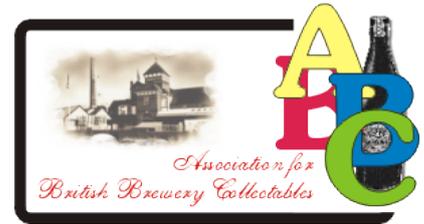


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BACK ISSUES OF BEER MEMORABILIA

Members have asked about the availability of back issues of *Beer Memorabilia*. There's no problem e-mailing these to you. Just ask. However, each issue averages 1Mb of space, with more for the supplements, so it could be quite heavy on your internet bandwidth, and on your e-mail provider, if I send them all at once. So make sure that you can accommodate them before asking me to send them.

I recall somebody once wanting valuations of some breweriana, who sent me a huge number of photographs, which included several enormous size copies. Inexplicably he included loads of duplicates, of the images of his collection, together with naked pictures of his girlfriend/wife (hopefully inadvertently). As a result, my e-mail facility was temporarily suspended by Gmail for allowing too large an amount of attachments to be sent to me. Apparently, at the time, the limit was 10Mb. I learnt a lesson from that – I'm always careful of the size of attachments I send.

BREWERIANA NEWS.

If you know of any developments relating to breweriana, please [let 'Beer Memorabilia' know](#), so that your information can be shared with other members.

Camerons latest offering includes 600 silver crown caps – whoopee! So now the hunt is on for these crown caps. The caps will be on bottles containing their Mötörhead collaboration brew, which comes in bottles, keg and cask. It's called Röd Crew and is 5% ABV. It's a shame Lemmy isn't around to see it. He would undoubtedly have appreciated it. This is yet another beer product following the successful trend set by Robinson's Trooper, which was done for Iron Maiden. Trooper beers, labels, beer mats and packaging are now quite collectable.



Camerons have also released a special one off cask beer to celebrate their 3rd year anniversary of the acquisition of The Head of Steam group of pubs to its retail pub estate. Former owner of The Head of Steam Tony Brookes was invited by the brewer to create a special cask ale of his choice to mark the occasion. The beer is a 4.5% Jamaican coffee and rum infused dark beer which has been named Blue Mountain.



Robinsons has produced a range of draught beers based on cinema and TV programmes. Magnum IPA, Pint of Thrones, Robohop, Yippee IPA and Dark Vader will appear in pubs during the next year. Magnum IPA is the first to be put on sale. The first Christmas Ale to be announced is in this series, and will be called Mr. Scrooge. It will appear at the end of the year, with the others issued in between. These will all be produced in limited editions, and follow on from their 2016 offering, Hop Gun. Meanwhile they have expanded their bottled craft beer range with Beardo and Mojo, available from Asda, Bargain Booze and the Co-op, among others.

Stancill Brewery is producing two special brews a month throughout 2017, starting with American Nut Brown (does that name have its inspiration from a US president?)

St Austell Brewery has announced its seasonal cask beer programme for 2017, which is quite a challenge for pump clip hunters. January to March is Cousin Jack, April and May is Golden Hare, June and July is Liquid



Sunshine, August and September is Harvest Moon, October only is Bucket of Blood and Ghost Hare Porter, October and November is Forest Hare, December is Festivity – the second Christmas beer we have heard of for 2017.

3 Daggers Brewery has done a numbered limited edition bottled beer for the centenary of Integrity Print of Midsomer Norton. The beer is called 'Printer's Pleasure', and the labels have been printed by [Integrity Print](#), who also print other beer labels.

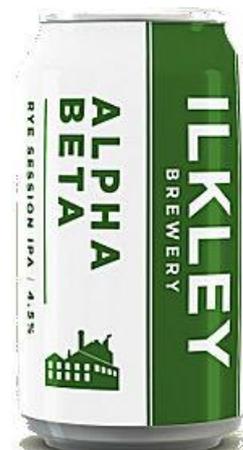
Leek Brewery (otherwise known as Staffordshire Brewery) was particularly prolific in 2016. A three-pack of bottled beers, consisting of their Christmas Ale, as well as a Boxing Day Ale and a New Year Ale, has come to light. I understand it was sold by John Lewis, and may still be available, possibly reduced.

Peerless Brewing is Reviewing its range. Point of sale collectors will no doubt go for this. It's two new cask beers are Lottie Dod and Langton Spin. Langton Spin is a rebrand of the company's existing Peerless Gold. Lottie Dod is new. They have dropped two existing cask beers and a keg lager. Also monthly specials set for release in 2017 include Chill Factor in January and Deadbeat blonde ale in February.

