



Ale Talk

Magazine of the Huddersfield and Heavy Woollen
CAMRA branches

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AleTalk is Dead, Long Live AleTalk

Welcome, beer lovers, to the final issue of AleTalk, the Newsletter for Huddersfield and Heavy Woollen CAMRA Branches!

But lest anyone start crying into their pint glasses, let me reassure readers throughout Kirklees that they needn't go without beer, pub, brewery and festival news: both Huddersfield and Heavy Woollen Branch will be publishing their own separate newsletters going forward, to serve the specific needs of each Branch. With more great pubs in the region offering real ales and hosting beer festivals than ever before, new breweries opening up all the time, and both Branches now hosting succesful large scale beer festivals annually, there is more than enough going on in each Branch area to fill a quarterly magazine.

It has been my pleasure (despite many a stressful moment!) to produce this magazine - with the hard work, help and support of many others, I hasten to add - over the last year, and I look forward to continuing to serve readers in and around Dewsbury and the Heavy Woollen area as Editor of a new and more focused newsletter of our own. Readers in Huddersfield will have the services of returning former AleTalk Editor Bob Tomlinson for their magazine. I'm sure I'm not the only one happy to welcome Bob back to his old post!

It only remains for me to thank everyone else who has made the existence of AleTalk possible over the last year. Without the efforts of Huddersfield Branch members: Nick Wade, Neil Kelly, Brian Dickson, and Branch Chairman Michael Robinson, AleTalk would have ended with last Summer's issue. Without the passion and generosity of CAMRA Cider Representatives Dave Kendall-Smith and Dave Litten, AleTalk's coverage of our local slice of Yorkshire's (and the whole nation's) flourishing cider movement would have been sorely lacking. Without the support and assistance of Heavy Woollen Branch members: Paul Dixey, Mike Fretwell, Gary Whiting, John Gibson and former and present Chairmen Mike Roebuck and Alan Mapplebeck, my job as Editor would have been immeasurably harder. And finally, without the hard work, collaboration, and occasional boot up the backside from Katie Green I would probably still be working on last Winter's issue!

Thank you all, and to everyone else who sent us news, wrote us articles, sent us pictures, advertised with us, or helped in any way. I only wish I had the time and space to mention you all.

For now, read on for your fix of beer, pub, brewery and festival news, and come Autumn keep your eye out for the new Huddersfield and Heavy Woollen CAMRA Branch newsletters.

Robin Moss,
AleTalk Editor

An Apology

The following obituary was submitted for AleTalk in February for inclusion in the Spring 2011 edition. Due to an unfortunate oversight on my part, it was left out of the issue, and I can only apologise sincerely for any unintended offence or upset that resulted.

Robin Moss

Angela Roberts 1928 - 2011



Angela Roberts was born in Glasgow in 1928 although this fact is not well known to most as she was most proud of her Irish family roots, which she would refer to as home.

The eldest from a large family she went on to have seven children of which she was loving, loyal and fiercely protective.

Angela met her husband David when David was a student at Leeds University where he was doing Geology.

They moved into The Nook in late 1964 as tenants. At this time The Nook was then owned by a brewery called Bentley's Yorkshire Breweries (BYB). In the late 1960s BYB was taken over by Whitbread's and one of the first things Whitbread's did was start to rationalise its holdings and as The Nook was furthest from the brewery, it was the first to go. Whitbread's offered to sell the freehold for a song, and Angela and David bought it. The Nook became the first Free House in Holmfirth itself and the pub's fortunes picked up from there. That would be about 1970 or maybe a bit later. The Children all worked out passage at The Nook, and could pull a pint long before they could bear to drink one.

Although David often got the plaudits Angela was the one who had to deal with the day to day running of the place. Her dealings with customers was legendar: kind, caring and warm but she could rule with a rod of iron when necessary.

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Angela's death marks the end of an era and she will be sadly missed by her family and everyone that knew her.

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Huddersfield CAMRA Joint Pubs of the Year 2011

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Landlady of the Sportsman Sam Smith holding the award, surrounded by staff, regulars & CAMRA members.

The first joint Pub of the Year winner was the Sportsman, St. John's Road, Huddersfield. Fittingly, the presentation took place two years after the day when the pub reopened. The pub has eight quality handpumped real ales, a strong commitment to LocaAle beers such as Mallinsons, Empire and Golcar, and a range of real cider.

