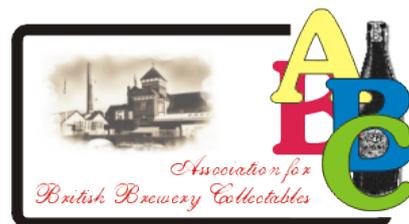


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BREWERIANA NEWS.

Black Sheep has done a limited edition of Imperial Russian Stout to the same recipe as the one done in 2011, which was entered into the Russian Stout competition in St. Petersburg. The beer is available from [the brewery shop](#) for £12.80 for four bottles.



Windsor and Eton Brewery has a good range of older bottled special issues left. These are Conqueror 1075 in Champagne Bottles (Bottle conditioned and each bottle wax sealed),

- 2012 £40, only 2 or 3 left – hence price
- 2013 £20
- 2014 £17.50
- 2015 £15

Magna Carta Barley wine (uses Middle Ages ingredients such as Licorice/Ground Ivy/Yarrow)

- 2015 £12.50

These are shop prices - if you wanted to buy several I'm sure they'd be happy to reduce the prices.

InBev (Whitbread) Samlesbury Brewery has celebrated its 45th anniversary with a special bottled beer for staff only called Samlesbrew.

Tennent's has launched 100ml size cans which it is suggested can be taken through airport security and onto a plane. The cans contain 'Original Export Lager'.

Dartmoor Brewery has bottled Liberation Ale to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the liberation of the Falkland Islands.

Jennings has done a limited edition beer to commemorate the 20th anniversary of Honister Slate Mines as a tourist attraction. The beer is in cask and is called Via Ferrata.

Quartz Brewing (referred to as 'Quarts Brewing' in the local rag – not entirely inappropriately!) has bottled 'Inaugural Craft Lager'.



From Plockton Brewery's web site

"Breweriana

TEGESTOLOGY/BREWERIANA

Please note that I do not have the time or resources (and, to be brutally honest, the enthusiasm) to deal with the numerous requests I receive for beer mats, labels, coasters, etc.

I would therefore appreciate it if people who do have an interest in such things would resist e-mailing or writing requesting I send examples to them.

I will not, therefore, respond to any requests for any breweriana, even if such requests are accompanied by a stamp addressed envelope.

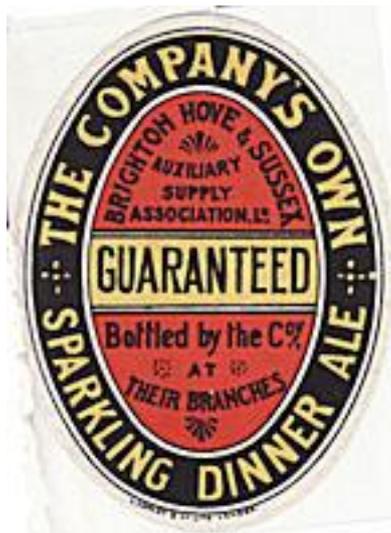
Hope I don't sound too much like Ringo Starr!

Peace and Love"

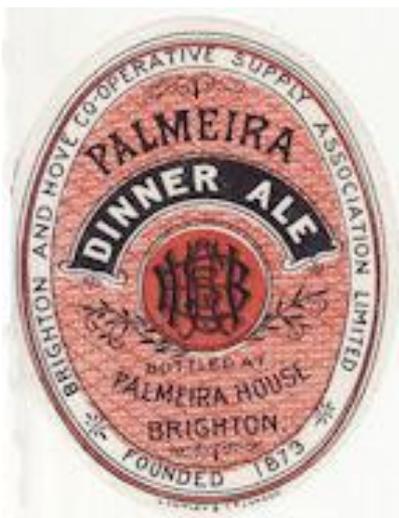
From somewhere in northern Scotland – anybody worried?

AUCTIONS

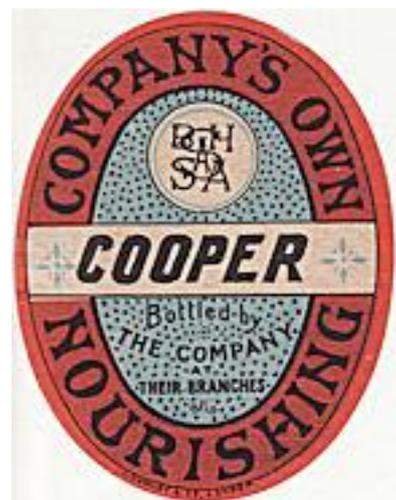
Three Brighton, Hove and Sussex Co-operative/Auxiliary Supply Association labels sold extremely well on E-bay.



