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- *DD gets about even more >>>>>>>>>>*
- *Pub adjudicator: may the farce be with you #3*
- *Your voice counts: Pubco backs down*
- *Durham Brewery wins national accolade*

The Half Moon Inn

Diary Dates:

- Tuesday January 8th, 7:30—Branch Meeting, Victoria, Hallgarth Street, Durham
- Saturday January 19th—walking social and pub judging day in Durham city. Details to follow—check the website!
- Saturday January 26th—trip to Beamish Beer Festival, which starts on 25th. Details to follow
- Monday February 11th, 7:30—Branch Meeting, Smiths Arms, Castle Dene nr Chester le Street. Bus from Durham will be arranged
- Saturday February 16th—Social and pub judging trip. Details to follow.
- February 19th-23rd—Great British Winter Beer Festival, Norwich
- February 21st—24th. Beer Festival, the Grey Horse, Consett
- March 13th-17th, Station House beer festival, Durham
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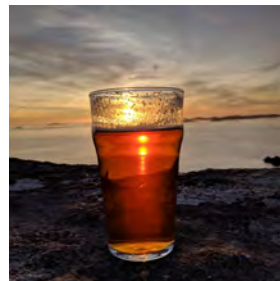
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Hello, and welcome to Durham Drinker 131

The nominations are in for CAMRA Durham's Pub and Club of the Year awards, and the shortlist has been drawn up based on these. Members will be visiting all of the nominated premises over the coming weeks, and here will be a number of "judging days" - see "Diary Dates" for when, as we'd love you to come along and give your opinion. The more the merrier, as they say, and the wider range of thoughts, the better represented the thoughts of the membership will be

As ever, there have been openings, closures, and renovations, in line with the national trends in the pub industry. More details can be found in the article on page 7—suffice to say, Durham is no different to the rest of the country.

There has also been a Silver award for Durham Brewery's Temptation in the Champion Bottled Beer of Britain competition. However, for every up, there seems to be a down, with George Samuel brewery in line for closure. After coming third, second, and first in the Durham Beer Festival Battle of the Beers, there was undoubtedly good ale coming from the Spennymoor brewery, so it's very sad to lose it.

Swings and roundabouts, I suppose, but please keep enjoying the good range of quality local ale that is available .

Paul Dobson

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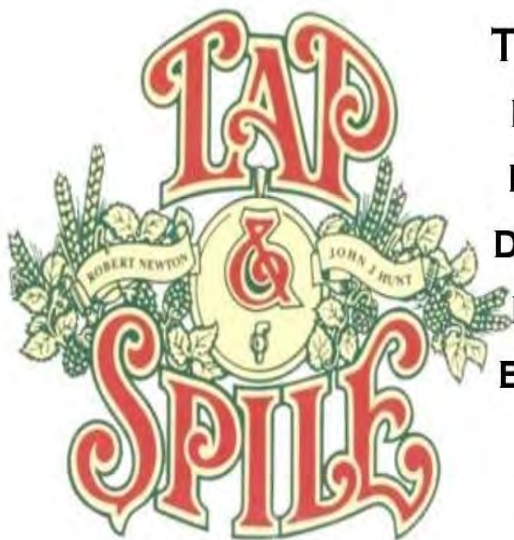
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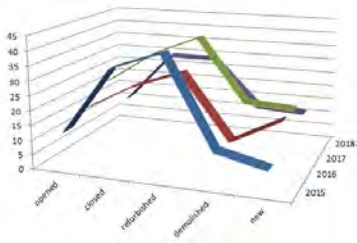
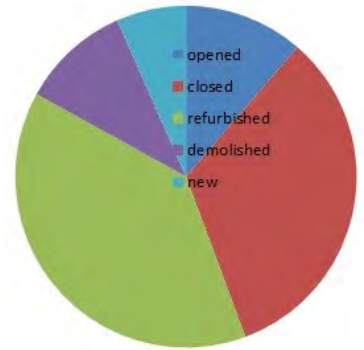
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The statistical bit.....

