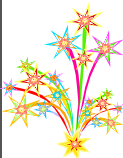




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# CAMRA ANGLE



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

## *Happy Birthday to us!*

Welcome to the second issue of **Camra Angle**. This issue coincides with the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the creation of the Sunderland and South Tyneside branch of the Campaign for Real Ale. To celebrate this glorious event a special party was held in the Shipwrights at North Hylton Riverside, Sunderland. The main reason behind the choice for this location was the fact that the Shipwrights appeared in the first list of pubs submitted by the branch to CAMRA for inclusion in the 1977 Good Beer Guide, and has been in every copy of the GBG for the last 25 years.

A special presentation was made to the licensees, Tony and Maureen Atwill to show our appreciation for their long and arduous task of keeping the ale just right over such a long period of time.



*Presentation to Tony & Maureen by Michael Wynne - Branch Chair.*

Many thanks to Tony and Maureen for entertaining us on that special night especially since having both recently suffered injuries in a motorcycling accident.



*All looking rather happy with a toast to Tony & Maureen.*

Everyone who attended had a great night with many complaining of hangovers the next day due to too many pints of Abbot Ale. The wonderful event also brought together previous committee members and members who even attended the inaugural meeting all those days ago at the Salem in Hendon. Pity that the Salem was not still selling real ale! Here's looking forward to the next 25 years. Happy Birthday!



# *The Dolly Peel*

The Dolly Peel, Commercial Road, South Shields, Tyne & Wear  
*Previous Sunderland & SouthTyneside Branch Pub of the Year Winner!*

Angus and staff would like to welcome  
friends old and new to their first seasonal  
beer festival - Winter.

Thursday 28th November - Sunday 1st December 2002

Ales from both Local and National breweries

Thwaites, Wychwood, Timothy Taylor  
Black Sheep, Courage, and many more!



Watch out for our other  
themed beer festivals  
in the near future.



# Welcome

## In this issue

Well it's been a busy time since the last issue. What with the Great British Beer Festival at Olympia in London, the Branch celebrating it's 25th Anniversary, the Campaign (CAMRA) celebrating it's 30th Anniversary, and of course the launch of the new Good Beer Guide, this year at Jarrow's first commercial brewery since 1817 - The Robin Hood in Primrose.

For information on the events of the GBBF, there is a news roundup for those who were not brave enough to actually try and make the trip to London.

There is also some information for those readers with a wayward flair, there are two articles on trips up and down the country, north to the Isle of Skye, and south to Staithes in North Yorkshire. For those less adventurous, there is always the Washington Wander. Taking in some of the local watering holes in and around Washington.

After having had so much ale, then if you're like me you will probably ge the munchies. If so and you're in South Shields, look out for the some guiding words of wisdom from the Curry Monster. Here speaks the voice of experience having tried every Indian restaurant along the popular Ocean Road route.

We all know how well we like to do things up her in the north. Well us northern folk are keeping up the tradition with this years regional pub of the year winner being The Ship in Middlestone Village, County Durham.

So please read on and enjoy!  
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It has been brought to our attention that the landlord of the Chichester Arms is retiring after nearly 15 years in there, and over 30 years in the licensed trade. We would like to wish **John Meyer** and family, a very happy and prosperous retirement and thank him for all of his services to the licensed trade and the promotion of drinking real ale. **Good Luck!**

### **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:

**Dougies Tavern, Hebburn**  
**Water front, Mill Dam, South Shields,**  
**King's Arms, Deptford, Sunderland**  
**The Robin Hood, Primrose, Jarrow**

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

A special vote of thanks to Maureen anf Tony Atwill for hosting the Branches 25th anniversary celebration, and to Alison and Jess McConnell for hosting the North East launch of the 2003 Good Beer Guide.

Watch this space for information on our forthcoming website.

**Oops!** The gremlins got into the last issue. An article in issue 1 suggested that the Riverside in South Shields was the first pub in the area to win the North East pub of the Year award. This was incorrect. There have been two previous winners, Firstly the **Saltgrass** in Deptford and then the **Tap and Spile** in Salem Street, both of Sunderland. Apologies to all parties involved.

