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The **FREE** quarterly newsletter from the Sunderland & South Tyneside branch of CAMRA

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF CAMRA IN SUNDERLAND & SOUTH TYNESIDE

Twenty-five years ago, a group of members of the beer drinker's champion, the Campaign for Real Ale met at the Salem Hotel in Hendon to form the Sunderland Branch of the Campaign.

At that time, there were few pubs in the area that sold cask conditioned beer. Most pubs and clubs sold characterless keg and tank beers. If you turn to page 3, you will find a list of the pubs that made up our entries in the 1977 Good Beer Guide. To contrast how things of changed, the 2002 selection is printed next to it.

Another re-organisation of CAMRA saw us joined by members living in South Tyneside.

Over the last quarter of a century, there have been many changes in the world of brewing and pubs - not all have been positive.

The low point came in 1999 when Vaux Brewery was closed, most of the pubs sold and local beers replaced by a selection of uninteresting national brands. All that remains of Vaux are few pubs still wearing the Vaux colours and the sad decaying brewery site on the edge of the city centre.

The good news is that brewing returned to the city in January when Darwin Brewery moved in to a site in Back Tatham Street Hendon from Crook.

Darwin has introduced a new beer to celebrate the return of brewing to the city **Sunderland Best.**

As well as the return of brewing to Sunderland, we eagerly await the reopening of the Robin Hood Pub in Primrose Jarrow. The pub will also be the home of the **Jarrow Brewing Company.** This will be the first commercial brewery in Jarrow for almost 100 years and the first in South Tyneside since the closure of the Westoe Brewery in 1960.

Join us in this, the first issue of our new magazine and celebrate 25 years of local real ale campaigning.

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Welcome

Letter from the Editor

Welcome to the first edition of CAMRA ANGLE, the quarterly newsletter of the Sunderland and South Tyneside branch of the Campaign for Real Ale.

**** Its FREE ****

We hope to produce this on a quarterly basis and to make it available in as many of our local real ale outlets as possible.

The content will be articles written by our members about local pubs and clubs with reviews of past events and upcoming future events.

We hope to include information on suggested routes for pub crawls, or for the more athletic readers local walks which end in a real ale pub or club.

Some of the pages of each edition will be a list of pubs and clubs in our area selling real ale.

Other pages will consist of articles written by our members giving information on how to find one of the pubs or clubs and what to expect when you get there.

CAMRA's mission is to act as champion of the consumer in relation to the UK and European beer and drinks industry. It aims to:

- ◆ Maintain consumer rights.
- ◆ Promote quality, choice and value for money.
- ◆ Support the public house as a focus of community life.

- ◆ Campaign for greater appreciation of traditional beers, ciders and perries as part of national heritage and culture.
- ◆ Seek improvements in all licensed premises and throughout the brewing industry.
- ◆ CAMRA also seeks to promote real cider and perry through a sub-organisation called APPLE. Like ale, these are traditional British drinks and like ale, the traditional product is very different from the 'dead' version.

We welcome comments & submissions from fellow drinkers which can be sent to our branch e-mail address which is sunstynecamra@netscape.net or posted to the Editor.

THANK YOU FOR PUTTING UP WITH US!

We would like to extend our thanks to the following pubs for allowing us to hold Branch meetings and for allowing us to drink their excellent cask beers over the years:

Chichester Arms, *South Shields*
Victoria Gardens, *Hendon, Sunderland*
Dougies Tavern, *Hebburn*
Smugglers, *Marine Walk, Roker*
Steamboat, *Mill Dam, South Shields*
King's Arms, *Deptford, Sunderland*
Bamburgh, *Coast Road, South Shields*
Saltgrass, *Deptford, Sunderland*
Greyhound, *Hedworth*

And a special mention to **Mid Boldon Club**, *East Boldon* for allowing us to hold our monthly committee meetings.

