



NORTH CHESHIRE

Covers Warrington and Vale Royal, including Frodsham, Lymm and Northwich.
Halton has its own active Branch, covering Runcorn and Widnes
Meetings are usually held in the Warrington/Northwich area, with regular surveys of outlying areas.
Beer Festivals are held every year, at Northwich

New members and formerly inactive members are especially welcome.

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If anything of remotest interest is happening in your local, let these guys know!
Visit our North Cheshire CAMRA web-site www.camranorthcheshire.org.uk



CAMRA DIARY

*Feel free to call us for more information.
Events start at 8 pm unless specified otherwise.*

- 1 to 7 June: **Local Pubs Week.**
- Tue 2 June: **Pub of the Year** Award, Plough, Houghton Green
- Sat 6 June: **Community Pub of the Year** Presentation
- Sat 13 June: Regional Pub of the Year Judging (Minibus)
- Thu 25 June: Pubs Survey - **Lymm** (Meet Spread Eagle)
- Sat 27 June: Regional Pub of the Year Judging (Minibus)
- Fri 3 July: **Club of the Year**, Appleton Thorn Village Hall
- Thu 9 July: Brewery Visit - **Lees Brewery**, Middleton
- Mon 13 July: Pubs Survey - **Rudheath/Allostock**
(Meet Broken Cross)
- Tue 11 August: Branch Meeting, **Ferry Tavern**, Penketh
- Sat 22 August: Real Ale in a Bottle Event, **Holly Tree Farm Shop**, Tabley
- Wed 26 August: Pubs Survey, **Tarporley** (Meet Rising Sun)



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WARRINGTON REAL ALE TRAIL

During **Local Pubs Week**,
1st – 7th June 2009,
North Cheshire CAMRA
will be launching its new
leaflet, the **Warrington
Real Ale Trail**.

This leaflet features **all** the
pubs in Warrington currently
providing real ale and includes a map and further
details of each pub, mentioning food provision,
beer gardens etc.

We hope this will encourage visitors to venture
into Warrington to visit some new and
interesting pubs.

The leaflet will be available in all the featured
Warrington pubs from the beginning of June.



LOCAL PUB EXTENDS NATIONAL CASK ALE WEEK

Lach Dennis's award winning pub, the **Duke of
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beers was
offered and
soon sold out,
proving once
again the Brit-
ish pub can
survive &
thrive!



"To think I wasted all those years drinking lager"

– a quote from Christine at the **Cat & Lion** on her joy at discovering real ale, she particularly
relishes "the golden ones." The Cat & Lion at Stretton has recently re-opened after a major
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Warrington Town Centre Crawl

Our 'mature' footballers' real ale crawl took us to Warrington Town centre in March. For a few 'out of towners' it was with apprehension that they stepped off the train (in a town centre which shall we say has not had the best of press in recent years) and headed for our pre-arranged meeting at the *Blue Bell*. Alas, disappointingly, although the bar was lit up, the pub was shut. Not a good start to our crawl.

After waiting for all to turn up and the mutterings to quieten down we walked the short distance to the Lower Angel in Buttermarket Street. We seemed to be the only people around as the town centre seemed deserted at 7.30pm.

The **Lower Angel** is a real gem of a town centre pub; a plain traditional two bar boozier that has changed little in the passing decades. A blackboard displayed the array of ales on offer and Aiden, the smartly dressed barman, explained the differences in the ales. The other side of the pub had a number of gentlemen who all looked to be in deep discussion, probably analysing why it seemed to be so warm in the side we were in. After inspecting the list of ales available I opted for the Downton Elderquad.

Just my type of beer, light in colour with a refreshing citrus flavour, and in fine form. I marked this ale a 4 on the CAMRA beer quality scale; excellent. Following that I tried the Thwaites Wainwrights 4.1% a straw-coloured malty beer, not my favourite I have to say but enjoyable all the same.

On went the coats for the stroll down a deserted Bridge Street to **Friar Penketh** a typical standard large Wetherspoons outlet. Quite a tickers pub from the number of micro brewery beers on offer. Here I opted for the Northern Okeh at 3.9%. A large number of attendees were availing themselves of the low priced food with many tables being used for diners, so the pub seemed quite full.

