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CAMRA ANGLE

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

Double Top for Sunderland & South Tyneside CAMRA!



Hot on the heels of the victory for Fitzgerald's winning North East Pub of the Year, the Sunderland and South Tyneside Branch of CAMRA has also presented a second award.

Sunderland based Darwin Brewery has won the North East Beer of the Year award for its Ghost Ale.

Each of the five North East branches of the campaign nominates a beer brewed in the area. The branch nominations are judged by a panel of CAMRA members and brewers in a blind tasting. This year's competition took place at the Durham Beer Festival at the end of August.

Old Cornelius from the areas other brewery - Jarrow brewery, was third.

A special presentation was arranged to present both awards at this years regional pub of the year, Fitzgeralds in September with members form all parties concerned and the five local branches attending.

During the course of the evening presentations were made to Matt Aldis, Manager of

Fitzgeralds, and both Dr. Keith Thomas and St.John Usher of Darwin brewery. Whilst both parties gladly accepted the wards, both seemed very humbled to have won, with Matt saying that *"all I do is put the stuff on, it's the magic of the brewers that does all the work"*. A fine and humble statement but what he tends to forget is the hard and labourous task of keeping the fine ales in tip top condition once presented within the pub. Which Matt obviously does very well!

During his acceptance speech, Matt thanked all of the customers who had voted for the pub in the competition and also to all of his staff *"without who the awards would not have been won!"*

Equally happy and humble were the two main men from Darwin brewery, Dr. Keith Thomas and St.John Usher.

To mark the double award, extensive range of Darwin beers were on sale at the pub, including a new beer Wearside Special.

When presenting the award to Fitzgerald's, Branch Chair Michael Wynne praised the attitude of the pub to their commitment to real ale and especially excellent beers from local microbreweries. This is in marked contrast to the infestation of 'café bars' that are springing up in every vacant shop in the area which bring nothing new to the city.

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DARWIN BREWERY SUNDERLAND

Winners of the..

NORTH EAST BEER OF THE YEAR 2003



DARWIN'S GHOST ALE

A crisp and richly hoppy ale with clean hop aroma and fruit flavour - finishing dry and bitter. **4.1% abv**
North East Beer of the Year 2003.

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EVOLUTION: Hoppy and Fruity Bitter - 4.0% abv

FOREST XB: Malty Double Brown - 4.2% abv

JAVA JOLT: Very Special Coffee Stout - 5.2% abv

KILLER BEE: Premium Honey Beer - 6.0% abv



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THE NATURAL SELECTION

Welcome

In this issue

Well folks here we go again with yet another bumper issue of **CAMRA Angle**. In this issue we are in the old party, party, party mood with **three** yes **three** celebrations to toast. Firstly there was the Regional Pub of the Year and North East Beer of the Year story's on the front page. Then, last but not least the celebration of Pub of the Year 2003 for The Riverside in South Shields. That's a fantastic run of four times in the last five years, whilst being beaten into second place only last year.

There is also another installment on why your ale tastes the way it does in the A to Z of Tasting by Dr. Keith Thomas of Brewlab, and our old friend the Curry Monster has been out and about again, this time in Sunderland.

There's also a tale of the ghostly going's on at the Mid Boldon Club on All Hallows Eve, that's Hallowe'en to you and me!

Need some help on what to get Uncle Jimmy for his Christmas present? See page 14 for some great CAMRA membership Christmas

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gift packs, where you could save up to a massive 35% off normal prices.

There's also more to celebrate up at the Jarrow Brewery, with them winning not one but **two awards** at Huddersfield CAMRA Beer Festival.

Enjoy! - Ed.

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:

King's Arms, Sunderland

Waterfront, South Shields

Mid Boldon Club East Boldon for allowing us to hold our monthly committee meetings.

Forthcoming events

The Sunderland and South Tyneside Branch of CAMRA holds monthly meetings at a different pub in the area each month. The meetings are usually held alternately in Sunderland and South Tyneside. All CAMRA members are welcome to attend.

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Contact Us!

