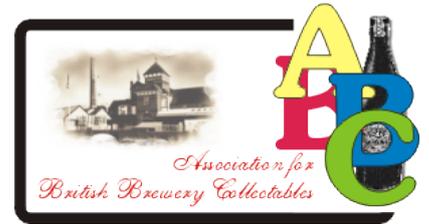


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ABBC MEETINGS

Since the ABBC changed to an all-internet organisation, and abolished the subscription charge, we have gained a lot of new members. As we have a meeting coming up on 6th May, in Bristol, I thought that a few lines about what to expect at meetings would prove useful. The aims of any ABBC meeting are to socialise and get to know other collectors, to facilitate trading in breweriana, and to sample some decent beer. We hope that all members of the committee will attend as many meetings as possible, and you'll get a chance to meet them if you want. Also, you should get a chance to see some interesting breweriana.



A previous ABBC meeting at Tucker's Maltings, Newton Abbot

We hope that whatever the venue, there should be some excellent beer to sample. Each pub we attend stocks collectable bottles as well as draught beers, craft and cask. A good opportunity for bottled beer and possibly pump clip collectors. Most also have a breweriana collection.

Formal discussion does not usually take place at ABBC meetings. But there's plenty of informal chatting, and you may want to make suggestions as to the way forward for the Association.

I hope to meet many of you at the Bristol meeting, and if you can't make it there, the meeting after that is in Warwick. All meetings we hold are always easily accessible by public transport, and we try and vary the locations as much as possible to allow members from all parts of the country to attend.

Mike Peterson
Editor

BREWERIANA NEWS.

Stroud Brewery is re-introducing Teasel as a bottled limited edition beer, but beware – it contains black peppercorn.



Islay Ales confirm that special edition ales for Feis Ile 2017 (Islay Whisky Festival) are being brewed in collaboration with Douglas Laing, whisky specialists. This year there will be 2 special cask matured ales, one in Laing Big Peat casks and the other in Laing Rock Oyster casks. Both will be launched at their Open Day on 31st May.

Fullers London Pride is being produced in an 'unfiltered' version for the craft beer market. It is unpasteurised, centrifuged, dry hopped, dispensed from kegs and served cold.

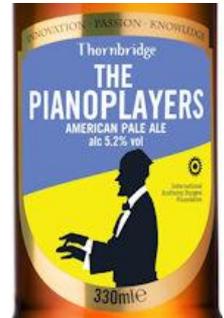
The Grainstore Brewery is producing a special cask anniversary ale as part of celebrations to mark two decades of independence for Rutland from Leicestershire. The beer was subject of a competition to find a name for it.



Thornbridge has bottled 'the Piano Players' to commemorate the centenary of Anthony Burgess, author of A Clockwork Orange.

Ennerdale Brewery has bottled Jugglers Ale, brewed specially for West Cumbria Carers 25th Anniversary.

Brampton Brewery will bottle 'Spire 10' for all finishers of the Spire 10 race at Holmebrook Valley Park on Sunday 2 July 2017, start time 10:30am.



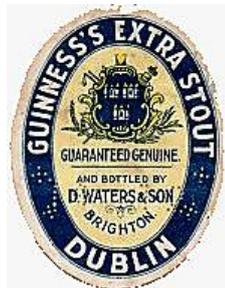
Slaughterhouse Brewery, the brewery that runs the venue for our September meeting, is producing a one-off beer on draught, Space Trotter Intergalactic Export Ale.

Meantime Brewery has bottled Double Helix which is based on Brewmaster Ciaran Giblin's DNA. It is described as 'the perfect beer for his tastebuds'. It is available in the London area for a limited period.

AUCTIONS



Harvey's Guinness, £90



D. Waters Guinness, £124.



E. Robins Guinness, £71.60



Anells Guinness, £82

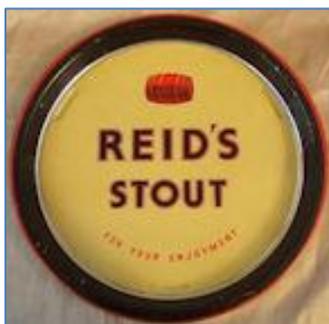
Some Guinness, Dublin, brewery labels sold well on E-bay. One bottled by Harvey's, complete with a stopper label, was sold on E-bay for £90.00. Meanwhile a label bottled by D. Waters of Brighton went for even more, £124.00. A label from E. Robins & Son, Brighton, Tunbridge Wells and Seaford, bottler, with a stopper label, went for £71.60, while an Anells bottler's label with a stopper label went for £82.00. Guinness bottlers' labels are an interesting but expensive collecting theme. The market for them is extremely healthy, especially because they are well documented. A Guinness label can be broadly dated because the London Guinness brewery was opened in 1936. If a bottler's label states just 'Dublin', it usually dates to before 1936, and if it states 'Dublin and London' it is definitely 1936 or later.



