



SOUTH CHESHIRE

CAMRA DIARY

Thursday 2 September: 7pm, **Crown Hotel**, Nantwich.

[this will also be a distribution of publicity material for the Nantwich Beer Festival 2010]

17/18 September: visit to **Shrewsbury Beer Festival**

Thursday 21 October: 8pm, **Bhurtpore**, Aston.

29/30 October: visit to **Middlewich Royal British Legion Beer Festival**.

Tuesday 16 November: 8pm, **Kings Arms**, Crewe.

In addition there will be visits to:

Stoke Beer Festival 21-23 October [this year at Fenton Manor Sports Complex];

A visit to **Limestone Brewery** is tentatively planned for October/November.

All our events are open to any CAMRA member, anyone who likes beer or pubs, and anyone who is just curious to see what is going on!



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PUB OF THE YEAR AWARD; THE BHURTPORE INN, ASTON



Photograph shows Derek Davey, on left, chairman, presenting the POTY Trophy and Certificates to Simon George, owner and Licensee. The Summer beer festival was blessed with fine weather and the attendances reflected this. Many unusual beers sampled, as usual over several days, and the curries were much appreciated too. By the Sunday, most of the festival beers had sold out. Well done to Simon and Nicky and the ever helpful staff for yet another superb festival.

There will *not* be a November festival this year, and Simon sends his apologies in advance. Most of do not realise the effort and strain that goes into arranging, promoting and running a successful beer festival. There *might* possibly be a beer event in Spring 2011, possibly March, so keep an eye on Out Inn Cheshire for any further news.

Mr Phil Goodall - An apology

In the summer edition I committed the cardinal sin of journalism; everyone says it, 'At least get my name right!'

And so I have apologised profusely to **Phil and Helen Goodall** of **The Lodge**, Alsager and **Goodall's Brewery** for my error.

Since that article was written, Phil and Helen have completed the milestone of their first year in the pub, which has seen it go from strength to strength. With the assistance of Mark from Townhouse Brewery in Audley, Phil brewed his first beer on the shiny new brewery to the rear of the pub in April and this made its début at a party to celebrate the anniversary in May 2010.

Datum, a light 4% session bitter hopped with Styrian and Cascade was very well received and was soon followed by **Snow Eater**, a powerful 4.9% brew made with American Chinook hops, the name is the literal translation of the hop name.

On a recent visit I was able to taste the third beer, **Brown Edge** 4.3% a tawny coloured beer with an unexpected hoppy edge to it. I have to say I enjoyed the surprise immensely and was so wrapped up in this that I didn't notice the very slight haze. Phil explained that no isinglass (fish swimbladder) finings were used on any of the beers and the first two dropped perfectly bright; although this means that his beers are suitable for vegans, he may rethink his policy in due course. A fourth beer is conditioning in the cellar at present, a 3.7% version of Snow Eater called **Snow Nibbler!**

I wish Phil and Helen continued success with their venture and if you still haven't visited the pub in the last year I urge you to do so. I hope that some of the beers may be appearing at a beer festival near you towards the end of September!

PAH

SCRAP: (South Cheshire Real Ale Pedallers)

Seven hardy souls turned up for an outing in June. Fine weather from start to finish. Starting from Winterley we took the quiet lanes towards Hassall Green. Somewhere along the way, the Celtic Navigation System suffered a blip; should have gone under the M6, not across it. So an extra loop of about 5 miles was added to the itinerary!

An excellent pint of Speckled Hen was sampled at the **Romping Donkey**. The photo shows from left to right:- Gordon, Ellie, Oz, Paul H and Derek. Not seen are the Celtic Navigator [who took the picture], and Mark whose helmet is on the table but who was doing a inspection of the glazed ceramic facilities at the time.



We then headed for the **Rising Sun**, Scholar Green where we met Clive and Paul T. Finally we cycled to the **Lodge** at Alsager, home to **Goodall's Brewery**, where a committee member was actually seen to have a £10 note in his wallet! And after that we made our various and different ways home. A grand day out!

News brewing at the Borough Arms, Crewe

There is a new brewer in town, or rather a Brewster (lady brewer)!

John Webster at the **Borough Arms** has recently engaged the services of Michelle Kelsall who moved from Scotland to Cheshire earlier this year. Michelle will brew house beers for John but will use the remaining capacity at the 2 ½ barrel plant in the basement of the pub to brew under her new brewery name of **Offbeat Brewery**.

