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CAMRA branches**

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Dewsbury & Heavy Woollen Beer and Cider Festival

Following the great success of last year's festival (over 2500 festival goers came and drank 6160 pints of over 100 beers and ciders), this year's event looks set to be even bigger and better.

The festival takes place over the weekend of 19th to the 21st of May, with a CAMRA members' only session 4-6pm on Thursday and free entry for CAMRA members on Friday afternoon, 12-5pm. On Saturday, in conjunction with Batley and Dewsbury Town Centre Management the festival will be joining forces with the Fiery Food Market, allowing an opportunity to wolf down some chilli with your pint in (hopefully) pleasant sunshine.



Taking on feedback from last year there will only be one band playing each night from 8pm, so as not to clash with ale drinkers who prefer not to have music. Thursday will see Northern Gold on stage, with the Kirklees Youth Jazz Orchestra on Friday and rounded out by the Dewsbury Music Centre Swing Band.

As well LocAle beers (**see article**) there will also be a Scottish bar, a Brewsters bar (featuring ale brewed by brewsters, or female brewers), a Cider bar and a Belgian & World Beers bar, meaning there should be something to tempt anyone's palate.

For information on how you could help by volunteering your time, sponsoring a cask of beer, or sponsoring the festival itself, please email:

info@dewsburybeerfestival.co.uk

Huddersfield Pub and Club Award Voting

Voting by Huddersfield Branch members for the Huddersfield Pub of the Year, Club of the Year, and Cider Pub of the Year will take place at the Branch Meeting at the Marsden Conservative Club on Monday 21 March starting at 8pm. If members cannot manage to attend and vote in person, it is possible to vote by e-mail or by post – but not both. Voting for the Mild Pub and Club of the Year will take place at the Slubbers Arms, Hillhouse, on Monday 23 May, 8pm.

Members may vote by e-mail by going to the Branch web-site <http://huddscamra.org.uk> and choosing the link to on-line voting. Initially, it will be necessary to register the member's name, contact details, and membership number to receive accreditation. It will then be possible to proceed to register a vote at each opportunity, sending it no later than 7 days before the Branch voting meeting.

If the e-mail facility is not available, members may send a vote by post. A voting slip is provided overleaf, and any submission containing the name of the pub or club, the member's signature, and membership number posted to the address shown, will be passed forward to the voting meeting after membership credentials have been verified. If you would like to be able to be involved but are not a CAMRA member, simply complete and send in the Membership Application Form available on page 19.

Selected at the Branch Meeting at the Marsden Conservative Club, Mon 21 March:

HUDDERSFIELD CAMRA PUB of the YEAR 2011

Nominations: Commercial, Slaithwaite; Grove, Hudds; King's Head, Hudds;
 Rat & Ratchet, Hudds; Rose & Crown, Holmfirth;
 Sportsman, Hudds; Wills O' Nats, Meltham.
 Star, Folly Hall; White Cross, Bradley;

Name of Pub _____

HUDDERSFIELD CAMRA CLUB of the YEAR 2011

Nominations: Armitage Bridge Club; Berry Brow Liberal Club
 Hall Bower Athletic Club; Marsh Liberal Club;
 Milnsbridge Socialist Club

Name of Club _____

HUDDERSFIELD CAMRA CIDER PUB of the YEAR 2011

Nominations: Commercial, Slaithwaite; King's Head, Hudds;
 Rat & Ratchet, Hudds; Sportsman, Hudds.

Name of Pub _____

Member's signature _____ M'ship No. _____

Selected at the Branch Meeting at the Slubbers Arms, Hillhouse, Mon 23 May:

HUDDERSFIELD CAMRA MILD PUB of the YEAR 2011

Nominations: King's Head, Hudds; Rat & Ratchet, Hudds;
 Sportsman, Hudds; Star, Folly Hall.

Name of Pub _____

HUDDERSFIELD CAMRA MILD CLUB of the YEAR 2011

Nomination: Marsh Liberal Club; Golcar Liberal Club.