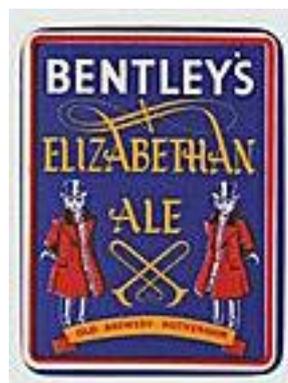
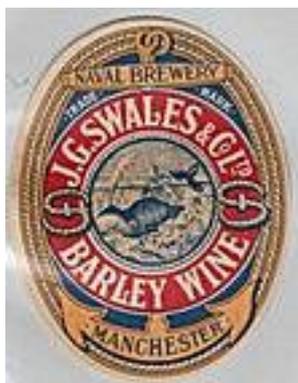
Fallen Brewing has installed a canning line and is moving its entire bottled beer range to cans. Fallen beers are available in some Oddbins. With craft beer breaking all production records, can collectors could expect a bonanza.

Abbeydale has several cask specials available. These include Cavorter, Bootlegger, Dr. Morton's Crispy Automatic Duck (it's fowl), Croc Farmer, Surreal Ale #1, Destiny, Reveller and Baby Black Mass. They have also done Double Brimstone in cask, bottle and keg. These are their 2016, 20th birthday series. They are rebranding their regular cask beers for 2017.

Ilkley Brewery is launching a range of cans. The first two are Alpha Beta and Lotus, both canned versions of their keg beers.



AUCTIONS

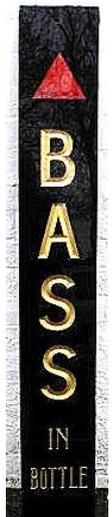
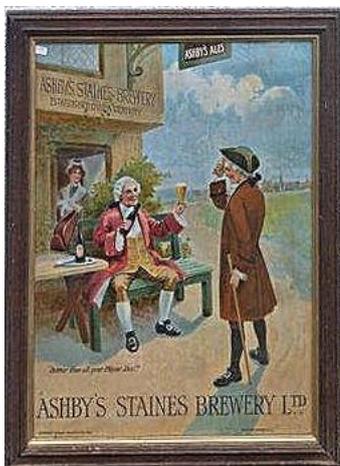


£180

A large accumulation of beer labels was sold at [Loddon Auctions of Newbury](#) on 19th January this year. Some of the labels belonged to a late former member of ABBC. The labels sold consisted of single items, whole albums and job lots. The single label with the highest estimate was a Dales 1953 coronation ale label, estimated at £100 to £200, which sold for £180. The full list of prices realised hasn't yet been released by the auction room. I will try and include it with the next issue of 'Beer Memorabilia'. The lot numbers of the beer labels in the auction were 651 to 770.

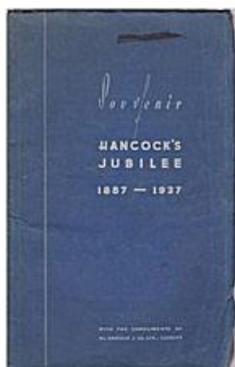
A collection of breweriana is coming up for sale on 28th January at [Chippenham Auction Rooms](#). The auctioneers specialise in enamel signs, and there are quite a few in the auction, a few of them being brewery signs. The [catalogue is available on the web site](#). The breweriana is mixed with miscellaneous other lots, so it is quite difficult to isolate the best items of breweriana. Also there are one or two reproduction items, so be aware. I am mentioning just some items I consider to be the best.

The Ashby's sign is about 20 inches by 25 inches. The magnificent 'Bass in bottle' slate sign is a type I've not seen before. The Welsh's advert is just 5½ inches by 8¾ inches, but seems to be in good condition, and quite rare. The image of the Bass 'man' is typical of the time when being plump and rosy cheeked indicated a picture of health. The Worthington equivalent of this poster is also on offer.



A Bass, Ratcliff and Gretton, Ratcliff Ale recently sold on E-bay for £185.00 pounds. This is quite a good price for a bottle that has clearly leaked (beer stains on the label), and the wax seal has been chipped. The bottle is a 1977 reissue, with a reprinted label, and was probably a reputed pint. Ratcliff Ale was brewed in 1869, to mark the birth of a member of the Ratcliff family. The name of the person it celebrates varies in different sources, between Harry and Robert, but it was more likely Harry. The name is not stated on the label, and the bottle was probably not released as a commemorative beer as we know it, but was intended simply to be drunk as a celebration, perhaps at the son's 21st birthday. The date of bottling is not known, but the label was not produced until 1876 at the earliest, because it bears the Bass Diamond trade mark, which was registered in 1876. The beer was issued in standard, plain bottles, in contrast with the later Bass Corkers which were produced in special embossed bottles. The quantity produced is not known, but as the bottles are comparatively common for their age, there must have been a large number produced. The beer is unlikely to have been specially brewed. The contents were No. 1 Strong Ale, a regular brew which was brewed with that name right up until comparatively recently. This beer is a pint, which is valued on my web site at £75.00 upwards.





A Hancock's brewery Jubilee booklet has sold for £91.88 on E-bay. Books are not as popular as they might be on E-bay because of the prohibitive postage costs. This one was an exception. The booklet (illustrated) celebrated Hancock's Brewery's 50th anniversary. The publication consisted of 108 pages, well illustrated with black and white photographs. Produced in 1937, it realised a very good price. Its condition wasn't particularly good. The cover was dog-eared, and there were pen markings on the cover and inside. There were some small tears to the title page. Basically, the book could be described as well used. However, it is a very scarce item. I can only remember having seen one of these before. The brewery was taken over by Bass in 1968, but continued to brew until recently. The seller erroneously claimed the brewery closed in 1959.