Leaving the Friar Penketh we crossed Bridge Street down Academy Way to the **Porter's Ale House** (previously named Cross Keys); a pub I had never been in. I have heard it is a pub of unusual characteristics and, after reading Gary Chester's report in the last issue of Out Inn Cheshire, I couldn't wait. What a pub! It has to be the friendliest pub in Warrington; lots of tattoos, body piercing and leather jackets on view and a unique atmosphere with the back room playing actual black plastic seven inch records of Suzi Quattro, Deep Purple and the like. No posing spotty teenagers drinking sugary blue liquid from bottle at over £6 a pint; just honest real ale for honest real people who appreciate a vibrant



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town centre drinking pub. Jerry and Ben behind the bar were most hospitable, chatting to a group of un-pierced, un-tattooed, short haired, clean shaven men... (us). The pub offers 4 constantly changing guest beers with a view to installing a real cider in the very near future. Along with a couple of others, I ordered the Batemans XB. After a few whiffs and a couple of sips I decided it could be on the turn and asked the bar staff for their opinion.

They immediately offered another beer with no questions asked and were very apologetic.

I opted for the Titanic New World a beer I have not tried before. As usual for Titanic beers it was superb and I gave the beer a 4. I had to have another just to

make sure. The lads in the group (whom I am trying to convert to real ale) thought the pub was fantastic, so unlike the usual plastic pubs offering expensive boring plastic beer by plastic bar staff.

On we went after a farewell from the staff who came outside to cheer us off. On to the **Tavern** on the junction of Mersey Street and Church Street. A wonderful array of gleaming beer engines greeted us, with quite a different atmosphere from Porters with the emphasis defiantly on drinking beer. I sampled the George Wright Pure Blond at 4.6%, very nice earning a score of 3+. After the lads read all the posters and rugby shirts on show we moved on the nearby **Bull's Head**.

On offer here were a couple of national giants, Fuller's London Pride and Wells' Bombardier. Less exciting in my opinion than the ales on offer at the previous four pubs. Despite two beer engines displaying the Bombardier beer clips, neither were serving beer... we all had the Fullers which was in average condition. We made a return to the Porters for a last pint. I had the Everard's Pitch Black, a delicious pint of stout with flavours of roasted malt and coffee. Porters Ale House was a real find for our group, and enjoyed by the *Guinness* and *lager* drinkers as well. In all a very enjoyable evening, with the highlight being the excellent Porters Ale House, also first class were the Lower Angel and the Tavern.

Paul Foster



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Clubs Come Up Trumps

When is a club not a club?

That was the problem that arose when **Appleton Thorn Village Hall** was awarded the CAMRA North Cheshire Cider Pub of the Year for 2009. The question then put was could this 2008 National Club of the Year be allowed to compete at a regional stage against the best cider pubs in Cheshire, Merseyside and North Wales.

After discussions by the hierarchy of CAMRA it has been allowed in; quite rightly as there is no Cider Club of the Year award!



This marks a double success for the Village Hall, which was 2009 CAMRA North Cheshire Club of the Year ahead of the Bellhouse Club in Grappenhall. So join us all for the double presentation on Friday 3rd July (start 8:00pm) to celebrate the Village Hall's success.

Perhaps there should be a 'Pub of the Year' award!!

People in Grappenhall are spoilt for choice. As well as the **Bellhouse Club**, including its beer festival in May, they also have the excellent **Ex-Servicemans Club**.

Another club now worthy of consideration is the Grappenhall and Thelwall **Royal British Legion Club** on Stockport Road (Thelwall side of the A50 and just off the A56). Currently there are two hand pumps; one serving a Thwaites beer; the other a guest usually from micros. Hopefully a third pump will be installed shortly. With a beer festival on 7th and 8th August, it must be worth a visit.

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National Cask Ale Week

Easter saw North Cheshire CAMRA busy in support of the first National Cask Ale Week. The first day saw a pub crawl of the finest cask outlets in Warrington, namely the **Albion, Tavern, Porters Ale House** and the **Lower Angel**. Those thinking, 'hey what about the **Ring o'Bells**?' – well the question was answered by the fact there was a branch meeting there on the Tuesday!

Wednesday saw members visit the **Ferry** at Penketh in support of female licensees (Female day).