Name of Club _____

Member's signature _____ M'ship No. _____

**Please note that only current Huddersfield Branch Members may vote.
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Heavy Woollen CAMRA Pub of the Season Winter/Spring 2011 – The Pear Tree Inn



Landlord Alan Ingle and his staff receiving the award from Alan Mapplebeck of Heavy Woollen CAMRA

The Pear Tree Inn at Battieford in Mirfield has been awarded the Heavy Woollen Branch CAMRA Pub of the Season for Winter/Spring 2011. Before the current landlord Alan Ingle took over the pub, it had been run by an ever changing roster of publicans. All tried to make a success of the business and, as with many other pubs in the area, had been having limited success. Some years ago Alan, with a bus load of his regulars from the Junction at Rastrick, dropped into the Pear Tree on a Pub Crawl. He immediately fell in love with the Pear Tree and spent the next three years applying for and just missing out on becoming the landlord of the pub that he had now set his heart on running.

Alan, who has been in the pub trade for over 20 years, never gave up trying. Then, after being told that yet another had beaten him to the job, he received a call to say that the applicant had changed their mind and the Pear Tree was his if he still wanted it. This was a little less than a year ago and the change to the Pear Tree since Alan walked in has been remarkable. Under Alan's management, the pub has been thoroughly cleaned, the restaurant has been re-opened with previous Chef Sally returning, and most importantly of all the beer quality on the three cask ales on offer has been improved drastically; not least by serving it at the correct temperature as opposed to the frigid chill that it previously suffered from. The award recognises the remarkable turnaround Alan and the Pear Tree have made in such a short space of time.

Huddersfield Branch News

Each Branch Member received a letter late in January explaining the serious situation we were facing following the retirement of our treasurer of many years, Paul Smith. Without a treasurer, the Branch could not function. Happily, five splendidly qualified volunteers have offered to help. At the February Meeting, Wayne Fiddler's offer to take the treasurer's duties was accepted, and Paul Lunn's offer to take over from the long serving Michael Walker as Secretary was also accepted. It is my intention to vacate the chair on the completion of two years' in office at the November AGM, and it seems prudent to start the search for a successor, with volunteer helper Paul Laxton being introduced to the workings of the Branch activities. In addition, Sean O'Reilly has taken on the task of administering and promoting CAMRA's LocAle campaign in the Huddersfield area. For an explanation of what LocAle is and what benefits are available see page 14. Finally, but by no means least, Alex Barlow is planning further social events, including trips to pubs on the Calder Valley rail line and also along the Penistone line. Alex's efforts are being supported enthusiastically by Tom Clark who is seeking to build on the success of the recent trip to Fernandes and Ossett breweries in January with a visit to Clark's Brewery in April. All these events are detailed on the Branch web-site (www.huddscamra.org.uk).

The most notable issue remaining is that of a Beer Festival organiser. I stood in last year following the unfortunate passing of our then Festival Chairman, David Charlesworth. Combining the busy roles of Branch Chairman with that of Festival Organiser is nothing I am willing to repeat, but no-one has yet come forward to head the Festival arrangements. As things stand, therefore, there won't be an Oktoberfest this year, and time is running out.

On a more up-beat note, the Branch recently presented to Jane Robson, the landlady of the Yeaton Cask at Kirkheaton, the Winter Pub of the Season award.

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Huddersfield & District Pub News

The **King's Head** on the eastern end of platform 1, the one-time Third-class waiting room for the Huddersfield and Manchester Railway and Canal Company is being restored to its original height and form and re-opened as a dining area for traditional pub meals. There continues to be a choice of ten cask ales, two of which are dark beers, and a guest cider is available on a dedicated hand pump. The **Sportsman** has released their 3 course Spring Beer Menu, which consists of a wide selection of beer infused dishes for a very modest price of £20 (only available pre-ordered).

Armitage Bridge: Monkey Club has Timothy Taylors Bitter and 2 guests.

Berry Brow: The **Railway** is serving two guest beers including Acorn, Great Newsome, Howard Town, Summer Wine etc. **Berry Brow Liberal Club** on a recent visit was serving Cumberland Bitter and Berry Brow Bitter (both brewed by George Wright Brewery), and two guest beers.

Golcar: Junction One recently had its first beer festival featuring 20 ales. The **Weavers Shed** has 2 handpumps and is due to start with live music in a couple of months time.

Hillhouse: The **Slubbers Arms** is selling Timothy Taylors-Best Bitter and Landlord plus 4 guests, reportedly all in good quality.

