the venue. After many years at Dunelm House, that venue became unavailable, so we took a leap of faith and tried somewhere different. To say we were a little nervous about this is a bit of an understatement, but once we'd decided to make the move, we pulled out all the stops and worked with Durham City Rugby Club to make the festival work for the volunteers and, above all, the customers.

Once the first pint had been pulled by Mary Corbett, widow of long-serving committee member John who died earlier this year, it was all systems go. The punters flocked in (about 1,000 of them), and made the most of the views over the rugby pitches, with Mary even getting to watch her grandson Daniel going over the line four times for the Saracens, Durham City's 2nd XV, on Saturday afternoon in their first game of the season.

Festival organiser John Collinson said "It went exceptionally well, I would say above expectations." Extra beer and cider had to be brought in on Friday due to a "tsunami of customers", and this was achieved with the help of a couple of local suppliers. The volunteers certainly put in a shift—or several—not just during opening hours, but in setting up and taking down. It just wouldn't work without their hard work. The venue received positive comments from customers, and John continued "We'll discuss it with the club, but there's a very strong chance we'll be back next year. "

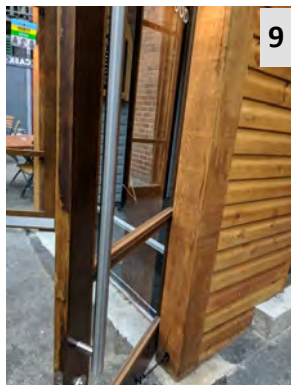
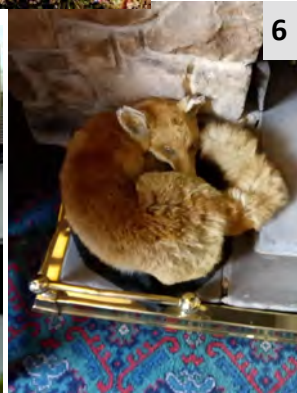
As they say, watch this space! Oh, and opposite there are some images of what went on over the festival.





Picture Quiz

can you name these local hostelries?



Welcome back

After closing its doors in April, things weren't looking too clever for Bishop Auckland's **Welcome**, on Lower Waldron Street, with the doors remaining firmly locked. Then, in late July, came the news that it would be reopening, and it did just that on Wednesday August 8th. The locals returned, wondering what they'd find to be different—and it turned out to be exactly nothing. As they say, if it aint broke, don't fix it. Everything was just the same, and it quickly became apparent that in new licensees Flor and Lucy Kerins, and with the help of their family, the pub has found itself in safe hands.

The Real Ale is as good as ever, but as it's now totally free of tie, there's no restriction on what can be on offer. As in its previous incarnation, there's one beer all the time, and occasionally two. As before, beers from **Yard of Ale** are regular, and as well as that there have been beers from Cross Bay and Allendale.



One new feature is a music quiz, which is held on first Wednesday of each month, and the inaugural event went very well, drawing an impressive number of teams. In these days of pub closures, it's good to see a reopening, proving once again that there's a need for proper community locals like the **Welcome**.



CAMRA members get discount here....

- Italian Farmhouse, Coxhoe: 20p off a pint of Sonnet 43 beer for CAMRA members.
- Court Inn, Durham: 30p off a pint of real ale for CAMRA members.
- Duke of Wellington, Durham: 20p off a pint of cask ale for CAMRA members.
- Hare and Hounds, Westgate: First two pints of Weard'ALE beer half price with an evening meal or Sunday carvery. Table must be booked in advance.
- Market Tavern, Durham: 10% off real ale for CAMRA members.
- Pelaw Grange Greyhound Stadium: free entry to race meetings for CAMRA members.
- The Library, Durham: 10% off real ale for CAMRA members.
- Chilton Country Pub & Hotel, Fencehouses: 15% off real ale and food for CAMRA card carrying members
- The Woodman, Durham: 10% off a pint of real ale for CAMRA card carrying members
- Green Tree, Bishop Auckland: 10p off pint, 5p off half cask ale on production of valid CAMRA membership card
- Durham Brewery, Bowburn: 10% discount for CAMRA members in their brewery shop on production of card
- Head of Steam, Durham: 20p off a pint of cask ale for card carrying CAMRA members
- Church Mouse, Chester Moor: 20p off pint of cask ale to card carrying CAMRA members
- Merry Monk, Bishop Auckland: 20p off pint of cask ale to CAMRA card carrying members
- Newmarket, Tow Law: 20p off pint of cask ale to CAMRA members (outside happy hour)
- Bay Horse, Bishop Auckland: 20p off per pint cask ale to card carrying CAMRA members
- Langley Park, Langley Park 20p off a pint of cask ale to card carrying CAMRA members
- William Hedley, Durham 10% discount on cask ale for CAMRA members
- The Waiting Room, Durham 5% discount on cask ales (not keg) on production of valid CAMRA membership card
- Miners Arms, Medomsley, 20p a pint on production of valid CAMRA membership card

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“I took some DDs to the Ekin Hotel, Marmaris, Mugla province, Turkey, a popular family-run Turkish hotel predominantly frequented by British tourists.

