

Brewed in Cheshire

Brewers – if you have any news about your brewery that you would like to see reported please email gary_chester@outlook.com or contact your CAMRA Brewery Liaison Officer.

Cheshire Brewhouse has taken over larger premises close to its original site. Substantial refurbishment work will increase capacity from 10 barrels and a new hospitality area is incorporated into the design. The original hospitality which was open most days was a valuable attraction for the business, well supported by local real ale drinkers and beer tourists. Tours can be arranged. The original range of beers such as Engine Vein is regularly supplemented by new offerings and Shane has started using ex spirit wooden barrels to enhance the flavours. See www.CheshireBrewhouse.co.uk.

Wincle Beer Co. has another single hop ale for September, a 4.3% Bramling Cross/Minstrel English Late Summer Ale described as having hints of Blackcurrant/spiced berries, orange in the flavour.



It's been a busy year for **Deva Craft Beer**. They were named Best Local Brewery in Chester Beer Awards, and the Best New Brewery in Cheshire by Rate Beer. The brewery also took over the old **Kash** bar on Brook Street in February and has been selling their beers, including the award-winning Dual IPA, at the re-named **Deva Tap** ever since.

44 On 15 June, conveniently coinciding with Beer Day Britain, Deva threw together their first ever beer festival. Running from Thursday to Sunday the brewery wanted to celebrate the Best of British and bring together some heavyweight, major league breweries along their own creations.

A total of over 30 beers and ciders in both cask and keg included Dank Juice from Odyssey Brew, Gin & Juice and AK47 from Tiny Rebel, Stateless from Red Willow and Misfit from Brass Castle. The brewery also unveiled their new craft, Ultra Mango-NUS on the opening day.

Aidie Gilbody, one of the owners and brewers said: *"It's been a brilliant weekend. We've been rushed off our feet and the atmosphere has been amazing. Some of our colleagues from different venues and breweries popped in too and they've been very supportive and complementary. There's a real camaraderie there and we really appreciate it."*

"Our new beer, the Ultra Mango-NUS has gone down really well with everyone, which is music to our ears. We're really looking forward to planning our next beer festival and working with local breweries and suppliers to make that even better than this one."

For their first beer festival, Deva went in hard and the gamble paid off. Hundreds of people attended the Brook Street tap room over the weekend and enjoyed not only the roasting summer weather but some eclectic and interesting beers.

Where? 121 Brook St, Chester CH1 3DU

When? Mon, Tues 4–10 pm; Wed, Thur 4–11, Friday 3 pm–midnight; Saturday noon–midnight; Sun noon–10:30.

Food? Yes – Wednesday to Sunday

CAMRA discount? Not at present

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Note to Brewers

We are keen to publicise your lovely beers and tell people where to find them.

We know you are incredibly busy, brewing, cleaning, selling and delivering, and that promotion is not always at the forefront of your mind. We will try to make it easy for you.

Just let your BLO or the editor have electronic copies of the images for your beers and a few words about them. Publicity in this section of Out Inn Cheshire is free!



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Cheshire's Independent Craft Brewers

plus a few very close by

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Beartown (Congleton) *	01260 299964	www.beartownbrewery.co.uk
Beer Refinery (Chester)	07939 875308	
Blue Ball (Runcorn)	01928 775628	www.blueballbrewery.com
Bollington Brewing Co *	01625 575380	www.bollingtonbrewing.co.uk
Borough Arms (Crewe)	07523 946730	www.borougharmscrewe.co.uk
Brew Foundation (Wincle)	0114 282 3098	www.thebrewfoundation.co.uk
Brewhouse & Kitchen (Chester)	01244 404990	www.brewhouseandkitchen.com/chester
Brewhouse & Kitchen (Wilmslow)	01625 441850	www.brewhouseandkitchen.com/wilmslow
Brimstage (Brimstage, Wirral)	0151 342 1181	www.brimstagebrewery.com
Britman Craft Beers (Neston)	07925 875836	www.burtonmanorgardens.org.uk/whats-here/britman-craft-beers
Cheshire Brew Brothers	07890 567582	www.cheshirebrewbrothers.co.uk
Cheshire Brewhouse (Congleton)	07830 304929	www.cheshirebrewhouse.co.uk
Coach House (Warrington) *	01925 232800	www.coach-house-brewing.co.uk
Deva Craft	07841 384143	www.devacraftbeer.co.uk
Dunham Massey	0161 929 0663	www.dunhammasseybrewing.co.uk
Front Row (Congleton) *	07861 718673	www.frontrowbrewing.co.uk
Goodalls (Alsager)	01270 873669	
Happy Valley (Bollington)	07758 512080	www.happyvalleybrewery.co.uk
Lymm	0161 929 0663	
Manning Brewers (Congleton)	07946 278018	www.manningbrewers.co.uk
Merlin Brewing (Arclid) *	01477 500893	www.merlinbrewing.co.uk
Mobberley Fine Ales	01565 873601	www.mobberleyfineales.co.uk
Norton Brewing (Runcorn)	01928 579907	
Offbeat (Crewe) *	07502 096 438	www.offbeatbrewery.com
Peerless (ex Betwixt) (Wirral) *	0151 647 7688	www.peerlessbrewing.co.uk
Pied Bull (Chester)	01244 325829	www.piedbull.co.uk
Poynton Brewery	07722 050733	www.facebook.com/thepoyntonbrewery/
RedWillow (Macclesfield)	01625 502315	www.redwillowbrewery.com
Sandway (Blakemere) *	01606 301000	www.sandwayales.co.uk
Sandstone (Wrexham) *	07851001118	www.sandstonebrewery.co.uk
Spitting Feathers (Waverton)	01244 332052	www.spittingfeathers.org
Storm (Macclesfield) *	01625 431234	www.stormbrewing.co.uk
Tatton Brewery (Knutsford) *	07738 150898	www.tattonbrewery.co.uk
Tipsy Angel (Warrington)	07917 730184	
Townhouse Brewery (Audley)	07976 209437	
Weetwood (Tarpорley) *	01829 752377	www.weetwoodales.co.uk
Wincle (Wincle) *	01260 227777	www.winclebeer.co.uk