Hinchliffe Mill: The **Shepherd's Rest** is boarded up

Holmfirth: Building work is taking place over at the **Victoria**. The **Farmers Arms** is currently selling Wells-Bombardier, Adnams-Bitter, Greene King-Abbott Ale & IPA, Copper Dragon-Golden Pippin, Black Sheep-Bitter and Timothy Taylors-Landlord.

Lockwood: The **Lockwood** is serving Tetleys-Landlord and one or two Brass Monkey beers. The **Woolpack** has now closed down; whereas the former **Red Lion** has had some new windows installed and is going to be shops and apartments upon completion. The **Conservative Club** has 3 hand pumps on at all times and while it is for embers only it has been said that there is always someone around happy to sign in non-members.

Marsden: The **Tunnel End** is now regrettably now closed until further notice due to the current economic climate, although it is rumoured to open in April.

Marsh: Conservative Club has Jennings Lakeland Bitter & Black Sheep Bitter, reportedly in good condition.

Meltham: The **Wills O Nats** has 8 hand pulled pumps with Timothy Taylors-Landlord, Black Sheep Bitter and Tetley Bitter always available, and ever changing guests beers such as Mallinsons, Acorn, Howard Town, White Rose and Brass Monkey. The Summer Music Festivals that the pub hosts begin on the 30th May featuring The Sundi Blokes, Band of Oz, and Dancing Fly. The **Travellers Rest** now has a new tenant and continues to have Jennings Bitter, Bank's Bitter plus two rotating guests.

Milnsbridge: The **Socialist Club** on a recent visit was selling Mallinsons-Lindley Pale and Daleside-Blonde

Moldgreen: The **Top Club** on Church Street is reportedly selling real ale.

Netherton: The **Netherton Conservative Club** is serving Tetley Bitter, Golden Pippin and two guest beers from Ossett or Fernandes.

Rastrick: The **Clough House Inn**, which has recently been reclassified as a pub in the Huddersfield branch, have added a fourth hand pump and are planning on a fifth in the near future.

Salendine Nook: The **YMCA** has recently been semi-refurbished with some new seating and new carpet throughout. They are serving real ale from 4 handpumps, and on a recent visit there was Copper Dragon-Golden Pippin, Timothy Taylors-Landlord, Greene King-IPA plus a fourth

South Crosland: The **Kings Arms** serves 2 Mallinsons beers at £2 a pint as well as Black Sheep and Morland-Original, all in good condition.

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Please send all news to aletalk@hotmail.co.uk and help us keep you up to date!*

Heavy Woollen Pub News

Traditional cider and perry has been making its mark on the Heavy Woollen district, proving very popular in the current three outlets in the area which supply it (the **Shepherd's Boy** and the **Timepiece** in Dewsbury, and the **Navigation** in Mirfield. The Timepiece offers one cider or perry, and the Navigation and the Shepherd's Boy both supply at all times both a rotating cider and perry on draught.

Batley: Four ales on offer at the **Cellar Bar**, worth a stop on the Rail Ale Trail.

Batley Carr: The **Woodman** has well-kept Tetley Bitter and is a fine example of a community pub thriving without resorting to short-term gimmicks.

Birstall: The **Black Bull** has John Smith's and three popular rotating guests while 5 minutes walk away the **Horse & Jockey** has Golden Pippin and 2 guests. The **Greyhound** has had a thorough facelift and has Tetley's and occasional guests.

Carlinghow: The **Victoria** is a pub of character, waiting for the right buyer to restore its fortunes as a great community pub.

Cleckheaton: Tetley Mild and a good selection of Northern beers is available at the **Wickham**, the **Old House at Home** has good Landlord, the **Obediah Brooke** has a fine choice while the **Marsh** has 4 or 5 Old Mill beers including Mild and is handy for the bus station.

Dewsbury: Don't miss the Dewsbury & Heavy Woollen Beer & Cider Festival at the Town Hall, 19th-21st May. The **John F. Kennedy** still has a Glentworth beer and can usually be found open from 8pm Thursday-Sunday. The **West Riding Licensed Refreshment Rooms** now has World Food themed nights, the first of which proved very successful featuring Scottish food and beer. Many more of these events are on the way. A variety of beer styles are on offer and the customers are able to see the colour of the beer in shot glasses by the pumps, a clever idea which has been brought over to Dewsbury via sister pub The Sportsman in Huddersfield. The **Old Turk** had Old Peculiar on the pumps over the Christmas period.