We welcome comments & submissions from fellow drinkers which can be sent to our branch e-mail address which is:

sunderlandsouthtyneside.camra@btconnect.com
or posted to the Editor.

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Something to celebrate. Matt Aldis of Fitzgeralds (L) and Dr. Keith Thomas of Darwin Brewery (R) holding their prestigious awards.

After winning the North East Pub of the Year award, Fitzgerald's goes forward to the next stage of CAMRA's national pub of the year competition.

As this prestigious award has only been won once before by a North East pub, we wish Matt and Fitzgerald's every success in the next two stages of the competition.

We would like to thank Matt, Fitzgerald's, and the Darwin Brewery for giving us a night to remember.

Attention Local CAMRA Members

Your branch annual general meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 January at the Steamboat, Mill Dam South Shields. This is the most important meeting in the Branch calendar as this is where the branch committee is elected and the direction the branch will take over the next year is decided. If you only attend 1 meeting a year, this is the one to be at.

Pub of the Year 2003

Sunderland and South Tyneside CAMRA's Pub of the Year for 2003 is the Riverside in South Shields.

The pub came out top in a recent ballot where branch members are invited to choose their favourite pub. Last year's winner and current North East Pub of the Year Fitzgerald's in Sunderland was second and the Robin Hood in Jarrow was third.

The Riverside won the title for three years from 1999 to 2001 and was North East Pub of the Year in 2000.

Originally a free house, the pub has been a New Century tenancy run by Paul Hedley since 2002.

The branch will be making a presentation to Paul on Wednesday 10 December.

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BEER FLAVOURS

Ever wondered why a beer always tastes nice or leaves a bitter aftertaste in your mouth after each swig? Then read on...

In a continued series of articles by Dr. Keith Thomas of Sunderland University, Brewlab and Darwin Brewery fame, we are introduced to the art of beer flavourings and tasting.

An A to Z of tasting

BALANCE

Wine writers often talk of balance but many beer drinkers only find it an issue when they have overindulged. Careful observation of beer flavours, however, can illustrate that it is often balance which creates a classic beer.

Balance is also a character which depends strongly on a drinker's experience and sensitivity. In many cases a beer will have only one major flavour - bitterness in bitters, roast in stouts, alcohols in barley wines.

In addition though a variety of additional flavours will be present providing the background of flavour and subtlety which allows one brand to differ from another. Not all of these flavours will be detectable. We all have limits to our sensitivity and these limits vary according to our heredity and experience. Very low levels of a flavour may be obvious to you but invisible to your drinking partner.

Primary flavours are said to be those present in a beer at levels over twice their threshold limit - the level at which they can only just be detected. Flavours at lower levels are secondary flavours and may or may not be detected.

Beer is often criticised as becoming too bland and in response brewers often point to high levels of their primary flavours - bitterness, hops or roast malts. But taste their beers carefully and look for the secondary flavours which often arise from complex grist mixtures, imaginative hop additions and careful maturation.

Desirable secondary flavours providing balance are fruitiness, caramel, spiciness and the rich alcohol content in stronger beers.

Mouthfeel is another character giving important balance in many beers. A good body benefits the overall richness of a beer providing a positive element. It should be low in thin, drinking bitters but is vital in complex beers like Porters, stouts and some milds. In some cases it can encourage a beer to be savoured with relish rather than drunk with abandon and is often excluded from mass produced brands. Look for this character when judging quality and value for money and remember to drink with the mouth as well as the throat.

Dr. Keith Thomas

See next Page for Brewlab info.

THE CURRY MONSTER IN.... SUNDERLAND

There are six Indian restaurants in the centre of Sunderland, less than half the number in South Shields. For our first foray in to Sunderland, we visited the Motiraj in Church Lane, opposite the Empire Theatre. This restaurant is the oldest in town, the others being relative newcomers.

WE ascended the stairs in to the brightly lit restaurant at around 11:30 and were seated in the in the bar area whilst our order was taken - as expected, there was nothing on the bar to interest the serious beer drinker.

