

# SUNDERLAND AND SOUTH TYNESIDE CAMRA

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## CAMRA ANGLE ONLINE AUTUMN 2023



## Welcome to CAMRA Angle Online.

The front page highlights three features ;-

- A review in words and pictures of our Beer & Cider Festival at the Beggars Bridge Pub & Kitchen.
- The launch of the 2024 Good Beer Guide, followed by a book review and a beer guide challenge.
- Our Branch Pub Heritage website.

There is the usual membership, pub and brewery news and a timely reminder about Champion Beer of Britain and Pub/Club of the Year voting. Also a brief introduction to Tegestology.

The next printed issue of Camra Angle ( Issue 65) is due around the beginning of December. Thanks to all contributors and enjoy the read.

**Ken Paul Magazine Editor**

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## DIARY DATES

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### OCTOBER 2023

October is CAMRA Perry Month

Branch Social - Apple Day - Saturday October 21 <sup>st</sup>	Contact :- <a href="mailto:mo.moseley@sst.camra.org.uk">mo.moseley@sst.camra.org.uk</a>
Brewlab Brews Open Days - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> and Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Unit 1 West Quay Court, Sunderland Enterprise Park, Sunderland, SR5 2TE 2pm. - 8pm.
Beer Festival Wash Up Meeting - Saturday October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Stags Head, 45 Fowler Street, South Shields, NE33 1NS 1pm

### NOVEMBER 2023

Maxim Open Night - Friday November 3rd	Maxim Brewery, Gladwell Rd, Rainton Bridge, Houghton, DH4 5NL from 5pm.
Online Committee Meeting - Thursday November 9 <sup>th</sup>	From 7pm. All members welcome to ob- serve, for login details email <a href="mailto:contact@sst.camra.org.uk">contact@sst.camra.org.uk</a> .
Visit by Wakefield CAMRA - Saturday November 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sunderland , Details to be announced
Branch Annual General Meeting and Branch Meeting - Wednesday Nov 22nd	Ship Isis, 26 Silksworth Row, Sunderland, SR1 3QJ. 7.30pm and 8pm
Regional Meeting 25th November	Darlington Snooker Club, 1 Corporation Road, Darlington, DL3 6AE 1pm

### December 2023

Maxim Open Night - Friday December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Maxim Brewery, Gladwell Rd, Rainton Bridge, Houghton, DH4 5NL from 5pm.
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**Look out for more dates in the next issue of Camra Angle**



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## Chair's Reminder

The end of the year is a busy time for all of us as branch members with a lot of things you can do to ensure your opinions are taken into account.

### Champion Beer of Britain

**(Urgent)** Up to the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2023 the initial stage of "Champion Beer of Britain" CBoB is still open. This is your chance to nominate the beers you feel should go forward to the second round where they face blind tasting by a panel of judges at a major CAMRA beer festival...With the winners going on eventually to the final competitions at the Great British Beer Festival (GBBF) and GBBF(Winter).

You can choose to nominate either national or local beers, personally I always vote local beers as at the very least it will help those breweries get orders to supply beer at the judging festivals!

Follow this link, sign in with your CAMRA logon and vote, even if you only choose one beer!

<https://cbob.camra.org.uk>

### Pub of the Year and Club of the Year.

Between now and the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024 we also would very much like to get your vote for our branch Pub of the Year (PotY) and Club of the Year (CotY). This is always a very close competition and your votes can make a big difference to final results.

Login here:

<https://evp.sst.camra.org.uk> and select up to three pubs and clubs you feel deserving of recognising as the best pub

and club in our area. The winning pub and club will also go forward to the North East regional competition.

{The choice of eligible pubs is limited to the 21 pubs we put into the 2024 Good Beer Guide}

Your first choice pub/club gets 5 points, second choice 3 points and third 1 point. The pub/club that score the most is declared PotY/CotY.

### Beer Scoring and the 2025 Good Beer Guide selection

You still have until the end of the year to influence our choice of pubs we put into next year's Good Beer Guide (2025) and thus the candidates for next year's PotY vote. How?

Simply score your beer when you visit the pub. Visit <https://whatpub.com> and enter a score in the "Submit Beer Scores" tab. In January we download everyone's scores for the whole year and calculate the pubs with the best beer scores to make up our GBG selection.