The Rat & Ratchet, Chapel Hill, Huddersfield was the second joint Pub of the Year winner. A permanent feature on the Huddersfield Real Ale map for many years, it continues to offer a large range of quality real ale through the thirteen handpumps. As well as beers from the parent Ossett brewery and their offshoots Riverhead and Fernandes, they have a wide range of beer from both near and far. The pub is also a great supporter of mild; there is always one on offer and it holds an annual Mild Festival in May. All of which contributed to it winning Mild Pub of the Year 2011 as well.

The Rat & Ratchet was also the winner of the Huddersfield CAMRA Cider Pub of the Year 2011. Six real ciders and two real perries are always available, a range unmatched in Huddersfield.

Coincidentally, both pubs are planning to start brewing on the premises this year, with the Sportsman already up and running.



Zee & Rob Allen (andlord of the Rat & Ratchet) surrounded by other members of their team after receiving the awards.

Heavy Woollen CAMRA Pub of the Year 2010 & Cider Pub of the Year 2010

The Heavy Woollen branch of the Campaign for Real Ale have awarded their latest Pub of the Year award to the West Riding Licensed Refreshment Rooms on Dewsbury Railway Station.

Ever since the pub was created in 1994 in a disused part of the Grade 2 listed railway station, it has been a standard bearer for real ale in the district. The pub has won the award several times before and has also previously achieved the Yorkshire Regional Pub of the Year award and a runner-up in the National competition.



Heavy Woollen Branch Chairman Alan Mapplebeck presents the award to the West Riding management team

Mike, Sarah and the team have worked hard to maintain an interesting selection of cask ales as well as traditional cider and perry. Good value, wholesome and tasty food is available lunchtimes and some evenings, the latter with some interesting international themes.



Landlady Katie Green receives her award from David Liffen, Yorkshire CAMRA Cider Co-ordinator

The first ever Heavy Woollen Cider Pub of the Year award went to the Shepherd's Boy in Dewsbury, which was also the runner -up in the Pub of the Year competition this year.

The Ossett Brewery-owned pub just outside Dewsbury town centre has been known for some time for it's selection of quality real ales, with a range of four regular or rotating Ossett beers and three changing guest beers, one from Fullers. However under Landlady Katie Green the pub has had an increased focus

on real Cider and Perry, with an ever changing range of three. For most of this year at least one cider or perry from nearby Huddersfield producer 'Udders Orchard has been amongst them, and they have been very well received.

Huddersfield CAMRA Club of the Year 2011



Wendy & Guy Brook (stewardess & steward at Marsh Liberal Club) accept the award from Michael Robinson (chairman of Huddersfield CAMRA)

Marsh Liberal Club was the deserved winner of the Huddersfield CAMRA Club of the Year 2011. They have a good range of quality real ales, with three permanent Taylor's beers – Landlord, Best Bitter and Golden Best – and two rotating guests, often from independent local micro breweries such as Empire, Golcar & Mallinsons. The newly refurbished club also runs an annual beer festival, which this year will be taking place Fri 1st & Sat 2nd July.

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Huddersfield Branch News

Happily, Bob Tomlinson's circumstances have changed recently, and he is able to give time once again to compiling Ale Talk. This news prompted the members at the Branch Meeting on 23 May to decide to have Ale Talk done once again by Bob, but just for the Huddersfield Branch area. This will start with the next issue, and the Autumn Edition of Ale Talk in the Huddersfield area will be produced in August for distribution at the start of September, with the Heavy Woollen Autumn news being published in that Branch's own magazine. Bob will be contacting Huddersfield advertisers to discuss how their support can be continued in a dedicated Huddersfield publication.

Huddersfield news, notices and adverts should now be sent once again to:

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The deadline for copy for the Autumn Ale Talk is Tuesday 16 August.

The magazine at the beginning of September, will include the announcement of the Huddersfield Branch Summer Pub of the Season award; the nominations for voting on the Huddersfield Branch Autumn Pub of the Season; an invitation to nominate pubs and clubs in the Huddersfield area for inclusion in the 2013 CAMRA Good Beer Guide; and information about the Huddersfield Oktoberfest which is to be held once again at the APNA Venue, on Thursday 13, Friday 14 and Saturday 15 October.

Sincere thanks are extended to all those who have kept Ale Talk in operation in recent times, and we look forward to a stronger future of two magazines with concentrated coverage of the Huddersfield and the Heavy Woollen areas, complementing and supporting each other in the promotion of real ale and cider throughout Kirklees.

