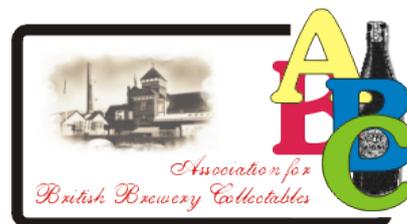


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Members have asked why the frequency of 'Beer Memorabilia' is so irregular. At times when there's a lot of things happening, such as in the run-up to Christmas, you can expect more frequent issues than at quieter times. I try and make the information in *Beer Memorabilia* as up to date as possible, and at times that can mean very frequent issues. At quiet times there will be considerably fewer issues.

Mike Peterson

BREWERIANA NEWS.

If you know of any developments relating to breweriana, please [let 'Beer Memorabilia' know](#), so that it can be shared with other members.

Frothblowers Brewery has done El Original Brew on draught, in company of a Rock band called the Ancient Order of Frothblowers. Frothblowers items, produced by the Ancient Order of Frothblowers, a 1920s and 1930s organisation devoted to drinking beer, now sell for healthy sums. They range from cufflinks to a membership booklet, and lots more. They even had an anthem entitled 'the more we are together'.

Hook Norton has bottled a charity beer called 'Two Little Higlets', for the Special Care Baby Unit at Warwick Hospital.

West Berkshire Brewery has done Firkin Ale on draught celebrating 50 years of David Bruce's brewing career. David Bruce one owned and ran the Firkin chain of brewpubs. David Bruce is Chairman of the brewery.

CHRISTMAS BEERS



Yes, it's that time of year. Any Christmas beers I hear about will get a mention, as I know there are Christmas ale collectors among you. Let me know about any you come across.

Black Sheep's Monty Python Christmas beer has now surfaced, called Brian. Their web site isn't clear whether it is in bottle or on draught.

Blue Monkey did Bluedolph in bottle.

Burton Bridge has bottled Festive Porter.

Chiltern Brewery has bottled Glad Tidings.

Dorset Brewing Co. has done Santa's Blotto on draught.

Hopback bottled Pickled Santa.

Milestone Brewery bottled Donner and Blitzed.

Oldershaw Brewery bottled Holy Daze.

Peakstones Rock has done Submission on draught.

The Bruery has bottled 8 Maids A Milking and 9 Ladies Dancing.

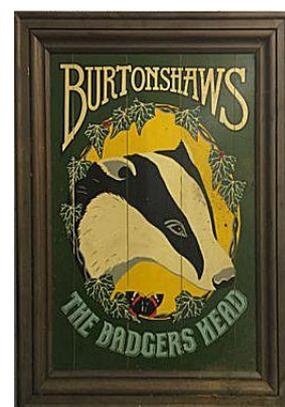
Tiny Rebel has again collaborated with the band Goldie Lookin' Chain, to produce You Snows It.

Wentworth did Snowman's Revenge in bottle.

AUCTIONS

Here's an interesting spurious item listed repeatedly on E-bay, but hopefully not selling.

Burtonshaw's Brewery doesn't exist, although it sounds vaguely convincing to an unsuspecting buyer. The seller described it as an "old pub sign - weathered...", as though it had actually been used as a pub sign. He described it as 'hand made'. He didn't add that it was probably made by himself or an acquaintance. He also didn't state that it was not a genuine sign. His starting price was £85.00, although it had been previously listed at over £150.00. I suppose the seller's artistic ability is not in question. This isn't the only fake pub sign on sale on E-bay. There seems to be lots of people



trying their hand at faking pub signs, with varying degrees of credibility. So be careful. If you try to buy a pub sign, make sure it has some signs of use, and preferably has a genuine brewery named on it.

This **Young's sign** went for £38.00. It is made of fibreglass, and is not particularly old, but it's a nice item, which would look good in any Young's collection. As Young's no longer brews its own beer, and is now merely a pub company, this makes this sign all the more desirable as a defunct brewery.



FULLERS

Hi Mike. Regarding the silly prices Vintage ales are marked at, in February we went to Thailand from the new Heathrow Terminal 2. Fullers have a very nice new bar there, with 4 handpumps and a guest ale. To enter the bar through the main entry area you have to navigate through the Vintage Ales promotion area. 4 bottles of 2002-2006 for instance at £250-00 the lot, and older single bottles starting at about the same price. While I sat there with my pint I observed a lot of bottles being sold to 90% Japanese/Chinese people so there's their market. They're also on sale at the Parcel Yard pub in Kings Cross station only yards away from the Harry Potter shop. Need I say more? Regards Richard Lilley

NOTES AND QUERIES

I deal with a large number of enquiries for appraisal and valuation of breweriana, both through the Association for British Brewery Collectables web site, and through my own. You are welcome to [send in your own questions](#) for publication. Please include a photograph of any item you want information about. Here I include my response to some of the more interesting items.

A very nice leaded Marston's pub window.



Panels like this were widespread in pubs in the late 19th century, and through the first half of the 20th century. However, very few have survived because of their delicate nature. This one may look a bit battered, but is in fact in surprisingly good condition for an item such as this.

The name Marston's, an abbreviated form of the full name of the brewery, was used occasionally from 1834, even though the brewery went through several name changes over the years. To put Marston, Thompson & Evershed on a sign like this is impractical, and the brewery would abbreviate the name to Marston's occasionally for the sake of convenience. The most likely date for this item is sometime in the 1920s.

In the immediate post war period, and early 1950s, items such as this leaded window were not appreciated as they are now, and were ripped out wholesale. This would be the most likely date when the item was removed from its pub for renovation or demolition. However, it does look as though somebody at the time appreciated the window for what it was, and saved it.

Because of their size and fragility these items are not popular among collectors. This could sell for £150.00 to £200.00 at auction, either to a collector with enough space, or to a museum.

NEW BOOKS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

CAMRA's beer knowledge; essential wisdom for the discerning drinker by Jeff Evans. 3rd edition. CAMRA. 2016. £9.99. ISBN10 1852493380. Useful bite-size bits of knowledge, much of which is useful to the collector.

EVENTS

If your society has an event coming up, I can list it here. Just [e-mail me](#) with the details.

Saturday 6th May 2017. Association for British Brewery Collectables meeting at [Barley Mow](#), 39 Barton Road, St Philips, Bristol, [BS2 0LF](#), from 11:30.

Saturday 21st January 2017. Brewery History Society, North-West Regional Meeting. Ale and Wigan Pie. A tale of two breweries - Wigan Prospect Brewery - Martland Mill meet Wigan Central.

19th-21st May 2017. Tychy, Poland. 3rd [Brewery Collectables World Convention](#).

25th May to 4th June 2017. Norwich City of Ale 2017.

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David Taylor seeks old beer bottle labels, single or collections considered. Contact Dave in Wimborne, on 01202 980 299 or david.deraled@talktalk.net

Roy Walker from Tarporley wants an intact bottle of Lees Harvest Ale, 1989 with label in good/fair condition. Phone 01829 760575. E-mail SibRoy@mail.com

AND FINALLY...

Quote from 'the Guardian' 23rd November 2016. Drink your whisky like Winston Churchill and your beer like Jesus Christ. And if you want free drinks, try dressing up as Santa Claus.

Mathematicians from the Canadian University of Waterloo, having nothing better to do, have spent two years devising the shortest route between the 27,000 pubs in the UK, with a view to a pub crawl. Unfortunately, in the meantime several pubs closed, and a few new ones opened. Does that mean they have to start again?

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Please [keep in touch with 'Beer Memorabilia'](#) with information I can include, which can be news items, articles of interest, events you know of, advertisements, or whatever.

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