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THEN AND NOW GOOD BEER GUIDE ENTRIES

1977

Cox Green - *Oddfellows Arms*

Fatfield- *George*

Hetton le Hole - *Caroline, Prince of Wales*

Marsden - *White Horse*

Penshaw - *Bird in Hand*

Shiney Row - *Travellers Rest, Wheatsheaf*

South Shields - *Adam & Eve, Harbour Lights, Pickwick Arms*

Sunderland - *Brewery Tap, Caledonia, Jovial Friar, Scotch House*

Washington - *Washington Arms*

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East Boldon - *Grey Horse*

Hebburn - *Dougie's Tavern*

Jarrow - *Ben Lomond*

North Hylton - *Shipwrights*

Ryhope - *Catholic Club*

South Shields: *Alum Ale House, Beacon, Chichester Arms, Dolly Peel, Riverside, Stag's Head, Steamboat*

Sunderland: *Fitzgerald's, Harbour View, King's Arms, Ropery, Saltgrass, Smugglers, William Jameson*

Washington: *Sandpiper, Steppes.*

TWENTY-FIVE NOT OUT FOR THE SHIPWRIGHTS

Take a look at the Now and Then column where we list the pubs in the area in the 1977 Good Beer Guide with the current edition.



Although most of the pubs are still there, none of them are still with us. The 1978 edition of the Guide was the first one where the Sunderland Branch

made its own selection for the Guide. If you look at every issue of the Guide since, you will quickly notice that only one pub in the area has been in every issue of the Guide since :-

The Shipwrights at North Hylton.

The pub sits in the shadow of the Hylton Bridge at the foot of Ferryboat Lane looking out over the Wear on what was the old riverside road to Durham. During its 350-year history, it has served as a ships chandler, a post office, and a fire station. It was also a place where men were press ganged in to the navy. The press gangs original cosh is on display in the pub.

The pub itself has two rooms with exposed beams and low ceilings and in winter is dominated by a roaring open fire. An impressive collection of chamber pots adorns the walls.

For the last 22 years the pub has been run by Maureen and Tony Atwill and has built an excellent reputation for the its food. The menu includes venison, alligator, crocodile, kangaroo, and ostrich. In addition to being a Good Beer Guide stalwart, the Shipwrights also appears regularly in two other CAMRA Guides - Good Pub Food and Room at the Inn - a guide to real ale pubs offering accommodation.

Until 1999, the pub was operated by Vaux but is now owned by Pubmaster.

Three regular cask ales are on sale - Greene King Abbot, Jennings Cumberland, and Marston Pedigree. The range is complemented by guest ale.

Sunderland and South Tyneside CAMRA will be making a presentation to mark their quarter century in the Good Beer Guide. More about the event will appear in the next issue.

The Shipwrights is open weekdays from 12 to 3 daily and 5 to 11 weekdays and 7 to 10:30 on Sunday and is easily accessible from Wear Buses services 135, 136 and 163. - M. Wynne

PUB AND BEER NEWS

February saw the opening of the **William de Wessington** in Concord, Washington. This is the fourth JD Wetherspoon outlet in our area and features everything that one has come to expect from the chain-bargain priced beer, value money food.

J D Wetherspoon have pulled abandoned plans to open a Lloyds Number One in the old Homeflair blind shop in Crowtree Road. They are, however, pressing ahead with the second Sunderland outlet in Green Terrace.

On Thursday 21st March, Frank Nicholson, former MD of Vaux, performed the official launch of Darwin Brewery. The launch took place at Fitzgerald's in Green Terrace, Sunderland. The brewery's new beer **Sunderland Best** was launched and was received so well that it is now on sale at the pub permanently.

The launch also saw 10 beers from the brewery on sale at the pub including the knock-out 8.3% Extinction Ale.

Sunderland Best has also been available at the Kings Arms, Harbour View, Smugglers, the Victoria Gardens and the William Jameson. Other Darwin beers, Quaker's Ghost and Penshaw Pint have also been spotted in local Wetherspoons outlets.