### Annual General Meeting

Finally November 22<sup>nd</sup> sees our AGM, this year at the Ship Isis. I hope you'll make time to attend and vote in the election of branch officers and on any motions raised.

*Ian Monteith Preston*

# PUB NEWS

## Whatpub.com

**South Shields.** The Steamboat will be holding a Beer & Cider Festival from Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> ( from 6pm) to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October. There will have 20 Ales on rotation throughout the weekend with 6 on at the bar and 6 boxed ciders ready to choose from.

<https://www.facebook.com/TheSteamboatOfficial>

**The Lambton Arms** is reportedly due to reopen later this month. Three Camerons pubs in the town have been acquired by FB Taverns. More details on the next page.



### Sunderland

The big news is the opening on a new pub in Roker called **These Things Happen** The former old Harbour View Motors ( near The Harbour View pub) has been converted into a smart venue with six real ales. With the loss of real ale in The Wolsey, Queen Vic and The



Poetic Licence nearby, this is a welcome addition to the area.

There has been no sign of life for a few weeks in **Victors** in the city centre. It's not known if the closure is short or long term. Close by, The **Establishment** club as been sold by Camerons (see next page)



**The Halfway House** is a landmark pub in between Southwick and The Stadium of Light. Plans were submitted to covert the pub, which is

for sale, into supported accommodation. A planning application was withdrawn after objections from local residents and our CAMRA branch. The full story can be found on the BBC News website here : <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-tyne-66992990>

**Washington.** The **Biddick Inn** now offers up to three real ales. Landlord, Hobgoblin Gold and Doom Bar have been reported. **The Courtyard** are now offering 10% discount for card carrying CAMRA members. The closed **Mill House** on the border between Washington and Birtley are looking for staff with a projected opening time of end of October.

**Whitburn.** Blue's Micro Pub are now operating winter opening times. They will be closed Mondays and Tuesdays (except monthly whisky night).

**Wetherspoons Autumn Beer Festival** runs from 11<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> October. The beer list reveals the only North East beer is Maxim Slovenian Pale .

<https://www.idwetherspoon.com/news/2023/09/autumn-real-ale-festival>

# BREWERY NEWS

**Blockyard Brew Co.** The Queen Vic, behind which the brewery operates, no longer sells real ale.

**Brewlab.** Since the initial event in August, there have been 6 further open days. The Friday events have been linked to Sunderland home games and are followed by an additional session on the game days.

There are usually 3 cask and 2 keg beers for sale, with new and different beers on offer.

At the most recent event, two new cask beers Overman IPA (5.8% ABV) and Wearmouth Wheat (4.8%) were available together with a repeat appearance from BB Blonde. A new keg beer Oktoberfest (5.5%) (below) in the style of a German



Märzenbier, which was also available in bottles was on the bar.

There were new bottled beers in the Pilot series available.

The next

Taproom days

are Friday 27 and Saturday 28 October. Hopefully, there will be Go North East buses on those days.

With regards to **Lazy Lizard** and for future branch reports, contact has been made with both brewers of the brewery and they are keen to keep us updated. They are also interested in knowing more of locales. Information about Brewlab and Maxim have open nights have been shared.

**Maxim** are brewing to full capacity all the way until Christmas. Four



seasonals in four weeks are Nelson Pale, Treacle Toffee Stout (pictured), All English then American Pride. In between that they will be delivering Slovenian Pale Ale into Wetherspoons October Fest and then starting in November Santastic will go into Wetherspoons

for a Christmas listing.

The three other Christmas beers this year will be, Great Escape, Santa's Soot and a new dark one Christmas Pudding Ale, Samson keg sales are also well up on last year.

Their brewery shop will also be open Saturday mornings in December again from 9 am-12 noon

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## MORE BREWERY NEWS

**Wear Beer** are now fully operational and brewing from the basement of The Ship Isis in Sunderland. The head brewer is Julio Romero Johnson ( ex Brewlab) They have four core beers (pale ale, bitter, stout and IPA) with more on the way. Availability includes The Ship Isis, Chaplins, The Harbour View, Vaux Taproom and Blue's Micro Pub

**Vaux.** 1899, the 7% bottle-conditioned stout Vaux made two years ago hasn't been brewed and most of the new beers in the taproom are from Germany for the Oktoberfest. A superb 6.3% lager from Hofbrau is back again, plus two other good lagers and a highly hopped Weiss beer. The one real ale is a 3.8% bitter from Wear Beer,

## CAMERON'S BREWERY SALE

**Sometime ago Cameron's Brewery** announced the sale of their leased and tenanted pubs to **FB Taverns**. It was unclear at the time which pubs would be affected but these can now be revealed.

