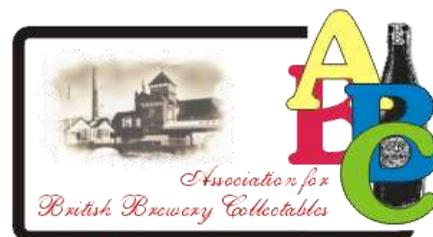


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BREWERIANA NEWS



Wylam Brewery has done 'Runner's Reward' for the Great North Run which took place on 10th September 2017.

Okells has done '1907', a limited-edition cask beer for the TT races, 2017. (And a lovely drink it was, too. It was probably the best pint I tasted while on the Isle of Man recently). This beer is produced annually for the TT; this one is described as 'a special cask version' – yes! There is a bottled version, but I understand it's not the same.

Fullers Vintage Ale 2016 is no longer available from Fullers web site, (for those of you who have asked), and hasn't been for some time. However, some branches of Waitrose may still have it, and it's only £4.99, compared to the original price direct from Fullers of £6.00. Expect the

2017 edition to be out soon, as the 2016 one came out in August 2016.



Ledbury Real Ales are producing a range of green hop cask beers, which will be in pubs in the area middle to late September onwards. As far as I can tell, the beers have not yet been named.

Range Ales has done 'Special Ops' a green hopped beer in cask.

Spitting Feathers Brewery and **Chester based Brewhouse and Kitchen** have collaborated to revive

'Harvest Ale', brewed with green hops. Harvest Ale was originally a Northgate Brewery, Chester, product. Harvest Ale is a re-creation of the original beer.

Chester Brewhouse and Kitchen has also brewed 'Old Chester Ale', another Chester Northgate Brewery re-creation. Old Chester Ale continued to be brewed after the

1949 takeover of Northgate Brewery by Greenall Whitley. The beer will be on tap at the Chester Brewhouse and Kitchen from 21st September.

Norton Brewing, which employs adults with learning difficulties, has brewed a draught beer to a first world war recipe to commemorate the centenary of the death of Sgt Thomas Mottershead in world war 1. As far as I know, the beer has not yet been named.

New Lion Brewery is bottling 'Local Hero', another green hop product.

Rudgate Brewery has done 'Going for Gold' to honour a local pop band called Shed Seven. The beer is in cask and the pump clip has a QR code to download a track from the band's new CD.

Adnams is doing 'Two Bays' on draught as a one-off for Nicolson's. They are also producing a one-off Tripel style bottled beer called 'Triple Knot', available for a limited period. A 10% 330ml bottle costs a fiver.

Eden Mill has done a limited-edition whisky-barrel-aged beer in bottle. This is just one of a series. See [their web site](#) for details.

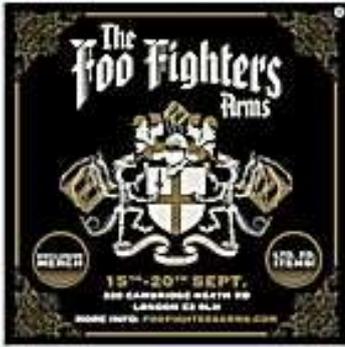
Otley Brewery is celebrating the 300th anniversary of Chippendale with 'Chippend'Ale' in 2018. Whether it's bottled, cask or keg remains to be seen.

Poppyland Brewery has done a beer for a charity walk in Norfolk. It's probably bottled rather than draught. Does anybody have any further information?



1902 advertisement from the Cheshire Observer





Ringwood Brewery's history is being told in an exhibition at Ringwood Meeting House, BH24 1EY, from 4th to 30th September. The 80p entrance fee includes a cup of tea or coffee. [Check here](#) for restricted opening times.

Foo Fighters is a pop group, who are opening their own pop-up pub at Bethnal Green in London. This is the Foo Fighters Arms, at 339 Cambridge Heath Road, London E2 9LH. The pub will open from 15th to 20th September, and will stock Foo Fighters beer as well as items of memorabilia. The nearest station is Bethnal Green underground station. Sorry! ... I have no idea what 'Foo Fighters beer' is. It's probably from the USA.

AUCTIONS

A Dog's Head Guinness mirror sold on E-bay for £183.98. The mirror was in poor condition, and the photographs on E-bay were very poorly done, making it impossible to reproduce them successfully here. The mirror was 34½ x 29½ inches. If it had been properly photographed and in good condition it would have sold for up to £500.00



A Guinness's Stout Beaver Brand wall hanging plaque sold on E-bay for £178.99. A similar item also appears as a paperweight, but is more recent and less ornate around the edges. Beaver Brand Guinness's Stout was bottled by Machen and Hudson of Liverpool. This item was initially issued in Panama to advertise their bottled Guinness, as were the more common paperweights. The wall hanging item had an ornate brass mounting, while the paperweight had a plain silver coloured metal mounting. Machen and Hudson was just one of many independent Guinness bottlers.

