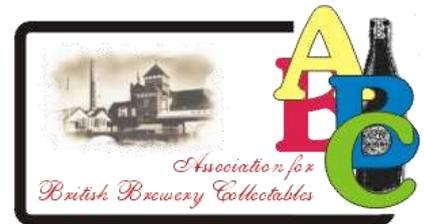


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## BREWERIANA NEWS.



**Kent Brewery** is doing Eostre, an unpronounceable Easter cask beer. They are also producing Summit and Abbey 2016, which will also be limited edition draught beers.

**St. Austell** has released its next run of small batch bottled beers. These are Bad Habit, Baobab, Cardinal Syn, Cornish Tiergarten and Sayzon. These are exclusively available through [their on line shop](#).

**Burning Sky Brewery** has several specials currently on offer on draught. Wild Gift, Cuveé 2016,

Cuveé Reserve 2016, Saison Anniversaire, Gaston, Monolith, Saison Reserve and Imperial Stout. These are all described as limited edition.

**Thornbridge** has bottled Mango Halcyon, which is available in limited quantities.

**Hawkshead Brewery** has bottled a limited edition of Chuckleberry Sour, described as 'a fruit infused Berliner Weisse'. They also have several more limited editions available in [their brewery shop](#).

**Keith Brewery** is to sell Snake Venom in the UK. Snake Venom is the 67.5% ABV beer that was previously sold abroad by their predecessor Brewmeister.

**Bowland Brewery** has done Helles Bells, described as a 'cask craft lager'.

**Wadworth** has rebranded its complete range of bottled beers. This follows on from the rebranding of its Christmas beer, Dray Bells, as reported previously.

**Robinson's** has done a draught beer called Pint of Thrones to mark the 7th series of Game of Thrones. It is available during April and May. Their draught and bottled Trooper limited edition Red and Black Porter is still available. Incidentally, their [Trooper Gift Sets](#) are available from the brewery for £10.00, so don't pay the ridiculous E-bay prices.

**Innis & Gunn** has opened a 'Beer Kitchen' in Glasgow, with its own microbrewery on the premises, producing short-run, limited edition brews. The first three special brews are Ashton Pale Ale, Table Beer and Marshmallow Milk Stout.

**Arkells** has done Ruby Rye on draught.

**Backyard Brewery** has done George on draught for St. George's Day.

**Box Steam Brewery** is producing limited edition cask beers. September 2017 will see Leaf Kicker issued, while Ghost Train will be produced in October and Bengal Flare in November.

**Chiltern Brewery** has bottled its 2,000th Gyle in 750ml bottles.

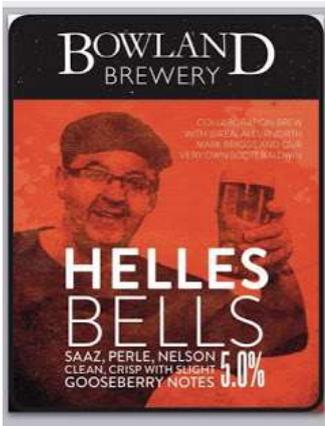
**Eden Brewery** is working on a beer called Yuzu Juice, which is named after a Japanese fruit. There's no information on when it will be available yet.

**Red Cat Brewing** is producing an '[Untamed Range](#)', which is a series of draught limited edition beers.

**Surrey Hills Brewery and Cobbett's Real Ales** have collaborated to produce a bottled and draught beer called Collusion.

**Ticketybrew** of Stalybridge is producing a series of short run beers called [Ticketyfew](#). Unfortunately their web site isn't up to date, and they don't reply to e-mails. I can't see a link to a facility for receiving regular news e-mails from them, either. Sadly, I can't keep up with their limited-edition products.

**Top-Notch Brewing Company** has done Top Down on draught.



**Uprising Brewery**, based at Windsor and Eton Brewery, has done a limited edition draught beer called Green Tea Treason.

**Windsor and Eton Brewery** has done Brew 811 on draught.

**Weltons** has done Topper on draught for Ewell St. Mary's Morris Men, as well as Tipperary, Kaffee Dunkel and Ira Jones, also on draught.