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The **Shepherd's Boy** has a War of the Roses themed beer festival 10th-13th March, with 20+ ales from Yorkshire and Lancashire with themed food to match. They are also due to restart Sunday lunches the week after the festival on Sunday 20th March between 12-3pm.

Gomersal: The **West End**, **Bull's Head**, **Wheatsheaf**, **Saw** and **Shoulder of Mutton** each have a choice of real ales, the **Bankfield** has a rotating guest and the **California** has been known to have Timothy Taylor's Landlord. The **Scotland** (strictly Birstall but a 5 minute walk from the Shoulder of Mutton) has good Tetley's. All within a square mile, not a bad place for a pub crawl!

Heckmondwike: The **Queens** now has two real ales while across the road the **New Charnwood** has Timothy Taylor's Landlord in fine form alongside 3 rotating guests, with discounts available to card-carrying CAMRA members.

Hightown: The **Cross Keys** has Greene King IPA, Old Speckled Hen plus one guest. After a period of neglect and uncertainty, the famous **Shears** has re-opened after refurbishment under new ownership selling Tetley's, Black Sheep plus one rotating guest.

Liversedge: The **Swan** has Tetley Bitter plus three guests. Landlord and Golden Pippin are often on the bar.

Mirfield: The **Wasp's Nest** is to make way for housing. The **Thirsty Man** has Jennings and Black Sheep beers while nearby the **Saville** now has Tetley Bitter, Black Sheep, Golden Pippin plus 2 guests, and operates an over-21 rule. The **Three Nuns** now has two real ales. The **Liberal** club has been renamed **Knowl Club** and continues to have well-kept Tetley Bitter plus 2 guest ales; non-members are welcome to visit. The **Old Colonial Club** continues to provide up to 6 ales and to raise funds for charity, the most recent being a Supper of sausages in support of RNLI. The **Navigation** has had its best beer festival yet at the end on January, and has another one scheduled for June. The **Pear Tree** has a very keen licensee with regular beers being Golden Pippin and Bombardier plus a guest selected by its regulars.

Roberttown: The **New Inn** has a house beer brewed by Mallinsons, named Bobtown Blonde after the pub ran a competition for customers to name the beer. Regular beers include Abbeydale Moonshine and Leeds Best, and the other 3 pumps always include a dark ale. The next Bobtown Beer Bash is scheduled for 16th July.

Scholes: A new licensee is at the **Rising Sun**, with Carl the chef continuing to provide excellent food to accompany the 3 or 4 ales on the bar

Shaw Cross: The **Huntsman** has a tasty house

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beer and Landlord with 2 guests, recently featuring Blue Monkey, Goose Eye & Farne Island.

Staincliffe: The **Butchers Arms** has been tastefully refurbished under new ownership and has Tetley Bitter plus a rotating guest.

Thornhill Edge: David and Hilary of The **Saville Arms** are to celebrate their 9th year the pub on the first weekend in April. As in former years they are commissioning a commemorative badge to mark the occasion. Black Sheep Bitter remains their regular ale, with 2 rotating guests. The **Flatt Top** has John Smith cask, Tetley's and Leeds Pale and often has a guest.

White Lee: The **Halfway House** has been sold by Enterprise Inns for alternative use.

Whitley: The **Woolpack** has closed

Providing opportunities for licensees to buy their own pub without being tied, the following Heavy Woollen pubs are among many others for sale freehold. Some are still trading:-

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LocAle in Huddersfield and Heavy Woollen

LocAle is a CAMRA initiative that promotes local pubs stocking locally brewed real ales. The scheme builds on a growing consumer demand for quality local beer and an increased awareness of 'green' issues and "beer miles". The scheme was created in 2007 and following on from local successes in individual branches, has now become a national campaign with CAMRA branches across the country putting their own versions of the scheme into place.