We're constantly reading and writing about pubs closing, being renovated, and reopening, so here's some meat on the bones of those discussions. Figures have just been released which reveal that a quarter of pubs have closed in the last decade. One in every four pubs that were available to someone entering the pub scene have gone before they reached the age of twenty eight, which is some going.



The Office for National statistics tells us that over 11,000 pubs have closed since 2008. Pubs that have suffered least are the larger ones, which employ more than ten staff and which focus on food. Apparently Birmingham has suffered a higher proportion of closures, with 220 pubs closing over that period,

while Hackney, in London is at the other end of the scale, as thirty pubs have opened there.

So it's far from being just Durham where things change, and I think it's fair to say that the last decade has seen more changes in the pub industry than any other. With the emphasis moving to food, the advent of the Micropub, the antics of PubCos, and the change in the nation's drinking habits, it's been a fairly hectic period in the industry. In recent weeks we've seen the reopening of the Hope Inn as the Impeccable Pig, the neighbouring Black Lion as the Corner House, and not too long ago the Crosshill Hotel became the Pickled Parson— all within a few yard of each other in Sedgefield, and all offering real ale. All of this goes to show that pubs are constantly changing as they strive to attract custom, but what can always be said is “use them or lose them.”



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While the editor might have forgotten to take issue 130 to the Algarve recently, he did manage to get it to Shrewsbury, Plymouth, Doncaster, and Lichfield. Locale co-ordinator Joe Davison got copies to various locations in Dumfries and Galloway, but CAMRA Durham member Adi Mileham has been on his travels again.

This time, it was to the Costa del DD, more specifically to Fuengirola, Costa del Sol, in Spain. Most prominently, he got the magazine into **Majesty's Bar**, which is owned and run by Danny, a British ex pat, and it's a real 'cor blimey' English pub.

As you'd expect, Majesty's is frequented by a lot of British ex pats and holidaymakers.

It's a small pub with big screen TV, pool table, free WiFi and a nice drop of beer to cool you off.



Adi even took a back issue to keep the library topped up

Danny and his team are really welcoming and can't do enough for you — and the locals are a friendly bunch too. Definitely a nice place to while away the afternoon in the sun, while catching up with all matters CAMRA and real ale back in the land of the Prince Bishops.



Why not send us your snaps of DDs in exotic locations?

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

...is how we started our now traditional Pubs Watchdog-bashing article in DD 130. This time, we can report that the Watchdog itself has informed tenants that the Statutory Pubs Code, which was created to allow tenants to get a fair deal from their Pubcos, simply doesn't work when they try to break free from the oppressive beer tie.

Publicans who've been trying to exercise their legal right to a Market Rent Only deal—which would allow them to buy beer at a price not inflated by the Pubco—have found that unaffordable rents and/or huge deposits have been forced on them.

If you've been reading DD for a while, you're probably familiar with the (non) activities of Paul Newby in his role as adjudicator, in which he's supposed to investigate disputes. This has simply not happened, even after the appointment of deputy Fiona Dickie to speed things up. Unfortunately, she's spent all of her time trying to decide what exactly is or isn't unreasonable in terms of a contract. One of her more baffling instructions has been to tell Pubcos to rewrite an MRO agreement without telling them which part she considered unfair. Result? More costly delays.

An easier way would be to simply amend the existing agreement to remove the tie-related bits, and move to an open market rent agreement. Of course, Pubcos draw up new agreements with the associated fees and charges.

When Newby and Dickie met with campaigners, she claimed that the above simple option was not what the pubs code was there for, which basically kills the MRO option. Even if a Pubco is told an MRO agreement is unfair, all they have to do is keep submitting it until the tenant runs out of money and admits defeat.

Far from providing the option for tenants to pay a fair market rent, like free-or-tie publicans, which was its original objective, the Pubs Code seems more likely to preserve the interests of the Pubcos at the expense of the tenants it was supposed to help.