**Offbeat Brewery** does a range of one-off draught beers, listed on [their web site](#).

## NOTES AND QUERIES

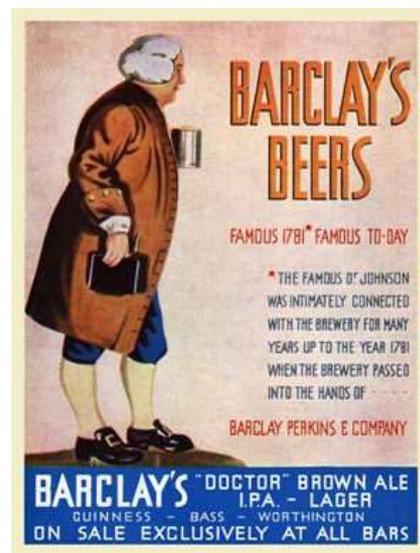


Figure 1

Figure 2

**We have had three helpful answers** to the query in the last issue about the Dr. Johnson figure.

A member has come up with an illustration in a book, of a Barclay's figure, (left, figure 2, figure 1 is the original item) with the name 'Barclay's' on the plinth, with 'Doctor Ales' on the sides. The figures are too similar for the one published in the last issue to be anything but a Barclay's figure, with the base plinth replaced. This is an extremely rare and interesting find. Barclay's is a very sought after brewery, especially because even before it became Barclay Perkins, a porter similar to the original



Advertising poster depicting Dr. Johnson

Russian Imperial Stout recipe was being brewed by Henry Thrale, the brewery's previous owner. Russian Imperial Stout was brewed until comparatively recently, and is a popular collectable. The beer is often copied nowadays.

Henry Thrale owned the brewery before John Perkins and Robert Barclay acquired it after Henry's death. Henry's wife Hester had a long and interesting relationship with Dr. Johnson, which is worth reading about in her diary, 'Thraliana', which was not published until 1942. It's a fascinating piece of history, with some excellent background information about Thrale's Brewery and the Barclay Perkins purchase. While this is only a small part of the book, the rest is just as interesting to read.



Figure 3

Another member writes;

"in response to your request for more info on the Doctor Johnson figurine.

My specimen is complete with an original base. It has Barclay's written on the front and nothing on the back. On both sides are the words Doctor Ales. I would suggest the right arm on the ABBC member's figurine has not been repaired. The large frilled cuff of the good doctor's shirt gives the appearance of a repair, but I don't believe that is so.

I paid £80 for mine in the early 1980s at the now defunct Dorking bottle collectors fair. I have seen another specimen of it about 3 years ago advertised on an American auction site with a suggested price of £900. I do not know what it eventually sold for.

One word of warning. I was told by an experienced breweriana collector that replicas were made where the base did not have the wording on it. Whether the one in your article is an example I wouldn't like to say."

Another member says that his version has 'Dr. Johnson' and 'Barclay's beers' on the front of the base. (figure 3). I have had to enhance the wording on the base, with only marginal success, but it is just legible. There seems to be considerable variation with this figure.

## 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. The meeting will offer;



- A beer sampling of a few of the Bristol Beer Factory's bottled beers. These will be paid for by the Association for British Brewery Collectables.
- Hopefully some interesting breweriana brought in by members and by the public. 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.
- The chance for you to buy, sell and/or swap breweriana with other members.
- The opportunity to meet and get to know other collectors.
- Some excellent beer and food in a superb pub.

The pub is very easy to get to by train. It is about ten minutes' walk from Bristol Temple Meads Station. For drivers, there is plenty of parking fairly close by, including a large public car park. The map shows the location of the pub, the Hotel Ibis, which is the nearest hotel, and the local car park off Old Bread Street.

If coming from Bristol Temple Meads Station, there is a footpath which follows the track of an old railway line, and crosses the river. The footpath is clearly marked on the map, and leads to Chimney Steps. Barton Road is a turning off that. Incidentally, the old railway line can be followed all the way to Bath.

### **HISTORY OF THE BRISTOL BREWERY FACTORY BUILDING**

*(based on information abbreviated from the Bristol Beer Factory's web site)*

The building is actually an old fermenting block that was built in 1904 for the Ashton Gate brewery, (or Thomas Bayntons Brewery) which started brewing around the 1820s.

**1820s.** The brewery was originally started by Thomas Baynton (and two of his brothers), sometime in the early 1820s the earliest evidence is a map in 1840 which shows a brewery on the site.

Another of his brothers, George Baynton, had a Maltings just up the road from the brewery.

**1865.** The Ashton Gate Brewery Company Ltd., was registered on October 16th 1865 and took over the late Thomas Baynton's brewery for a sum of £30,000.