Our order was taken promptly and within 10 minutes we were ready to begin. As usual, we start with poppadoms and pickles. The poppadoms were fine, the pickle tray contained lime pickle, chilli pickle, mango chutney and onion and mint salad. The pickles were tart, and freshly made, not from a jar. So far, so good. Time rest of the order was chicken Vindaloo, lamb sagwala, aloo matter (potatoes and peas), egg Pillao, chilli and coriander Pillao and chapattis.

The Vindaloo eaters were impressed with the cuts of meat and the sauce was hot and very spicy, and contained small pieces of potato- this used to be the norm, but nowadays is rarely seen. The lamb sagwala came in a thick tasty sweetish sauce flavoured with spinach, coriander, and green chilli. The rice dishes were also very good, if a little small. The chilli and coriander rice packed quite a punch- it was laced with tiny green chillies. The vegetables in the side dish still had a bit of crunch to them.

The total price for three, including drinks came to £31.80, excellent value and comparable to Ocean Road prices.

If you are in Sunderland and fancy a curry, the Motiraj comes highly recommended.

If you are reading this magazine, you will probably want to enjoy some tasty cask ales pre- curry. The nearest cask ale outlet is the city's second Wetherspoon outlet, the Lambton Worm on Low Row, or you have the choice of the Ivy House or Fitzgerald's within ten minutes walk. Alternatively, the King's Arms and Saltgrass are only 15 walk away.

I say, I say, I say..

A MAN walks into a shrinks office wearing see-through pants. The shrink says to him: "You need help! I can clearly see your nuts!"

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Brewery News

Darwin

As mentioned elsewhere in this issue, Darwin Ghost Ale was voted North East Beer of the Year at a blind tasting at Durham Beer Festival.

Sales of Darwin beers have increased dramatically. The beers can now be found at the following local pubs:

Ivy House, Borough, Roker Hotel and of course, Fitzgerald's (all Sunderland)

Grey Horse (East Boldon), Black Horse (West Boldon), Tavistock at the Grotto (Marsden)

Jarrow

Another three awards are on their way to Jarrow Brewery.

Darlington CAMRA members Peter Fenwick and Ian Jackson produced a special beer for the recent Darlington Rhythm 'n Brews Festival using Peter's own recipe, called Fenwick's Special. It walked off with the Beer of the Festival award and will enter the brewery's portfolio as Rivet Catcher.

Old Cornelius won the strong beer and Beer of the Festival awards at the Huddersfield Octoberfest.

New Brewery

The first beer from the Redburn Brewery, Redburn, Bardon Mill, Northumberland went on sale in the Black Bull, Haltwhistle on the evening of Tuesday 30th September 2003. The brewery is the former Black Bull, Haltwhistle plant, slightly expanded. The brewer is the Charlie Sandford, formerly at the Black Bull, who has set up this new venture with his wife, Christine, in a building to the rear of their home. There are plans to resurrect some former Black Bull beers.

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Pub News

The Greyhound in Fellgate is no longer selling real ale following a change of management, but **Black Bull** in East Boldon has returned to the real ale fold.

In Sunderland, the **Ship Isis** on Silksworth Row has re-opened and is now called simply the **Isis**. A handpump dispensing Courage Directors has been spotted.

New Outlet

The Cliff in Mere Knolls Road is selling three cask ales. On a recent visit, Marston Pedigree, Courage Directors, and Theakston Lightfoot were on offer. Very nice they were too. This adds an extra stopping off point on the Light Crawl featured in the last issue.

JD Wetherspoon is to sell 10 more pubs from its 640-strong managed house estate.

The latest churn comes not long after the managed house business sold 17 pubs to Laurel. The sale is being concentrated on companies that expressed an interest in the package which was eventually sold to Laurel.

Of the 10 pubs, five are in the South East and the other five across England.

A spokesman said "Although all these pubs are trading well, Wetherspoon felt the pubs were either too small so could not be developed or were in areas where Wetherspoon is already well represented. All the pubs have high standards and are profitable."