Bonny Dundee



We've had an unprecedented response to our call to register attendance of the 2019 Members' Weekend, AGM & Conference in Dundee next April. Not surprisingly, over 750 members have already put their names down as it's 8 years since the event was held in Scotland. Over the Weekend you can discover great breweries and pubs; relax in the Members' Bar within the Caird Hall; take part in the AGM & Conference and join in discussions too. CAMRA Durham sent Dr Jones along to check out the lie of the land....

Once famed for jute, jam and journalism, Dundee had become very worn down over last few decades, but has of late had somewhat of a renaissance, perhaps best expressed through the opening of the first V&A museum outside London, in October this year.

Dundee is also the site of next year's CAMRA conference, but is also moderately well blessed with some stunning pubs which are recognised by CAMRA's National inventory of pub interiors

The best pub in my opinion is the **Speedwell Bar** or "mennies" at 165 Perth road, DD2 1AS, about a mile west of city centre near the University. Built in 1903 and in remarkable state of preservation, it boasts a mosaic floor, wall panelling, original fireplaces, a magnificent mahogany gan-





try and anaglypta Jacobean ceiling. The hidden gem is the gents loo, which has a mosaic floor and white tiling. The pub sells three real ales on a revolving basis, and a nice touch is that you are welcome to bring your own food to eat - excluding fish and chips or curries!

Further to the North near Dundee United football ground lies **Frews Bar**, 117 Strathmartin Road, DD3 7SD. A three roomed pub built in Art Deco style in 1915, it has a gantry with bevelled mir-

guess what?



rors. The lounge to the right has stylish interwar panelling and bell-pushes, while a further lounge at the rear is only open weekend evenings. The pub sells one real ale which was Deuchars IPA on the occasion of my visit.

A non –real ale outlet called the **Clep Bar** lies at 96 Clepington Road DD3 7SW about ½ mile east of Frews Bar, even nearer the Dundee United football ground. It was converted from two shops in 1940, unusual in that very few pubs were built during the war, and features a bar, lounge, and jug and bottle bar. The lounge has partitions have seating bays with bell-pushes, and a leaded window advertising Bernard's Edinburgh ales.



There you have it—among the pubs that serve good beer, including the Phoenix, the Lab, and the Mayfly—are some that are worth an extra look because of their architectural status as part of the National Inventory. Enjoy!

The Joiners Arms, Hunwick

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 - *Listed in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide*
 - *Meals Wednesday to Saturday evenings*
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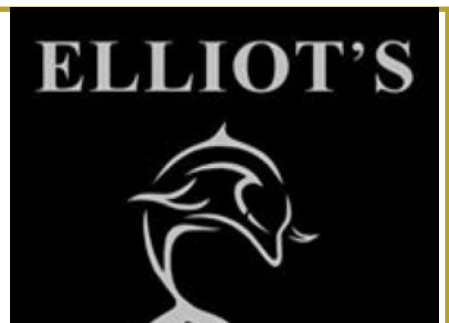
CONGRATULATIONS!



Many congratulations to Steve and the team at **Durham Brewery**, on the Silver awarded to their 10% **Temptation Imperial Russian Stout** in CAMRA's Champion Bottled Beer of Britain. An awful lot of thought, skill, and patience has gone into creating this masterpiece, resulting in this prestigious national award.

Well done on doing Durham proud!

Another addition to the real ale scene in Crook is **Elliot's** bar and restaurant. Formerly Lotty's, and opposite the football ground on Commercial Street, there are initially three ales on offer in a smartly refurbished pub.



Grand Winter Quiz

1. What were T S Eliot's first names?
2. What was the first frozen vegetable to be available in the UK?
3. In which city was the U.S. leg of the Live Aid concert held in July 1985?
4. Which chemical element has a name meaning "The Sun" in Greek?
5. The geographic region of Patagonia is situated between which two South American countries?
6. In which city would you find cricket's WACA ground?
7. If you cross the border to Scotland at Carter Bar on which main road would you be travelling?
8. Which is the only marsupial native to the Americas?
9. Which European country became the first to issue banknotes in 1661?
10. Who played Ebenezer Scrooge in 1992's "The Muppet Christmas Carol"?

