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28-30 August; Drink Real Drink Local **Beer Festival**, Tabley Showground (See Page 28)

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MIDDLEWICH CRAWL: A summary of the news around town for the coming summer

The **Middlewich Folk & Boat Festival** takes place from Friday 18 June until Sunday 20 June. The following pubs, at least, will be involved

Big Lock: will be taking part in the Festival between 18 and 20 June 2010, with a host of bands appearing over the weekend and a barbecue. A beer festival is being planned for the third weekend in August. Pedigree, Wells Bombardier and Black Sheep currently feature.

Boar's Head: This Robinson's house is again likely to be the venue of choice for musicians letting their hair down for a bit of after-hours jamming during the Folk & Boat Festival.

A seasonal beer may appear in addition to the Unicorn Bitter.

(*Kinderton Hotel:* is a Greene King house run by Pat & Liz McGuinness of the Boar's Head, which has none of their real ales, only the keg IPA.)

Narrowboat will have bands over the Folk & Boat weekend in addition to their regular schedule. They offer three beers mainly from national stables, Thwaites Bomber, Timothy Taylor's Landlord and Ringwood Boondoggle were on the bar when I visited, the latter being a refreshing golden beer. They offer excellent food including several 'meals for two' deals as well as a weekend 'All You Can Eat Breakfast' for £4.50 between 10am and midday.

White Horse: will offer entertainment throughout the Folk & Boat Festival weekend in addition to their regular disco, karaoke and band nights. Clark's Classic Blonde is their regular beer but they are likely to put on guests over that weekend.

Cheshire Cheese: will have bands on their outside stage over the Folk & Boat Festival weekend but also have a large gazebo which will no doubt prove useful when the World Cup starts. Marston's Pedigree is currently on the bar.

Royal British Legion: will have a 60s and 70s night on the Friday of the Festival. Hydes Original is their staple beer plus a guest ale, Weetwood Eastgate at the time of calling.

Kings Lock: will have bands at the front of the pub for the Folk & Boat Festival, with an outside bar, kids' entertainment and hog roast. They have Black Sheep Bitter and Wychwood Hobgoblin as their house beers.

Newton's Brewery: is looking ahead to the World Cup in June and July and will be a Folk and Boat free zone!

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CREWE NEWS

Chetwode Arms 30 year anniversary.

Spread over 3 days and five pubs the events were very well supported. The Shove-Halfpenny, Darts, Dominoes and Pool were particularly keenly contested. A photo shows one of South Cheshire's ablest in full flight as it were. [Notice the action!].

The Townhouse "Chetwode Special" at Hops was very popular, with the three firkins disappearing in less than 24 hours! A most excellent, well hopped beer, as we would expect from Townhouse.

Thanks are due to **Hops, Kings Arms, Borough Arms, Crown and Gaffers Row**. Thanks are also due to Steve Willet who organised everything for that memorable and entertaining weekend.

Oscars, Earle Street, [previously Three Lamps/Cheese Hall], has been closed for two weeks, at time of writing, and is now looking for someone to take it over.

The **Fox** [Crewe Road, Haslington], closed for a long time, would appear to be about to reopen, as a pub.

The **Bhurlpore Beer Festival** will run from 6.30 on Tuesday 6 July and finish on Sunday 11 July. Probably the best pub beer festival in the world!

Hops: Prince Albert Street, Crewe is now listed as one of the world's 355 "Ambassadeurs Orval" for the Belgian Trappist Brewery. There are only 16 listed in total for the UK. For those who have never tried it, Orval is a superb bottled conditioned beer, well worth savouring slowly. Food is available again at Hops, 12-2, Tuesday to Saturday.



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SOUTH CHESHIRE PUB OF THE YEAR

Six pubs were nominated for Branch Pub of the Year

They were the **Lodge** in Alsager, the **Cholmondeley Arms** Cholmondeley, the **Bhurlpore**, Aston, the **Borough Arms** and **Hops** in Crewe and the **Travellers Rest** in Alpraham.

Every year the judging process gets harder as there are so many fine pubs in South Cheshire.

However, after the scores were totalled up the winner of the above award for 2010 is, reclaiming the title it last won in 2008, **the Bhurlpore**.

Many readers of OiC will be familiar with this excellent pub and it now goes forward to represent the Branch in the Regional Pub of the Year competition. Congratulations to Simon and Nicky.

