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MERRY
CHRISTMAS



Have a lovely Christmas - may Santa bring you sacks of breweriana

BREWERIANA NEWS.

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

Fullers, [on their web site](#), have available some items of breweriana at reasonable prices. The items I particularly noticed were London Pride and Honeydew wall signs and a Frontier waiter's tray.

New Lion Brewery has bottled Local Hero in their White Label Series. Also, watch out for their releases of Russian Imperial Stout. Their 2014 brew is their latest release, but limited amounts of different years of this beer are released periodically. They sell out quickly.

Purity has bottled Perro Tonto, a limited edition beer aged in sherry casks, at a rather meagre 6.2%, and just 5p shy of £17.00.

St. Austell has produced Mena Dhu on draught and in bottle. This is produced with six malts, and seems to be based on the M&S exclusive, bottled, 6 Malt Cornish Stout, first seen recently.

CHRISTMAS BEERS



Yes, it's still 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.

Bays Brewery did Jingle ale in bottles.

Box Steam Brewery has produced Bauble in bottle and on draught, which they describe imaginatively as "beautifully engineered in Wiltshire".

Bristol Beer Factory has brewed 12 different stouts on draught or keg for Christmas.

Castle Combe Brewery has done Carols Round the Cross in bottle.

Fullers has done Wise Men on draught, with 50p a pint going to a Prostate Cancer charity.

Leighton Buzzard Brewery did Xmas. It is aged in Islay whisky barrels, and has been bottled for sale at £15.00. It is 8.5% and is in 75cl bottles.

Maldon Brewing has done Agnes Fountain, Farmer's Christmas Stout and Five Gold Rings, all on draught, Rudolph's Red and Christmas Light are bottled.

Moseley Beer Company has bottled Christmas Ale.

Potbelly Brewery has done Jingle Daze in bottle and in cask, as well as Bar Humbug and Piggy Pudding both on draught.

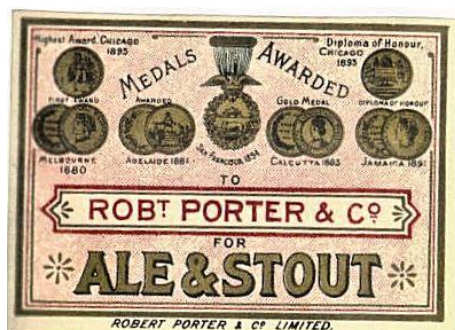
Robinson's has done Dizzy's Christmas Kiss on draught.

St. Austell has done a Christmas draught beer called Jolly Holly.

Staffordshire Brewery (formerly Leek Brewery) has done a big range of Christmas beers, far too many to list here.

AUCTIONS

This Flowers Keg Bitter sign sold on E-bay for £103.11. These were usually resident outside Flowers pubs before 1954, when J. W. Green took them over. Signs like these indicated which brewery's beer could be expected to be available inside the pub. This sign was showing signs of some surface blemishes, which are consistent with it having spent its life exposed to the elements. It would be unlikely for a sign like this to be found in better condition. The Flowers name continued to be used by J. W. Green, and subsequently by Whitbread when they took over the Stratford on Avon brewery in 1968 and sadly, demolished it.



This Robert Porter label fetched £132.00 on E-bay. A very attractive label, this item wasn't used as a label denoting specific beer. In fact Robert Porter didn't brew beer, they bottled for other breweries, including Bass and Guinness, as well as having beer brewed for them which they sold under their own labels. They sold beer under the 'Bulldog Brand'. This gave rise to some excellent breweriana, including a large ceramic bulldog, of which several variations are known. There's a wealth of other

material from Robert Porter, including many different beer bottle labels, jugs, bottle openers and even playing cards.

Brewery advertising. A lot described as 'a collection of early and mid 20th century brewery advertising signs to include Tetley's, Guinness, Yates Castle Brewery, John Smith's and others'. These were estimated by the auctioneer at £30-£50. An ABBC member bid £50.00 blind for it in the hope of getting it. They sold for £800.00 plus buyer's premium and VAT (making about £1,000.00 in total)!! These seem to be mostly showcards. It just goes to show how well breweriana is selling at present.



ASSOCIATION FOR BRITISH BREWERY COLLECTABLES MEMBERSHIP IS ON THE UP. TELL YOUR FRIENDS THEY'RE WELCOME TO JOIN.



We are always on the lookout for new members. We provide information on British brewery collectables to breweriana collectors, beer writers and the brewing industry, and arrange occasional meetings. If you like us, tell your friends - if not, tell us. Remember, membership is free.

NEW BOOKS OF INTEREST

Brewing in Nottinghamshire, by Keith Osborne. Amberley, 2016. £14.99 (£13.49 + postage direct from Amberley). 96 pages, 180 illustrations. ISBN 9781445661070. This title, by Association for British Brewery Collectables member Keith Osborne is available from [the Book Depository](https://www.thebookdepository.com/), post free. This book tells the story of the old commercial breweries in Nottinghamshire. Also all known home-brew pubs are listed.

EVENTS

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

Association for British Brewery Collectables Meetings

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

Other meetings of interest

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

Saturday 11th February 2017. From 12:00. The historic pubs and breweries of Cowes. A [walk around Cowes](#) on the Isle of Wight exploring the historic brewing and pub heritage of this town. This will be a joint venture between the [Brewery History Society](#), Cowes Heritage, which has produced an excellent [book on the pubs of Cowes](#), and the Isle of Wight branch of CAMRA. All welcome but do please let us know you are coming (and to receive further details) by emailing Solent-Region@BreweryHistory.com.

24th March 2017. 11:00 am. Brewery History Society. Pope's Yard Brewery, Unit B5b, 477-479 Whippendell Road, Watford, WD18 7PU.

7th April 2017, 11:00 am. Brewery History Society. Phipps NBC, the Albion Brewery, 54 Kingswell Street, Northampton, NN1 1PR.

15th April 2017. Brewery History Society. Wigan, NW Region, Martland Mill Brewery's Tap n Barrel. Topic: What's in a cask? Dave Sweeney.

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.

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, 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

Alan Gardner, 2 Kellet Court, Fairfield Road, Lancaster, LA1 5NP, has a run of the Association for British Brewery Collectables magazine, What's Bottling, no. 1, March 1984, to no. 160, Summer 2016, plus four crates of full bottled beers, mainly 1977 Jubilee, all in good condition. To be collected by the new owner. If you want to donate money to my charity event you are welcome. 01524 66679. Sorry, no e-mail. Post or phone only.

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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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