In recent years, anyone visiting their local pub would have been only too aware that the majority of the beers on sale were nationally produced ones. These were generally bland and lacking any of the regional characteristics and identity they may have once had. People drank them because they were widely advertised and quite often there was no locally brewed alternative.

Fortunately, there are now established regional brewers who remain committed to Yorkshire and their original heartlands. In the last few years, there has been an explosion in new micro-breweries which are providing a fantastic range of good quality, tastier, more adventurous real ales with which drinkers can identify.

In Yorkshire we are blessed with just under 100 different breweries; in the local area we are well provided for with the likes of Empire, Golcar, Riverhead, Anglo Dutch, Mallinsons, the Nook Brewhouse, Linfit, Fernandes, Ilkley, Saltaire and Ossett to name a few, with more due to begin brewing later in the year see article on page 22.

Before the scheme was launched in the Huddersfield and Heavy Woollen branches it was very difficult to find locally brewed beers, so the scheme was launched to encourage pubs and clubs to support and promote local brewers.

LocAle is simple. CAMRA members encourage licensees to always stock and sell at least one locally brewed real ale. The beer must be cask-conditioned real ale and must come from a local brewery which is no more than 20 miles from the pub. Different branches have different limits depending on the availability and location of their breweries.

If a licensee meets the branch's criteria of ensuring at least one locally-brewed real ale is on sale at all times, then the pub or club will be given LocAle accreditation. Licensees will receive promotional material such as leaflets, pub window stickers, pump clip crowners, and posters so that customers will know what local beers are being supported.

The scheme is not intended to reduce the number or range of guest beers in pubs or clubs. No one enjoys the variety and interest these provide more than CAMRA members do! What we are trying to do is encourage the sale of local beers ahead of national brands. Also, to encourage support for local businesses by promoting low transport mileage or fewer "beer miles". Many national brands are trucked in from all over the country before reaching your pub or club. This not only wastes

fuel, time and money but is counterproductive in the quest for a sustainable environment. After all, local fresh beer is good beer!

Pubs under the LocAle scheme in the Huddersfield Branch	
The Sportsman	The Star Inn, Folly Hall
The Lockwood	The White Cross, Bradley
The Rat & Ratchet	The Sair Inn, Linthwaite
The Slubbers Arms	The Riverhead, Marsden
The Tunnel End, Marsden	The Commercial, Slaithwaite
The Rose & Crown, Golcar	The Nook, Holmfirth
The Carniceria, Holmfirth	Rose & Crown, Thurstonland
Pubs under the LocAle scheme in the Heavy Woollen Branch	
The Black Bull, Liversedge	The Leggers Inn, Dewsbury
West Riding LRR, Dewsbury	The Shepherd's Boy, Dewsbury
New Inn, Roberttown	Huntsman, Shaw Cross
New Charnwood, Heckmondwike	The Old Colonial Club, Mirfield

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Quo Vadis, Real Ale?

On 16th March, CAMRA celebrates its 40th birthday, an event at which I think all Campaign members deserve a pat on the back. I wonder if the 4 chaps whose idea the Campaign was could ever foresee that, 40 years on, it would have a membership of over 120,000? I also wonder what they would think of the situation we real ale drinkers are faced with now? The phrase "never had it so good" was never more apt. The choice in terms of breweries and styles is unparalleled in most of our lifetimes and certainly in my own.

At this point, it might be useful to remind ourselves that one of the basic decisions on what constitutes real ale is that it must not be served by pumping it full of (extraneous) carbon dioxide, something which was being done back in 1971 to give the appearance of life to the pasteurised (i.e. dead) keg beer which was intended to replace our beloved live cask ales.

So here we are now in 2011, and I suddenly find established real ale brewers rebranding themselves "craft brewers" and serving their ales by means of carbon dioxide dispense. You will find new keg fonts on some of our better-loved real ale pubs in this area for this very reason. I really don't understand the attraction of gas dispense from kegs, other than in countries such as Germany, where it is a legal requirement if the customer being served does not have a direct view of the container the beer is being dispensed from, or if the beer has been pasteurised (see above), and the finest U.S. craft beers I have ever drunk came from specially filled and imported casks at the Great British Beer Festival a few years ago. I assume this is all about making more money for less effort, but then, I would, cynic that I am.