NOTES AND QUERIES



Genuine



Fake

I've had lots of feedback about the Flowers brewery figure mentioned in the last issue. I'll make a few points about this particular item, in the hope that it helps members to identify fakes themselves.

The [Carltonware World](#) web site deals in some detail with fakes. [This page](#) will allow you to search their fakes database for the Flowers figure by typing the word 'flowers' in the search box provided. Their web site states that this figure has been extensively faked. I have reproduced what the web site describes as an original on the left, and a fake on the right.

There are several things to look out for if offered one of these figures.

- Compare the typeface of the text on the figure with that on the picture of the genuine item. Most fakes do not quite manage to get the typeface right.
- Check the base mark. I know of no genuine figures without the Carlton Ware mark, either in blue (more common) or black (occasionally).
- Compare the colours. The colours on the illustration of the genuine one are reproduced quite accurately here. White colours are often not as bright on fakes, and may take on a brownish tinge. Remember that these figures are hand painted, so slight differences between two figures do not necessarily represent a fake.
- Have a look at the quality. Most fakes have a poorer finish than genuine ones.
- There should be two holes in the base. These are because the figure is hollow. They are there to let expanding air inside the figure escape during firing. Some fakes are solid.
- Most fakes don't have any gold decoration on, simply because it's expensive to apply.
- I have noticed that some of the better fakes have bold black stripes on the item that the figure is holding in his left hand. They don't appear like this on genuine examples. They tend to be much fainter.

Remember there are also rare earlier figures with the caption 'Brewmaster, brewed by Flowers'. These, as far as I know, haven't been faked.

However, the characteristics listed above are not exhaustive, and there are fakes which are very difficult to identify. I have held two of these figures, one in each hand, one of which I knew to be a fake, and the other genuine. I couldn't tell the difference.

When you see one of these on E-bay (where many fakes are sold) remember that many sellers are expert at deception when selling these items. Be on the lookout for fakes. If in doubt – avoid.

In issue 15 of *Beer Memorabilia* I featured a Flowers figure described as a 'jolly jack tar' by the seller. This item was almost certainly genuine. It didn't sell at a starting price of £26.00. This is an indication of the effect that a lot of fakes being released onto the market can have on genuine items. These figures used to sell at up to £80.00.

One of the best ways of purchasing a genuine example of these figures is to buy at a reputable auction house. Bid in an auction and the auctioneer will almost certainly have taken steps to ensure that the figure is genuine. Also, the price shouldn't be 'through the roof', partly because the number of fakes around tends to deter buyers, but also because dealers buying for resale do not pay full market price.

By the way, the Carlton Ware World web site is also very useful for checking other Carlton Ware fakes, such as Guinness fake items (of which there are many).

BOOKS

CAMRA's Good Beer Guide 2018 is out now. It's the 45th edition priced at £15.99, but available from [the Book Depository](#) for £11.19 post free. I understand CAMRA members can purchase this for £10.00. As well as listing what CAMRA considers are pubs selling the best quality real ale, the breweries section lists every brewery - micro, regional and national - that produces real ale in the UK.

THE NEXT ASSOCIATION FOR BRITISH BREWERY COLLECTABLES MEETING IS ALMOST UPON US.

The Wild Boar Warwick is a fabulous pub and home of the award-winning Slaughterhouse Brewery. It has a great selection of hand pulled ales from its own brewery and a good selection of guest ales too. It boasts an open fire, a beer hall and a skittle alley plus a beer and hop garden, and is less than a 2 minutes' walk from Warwick main railway station (not Warwick Parkway), with a stop outside onto the main bus route. Food is available and is described as simple but delicious.

There is a fabulous selection of real ale pubs in Warwick, far too many to mention, but if you do fancy a wander then the Old Post Office micro pub is a must. It is a 10-minute walk from the Wild Boar but is well worth it. As you may have guessed, it was the old Post Office of Warwick. It is small and friendly with bags of character and a great selection of interesting and well served ales straight from the cask.



I also have to mention that couple of doors down from the Old Post Office is "The Chip Shed". It may sound strange recommending a chip shop but people travel for miles to visit this original chip shop that still serves chips cooked in beef dripping. Absolutely delicious....

Just around the corner from The Old Post Office, less than a two-minute walk, is The Old Fourpenny Shop Hotel and Bar (meal booking advised). This Hotel obviously offers accommodation, but the bar always has an impressive selection of well served and interesting Ales too ...

Sounds like a great day ahead. I shall look forward to meeting friends old and new. Cheers, Rod.
The [Wild Boar](#) is easy to find. See the map.

We kick off at 12:00 on 23rd September. There should be plenty of breweriana on offer brought in by members. I'll be bringing plenty with me, provided I have some left from the Tipplefair. My wife and I will be staying at the Castle Limes Hotel, which is close to the Wild Boar. See you at the meeting. Mike Peterson

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.