South Shields :- Cyprus Hotel (Chichester Road), Lambton Arms and The Mechanics.(Both Town Centre)

Sunderland :- The Establishment Club (Low Row near Fitzgeralds), The Free Gardeners Arms (Millfield)

Since then the Cyprus has been renamed The New Cyprus, and The Establishment is now Bobby's Bar

FB Taverns have also acquired two pubs owned by the Tadcaster Pub Co :- The Travellers Rest, Shiney Row and The Colliery Inn, Hetton.

<https://www.fbtaverns.com/about>

Ziggy's in South Shields appears to be the sole pub in our branch still under Camerons ownership.

Propelinfo.com have reported that Camerons sold their freehold portfolio for £8.25m

<https://www.propelhospitality.com/#1696237535480-440851d7-bf7c>

### Micropubs

<https://micropubadventures.co.uk/magazine-features/>

This is worth checking out ; it's a beer blog focusing on Micropubs, Independent Pubs and Small Breweries, mainly pubs selling real ale. The blogger supports CAMRA and offers his articles for use in branch magazines.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT - OCTOBER 2023

Here are the up to date figures with the numbers confirmed in early September shown in brackets.

Sunderland & South Tyneside 575 (565)  
Tyneside & Northumberland 1653 (1651)  
    Darlington 342 (339)  
    Cleveland 642 (643)  
    Durham 683 (688)

It was pleasing to see a good uptake of new members at our recent beer festival. 16 new members were signed up with 10 for our branch and the other six split between the others. I always think it is nice to put names to faces at the point of joining and with quite a few living in and around the Cleadon and East Boldon area, I'm hopeful we will have some of these new faces at our forthcoming events.

In general, around the country, figures are holding up pretty well. The difference between a months new members and those lapsing has reduced to around 300. That is more lapsing than joining, so there is a lot of work still to do to get us to the pre lockdown figures. We are still 100 or so behind that number. Don't forget the gift subscription is still an ideal Christmas present for the person who has everything !

**Peter Tong, Membership Secretary, Sunderland & South Tyneside**

## TEGESTOLOGIST NEWS

I sometimes have this as a quiz question, the answer being a collector of beer mats. Recently a CAMRA member donated his collection of beer mats going back decades. **Peter Tong** has been sorting this collection with a view to selling them online. Any proceeds will be donated to the branch's chosen charity, The RNLI (Roker Station) .

More news as it develops.



## Miscellaneous News

The 51<sup>st</sup> Edition of the Good Beer Guide was published on September 28<sup>th</sup>. The Courtyard Bar in Washington have appeared for 20 consecutive years so The Sunderland Echo were invited to a special presentation. Branch Chair Ian Monteith Preston, alongside branch members, presented Martin Thompson with a CAMRA Award. (Pictured) For the full story follow this link :-

<https://www.sunderlandecho.com/lifestyle/food-and-drink/washingtons-the-courtyard-bar-celebrates-20-years-of-featuring-in-camras-good-beer-guide-4353784>



*See page 16-18 for more on the Guide.*

CAMRA have revealed their National Cider and Perry Pub of the Year 2023. It is the Tom Cobley Tavern, Spreyton, Devon. As a reminder, our two branch winners were **The Avenue** (Sunderland) and **Blues Micro Pub** (South Tyneside).



The Station House in Durham was awarded the North East Regional Cider Pub 2023. Regional Cider Coordinator Bill Wilkinson presents owner Susie Mansfeld with a certificate.



[https://heritagepubs.sst.camra.org.uk/?page\\_id=11307%20\(Page%206](https://heritagepubs.sst.camra.org.uk/?page_id=11307%20(Page%206)

This is the banner, and the link, for our Heritage Pub website. There are some feature articles available to download and read. This site will be added to through time and if you have any contributions, or which to see anything featured, please email :-

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## 2023 BEER FESTIVAL REVIEW

This year's branch beer festival was held in a new location: the function room of Beggars Bridge Bar and Kitchen, East Boldon. The site was chosen from a



short list as both affordable and it had the right size/layout and access for our festival needs. Additionally it was close to public transport (East Boldon Metro) and had good disabled access. Owned by branch member Steven Ski, who had long hoped to see us using one of his venues for an event. Sadly Steven passed away suddenly between us booking the venue and the festival taking place! However the festival continued as planned with the support of Steven's family and colleagues. (You might have noticed Steven's picture displayed on some of the pump clips at the festival as a tribute.)

