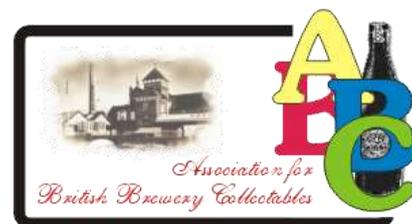


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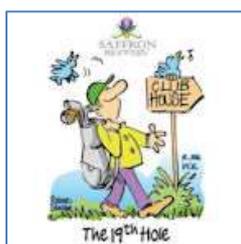
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The Association for British Brewery Collectables e-newsletter



## BREWERIANA NEWS.

**Little Earth Project** produces a [range of limited edition beers](#). They specialise in historical, farmhouse and sour beers. One of their beers was rejected for sale at the West Suffolk branch of CAMRA beer festival at Bury St. Edmunds, on the grounds that people might not like it, which to me is an indication of how good it must be. All their beers are available in bottles, and some on draught as well. Their year beer is Russian Imperial Stout, which is issued at the end of each year.



**High Peak Brew Co.** has produced 0101 (hexadecimal for 5, why?), a beer purporting to have been devised by a computer. It was produced in a limited edition of 500 bottles.

**The Weighbridge Brewhouse** has done GWR 175 Special Mild in cask to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the Great Western Railway.

**Battlefield Brewery** has brewed and bottled Tanner & Southam Celebration 175 Amber Ale to commemorate the 175th Anniversary of the Shrewsbury wine merchant.

**Saffron Brewery** has bottled the 19th Hole, presumably for an unnamed golf course.

**J. W. Lees and Seven Brothers Brewery** have collaborated to produce Two Tribes, in both cask and keg form.

**Beatnikz Republic Brewery**, since its move to Manchester in February, has now decided to can its beers instead of bottling them. So their bottles, which are already few in number, will become collectors' items.

**Wild Card Brewery** has available three small batch beers, available in key keg only, so I'm not sure there will be much point of sale material, but it's worth checking. The beers are Kölsch, Session IPA and Raspberry Saison.

**Windsor and Eton Brewery** is to launch [Vegan Bacon infused IPA](#) at the brewery on Friday May 26th. A limited number of tickets is available.

**Wye Valley Brewery** has bottled a special beer for Hereford River Carnival to be held on April 28th and 29th, called Thirsty Mermaid.

**Meantime Brewing Company** has launched its latest bottled and draught beer in the [Pilot Series](#), Tea 'N Biscus. They join previous bottles in the series, Born Hoppy, and the previously mentioned Double Helix, obtainable from the [Meantime Shop](#). The next Pilot Beer will be Feisty Cali Belg, available from 28th April.

**Blackjack Brewery** has recently started bottling. Atlantic City American IPA has just been bottled. Only 450 have been done.

**Anheuser-Busch Budweiser** cans of Bud Light were recently handed out to homeless people in Liverpool by the company as a publicity stunt. These cans were 150ml sample cans, probably quite collectable. The handout didn't last long, because the council put a stop to it.



**Manchester Beer Week**, from 23rd June to 2nd July, promises exclusive beers created for the festival. One off collaboration beers have been announced from these breweries;

Blackjack Brewery and Hawkshead Brewery.

Cloudwater Brewery, Lost and Grounded and Verdant Brewery.

Marble Brewery and Northern Monk Brew Co.

Runaway Brewery and Left Handed Giant Brewing Co.

Track Brewing Co. and Brew By Numbers.

**Beer Day Britain** from 15th-18th June also promises one-off beers.

Brewsters Brewing Co. and Yeastie Boys are collaborating on a limited-edition beer.

Thornbridge is also releasing a special beer. No further information on either yet.

## TIPPLEFAIR.

Details of the [Tipplefair](#) have been announced. It is on Saturday 26th August at Peterborough Beer Festival. It is a chance to sell, buy, or even swap breweriana at the biggest breweriana fair in the UK. Further details to follow.

## AUCTIONS



**A Truman's Pale Ale** bottler's label from R. Armstrong of Dumfries sold on E-bay for £209.77. This label dates back to the 1890s. Pale Ale was presumably brewed in Burton on Trent, as the label mentions that location for Truman's brewery. Truman's also had a brewery in London, and it may have been just for prestige reasons that Truman's acquired a brewery in Burton on Trent in 1873, which was closed in 1971. The label bears an impressive Truman's Eagle trade mark.

**A Thomas Salt & Co.** jug sold on E-bay for £360.00. The brewery was registered in 1893, but was certainly brewing well before then. It was taken over by Bass, Ratcliff & Gretton in 1927. Most of Salt's breweriana is highly sought after, because it is so attractive, and the brewery had a fairly limited life span, leading to items from the brewery being quite rare. This jug was in good condition, and was manufactured by T. G. Green.