Michael Robinson

Chairman, Huddersfield Branch

Award Voting for Huddersfield Branch members:

**HUDDERSFIELD CAMRA PUB or CLUB of the SUMMER SEASON 2010/11
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Nominations:	Berry Brow Liberal Club;	The Slubbers Arms, Hillhouse
	The White Cross, Bradley;	The Vulcan, town centre

Name of Pub _____

Member's name _____ M'ship No. _____

Please note that only current Huddersfield Branch Members may vote, either at the meeting, via the web-site, or in person at the meeting.

Postal votes are to be sent to : CAMRA, 57 Park Lane, Berry Brow, Huddersfield, HD4 6TP.

Votes must be received no later than Monday 11 July 2011.

Huddersfield & District Pub News

Huddersfield: The **Rat & Ratchet** once again celebrated the month of Mild this May with their annual Mild and Cider festival. A wide range of both light and dark milds was on offer. While work continues on the new dining room, the **King's Head** continues to serve a wide range of interesting beers at very reasonable prices. The **Vulcan** has been reported to be selling guest beers at £1.50 recently, including Great Heck. Later on in the town centre, The **Parish** has been serving Landlord, Hobgoblin, and Spitfire, while the **Zephyr** has Leeds Best, and closes at 1.30 on weekends. Up at Spring Grove, the **Grove** hosted the launch of the new **Magic Rock brewery's** beers on June 21st, which were reported to be excellent.

The **Sportsman Brewing Co.** launched their new beers at the **Sportsman**, St John's Road, Huddersfield on Sunday 29th May 2011. The pub has also won the prestigious 2011 English Heritage Conservation Award. The award, which is part of the CAMRA National Pub Design Awards, recognises the best restoration of an architecturally significant pub.

Armitage Bridge: The **Monkey Club** has its 5th annual Monkeyfest coming up soon, on the weekend of Saturday the 2nd of July. Around 50 real ales will be on offer, plus music and a BBQ.

Berry Brow: **Liberal Club** was selling Cumberland bitter and two guests from Aldershaw's brewery recently, while the **Golden Fleece** had Saltaire Blond. The **Railway** now reportedly has three hand pumps in operation.

Copperhill: **Rose and Crown** is said to have four hand pumps on the go, no word on what's available.

Fenay Bridge: the **Star** now has a guest ale to complement Tetley Bitter. Over the road the **Fenay Bridge** has reportedly decent Bombardier in addition to a Black Sheep beer.

Holmfirth: The **Farmers Arms** in Holmfirth has been taken over, with new Licensees Danielle Montgomery & Sam Page saying: "We are currently offering seven traditional cask ales with regulars of Timothy Taylor Landlord, Greene King IPA, Wells Bombardier, Greene King Abbot Ale & Copper Dragon Golden Pippin. In addition we have two guest ales such as Leeds Pale, Black Sheep & Ringwood Fortyniner."

Lepton: the **Sun** is said to be experimenting with cask beer, reports on the results would be welcomed.

Lockwood: the **Shoulder of Mutton** these days typically has Malinson's, Taylors Best, and Black Sheep beers, while the **Lockwood and Salford Club** features Tetley's bitter and 3 guests.

Longwood: the **Rose and Crown** is said to be selling Black Sheep beers and the **Prospect** has John Smiths.

Marsden: the **Great western** has been recommended for its 'Lovely beer and large portions of food', while the **Railway** is to be commended for bucking the trend and dropping prices. The **Marsden Band Room** has been seen serving Landlord as well as Hobgoblin as a guest, while the two pumps in the **Marsden Liberal Club** are said to be assigned to Copper Dragon and Mallinsons. Meanwhile the

Conservative Club has Tetleys and a rotating guest, and the **New Inn** has Taylors Best and a guest. The **Tunnel End**, after a period of closure, was due to open for Easter this year, no word so far on how the opening went.

Meltham: the **Wills o' Nats** had Ilkley pale, and Landlord, plus beers from Goose Eye, Osset, and Black Sheep on a recent visit, and held a music festival on the 28th of May. Meanwhile the **Travellers Rest** has a new landlord, no reports on the beers as yet.

Moldgreen: the **Jolly Sailor** was reported to be serving Hobgoblin.

Salendine Nook: the **Spotted Cow** has Landlord and a Black Sheep beer.

Shelley: the **Thirsty Ferret** (formerly The **Oddfellows**) is reportedly selling real ale now.