### **Contact Us!**

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

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# Great British Beer Festival 2002

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### Scottish beer wins Champion Beer of Britain for the first time!

*Deuchars IPA brewed by Caledonian of Edinburgh was judged to be the best beer in Britain by a panel of brewers, beer writers and journalists. This is the first time that a Scottish beer has ever won the title of Champion Beer of Britain. The beer is described in the 2002 edition of the Good Beer Guide as, 'An extremely tasty and refreshing amber-coloured session beer. Hops and fruit are very evident and are balanced by malt throughout. The lingering aftertaste is delightfully bitter and hoppy.' The Edinburgh brewed beer was chosen as the overall winner from over fifty finalists in eight categories including beers from tiny micros to major regional brewers.*

### CAMRA nominate Top 15 celebrities with whom they would most like to have a pint at the Great British Beer Festival

CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale, announced, for the second year in succession, the TOP 15 celebrities with whom they would most like to share a pint at the Great British Beer Festival, which was held at London Olympia between 6th and 10th August.

#### Judging Criteria

A CAMRA Member's Focus Group was handed a short list of 50 celebrities and each celebrity was marked out of 10 on the following\*:

Interest, Fun, Enjoyment, Love of the British Pint, and Sex Appeal .

The Top 15 celebrities that scored the highest scores were as follows: (alphabetical order)

Ant & Dec, Nasser Hussain, Denise Van Outen, David Beckham, Ulrika Jonsson, Johnny Vaughan, Kathy Burke, Peter Mandelson, Johnny Vegas, Sara Cox, Steve McFadden, Robbie Williams, Steve Hartley, Ewan McGregor, Will Young.

#### Interesting Scores

Will Young and Johnny Vegas were the only ones to score a perfect 10 in the 'Love of the British Pint' category. Will Young has publicly announced his love for under threat Brakspears beer and Johnny Vegas is regularly seen drinking pints of Guinness (not a real ale!) on TV show Shooting Stars.

Surprisingly Peter Mandelson and Vic Reeves both scored the highest in the 'Interest' category – both scoring 10.

Ant & Dec, Kathy Burke, Robbie Williams, Vic Reeves, Johnny Vaughan and Johnny Vegas scored a maximum in the 'Fun' category.

Ant & Dec, Robbie Williams, Vic Reeves and Johnny Vegas scored full marks in the 'Enjoyment' category.

Ulrika Jonsson, David Beckham, Denise Van Outen, Robbie Williams and Ewan McGregor scored ten out of ten for 'Sex Appeal'.

Only Johnny Vaughan, Denise Van Outen and Sara Cox appeared in both this and last year's TOP 15.

### Top Ten Real Cask Ales for Female 'Beer Virgins'

**Brains Dark** – Cardiff – 3.5% -dark brown mild – sweet mix of caramel and roast malt flavours.

**Caledonian Golden Promise** – Edinburgh – 4.5% - the first organic British beer – floral and fruity and quite hoppy.

**Hop Back Summer Lightning** – Salisbury – 5% - fresh and hoppy, light almost lager coloured which is quite dry.

**Oakham JHB** – Peterborough – 3.8% - straw coloured bitter which is floral with grapefruit and kiwi flavours – a firm favourite with most real ale drinkers

**St Austell Tribute** – Cornwall – 4.2% - full bodied and malty with fresh citrus nose.

**Taylor Landlord** – West Yorkshire – 4.3% - well balanced and dry bitter which is spicy and hoppy.

**Charles Wells Banana Bread Beer** – Bedford – 5% - launched last year, quite sweet and tastes and smells of bananas.

**Woodfordes Nelsons Revenge** – 4.5%- Norwich – very fruity with creamy malt flavours.

**Youngs Waggle Dance** – London – 5% - brewed with honey.

**Beartown Wheat Beer** – Congleton, Cheshire - 5% - dry and bitter wheat beer.



Like what you've read about this years festival?  
Why not visit next year?