We followed the same format as last year in the Peacock, Sunderland having a good mix of unusual cask ales, key-keg beers and a selection of real cider. (The beer and cider list can still be viewed online at [https://sundfest.camra.org.uk/?page\\_id=1268](https://sundfest.camra.org.uk/?page_id=1268)).

Additionally music from a host of popular local musicians took place on Thursday and Friday nights, and all day Saturday. Food available from the venue's kitchen and served in the



festival also went down very well with attendees.

The feedback from customers about this year has been very positive with both Thursday and Friday seeing higher attendance than last year. Saturday still met our estimated attendance despite local transport issues causing disruption. Many people attending felt the venue had a similar vibe to our festivals held for many years in the Bonded Warehouse, Sunderland so fingers crossed that **#Sundfest24** will return to Beggars Bridge next year.

A selection of photographs from the event are on the next three pages.

**Ian Monteith Preston**

# OUR 2023 BEER FESTIVAL IN PICTURES

I hope these three pages give a flavour of the event.

At the bottom of the page is the much talked about, and tasted, blue sour beer.



# OUR 2023 BEER FESTIVAL MUSIC IN PICTURES

Several musicians gave their time over the three days of the festival. Here is a selection of some of them. *Photos - Thanks to Robin Sanderson except where indicated .*



1	Tony Machin
2	Dubious Delinquents (Siobhan Stanley and Nick Wood)
3	Jim Murray
4	Emily Davidson
5	Family Hill (Andrea Lambell, Mick and Matti Hill)
6	Blue Moon
7	The Riveters
8	Helen Robinson

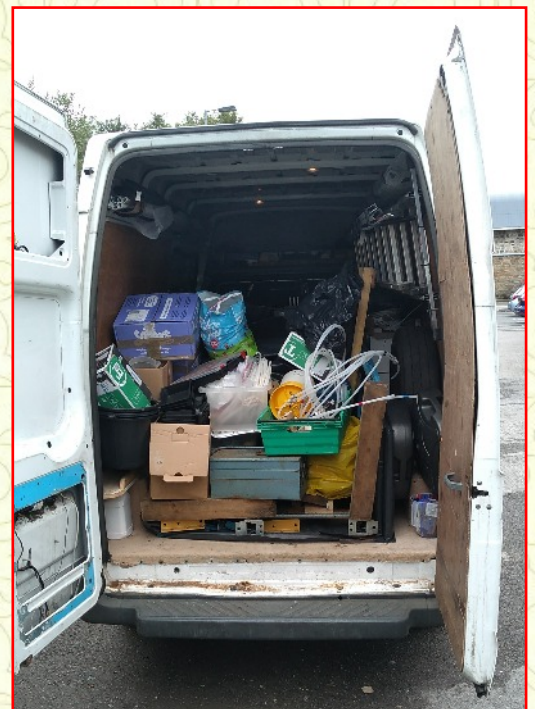


Photo  
Audrey  
Robinson

# OUR 2023 BEER FESTIVAL TAKE DOWN IN PICTURES

For those that visited the festival, this was the scene on Sunday lunchtime. Most of what you saw over the three days is in the van, with the exception of the beer casks.

At the bottom of the page ; the work that goes on in the background to tidy all our fixtures and fittings ready for the next festival.



# The Clarendon and Bull Lane Brewery

**This article features on our Heritage Website**

**[https://heritagepubs.sst.camra.org.uk/?page\\_id=11307%20\(Page%206](https://heritagepubs.sst.camra.org.uk/?page_id=11307%20(Page%206)**

The sign on the front above the window of The Clarendon in Sunderland says 1724. The White Plaque below the window also says 1724. If correct, this means next year will be the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the pub, or at least the building.



Ron Lawson's book *A Historic look at the Pubs of old Sunderland/Sunderland*



Parish(East End) states the building was first mentioned in 1724 and was rebuilt in 1818. Be that as it may, this pub must be rare in that it has two historic plaques; one on the front (the white one above) and one on the left hand side (a blue one - left).