Until the pubs are sold they will continue to trade as normal, as Wetherspoon outlets, the company said.

REAL ALE IN DOWNTOWN SOUTH SHIELDS

Not too long ago, there were pubs selling cask conditioned beers in South Shields than in any other part of our branch area. There have been some casualties over the years, but there are still more pubs selling the real thing in central Shields than in central Sunderland.

The pubs we are interested in are in two separate areas. Let us start with those closest to the Metro station and Keppel Street bus station.

Turn right on to Fowler Street and walk towards the town hall. Just past Prince Georg Square, our first stop is **the Stags Head**. This is a traditional town centre pub with lots of wood glass and a tiled floor; there is also a lounge on the first floor that is open at weekends. Three cask beers are on sale- Draught Bass, Stones and Worthington Bitter. Whilst the beer range is not going to set the world on fire, the quality is not in question.

Leave the Stags, turn right back down Fowler Street and head up hill on to Mile End Road, our next stop is opposite the old railway station- **the William Wouldhave**. This is a J D Wetherspoon pub that was purpose built, not a conversion and offers everything you expect from their pubs including reasonably priced cask beers and food. Up to five cask beers are on sale from the large airy ground floor bar. Note the nautical theme in the décor behind the bar. The pub is named after the local man responsible for the world's first lifeboat. There is also an upper floor that contains a non- smoking area Note; the toilets are also on the upper floor.

We now head for the second cluster of pubs selling real ale. Head back down the bank, turn right on to King Street, pass the Metro Station and follow the signs for the

Pedestrian Ferry. If you are going the right way, you should be on the Market Place. As none of the pubs there hold any interest for us, cross the Market Place and you come to the next stop, **the Alum Ale House**.

This small pub has a bare floored bar and a small side room with high backed settles. There is also a cellar bar used for live music. Up to six cask ales are on sale, usually from the Wolverhampton and Dudley stable. The guest beers come from a variety of microbreweries. There is usually a beer from the Hart Brewery in Little Ecclestone, Lancashire. The pub is very near the North Shields ferry and is the perfect place to wait if you've missed the boat.

Leave the Alum House and turn right, follow the signs for Mill Dam where you will find a cluster of three pubs.

On the corner of Commercial Road and Mill Dam, the first stop is **the Riverside**, local Pub of the Year for 2003. This smart modern pub consists of a single bar with a raised seating area. Six cask beers are on sale- the regular beers are Black Sheep Special, Courage Directors, Taylor's Landlord and Theakston Cool Cask. Two guest beers are available- one is usually from the Jarrow Brewery. The pub also sells a real cider or perry- the only one to do so.

The next stop is literally next door, **the Waterfront**. Until refurbishment two years ago, this was called the Railway. It retains its square central bar and the rear of the single room has a pool table. The beers on offer are usually Courage Directors, Bateman XXXB, Fullers London Pride, Charles Wells Bombardier and Mordue

REAL ALE IN DOWNTOWN SOUTH SHIELDS

Workie Ticket. The pub is open until midnight on Friday and Saturday.

Next-door is our last stop, **the Steamboat**. Although Pubmaster owns the pub, it still retains its Vaux livery and signage. This is the only traditional pub on Mill Dam and retains a public bar and separate lounge at the back. The décor is of a nautical theme. As many as four real ales are on offer, usually including Charles Wells Bombardier, Courage Directors, Black Sheep Bitter and Greene King Abbot Ale.

The perfect way to cap a night out in Shields is to head for one of the many excellent curry houses on Ocean Road.

Also worth a visit:

Although not in the town centre, **Dolly Peel** is only 5 minutes walk along Commercial Road. The Dolly is named after an eighteenth century fish wife and smuggler and usually offers Courage Directors, Black Sheep Bitter, Taylor Landlord and a couple of guest ales.

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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South Shields
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☎ 0191 424 7895

City of Sunderland

Sunderland Civic Centre
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Sunderland
SR2 7DN
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Beer Festival News

The Riverside - Mill Dam

On Monday the 15th of September 2003 the Riverside in Mill Dam began its first beer festival under the new tenant Paul Hedley.