MJ



SOUTH CHESHIRE COUNTRY PUB OF THE YEAR

This year South Cheshire CAMRA has decided to present the **Cholmondeley Arms** in Cholmondeley (at the A49 / Wrenbury Road junction) with the award of Country Pub of the Year.

This fine pub, formerly the village school, has four hand pulls and is a supporter of the LocAle initiative. Hugo and his team have really focused on beer quality over the last year and this award is in recognition of their achievement.

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Nantwich Beer Festival

At the time of writing (the start of May) the future of the Nantwich Beer Festival is uncertain. Following Cheshire East deciding to support the Nantwich Food and Drink Festival no longer, they "outsourced" it to a new company to organise and run. It appears (and was reported in the local press) that this new company does not see a beer festival as being part of the overall festival. This is despite the CAMRA-run beer festival having been an integral, and very popular, part for the last eight years. However, discussions are currently taking place to try to ensure that there is a 2010 Nantwich Beer Festival, at a new location. MJ

Crewe Heritage Centre Beer Festival

Crewe Heritage Centre will be hosting a **Beer & Steam** weekend over the August Bank Holiday [28 ,29, 30 August]. Details are still being finalised but there will be a great range of real ale from local brewers including, it is hoped, a festival special.



Duchess of Sutherland

Train buffs will want to know that, at present, 60019 "**Bittern**" (Gresley A4), 6201 "**Princess Elizabeth**" (Stanier Pacific) and 6233 "**Duchess of Sutherland**" (another Stanier in the same "Princess" series as the Elizabeth, both of course built in Crewe just before WW2) are lined up to be present, with possibly also 70000 "**Britannia**", another Crewe built Locomotive.

This is bound to be a great weekend for both train and real ale aficionados so watch out for more information closer to the time. There will be a special discount for card carrying **CAMRA** members to get in to the Heritage Centre and it opens at 10am each day with beer being served from noon.

Normal entrance charges to the Heritage Centre will be: Adult £5; Senior £3; Child £2; Family Ticket £10. Further details from: www.creweheritagecentre.co.uk MJ



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Sandbach Area News

The bottled beer outlet, the **Beer Emporium**, in Welles Street, has moved its serving and till area round and provided some seating (perhaps for waiting while purchasers sift through the vast array of bottles!). It is still flourishing, as is the **Lower Chequer**, where the range of 6 beers from small breweries, many local, shows how popular real ale is when kept in top condition. The Thwaites bitter in the **Limes** was on good form recently, and made a good accompaniment to the food range - the Sunday carvery is well worth trying.

Further afield, the **White Lion**, Barthomley, now has Jennings beers from the Cumbrian brewery once more after it re-opened following the Winter floods. An excellent pint of Cocker Hoop was sampled there, and Snecklifter was also on tap. Hobgoblin (also a frequent guest at the **Cricketers**, Sandbach) was also on the bar, together with other Marston's beers.

The **Blue Bell**, [Smallwood], held a beer and cider festival over the early May bank holiday weekend, with around 20 cask beers. We sampled some from Hop Back, Titanic, Kelham Island and Burton Bridge breweries, all very drinkable.

DD (thanks to SH, JH, MS, JE and JD for tasting)

Bottle Conditioned Ale: More Tastings

Two more examples of Real Ale in a bottle came our way for our latest tastings.

A mixed panel of CAMRA and non-CAMRA members, male and female, tasted two contrasting BCA's [Bottle Conditioned Ale] for this edition of Out Inn Cheshire:

Bollington Brewery – White Nancy (4.1% abv)

The first beer tasted was from Bollington brewery, housed in a unit close to the Vale Inn, where the beers are available in draught form. Their draught Best Bitter deservedly won the Champion Beer of Cheshire award in 2009. Tasted in bottle-conditioned form was another one of their beers, White Nancy, a light coloured beer named after the folly which overlooks Bollington. It is also used for the brewery's logo.

Now for the exciting part, the tasting. The beer's aroma on pouring wasn't particularly pronounced but was floral with a hint of maltiness.

There were mixed opinions on its hoppiness in the mouth, some finding a lot more than others. All agreed that there were citrus flavours, and it was dry, sharp and well-carbonated. A big head continued all the way down the glass, and there was a long, hoppy aftertaste. The females in the group liked the beer, and its slightly yeasty taste drew comparisons with a wheat beer. It was pronounced an excellent beer for drinking in summer.



