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BREWERIANA NEWS.



Fourpure Brewery has done The Raspberry Special, available on draught or in can.

Roosters has done Highway 51 in can.

Marble Brewery has bottled Lost your Marbles, a fruit infused, red wine barrel aged Russian Stout.

Sadlers has done 1886 in cask for Kidderminster Harriers, for sale exclusively in the Harriers Arms.

Weird Beard Brewery has done Mesca Uladh, brewed by five Northern Irish people under the collaborative label of Ulster Exiles. The beer is for sale in Northern Ireland.

Harvey's Mild has been rebadged at the Royal Oak, Tabard Street, Borough, in London, as Archivist Ale in honour of a departed regular. This pub is a frequent haunt of the Labologists Society.

Adnams has done Freewheel, a limited-edition beer (they sponsor a number of cycling events). It comes on draught or in mini casks to take away. They are peddling it from their brewery shops according to a **spokesperson**... Sorry!

Norfolk Brewhouse has done a cask ale, Chevallier Gold for Norwich City of Ale.

Poppyland Brewery has done Back from the Dead for Norwich City of Ale, in bottle.

Farr Brewery has launched Chief Jester on draught, a beer in memory of a departed friend of the brewers. Ten per cent of the proceeds will be donated to the Rennie Grove Hospice in St Albans.

Arran Brewery is to release limited edition cans of 'ab', i.e., Arran Blonde.

Hall and Woodhouse has done the first in a series of limited edition craft beers celebrating the American craft beer scene, entitled 'Badger; an American venture'. The beer is in bottle and is available from Waitrose and Ocado.

St. Austell has brewed a celebration pale ale in cask and in bottle to celebrate five years of their brewing beer for Nicholson's.

Hook Norton has done a limited-edition cask beer called 812 to commemorate a World War 2 bomber crashing in Oxfordshire.

Albion Brewing Co. has bottled Akela, a reference to the Jungle Book. It is a limited-edition beer intended exclusively for Wolf Wine, a stall at Bath's Green Park Station market. However, demand has dictated that it be sold further afield.

Brewdog has rebrewed and bottled the first three beers they ever produced. These are in a 3-pack called Original Trilogy, which consists of Original Punk IPA, The Physics red ale and Hop Rocker lager, all in their original livery! They are available through [their web site](#), for £5.50.

Wadworth has done a pair of 'sporty' beers, Dirty Rucker and Dirty Chucker, referring to Rugby and Cricket respectively. These are both on draught.

Hog's Back has done a limited edition Honeyed Ale in bottle called Summertime Buzz.

Thornbridge Brewery has done Godiva for Beer Day Britain. There is no information on how this beer is to be presented.



Poppyland Brewery prints this advice for label collectors [on its web site](#);

"My printer Steve Ratcliffe up the street on Holt Road (Cheverton and Son) uses a self-adhesive paper called 'Communique'. If you try to soak off the label in water you will find that the paper disintegrates and the adhesive doesn't dissolve. The technique is to keep the label dry but very slowly and carefully fill the bottle with very hot or near boiling water, shaking to ensure that the heat is dissipated to avoid thermal shock and breakage. You will then find that you can peel one corner up and by slowly and steadily pulling at it the whole label will gradually come off, with some of the adhesive on the back and some still on the bottle.

I only print as many labels as I need plus a few more for the archive. They are a significant part of the costs of producing the beer. If you do want some, please send a cheque for £5 (the lowest retail price of a bottle of my beer) to my address and I will send a selection of the currently available ones: Chesterfield Lodge, West Street, Cromer, Norfolk, NR27 9DT".

Asda is to add lots of craft beers to its range from May 24th.

Election beers. Around most elections some breweries produce election beers. I haven't heard of any yet, but expect a small crop of them imminently.

AUCTIONS



A sample pack of eight different coronation crown caps was sold on E-bay for £54.55. The Armstrong Cork Company produced these caps for use on special beers produced for the coronation, in place of any brewery's own caps. A high percentage of breweries adopted these, which could be in any of eight colours. The caps now sell to collectors for up to £5.00 each. The premium price would be for the pack itself, which is extremely interesting, in that it indicates how the uniform coronation caps must have been adopted by breweries based on seeing these samples. The colour cap that breweries used usually matched the bottle label.

3 Butler's of Wolverhampton signs went for a very reasonable price of £60.00 the set of three plus fees at William George & Co Ltd., Peterborough this weekend. Someone got a bargain!





Some crown caps sold very well on E-bay recently.