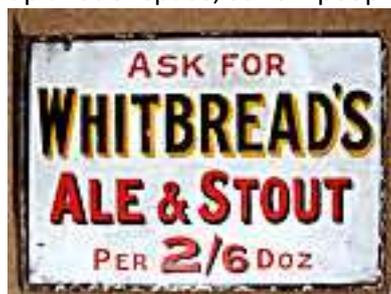
**A Robert Porter bulldog figure** advertising their bottled Guinness, sold on E-bay for £240.00, which was quite cheap for this particular item, which was in excellent condition. One possible reason why it didn't sell well was because the listing was less than informative, the title being 'Guinness bulldog', which really didn't describe the item in a way that it could be successfully searched for from all aspects. It advertised Robert Porter Guinness and Robert Porter Pilsner. As far as I know, no maker of the pottery figure was mentioned. I have seen this particular figure sell for £800.00, although that was a high price. I would have expected this figure to sell for at least £500.00. A Robert Porter bulldog Guinness jug dating to after 1906 is currently on sale on E-bay for £1,200.00.



**A M. B. Foster & Sons** vesta case advertising bottled Bass and Guinness sold on E-bay for £301.05. Bottlers' items are very sought after. This one is rare – I have never seen one before. Over the years, Foster's bottled Guinness, Bass, Pilsner lager, Barclay's Stout, Scotch Ale and East India Pale Ale. This vesta case dates to after 1890, which was when Foster's became a limited company. I have one misgiving about this item, it is in exceptional condition, almost perfect. A lot of fakes of older items exist, I hope this isn't one of them.



**A Steel Coulson's** bar sign from a bar called the Commercial Hotel sold on E-bay for £246.00. Pub signs are notorious for being faked. There are loads of them on E-bay, often bearing no brewery name, or sometimes a made-up one, and often looking pristine, instead of being weathered as they would if they were genuine and used. However, this one is undoubtedly genuine, and in quite good condition. The Edinburgh Brewery was sold to Calder's in 1946, so it is likely that this sign is pre-war. Pub signs, if genuine, can be expensive. They are often original art. The problem for collectors is that they take up a lot of space, so few people have room to collect them.



**A Whitbread enamel sign** was sold on E-bay for £193.88. This item was in reasonable condition for an enamel sign, most of which are usually badly pock marked and rusted. This sign dates back to before the war, and was double sided, with the same design on both sides. It had a flange on the side for mounting on a wall. This would have been displayed outside an off licence, indicating that Whitbread beers were on sale inside for the princely sum of 2/6d a dozen in old money (12½p). That's just over 1p a bottle, or 2½d in old money. The sign was 45cm x 30cm, (about 18 inches x 12 inches).

## NOTES AND QUERIES



A member bought this Threlfall's pub mat at a National Breweriana Auction some years ago. He is interested to know what other breweries produced similar mats. This one would have been in the doorway of a Threlfall's pub, greeting the drinker as he or she came in. If you have a similar mat, from any brewery, it would be interesting to know about it. E-mail the editor, [mike.breweriana@gmail.com](mailto:mike.breweriana@gmail.com).

## 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.
- A chance to buy 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.