£123.00



£202.77



£252.77

These rare and extremely attractive labels were from a bottler from the Brighton area. These beers would have been brewed by a brewery somewhere, and would then have been transported to the company for bottling. I am assuming that the variation in name of the company from one label to another simply represents a change of name, rather than two different organisations with very similar names. These labels were described by the seller as pre-1900. The printer is the same for each label, Lumley & Co., London.

A genuine Guinness Carltonware toucan lamp was sold on E-bay for £335.00. You rarely see genuine examples of these lamps, and it's even more unusual to see them with their original lamp shade, undamaged. The lamp shade, at the very least, gets dented. Also the tail of the toucan is often broken, and usually glued back very amateurishly. I don't think that £335.00 is a particularly high price for one of these. I would have expected it to go for £400.00 to £450.00. However, £335.00 is not too disappointing. The condition is unusually good. Apart from no known cracks or chips, the bakelite bulb mounting is just slightly nicotine stained, and the shade shows similar stains, but only slightly.



A T. P. Griffin Sparkling Pale Ale label was sold on E-bay for £113.77. The label states that the Griffin trade mark was registered in January 1877. This is probably a very pointed reminder to Fuller, Smith & Turner that the Griffin is their trade mark. There was litigation between the two companies in 1891/2 over the ownership of the trade mark, which was settled amicably in 1892. Fuller, Smith and Turner still use this trade mark today. T. P. Griffin, which had a head office at Philpot Lane in the City of London, was, as far as I know, not a brewer, but a bottler. Thomas Poulteney Griffin's company had premises in both London and Liverpool, so it was probably quite a substantial sized business in its day.

Two crown caps were sold on E-bay recently, from Watney's Strong Ale and Wadworth & Co., which sold independently on Ebay on 3rd April for £80 and £69 respectively.

Auctioneers' charges explained.

I recently won some items in a local auction. I was charged £10.80 on a £45 lot where buyer's premium was 20%. So I spent a few minutes investigating. The extra charge was the buyer's premium and 20% VAT on top of the premium. Auctioneers get out of charging VAT on the whole price of lots if they cannot reclaim VAT on the item they are selling. They call it the 'Premium Charge' and buyers cannot reclaim the VAT on it. Complicated!

NOTES AND QUERIES

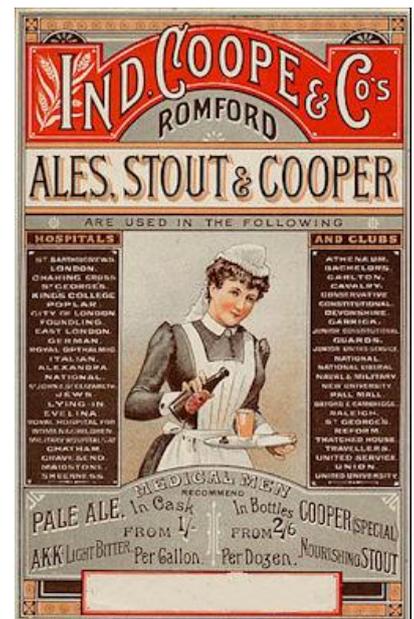


This Dr. Johnson figure was acquired by an ABBC member, who suspects, with good reasons, that it is an advertising figure for Barclay's beer. Dr Johnson's name and image was widely used for advertising Barclay's beers, and he also formed their logo. An internet search on Google for images of Dr. Johnson does not show him with a beer tankard in his hand. These internet images are all non brewery images. This strengthens the case that the tankard in hand could indicate a brewery origin. The image is 60cm tall. The owner suspects that the wooden base is not original, and that possibly the original base had a Barclay's beers slogan on it. The wooden base is 4cm deep and is 30cm x 14cm. The material is described as a waxy plastic. The owner suspects that the right wrist has been repaired.

Historically, Henry Thrale, who inherited the brewery from his father Ralph, was a close friend of Dr. Johnson. It is this historical friendship which led to the adoption of Dr. Johnson as a symbol of the brewery, which persisted right up to the takeover of the brewery by Courage in 1955.