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. Events are listed only if there may be breweriana available during the event.

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

7th October 2017. The Labologists Society, Label of the Year, venue - Outstanding Brewery at Salford. More information from [Eric Doré](#).

14th October. British Brewery Playing Card Society and the English Playing Card Society joint meeting at the Village Hall, High Street, Madingley, Cambridge, CB23 8AB. The action starts at 11:00 hrs and goes through to 15:00 hrs. Lots of brewery packs and singles on offer. Turn up on the day or if you wish to book a table or find out more contact Barney Townsend at secretary@epcs.org or Mike Johnson at mike_s_johnson@hotmail.com.

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 2017. 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. I am an auctioneer there, so I hope to meet lots of you.

18th November 2017. Brewery memorabilia annual auction meeting at the Jubilee Refreshment Rooms, Old Station Building, Sowerby Bridge, HX6 3AB. 12:00 noon.

2nd December 2017. Labologists Society meeting at the Fat Cat and Canary (a "Fat Cat" pub) at 101 Thorpe Road, Norwich, [NR1 1TR](#) starting at 12 noon. More information from [Eric Doré](#).

20th to 24th February 2018. Great British Beer Festival Winter, Friary Halls, Norwich.

22nd to 24th February 2018. Craft Beer Rising Festival at the Old Truman's Brewery, Brick Lane, London.

9th June 2018. Labologists Society AGM at Shepherd Neame, Faversham. More information from [Eric Doré](#).

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

To book Labologists Society events, or for further information, contact [Eric Doré](#).

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International dialling codes are from the UK, and may vary from other countries.

At a member's suggestion, I have separated ads into 'sales' and 'wants'. Is this an improvement?

SALES



Denis McAlister from Leyburn would like to point out that he has a large amount of breweriana for sale on eBid, an alternative auction site to Ebay. His items can be found [here](#). His breweriana includes an example of the Abergarw label mentioned in a previous issue at the more reasonable price of £100.00, plus loads of rare Guinness labels. They are listed under the seller id 'dmacbrew'.

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.



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.

Peter McPherson, 17 Lambourne Close, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 6JW, e-mail pjmcpherson@blueyonder.co.uk, mobile 07791 081 616, has for sale 12 bottles of KING & BARNES Christmas Ale 1993-1999, and 1 bottle of Millennium Ale. Open to offers. Post at cost although would obviously prefer collection.



Steve Falvey in Diss has a collection of Tolly Cobbold year beers as shown in the photograph, available in exchange for a donation to his local hospice (St. Elizabeth's). The new owner would have to arrange courier collection. If you would like these items, please contact him on 07817 098784, or e-mail steve.falvey@gmail.com.



WANTS

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. Examples of the kind of stuff he's looking for are illustrated, but anything is of interest. He is especially interested in ceramic coasters, signs, pitchers (jugs), etc. In fact, anything rare. Good prices paid. E-mail hr4378@aol.com. Phone +1 518 527 4180.



Frederick Haysom from Brighton, 07768 911 043, e-mail frederickhaysom@msn.com is seeking First Brews, Last Brews (especially King and Barnes Last Cast), and Coronation Ales.

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 392 051. 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.

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.

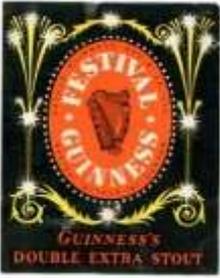
David McCleave in London is looking for items relating to Eldridge Pope, Dorchester and Devenish, Weymouth. If you have anything of interest phone 07885 272435 or e-mail David david.mccleave@btinternet.com.

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.

Eric Doré in Wrentham near Southwold in Suffolk wants Fuller's Vintage Ale labels for 2001, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2015 and Past Master labels for 1966 Strong Ale and 1914 Strong X, also, Brewers Reserve Nos 4 and 5 and 170th Anniversary Ale. Alternatively, empty bottles of any of these. He will buy or 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.



Miquel Domingo from Spain wants caged beer bottle caps, especially the examples illustrated, which are King Cobra, Krait Prestige and Sainsbury's Trappist beer. Email miquel_domingo@divergrafic.com. His web site is <https://miquelsbd.cat/>. Phone +34 937 235 125.



Mike Peterson wants a full bottle of Festival Guinness, (label illustrated to left), produced in 1951 for the Festival of Britain, to complete his collection. Can you help? He has for sale two rare full Guinness bottled stout, 1954 Chairman's Birthday Stout and 1972 Pomona Dock last bottling. Offers. Also has for sale at 50p each plus postage, Guinness oval labels, 1960s, from Fremlins, Trumans, Lees, Groves & Whitnall (2 different), William Butler. Also Bicentenary label (1959) from Findlater Mackie. Also oblong 1960s Guinness label from Magee Marshall. Can e-mail scans of any you're interested in. Just ask. 01782 761 048. mike.breweriana@gmail.com. Can deliver at the September meeting.

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