A Worthington India Pale Ale (White Shield) label sold on E-bay for £56.60. This one is an early label, as the bottler was Langton & Sons of Melton Mowbray, which closed in 1910. The label was in excellent condition. The label states 'brewers by appointment to his Majesty the King'. This dates it to after August 1902, when King Edward VII succeeded Queen Victoria. Just like Guinness, Worthington India Pale Ale was brewed in Burton on Trent, and just like Guinness, was bottled and sold by a large number of independent bottlers, who were usually named on the label. This gives rise to a very broad, and fascinating label collecting interest.



A Hereford and Tredegar Breweries Imperial Pale Ale oval label sold for £83.00 on E-bay. Items from this brewery are not often seen, and the label was in excellent condition. It probably dates to before 1899, as the label states 'brewed and bottled at the Imperial Brewery, Hereford'. The brewery was renamed as the Hereford and Tredegar Brewery in 1899.



A Reid's Stout tray in excellent condition for its age, with just a few surface scratches, sold on E-bay for £178.05. It is made from tin and dates to the late 1950s. Items showing the Watney's Red Barrel are well sought after.

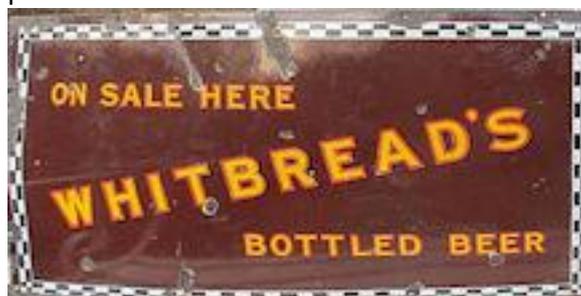
A Carltonware Guinness Toucan, a small size one, issued by Guinness at the same time as the small zoo animals series, sold on E-bay for £166.00. There are many forgeries of this item, but this one, thankfully, was genuine. This is one of the rarest of the smaller Guinness figures.



An Ind Coope coloured ceramic siphon stand was sold on E-bay for £168.05. This is quite a rare item, and was in good condition. Siphon stands tend to be prone to damage because, being ceramic they are quite fragile, and a heavy siphon being put down on them can result in cracks, chips or worse. This makes them quite rare, especially in good condition. The price realised is roughly what would be expected of this particular item in good condition.



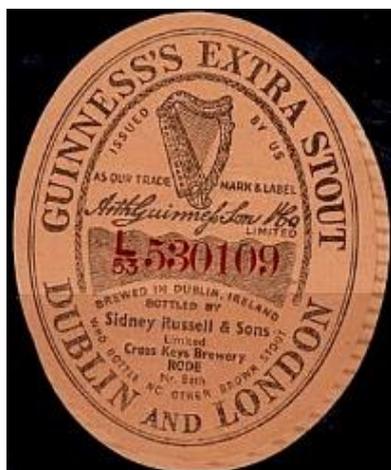
A Daniel Pettifor & Sons, Anstey Brewery, Leicestershire, counter bell, together with another plain one, sold for £420.00 +15% buyer's premium, presumably also plus VAT, (making possibly over £500.00), at Shouler & Son, County Auction Rooms, Melton Mowbray. Pettifor was taken over by Marstons in 1900, so this item has some age to it. In any case, counter bells are rare, and so don't come up very often. They always sell for high prices. And the auctioneer's estimate; just £40.00 to £50.00. I realise auctioneers tend to provide low estimates, but... . Melton Mowbray seems to have produced more than one rare item for this issue.



A Whitbread enamel sign sold on E-bay for £215.00. Enamel signs are a specialised collecting interest. Firstly they tend to be large, so don't fit well in the average collector's house. Secondly they are expensive, which means that many people, me included, can't afford them. However, their biggest problem, which puts many people off, is the fact that the majority of enamel signs are not in good condition. They are frequently damaged, particularly by missiles, such as stones,

thrown at a sign, and worse still airgun pellets. All this tends to put off many collectors, and collecting is usually limited to pub landlords, who have the space to display them.

NOTES AND QUERIES



In the last issue I asked members to spot the mistake in this label. The first of many correct answers came from Roger Putman, my opposite number at the Brewery History Society, who edits their newsletter. The answer is that the bottler's name should be Fussell, not Russell. A serious misprint (or should I say misprint?). I do wonder when, or even whether, it was spotted by those eagle eyed people at Fussell's Brewery, or whether there are loads of this label complete with misprint in labologists' collections. One respondent asked what the numbers in the centre of this label mean. On Guinness's Extra Stout bottlers' labels for sale in the UK, they are a date code. Separate the number into three, two figure blocks. Then read it backwards. Hence 530109 or 53/01/09 is 9th January 1953, (a few months before the coronation). It is not a bottling date. I think it is most likely to be the date the label was printed, which may well coincide with the date the beer was racked.

EVENTS

Association for British Brewery Collectables Meetings

Saturday 6th May 2017. Association for British Brewery Collectables meeting at [Barley Mow](#), 39 Barton Road, St Philips, Bristol, [BS2 0LF](#), from 11:30. The Barley Mow is Bristol Beer Factory's flagship pub, selling constantly changing cask and keg craft beers. A good choice of food will be available. [Moor Beer Co.'s](#) brewery tap is only a few minutes' walk from the Barley Mow, so it should be worth a visit after the meeting. It's open from 12 noon until 10:00 pm.