Formerly of the Failford Inn, Ayrshire, (CAMRA national Pub of the Year Runner Up 2006) Michelle brewed there under the *Windie Goat* name with beers named after fishing pools in the River Ayr at the rear of the pub.

Michelle likes to brew big gutsy IPA's stacked with hop flavours, but brewed a range of beers including Peden's Cove 3.8%, Priest's Wheel 4.3% & The Dubh, (a 4.6% chocolate porter!). Gutter Slab, a 5.5% IPA went on to win Silver in the SIBA (Society of Independent Brewers) Scotland, Strong Bitters competition in 2009.

Mark Jeffries (South Cheshire CAMRA Secretary) happened to visit the pub whilst in Scotland last October and reported at the time that the beers were very exciting. Little did we know that Michelle would turn up on our doorstep!

By the time you read this Michelle will have returned from a holiday to Australia, New Zealand and USA and be busy mashing in for the first of her new brews. The new beers are as yet unnamed, but are likely to be available later in the month at the Borough Arms and possibly also at a beer festival near you, along with other free houses in the immediate area.

34 For those landlords interested in taking her beers, Michelle can be contacted on the brewery number 07502 0996438.

In time Michelle would like to further expand her brewing activities, marketing her beers far and wide. Watch this space or look up **Offbeat Brewery** on Facebook for further developments!

It was once traditional for the lady of the house to brew while the man laboured elsewhere; does anyone know when Cheshire last had a Brewster?

Answers on a postcard please!

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In Crewe at the **Angel** a new beer from Oakwell Brewery was spotted; "Senior", slightly stronger than the Oakwell Bitter. The lunchtime food here is excellent value for money; [as the beer is too] the lamb shank in particular was highly appreciated by this particular writer. The Angel closes early evenings, so do check the opening times if you intend visiting.

The **Borough Arms** is now one of the Oakham Brewery "Oakcademy" members. This means that you will always find an Oakham brew on the bar, with the pub also having the option to have first choice on any Oakham specials produced by the brewery. One such was Citra, a 4.2% pale superbly aromatic golden beer. It uses the Citra hop [The Sierra Nevada Brewery in the U.S.A. helped fund the development of this hop variety and control most of the acreage available in the world] and is worth seeking out-and drinking it of course!

Food is back again on the **Hops** lunchtime menu, Tuesdays to Fridays. The Beef & Stilton Panini, in my opinion is the perfect accompaniment to a pint of real ale [or indeed the Cheddar Valley or Black Rat Cider]. There are of course other menu items to enjoy. CAMRA members-don't forget that Monday nights are *discount* nights for all card carrying believers at Hops. At time of writing, early August, real ales £2 per pint for members. If you are not a member yet, see the application form on the back of this issue of Out Inn Cheshire.

On a more subdued note, pub closures are hitting Crewe: *Bar 22, Royal Scot, Brunel* are for sale by their varied PubCos The Brunel is still open and a busy pub. The *Cross Keys* is still closed as is the *Park* [but at least the regulars now frequent the Earl of Chester down the road by Flag Lane traffic lights]. The *Delamere Arms* is closed and 'to let' as is the *Burton*. It does seem that the real ale pubs are bucking this trend of closures. *IB*



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Real Ale in a Bottle Tastings

For this edition of Out Inn Cheshire, **Beer Emporium, Sandbach**, kindly supplied us with two normal-strength Bottle-Conditioned local beers for our panel to taste.

Blythe Ridware Pale (4.3% abv)

From Blythe Brewery near Rugeley, Staffs, comes Ridware Pale (so named as the brewery is at Hamstall Ridware). On pouring, this was, not surprisingly, a very pale, almost bleached-blonde colour. There were no particular aromas detected, except perhaps a slight hint of ginger. The taste, however, was clear straight away; pronouncedly bitter, very hoppy, and dry to boot. It was well carbonated, with a sharp, hoppy aftertaste (some said acrid and verging on acidic). It did divide opinions, being a beer clearly more suited to those who like their beers dry and hoppy. For those that do, this is a very refreshing, tasty beer.