The Borough in Vine Place Sunderland re-opened after a brief refurbishment. Cask ales are still available with Theakston Best Bitter on sale at £2.09 a pint.

The Riverside in Mill Dam South Shields, our branch pub of the year since 1999 and North East Pub of the Year in 2000 has been sold to New Century. The new

tenant who took over on 14 May is Paul Hedley who also owns Dougies Tavern in Hebburn. John McKay will be managing the pub.

The Robin Hood at Primrose Jarrow reopened on 2 May under the ownership of Jess McConnell who also runs the Big River (Albion) at Bill Quay; the pub will also be the home of the **Jarrow Brewing Company**. Four beers are expected to be brewed for the pub. The range is expected to be **Old Cornelius** named after Jarrow Crusade veteran Con Whalen, **Jarrow Bitter**, **Riley's Army Bitter**, and **Jobling's Swinging Gibbet**. Six cask beers and Weston's Old Rosie real cider are on sale.

To mark the 500th guest ale sold at the **Alum Ale House, Durham Celebration 500** made an appearance in April.

The Marsden Grotto reopened on Good Friday as **Tavistock at the Grotto**. Two cask beers are on sale – Marston Pedigree and Courage Directors.

A tasting panel at the recent Newcastle Beer Festival chose CAMRAs North East Beer of the Year.

The local CAMRA branches choose the beers for the competition from beers brewed regularly in Northumberland, Durham and Tyne and Wear. The winner is entered in the Champion Beer of Britain competition held the Great British Beer Festival at London's Olympia in August.

In a blind tasting, the overall winner was **Durham Magus. Darwin Durham Light Ale** was second with **Mordue's Millennium Bridge** third and **Darwin Richmond Ale** fourth. - M.Wynne

Great British Beer Festival 2002

This year's Great British Beer Festival takes place from 6th-10th August at London Olympia. This annual celebration of Britain's best beers is not to be missed with its great pub atmosphere, huge selection of beer styles as well as live music on each day. This year sees a wide variety of musicians including Humphrey Lyttleton, Paul Jones and Dave Kelly from the Blues Band as well as brass bands and string quartets, so there really should be music to suit all tastes. Pub quizzes, tombolas, pub games, wandering entertainers and auctions also provide entertainment throughout the festival.



As well as a huge selection of ales, there is also cider, perry and some of the finest beers from around the world including real lagers. The choice can be overwhelming with over seven hundred different beverages on sale but fortunately we provide tasting notes for many of the beers to help you make your selection and our knowledgeable bar staff are also able to provide guidance. There is a fantastic selection of food available at all times to help soak up the alcohol. If you wish to bring children there is a Family Room for under 18s with entertainers and games, however supervision must be provided by a family member.

WIN A FREE TRIP TO THE HOME OF CZECH BEER
Budvar, the Czech brewer of the celebrated Budweiser Budvar beer, is donating a unique prize which you only can win if you become a CAMRA member at the Great British Beer Festival. Join CAMRA for just £16 and win a free trip to the

Budvar brewery in the Czech Republic. All new members will be entered into the prize draw at the end of the festival and one lucky winner and their guest will be taken to Prague and the Budvar brewery for a long weekend on an all expenses-paid trip which will include a night in Prague and a tour of the Budvar brewery. If you've thought about joining CAMRA before, now is the time to do it and have the chance to win this unforgettable prize!

Don't miss the Great British Beer Festival this year, it has everything you could want for an enjoyable day out and is open late on the 7th, 8th and 9th August. You can find out more including all the opening times by checking out our website,

www.gbbf.org.uk

phoning our information line on 0900 525 2525 (calls charged at 60p per minute). You can even book your ticket in advance by telephoning 0870 739 7500.

The Competition...

Win free tickets to the biggest pub in the world. All correct entries will be entered into a prize draw to win tickets to the Great British Beer Festival. Either 6 Trade or 10 Public tickets are up for grabs!