**1868.** The Company changed its name to 'Hardwick & Co'. (Reason unknown - probably because most of the Directors were from the Hardwick family)

**1883.** The Company changed its name back to 'The Ashton Gate Brewery Co Ltd'.

**1903.** New Fermentation Block. The Racking area (ground floor of the new Fermentation Block) is now the location of the 'Beer Factory'.

**1931.** The Ashton Gate brewery Co Ltd was taken over by Bristol Brewery Georges & Co. Ltd.

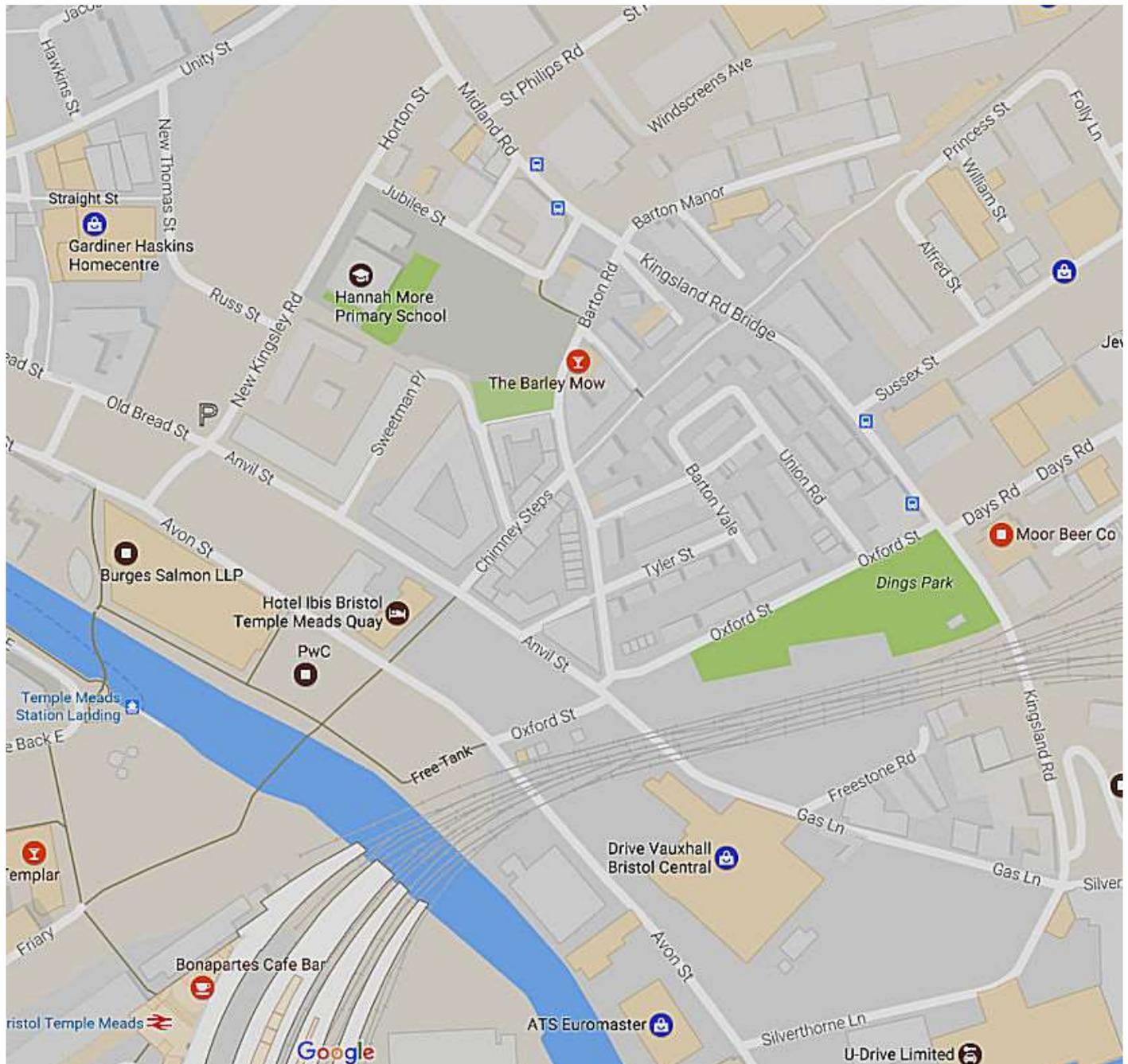
**1933.** The Company was wound up in 1933 with all assets including more than 200 pubs being handed over to Georges & Co.