I hope I'm wrong in suspecting this move to be an attempt by the (well-travelled) younger generation to change the future of beer drinking in this country, I mean, that's what the Campaign was originally founded to prevent! It's time to hear the wake up call again, I think! I certainly won't be supporting this move by drinking the beers, and I hope the vast majority of CAMRA members feel the same way.

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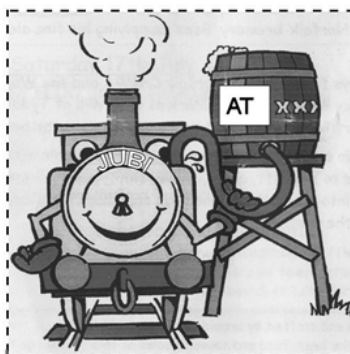
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The first publication of its kind to cover the entire Yorkshire region, the book is a full-colour campaigning guide to more than 120 pubs in Yorkshire and Humberside which have internal features of historic significance, and is the product of years of detailed research by CAMRA volunteers who are dedicated to preserving and protecting the pub heritage across the UK.

Features:

- Regional maps to help you locate listed pubs
- Essential address and telephone details are provided for each entry
- Background articles on the region compiled by CAMRA's Pub Heritage Group

The guide was launched by Geg Mulholland MP, Leeds North West (and Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Save the Pub Group) at the Garden Gate pub in Leeds on Friday 28th January at 12.30pm. Nick Bridgland of English Heritage was also there as a guest speaker at the launch event.

Editor David Gamston said, *"It will have wide appeal as an enjoyable guidebook, for locals and visitors to Yorkshire alike, and at the same time serve as a serious working reference for the people who own and control Yorkshire's pubs and the official bodies who can influence changes to them."*

Mr Gamston continued, *"What a special pleasure it is to be holding the launch event at the Garden Gate - described in the new guide as 'probably the 'jewel in the crown' of historic pub architecture in Yorkshire'. Its upgrading to II* statutory listing in 2010, pressed for by ourselves, has rocketed this fine pub into the top 6 percent of all listed buildings in England."*

Yorkshire's Real Heritage Pubs is available direct from CAMRA (www.camra.org.uk/shop/ / 01727 867201), in all good bookshops and some of the featured pubs, priced at £3.99 for CAMRA members and £4.99 for non-members. (excluding p&p)

New Breweries

We are delighted to announce the opening of two new breweries in Yorkshire, one of which situated right on our doorstep in West Yorkshire:

MAGIC ROCK BREWING CO.

Magic Rock Brewing Co. is owned by Richard Burhouse (director and co-founder of mybrewerytap.com online beer retailer) and Jonathan Burhouse. Both of these men have a long held interest in real ale and beer in general. Experienced and award-winning brewer Stuart Ross (formerly of Kelham Island, Acorn and Crown breweries) will be employed as head brewer and is likely to produce stunning beers as he has in the past!



The intention is to brew modern flavour forward beers inspired in part by the recent trend in US craft breweries in order to take advantage of the current real ale boom and an expected increase in discerning drinkers seeking more flavourful beers.

The brewery intends to brew a core range of 5 beers complemented by a number of seasonal and one off specials, sold primarily to free houses in both cask and in bottles.

Magic Rock is situated in freehold premises at Oakes, Huddersfield and are due to commence brewing in March 2011.

TWO ROSES



The Two Roses brewery's name stems from the fact that the head brewer and owner is originally from Lancashire but has now made Yorkshire his home. James Taylor is a long time member of CAMRA and has been passionate about real ale for a number of years now.

The brewery is situated in the old Shaws carpet factory at Darton in Barnsley, and will be test brewing from March 2011, with the first batch of beer being available in April. The 8 barrel brewing plant has been

commissioned by David Porter (a well known brewery consultant and successful brewer) and beer will be available in bottles and 9 gallon casks, purchasable direct from the brewery.

The brewery plans to brew a number of regular beers complemented during the year with seasonal beers also.

Brewery tours will be available and can be organised by contacting the brewery by telephone on 01226 388 375 or 07780 701 254.

