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# It's Your Round!!

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## Last chance for an honest Pint

CAMRA is calling for one last push to win the fight for full pints as nearly 100 new MPs take their seats in Parliament. It's a battle which will be won or lost this year as the Labour Government pushes ahead with changes to the Weights & Measures Act to allow licencees to serve "pints of not less than 95 per cent liquid". This is the same Labour party that first came to power with the manifesto promise to bring in laws to ensure we get an honest pint. CAMRA and its allies, the Trading Standards Institute and the local Authority Co-ordinators of Regulatory Services, say such a move would legalise the short measure rip-off. The courts would find it even harder to prosecute on shortfalls of only two or three percent, so a pint of only 92 percent liquid would be legally served up on a regular basis. The full pint champion Dennis Turner was elevated to the house of Lords following his retirement from the Commons, so CAMRA is looking for a new MP to Spearhead it's campaign for the honest pint. In the last Parliament the veteran Labour MP's Early Day Motion 331 calling for full pint legislation to be enshrined in law achieved record support from 287 MPs. CAMRA Public Affairs Manager Johnathon Mail is confident he will find an MP to become the people's champion. Any volunteers from our local MPs? Everyone interested in being served a full pint should lobby their MPs now. With so many new MPs in Parliament now is the time to tell them that a full pint will not mean higher prices or great expense to the trade and that it will be good news for brewers and add to the Treasury's coffers. Our thanks to Dennis Turner for his work on behalf of beer drinkers. Now will the new champion please step forward.

(Based on an article in "Whats Brewing")

## Staithe's Lifeboat Weekend Beer Festival

*approaches....* The Captain Cook Inn at Staithe's will once again be holding a beer festival during the Lifeboat Weeked event on the weekend of 5th August. Staithe's and Runswick Lifeboat Weekend Events include the famous nightgown parade, spectacular lifeboat and helicopter displays, music and dancing, raft race, traditional stalls, beach-side BBQ, open-air disco and fantastic firework finale.

## Spring pub of the Season... The Dolphin, Robin Hood's Bay

The Cleveland branch of CAMRA have voted the Dolphin, Robin Hood's Bay as Spring pub of the season 2005, congratulations go to them. Presentation to be held on Sat. July 23rd (at 2pm approx).



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## Queen's Head

Tirril

### *High Praise for recent Darlington CAMRA brewery trip*

Camra members often forget they can go to other Branch's socials. The recent Darlington Branch trip to Sue Simpson's brewery at Barlow, near Selby was a revelation. Well organised, great bus driver, alfresco 3 course meal, as much as you could drink for a reasonable charge. Not a cross word all day. 2 smashing pubs on the way back - the Wheatsheaf, Burn and the Tithebarn, Northallerton. Great beer and a smashing day out! **Thanks to Darlo social secretary Ian McAlpine** for organising such a good day. So, if you are one of our increasing number of members, check your copy of 'What's Brewing' for details of other Branch's events. **TJ.**

**[PS Watch out for the Darlington Beer Festival in September - see diary dates below]**

**Empire Change ...** Bob Tucker, owner of the 'Empire of pubs' at Robin Hood's Bay consisting of Fylingdales, Dolphin, Laurel, Bay, Bridge at Ruswarp, Bottom house whitby, is changing from Tetley to John Smiths. Look out for a change in the beer range (hopefully a bigger one!).

**Diary Dates ... Committee Meetings commence at 7.30 pm and Branch Meetings/ Socials commence at 8.30 pm on the 1st Tuesday (or sometimes Monday) of each month, and are held throughout the Cleveland Branch area.**

**23rd July (Sat)** - Spring Pub of the Season presentation - Dolphin, Robin Hoods Bay. Presentation to be made at approx. 2pm.

**4-7 Aug**, Staithes Lifeboat weekend beer festival, Captain Cook Inn, Staithes

**2-6 Aug (Tue-Sat)**, GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL, London Olympia.

**20 Aug (Sat)**, Proposed trip to Durham brewery and Durham City. Cost will be £14 members £15 non-members, this includes the bus and a selection of Durham beers at the brewery, with plenty of time to savour them. £5 deposit secures place, full amount must be paid at least 2 weeks before the trip. Closing date 5th August. Contact either Denise ([denise.p@ntlworld.com](mailto:denise.p@ntlworld.com)) or Carol (01287 651896) for booking a place.