**2004.** Bristol Brewing Co Ltd moved in & set up 10 Barrel Micro Brewery called the BRISTOL BEER FACTORY in the basement of the fermenting block that was built in 1903.

**The Ashton Gate Brewery** produced the following products; -

Old, Home Brewed, Pale Ale, Ashton Gate, IPA (India Pale Ale), IIS (?), Milk Stout - the Milk Stout was taken on by the George's & Co. brewery who kept the exact same label & just changed the name from Ashton Gate Brewery to George's brewery. They then went on to win awards with the Milk Stout.

The brewery's slogan was 'The Sunrise Brand - Outshines them all'.



**Saturday 23rd 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.

**22nd April 2017.** The Labologists Society, Spring Meeting, at the Brewery Tap, 80 Westgate, Peterborough starting at 12 noon. Guests are welcome at the meeting. More information from [Eric Doré](#).

**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.

**10<sup>th</sup> June 2017.** The Labologists Society, Annual General Meeting at Fuller's Griffin Brewery starting at 12.30pm. Members only. More information from [Eric Doré](#).

**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.

**22nd July 2017.** The Labologists Society, Summer Meeting, at the Royal Oak, Tabard Street, London starting at 12 noon. Guests are welcome at the meeting. More information from [Eric Doré](#).

**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.

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**David Taylor** seeks old beer bottle labels, singles or collections considered. Contact Dave in Wimborne, on 01202 980 299 or [david.deraled@talktalk.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:tractorbash@btopenworld.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](mailto: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](mailto:kearley7@gmail.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](mailto:tonykrasij@outlook.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](mailto: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](mailto:lesthurston@btopenworld.com).

**Eric Doré** in Wrentham near Southwold in Suffolk wants Sam Smith's Winter Welcome bottle labels. He is in need of 1991/2 USA, 1992/3 USA, 1994/5 USA, 1995/6 Europe, 1997/8 USA and Canada, 1998/9 Canada, 1999/2000 USA, 2003/4 USA, 2010/11 UK and USA, 2011/12 UK, 2012/13 UK and USA, and 2014/15 UK. He has older and modern labels to offer in exchange. He is also interested in other label purchases or exchanges. Please email or phone 01502 675777, mobile 07802 533170, [eric@ericdore.plus.com](mailto:eric@ericdore.plus.com).

**Adrian Cooper** in Cannock is looking for these items; anything Warsteiner, German ceramic beer taps (whole fonts but happy to look at interesting or rare handles), Belgian and German beer glasses (gold rimmed especially and/or Ritzenoff manufactured ones), anything from the Belgian brands of Delirium and Gulden Draak or unusual German bier ceramic steins (branded, not generic). Phone 07478 736853, or e-mail [adrian.cooper@sky.com](mailto:adrian.cooper@sky.com).

#### AND FINALLY

**From [Cheers North East](#).** *Despite all the commemorative brews that celebrated the Kate and Wills royal wedding in 2011, they actually banned beer from their reception. A source told the Daily Mirror at the time: "There won't be any beer. Let's face it, it isn't really an appropriate drink to be serving in the Queen's presence at such an occasion."* Whoops! There goes my OBE for reporting it!

And I can't resist including a limited edition canned beer, even though it's from Canada, not the UK. Northern Maverick Brewery did 'Fake News Ale' for charity. The brewery states "*pairs well with: small hands, striking comb overs, HUUUGE egos and all things Mexican.*"

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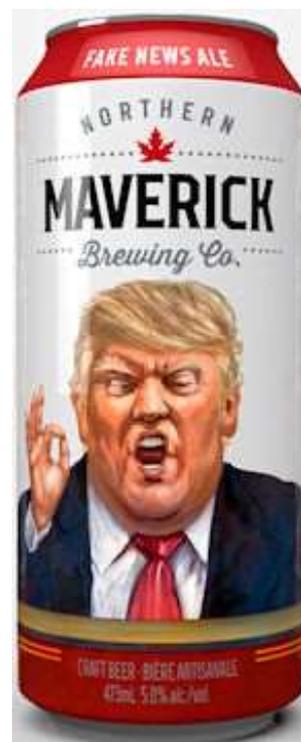
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