Paul had the support of New Century Inns, and over two weeks managed to make over 50 different ales and cask ciders available to the thirsty drinkers of South Shields.

On any given day there were six ales served from the hand pumps on the bar and a further six available by gravity dispense directly from the cellar.

It was a very successful and well-attended beer festival featuring many ales from members of SIBA the society of independent brewers and local microbrewers Jarrow, Darwin, Mardues, Big Lamp and Wylam.

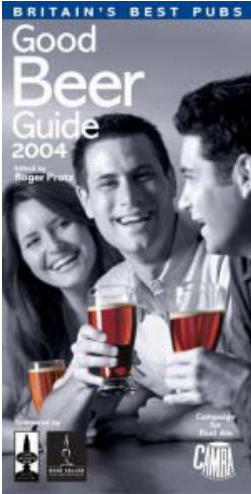
The Robin Hood - Primrose

On Wednesday 1st October 2003 the Robin Hood held it's first Octoberfest. The festival had a Scottish theme and ran for six days featuring over 40 cask ales and ciders from all Scotland many never seen in the North East previously.

Pub owner and Brewer, Jess McConnell said "we have had a very busy time, with the majority of the ales going in the first four days" On the last day there were only small amounts of the final two beers remaining.

There was some dissapointment for pub regulars, Vincenzo's restaurant was closed during the festival to allow for extra visitors, however traditional Scottish fayre was available.

Good Beer Guide 2004



CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale, today launched the 31st edition of their award-winning Good Beer Guide. The best-selling guide highlights the top 4,500 real ale pubs in Britain and offers a unique directory to every brewery in the country, large or small, with details of all the cask-conditioned and bottle-conditioned beers they brew, together with unique tasting notes.

Each pub entry, surveyed on a regular basis throughout the year by CAMRA members, gives a detailed summary of why the pub has been included in the Good Beer Guide and highlights information on the pub's facilities for families and the disabled, history, architecture, food, accommodation, local places of interest and, of course, the beer!

Almost 900 NEW Pub Entries!

There are almost 900 NEW pub entries in the 2004 Guide and each entry has been surveyed throughout the year by CAMRA members. Roger Protz, Editor of the Good Beer Guide said, "CAMRA members have spent an enormous amount of time carefully selecting the final 4,500 pub entries and, unlike some other pub guides, there is no charge for entry into the Good Beer Guide. These elite pubs are selected by the real pub goer!"

Protz continued, "The pubs that appeared in the previous edition have all been updated with new information for 2004 and I am also delighted that we have almost 900 NEW pub entries this year. This just goes to show that this Guide, now in its 31st year, is the most up to date and comprehensive guide to British pubs in today's book market."

35 NEW Breweries in Britain

The 2004 Good Beer Guide includes 35 NEW breweries this year in the brewery directory, which lists nearly 500 breweries. Roger Protz said, "It is great to see 35 more breweries in this year's guide. The majority of these breweries are producing a wonderful range of real ales and as long as these are given the opportunity to be sold in British pubs then this can only be good for consumer choice."

View the lists of NEW Pubs and NEW Breweries - If you would like to view the NEW pub and brewery entries from your county/region then please visit the Good Beer Guide Media Site - www.camra.org.uk/gbgmedia

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The Dolly Peel

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**Terry and staff would like to welcome friends
old and new to their Autumn beer festival.**

Friday 21st November - Sunday 23rd November 2003

Ales from both Local and National breweries

Letter to the Editor

The Courtyard in the Washington Arts Centre, has permanently stocked cask conditioned ales for the last three years.

Since taking over as manager of The Courtyard Bar in May this year it has been my intention to improve the quality and range of cask conditioned ales served. In six months we have increased the number of ales on sale at any one time from two to four. Local micro brewers now feature strongly alongside some national favourites creating a lot of interest from customers old and new. Our last three cask programmes have included ales from Bateman's, Caledonian, Marston's, Young's, Brown Cow, Jennings, Moorhouses & Wychwood .