Slaiithwaite: Glenn Worth is the new landlord at The **Swan at Crimble**. He took over on the 10th January and has now got Cask Marque accreditation, with five real ales on the bar at all times.

Heavy Woollen Pub News

Dewsbury: The **Old Anchor** in Dewsbury town centre has been demolished. On a more positive note, the **West Riding Licensed Refreshment** rooms held a successful beer festival recently, and won the local Pub of the Year competition. With the sale of Anglo-Dutch Brewery the pub will no longer have a permanent Anglo-Dutch pump, however Anglo-Dutch beers will still feature from time to time, as will beers from sister-pub the **Sportman's** new brewery. The **Shepherd's Boy** has increased its range of rotating real ciders and perries to three, in addition to seven real ales.

Birstall: The **Scotland** has two rotating guest beers, mainly at weekends and plans to have beer festival at August bank holiday.

Cleckheaton: The **Hunsworth** (by the M62) has three cask ales including a rotating guest.

Hunsworth: The **Savile Arms** is a popular old pub of character, Tetley and Theakston Bitter.

Mirfield: The new licensee at the **Flowerpot** moved on after only three months, and the **Wasp's Nest** is still up for sale. The **Navigation** held a summer festival over the weekend of 23rd to the 26th of June.

Oakenshaw: The **Richardsons Arms** was bought last year by Kevin and Laura who plan to open a swimming club on the premises. Having been in since last Summer, they have found that the pub has regained popularity, and have six hand pumps, free of tie. Beers from Black Sheep, Copper Dragon and Abbeydale have featured.

Roberttown: The **New Inn** are organising a Real Ale Ramble taking in five local pubs, on the bank holiday at the end of August. A card stamped at each pub will earn a free pint at the **New Inn**.

Thornhill: The **Savile Arms** has had Golden Sheep and Thwaites Wainwright amongst its recent guests. New tenants are at the Alma, with an emphasis on food. Two cask beers advertised.

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White Lee: The **Halfway House** has re-opened as Shama Kashmiri Restaurant.

The **Butcher's Arms, Staincliff; Black Bull, Birstall;** and the **New Inn, East Brierly** have attained Cask Marque accreditation.

Planning applications: The conversion of the former **Freemasons** at **Upper Hopton** (described only as it's street address) to four dwellings has been approved. Applications for change of use include the **Crown** at **Flush, Heckmondwike** to be converted to five flats, the **Talbot** in **Batley** and **Old Oak, Littleton** for outline permission for demolition and replacement by a supermarket. The **Yorkshire Volunteer** have applied for one change of use upstairs. The **Hare & Hounds, Birstall** is to be demolished and the Council plan to replace it with homes if permission is granted.

Has your local boozer been overlooked?
Do you have pub news worth sharing?

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The Serious Drinker

Philip Charlesworth

Of the several books on beer which grace my shelves, Chris Hutts 'The Death of the English Pub' and Richard Bostons 'Beer and Skittles' (which appeared first as a Saturday column in The Guardian) among the earliest, none more gives me more pleasure than 'They're Open!' by Ronald Wilkinson and Roger Frisby with illustrations by Neville Main.

Picked up by chance in the course of browsing in second hand bookshops, 'They're Open!' was first published in 1950. It therefore pre-dates the keg era by ten years. I have never seen, nor heard, of another copy-- a neat hard back with an illustrated dust jacket.

Designed for and about the Serious Drinker we quickly learn that he drinks not to be sociable but "for no other reason that he likes drinking" and what he likes drinking is BEER. But there are strictures:

"Drunkenness must never be the aim nor the concomitant of serious drinking". If the Serious Drinkers of the 1950s had lived 25 years later they would have been among the first to join CAMRA.



Group (V) The Crypto-serious or Miscellaneous Group.

It is perfectly clear that none of these types can take his drinking at all seriously

But this is a book designed to entertain. When all beer was drawn by hand pump or straight from the cask it was when closing time was well before midnight, differing from one parish or borough to another so that with careful timing (if you lived near enough) you could nip over the border for a final drink.

We are given detailed descriptions of the types of pub which had survived World War 2 and were little changed from the 30s; and which of the several bars in those days of multi-roomed pubs the Serious Drinker should select. Detailed advice as to what to wear, how to stand and how to hold the tankard accompany particular guidance on drinking schools and how to deal with other customers in your chosen pub.