I have never seen a figure like this. It would be interesting to be able to establish some evidence that this is, or is not a Barclay's figure. The owner believes that it was illustrated in a book called 'Advertising Collectables' in the 1980s. Does anybody have a copy of this book, which could confirm that this is a Barclay's figure? Has anybody seen this item before?

An interesting query has hit my inbox recently. What on earth is Cooper? A member sent me a picture of a poster advertising 'Ind Coope Ales, Stout and Cooper'. Coincidentally, this issue of Beer Memorabilia shows a label from a Brighton company depicting exactly the same term. I wasn't sure about the answer, But I vaguely recalled it was a blend of Stout and Porter, which was popular in Victorian times. An internet search confirmed this. Mixed up in the results were references to home brewed versions of Cooper's Stout (Australian). Google also insisted on slipping in references to copper beer. [Fat Badgers](#) Glossary of Brewing Terminology offers the best explanation; *"In Curiosities of Ale and Beer a description is given of a drink named 'cooper', consisting of equal proportions of porter and stout, apparently popular in London in the late nineteenth century. Two possible derivations are given, one from a Broad Street publican with the surname Cooper, the other suggesting that at this time the abroad cooper (or 'broad cooper') had responsibility for testing beer; the publican who watered down his porter would secretly draw some stout into the sample to bring it up to acceptable strength [Bickerdyke' (1886) 375]."*



A member has contacted 'Beer Memorabilia' with a picture of a crown cap from Burton on Trent in the 1920s. It shows that while Guinness was never brewed in Burton, (see previous issues) it was bottled by J. Jackson & Co., bottlers in Burton on Trent at that time. There were probably plenty of Burton on Trent bottlers bottling Guinness, but this cap is proof that it was being bottled in the 1920s there.

EVENTS

Association for British Brewery Collectables Meetings

Saturday 6th May 2017. The next Association for British Brewery Collectables meeting is at the [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.



For every meeting, we put out publicity asking local people to bring in their breweriana for appraisal and valuation. This often results in some choice items being unearthed. Local breweries include Bristol Brewery Georges, Bristol United and W. J. Rogers, among others. Bristol United fell victim to Georges, while Rogers was taken over by Simonds of Reading. Georges became part of Courage, as did Simonds. Also, a large number of micro-breweries set up in the area since the 1980s. So expect a good range of local breweriana, and probably some from further afield. People often bring in their breweriana with a view to selling it, so members can benefit either by making a private offer, or alternatively by bidding for items in the auction that sometimes takes place at meetings.

Saturday 23rd (not 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.

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.

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, singles or collections considered. Contact Dave in Wimborne, on 01202 980 299 or david.deraled@talktalk.net

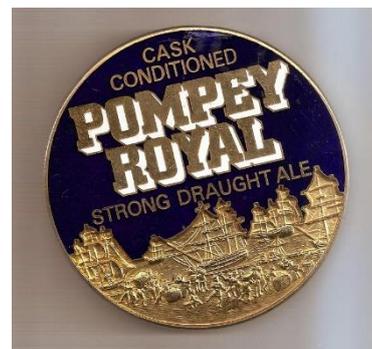
Rich Monte in the USA, is looking for any rare Bass items. Especially interested in ceramic coasters, signs, pitchers (jugs), etc. In fact, anything rare. Good prices paid. E-mail hr4378@aol.com.

Richard Vinnicombe from Eastbourne wants several Silver Jubilee ales in good condition. Godson's Jubilee ale, Guinness (Scottish crown), Guinness (English crown), Litchborough Silver Jubilee Special Ale, Simpkins Jubilation, Three Tuns Jubilation, Harveys Elizabethan Ale and Young's Silver Sovereign. 01323 392051. richardvinnicombe@hotmail.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 crown caps (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.

Jeff Sechiari from the Isle of Wight is researching the history of brewing on the Isle of Wight and is keen to collect memories, anecdotes and breweriana connected to the Island. He is also collecting images of all known IoW labels and other breweriana. Jeff.Sechiari@btinternet.com.

Les Thurston has for sale a bottled beer collection including Fullers Vintage Ale, Thomas Hardy Ale, Queens Silver Jubilee, Royal Wedding 1981 and other commemoratives. Also beer mats and souvenir glasses. A detailed list is available via email or phone 01629 822732. lesthurston@btopenworld.com.

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