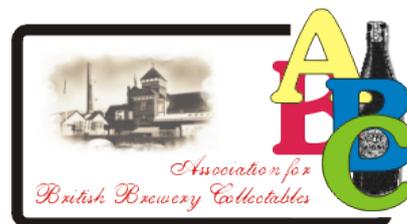


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The Association for British Brewery Collectables e-newsletter



Happy New Year to everyone. Hope your Christmases went well

PLEASE NOTE: Several members' copies of 'Beer Memorabilia' went astray over the past few issues. Please add the e-mail address mike.breweriana@gmail.com to your address book, which should prevent them being relegated to your spam folder. This is what I think happened to some copies of previous issues.

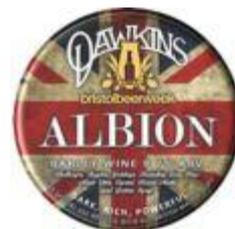
If you use talktalk as your e-mail provider, please consider providing me with an alternative e-mail address if you have one. Several talktalk e-mails containing the last issue were bounced back at me. Hopefully I sent them successfully the second time.

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.

Adnams has been busy with a special beer for the Chairman's 60th birthday. This is not being made publicly available, but six bottles have been auctioned off for charity.

Dawkins has done Albion Vintage 2014. This was a two year cask matured, corked and wax-dipped, 750ml bottled beer. Only 25 of these numbered, signed bottles are available from the brewery shop and are presented in a wooden box. This 9.7% barley wine will continue to further develop for years. £20 each. Bottles were also available at Dawkins pubs, where it was also seen on draught.



CHRISTMAS BEERS



Yes, I'm still hearing about more. While there are several Christmas beer collectors among us, I don't think there are any collectors of other seasonal beers, so I won't be listing other seasonals, unless I hear that members want to know about them. This is also the last listing of Christmas beers until December 2017.

Abbeyle produced Abbey Christmas on draught, as well as Just Desserts, in cask and in keg, which was described as having a 'festive twist', even though the title is perhaps not seasonal.

Anarchy Brewery has done Xmas Chaos in bottle.

Bad Co. Brewing has done a presentation pack of an 'Elf Juice Gift Set'. This consists of two bottled beers, a glass and a key ring in a carry pack at £20. The beer also comes in bottles and cans. I've not heard of this brewery before. I don't think they have any connection with the rock band of the same name. They seem to name their beers after Rock song titles, but not just Bad Co.

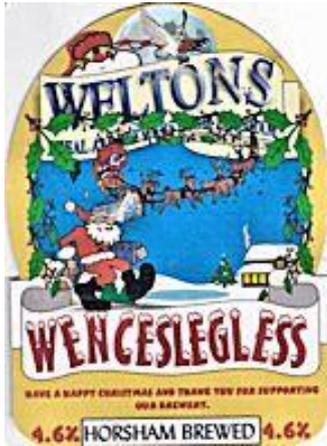
Brakspear's produced Hoppy Holidays in bottle.

Brentwood Brewery has done Fragile Xmas Ale, a charity bottled beer.

Dawkins bottled a milk stout entitled Chocadee, a chilli chocolate stout called Holy Molé and a chocolate rum porter called Ho Ho Ho, for Christmas. I believe these are also available in cask.

Fierce Beer has bottled Black Christmas spiced winter porter, and White Christmas winter ale.

Hadrian Border Brewery has done Yule Fuel, 12 hops of Christmas and Rudolph's Ruin, all on draught.



Maxim Brewery has done Santa's Soot on draught.

Phoenix Brewery did Christmas Kiss and Humbug on draught.

Purple Moose has done Antlered IPA in bottle.

Roosters Brewery has done Three French Hens in cask

Rudgate has done three hand pumped beers, Rudolph's Ruin, Mistletoe Myth and Brew 27.

Thwaites did Good Elf on draught.

Whim Ales did Black Christmas on draught.

White Horse Brewery did Rudolph the Red Nosed White Horse on draught.

Weltons has done [twelve different draught beers](#), my favourite title being Wenceslegless.