Thursday was novel, at the **Plough** at Houghton Green, in that there was free cask beer (not yesterday or tomorrow!!) but actually for lager drinkers. In our First Taste Day bemused lager drinkers were offered a free nip of Young's Special bitter with each lager ordered. Each was gratefully received and drunk sometimes with initial comments like 'this tastes weird' but it should be noted none was returned!!

Our thanks go to Wells and Youngs for supplying the free beer and to Keith Anders (pictured) and his staff for their participation.

Good Friday saw Meet your Local Brewer; not an ideal day as even brewers need a bank holiday! However **Stationhouse**, being located in a craft centre, was open to the public, so proved the ideal place to visit.

Saturday saw the introduction of real ale to the **Winnington Park Rugby Club**. As host of the Cheshire RUFC Cup Final, they supplied a unique blend called Touchline from Northern brewery. Was it a success; I think so as 36 gallons sold out on the day!!

It was then on to the highlight of the week; an attempt at a world record with a toast to cask beer. Regulars and the licensees from the **Ring o'Bells** joined forces and went up to the **Albion** (pictured right) in a show of solidarity towards cask beer.



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SQUEEZING THROUGH THE CROWD AT THE FREEMASONS ARMS

One of the joys of delivering Out Inn Cheshire is savouring the differences between the pubs. One lunchtime I popped in to one very large pub with an almost empty car park and only two people in the open plan bar area; and they looked as though they didn't want anyone to see them. I had a nice half of Brakspear and went on my way, wondering how the pub survived.

Then on to what has been described by its friends as the epitome of a back street pub; although the **Freemasons Arms** is actually on the main Chester road in Northwich. I had to offer excuses as I squeezed my way between a crowd of jovial gentlemen chatting and supping glorious pints of guest bitter. The repartee and friendliness filled the, admittedly small, bar areas. I was instantly made welcome; and I trust this was not only because I looked like a fellow pensioner! This is what a traditional pub is all about. I managed to find one of the free seats and join the fun. I asked if many young people patronised the pub and was told "a few" and then my attention was drawn to a young man who had just reached retirement age! I rued the fact that this happy real ale oasis was not nearer to my home and wrenched myself away.

I am lucky to have fairly good health and the Warrington area provides ample opportunities to walk or cycle through pleasant countryside on the way to welcoming hostelries. One of my favourite decisions is to sit astride my mountain bike on the banks of the St Helens (Sankey) Canal and toss up whether to go left to end up at the **Fiddle 1th Bag** or right to the **Ferry Tavern**.

The young couple who run the Ferry have a range of special events running throughout the Summer including the famous Vintage Car Show and the musical feast known as Glastonferry.

Both are individual pubs with real character and, perhaps more importantly, a range of interesting beers. One can usually bet that they will be thronged too. I suppose a pub with no customers is second only to a pub with no beer in terms of horror. Unfortunately many of our pubs are closing because of the double whammy of increasing costs and diminishing numbers of customers. Hopefully, dear reader, you will be inspired to visit one of our advertisers or pubs that are mentioned in these pages. They deserve your support and will give you a great deal of pleasure.

Jeff Bouch



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WITH the increase in business rates
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We have been unable to advertise
in this quarter's issue of Out Inn Cheshire.



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Tues 21st July; branch meeting 8.30pm Premier (Wetherspoons), Albert Road, Widnes

Trips; Andy Jameson, 01928 575175 andrewjameson@btinternet.com
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Whatpub.org - a new online pub guide

The new electronic pub guide, spiritual successor to the Out Inn Cheshire Guide is now on line. However, we need your help. With over a thousand pubs to survey and only a few volunteers, this is a daunting task. We are looking at ways to speed up the process. One of the most obvious is to enlist the help of more CAMRA members. After all, how much of a nuisance is it to go to a pub? If you think you can help, contact the editor and we will allocate you a few pubs to survey. The form is simple to complete and comes with explanatory notes.

Another wheeze we thought of is to ask licensees to assist by providing most of the information themselves. Most of the details are of course purely factual, and then all we have to do is check them for accuracy and provide the narrative description. If you would like to "self-survey" your pub, to help it come to the notice of the electronic world, contact us and we will sort you out with a survey form. If there is enough interest, we may even make the form available on line.



Out Inn Cheshire is proud to support the independent brewers of traditional beers in Cheshire and the pubs that stock them. We encourage drinkers to seek out and drink Local brews and we ask licensees to stock and promote them. Keep local jobs, reduce 'beer miles' and enjoy a fine pint of beer into the bargain.