Questions:

1. What order of monks is famous for brewing in Belgium?
2. How many pints are in a quart?
3. What is the first name of the Queen Vic in Eastenders latest landlady?
4. Which brewery won Champion Beer of Britain at last year's Great British Beer Festival (for Jeffrey Hudson Bitter)?
5. Which bird is associated with Guinness?
6. Which brewery is famous for Pedigree?
7. Which organization puts on the Great British Beer Festival?
8. In which German city is Holsten Pils produced?

Answers to reach the Editor via postcard or e-mail, no later than 21st July 2002. The winners will be the first correct entries drawn from the hat on 23rd July 2002. **Please state if Trade or Public tickets are required!** - CAMRA

LABOUR BACKTRACK ON FULL PINT PROMISE



The announcement in March that the Government is to backtrack on its election pledge to give drinkers a full pint has left thousands of beer drinkers crying into their short pints.

The Government's new proposals, if they become law, will effectively make it legal for pubs to serve pints of beer up to 5% short. While it promises to prosecute bar staff who serve less than 95%, it does not define a pint of beer as 100% liquid and it does not offer consumers the legal right to a top-up.

Mike Benner, CAMRA Head of Campaigns and Communications is furious. "It's a complete fudge. The Government has bowed down to big business - the very companies that are ripping people off to the tune of £1 million a day through short measure. No amount of spin is going to make such an obvious 'wrong' appear to be a 'right'"

CAMRA has pledged to continue to lobby the Government for an honest pint law which will ensure consumers get what they pay for.

Jonathan Mail, CAMRA Public Affairs Manager said, "We have until early July to scupper the Government's plans and need the support of drinkers throughout the land. Now is the time to pick up pen and paper and complain to your local MP and to Patricia Hewitt at the Department of Trade and Industry. Enough public pressure may force the Government to reconsider these misguided and unfair proposals."

Support our campaign.

* Write to your MP. Call 020 7219 4272 if you don't know their name

* Log-on to www.camra.org.uk and sign up to our on-line petition

* Write to Patricia Hewitt MP, Secretary of State, Department of Trade and Industry, 1 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0ET and say 'no' to a 95% pint.

Need to complain?

If you experience problems in a pub, such as short measure or no price list, please try to sort the problem out tactfully with the licensee. If you need to take the matter further, your local trading standards contacts are:

South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough

Central Library Building
Prince George Square
South Shields
NE33 2PE
☎ 0191 424 7895

City of Sunderland

Sunderland Civic Centre
PO Box 107
Sunderland
SR2 7DN
☎ 0191 553 1717



Beer by Bus

Supping on the E1

Bus route E1 operated by Stagecoach in South Shields links the two major towns in the area via the Coast Road. The bus also passes close by some of the best pubs in our area selling cask ales.

There pubs worth visiting at both ends of the route and many worth breaking your journey on route.

For the purpose of this article, we will start at Sunderland Interchange but it works just as well starting at South Shields and working backwards.

Most are open all day Monday to Saturday

Pubs marked * are on the bus route, others are less than 5 minutes walk

Sunderland Interchange:

Ivy House: Up to 6 beers including guests from Caledonian, Hop Back, and Orkney

Fitzgerald's: Darwin Sunderland Best and up to 9 guests

***Borough:** Courage Directors and Stones.

Fawcett Street:

***William Jameson-** Courage Directors, Boddingtons Bitter, up to 4 guest ales

Roker:

***Harbour View:** Draught Bass and 3 guests – often includes Darwin beers

Roker Front:

***Roker Hotel:** Courage Directors

Smugglers- Marine Walk – on beach below

Roker Hotel: Darwin Sunderland Best, a guest beer, and a traditional cider

Seaburn

***La Fontaine:** Theakston Bitter and Cool Cask

Whitburn:

***Jolly Sailor:** Draught Bass

Coast Road/ Bamburgh Avenue:

***Bamburgh:** Greene King IPA and Abbott plus 2 guests

***New Crown:** Bank's Bitter, Cameron Strongarm and Marston Pedigree

South Shields Centre:

Fowler Street

***Stag's Head:** Draught Bass, Worthington Bitter.

Wouldhave, Mile End Road- another Wetherspoons outlet with Shepherd Neame Spitfire usually available

Market Place

Alum House (next to Ferry Landing): Cameron Strongarm, Durham Alum Ale and up to 4 guests.