Brewery News

Mallinsons Brewery: The brewery has begun using a fourth fermenting vessel and is now producing over 80 nine gallon firkins a week. Amongst other places these casks are going to the Rat & Ratchet, Huddersfield; the King's Arms, South Crossland; and the New Inn at Roberttown which are the latest pubs with dedicated Mallinsons pumps. Beers were also sent out to the White Rose festival at Magna in Rotherham and Horsefirth Beer Festival. New beers include: Lindley Pale Ale (4.0% abv); Hops Up (4.2% abv); Citra (4.1% abv); Chappel (3.9% abv); Lynx (4.3% abv); Binary Star (4.7% abv); Drop Kick (4.2% abv); Temple of Fame (4.4% abv); Station Best Bitter Extra (4.7% abv); 71/42 (3.7%).

Riverhead Brewery: New beers are Colne Gold (4.3% abv) and White Moss Mild (3.6% abv)

Summer Wine brewery: February saw the launch of the 'Nerotype' single hopped Black IPA range of beers, beginning with 'Simcoe'. 'Columbus', 'Warrior' and 'Herkules' are to follow monthly. Simcoe, along with new flagship IPA 'Diablo' were available at the White Rose Beer Festival at Magna, Rotherham. Other new beers are Resistance Mild (3.4% abv); Dakota (4.2% abv); Diablo (5.0% abv) and Treason (4.8% abv).

Empire Brewing: New beers include: Climbing Boy (3.9% abv); Viking (4.3% abv); Cock Crowing Stone (3.7% abv); Topaz (4.3% abv); Tiger Tiger (4.0% abv); The Pennine Way (3.9% abv).

Nook Brewhouse: has been receiving attention in the press recently. The latest Bartender's Guide article in the Leeds Guide featured Ian Swindell of the Duck and Drake recommending Fiery Red (4.5% abv), which he was proud to say he was the only source of in Leeds. The Huddersfield Examiner also reported on the long due presentation of the Tamworth Beer Festival 'Beer of the Festival' Award 2009, for Blonde (4.5%abv).

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10 th – 13 th	Shepherd's Boy War of the Roses BF, Dewsbury Old Ship Inn 3 rd BF, Bethel St, Brighouse
11 th – 12 th	Gledholt Male Voice Choir BF, Heritage Mill Bar, Oakes
16 th – 20 th	Star Inn BF, Folly Hall, Huddersfield
17 th – 19 th	Leeds BF, Pudsey Civic Hall, Pudsey, Leeds
18 th – 19 th	Denby Dale Lions BF, Pie Hall, Denby Dale

APRIL

8 th – 9 th	Guiseley Factory Workers Club 5 th BF, Guiseley
14 th – 16 th	Doncaster 21 st BF, The HUB, Chappell St, Doncaster
14 th – 17 th	Nook Spring BF, The Nook Inn, Holmfirth
21 st – 24 th	Suddabys Easter BF, Wheelgate, Malton
28 th – 1 st May	Cricketer's Arms BF, Horbury
29 th – 1 st May	Rat & Ratchet Mild & Cider BF, Huddersfield Barnsley BF, Milton Hall, Elsecar, Barnsley

MAY

6 th – 7 th	Mayfest BF, Square Chapel, Halifax
7 th	South Penine Boat Club County Fair, Battyford
19 th – 21 st	Dewsbury BF, Dewsbury Town Hall, Dewsbury

JUNE

10 th – 12 th	Kirkburton BF, Scout Hut, Hallas Rd, Kirkburton
17 th – 18 th	Marsh Liberal Club, Marsh
24 th – 26 th	Navigation BF, Mirfield

JULY

16 th	Bobtown beer bash, Roberttown
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Mon 28 Mar Branch Joint social with Wakefield Branch, Clark's Brewery
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Mon 18 Apr Branch meeting at Marsh Conservative Club, Marsh HD1 4PB
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Mon 9 May Social at the Wills O'Nats, Kirkheaton, Blackmoorfoot, Meltham HD95PS
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Mon 23 May Branch meeting at the Slubber's Arms, Hillhouse HD1 6HW
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Tues 22 Mar Social, start at Navigation, Mirfield WF14 8NL

Mon 4 Apr Branch AGM at Black Bull, Birstall WF17 9

Mon 11 Apr Social starting 7:30pm at Sportsman, Huddersfield HD1

Wed 11 May Branch meeting at Dewsbury Central Station Hotel (TBC)

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