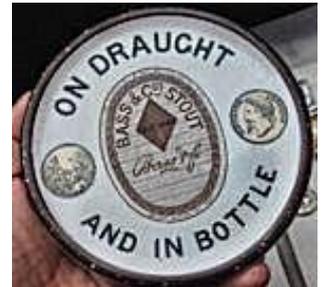
West Berkshire Brewery Yule Fuel was available bottled and on draught.



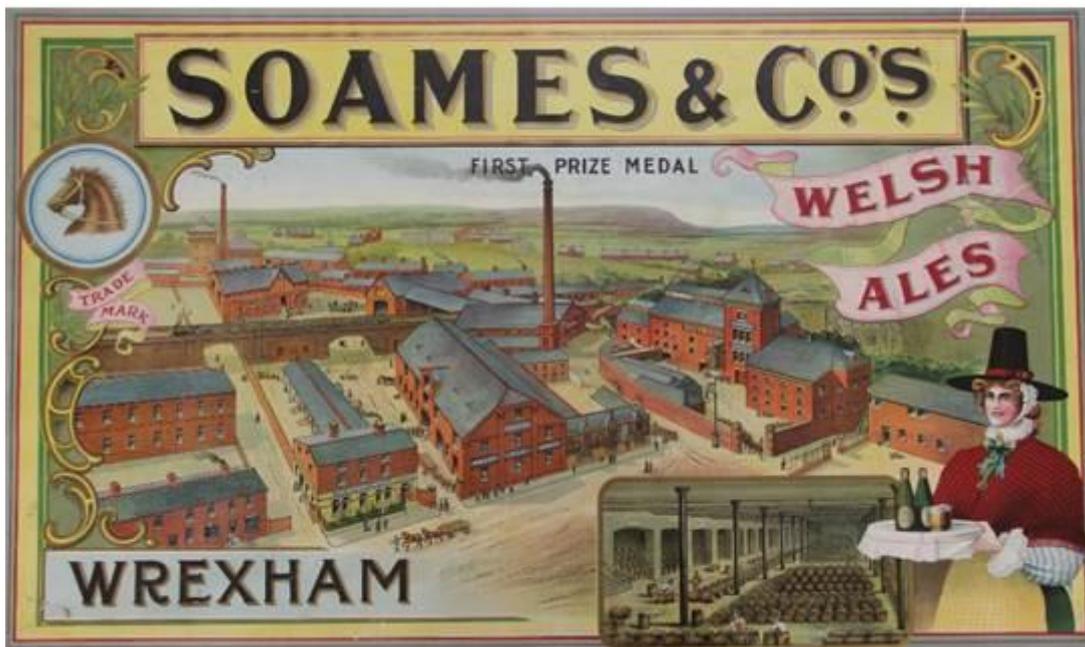
Wincle Brewery has done Wassale in bottle.