Beowulf Brewery – Strong Mild (7.5% abv)

Our second bottle was appropriate given that the tasting took place in May, as we chose a Mild in line with CAMRA's *Mild in May* campaign. This was the Strong Mild from Beowulf in the Black Country (Brownhills, Staffordshire to be precise). Their beers are often to be seen on draught in the **Lower Chequer**, Sandbach, and in **HOPS** in Crewe, and they brew some excellent dark beers, as you would expect from a Black Country brewery.

This one weighed in at a hefty 7.5%, a truly strong mild, and had a chocolaty aroma, with a slightly fruity edge – dandelion and burdock was frequently mentioned. Predictably dark and dense in colour, it was agreed to be a sweet-tasting beer with little hoppiness or bitterness, but smooth and certainly not cloying. A chocolate flavour was detected, but the panel was divided 50:50 on whether a liquorice taste was present. One of our female members noticed a slight taint of nail-varnish remover (i.e. acetone), and there was a comment that it had 'an instant impact on speech' – no doubt due to the strength! There was a long, smooth, sweetish aftertaste (unusually long for a mild). It was definitely a mild, though, and a very warming one at that.

Why not have a try of these beers, and see what you think – they are both available at the **Beer Emporium**, Sandbach, and no doubt other outlets in Cheshire.

The Lodge, Alsager.

South Cheshire branch have voted the Lodge as their Town Pub of the Year for 2010. After an afternoon helping out at the inaugural Crewe Heritage Centre Beer Festival, members visited the Lodge on Good Friday where Membership Secretary, Paul Hext, presented the award to Phil and Helen Gooding.

On hearing of the award Phil told us that he had recently found the certificate for the same award made to the pub some nine years earlier and now he will be able to display them both together.



In making the award Paul praised the couple for their work in creating an admirable alehouse with a friendly atmosphere where the quality of the beer has been excellent since the couple took over in the Spring of 2009. He also praised the local patrons for making the pub a success when so many are failing.

It is particularly noteworthy that there is generally a mild available alongside a second dark beer, be it a stout or porter. These must be popular amongst the customers because even with firkins, the turnover is sufficient to ensure that quality remains of the highest order. In the future Helen will be putting culinary talents to good use in the kitchen, while Phil is installing a 2 ½ barrel brewery in one of the outbuildings. With brewing yet to start, he is already wondering about extending the operation.

Phil kindly took us on a guided tour of his immaculate cellar, where we were spoilt for choice by the beers being prepared for service and the new brewery. We can't wait to try Phil's beers later in the year!

[The photo shows, from left to right: Paul Hext, CAMRA South Cheshire, Helen and Phil Gooding]

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For the latest events, please visit the branch web site at www.chestercamra.co.uk

Thursday 17 June: Branch Meeting: Willey Moor Lock Tavern. Start 8:15 pm.

Saturday 19 June: Day trip to Shropshire by minibus.

Thursday 15 July: Branch Meeting: Royal Oak Wrexham. Start 8:15 pm.

Saturday 17 July: Trans-Pennine Rail Ale Trip.

28-30 August: Drink Real Drink Local **Beer Festival**, Tabley Showground (see p. 28)



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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COUNTRY TREK (part two)

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Onward along farmland footpaths threading Oscroft (the home of Weetwood brewery), Tarvin, Christleton and the Shropshire Union Canal towpath, we arrived at Chester's **Mill Hotel** in the late afternoon.

The place was heaving with customers, few seats were available and large imposing tellys were beaming images of football games. Despite the challenges, we did squeeze a round in: two pints of Weetwood's Best (3.8%), a pint of Coach House's Mill Hotel Premium, and for me, a pint of Titanic's Chocolate and Vanilla Stout (4.5%). >>>



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>>> While the others relished their bitters, I struggled to make sense of the novelty stout. It's great that Titanic is pushing the envelope, but the unsubtle, cloying flavours killed it for me; I'll keep to their conventional stouts next time.

Nonetheless, praise must go to the Mill Hotel for the Weetwood and Coach House fixtures selling for £1.95 a pint, and for offering a large selection of frequently changing guest ales.



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CHESTER NEWS

The **Pied Bull** held an excellent beer festival over the Easter period. 14 hand pumps all with locals brews, plus 2 ciders. The best selection seen in a Chester pubfest for a long time. Cestrian Ales appeared to be at the fore with examples of other local fare. Chester scene regulars and visitors alike showing much interest. The Northgate was especially popular. The revised Northgate pump clip, great design and finish, was noted. Good selection of beers all in excellent condition and served with a smile. Very well done to Luke and Co. for all the effort in arranging an extra bar, ordering and managing the beers. Great to see someone so enthusiastic and professional.