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South Cheshire CAMRA Invite you to...

The following Branch meetings have been confirmed:

- 1st to 7th June: **Local Pubs Week** call for details of special events.
- Wednesday June 10th 8 pm ; **Travellers Rest**, Chester Road, Alpraham. [84 Bus route]
- July 1st 7.30pm: Bhurtpore Inn, Aston.
- August 15th 1.00pm: Little Man, Winsford Road, Wettenhall.
- September 3rd 7.30pm: Oddfellows Arms, 97 Welsh Row, Nantwich.



A mostly rural area, but including the towns of Crewe, Middlewich, Nantwich, Sandbach and Winsford.

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Beer Festival news

Nantwich Beer Festival 2009

organised by
South Cheshire CAMRA
in association with
the Nantwich
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26th, 27th, 28th September
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CREWE NEWS

The *Brunswick* on Nantwich Road is closed and for sale with outline permission for apartments. The *George* on West Street closed and for sale also. The *Prince of Wales*, West Street, closed [again] and 'tinned up' as they say locally. *Earl of Crewe*, Nantwich road, still trading, but due to become a supermarket site.

Pub of the Year

Now the better news. The **Borough Arms**, Earle Street, is CAMRA South Cheshire's Pub of the Year-2009, and so will go forwards to the regional competition and, hopefully, further. Well done to John and Dawn and the friendly bar staff. The Borough Arms Brewery continues to produce very drinkable brews.

Hops, Prince Albert Street, continues to impress with its range of real ales, many from Locale breweries, plus interesting beers from further afield. Acorn, Barnsley, supplied an excellent range of beers recently, all extremely drinkable. Plans to extend the number of hand pumps from three to five.



The ever-popular **Bhurtlepore Beer Festival** starts on Tuesday 30th June at 6.30 pm and ends on Sunday the 5th July at 11pm. See the advert on page 29 for details. 120 real ales, many of them unique, plus traditional ciders and perries; always worth visiting. Free camping in adjacent field should you wish to combine the great outdoors with classic real ale drinking. Good public transport, too; on Friday and Saturday the 11.30 & 12.30 trains from Manchester stop at Wrenbury, with returns at 17.08 & 18.08. These trains stop at Stockport, Wilmslow and Crewe. Aston is a pleasant walk from the station.

It is also worth noting that the Wrenbury Scarecrow Trail, organised by the Friends of Wrenbury School, will be in full swing on that first weekend in July. It is well worth touring all, or part, of the trail on your way to the Bhurtlepore.



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Cycling

South Cheshire SCRAP [South Cheshire Real Ale Pedallers] unit had their first outing of 2009. An early sort of start from Winterley led first to the **White Lion** at Barthomley (pictured), where the suitably attired gang sat outside in brilliant sunshine, drinking tasty ales and listening to the "Cock o' Barthomley" giving it some stick with his cockadoodleyodel.



Then toward Audley, up and down a hill or two, all on quiet lanes, to arrive at the **Swan** where a short stop was made.

Then to the **Plough** at Bignall End where the unprepared needed to eat. Excellent filled outcakes plus a more substantial meal were ordered. Then one of our group simply had to watch United v Everton on the big TV. We left the Everton fan to enjoy and headed back to the Swan for a swift one before heading back towards Crewe. We understand that he did a lap of honour around Sandbach that evening, on his bike of course.

NORTH MANCHESTER CAMRA INDEPENDENT'S DAY TREASURE HUNT

CAMRA invites all members to the 17th Annual Independents Day Treasure Hunt, on 4th July 2009. A combined pub crawl with a pub quiz, is a chance to tour interesting pubs in central Manchester. Teams of 2-5 people (or even just you; teams can always use another brain!) be at the Crown & Kettle, corner of Oldham Street and Great Ancoats Street, Manchester M4 5FE, between 11am and 12:30. Entries £1 per person. A short quiz provides the names of the pubs to be visited during the day. You then tour them, enjoying real ales and answering questions in each pub. Return to the starting point by 7:30 pm for food and presentation to the winners of beer tokens and a ceremonial shield. Any questions, email idth@sky.com

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Wheelock's Nags Head will be holding a Mini Beer Festival over the weekend of 18th to 21st June.