Most chapters close with 'A Word about Sex' of which Neville Main's drawing, reproduced here, is a good example.

The Serious Drinker is throughout regarded as a student in the art of beer drinking and this book is the perfect manual for him. But don't take 'They're Open!' too seriously or you'll miss the fun of it.

Find a copy if you can and simply enjoy it.



'... the mortifying spectacle of an established postgraduate student baulking the issue of a final round, in order to pay heed to the inconsequential chatter of a tap-room Circe.'

Philip Charlesworth

Tales from the Tap Room - The Eightlands Hotel

Did you ever visit the Eightlands? No, not the Eightlands Well pub, I mean the Eightlands Hotel. You didn't? Right, just let me get another pint and I'll tell you the tale. It's pulled down now, been gone for years. It was a Tetley's house, in those days a lot of the Dewsbury pubs were, and the bitter was spot on, it was a matter of pride amongst the landlords. Guest ales hadn't been invented. They were all tenants, and knew each other and trained up bar staff to take on other Tetley's pubs. That's how they did things then. When was this? About 40 years ago.

There were some right characters got into that tap-room. To tell you the truth a stranger might have turned on his heel when he walked through the door, but they were alright when you got to know them. Fair enough, some of them had been under the Town Hall Clock. That's what they called it when they were in the cells in the old borough police station. One of the customers used to say that he should have been a copper; he'd assisted the police with their enquiries that many times.

There was a regular there who had a right trick. He would challenge any newcomer, especially if they were 20 years younger than him, to race him to the bottom of the road and back for a pound. The lad would set off at a sprint while he just ambled along. Then when he got back he'd say *"I'll have that pound, I only said I'd race you, I didn't say I'd win"*

The Domino games were something else. Everybody was cheating, fives on fours, that sort of thing, even though the local CID were in the game. They did quite a bit of business in the pub. You see, they didn't pretend to be undercover; there was no point because the entire taproom knew them, but on the other hand, they knew all the tap room.

Don't get me wrong, the landlord and landlady were dead respectable. He was one of the old-fashioned licensees and was looked up to in the town. He had a dark three-piece suit, tie and white shirt, though I never saw him wearing his jacket – he was always in his waistcoat with his sleeves rolled up. But the point was - he looked the part. The landlady was always well turned-out, and nobody dare swear if she was in earshot. At half past ten she stopped serving, though you could get yourself a spare pint. Come twenty-to she would be round chivvying you, though – ordering you to get the tops off the pints. I suppose it showed willing if you gulped down an inch or so, you were only allowed 10 minutes drinking-up time then, but she always gave you a bit of slack.

Did I tell you about the pub in Dewsbury where I started my apprenticeship in supping? But that's another tale. Oh, you're stopping for another pint, are you? Well I'll just have one more. It is your round, isn't it?

J. Grant

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2nd Roberttown Real Ale 'Bobtown Beer Bash'

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After the amazing success of the last year's festival, the organisers are pleased to confirm the second 'Bobtown Bash' at Roberttown Community Centre, on Saturday 16th July (12 to 10pm). Last year's event exceeded all expectations, and the festival ran dry by 8pm, "We were staggered by the response we received," Robert Knapp, one of the festival organisers explained. "We realised we had something big, when we needed to send out for more glasses within two hours of opening."

Of great significance was the amount of money the festival raised for local charities and worthwhile organisations, which was the main aim of the organisers. The Community centre was one of the charities which benefited, and some of the proceeds from the festival went to a number of improvements the centre has enjoyed since.

The success of the festival is all the more remarkable in that the organising committee had no prior experience of planning such festivals, or indeed, supplying beer.

That said, some members of the group have enjoyed success in organising other big events, the annual Liversedge Half Marathon for starters, so they were more than happy to 'put their money where their mouth was' and take the plunge in putting on the beer bash.

Ablly assisted by Tim Wood - the landlord of the Old Colonial, Mirfield - whose experience and skill of looking after and serving beers was vital, and together with the commitment and support of Heavy Woolen CAMRA members and the enthusiasm of the committee and volunteers, the festival was almost assured to be a success.

To keep the drinkers well fed again at this year's festival, local Roberttown butchers Buckles will again be providing a delicious BBQ, added to a large selection of Vegetarian

Curries provided by Pure and Natural Cuisines. The festival also provides live entertainment with a number of bands already earmarked to perform on the outside stage. So providing the weather remains fine (something the organisers can't guarantee) with a number of

bands already earmarked to perform on the outside stage. So providing the weather remains fine (something the organisers can't guarantee) there is every reason to expect the continued success of the festival and hopefully ensure it becomes an annual event.