**5-9 August 2003,  
London Olympia**

# Beer at Home

For most people this means cans or bottles of pasteurised national brands or some awful cheapie from the supermarket that is full of adjuncts and other nasty things that do not belong in beer. That is, until Bedford brewer Charles Wells launched it's innovative Mini Cask.

The Mini Cask was developed by the company and contains the brewery's award winning premium bitter, Bombardier. This is the first time that real ale has been available in a can. The Mini Cask contains 5 litres (8.8 pints) and is a more authentic drinking experience as it is live and contains sediment that is found in all cask ales. This ensures that the beer has the distinctive taste and aroma that you associate with real ale.

The Mini Cask should be stored chilled and consumed within four days of opening. The beer is served through a tap on the side of the cask.

Roger Protz, editor of the Good Beer Guide and leading beer writer said ' Bombardier Mini Cask is a brilliant innovation. Now you can enjoy beer at home with all the aroma, flavour, and character of a pint in the pub. This is a tremendous boost for British beer. If you can't get to the pub, enjoy a pint of fresh ale at home and support the beer style that is so much part of our island's heritage.

So, what is it like? Very good- it does taste just like the real thing served in the pub. It is definitely worth trying.

Bombardier Mini Cask is available from most local branches of Safeway.

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## PUB AND BEER NEWS

There have been a few changes in Hendon since the last issue. **The Victoria Gardens** re- opened after refurbishment. It is now one large single room and the handpumps have been removed. This is a shame as the previous management Allan and Lorraine Davis had successfully reintroduced real ales to the pub. Allan and Lorraine are now at the Fort, Roker Avenue. **The Bush** has reopened and is now called **The Rovers Return**. **The Hendon Gardens** is now **The Grays Inn** and is reported to be selling cask Grays Bitter.

In the town centre, the Pilgrim on Fawcett Street has closed. After a refurbishment, **Ye Olde Transporter** on Green Terrace has re-opened is now called **the Greens**. Elsewhere in Sunderland, Livingstones on Silksworth Row is now Jo Bananas Café Bar.

**The King's Arms** on Farringdon Row is a good place to find beers from local microbreweries. Recent offerings include beers from Darwin, Durham, Big Lamp, and Hadrian & Border, Mordue's, and Wylam.

In South Shields, Jennifer Preston and John Colman left the **Alum House** in July. The new tenant is \_\_\_\_\_ who worked at the pub so no major changes are expected. There is a new man in charge at **The City of Durham**, Ken Temple. The pub is the only one on the Market Place to sell cask beer. Lets hope it continues to do so.

Also in Shields, **The Grey Hen** is reported to be selling Old Speckled Hen.

On the beer side of things, Mordue's Geordie Pride has been sighted in Sunderland masquerading under the name of Sunderland or Mackem Pride. Darwin Sunderland Best has also been seen on Tyneside under the name of Newcastle Best.

The Queen's golden jubilee in June saw a raft of special beers from large and small brewers. The North East's offerings were Darwin Jubilee Pale and Jubilee Bitter, Big Lamp Coronation Ale, Castle Eden Jubilee Crown Ale, Durham Jubilee, Wylam Lubberlee Jubilee and Mordue's Wor Lizzie's Jubilee Beer.

Following the demise of Cathedrals in Durham, former brewer, Michael Griffin has started Hill Island Brewery in Fowlers yard, Durham. Two beers, Miner's Gala Bitter and Penny Ferry Porter were available at the recent Rhythm'n Brews festival in Darlington. M.Wynne

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## 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:

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### **Joblings Swinging Gibbet**

*Recalls a macabre tale which remains a potent symbol in Jarrow's history. William Jobling was convicted of murdering South Tyneside Magistrate, Nicholas Fairless, although it was widely recognised that he was virtually a spectator at the scene. The sentence was that he be publicly executed and his body hung from a gibbet in Jarrow Slake – where it swayed for three weeks within vision of his own home.*

*A Copper coloured, evenly balanced beer with a good hop aroma and a fruity finish. ABV 4.1%*



### **Old Cornelius - The last Crusader**

*Named after the last surviving marcher from the famous 1936 Jarrow Crusade. Watch Local Press for further details. Available Late November. ABV 4.8%*

Why not try our new restaurant, with food by award winning Chef Simon Tennet. Formerly of the Fisherman's Wharf, Newcstale. Opening late November. Call for details!