The Courage cap sold for £41.00, The James Deuchar cap and the McMullen's cap sold for £42.00 each, and the Dog's Head Guinness cap sold for £79.78, all in unused condition.

A **Showerings Light Bitter label** sold on E-bay for £71.60. Showerings stopped brewing in 1952, concentrating instead on soft drinks and the likes of Babycham and cider. They were located in Shepton Mallet in Somerset. The label was described as being in excellent condition, and unused and unmounted.



This **Officers' Shelley (Wileman) jug** went for £361.00 on E-bay. With a couple of chips on the spout, it still sold for a healthy price. Officers' Brewery is very sought after. This jug dates to between 1911 and 1923, and bears the mark 'Late Foley' as used by Wileman & Co., between those dates. The basic surface floral design is found on a few different brewery jugs, and jugs like this one always fetch a good price.



An **Eady and Dulleys** of Market Harborough Bitter Ale stoneware jug sold on E-bay for £137.00. The brewery was taken over by Northampton Brewery in 1929, so this jug has some age to it. The jug was described as in good condition, and had a manufacturer's base mark, Price of Bristol.



A **pub token** from the Odd Fellows Arms, Bury sold on E-bay for £74.50. The face value of the token was 2d. Pub tokens were produced as currency in specific pubs. Even scarcer than pub tokens were brewery tokens which were paid to brewery workers in lieu of pay, and redeemed for beer in a pub belonging to the brewery. An alternative type of brewery token was to pay for barm, or yeast, usually for making bread in the home.

BOOKS



The Seven Moods of Craft Beer; 350 Classic Modern Beers You Must Try, by Adrian Tierney-Jones, (Paperback), £12.95. Published by 8 Books. ISBN-10: 0957471785, ISBN-13: 978-0957471788, out on 26th May 2017. This book brings together the best 350 new craft beers and then divides them into seven imaginative categories, each associated with a different mood: social, adventurous, poetic, bucolic, imaginative, gastronomic, and contemplative.

EVENTS

Association for British Brewery Collectables events.

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.

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

19th May 2017. Brewery History Society AGM at St. Austell Brewery. 11:00 for start at 12:00.

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. Fullers Brewery states "There is free on-road parking right outside our brewery and on a Saturday, there should not be any problem at all in finding a parking space. There is no parking on-site but everyone should be able to park without a problem. But please, do not drink and drive." 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.

16th June 2017. Brewery History Society visit to Greene King Archives. 2:00 pm. Meet at Brewery Tap, Westgate Street.

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

23rd June to 2nd July. Manchester Beer Week.

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

18th to 21st July 2017. Brewery History Society visit to Prague and Plzen.

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 2017. 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. Exhibitors get in much earlier to set up.

7th September 2017. Joint meeting, Brewery History Society and British Guild of Beer Writers at Thornbridge Brewery, Bakewell. 'Beer ingredients'.

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

14th October to 21st October 2017. Bristol Beer Week.

17th October 2017. Brewery History Society visit to Nethergate Brewery, the Street, Pentlow, Essex, CO10 7JJ. 2:00 pm.

21st October. National Breweriana Auction at [Burton on Trent Town Hall](#), doors open at 11:00. Auction starts at 12:00. There will be several stalls at the event. To book a stall or enter some breweriana into the auction, contact Bill Austin at baustin1951@btinternet.com.



To book Brewery History Society events, or for further information, contact visits@breweryhistory.com.

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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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Rod Perkins has the following bottles for sale. Can post at cost. The Swale Brewery Co, Sittingbourne , Kent, Millennium Ale, 500ml, bottle conditioned 8.00% £4.00. Brakspear Brewery , Henley On Thames, Millennium Ale, unopened and still sealed stone bottle, £4.00. Brakspear Brewery 1999 Vintage Ale, stone bottle, sealed, unopened, £4.00. Triumph Motorcycles Celebratory Ales pack of three, brewed and bottled by The Tunnel Brewery especially for Triumph Live in 2014, £8.50 the pack of three. Email rod@gendiag.demon.co.uk or mobile 07831-464669.



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.

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@bopenworld.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.



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. 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.

David McCleave in London is collecting all things Young's Brewery apart from pump clips and beer mats. If you have anything of interest phone 07885 272435 or e-mail David david.mccleave@btinternet.com.

Stephen Burton, 27 Purdey Close, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 8NT, mobile 07860 151 540, e-mail stevesburton@btinternet.com, has for sale a Fullers Vintage Ale 1999, New in box, open to offers. Collection preferred but would mail.



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