Answers inside the back page



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The Bell still tolls

In the last issue of DD, we encouraged you to consider the plight of John Pybus at the Blue Bell in York, one of the city's most popular pubs. Punch Taverns were planning to replace him with a manager, but people power has apparently saved the day, and he's recently signed a six year lease.

The problems began when John used new legislation to get a fair deal on rent and purchasing with the building owners, but after spending a lot of money, he gave up six months later due to the Pubco having seemingly infinite financial resources. After he explained to customers that he'd be leaving, York CAMRA set up an on-line petition urging Punch Taverns to reconsider, and 6,500 people were concerned enough to sign it. This meant that the Pubco CEO met face to face with John, and the result is a new lease. It's not free from tie, but it does guarantee John will be there for another six years, and prevents the Pubco from installing a manager. A victory for the individual against the might of the big corporations, and a perfect example of "if it aint broke, don't fix it."

However, this is far from a unique case, and similar situations are occurring across the country. The victory shows that people power can overturn such decisions, and that the Pubcos don't always have to win.



Bits and Bobs

- Seaham's Crow's Nest is undergoing a refurbishment and will be open by the time you read this
- The Black Bull in Trimdon Village is being refurbished
- New fires are among the refurbishments at the Pollards in Bishop Auckland
- The William Hedley, on North Road in Durham, has reopened after refurbishment and now offers four real ales. It will be LocAle accredited to reflect the fact that at least one of the four will be a local brew. Featured so far have been Rivet Catcher from the Great North Eastern Brewing Company, Allendale Pennine Pale, Taylor's Landlord, and Doom Bar—and there's a cask loyalty card, with six "stamps" earning you a free pint
- The opening of the Village Tavern in Coxhoe (formerly the Red Lion) has been delayed slightly, but should take place soon.

New face

Welcome to Craig Pritchard, the new host at the **Bay Horse**, Bishop Auckland. Craig has committed to continuing the tradition of Real Ale at the "Hoss", alongside a real cider.

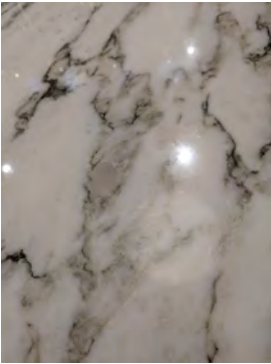


Old favourites like Double Maxim and Hobgoblin will continue to feature, as well as brews from further afield, such as Ossett Big Red, which has proved very popular. The range will vary from week to week, offering drinkers the chance to try something new on a regular basis.

Picture Quiz

can you name these local hostelrys?

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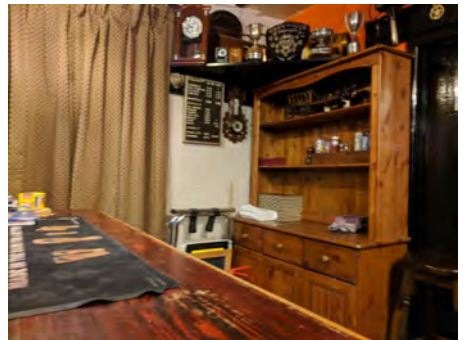
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Winter Wonderland

JD Wetherspoon have released tasting notes for the guest beers available for the rest of the year, and there are some real goodies on the list.

As well as the favourites that are available all year, like Hook Norton Old Hooky and Thornbridge Jaipur, we have the seasonally-themed ales that always pop up at this time of year. See which name catches your attention first....(warning, seasonal puns may occur)

They include.....Admans Shingle Shells, Banks & Taylor Santa's Slayer, Mordue Winter Tyne, Butcombe Chris Moose, Wychwood Bah Humbug, Burton Bridge Santi-Freeze, Milestone Comet, Maxim Santastic, JW Lees Plum Pudding, Titanic Plum Porter., Exmoor Exmas, Coach House Christmas Stocking, Hook Norton Twelve Days, and Woods Christmas Cracker.