Dunham Massey Duerr's Blossom Honey Beer (4.3% abv)

This beer, made using honey from Duerr's and available all summer, was agreed to have a biscuit, almost winy bouquet when opened. Anyone expecting it to have a cloying, sweet flavour due to added honey would be in for a surprise, though, as there was only a faint, subtle honey taste. In fact, some people could not detect it at all, but those who dislike the more bitter, hoppy beers found this much more to their taste. There was ample condition in the beer, some finding it too carbonated. Of medium bitterness with a bitter aftertaste, it wasn't quite what we expected, but was eminently quaffable none the less.

Our thanks to the Beer Emporium, Welles Street, Sandbach, for providing the bottled beers (see advert) and to MS, SH, JC, and JW for tasting.

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Bonus Tasting

As a last minute bonus, we also had a small poly container of a new beer from Knutsford to taste. This was from the newly-established **Tatton Brewery**, only just in production at Longridge Trading Estate, Knutsford. Their beers were included at the **Bhurtpore Beer Festival** this summer, but had not yet found their way regularly into the free trade. Using an historic local yeast strain, Tatton produces three beers, Tatton Ale, Best and Tatton Gold. We had the **Tatton Best** (4.2% abv) to sample, and it proved to be a chestnut, amber colour with floral, honey and malty aromas. It had a malty taste with honey flavours, some people detecting citrus overtones, and blue cheese in one case. There was a dry, quite bitter aftertaste, and it was agreed to be a good first brew, similar to a session/premium ale in body and 'gluggable'.

The **Yew Tree**, Long Lane, Spurstow re-opened recently after careful interior refurbishment. In the capable hands of the same people who run the Bull at Shocklach, near Malpas, so you can expect the same high standards in food and a good range of real ales.

The **Nags Head**, Bunbury recently reopened and under new ownership. Has a range of real ales, including LocAles, and a selection of good value food. Salopian Golden Thread was in top form at recent visit.

The **Lower Chequer**, Sandbach continues to stock a great range of real ales. [Over 160 since the pub re-opened last December with Jim and Liz in charge]. There are two established favourites with the regulars now; Shropshire Lad from Wood's Brewery and Kodiak Gold from Beartown Brewery. The Kodiak has gradually been enticing the lager drinkers off the fizz and onto real ale, helped of course by encouraging noises from behind the bar. In fact on the Friday of the last weekend of July, a firkin of Kodiak Gold sold out in 50 minutes!



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The Festival will be open on Friday from 5 pm to 11 pm (£3.50) and Saturday 11 am to 11 pm (free entry until 5 pm, £3.50 from 5 pm)

CAMRA members will get a free beer token on paying sessions.

There will be live music both evenings - **FOULPLAY** on Friday and another local band (not confirmed at the time of writing) on Saturday.

On Saturday evening the festival staff will be in fancy dress, with a military theme.

The evening sessions are certainly very much a party atmosphere!

Saturday afternoon is a great family session and the age range is from 8 months to 80 years old.

There's plenty of seating and there will be a variety of food offerings.

www.nantwichbeerfestival.org.uk



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As mentioned in last issue, Country Pub of the Year for South Cheshire was awarded to the **Cholmondeley Arms**.

The photograph shows from left to right:

Hugo Thompson, General Manager, Mark Jeffries, Secretary CAMRA South Cheshire, Derek Davey, Chairman and the Cellar Manager, Paul Dimelow.



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Friday 3 Sept; Ceriog Valley minibus trip. Depart Ship Victory, Chester, 6:30 pm.

Saturday 11 Sept; Shropshire pubs all day by minibus. Start time tbc.

Thursday 16 Sept; Branch Meeting / GBG launch - Bridge Inn, Chester. Start 8:00 pm.

Saturday 9 Oct; Trip to Salopian Brewery, Shrewsbury. Depart Chester 11:22 train.

Friday 22 - Saturday 23 Oct; **Chester Autumn Beer Festival** - Chester Guildhall



As well as Chester and its environs, this Branch covers an area stretching from Parkgate on the Wirral to Tushingham in the South.

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Here is news of an unusual Beer Festival on 18 September.