The Robin Hood

Primrose Hill, Jarrow, Tyne & Wear. NE32 5UB. Tel: 0191 4285454

## **2ND STAITHES BEER FESTIVAL**

**OR 40 HANDPUMPS ON A DEAD MANS CHEST HO! HO! HO! AND A PINT OF ALE**

Last year, Treavor Readman, the landlord at the Captain Cook Inn, Staithes, came up with a plan to hold a Real Ale Festival on the same weekend as the 'Staithes and Runswick Lifeboat Weekend' to help raise funds for the lifeboat. He carried out his plan and it was such a success that he decided to do it again this year and indeed every year as long as real ale fans will come along to support it.

Bright and early one Saturday morning, I set out for Staithes, the journey was long and boring but worth the effort. When I arrived, just before lunch, the RNLI and Coastguard were setting up for the days events which included a display by the Staithes Atlantic21, Redcar's Atlantic75 and Whitby's Trent Class lifeboats. Other events included a beach Tug O War, a display by the Royal Signals Band, A Line Dancing Display and the Great Duck Release!!!! Later on a disco and firework display finished off the night.

After spending some time browsing the various RNLI tombola, games and raffle stalls I decided it was time to investigate the real ale possibilities of Staithes. Although Staithes is a small village it is well served having three pubs in the harbour and another at the top of the hill.

My first stop was in the Cod and Lobster, a Pubmaster owned pub serving Abbot, Strongarm, John Smiths and Bank's Creamy Bitter. This wonderful pub has a small room with a real fire, which looks straight out over the harbour, and a larger room, which is the main bar area, photos of the coast, the harbour and local people adorn the walls of both rooms. The door facing the harbour bears the legend 'During rough seas use the other door'.

After a pint of Abbot I left for a walk along the high street and a visit to the next pub the Royal George, another Pubmaster owned pub with two handpulls serving Strongarm and a pleasant surprise Tetley Mild. The pub is very cosy with four small rooms on two levels, the walls are covered in anything connected with the sea and money from all over the world. On a

table next to me as I enjoyed a pint of mild I found a booklet which was a list of all the convicts sent to the New South Wales penal colony in Australia during 1787. The information included the convict's name, the date and the sentence handed out, all of which were either 7years/14 years or life. Yes I looked and no I didn't find any of my relatives there.

Moving on just around the corner is the Black Lion which was unfortunately closed on the day of my visit.

I decided to have a look around the 'Captain Cook & Staithes Heritage Centre before tackling the walk up the very steep hill leading to my final destination. The Heritage centre is located in the 'Primitive Methodist Chapel 1880'. After an interesting 45 minutes during which time I discovered that Staithes was originally a Roman Lookout Station and bought a book about the voyages of Captain Cook, I made my way to the Captain Cook Inn.

As I approached I noticed several people sitting outside the front of the pub which is a small beer garden. Entering the pub I discovered that it is a three roomed free house with a bar displaying four handpulls, on the day of my visit these served John Smiths Magnet Ale, Abbot, Theakstons Cool Cask and Dark Tribes Guinness Stout. The pub has photos of local sea views and an excellent view from the window out over the moors. The three rooms are the bar, a small games room and a breakfast room which had been converted for the purposes of holding a beer festival. Inside the beer festival room was a wondrous sight, one long table with forty handpulls, each with a different ale. Many of the ales on offer had a nautical theme such as Admirals Bitter from the Flagship brewery and Lifeboat Ale from the Titanic brewery. Unfortunately the complete list is too long to list here, but a very enjoyable afternoon/evening was had by yours truly which I plan to repeat next year, hopefully with other CAMRA members who may be tempted by this article to join me. S. Dobson

## WASHINGTON WANDER

Washington – a beer desert? - Well, yes and no!