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The Wrenbury Scarecrow Trail, organised by the Friends of Wrenbury School, takes place on the first weekend in July.



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Top marks go to the **Bull** at Shocklach, near Malpas, 12 miles south of Chester, for total commitment to National Cask Ale Week. Events staged by the pub included beer menus, a trip to Spitting Feathers brewery, a free glass of ale for women and an Easter beer festival with ale quality faultless throughout. With five real ales regularly available, the pub was recently accredited by CAMRA for the LocAle scheme. The 2009 *Michelin Guide* listed Bull was reopened by Jon Cox and Lindsay Melling with manager Chris Jones in 2007 after a chequered history, including an arson attack and closure


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Saturday 6th June; Llangollen railway **rail & ale excursion**; a double return journey to Carrog and back on a steam train serving Stonehouse brewery real ales. £10 ticket per person. Advance purchase includes a free pint. For details ring 01978 860979. *Departs 6.30 pm. back approx. 9.15.* Followed by our Welsh pub of the year presentation to the **Sun Inn** in Llangollen.

Saturday 18th June; Branch meeting: **Pheasant**, Higher Burwardsley *start: 8.15pm.*

Saturday 20th June; **Three Tuns Brewery Tour**; a trip to Bishop's Castle then visits to the taps for Six Bells, Woods and Corvedale breweries. *Call for details.*

Friday 3rd July; Bryan & Brian's **community pubs mystery tour**; a trip round some of our more socially mixed hostelrys. *Call for details.*

Saturday 11th July; Train trip to **Lancaster and Preston**. Buy a day return Chester to Frodsham & a day return Frodsham to Lancaster. It saves you £££s ! *Call for details.*

Thursday 16th July; Branch meeting: **Peal o' Bells**, Holt. *Start: 8.15pm.*

Saturday 18th July; **West Cheshire Beer Festival** at Spitting Feathers brewery near Waverton. *Details to follow.*

Saturday 1st August; Llangollen railway **rail & ale excursion**; steam train serving Jolly Brewer real ales. £10 ticket per person. For details ring 01978 860979. *Dep 6.30 pm*



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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When we first came to Farndon around twenty years ago, the liveliest pub of the three village establishments was **The Raven**. Over 100 years ago, this was the “brewery tap” for the Farndon Brewery, before the latter was sold to Chester Lion Brewery around 1910, then closed soon after though the name and the premises live on as Brewery Motors, along Churton Road.

Landlords came and went in the early 1990s, including Brummie Dave who once shaved off half his beard for charity, before the occupancy passed to the Bouchier family who somewhat pretentiously renamed the pub as **The Farndon Arms**. Decent ale and a quirky food menu were the early hallmarks of the Bouchier time, plus the TV exposure whenever local resident Paul Burrell was in the news. TV crews would take over the bar and try to capture the ambience of the (in)famous butler’s local. Residents’ opinion of this time in the spotlight was mixed.

The Bouchiers quit the pub after thirteen years and were followed briefly by John Gartland who was in the end unable to overcome the burdens of absurd rent and beer prices imposed by the owning PubCo, and the pub closed its doors some two years ago. A massively expensive refit, and another name change to The Farndon saw the pub reopened with a décor more in keeping with a Hampstead wine bar, no doubt influenced by similar pub refits nearby. However this one failed spectacularly, with the formula of expensive menus and lavish residential accommodation failing to attract sufficient custom, despite the efforts of no fewer than five managers in a little over twelve months.

Local residents Peter Dickinson and John Palmer took on the lease at the turn of the year, and are busy trying to turn the place into more of a pub, less of a fancy restaurant. With a focus on cask beers, many locally produced, and attention to ambience and friendliness, things are now finally looking up for the old lady. There is even talk of reviving the Raven name (*the ghost of Joe Salmon, last owner of Farndon Brewery and the Raven would raise his pint glass to this*). What a shame some idiot broke the etched glass “The Raven” windows during the mega-refit. Good luck to Peter and John.



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IN THE COUNTRY

The **Copper Mine** at Broxton reopened in May after a refit and has been re-christened the Sandstone. Happily it's blessed with being free of tie and was recently selling Fullers London Pride with LocAles Sandstone Edge (no relation) and Weetwood Cheshire Cat.