CAMRA, Durham branch member Adi Mileham presented hotel owner

Maumer Bassat with copies of DD by the hotel poolside/reception. A proud "Mo" (to his guests) promptly put them on the hotel bar where the Brits who were there, many of whom had not visited Durham took great interest in the contents and asked a lot of questions about Durham....where to stay, where the best bars for Real Ale were, when would be the best time to plan a trip etc. etc. Quite a few were actually surprised at how much Durham had to offer.



On the downside, Real Ale in Turkey is as rare as the proverbial rocking horse doo dah! All in all a good job done by Durham Drinker.”

Dave Towers

From a boarded-up bookies to Seaham's new pub

Among the many closed shops on Church Street stood William Hill. In the middle of the coldest winter in years, a washed-out accountant was looking for a change of lifestyle and came across the premises and saw the potential to turn it into Seaham's first micropub.

Five months later, **The Coalhouse** was born. After lots of blood and sweat (and a few private tears!) and with the unbelievable skill and hard work of Steve Fennell, the first pints were poured and Seaham finally had a different place for a real pint in a relaxing atmosphere. With its mining theme and a magnificent mural of the three pits painted by local artist, Keith Musgrove, **The Coalhouse** offers something new to the people of Seaham, young and old.

With four regularly rotating cask ales, including a selection from local breweries and microbreweries, and four keg offerings there is always plenty of choice. Real cider, wine and soft drinks are also available and, with being dog-friendly, it's a handy stopping off point for humans and canines alike. There is also a secluded outside area suitable for smokers at the rear.

Next time you happen to be in Seaham why not pop in and see what's on offer?



before



...and after

Brewery News

George Samuel Brewing Company Ltd

The award-winning George Samuel,

of Spennymoor, have added to their core range by introducing beers exclusively for the Merry Monk in Bishop Auckland, brewed under the banner of The Monk Beer Co. The 4% Blonde is a refreshing citrus blonde, coming in at 4%, while the IPA is a well-hopped 5% India Pale Ale.



You'll find them both on the bar at the Merry Monk in Bishop Auckland's Market Place, alongside another ale from the brewery, such as the popular Harvey.



General Knowledge Quiz

1. In which UK city is the National Space Centre?
2. How many stomachs does a cow have?
3. Which band did Graham Nash leave to join up with Crosby and Stills?
4. What herb is used to flavour Lincolnshire Sausages?
5. What is the name of the ship's computer in "Red Dwarf"?
6. In which year was the Great Britain & Ireland team replaced by Team Europe in golf's Ryder Cup?
7. What is the German parliament known as?
8. What were the first names of painter L S Lowry?
9. In which northern English town was the first electric tram service opened in 1885?
10. The church in Kelloe has a memorial to the birth in its parish of a 'great Poetess, a noble woman, a devoted wife' Who was she?

Answers inside back page

Pub and club of the Year, North East Region

The votes have been cast, after the various judging trips by the various NE branches, and the winners are:

Pub of the Year

- 1st The Golden Smog, Stockton Cleveland CAMRA
- 2nd The Victoria, Durham City Durham CAMRA (City Pub)
- 3rd The Steamboat, South Shields Sunderland & South Tyneside CAMRA

Club of the Year

- 1st Haltwhistle Comrades Club, Tyneside & North-
umberland
- 2nd Tanfield Lea Working Men's Club, Durham
CAMRA
- 3rd Darlington Snooker Club, Darlington CAMRA



Cider pub of the Year—the Black Lion, Wolsingham

Congratulations to all, especially our very own Black Lion (again), Victoria, and Tanfield Lea WMC, and thanks to everyone who took part in the surveys and judging trips.



The Good—Real Ale now available

- The Corner House (formerly Black Lion) Sedgefield
- The Farmers Arms (formerly Shadforth Plough) at Shadforth
- Back on at the Brewers Arms, Spennymoor
- Coalhouse, Seaham
- Chester Moor, Chester Moor
- New Market, Tow Law
- Langley Park, Langley Park
- Market Tavern, Chester le Street, after a refurbishment
- The Welcome, Bishop Auckland, after a short closure
- The Coach and Horses, Annfield Plain



The Bad—real ale removed



- Crossings, Wingate
- No. 17, Bishop Auckland
- Hill Top, Stanley
- BR Social Club, Shildon—temporarily!
- Big Jug, Durham—hopefully just a temporary situation



The Ugly—closures

- 18 seven bar, Chester le Street
- Rams Head, Langley Park—reopening due in October after refurbishment
- Hamsteels Inn, Quebec
- Dun Cow, Bournmoor, after a brief reopening.