There are cask ale oases in a desert of lager and smoothflow beers, but because of the layout of the new town, this wander is best attempted by public transport (if you can figure out the bus routes) or the best option is by taxi.

We start at the latest Wetherspoon's outlet in our area, **the William de Wessynton** on Victoria Road, Concord. The pub is a conversion from a snooker hall and features a large ground floor bar and a smaller first floor area. One thing about 'Spoons - you always know what to expect and all the usual features are there - low priced drinks, no smoking areas, no music or TV and good value food served all day. On recent visits, the beers have included Hopback Summer Lightening and the current CAMRA Champion Beer of Britain, the excellent Oakham JHB.

The pub opened in March and always seems to be busy.

The next port of call is within easy walking distance. Turn right and head towards the New Tavern - but don't go in. None of the other pubs in Concord holds any attraction. Turn right in to Spout Lane, follow the road through the underpass, and continue past the former miners' welfare hall. There is an excellent Indian restaurant in this building, the Divan Khanar- but I think we'll save that one for the Curry Monster column. Walk through the next underpass and straight ahead is the **Steps**.

This pub is part of the Newcastle based pub group Sir John Fitzgerald. The group is an active supporter of local microbrewers and their pubs usually offer

an interesting range of cask beers.

The small comfortable lounge bar is a Good Beer Guide regular and three cask beers are on sale. On Tuesday from 7:30, a selected cask beer is on sale at a special price.

There is a good fifteen-minute walk to the next pub - **the Sandpiper** in Biddick Village centre. If you are up for the walk, turn right and continue straight ahead past Washington Old Hall, continue past the Victoria and turn right at the sign for Biddick Village. The pub is a further 5 minutes walk on the right.

The Sandpiper is a modern estate pub and combines a stone-floored lounge and smaller public bar. This former Whitbread Pub is now part of the Laurel Pub Company and up to five cask beers are available with Castle Eden Ale on sale permanently. Food is available lunch times.

The final stop is the **Courtyard Bar at Washington Arts Centre**.

To walk to the last stop involves heading back to the main road and going right through a series of underpasses, or you could catch bus 194, 294 to Biddick Lane.

The single bar is accessible by turning right in to the courtyard from the main entrance.

Two cask ales, normally Marston Pedigree and Taylor Landlord are on offer and food is available at lunch times. Check out the live music and other events, especially the Davy Lamp Folk Club.

This is the end of the line. If you head south, the next cask beer is not until the Monument in Old Penshaw Village. Or why not take bus 194 or 294 back to Concord. M. Wynne



# THE CURRY MONSTER

Beer and Curry! What a wonderful combination. Unfortunately, the beer on sale in Indian restaurants is of the cold fizzy variety, and if you are reading this newsletter, we assume that you would prefer flavoursome cask conditioned ales.

In this series of articles, I will take you to some of my favourite restaurants and takeaways and then recommend pubs to visit pre or post curry. Lets start off with our very own curry capital, **South Shields**.

Over the last six months, we have visited each restaurant in Ocean Road. Most of the dozen or so restaurants offers standard Bangladeshi curry house fare and have similar menus and prices. Most offer special meals every day of the week except Saturday when a la Carte is the only option.

Our standard order wherever we eat is pickles and Poppadoms, chicken breast Vindaloo, Garlic and Chilli Lamb, two rice dishes, two nan breads and two vegetable side dishes- I don't eat the lot on my own, there are usually three of us!

After trying lot, our favourite is the newest kid on the block, the **Café India**.

The first thing you notice as you enter is that the décor is completely different to the other restaurants on the Strip. The dining room is bright and airy and is very much in the café-bar style.

Not feeling that hungry, we decided to have just one side dish and one nan. It is just as well that we did- the portions were very big. The Poppadoms were still warm and crisp; the pickles were the usual four but were excellent- especially the lime pickle. The pickle tray was left on the table throughout the meal and not whisked away

as usually happens. The Vindaloo eaters were impressed with rich hot sauce and the lamb dish was both chilli hot and packed with garlic. The Sag Aloo was packed with spinach in a rich but not spicy sauce. The Chilli and keema nan was full of mince and had a very nice green chilli taste and the two rice dishes were both very tasty.