There's been a change of licensees at the **Plough** in Christleton (pictured). The previous incumbents, who only last year won a national gastropub title, left suddenly in acrimonious circumstances over alleged rent increases or monies owed depending on whose side you were on. The landlord of the **Cherry Orchard** in Boughton is to take over following refurbishment and one hopes the resident Spitting Feathers LocAles survive.



Not that we wish to decry national and regional beers; indeed we welcome any well-conditioned cask ale in a pub; but the rural east side of Chester is a tad repetitive. A recent survey of the thirteen real ale pubs between the A51 and A56 (just two keg), revealed only the **Farmers Arms** and the **Morris Dancer** in Kelsall as serving up a local brew (Weetwood). No doubt reflecting beer tie purchasing obligations, dominating the hand pumps were the likes of Marstons Pedigree, Taylor Landlord, Wadworths 6X, Banks Bitter, Wells Bombardier and especially Black Sheep Bitter.

This is such a contrast with the stretch down the A41 to Whitchurch where freehouses exist. Consequently here you find that quirkier, tastier independent brews abound and sell with as much, if not more, flourish than the familiar brands. Curses to the Pub Co.



The intimate, food-led **Calveley Arms** in Handley; too easily overlooked courtesy of the by-pass; continues to sell some fine real ales on its hand pumps; Purple Moose Snowdonia Ale, Sharp's Doombar and Flower's IPA being recent examples.

CAMRA has been promoting mild throughout the month of May and two places where you can drink the stuff in south Cheshire are the **Red Lion** in Malpas which serves Theakstons Mild and the **Queens Head** at Sarn which stocks, unusually for the north west, Taylor Golden Best; a pale amber variety of the genre.

The **White Horse** at Great Barrow has submitted plans to convert one of the downstairs rooms in the pub into a village shop. Prince Charles would be proud. This follows the closure of the village store and post office. Good luck to this unpretentious little local which sells Banks Bitter plus a guest which was Bombardier Burning Gold last time out.

Pryors Heyes Golf Club in Oscroft now has real ale from nearby Weetwood.

BREWERY NEWS

Diaries at the ready. Spitting Feathers will be hosting another of their highly popular **West Cheshire Beer Festivals** at their farm in Waverton on July 18th. To celebrate May Mild Month over forty firkins of their Velvet Mild were sent out to the free-trade while a few casks were sold at the Brewery Tap. In the meantime they've also produced a new light coloured 4.0% ale called 1862 to honour the year in which the farm was built. It's described as zesty, dry, fresh and hoppy.

Success for Mickle Trafford based **WC Brewery!** Their Gypsy's Kiss was declared winner in the Best Bitter category for the CAMRA Merseyside, Cheshire & North Wales region when tastings were held at the Liverpool Beer Festival. Their most recent creations however were two beers named, as ever, with yet more scatological connotations. Le Chat Noir was originally 5% and described as dark and delicious while Slow Motion Stout, available all too briefly at Telford's Warehouse and the Frodsham Beer festival, weighed in at 4.1% and had lots of roasted coffee and chocolate flavours.



CHESTER SNIPPETS

The **Ship Inn** presented for three years a depressing welcome to Handbridge for anyone crossing over the Olde Dee Bridge from Chester. Boarded up with metal sheeting on the doors and windows there seemed little hope for its revival. Happily though, a colossal new makeover has transformed it from a one-time two-roomed local into a glass-fronted upmarket bar and restaurant. Traditionalists might moan but the interior has a smart blend of furniture, wooden floors and a mix of white-walls and exposed brick adorned with a fantastic collection of local framed pictures. Also hard to miss are the lengthy blackboard menus, a gigantic abacus and an impressive Ship Inn tiled wall behind the bar. Up a stairwell featuring former Ship Inn and Greenall's signs the restaurant is decorated with adverts for D'Oyly Carte posters and Bisto adverts while a gazebo like structure overlooks Edgar's Fields. Beer wise – ah, yes, beer – there are four hand pumps and on opening night these were three ales from Thwaites plus Black Sheep Bitter, all at £2.80 a pint. Our friends at Sandstone Brewery assure us a cask of their beer is scheduled to appear soon so hopefully 'quirkier' local beers will be a regular item (surely something it needs if it's to boost wet sales and lure in folk from the Brewery Tap and the Bear & Billet just 'across the water'). May God bless the Ship and all who ale in her.