Bits and bobs...

- Ye Old Elm Tree in Durham has applied for planning permission for a single storey extension and a new terrace
- The Fox Cub at Thinford has reopened after a refit.
- The Victoria at Witton le Wear closed briefly and reopened under new management and local ale available—LocAle accredited
- Hogan's in Willington has changed its name to the Commercial
- The Pollards in Bishop Auckland is now LocAle accredited
- A revised planning application has been submitted to demolish the Pemberton Arms at Cold Heseldon and build houses
- A planning application has been submitted to convert the Grey Horse, Shildon, into apartments and build houses to the rear
- The Shoes at Sacriston is now called the Crossroads Hotel
- The Old Fleece at Bishop Middleham is under new management
- Planning permission has been submitted to demolish the Half Moon at Quarrington Hill
- The New Inn, Durham, is due to open soon as Whitechurch, with real ale promised
- Lord Elliot's, Shildon, is being converted to a coffee shop
- A refurbishment is imminent at the Frog and Ferret, Spennymoor
- The Colpitts, Durham, is undergoing a refurbishment
- The Queens, Gilesgate, has reopened
- The Davey Lamp at Kelloe has closed
- The Impeccable Pig, formerly the Hope, in Sedgfield, has reopened with real ale

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Every CAMRA member has the opportunity to have a say in who wins, so why not get involved and vote for your favourites?

To give beers from all parts of the country an equal chance of being nominated, you vote for beers from YOUR area.

Simply log in with your CAMRA username and password. Durham CAMRA members will be invited to nominate beers submitted from breweries in the North East and Yorkshire in eleven different categories. Nominations are open until 1st November, and the final judging of all beers that get through the regional stages will take place at 2019's Great British Beer Festival.

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Our chairman, John Collinson, has been building a bit of a reputation for saving you time on your jollies by travelling the globe and identifying which beers are worth trying. His latest excursions have taken him to Spain and Portugal, and he's stuck to his task by finding beers no necessarily associated with package holidays.



Keler is a Trappist/Dutch style beer, from a brewery who have links to the Barcelona Brewery Estrella Damm. This had a sweet honey taste. Colegiata is a subtle amber ale from Cantabria, while A.K. Damm is a rich brew from Estrella. Super Bock Stout is a stable-mate of Pale Ale and Saison beers, found by John in Porto.



It just shows that you don't have to knot a hankie on your head and settle for the usual fizz. There is good stuff abroad, and John will find it if he can.



A Heartening Tale (or ACV's do work)

Twenty five miles north-west of Newcastle, just off the A696 three miles east of Otterburn, lies the intriguing village of Elsdon, packed with historic gems – including one of the best-preserved Motte and Bailey castles in Britain. It was built in 1080 by Robert de Umfraville, a close pal of William the conqueror, abandoned in 1157, and is now freely accessible. There is also a perfectly preserved pele tower constructed in 1400, which can be viewed from the driveway. St Cuthbert's church lies in the middle of the large village green, on the route the monks took St Cuthbert's with body to avoid the Vikings. Originally built in 1100, it was extensively rebuilt in late C14 - possibly in response to damage in the battle of Otterburn in 1388.

But this is **Durham Drinker**, so enough of the history and down to the nitty-gritty - we are really here to talk about pubs and beer. It might be outside our CAMRA Durham area, but it's near a main route north, it has a pub, the Bird in Bush, and we like to give you somewhere to aim for on your travels beyond our boundaries. The pub had been run down over the ages, didn't sell real ale, and in 2015 was put up for sale as a private house. However, the locals revolted and got an asset of community value (ACV) put on the premises, which meant that the owners had to give 6 months grace before selling as a house in order for someone to have the chance to buy it as going concern.

Just like our very own Stapleton Arms at Hawthorn, two locals did step in: in this case, Steven Shaw and Katie Bland. They lived across the huge 17-acre green from the pub. They realised how vital a pub is to such a small and isolated community, and they bought it in 2015. Lots of repairs and renovations were needed, including a new floor, and plastering the walls. A loan from Marston's allowed them to renovate the cellar, with the result that Marston's ales had to be on offer. After months of hard work, they reopened in 2016, and there are plans to have three quest rooms

At the back of the pub lie some outbuildings, and, yes, there's a brewery. The First and Last brewery (in England that is, it being only 20 miles from the Scottish border) is owned by Red and Sam Kelly, who previously worked in the Twice Brewed brewery on Hadrian's wall some 20 miles to the south, and they were happy to show me around the five-barrel plant, which opened in April and showcased itself with an open day in May.