Mill Dam:

Riverside: Black Sheep Special, Courage Directors, Taylor Landlord, Theakston Cool Cask, two guest ales, and a traditional cider.

Steamboat: Greene King Abbott plus 3 guests

Buses run every half hour daily. Last buses:

Sunderland to South Shields: 22:49

South Shields to Sunderland: 22:19

M. Ramsey



TRAQUIR CASTLE BEER FESTIVAL

Traquair Castle is a country house set in a beautiful Scottish forest 30 miles south of Edinburgh, the house is lived in by the Maxwell Stuart family and has a brewery attached.

On the weekend of the 25th & 26th of May a mini beer festival was held in the grounds of Traquair Castle to which several of our members attended, travelling up on the Saturday morning. We arrived at Traquair, paid our £4 entry fee which included an excellent commemorative glass, then made our way into the gardens where a large marquee was set up to act as shelter from the weather if needed and a covered area for the ale and the musical entertainment. From the very first moment of stepping into the gardens with their apple trees and spectacular views of the surrounding forest I knew it was going to be a day to remember, and it was.

The festival had beers from their own brewery and also from Arran, Belhaven, Black Isle, Bridge of Allan, Broughton, Cairngorm, Caledonian, Forth, Harviestoun, Heather, Inveralmond, Orkney Sulwarth and Valhalla breweries.

In hindsight it was possibly a mistake to start the day with a pint of the Traquair House Ale at 7.2% abv with it's fruity malt taste and slight sherry character but I struggled on regardless.

After sampling a few more ales and listening to the excellent live music it was time to indulge in some food. With two stalls one selling barbecued burgers and sausages, the other

selling baked potatoes with several different fillings and the cottage restaurant for more substantial meals there was plenty of choice.

Having stocked up on food it was time to take a walk down past the children's face painting stall, the bouncy castle and the Hurdi Gurdi Man towards the house itself, on the way we passed an ornamental fountain and several peacocks wandering amongst the visitors and generally showing off as peacocks do. Given the surroundings it is no surprise that this is a family day out with parents and children enjoying the fair like atmosphere.



Walking around the Bear Gates, closed by the fifth Earl of Traquair in 1745 when his guest Prince Charles Edward Stuart left with the promise that they would not be opened again until the Stuart's were restored to the throne, we wandered into the brewery shop. The shop is small but well stocked with bottled ales and general brewery souvenirs, there is also a

history of the brewery on placards around the walls.

A gentle stroll back to the marquee left us just enough time for another drink or two before beginning the journey home, all in all a fantastic day out in wonderful surroundings.

Unfortunately it is my sad duty to report that because of some trouble which occurred later that night the 2002 Traquair beer festival will not be repeated, a great shame but a familiar story of the few spoiling the enjoyment of the many. - S. Dobson

Who's Who

Every year CAMRA members vote for the best pub and club within their local branch area. For those that might not have seen the certificates proudly displayed on some of the previous winners walls, here are some examples of last years winners.

Pub of the Year 2001 - Runner up Alum Ale House - South Shields



This quaint little real ale house which sits by the ferry landing in South Shields. The pub serves many a fine real ale from the Camerons / W&D range and has a good rolling guest ale policy. Lots of activity night -quizzes, music night, buskers nights and even a paranormal group meet there. Maybe this has something to do with the 6 ghosts that reside there!