The Bull at Shocklach also had a festival with many real ales over the National Cask Ale week, including live music & sausage sizzler from 6pm on Easter Sunday. Hawkshead, Ossett, Three Bs, Quartz, Stonehenge, Holdens, Slaters, Caledonian, Acorn and Liverpool Organic were all featured.

At the **Albion** in Chester, CAMRA recently presented the landlord Mike Mercer with a long service certificate. Mike, 70, has run the pub for the last 40 years, and is well known locally for his forthright approach to customers.

The pub is now getting deserved acclaim for the quality of its food.

Mike says his daughter Claire Churchill, a trained chef, is the hidden talent behind the Albion's reputation for quality fare.

A Coronation Street-style corner pub with good beer (Batemans, Black

Sheep), hearty food (Staffordshire oatcakes) a collection of World War One memorabilia and more Union Jacks than the Costa del Sol.



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Then just before Christmas 2009, the old Commercial, which has been beautifully restored and enlarged by incorporating the neighbouring offices, opened its doors once more!

After several years being boarded, following a major refit the **Dunham Arms** has reopened. Still a Marstons pub, three beers on at the time of the visit, Pedigree, Burton Bitter and Jennings Bitter. Beers were very cold but decent enough. Good to see a poster up of the seasonal beers coming soon (from the Marston's family of course). Layout seemed as before, tiled floor and lots of wood but the carpet design is a strange. Nice little garden out back which shares the excellent view with the downstairs dining area.

Different themes to each evening (Fish Friday, Pudding Tuesday, Sunday Roast etc) which is good. Less pleasing is the fact that the food is advertised in huge posters attached to the outside walls though - cheapens the look after the nice renovation it's had. Overall they look to have done a great job. It's nice to have another real ale pub open again, no-one ever thought this would reopen.

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The **Bridge Inn**, Tarvin Road have started a real ale club. In where members receive 10% off real ale on Tuesdays after 6, first opportunity to go on very popular brewery tours, regular updates of upcoming beers is so one need not miss out on one's favourites. Other offers will be available through this.

All you have to do to register is email Aki at andyatkinson1@aol.com with your name and favourite beer. Membership card can be collected from the pub when registered.

Recent improvements have been detected in ale quality at **The Square Bottle**, a Wetherspoons house in Chester. New bar manager Lee has put in sterling efforts to lift beer quality, and good on him.

There is a new licensee at the historic **Falcon** in Chester.

Already, some marked improvements in ale quality have been noted. Sam Smiths is not everyone's ideal pint but when its good, it is very good, and refreshingly cheap. It is probably the cheapest pint in town apart from the Wetherspoons.



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

- Thur 10 June; **Sale/Chorlton Green survey.**
7.30 pm Jacksons Boat, Rifle Road Sale, 9.15 pm Bowling Green, 9.45 pm Horse and Jockey, 10.15 pm Famous Trevor Arms (*pictured*).
- Sat 12 June; **Day trip to Huddersfield.** Meet 11 am Piccadilly Station for 11.12 departure.
- Thur 17 June; **Social in Mobberley and Ashley.**
7 pm, Railway in Mobberley, 9 pm Greyhound in Ashley
- Thur 24 June; **Club of the Year** presentation to Timperley Taverners Social Club, Park Road, Timperley from 8 pm.
- Thur 1 July; **Branch meeting** (*venue to be confirmed*)
- Fri/Sat 2/3 July; **St Clements Beer Festival** in Association with Trafford CAMRA at St. Clements Church, Edge Lane, Chorlton.
- Sat 17 July; **Cheshire Day Out.** Meet Barn Owl, Agden Wharf at Noon followed by Ye Olde No.3 Home, Swan with 2 Nicks and finish 5 pm at Dunham Massey brewery for a BBQ and beer.
- 28-30 August; Drink Real Drink Local **Beer Festival**, Tabley Showground (see page 28)



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DUERR'S HONEY BEER BREWED AT DUNHAM MASSEY

Another feather in the cap of John Costello of the Dunham Massey Brewery whose reputation as a fine brewer led recently to an approach by Duerr's to produce a honey beer.

The well-known, Manchester-based jam makers supplied their famous blossom honey for the task and, after various trials, John has produced Duerr's Blossom Honey Beer. At 4.3%, it is a beautiful, light, refreshing, bitter-sweet beer, made with lashings of the honey. Casks have been delivered to a few local pubs and it was on sale at the Macclesfield Beer Festival in May.