Add a soft drink and a pint of lager (unfortunately) and the price came to £28.85. Although this is a little more than some of the other restaurants, it was well worth the price and we will no doubt make a return visit to Café India soon.

Our one complaint is the background music- The Sound of the Pan Pipes – Aargh!

Most of the pubs that serve cask ales are closer to town than the curry strip, so beer first and then go for a curry. The closest cask beer can be found at the Beacon on Lawe Top. M.Wynne

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## THE STEIN INN ON SKYE

On a recent trip to the Scottish Isle of Skye I was staying in the tiny village of Stein in Waternish Bay. I could not believe my luck when I discovered a gem of a local pub the called the Stein Inn.

This 18<sup>th</sup> century inn is probably the oldest inn on Skye; it is a superb, old, wood panelled pub comprising of four rooms. A bar and games room plus a bar sitting area and non-smoking lounge separated by an open peat fire.

In the bar sitting area are three hand pulls from which are served a variety of real ales.



A warm welcome awaits the lonley traveller inside.

Should you be in need of more concentrated alcoholic refreshment the Stein Inn has a selection of over seventy kinds of single malt or blended whisky.

The pub is also well known for its food, especially the locally caught seafood.

There are very few better ways to spend the evening than sitting in the Stein Inn, with a full pint of superb tasting real ale, watching the sun go down over the bay.

If you can't make it to the pub for real there is a lot of information on the website and the virtual tour is well worth a visit, for me the images will always bring back the very real memories of a fantastic trip.

S.Dobson

<http://www.steininn.co.uk>



**WANTED!** Have you seen these people?

During the four days I spent in Stein we were served – Black Cuillin from the Skye Brewery, Duchars IPA, Orkney's Dark Island, Orkney's Northern Light, and a beer brewed specially and only for the Stein Inn by the Skye Brewery called Reelin Deck, all of these were delicious and served as a full pint with no reason to ask for a top up.

### Like what yor are reading?

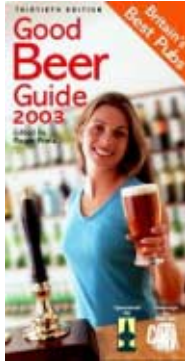
Send your submissions to the editor, for inclusion in the next issue of **Camra Angle**. See inside the front cover for contact details. - Ed.

## The Good Beer Guide 2003

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The Good Beer Guide is more than just a pub guide. Britain's longest-running and best-selling guide has 5,000 of Britain's best pubs for real ale. But for beer lovers it also gives up-to-date information on the country's beers and breweries. It's compiled by 65,000 dedicated volunteers in the Campaign for Real Ale. There are no fees for listings, and every pub is checked many times a year. Fancy a pint? Don't leave home without the Good Beer Guide!

*Need a copy? Order yours from your local CAMRA branch TODAY! Special prices for members!*



## BEST IN THE NORTH

Every year, CAMRA runs a competition to find the best pub in the country. The winner is announced in December or January but the search for the perfect pub starts 12 months earlier.

Each CAMRA branch holds a ballot of its members to find the best pub in the area. The winner then goes on to a regional final where a panel of members visit the local winners, and the pub deemed to be the best proceeds to a super regional competition. The winner then progresses to the national final.

The entries for this year's competition were the Ship at Middlestone, Number Twenty- 2 (Darlington), the Cluny (Byker), the Riverside (South Shields) and the Woodman (Durham)

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**The Ship - Middlestone Village**

For the second year in a row, the winner of the North East Pub of the Year accolade is the **Ship at Middlestone.**

Middlestone is a tiny village between Ferryhill and Bishop Auckland – blink and you would miss both the pub and the village. The pub used to be run by Vaux but they closed it because of its low turnover but it was rescued and reopened by the locals despite its limited opening hours – evenings only except weekends, it manages to sell a range of six cask ales.

**Congratulations to the Ship and let's hope it can go one better than last year.** M. Wynne



# 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.

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