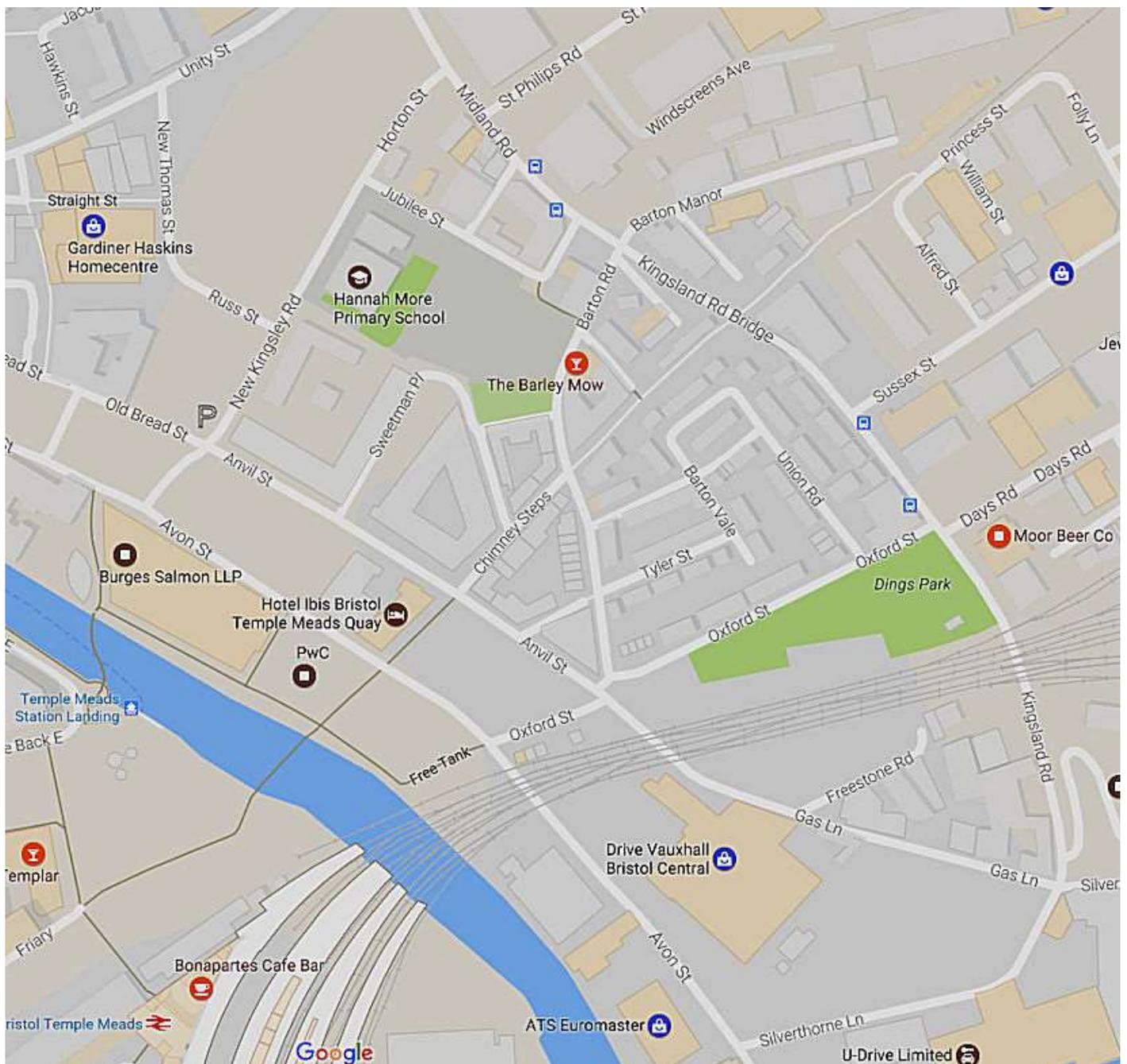
**2004.** Bristol Brewing Co Ltd moved in & set up 10 Barrel Micro Brewery called the BRISTOL BEER FACTORY in the basement of the fermenting block that was built in 1903.

**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'.

In case you missed it last time, here's a map of how to get to the venue.



**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. Beer days, weeks, etc., are listed only if there is known to be breweriana available during the event.*

**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.

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

**15th June continuing to 18th June.** Beer Day Britain, a four-day celebration, with 15th June being the main focus, but working with 'There's a Beer for That' to extend it.

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

**23rd June to 2nd July.** Manchester 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](#).

**26th August.** 12:00 to 17:30. The [Tippelfair](#). At Peterborough Beer Festival, the Embankment, Peterborough. Stalls are £23.00, with big reductions for more than one table. Entrance is £2.00 or £1.00 for CAMRA members.

**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](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).

**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).

**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).

**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).



**Mike Peterson** in Kidsgrove, Stoke-on-Trent, has a full quart bottle of Ind Coope & Allsopp Commonwealth Ale ('specially brewed' for the 1953 coronation). The label has slight scuff damage at the bottom and a tiny tear on the left hand side, and is a bit faded, otherwise it is fine. The liquid level inside is up to the top (i.e., no evaporation or leakage). It is lead sealed with a top of red wax. Also, a full [1929 Bass Princes Ale](#) pint with a reasonable label (just ragged round the edges), and re-waxed. The liquid level inside is OK. If I receive a suitable offer, I can bring them along to the May meeting in Bristol. Unfortunately they are not suitable for posting or sending by courier, but you are welcome to collect. Phone 01782 761 048 or mobile 07952 141 087. E-mail [mike.breweriana@gmail.com](mailto:mike.breweriana@gmail.com).

## AND FINALLY

**Danish beer-makers** are using 50,000 litres of urine from festivalgoers to brew a new lager. After it was collected from Roskilde Festival, the liquid was used as a fertiliser to create 11 tons of malting barley.

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**This issue, no. 20**, is accompanied by an index to all issues, that I originally compiled for myself to refer to. However, I am sending it to all members in the hope it will be of some use. Please let me know whether you find it of any use.

Mike Peterson

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