The Real Ale in a Bottle version is now for sale in the brewery shop.



LISTINGS; LIVE MUSIC

Free listing:
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Music Room

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Allostock	Three Greyhounds	01565 722234
Alsager	Mere	01270 882019
Altrincham	Old Market Tavern	0161 927 7062
Audlem	Shroppie Fly	01270 811772
Broken Cross	Ridgegate	01625 439932
Chester	Pied Bull	01244 325829
Congleton	Waggon & Horses	01260 271680
Gawsworth	Harrington Arms	01260 223325
Halkyn	Blue Bell	01352 780309

Handbridge	Carlton	01244 671070
Knutsford	Lord Eldon	01565 652261
Lach Dennis	Duke of Portland	01606 46264
Lower Walton	Stag	01925 261680
Macclesfield	Hollins	07983 335501
Macclesfield	Millstone	01625 422684
Macclesfield	Railway View	01625 423657
Middlewich	Big Lock	01606 833489
Middlewich	Boar's Head	01606 833191

Mobberley	Bull's Head	01565 873134
Nantwich	Railway Hotel	01270 623482
Nantwich	Black Lion	01270 628711
Poynton	Royal British Legion	01625 873120
Smallwood	Bluebell	01477 500262
Styal	Ship Inn	01625 523818
Swettenham	Swettenham Arms	01477 571284
Warrington	Albion	01925 231820
Warrington	Ring o'Bells	01925 634035
Wilmslow	King William	01625 524022
Wrenbury	Dusty Miller	01270 780537

ad hoc folk music, Thursday evening.
Country Music Mon, Rock, Pop & Blues Thurs
Jam Night, Wednesday; call for details
Live music every Tuesday in term time.
Rock music Saturday & Sunday evenings.
Acoustic folk music every Monday 8:45 pm
Irish and Folk with Sully every Friday, 8.30 pm
Jazz on Sunday afternoons
Live music every second Saturday
Folk Session, Friday Evening
Old time sing-a-long every Friday evening.
traditional Folk Monthly, every 2nd Thurs
Live acoustic Jam session second Friday
Thurs; open mike night, Saturday; live bands
Jazz on Sundays
Jazz on Thursdays, 9 pm.
Friday and Saturday
Saturday
Tuesday evgs, alternating Jam and Open Mic.
Folk, first Sunday of the month, 8 pm.
Saturdays, (Folk Jam 2nd Sat of the month)
'Open Mic' night, third Wed of the month
Folk. 1st and 3rd Wednesday nights.
Live music Friday and Saturday
Live music Fri and Sat, ad hoc Tues & Thurs
R&B 2nd Thurs, Jazz, 3rd Thurs of the month
Folk Music, last Monday of the month, 8.30
Irish/folk every Saturday evening
Live music most Wednesdays
Live music Saturdays, Jam last Fri of the month.
Live acoustic most Sun 8.30 pm - 50p entry
Last Saturday of each month
Acoustic folk every last Friday in the month

Surely there must be more live music than this? Bands, fans and licensees are encouraged to tell us about new entries for this listing. It is replicated on the web-site too, at www.outinncheshire.co.uk

Out Inn CHESHIRE – Live Music Review

Porters Ale House, Warrington

Porters have established themselves as the premier rock and blues music venue in Warrington, but have recognised that rock music and real ale go together like rattle and hum. Six real ales are now on offer at this Good Beer Guide pub attracting beer "tickers" as well as music lovers with ages ranging from "too young to care" to "old enough to know better", and there are rumours of a micro brewery too!

Live music features every Friday and Saturday night, and on our visit they were showcasing a local group called the 2 Hats Band (www.myspace.com/2hatsband) who describe their music as "sheer quality". And very good they were too, with a range of music including excellent renditions of *Run to You* and the highlight of the night for me: *Handbags and Gladrag's*. Music volume was perfect and the atmosphere superb.

If you like listening to live blues and rock – get yourself down to Porters.

Gary Chester

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If you have a **chipped glass, dirty cutlery, bad food or sour beer**, don't hesitate; let the staff know, politely. It is easy for things to be missed in a busy session: a little courtesy and understanding on both sides should resolve matters.

It is a legal requirement for representative **price lists** to be readily visible.

If the licensee won't put things right, then call Trading Standards or Environmental Health. (See a phone book, web site, public library or town hall.)



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