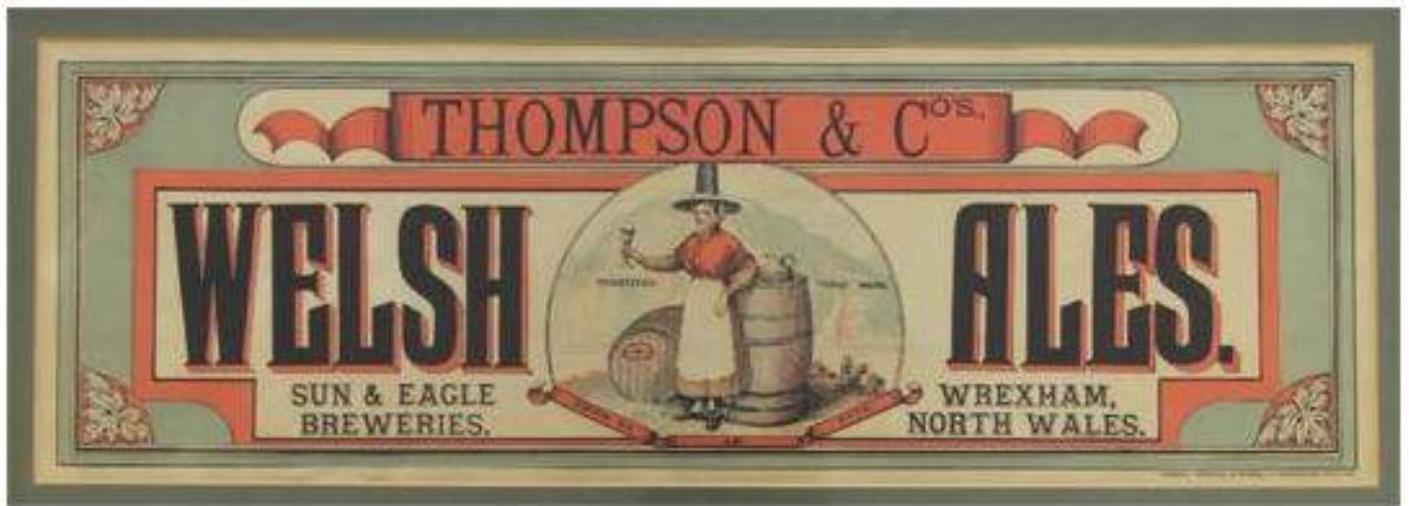
AUCTIONS

This **Bass ceramic siphon stand** sold on E-bay for £474.00. It has an incised manufacturer's name on the base, and a printed statement that it is 'the property of Bass, Ratcliff and Gretton'. It was manufactured by Cauldon Ware of Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent, and dates to between 1905 and 1920. A similar one with a gold rim was also produced. It is extremely unusual for a siphon stand to have been preserved in this excellent condition. Usually when a siphon was placed on the stand with too much force, it would crack, and it is usual to see these items with cracks, as well as chips and other damage.



Signs continue to sell well. The **Soames & Co's Sign** sold for £1100.00 plus fees whilst the **Thompson and Co Welsh Ales sign** fetched £380.00 at auction recently.





Alton Court Brewery was in Ross on Wye, in Herefordshire. This superb sign sold for £285.00. I would have expected such a sign in perfect condition to sell for around £500.00. This item had slight damage to its frame and minor blemishes, but I would have still expected it to sell for more than £285.00. There are not many items seen from Alton Court, so it is a rare brewery. This is an early sign, almost certainly pre-war, and probably a lot earlier than that. Somebody got a bargain.

This **Palmer's showcard** sold for £53.00. This is quite a rare, and early showcard. Items showing prices prevalent at the time of sale often command a premium. This one is no exception. The condition is good. It was the kind of showcard that would have had a cord for hanging rather than a stand on the reverse, (some have both) and was larger than average.



The **Pale Shrimp** label comes from Russell's Brewery of Gravesend, Kent, which used the name 'Shrimp Brand' to publicise their products. Members who know me will know that my main collecting interest is Gravesend Brewery items, but I didn't notice this myself on E-bay. Rod Perkins found

this, and pointed out that it sold for a massive £515.00 – far more than I could afford. But then, Russell's of Gravesend items are extremely rare and hard to find.

This **Seabrooke & Sons beer label** sold on E-bay for £316.00. We are seeing a lot of very good prices. Seabrooke's Brewery of Grays in Essex was acquired by Charrington's in 1929, which dates this label to before then. That combined with the rarity of items from Seabrooke's serves to make this label highly desirable. The only other item I have seen purporting to be from this brewery was a rather unattractive jug, which I thought at the time to be a fake.

The Thompson's of Walmer, Kent, label sold for £311.00, while the Stones of Tollesbury, Essex, label sold for £488.00. I wonder if labels from Kent and Essex breweries fetch a premium. It certainly looks like it. But it's probably coincidence. One thing it does underline is that label prices are very healthy at present.

NOTES AND QUERIES



Somebody e-mailed me to ask what this item is. It is metal, possibly brass, with the slogan 'I always have a Worthington' embossed on it, in the standard Worthington house style in use from the 1920s onwards. I have to admit, I haven't a clue. Has anybody any ideas? It is about four cm., (one and a half inches) wide, and was apparently sold on E-bay recently for £5.60. The patent number on the lower part, which could have given a good clue as to what it is, is unfortunately not legible. [E-mail me](#) if you have any ideas.



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, 28 January 2017, from 12.00 noon. Joint meeting of the Labologists Society and the ABBC at the Royal Oak, 44 Tabard Street, London SE1 4JU (near Borough tube station). A social afternoon with breweriana, good beer (Harvey's) and good food! Everyone is welcome. Organised by the Labologists Society.

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 breweriana 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.

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

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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

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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