The latter is dedicated to Bull Lane, the alleyway that runs along the side of the pub down towards the River Wear.



*Bull Lane to the left of the pub entrance. The brewery sign and the blue plaque can be seen in the alleyway. The now closed entrance to the brewery is at the bottom of the steps.*

The pub has had many owners over the years and in 2005 ownership passed to John Taylor, who started brewing in the cellar underneath the pub. Access was gained from Bull Lane and so the Bull Lane Brewery was born. Beers produced included Ryhope Tug, Sauce of the Niall and T.J. Doyles Neck Oil.

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## The Clarendon and Bull Lane Brewery - contd.



*The back of The Clarendon, showing the still present Brewery sign to the left of the large window. The steps up to High Street East can be seen on the right below the pub sign.*



*The view from the window inside the pub, showing the National Glass Centre (the building with the two chimneys) on the other side of the River Wear.*

The beer was available in the pub and also in the local area. The brewery closed however in 2011, with the kit being transferred to Firebrick Brewery in Blaydon. The signage for the brewery is still in place, both at the side and the back of the pub overlooking the river.

The Clarendon closed in 2013 and then reopened after a refit as The Butcher's Arms. It has now gone back to its original name, but not before a series of closures and openings; the most recent being an opening in August 2023. Real ale has not been available for more than five years now; the pub used to be a regular in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide and last appeared in 2016.

During the 2018 Tall Ships Race in Sunderland, the pub had a viewing platform overlooking the events, as the view takes in the river upstream and downstream across to the National Glass Centre.

The *Sunderland Echo* recently published a photographic feature of The Clarendon.

[https://www.sunderlandecho.com/retr/o/sunderlands-oldest-pub-in-nine-archive-pictures-4357685?fbclid=IwAR0VFrS7ojqx9-ZeFrEL-yhPHGuvH5XaRlu1AeG0kZVV7yif\\_XrdDujaBl](https://www.sunderlandecho.com/retr/o/sunderlands-oldest-pub-in-nine-archive-pictures-4357685?fbclid=IwAR0VFrS7ojqx9-ZeFrEL-yhPHGuvH5XaRlu1AeG0kZVV7yif_XrdDujaBl)

*Ken Paul, with thanks to Terry Ford*

Getting there :-

**THE CLARENDON 144 High Street East SR1 2BL.**

It's a 20 minute walk from the City Centre along High Street West then High Street East. Mostly downhill, except for coming back!

The Go North East no. 33 stops opposite the pub (daytimes Monday - Saturday) and Stagecoach North East no. 8 runs evenings and Sundays.

<https://www.nexus.org.uk/bus/timetables>

# THE 2023 GOOD BEER GUIDE REVIEW

CAMRA published the 2024 edition of **The Good Beer Guide**, on September 28<sup>th</sup>. This is issue 51 and contains entries for over 4500 pubs and clubs, and about 1950 breweries (30 less than last time).

The format change last year of grouping pubs and breweries into counties within regions has been retained. So the North East region comprises Durham, Northumberland and Tyne and Wear. In all there are 14 regions, ranging from the largest, Scotland to the smallest - The Channel Islands.

The foreword is written by Bruce Dickinson the lead singer of the band Iron Maiden. Hence the distinctive front cover. In collaboration with Robinsons, he has been brewing their Trooper beer since 2013.

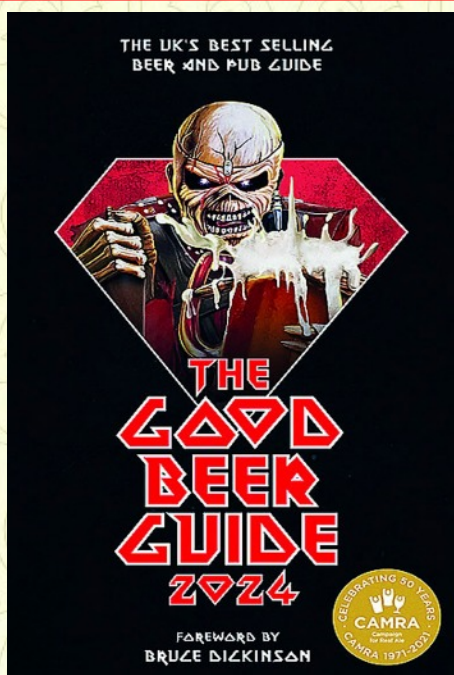
There is an introduction by CAMRA National Chair Nik Antona and articles about beer styles, live beer and music, pub heritage, and award winning pubs.