Club of the Year 2002 Mid Boldon Club - East Boldon



The Riverside has been the branch pub of the year on many an occasion, and was the first pub from the Sunderland and South Tyneside area to win the regional pub of the year competition. Until recently the pub was owned by a local couple Tom and Claire Mein, who have success with every pub that they had operated (Eureka, West Park, Lord Ashley & The Riverside). Sadly though, they have now taken a well earned early retirement to concentrate on life and enjoy themselves. Anyway, that pub has quite a few hand pumps to serve not only the regular ales (Tim Taylor's Landlord and Black Sheep Special) but also the very good guest ales from all over the country. The pub although very busy at times has pleasant ambience that makes it a great pub to visit for a quite drink, or a good night out.



This month see's the Mid Club celebrate it's 90th birthday. This is a quiet 'key' club which only has male members but serves damn fine ale. The Bar Steward (above) has a keen eye for 'different' ales from all over the country, and keeps them in as good a condition as his highly groomed moustache. Beware of his scintillating wit and dazzling repartee.

NATIONAL NEWS

Good News for real ale drinkers

CAMRA, The Campaign for Real Ale has warmly welcomed the Budget announcement that Britain's 350 small breweries are to benefit from a fairer system of excise duty.

Mike Benner, Head of Campaigns and Communications said, "This is excellent news and we're very pleased that the Chancellor has responded positively after twenty years of campaigning. This will help even out the playing field for Britain's 350 small brewing companies which will promote competition and increase consumer choice."

Britain's 350 small breweries have less than 2% of the beer market, but they produce some 2,000 real ales to cater for local tastes. The four biggest global brewers have around 85% of the market.

A progressive system of beer tax will help:

- ☺ Increase investment in small breweries which are often based in rural or economically marginal areas.
- ☺ Improve cash flow – one of the biggest threats to small businesses.
- ☺ Create local jobs.
- ☺ Remove a major barrier to market entry.
- ☺ Be almost self-financing as multiplier effects come into play.
- ☺ Promote choice and diversity for consumers.

Mike Benner added, "Hopefully we will see a far more interesting range of locally brewed beers on pub bars from now on."

Beer Duty Freeze

CAMRA also welcomed the general freeze on beer duty.

Mike Benner, Head of Campaigns and Communications said, "This is the second consecutive year that duty has been frozen which is effectively a small cut. We will continue to push for significant reductions in duty which will stamp out smuggling and help boost this important British industry."

CAMRA had called for a duty cut of only 2 pence in this budget which would have been enough to significantly reduce the bootleggers' profit.

HOURS TO REASON WHY

CULTURE SECRETARY Tessa Jowell has reaffirmed the Government's commitment to reform England's licensing laws - two years after Home Secretary Jack Straw unveiled proposals to do just that. Ms Jowell's department took over licensing from the Home Office last summer. And at last she is convinced that changes to the archaic system are needed. Even if her grasp of history is a bit shaky. Addressing the Association of Licensed Multiple Retailers recently, she said: "Our licensing laws speak for another decade, not our own. I am determined that we deliver on our promises and bring forward our new proposals to modernise our licensing laws as soon as possible."

They speak for another century, Tessa: restrictions on pub hours were brought in for World War I. The planned changes are much the same as before. They include flexible opening hours up to 24 hours a day - subject to impact on residents, a single licensing scheme for alcohol and entertainment, and the transfer of licensing control from magistrates to local authorities. Yet it is the latter point on which the Straw plans stalled. The pub trade - Ms Jowell's chosen audience - is petrified that the grant of licences will become subject to the whims of local politicians. The Government has said the package of reforms cannot be split - it's all or nothing.

This section will cover social events future and past. Previously, the social events have been for many reasons, inter branch competitions, fund raising, etc. The last one being a combined event of a fund raiser and St. Patricks celebration at the Mid Boldon Club, and a good time was had by all (especially with the very good free food).

One of the benefits of being a CAMRA member is the brewery trips. These can be a short trip to a local brewery to find out whats occurring, taste new beers or to just give them some support and let them know that there are real people out there how enjoy the fruits of their hard work.