**1-3 Sep (Thu - Sat)**: 25th DURHAM BEER FESTIVAL, Dunelm House, New Elvet, Durham City.

**15th-17th Sep (Thu-Sat)**- DARLINGTON BEER & MUSIC FESTIVAL. Arts Centre, Vane Terrace, Darlington

Camra members can email Denise to be added to branch email list for additional / last minute activities. Branch website [www.clevelandcamra.btinternet.co.uk](http://www.clevelandcamra.btinternet.co.uk)

**For more info, to book local events and transport needs, please contact Denise 01287 622444 or [denise.p@ntlworld.com](mailto:denise.p@ntlworld.com) for details of latest social events, or see entry in 'What's Brewing'.**

### *Perhaps we should Curb Off-Licences not pubs....*

Pubs are going down like nine pins. How can Alcohol Concern have much effect if there are relatively few pubs left? Or am I right in my nasty left-wing socialism when I suspect they only want to curb the horrible working classes, whose boozing is evident? More seriously, fewer pubs equals more uncontrolled drinking. If the government were serious about the matter, they would take steps to reduce the number of off licences. This would curb uncontrolled drinking. Secondly, a law to prevent anyone drinking spirits below age 21 would indicate they meant business. If they do not take steps to really cut binge drinking, which goes with drug use, responsible real ale drinkers will stop using certain town centres. **TJ.**

### *Happy Birthday Beer Taster....*

Every so often; Beer taster's birthday comes round and friends fall over each other to call in with an unusual brew. Nice thought – one did anyway! So having been presented with an American bottle of beer what can one do but try it; especially as some of the American micro breweries have learned a thing or two from us. So a bottle of Rogue XS Imperial Stout was opened and sampled. Fortunately I have a bad habit of reading the bottle! 11% ABV wow! Imperial Stout is very dark (as you'd expect) with a white coffee head to it. There is a strong nose of dark chocolate malts quite dry and bitter to the taste. A very nice brew to sip and savour (as I did whilst watching Enterprise) and at 11% you do need to sip it. This stout is from Rogue Ales, Newport, Oregon, USA. I now need to buy another bottle to test the statement on the bottle "Best when aged for 1 year", the one I tasted was brewed in 2005. The best before date was 1/4/2010 which I hadn't expected to see on the bottle. The beer is unfiltered and unfinned. I've since found it's available from Sainsbury's.

**Birthday Beer taster**

### *Durham Brewery newsletter ...*

*Once again we remind readers that they are invited by the Durham Brewery to subscribe to their enjoyable newsletter by clicking on [www.durham-brewery.co.uk](http://www.durham-brewery.co.uk)* The latest issue discusses the subject of breweries producing beers from old recipes, and how such attempts may lack some authenticity, in particular not being as strong as the original versions.. The subject of producing lager-like cask ales is also discussed.

BREWERY TRIP TO DURHAM  
BREWERY PLANNED - SEE  
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### **Great Day had at the The Horseshoe Hotel Pub of the Year Award...**

The presentaton of Pub of the Year 2004 was well attended, with many CAMRA members there. A wide range of Durham brewery beers were available and in excellent condition. They were enjoyed by all. The photo below shows our branch Chairman Robert Tate (left) handing over the Pub of the Year certificate to Tim and Sue Bolton. Many thanks to Tim and Sue for making us feel so welcome.



### **Real Scrumpy Cider - The Tap & Spile Guisbrough**

This is one of the only pubs in Cleveland County which regularly sells real scrumpy cider (we'd love to hear if there are others), the infamous Weston's Scrumpy at a mere 7.3% abv and strictly for the real women - and possibly -men who know their drinks and can hold them. The pub now has a much improved menu plus snacks all day. Afternoon teas on Market Days - Thurs & Sats. One of Cleveland's top music pubs, offering at least 6 real beers, The Tap & Spile shows the way forward! **TJ [Captain Cook Inn, Staithes has Addlestones Cloudy Cask conditioned cider ED]**

### **Hartlepool News ...**

Real Ale from Camerons Brewery regularly features at the Ward Jackson (Lloyds No.1 Bar). In the 12 months that the Ward Jackson has been open these have included Camerons IPA, Long Leg, Spring Knights, Summer Knights, Roaring Lion, Castle Eden and Strongarm. Sometimes all six handpulls have a different beer on offer including Pedigree & Marstons Burton Bitter.

Cleveland CAMRA are pleased to announce their Real Ale in Hartlepool supplement. This describes some 25 pubs within 7 miles of the Historic Quay together with directions either on foot or by bus. Available in various Hartlepool pubs.

Camerons Strongarm celebrates its 50th birthday this year and this excellent pint is available in many places so it is especially good news to find the extended family of Camerons beers regularly on sale at the Ward Jackson (nearest real ale to the railway station) and also at the Camerons Visitor Centre Brewery Tap. **JS**

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All entries to the address below, or email to [jo.powell2@ntlworld.com](mailto:jo.powell2@ntlworld.com) by 30th September 2005. *Current Cleveland Camra committee may not enter!*

Send to: **Competition 87, 10 Fairedene Avenue, Stockton-on-Tees, TS19 7NH.** Winning entries to be drawn from all lists of 15 or more words received by 30th. September. Apologies for wrong closing date for previous Competition - should have been 31st July, so there's still time.

Entries can also be made on the website [www.clevelandcamra.btinternet.co.uk](http://www.clevelandcamra.btinternet.co.uk).