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Why are we listing these? Because we believe that beer brewed in the traditional way and sold locally is a better product, creates local employment and is kinder to the environment. We urge you to drink it when you see it and to ask for it if your local does not sell it.

If you are a licensee we encourage you to sell local beers where you can, and if you are not free to do so, then ask your masters why not.

Your PubCo may have flexibility if you press them hard enough.

LocAle will give your business an edge.

* SIBA member (Society of Independent Brewers)

There may be other new, "cuckoo" or occasional brewers in addition to this listing.



HALTON

CAMRA DIARY Meetings start at 8.30 pm unless shown otherwise

Sat 7 Oct: Spitting Feathers "Brewbarn" day
 Tue 10 Oct: Branch Meeting Halfway House, Runcorn Venue tbc
 Tue 12 Dec: Branch Meeting Church View, Widnes Venue tbc



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“Our Hero” – Gallantry, local history and real ale!

Halton has many aspects that make it unique. In terms of military history, 3 people born in Halton have been awarded the Victoria Cross (VC), the highest award of the UK honours system for gallantry “in the face of the enemy”. One was in the Army, one in the Navy and one in the Royal Flying Corps (precursor of the Royal Air Force). A campaign has been ongoing to see these local heroes honoured with statues in their home towns to represent not just the fallen but all those who have fought for their country.

46 **Thomas Jones**, a Cheshire soldier earned his VC in World War 1 and is commemorated by a statue in Runcorn’s Memorial Gardens. **Thomas Wilkinson** earned his VC as a sailor in action off Malaya in World War 2. A campaign to build a statue in West Bank, Widnes in his name is due to start in 2018.

A third campaign is well underway with a statue due to be erected in Victoria Park in Widnes in 2018 for Sergeant **Thomas Mottershead** VC DCM in Victoria Park. His award arose from events on the Western Front in 1917 when shot down in his FE2d biplane, despite burns that eventually killed him, his coolness saved the life of his observer. The campaigns Facebook page gives further detail.

Interesting military and local history; but where does real ale come in?

The link is **Norton Brewery**, a microbrewery in the grounds of Norton Priory. It produces three regular real ales, most commonly seen in bottled form; Priory Gold, Ale and Velvet. Uniquely, it is a part of Halton Community Services. Those who would normally attend day centres have an opportunity to have a rewarding and varied day contributing to the success of the brewery. Over 145 adults with a learning disability work at the brewery, cafe and within the Priory. It is a ground breaking success and truly innovative. In this sense it is very much a community brewery.

As Treasurer for the Sergeant Thomas Mottershead VC Statue appeal and as Chair of Halton CAMRA it occurred to me these two very different interests should combine! It has now been agreed that a real ale should be brewed in honour of Sgt Mottershead VC DCM by Norton Brewery. Norton managed to locate an authentic World War 1 time brewing recipe from a London brewery and have based a real ale named “Our Hero” on this. History brought to drinkable life! Quite possibly this beer will taste like those enjoyed by many servicemen before embarking for danger on the Western front.

In July, the appeal, brewers and Mayor and Mayoress of Halton met at Norton Brewery to launch “Our hero”.

Current plans are that it will be available towards the end of August from the **Premier** (Wetherspoons)- Widnes, **Ferry Boat** (Wetherspoons)- Runcorn, **Prospect** –Weston Village and the **Royal Oak** – Weston Village.

Expectations of a quality real ale are high and although too early to say this- maybe a second brew will follow!

For those who get to taste “Our Hero”, a chance to reflect both on those brave service personnel drawn from all communities who gave their lives for us in the “Great War” and also to appreciate the fruits of a truly community based brewery. We will raise a glass to that!





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