The **Two Counties Beer Festival** is a bus based beer festival running between Mold and Denbigh with four 53 seat buses running an hour, 2 in each direction between 11 am and 11 pm. A number of pubs en-route will be providing a variety of real ales, other refreshments and some entertainment. A Two Counties Beer Festival bus pass will cost £3 and will allow you to use the special buses all day. There will be pick-up points in Mold and Denbigh and the following pubs taking part in the festival:

- o Blue Bell Inn, Halkyn
- o Antelope, Rhydymwyn
- o Royal Oak, Hendre
- o The Crown Inn, Lixwm
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South Wirral Scoops (16 July 2010)

Six of the branch's finest athletes set off on their bikes from Hooton Station on Friday evening for a tour of South Wirral. After all of 200 metres from the station they felt the need for a pint. Fortunately, the **Hooton Hotel**, closed for a while, was found to have reopened the previous week under a new licensee, and to be serving a palatable pint of Tribute. This is good news for those who tend to need a stop off on train journeys back from Liverpool, especially if the promised increase in cask numbers materialises.

Inigorated, we managed a slightly longer stretch, to the **Halfway House** on the A41 at Childer Thornton, a Marston's outlet dispensing their very acceptable palindromic real lager; Wychwood Regal. Staying in Childer Thornton, another strenuous 200 metre trek took us to that old favourite, the pictured **White Lion**. Despite the short distance we still managed to lose one of our number en route! We partook of the Thwaites Wainwright whilst wondering when this one-time Good Beer Guide regular would make it back in the guide again.



A couple more branch stalwarts joined us at the Halfway House, bike-less, but willing to provide rescue car facilities as we set off on the decidedly longer stretch to Willaston. Our route took us along part of the Wirral Way, formerly the track of the Hooton-West Kirby branch line and, as we rode through an arch of trees towards Hadlow Road Station, preserved as it was in the 1950's, we could almost smell steam lingering in the leaves above us.

- 40) A turn to the right at the station took us to **Pollards**. All arrived intact, which is just as well since our rescue team was already well ensconced and calling a justifiable recommendation of the Caledonian 80/-. Three other cask ales were on offer including a quaffable summer ale called "Nectar" from the same brewery.

Having saved the best for last we set off for the **Wheatsheaf** at Raby, where Brimstage beers were to the fore. Both Trapper's Hat and Sandpiper met with strong approval. A gentler ride of just over 3 miles took us back to Hooton Station and we set off in the twilight down tranquil, fortunately car-less, lanes in a blaze of hi-vi vests and twinkling red lights.

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Kelsall and Tarvin Cycle (15 June 2010)

The sun was cracking the flags so it was an ideal day to get out and about on the bike. The plan was to have a first pint at the **Farmer's Arms** at the top of Kelsall Hill then work downhill from there. The long slow climb through Oscroft was as pleasant as ever but a new route from Willington through the steep wood to Pearl Hole was an absolute killer climb!

It certainly worked up a thirst though and thankfully the Weetwood Old Dog at the Farmer's Arms was as good as ever. Sadly, the previous landlord Mike Ford passed away recently and the pub is now being run by his family. RIP Mike. My intended route down the Yeld was scuppered by the road being closed so instead there was a satisfying hurtle down the hill to the now closed *Morris Dancer*.

A right turn here then took me through delightful country lanes and a short steep climb to the pictured **Goshawk** at Mouldsworth.

Another excellent pint of Piffle was quaffed here while sitting in the sun overlooking the bowling green.

I could have stayed there all afternoon but eventually dragged myself back on the bike for a short pedal to reach the **Golden Lion** at Ashton Hayes. Two new beers for me here, Midsummer Madness by Tetleys of all people, plus the unusual Peach Melbear from Beartown. The latter certainly had a strong peach nose but thankfully

the flavour was more restrained and it slipped down a treat. Another short ride then to the last destination and the **George & Dragon** in Tarvin. A range of well known regional ales were on but I spotted another new brew for me - Wychwood Flash of Hops. It tasted nice but I'd have liked more hops, not a flash but maybe The Full Monty of hops!



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TRAVELS ALONG THE A56 PUB CORRIDOR

First port of call was the **Shrewsbury Arms** in Mickle Trafford, which had Greene King IPA and Marston's Pedigree on the wickets. One aspect of the menu at this pub, and several others, was the offer of seafood dishes; Granny always told me never eat the stuff unless there's an 'R' in the month...how times change!