They currently produce fourbeers: Drove Road Pale Ale at 3.8%, Equinox Citra Pale Ale at 4.2 %, (both of which were on offer when I visited), Stell Stout, at 4.2%, and Reiver Best Bitter, also at 4.2%.

The pub is open 7-11 Thursday, 3-11 Friday, and from noon on Saturday and Sunday. It's well worth the visit if you're heading north, for the history alone - but add the pub, and things get even better.



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Pub of the Year nominations

As last year we will be opening Pub and Club of the Year nominations by members (for 2019) at the Durham Beer Festival as it did increase participation last time.

This year we want to try something a bit different. In all previous years the Town Pub of the Year has been won deservedly by pubs in Durham City and there has been the opportunity for the country pubs to win their competition. However given the population spread of the county we feel that the pubs in the other towns in our area get less of a chance in being recognised as good real ale pubs in the county.

So this year we are going to try three categories:

City Pub of the Year

Town Pub of the Year

Country Pub of the Year

The City category will be for Durham City pubs.

The Towns category will hopefully engender some competition for the best pub across our towns. For this, the towns will be defined as:

Bishop Auckland, Chester-le-Street, Consett, Crook, Ferryhill, Peterlee, Seaham, Sedgefield, Shildon, Spennymoor, Stanley, and Tow Law.

This is advance notice as the nomination form may look a bit more complicated, but it will give you a chance to seek out some of our urban pubs!

There will be opportunities to nominate by email - send your nominations to

pubsofficer@camradurham.org.uk or <https://www.camradurham.org.uk/poty> and at branch meetings.

We will do the same for the cider pub nominations. There will be a prize draw amongst members taking the time to nominate. Then later we will arrange some judging trips and decide the category winners and which go forward to the regional stage.

CAMRA Durham Pubs and Club of the Year Nominations 2019

Durham CAMRA members are invited to nominate the Pubs and Club in our branch area which should be considered to hold the titles next year for the categories below. Winners in each category will go forward to the regional stage in 2019.

For information when judging a pub in the later stages of the competition the following criteria and marking system is used.

Quality of Real Ale/Cider/Perry (score out of 20) Style, Décor, Furnishing & Cleanliness (score out of 10) Service, Welcome & Offering (score out of 10) Community Focus & Atmosphere (score out of 10) Alignment with CAMRA Principles (score out of 10) Overall Impression (score out of 10) Total maximum score - 70

All members submitting nominations will be entered into a draw for a beer related prize

Competition	Nomination of Pub/Club and Location
Durham City Pub of the Year 2019	
Town (*) Pub of the Year 2019	
Country Pub of the Year 2019	
Club of the Year 2019	
Durham City Cider Pub of the	
Town (*) Cider Pub of the Year	
Country Cider Pub of the Year 2019	

(*) Town refers to any of BISHOP AUCKLAND, CHESTER-LE-STREET, CONSETT, CROOK, FERRYHILL, PETERLEE, SEAHAM, SEDGEFIELD, SPENNYMOOR, STANLEY and TOW LAW

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Please email nominations to pubsofficer@camradurham.org.uk by October 31st 2018

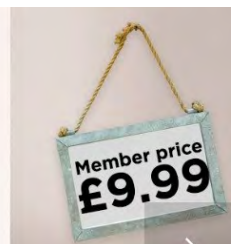
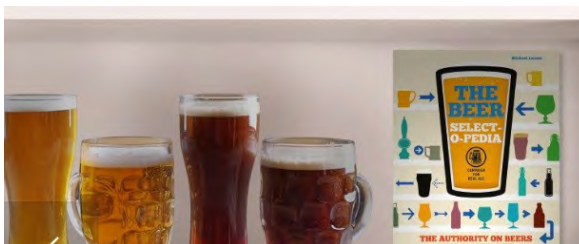


The Answers Bit...

Picture Quiz. 1 = Ye Old Elm Tree, Durham, 2= The Sun Inn, Beamish, 3 = The Shakespeare, Durham, 4 = The Pollards, Bishop Auckland, 5 = The Farmers Arms, Shadforth, 6 = The Dun Cow, Witton le Wear, 7 = The Welcome, Bishop Auckland, 8 = The Cross Keys, Eastgate, 9 = The Head of Steam, Durham, 10 = The Half Moon, Durham

Grand Autumn Quiz.

1. Leicester, 2. Four, 3. The Hollies, 4. Sage, 5. Holly ,6. 1979, 7. Bundestag, 8. Lawrence Stephen, 9. Blackpool, 10 Elizabeth Barrett Browning



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