Former Guide editor Roger Protz is always a good read, and so he contributes with an article about the state of the British brewing industry. This is preceded by the regular feature, How Beer Is Brewed.

Near the end of the book can be found a places index, a breweries index and a beer index. Given the guide is now in regions, this helps in the navigation of the guide.

## Some facts and figures

Our branch has 22 slots in the guide ; 21 pubs and 1 club. This includes two new



entries and one re entry. In Tyne and Wear there are 31 breweries, surprisingly two more than last time. Wear Beer are not included as they began production after the publication cut off date.

In a Closed Brewery section, nationally there have been 150 closures. These include One More Than Two (South Shields), S43 (Coxhoe) and Bad Seed (Malton).

Each county & region is accompanied by a map, showing pub and brewery locations. It is again noticeable that for Northern Ireland, the map covers the whole country and there are more breweries than pub entries ! 25 real ale breweries and 17 real ale pubs.

Missing again is special reference to The Famous Five - those pubs that have appeared in every guide. They are still mentioned as individual entries however and ,if you are wondering, here they are.

Star Tavern, Belgravia London  
The Buckingham Arms London  
The Roscoe Head, Liverpool  
The Square & Compass, Dorset  
The Queen's Head, Cambridge

Finally there are a couple of photos of local pubs, The Peacock (p722) and The Station House (p704)..

The Good Beer Guide 2024 is available from CAMRA Books at a members price of £15.99 plus postage.

<https://camra.org.uk/the-good-beer-guide-2024/>

*Review by Ken Paul*

# THE 2023 GOOD BEER GUIDE CHALLENGE

One of the purposes I feel of the **Good Beer Guide** is to look for new pubs to visit and enjoy. With this in mind I set myself a challenge when my 2023 copy arrived last year; how many new pubs could I visit in 12 months. A bit nerdy I know but here goes.

1. In November we had a family get together in Glasgow for my birthday and so it was inevitable that I chose The Bon Accord for my birthday lunch. I have been over a dozen times so this isn't my first pub on the list. A short drive away in the western suburb called Woodlands is **The Doublet**. This is a small corner tenement pub that had three handpulls, one of which was Broughton Wee Jock. I like malty beers and this 80/- style hit the spot. A second soon followed. I'm pleased to see The Doublet is in the current guide.

2. **Wylam Brewery**. Located in Exhibition Park, Newcastle, we were invited to a wedding evening in December. With drinks courtesy of the bride and groom I was happy drinking Wylam Poundage Porter all night! Just as well as it was £4.50 a pint - this was before this price was the norm.

3. We have a tradition that a group of us have a pub crawl between Xmas and New Year. So the end of 2022 found us in Newcastle. After visiting a few pubs in the north of the city centre we eventually weaved our way into **The Wobbly Duck** in Old Eldon Square. Down some steps, the place was popular but we managed to perch on stools or lean on walls As this was our 5<sup>th</sup> pub of six, memories are a bit sketchy ; will just have to go back again!

4. February 2023 sees another pub crawl, this time with a friend who visits the North East occasionally. Durham is

the place this time and after the Half Moon and The Victoria it was time to head up to The Old Elm Tree. Now this is a steep climb up Crossgate and close to the top is **The Holy Grale** micropub. We dived in to recover and gasping for breath I pointed to the sole Allendale Pennine Pale handpull. Visiting again in September, the same beer was on.

5. Also in February was the **CAMRA Winter Beer Festival** in Burton. The



plan was to stay in (another) mates house in Nuneaton. The train journey involved a change at Tamworth, so it seemed right to head for

**The Tamworth Tap (above)**. This was before it was awarded CAMRA Pub of the Year (it was one of final four). A worthy winner and it could win again!

6. In March six of us acquired cheap Northern Rail tickets so we travelled to Carlisle. There were two GBG pubs to try we had not been in, the Howard Arms and **The Sportsman**. We didn't even get through the door in the former, empty handpulls ! I reported this on Whatpub feedback and the pub doesn't feature in the new guide. The Sportsman didn't let us down however.

7. Later that month there was an exhibition in the Shildon Rail Museum ( Locomotion). Afterwards I persuaded the good lady that refreshments could be sought in the nearby **Canteen Bar and Kitchen**. This is the home of George Samuel Brewery so I had a pint of Sticky Toffee Stout and bought

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some bottles of their wonderful Harvey.