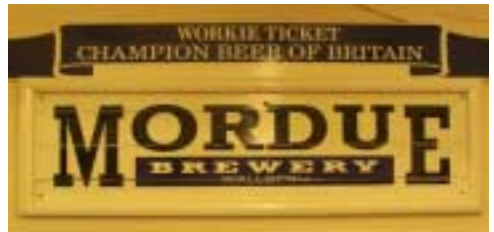
Other trips have been arranged to more distant locations. For example a trip was



Batemans Brewery -

arranged to Batemans Brewery in Wainfleet, Lincolnshire. The bus left from Boldon at midday on the Friday and headed south. The ingenious Mr. Cowell had acquired a crate of Bottled Theakston Cool Cask for supply to the needy on the bus. Needless to say it was not long before the first bottle was cracked open!

After about three hours a stop off had been arranged at the Red Lion in Epworth. After a few more fine pints and a couple of rounds of sandwiches, we were off again - Wainfleet or bust on Alan and Alison's countryside mystery tour. Eventually arriving at the hotels. After checking in and yet more ale, we set forth on the five minute walk to the brewery. On arrival the vital beer tokens were distributed and we were treated to another pint of Batemans Ale. After a very informative and concise brewery trip, it was back to the sample room for more beer. After a personal visit and another free pint from the brewery Chairman, Mr. George, it was off to the pub for a pie and pea supper. Next day with many a heavy head, we headed north. stopping off for more beer and lunch on the way home.



During February, branch members had a wonderful time courtesy of Gary and Mathew Fawson at Mordues Brewery in North Shields. For the meagre fee of six whole pounds a whole cask of fresh real ale straight from the tanks was quoffed in next to no time, with some of the women having to resort to bottles specially offered by Mordues after the ale went so quickly. Many thanks to all involved. - B. King

Forthcoming Events

Captain Cook Inn - Staithes, Beer fest.
Northumberland Brewery - Visit
Everards Brewery - Leicester, Visit



Who are CAMRA?



CAMRA has been called 'Europe's most successful consumer organisation' - but we still need your help. We're a not-for-profit body run locally and nationally by elected unpaid volunteers. CAMRA is completely independent of any commercial interest, and relies totally on people like you for funds and support.

Help us stand up for the rights and choice of ordinary drinkers.

CAMRA Members enjoy the following benefits:

What's Brewing

Lively and informative monthly newspaper packed full of the latest news and features on beer and pubs.

Member's Handbook

Information-packed Member's Handbook which tells you all about how CAMRA works, our campaigns, what is real beer and how to be a good member!

Product Discounts

Discounts on many products, including CAMRA's best-selling, annual Good Beer Guide.

Up-to date information

Information about new beers and breweries, take-overs, closures and campaigns via What's Brewing.

Festival Notice & Discounts

Advance notice of beer festivals around the country, and discounted admission.

Branch Social Activities

Participate in branch activities such as socials, beer festivals and brewery visits!

Great British Beer Festival

Play a part in CAMRA's Great British Beer Festival, the country's biggest beer extravaganza.

Membership Rates (all one year unless stated)		
Type	Single	Joint
Standard	£16	£19
Under 26	£9	£12
Over 60 and retired	£9	£12
Disabled / Student / Unemployed	£9	-
Overseas	£20	£23
Standard (life)	£192	£228
Over 60 and retired (life)	£90	£120



APPLICATION TO JOIN CAMRA

I/we wish to become members of the Campaign for Real Ale Limited and agree to abide by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Campaign.

NAME (s).....

ADDRESS.....

.....POST CODE.....

I/WE ENCLOSE THE REMITTANCE OF £.....SIGNED.....DATE.....

For Life & Overseas rates please contact CAMRA HQ on 01727 867201

Send your remittance (payable to CAMRA) to: The Membership Secretary, CAMRA Ltd, 230 Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts AL1 4LW.