The **Nag's Head** just down the road - literally - also offered a selection of Oriental dishes (some of them seafood) in the Thai restaurant, along with Cumberland Ale, and Taylor's Landlord to wash it down.

Our furthest pub was the **New Helsby Arms**, where surprisingly there was a gathering of post-war Riley saloons, RM's and Pathfinders, et al in the car park!

The pub was very busy with food including hot and spicy prawns, mussels & garlic dressing, and Thai fishcakes to tempt the hungry diner. A pleasing choice of ales were on offer for those requiring merely a drink; Spitfire, Adnam's Bitter, Courage Best, with an array of pump clips above the bar to show 'what's coming soon' - Batemans XB and XXXB, Old Peculier, Old Hooky, Titanic Anchor, Wadworth's 6X and Cumberland Ale; well worth a return!

Musing on this, we retraced our tracks to the next pub, the **White Horse** at Great Barrow, where we had a swift pint of the Banks Bitter.

A quick flip to the **Stamford Bridge** revealed a more varied selection; Theakston's Best, Weetwood Best and Mad Hatter; Piffle the house bitter and Holden's Bottom Knocker. Just as we supped a welcome half of the Weetwood, the power went off and plunged the place into darkness for 10 minutes! Status quo restored, we headed down the lanes to the **Bird in Hand** at Guilden Sutton where we were pleased to find Weetwood Cheshire Cat, Spitting Feathers Thirstquencher, and Taylor's Landlord on the bar.



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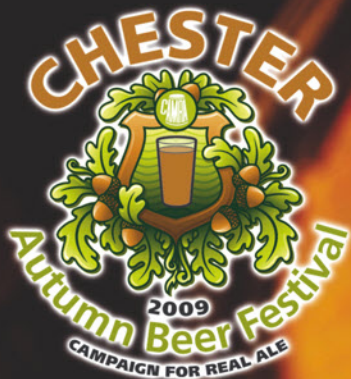
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Guilden Sutton Cycle (11 June 2010)

A Friday night saw the first of the branch's organised bike rides of the summer season. A nice flat one this to get us started and not too far at a smidge over 9 miles in length.

We started off with an alfresco pint at the **Bawn Lodge** on Hoole Road where an excellent drop of Beer Works Football Relief got us off to a good start.

We then headed along the smooth traffic-free Millenium Greenway to pop out at Guilden Sutton and the **Bird in Hand**. This pub has got back on track again after a troubled time in past years and the Cheshire Cat and Landlord certainly went down a treat.

A late change to the route saw us pedal off down the A51 to the **Stamford Bridge**.

This proved to be a good move as we had what turned out to be the beer of the night – the house bitter, Piffle. A cracking brew this at 3.6%, from Brimstage Brewery on the Wirral.

It was then time for a spell along the country lanes through Cotton Edmonds and onto the **Plough**. Sadly the beer choice here isn't what it was but the Deuchars was decent enough to slake the thirst.

A short ride from here into the centre of Christleton saw us arrive at the **Ring O'Bells**. The pub interior is pretty modern now but the beer selection felt like something from yesteryear unfortunately with the choice of Green King, Ruddles County and Old Speckled Hen.

Onto the canal towpath then for the last stretch to the **Bridge Inn**, Tarvin Road where five hand pumps awaited us. I dodged the England football beer this time and the Smooth Radio special to go for the Sharp's Doobar instead. A very nice pint with which to finish a very pleasant evening

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CASK CHAMPION AWARD 2010

Trafford & Hulme CAMRA has its first Cask Champion Award for "Services to Real Ale" to the **Dunham Massey Brewery** and the brewer, John Costello for spreading the message of cask ale, with an emphasis on traditional North West ales, throughout the local community. Since the opening of the brewery in 2007, Dunham Massey ales have made a real impact on the local cask ale scene, with outlets in 125 pubs and clubs (40 on a regular basis) and Real Ale in a Bottle sold in the brewery shop, National Trust shops and farmer's markets. Dunham beers have also been available at numerous Beer Festivals throughout the country and it is a testament to their quality that the brewery has scooped 15 awards at CAMRA Beer Festivals, 7 of which were for Beer of the Festival, the latest being at the Aberdeen and North East Festival 2010 for the famous Chocolate Cherry Mild. John has produced 20 different cask ales since opening the brewery, all very different, not simply the re-badging of earlier brews. These include several bitters, dark and light milds, porter, stout and brown ale as well as seasonals such as Summer Meadow, Treacle Treat and Winter Warmer and a recent speciality Duerr's Blossom Honey Beer.