NOTES AND QUERIES



Bill Austin has been in touch with a solution to the query in issue 9, about the item illustrated here. It is in fact a pipe cleaner. Bill provides a link to a description of patent [GB188948 \(A\)](#) dated 23rd November 1922. This patent contains a diagram of the pipe cleaner, and it is unmistakably this item, minus the 'I always have a Worthington' slogan. The patent description states "A casing for a steel or brass wire or cable, or a whalebone needle, for cleaning tobacco pipes, comprises a circular or oval disc having a peripheral channel slotted to receive the head of the cleaner, which may be looped as shown or may consist of a small knob". The Worthington pipe cleaner itself therefore probably dates to sometime in the 1920s. Anyone interested can [look at the full patent document here](#).

EVENTS

If your organisation has a breweriana event coming up, I can list it here. Just [e-mail me](#) with the details.

Association for British Brewery Collectables Meetings

Saturday, 28 January 2017, from 12.00 noon. Joint meeting of the Labologists Society and the ABBC at the Royal Oak, 44 Tabard Street, London SE1 4JU (near Borough tube station). A social afternoon with breweriana, good beer (Harvey's) and good food! Everyone is welcome. Organised by the Labologists Society.

Saturday 6th May 2017. Association for British Brewery Collectables meeting at [Barley Mow](#), 39 Barton Road, St Philips, Bristol, [BS2 0LF](#), from 11:30.

Other breweriana meetings of interest

Saturday 11th February 2017. From 12:00. The historic pubs and breweries of Cowes. A [walk around Cowes](#) on the Isle of Wight exploring the historic brewing and pub heritage of this town. This will be a joint venture between the [Brewery History Society](#), Cowes Heritage, which has produced an excellent [book on the pubs of Cowes](#), and the Isle of Wight branch of CAMRA. All welcome but do please let us know you are coming (and to receive further details) by emailing Solent-Region@BreweryHistory.com.

24th March 2017. 11:00 am. Brewery History Society. Pope's Yard Brewery, Unit B5b, 477-479 Whippendell Road, Watford, WD18 7PU.

7th April 2017, 11:00 am. Brewery History Society. Phipps NBC, the Albion Brewery, 54 Kingswell Street, Northampton, NN1 1PR.

15th April 2017. Brewery History Society. Wigan, NW Region, Martland Mill Brewery's Tap n Barrel. Topic: What's in a cask? Dave Sweeney.

13th May 2017. Brewery History Society. Southwark walk, starting at Southwark Bridge. Details from [Ken Smith](#).

19th-21st May 2017. Tychy, Poland. 3rd [Brewery Collectables World Convention](#).

25th May to 4th June 2017. Norwich City of Ale 2017.

15th July 2017, Saturday, 11.00am. BHS North-West Regional Meeting: "CAMRA and Me." (John Ingham) - Bowland Brewery, Holmes Mill, Greenacre Street, Clitheroe BB7 1EB.

AND FINALLY...

Something that tickled my warped sense of humour was a report that Heineken has offered a money back guarantee to anyone in Australia not satisfied with Heineken 3, launched there last August. They must feel confident in the supposed Australian lack of taste in beer.

ADVERTS.

There is no charge to advertise, and non-members are welcome. If you wish to advertise here, for the protection of persons responding, all adverts should contain the advertiser's name and location, and at least two of the following - email address, phone number, or postal address. All requests for advertisements should be by [e-mail](#). The Association for British Brewery Collectables should be provided with the advertiser's full details, including full address (which will only be published with the advertiser's permission, but may be given to a responder if a dispute arises). The Association for British Brewery Collectables takes no responsibility for any problems arising as a result of any adverts. Transactions are at the responder's risk. Responders should take appropriate precautions.

David Taylor seeks old beer bottle labels, single or collections considered. Contact Dave in Wimborne, on 01202 980 299 or david.deraled@talktalk.net

Alan Gardner, 2 Kellet Court, Fairfield Road, Lancaster, LA1 5NP, has a run of the Association for British Brewery Collectables magazine, What's Bottling, no. 1, March 1984, to no. 160, Summer 2016, plus four crates of full bottled beers, mainly 1977 Jubilee, all in good condition. To be collected by the new owner. If you want to donate money to my charity event you are welcome. 01524 66679. Sorry, no e-mail. Post or phone only.

Rich Monte in the USA, is looking for any rare Bass items. Especially interested in ceramic coasters, signs, pitchers (jugs), etc. In fact, anything rare. Good prices paid. E-mail hr4378@aol.com.

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'*Beer Memorabilia*' is produced whenever I have enough information, so expect your next issue any time. There is no deadline for the next issue, and each issue is never 'full.' Please [keep in touch with 'Beer Memorabilia'](#) with information I can include, which can be news items, articles of interest, events you know of, advertisements, or whatever.

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