The unreliable quality of real ale at the **Square Bottle** Wetherspoons on Foregate Street should now be a thing of the past. There's been a marked improvement since the arrival of a new shift manager who once worked as cellar man at the Good Beer Guide-listed Scarborough Arms in Leeds. Aware that the pub had a deservedly poor reputation for its ales, staff are now working extremely hard to improve on this image. Quality was indeed excellent during the recent Wetherspoons beer festival.



Boughton Hall Cricket Club, in conjunction with the Beer Festival Company, staged a very successful fezza over the Easter weekend. Not sure which was more impressive; the bewildering array of hand pumps or the sumptuous marquee complete with chandelier. It proved to be a welcome addition to the social calendar and one that certainly introduced real ale to many folk unfamiliar to its delights. Take the Chester Ladies Hockey Club for instance. They're probably more used to drinking Fosters out of a watering can but they definitely seemed to like the proper stuff!

We've been getting plenty of rave reviews for the **Bridge Inn** in Boughton recently; not that it wasn't already on our radar. Folk should not overlook this roadhouse pub when heading to or from town. A pleasant stroll from the city centre along the Shropshire Canal, it stocks Wells Bombardier plus changing guests ales and has recently installed a fourth hand pump as cask sales have taken off. Watch out too for bargain deals on their already good value quality food.

For the second time in three years **Old Harker's Arms** has won the branch's Cheshire Pub of the Year. Congrats to Paul Jeffreys and his staff. They may soon have some neighbourhood competition though. **Eaton Hotel** on City Road have plans for a new bar called the **Canalside**. Not only is real ale expected but even a small in-house brewery has been mooted.

The **Temple Bar**, an unlikely venue for cask and therefore all the more worthy of mention, has joined the **LocAle** scheme. It always sells a Spitting Feathers beer.

The **Ship Victory** wants a mention, so here you are Joe. Apparently uniquely named in the pub world, this community-focused local sells Tetley's and a guest ale.

The **Cross Keys** on Lower Bridge Street is shut. Ironic really as this area of town, which already boasted numerous restaurants and the **Bear & Billet**, has been rejuvenated with the opening of the **Brewery Tap** and **Oddfellows**.

Congratulations to management and staff of the GBG-listed **Telford's Warehouse** on receiving the Bar of the Year award at the Chester Food and Drink festival.



DOWN ELLESMERE PORT WAY

A CAMRA life member has drawn our attention to the **Halfway House** in Childer Thornton, a pub that is often and unfairly overlooked in favour of its near neighbour the Thwaites-tied **White Lion**. A former coaching inn lying on the main A41, it derives its name from being equidistant from Chester and Birkenhead and, while it might not do food, it remains a proper drinkers pub where landlord Chris O'Grady has been making valiant efforts to encourage locals to try the cask. Currently he has three hand pumps serving Banks Bitter and a couple of rotating guest ales from the Marstons stable which includes the likes of Jennings, Ringwood and Brakspear.

Nearby, and equally deserving of mention, is the Cask Marque approved **Chimneys** at the A41 Hooton lights where staff take pride in the quality of their real ale. The pub is part of the Vintage Inns group and they staged a beer festival in March; an event which featured Timothy Taylors Golden Best, UBU Purity, Caledonian Deuchars and Harviestoun's Bitter and Twisted. Additionally they always have Black Sheep Bitter available and try to have Cains whenever possible as it's a local favourite.

Good reports from **Thomas Telford** who tell us more and more people are drinking the real ale. This JD Wetherspoons pub in Ellesmere Port centre received full marks on all five pumps when undergoing its latest Cask Marque inspection. Finally, we report the demise of another pub. The *Grosvenor Arms* on Upper Mersey Street, which had been shut for eons, is being converted to a nursing home.



Pub of the Year 2009

Voting took place at March's branch meeting for our English Pub of the Year for 2009. After a show of hands, the winner was announced as **Old Harkers Arms** in Chester. Having already won this prestigious award in 2007, landlord Paul Jeffery and his staff have continued to serve a whole variety of superbly kept changing micro-brew beers at this canal-side marvel.