John is a strong supporter of the aims of CAMRA and has welcomed our own, and many other CAMRA branches to the brewery, often to receive beer festival awards on these occasions and to infect us, and any other visitors, with his great enthusiasm for the cause of cask ale. Advertisement of CAMRA events and distribution of our local newsletters, Opening Times and Out Inn Cheshire is also made from the brewery shop, reaching a wide audience. He also runs his own annual Beer Festival in the local village hall. As an important contribution to the campaigning aims of CAMRA, John presented a Meet the Brewer evening to celebrate Cask Ale Week in March at the nearby, regular GBG entry pub, the Swan with Two Nicks which has been a regular outlet for Dunham beers. A report on this event is on the Trafford & Hulme website.

The Cask Champion Award 2010 was presented on the Branch's Grand Cheshire Day Out (via the Barn Owl, Home and Swan with Two Nicks) ending with a barbecue at the brewery. In accepting the award John wanted it to be known that the success of the brewery has been very much a team effort, involving his sons (Anthony and Jason), his wife Linda and assistant brewer, Dave Sumner.



TRAFFORD & HULME

CAMRA Diary

We cover the Borough of Trafford - that's places like Altrincham, Sale, Stretford and Urmston plus Hulme (west of Princess Road), a large chunk of Manchester City Centre and some bits of north east Cheshire.

All members, old and new are warmly welcomed. See our new web-site at www.thcamra.org.uk

28-30 August: Altrincham ABC **Beer Festival**, Market Hall, Altrincham
2 September: **Branch Meeting** 8pm Old Market Tavern, Market Place, Altrincham
9 September: **City Centre Social** 8pm Commercial, Liverpool Rd, 8.45 Castlefield 9.20pm Ox, 10pm Cask. Finish at the Knott Bar

23 & 24 September: **Beer Festival** at the Royal Northern College of Music, City Centre.

30 September: **Sale Social** 8pm the Brook, 9pm the Vine, 10pm Bulls Head, Finish at J P Joule

7 October: **Branch AGM** 8pm onwards. Timperley Taverners Club.

8 and 9 October: **Manchester Food and Drink Festival**, Albert Square, Manchester

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TRAFFORD AND HULME PUB OF THE SEASON SUMMER 2010 WETHERSPOON'S J.P. JOULE, SALE

Trafford and Hulme CAMRA selected Wetherspoon's **J.P Joule** on Northenden Road in Sale as their Pub of the Season Summer 2010.

Named after James Prescott Joule, the English physicist, who resided in Sale, we are very pleased to see Barry Back and his team win this accolade. When he was told of the award he was immensely pleased. He and the team work very hard to welcome and look after all their customers providing a comfortable ambience, good food and especially well presented ales.

In the four years that Barry has been manager at the J.P Joule he has been keen to improve the quality of the cask ales and a 46% increase in like for like sales over the last 2 years is testament to that endeavour. Barry recently invited the Branch to "cut the ribbon" on a new bank of hand pumps which takes the number to 9 on the ground floor with 4 more upstairs. He has two permanent beers, which are Ruddles and Abbot Ale, with 7 changing guest ales of which several qualify for the CAMRA LocAle scheme and a permanent real Cider. During Wetherspoon's Real Ale Festivals (which occur 3 times a year) the number of beers can increase to as many as 14 with the Belgian and foreign beers proving to be very popular.

Barry is keen to give the pub more of a community feel and to this end he has organised "meet the brewer" evenings as well as occasional "themed nights", the latest being an Indian night with curry tasting and henna tattooing. Barry is also proud that the pub raised £980 as part of a company initiative in supporting a group of Wetherspoon London marathon runners who raised £426,000 for CLIC, the Cancer Charity.

Barry would like to thank his staff for their hard work and to the customers for supporting real ale. The award was presented in July.

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| Acton Bridge | Hazel Pear | 01606 853195 | Hospice charity quiz. 1st Wednesdays . |
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| Altrincham | Old Market Tavern | 0161 927 7062 | Wednesday 9.30 pm |
| Bollington | Poachers | 01625 572086 | Last Sunday of the month for charity |
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