Saturday 24th September 2017. Our September meeting will be at the Wild Boar, 27 Lakin Rd, Warwick [CV34 5BU](#), at 12:00. The Slaughterhouse Brewery has a two barrel, on-site micro-brewery. Their web site lists 11 regular brews, with more on the way, and three seasonal ones. Their food is advertised as 'not fancy, just tasty'.

Other breweriana events of interest

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

22nd March to 2nd April: Beer Festival at J D Wetherspoon pubs and bars nationwide, including new seasonal and speciality beers.

25th March 2017. British Brewery Playing Card Society, at the Coseley Working Men's Club, 57 Ivyhouse Lane, Coseley, Bilston, [WV14 9JH](#). Meeting starts at midday.

31st March to 1st April 2017. [X International Breweriana Collectors Meeting](#) in Minsk, Belarus. 6th floor, 22 Kuibysheva Street, Minsk (Art-space "Verkh"), Time: 8:00 - 16:00. Don't forget, you probably still need a visa which costs a lot. I know from bitter experience!

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

8th April 2017. The British Brewery Playing Card Society will be holding their umpteenth breweriana and brewery playing card collectors meeting at the Good Beer Guide listed Coalheavers Arms, 5 Park Street, Peterborough, PE2 9BH. Directions at

www.individualpubs.co.uk/coalheavers/where.html. The action starts at 12:00 hrs and there will be on sale a selection of their stock acquired over the last year including beer mats, brewery playing cards, pump clips, glasses, etc.



The Coalheavers Arms

Peterborough has now four micro pubs, i.e. the Bumble Inn, The Stoneworks, Puzzles and the Frothblowers, so make a day of it and "do the rounds". For further details contact Maxine on 01733 239585 or email maxinechantry@virginmedia.com. Bring along those items you want to sell or exchange. No table booking necessary.

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.

19th to 25th June. Nottingham Craft Beer Week.

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

21st September to 1st October 2017. Cask Ale Week, sponsored by Cask Marque.

21st October. National Breweriana Auction at [Burton on Trent Town Hall](#), doors open at 11:00. Auction starts at 12:00.

BOOKS

Brewdog; craft beer for the people, by James Watt and Martin Dickie. Due out October 2017. £20.00. 240 pages. Hardback. Mitchell Beazley. ISBN10 1784722952 and ISBN13 9781784722951. Whether you like Brewdog or not, this is an introduction to a brewery which produces widely collected items.

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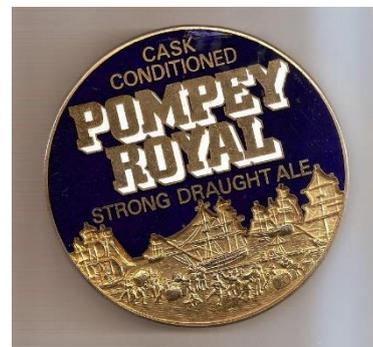
David Taylor seeks old beer bottle labels, single or collections considered. Contact Dave in Wimborne, on 01202 980 299 or david.deraled@talktalk.net

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.

Brian Ashdown has for sale a "Thomas Wethered's", Marlow brewers since 1758, vitreous enamel on heavy



duty brass, pump dispenser sign. Wethered's closed in 1992 but some of the listed buildings remain intact, namely the brewhouse with a brick in its structure with the text 'TW 1791', within a new housing estate. The item in question is approx. 100mm in diameter and enamelling is in very good order. The maker's stamp to the rear is Manhattan Windsor. Asking price is £50.00 (ono). He is also offering a Pompey Royal pump dispenser sign, the same size & made by same company,



Manhattan Windsor. There is some enamel damage to the right of the k in 'cask' and some flaking to gilding on lettering "Pompey Royal" otherwise OK. Price £20.00. Buyer to be advised of post and packing. 7, Lambert Place, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 2EL, England. Phone 07507 241 480. E-mail tractorbash@btopenworld.com.

Tony Krasij in Kent is looking for Tennents, Double Diamond, McEwans Export and Heineken bar fonts from the 70s and 80s. Tel 01634 371 157, Mobile 07762 252 819. tonykrasij@outlook.com.

Vince Meszar, of Murrayville, Pennsylvania, USA, wants Thomas Hardy's Ale signage or any breweriana related to the Thomas Hardy's Ale brand. Contact Mesz28@hotmail.com, or 412-877-0593. International dialling code from the UK is +1.

Andrew Kearley from Bournemouth is an avid collector of beer crowncaps (bottle caps) and is seeking to add to his collection of UK brewery caps from pre-1990s. If you have any caps to offer (swap or sell) please contact Andrew on 07423 056707 or via email on kearley7@gmail.com.

AND FINALLY...

Molson Coors is still sponsoring Friday night English Premier League games, at the time of writing, despite none having been played since the end of December!

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