So what will be different for 2011? "For a start, we will have more Beer and Cider," explained Robert. "Hopefully up to 30 real ales, but we still recommend an early attendance to avoid disappointment and ensure a full choice of all the brews we offer."

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As far as beer goes, the festival doesn't really follow any theme, but the organisers are working hard to source a wide selection of beer styles from all over the country.

"I'd like to think even the most dedicated 'beer tickers' will go home having enjoyed a number of beers they haven't sampled before" said Robert "I can't really confirm any particular beer at this stage, but I'm hopeful we will have beers from as far away as Surrey and Buckinghamshire, together with brews from lesser known breweries from nearer home, as well as one off festival specials".

Indeed, Huddersfield brewers Mallinsons have agreed to produce a Roberttown Festival Ale for the bash, though at this stage the style and strength of the beer is not known.

The Community centre in Roberttown is ideally placed to hold the festival, and drinkers from further afield are able to use the excellent public transport options that Roberttown has. The 229 service (Leeds – Huddersfield) has a stop immediately outside the centre, and the village can also be reached by the 220, 253 services, full details of which can be found on the Metro bus website www.wymetro.com

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Cider in the Spotlight

Welcome to the new cider page in Aletalk. I intend having a page dedicated to cider in every issue so news and views would be most welcome.

Five years ago it was hard to get a variety of real cider in this area, now in 2011 there are plenty of outlets purveying at least one real cider and several offering a choice of both cider and perry. There are now also two producers and a regular cider festival on top of the CAMRA organized event.

Granted, the same period of time has unleashed a plethora of faux ciders, the latest of which is Stella Artois Cidre: "it's not cider"- damn right it's not! I thought that it would be good for this article to taste and review Cidre, just for a laugh. It wasn't good, or a laugh, so enough of that!

Over the royal wedding weekend there were plenty of real ciders available at The Rat's Mild, Cider and Perry Festival. There were twenty-three in all, spanning a broad range of the country's offerings. Non-traditional cider-making counties were well represented, including Lincolnshire and of course Yorkshire.

Producer's News

Pure North: currently available by the bottle, at The Nook, Holmfirth and The Sportsman, Hudds, as well as other places. Pure North has had planning permission granted to turn existing stabling into more cider making facilities so we can expect to see more available in the area. Their cider is understood to be made using cider apples grown around the farm, and is delightfully effervescent and dry in the bottle.

'Udders Orchard: have made 4 products this year, Huddersfield Perry and Cider, Whisky Cask Cider and Bourbon Cask Cider using fruit donated from the gardens of Huddersfield and its environs. Having been seen at The Rat, The Shepherd's Boy, and The Commercial, as well as regularly at The Harlequin (Sheffield) the 1000 litres produced this year have nearly gone. The aim is to double production next year.

So, where can I get a real cider?

I intend to get a list of places that sell real cider so that readers can find even more variety so please let me know if your local sells the good stuff and we will have it in here next time.

Huddersfield Area

Cherry Tree, Hudds
Commercial, Slathwaite
The Grove, Hudds
Head of Steam, Hudds
Kings Head, Hudds
Rat & Ratchet, Hudds
Riverhead, Marsden
Sports Man, Hudds

Heavy Woollen

Shepherd's Boy, Dewsbury
West Riding LRR, Dewsbury
Navigation, Mirfield
New Inn, Roberttown
Timepiece, Dewsbury
Pear Tree Inn, Mirfield

If you have any news related to real cider, or your local selling real cider isn't mentioned please contact me at: dave@uddersorchard.co.uk or 07817367752

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Brewery News

The Sportsman Brewing Co.: Launched their new beers at the Sportsman, St John's Road, Huddersfield on Sunday 29th May 2011. Their first new beer was Alpha Ale (4.3%) which appeared at Dewsbury Beer Festival in May, and was very well received. As well as the Sportsman itself, expect to see Sportsman beers at the West Riding Licensed Refreshment Rooms on Dewsbury Train Station from time to time.

The Magic Rock Brewery: This new brewery, based at Oakes, Huddersfield launched their beers at the Grove in Huddersfield on Tuesday 21st June. The event was popular, with the beer quality complimented and the brewery having a good handle on branding and marketing their new beers.