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CAMRA Diary

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

Thursday 4th June: Branch meeting 8pm **Old Market Tavern**, Old Market Place, Altrincham

Saturday 6th June: **Brewery trip** to the Outstanding brewery; 4pm at the brewery. Leave 8-9pm

Cost £7.50 per head inc sandwiches. Places need to be booked through Roger Wood

Thursday 18th June: Branch Social to Jackson's Boat and Chorlton

7.30pm **Jackson's Boat**, 9.15pm **Horse and Jockey**. Finish at the **Trevor**.

Saturday 27th June: **Branch Grand Day Out in Cheshire**.

Our day long walk about the lanes and canal towpaths of Cheshire back into Altrincham.

12.30 pm **Barn Owl**, Agden Wharf, 2.15pm **Ye Olde No 3**, 3pm **Home**, 3.45 **Swan with 2 Nicks**,

5pm **Dunham Massey Brewery for BBQ**; please confirm numbers to Beverley.

Thursday 2nd July: Branch meeting; venue to be confirmed.

Friday 10th and Saturday 11th July: **Chorlton Beer Festival**

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TRAFFORD & HULME PUB OF THE YEAR: THE KNOTT, DEANSGATE

Scott Davies thought he had done well when he and his team were told that they had been named the Trafford & Hulme Pub of the Season, Spring 2009 but he was not expecting to be named the Pub of the Year for the branch as well.

This bar has been built into the railway arches at Deansgate, opposite the original Knott Mill station (now known as Deansgate station). This bar serves an excellent range of Marble beers and other local micros with the odd, very welcome and unusual micro beers from around the country.

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The Award was presented the on 20th May.

Commiserations must also go to our two runners up who were the City Arms, Kennedy Street and the Old Market Tavern, Old Market Place, Altrincham. There was only 1 point between these two pubs showing just how close a competition it was this year for our Pub of the Year.



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Acton Bridge	Hazel Pear	01606 853195	Hospice charity quiz. 1st Wednesdays .
Altrincham	Old Market Tavern	0161 927 7062	Wednesday 9.30 pm
Bollington	Poachers	01625 572086	Last Sunday of the month for charity
Buglawton	Robin Hood	01260 273616	Tuesday evening
Chelford	Egerton Arms	01625 831366	Alternate Thursdays (Lord Ted) 8.30
Chester	Spital Vaults	01244 324480	Wednesday evening
Comberbach	Spinner & Bergamot	01606 891307	Wednesday 8 pm
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Crewe	Woodside	01270 569513	Tuesday 9 pm
Davenham	Bull's Head	01606 43725	Sunday & Tuesday evenings
Handbridge	Carlton	01244 671070	Tuesday evening
Handforth	Railway	01625 523472	Thursday 8.30 pm (in aid of Mencap)
Hoole	Bromfield	01244 345037	Tuesday evening
Holt, Wrexham	Peal o'Bells	01829 270411	Monday 9 pm
Houghton Green	Plough	01925 815409	Thursday 9 pm
Kelsall	Farmer's Arms	01829 751784	Friday & Sunday evening
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Knutsford	Lord Eldon	01565 652261	Monday 8.30 pm
Knutsford	Cross Keys	01565 750404	Wednesday 9 pm
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Macclesfield	Railway View	01625 423657	Sunday evening
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Macclesfield	Railway View	01625 423657	Friday and Saturday
Middlewich	Big Lock	01606 833489	Tuesday evgs, alternating Jam and Open Mic.
Middlewich	Boar's Head	01606 833191	Folk, first Sunday of the month, 8 pm.
Mobberley	Bull's Head	01565 873134	Saturdays, with Folk Jam 2nd Sat of the month
Nantwich	Railway Hotel	01270 623482	'Open Mic' night, third Wed of the month
Nantwich	Black Lion	01270 628711	Folk. 1st and 3rd Wednesday nights.
Poynton	Royal British Legion	01625 873120	Live music Friday and Saturday
Smallwood	Bluebell	01477 500262	Live music Fri and Sat, ad hoc Tues & Thurs
Styal	Ship Inn	01625 523818	R&B 2nd Thurs, Jazz, 3rd Thurs of the month
Swettenham	Swettenham Arms	01477 571284	Folk Music, last Monday of the month, 8.30 pm
Warrington	Ring o' Bells	01925 634035	Irish/folk every Saturday evening
Wilmslow	King William	01625 524022	Live music most Wednesdays
Wrenbury	Dusty Miller	01270 780537	Live acoustic most Sun 8.30 pm - 50p entry

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