8. We have never been to Yarm which is just over the Tees south of Stockton. Another micropub beckoned in May , **The New Inn**. It was hot so we had some chips to the river and headed to the pub to wash it down. It was noticeable most of the pavement cafes were busy and the pub wasn't. Still, the



Two By Two Porter didn't disappoint.

8. July was the Branch Pub of the Year judging trip and in Stockton The Golden Smog was on the list.



Fortunately, or unfortunately, it wouldn't open for another 20 minutes so we all piled into **The Topsy Turtle** in a

small precinct nearby and were really impressed. I had a bottle of delicious Sam Smiths stout. The Turtle is in the new guide, so hopefully we will visit next year.

9 & 10. Now July is supposed to be a summer month so eight of us planned a trip to



Whitley Bay and Seaton Sluice. Rain was forecast but we made it dry to **The Melton Constable** in Seaton Sluice. Its just of the main road

between Whitley Bay and Blyth. There was a good selection of well kept beers so a couple of Titanic Plum Porter went down well. Opposite is the Kings Arms (not in guide) but once there, it started lashing it down when we left for the bus. The intention was to get off and visit the guide listed **Delaval Arms**. The bus



stop was not close to the pub so we decided to stay on and decamped in **The Split**

**Chimp** in The Spanish City. Despite being a micropub, there was enough room for us all.

11. In the end of August we had a long weekend in Pickering ( more rain) The obvious touristy thing was the North North Moors Railway. After this time to visit the town's sole entry in the Guide, **The Sun Inn**. A friendly pub full of locals. Worth seeking out.

12. A family trip up the Tyne Valley found us in the village of Wetheral. It's just off the A69 near Carlisle. The pub was **The Wheatsheaf** and the date was the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September. There was already an embargoed *GBG 2024 We Are In It* sticker on the wall on the way to the gents. Three handpulls featured beers from Cumbrian breweries. We had a nice Sunday lunch as well.

**So that's it.** 10 pubs and 2 breweries visited - mission accomplished. Two are no longer in the guide; The Howard Arms in Carlisle, possibly because of my visit, the other is The Melton Constable in Seaton Sluice.

I may well do this again with the 2024 guide.

**Ken Paul**

## PUB QUIZ ( answers on next page )

- 1 Which king was crowned on September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1189?
- 2 Who succeeded Richard Nixon as US President ?
- 3 Who had a hit in 1968 with The Hurdy Gurdy Man?
- 4 Name the Man Utd and England goalkeeper who had a shirt dispute in 2023
- 5 Which group had a hit with The Living Years in 1988?
- 6 Which team plays their home games at the Riverside Stadium?
- 7 Who was known as the Godfather of Soul?
- 8 Which Coronation St character was played by Pat Phoenix?
- 9 Nicosia is the capital of which Mediterranean island ?
- 10 Re the song line “ I’m crossing you in style”. To what is the “you” referring?
- 11 Name the UK TV sitcom that featured the characters Gary Strang and Tony Smart.
- 12 What is the capital of Libya?
- 13 Which Scottish singer had hits with Modern Girl and 9 to 5?
- 14 Gregory Peck won best actor Oscar as Atticus Finch in which film ?
- 15 The term “*Mad as a March Hare*” comes from which book?
- 16 Who wrote the forward to the 2023 Good Beer Guide?
- 17 According to the GBG 2024, which Tadcaster brewery is missing from this list :- Sam Smiths, Molson Corrs and ?
- 18 A Labeorphilist is a collector of what?
- 19 True or False. Former Australian PM Bob Hawke set a record drinking a yard of ale in 11 seconds?
- 20 Name this GBG branch pub pictured right..



## PUB QUIZ ANSWERS

1	Richard the Lionheart
2	Gerald Ford
3	Donovan
4	Mary Earps
5	Mike and The Mechanics
6	Middlesbrough
7	James Brown
8	Elsie Tanner
9	Cyprus
10	Moon River
11	Men Behaving Badly
12	Tripoli
13	Sheena Easton
14	To Kill a Mockingbird
15	Alice in Wonderland
16	Prince Charles ( as was)
17	John Smiths
18	Beer Bottles
19	It's true.
20	Black Horse, West Boldon

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