I hope to see you visit the Courtyard very soon to try the ales for yourself.

Kind regards,

Martin Thompson.

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Halloween Night At The Mid Boldon Club

Situated on Front Street, East Boldon, between the Grey Horse and Black Bull pubs, the Mid-Boldon Club was founded in 1912 by a group of local businessmen.

Partly as a result of this, the club was known for a while as the “Conservative Club”, although it has never had any political affiliations. The Mid was voted the Sunderland and South Tyneside CamRA club of the year 2001, and features four ever changing cask ales. The club has a full size Italian slate snooker table, a regular domino handicap, (Sunday Lunchtime), Quiz, (Sunday night) and two, (count ‘em), large televisions showing live sport including Sky premiership footie.

Conceived and still run as a “*Gentlemen’s*” club, The Mid hosts regular Ladies’ Nights has a quiz and supper every Sunday and on Saturday 1st. Nov held its first ever Hallowe’en Mini Beer Festival.

Alan, the original Mackem Bar Steward, in association with The Beerseller, sourced a fantastic range of suitably ghoulish brews including Wychwood Hobgoblin, Witchfinder Porter, Pendle Witches Brew, Broomstick Bitter, Wizard’s Wonder, Swinging Gibbett etc. Mick Doherty organised and ran a “horrific” quiz in which the local CamRA squad didn’t disgrace themselves at all by coming second. The Mid’s Stewardess and real Commanding Officer, Alison, provided a buffet to die for... (*Die for, get it!?*), which included...

BEEF IN BATS BLOOD. Tender chunks of finest English beef, marinated in the black-stuff and served with whole roasted babies, (onions that is!)

LONG PORK. Tender bits of English pig served with human beans and flavoured with paprika and fiery bits of chorizo sausage.

WARLOCKS’ SWEATMEATS. The finest balls boiled in a cauldron with eye of newt and hair of dog ... yum yum!

DEVILLED ANGELS WINGS. Ripped straight from the little chickens’ backs, slathered with black-heart treacle and chilli and whacked into the hobs of hell!

HALLOWE’EN JALAPENOS. Devilishly hot jalapenos stuffed with a wicked witch’s finger.

SATANS’ SAUSAGE. Hot and filling and served in an onion gravy to die for. Ha-har.

MONSTER MASH. It’s a graveyard smash.

Because the Hallowe’en Beer Fest was such a success, Alan is preparing a Christmas Mini Beer Festival featuring festive foamers from far and wide, and there will be two Ladies Nights during the Christmas Beer Festival, one on Boxing Night, with another huge, free buffet, themed quiz and massive Breweriana raffle and one on New Year’s Eve, featuring six hours of “*heeds doon, arses up*” power-drinking!

The Mid is open Mon-Fri. 11-3, 6-11, Sat. 12-4, 7-11, Sun. 12-2, 7-10:30. Guests must be in 45 mins before closing time; new members are always welcome, (applications processed monthly).



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The Jarrow Brewery

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Joblings Swinging Gibbet Bishop Auckland CAMRA Festival Champion 2003. 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 soectator at the scene. The sentence was that he be publicly executed and his body hung from a gibbet on Jarrow Slake. A copper coloured, evenly balanced beer with a good hop aroma and a fruity finish. 4.1% ABV

Riley's Army Bitter: Darlington CAMRA Festival Champion 2003: Marshall Riley was the marchers leader. "With head held high and dignified", as the late Alan Hull sang in Lindisfarne's Marshall Riley's Army. A copper coloured robust ale with a citrus hop aroma using American hops. 4.3% ABV



Venerable Bede: Biblical scholar and "Father of English History" c672 - 735 AD. The Venerable Bede produced most of his works from the monks monastery at Jarrow. A golden fruity well balanced premium ale. 4.5% ABV

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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.

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

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

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

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Type	Single	Joint
Standard	£16	£19
Under 26	£9	£12
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Standard (life)	£192	£228
Over 60 and retired (life)	£90	£120



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