Anglo Dutch Brewery: Founders Mike Field and Paul Klos have sold the brewery, apparently now known as 'Partners Brewery', to Richard Sharpe and Paul Horne. The brewery will continue to operate in Savile Town in Dewsbury, and Paul Klos will stay on as an employee for two years to pass on his brewing experience.

Empire Brewing: New beers include: Orion (4.3% abv); Rights of Man (4.2% abv); Black king Stout (5.2% abv) and Dog Days (4.4% abv).

Mallinsons Brewery: The White Horse at Emley is another addition to the list of pubs sporting a permanent dedicated Mallinsons hand-pump, and the brewery won Bitter for the Festival at Doncaster's 21st Beer Festival recently for Europa.

Riverhead Brewery: Has followed the recent trend and brewed a Citra (4.2% abv).

Summer Wine brewery: One recent beer, Rouge Hop (5.0% abv) has been part of a trend of heavily hopped ruby beers the brewery has been exploring. Another exploration has been into 'saison' seasoned beers, with flavours like Nettle & Ginger, and Orange & Rosemary.

Festival Diary

- Fri 1st - Sat 2nd July: Marsh Liberal Club Beer Festival, Marsh Liberal Club, Marsh, Huddersfield, HD3 4AL
- Fri 1st - Sat 2nd July: Ciderfest at the Stubbing Wharf, King Street, Hebden Bridge, HX7 6LU. Over 70 different traditional, craft and farmhouse ciders, canal boat cruises & live music
- Sat 2nd - Sun 3rd July: Monkeyfest 5, Armitage Bridge Monkey Club, Dean Brook Road, Armitage Bridge, HD4 7PB. Sat 12-11pm; Sun 12-9pm. 50 real ales & cider, £2 entry, live music, barbecue
- Thu 7th - Sun 10th July: Sheffield Food & Drink Festival features a LocAle real ale bar.
- Wed 13th - Sun 17th July: Summer Beer Festival at the Star, Folly Hall, Huddersfield, HD1 3PJ. Probable times: starting 17.00 Wed & Thu, full day opening Fri-Sun
- Sat 16th July: Bobtown Beer Bash, Roberttown Community Centre, Church Road, WF15 7LS. 12.00-22.30 probably 20+ real ales ciders and perrys, live music
- Fri 22nd - Sun 24th July: Rose & Crown at Thurstonland Beer Festival, 3 The Village, Thurstonland, Huddersfield, HD4 6XU
- Sat 23rd - Sun 24th July: Bower Beer Fest 2011 at Hall Bower Athletics & WMC, 53 Hall Bower, Newsome, Huddersfield, HD4 6RR. Probably 30+ hand-pulled local, regional and national beers, food, live music, children and families welcome
- Fri 12th - Sun 14th Aug: Beer Festival at the Foxglove, 6a Penistone Road, Kirkburton, Huddersfield, HD8 0PQ. 20 beers available

Tickets may be required in advance at some festivals. An entrance charge may be made, although card-carrying CAMRA members receive a discount at CAMRA beer festivals.

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- Mon 18 Jul** Branch meeting at Carniceria, Victoria Square, Holmfirth, HD9 2DN
Catch the 19:10 313 First Bus from Huddersfield Bus Station
- Sun 24 Jul** Marsden afternoon crawl. Meet Railway, 34 Station Road, Marsden, HD7 6DH at 2pm or at 1pm to eat at the Railway before the crawl. Trains from Huddersfield Rail Station at 12:37 or 13:37. First Buses from Huddersfield Bus Station – 182 at 15 minutes past the hour, 185 at 50 minutes past the hour
- Mon 15 Aug** Branch Meeting at Berry Brow Liberal Club, Berry Brow, HD4 7NF. Catch the 19:40 314 First Bus from Huddersfield Bus Station
- Sat 10 Sep** Yorkshire CAMRA Regional Meeting. The Works, Sowerby Bridge.

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- Wed 6Jul** Branch meeting, Huntsman, Shaw Cross
- Mon 18 Jul** Social, start at Saville Arms, Mirfield
- Mon 8 Aug** Branch meeting, Dewsbury Central Station Hotel
- Wed 17 Aug** Joint social with Bradford branch, Richardson's Arms, Oakenshaw
- Tues 6 Sep** Branch meeting, Old Colonial Club, Mirfield
- Tues 20 Sep** Social, Butcher's Arms, Staincliffe

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