### **Guest Beers at The Duke of Wellington**

Over the coming months The Duke of Wellington at Danby are serving a number of guest beers from the smaller breweries in North Yorkshire. This will be starting with "Scotts 1816" from the Copper Dragon Brewery at Skipton which and will be followed by others including: York Brewery "Yorkshire Terrier", Cropton Brewery "Two Pints", North Yorkshire Brewery "Flying Herbert". Many thanks for this advance information. **[If any other pubs send us advance news of guest beers we will be happy to include. Ed]**

### **Cleveland Camra Roll of Honour ...**

2003 Spring POTS: **Pot & Glass**, Egglescliffe.  
2003 Summer POTS: **Dolphin**, Robin Hood's Bay.  
2003 Autumn POTS: **Tap & Spile**, Guisbro'.  
2003 Winter POTS & POTY: **White Swan**,  
Stokesley.  
2004 Spring POTS & POTY: **Horseshoe Hotel**,  
Egton Bridge.  
2004 Summer POTS: **Capt. Cook**, Staithes.  
2004 Autumn POTS: **Spread Eagle**, Stokesley.  
2004 Winter POTS: **White House**, Hartlepool.  
2005 Spring POTS: **Dolphin**, Robin Hood's Bay

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## ***Bricky's Bits ...***

### **It's a Dog's Life**

Following my earlier bits about dogs Jack and Theo in the Masham, Hartburn, your scribe was lucky enough to encounter both on a recent visit. Just as well they're so well behaved, since Bricky's leg was the nearest thing when someone came in and trod on Theo's tail!

### **A Lotta Bottle**

Couldn't help noticing what a great range of bottled beers licensee Eric Short is allowed to stock by owners Pubmaster at the Parkwood. Excellent real ales, too! Well done, Eric. Full marks for initiative.

### **Hello Again**

Welcome to new licensee Dave McCann at the Beckfields, Ingleby Barwick. Nice to meet you.

### **Give us the \*\*\*\*\* Money**

As Bob Geldof might have said. Regulars at the Fairfield have raised over £400 for the local hospital Neurology Dept. in memory of late regular customer David Lincoln. Congratulations from all at Camra Cleveland.

### **All Change**

Longstanding regular Courage Directors has recently changed to Adnams Broadside at Senators, Stockton.

## ***Bricky in Brickyland...***

A recent trip to the deep south saw Bricky back in his native Hampshire, the land of Brickwood's "Little Bricky" in his younger days. Had to try some local brews, so had Suthwyk Liberation Ale, 4.2% brewed with Southwick barley and Liberty hops from the U.S.A. and bottle conditioned. The label said it would "gird up my loins". Really! But it was smooth and dryish with a malty finish. Also tried Stump's Dog Daze, 3.8% hopped with Goldings- great summer drink! Their Old Stumpy, 4.5% and brewed with crystal and chocolate malts & Progress and Styrian hops was lovely stuff, too!

**Cheers,  
Little Bricky**

### **Educational Bit....**

The man that isn't jolly after drinking, Is just a drivelling idiot, to my thinking. Euripides, 480-406 B.C., Cyclops

## **The Causeway**

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Good Beer  
Guide Listed*

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**Acoustic Guitar & Vocals** - Tuesdays  
**Jazz** - Wednesdays  
**Blues Club** - Thursdays  
**Guitar & Vocals** - Saturdays  
*- all music is 8.30 for 9.00 -*

## **History of Brewing Part 2. Bronze Age(ish).**

*A light-hearted look at brewing, through the ages, to cut out and keep.*

Imagine the scene, it's 1,000 BC, Mrs Shaman stirs from her slumbers, it's going to be a busy day today. After a quick breakfast, she hurries outside to encourage the local villagers to go out to the fields where the barley grain is growing, to do some gathering for her. This involves walking through the field with a basket and flail, knocking the ripened grain off the stalks into the basket. The chances are that grain agriculture was developed to produce beer, rather than bread, so obviously this particular age of man had his priorities in the correct order! As in Sumeria, a type of bread is baked to start the brew off. Gather your grain, a hearth, water, a suitable fireproof pot and it's going to be a brewing day. Mrs Shaman gets on with the task, once the hard work is done, Mr Shaman will take over and chant the necessary ritual words over the brew to ensure a good harvest, long life, plentiful food, good health in the village, all that sort of thing. As the beer ferments, a magical transformation takes place, the beer becomes "alive". To ensure the brew lasts well, meadowsweet is added (hops haven't arrived in Britain yet). On the occasion of Mr Shaman presiding over the sad business of a burial in the village, once emptied (drinking beer at a funeral goes back a very long way!), the brewing pot will be ceremoniously broken and buried with the body. This will leave evidence for future historians to discover (very practical) and ponder on just how far back Real Ale goes.

***Cerridwen.***

*(Very) Old Saying.....*

The mouth of a perfectly contented man is filled with beer.

— 2200 BC inscription

***Firebox – RCH Brewery 6.0%***

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Firebox is RCH's premium traditional bitter – and its name reflects the steam fired nature of the brewery. At 6% abv it is a deceptively drinkable red beer, with a velvety beginning and a long toffee finish. It is made only with local West Country ingredients and with no artificial preservatives in the brewing process.

**Beer Taster.**

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## **Smith's Arms**