The seasonal list also includes more traditionally-named winter ales such as Wadworth Bishop's Tipple, Nethergate Old Growler, Long Man Inn Keeper, Arundel Winter Knights.

There's a nice leaflet available with tasting notes so that you can peruse the list at your leisure and decide which description (or name) suits your taste (or mood)

Merry Christmas!

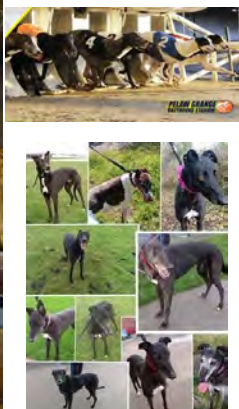


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- Italian Farmhouse, Coxhoe: 20p off a pint of Sonnet 43 beer for CAMRA members.
- Court Inn, Durham: 30p off a pint of real ale for CAMRA members.
- Duke of Wellington, Durham: 20p off a pint of cask ale for CAMRA members.
- Hare and Hounds, Westgate: 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
- 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
- Three Bridges, 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
- Packhorse, Burnopfield, 10% off real ale on production of valid CAMRA card

Please let us know if you find anywhere else being nice to us, as we might have missed some

Gone to the dogs....literally. CAMRA Durham enjoyed an afternoon at **Pelaw Grange** track in November, where ales from Three Brothers (Shield Maiden) and Working Hand (More Choke Jackie) were on offer—from the wood. Somehow, Nick Young managed to win something while the rest looked on in disbelief.



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The Good—Real Ale now available

- Hobgoblin at the Station, Newgate Street, Bishop Auckland
- Whitechurch, formerly the New Inn, Durham, has reopened with four ales on offer
- The William Hedley , Durham, has reopened as the Three Bridges with four real ales
- The Daleside, Croxdale, has got real ale back on, starting with Daleside Old Legover
- Elliot's Bar and Restaurant has opened in Crook, offering three ales from the Marston range



The Bad—real ale removed



- Newmarket, Tow Law



The Ugly—closures

- Dun Cow, Bournmoor—but it will reopen in the New Year
- George Samuel brewery is closing



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New hosts at the **Grey Horse, Consett** are Sandra and Dave Wilkinson, formerly of the Grand and the Bay Horse in Bishop Auckland. One of their firsts acts was to remove the contentious Autovac system. Also known as economisers, they were commonly used in Yorkshire, but what are they and how do they work? *Well, they enable beer which overspills during dispense to be re-introduced into the dispensing pump where it is mixed with beer freshly drawn from the cask. In some cases the beer is filtered before it is re-introduced, in other devices no filtering takes place. In some cases the device re-introduces beer which has been deliberately spilt during the process of achieving a light creamy head, in other cases, beer which has been overspilled unintentionally is collected and re-syphoned back into the next glass of beer. The prime aim of such devices is to prevent wastage of the beer by overspill.*

Glad you asked? Probably not.

Anyway, they're gone, and the pub continues to offer a range of Consett and guest ales.



The Stapylton Arms, Hawthorn

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refurbishment*

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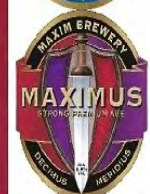


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Whatpub is CAMRA's online database of pubs and one thing the branch has to do is keep the information on pubs in our area as up to date as possible.

The link below gives the 234 (yes, 234)) pubs in the Durham branch area that we believe serve real ale, and shows the facilities they offer. Any missing, anything wrong? We would really appreciate help from you when you visit (or run) a pub in keeping this correct. We try but we can't get to them all as often as we would like.

You can easily search for pubs anywhere in the country and there is a 'submit updates' button on every entry so that you can add any information you feel is inaccurate or missing.

It also gives you the chance to rate the beer— log in by entering your membership number and password, which will be your postcode until you change it.

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