

No. 192 | Spring 2020

NORFOLK NIPS



CAMPAIGN
FOR
REAL ALE



FREE
PLEASE TAKE
ONE

ROLLING BACK THE YEARS!

The launch of the
10th Norwich City of Ale

BEER FESTIVALS SPECIAL ISSUE NORFOLK'S BEST IN 2020

PUBS, PAST
AND PRESENT

PUB AND
BREWERY NEWS

REGIONAL BEER
& PUB SCORING

Magazine of the Norfolk Branches of the Campaign for Real Ale

sip, savour..repeat

Our award-winning amber ale is packed with smooth citrus and dry pine flavours.



Over 20 awards including:



LACONS

BREWERY



@LaconsBrewery

www.lacons.co.uk

Hello from the editor

Welcome to our first Norfolk Nips of 2020! As usual with our Spring edition, it's a Beer Festival special, celebrating all the excellent pub festivals and events coming up over the next six months. Check out page 50 onwards to map out where you'll be drinking this spring and summer!

And we can't talk festivals without mentioning Norwich City of Ale, which returns from 21 to 31 May, celebrating its 10th year. The UK's original Beer Week, City of Ale was set up in 2011 by Dawn Leeder and Phil Cutter. It's earned praise from across the industry, won awards, become a blue print for other cities and forged international collaborations. This year looks set to be as good as ever, and you can check out the pubs already signed up, and how to get tickets to the launch event, on page 46. I'd also like to wish Dawn all the very best from everyone at CAMRA, as she steps down after hugely successful 10 years.

Thanks to those of you who have let me know how much you enjoy reading Nips. We're trying to keep things fresh and we've got a mix of great features again this edition. There's a few exciting beer launches, with some unexpected collaborators! Barsham Brewery have launched a beer with the

Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, see page 24, and Brancaster Brewery have teamed up with Nelson's Shantymen, find out what that is all about on page 22.

We love to mention all the fantastic charity fundraising that goes on around Norfolk's pubs. On page 38 you can find out how your generosity helps the essential work done by Norfolk SEN Network, and check out page 43 for Moon Gazer's 143 mile barrel push for It's on the Ball.

If you fancy a challenge while you enjoy a pint, you'll find a pub quiz with a difference on page 32. Mysterious photos taken in 10 Norwich pubs, you just have to decide which ones! A less fun kind of brain teaser is figuring out why your beer doesn't taste quite right, but on page 36 you'll find 10 possible reasons.

I hope you have a wonderful few months exploring our pubs and festivals, trying interesting new ales and getting involved

with Norfolk's excellent beer community. And let us know what's going on in your local, just email editor@norfolkrips.org.uk. ■



Cheers!
Lucy



BRANCH CONTACT DETAILS

NORWICH AND DISTRICT BRANCH

Chairman: Ian Stamp

chairman@norwichcamra.org.uk

Socials: Michael Phillips

socials@norwichcamra.org.uk

Press Officer: Jenny Bach

pressofficer@norwichcamra.org.uk

EAST NORFOLK BRANCH

Chair: Sara Perrin

contact@eastnorfolk.camra.org.uk

Vice Chairman: Patrick Smith

tanandchick@gmail.com

Secretary: Ian Ling

ianjling@hotmail.co.uk

WEST NORFOLK BRANCH

Chair: Andrea Briers

contact@westnorfolk.camra.org.uk

Secretary & Branch Contact: Ian Bailey

Tel: 01553 766904

MID ANGLIA BRANCH

Chairman: David Williamson

fieldsedge@hotmail.com

BRANCH WEBSITES

www.norwichcamra.org.uk

www.camra.org.uk/wnorfolk

www.midanglia.camra.org.uk

www.eastnorfolkcamra.org.uk

www.facebook.com/groups/NorwichCAMRA

www.facebook.com/ENorfolkCAMRA

www.facebook.com/groups/midangliacamra

www.facebook.com/wncamra/

Twitter: @NorwichCAMRA

Instagram: NorwichCAMRA

Cover: Norwich City of Ale organising team outside The Murderers, Norwich. Photo supplied by Red Flame Communications.

IN THIS ISSUE



3 Hello from the Editor
Welcome to our latest Norfolk Nips

7 Pub News
Openings, closings and happenings

15 Around the Breweries
Who's brewing in Norfolk

19 A New Branch Name
Welcome to Norwich & District CAMRA

21 Membership mailings
Check your preferences

22 Nelson's Shantymen
Celebrating a decade of singing sea shanties!

24 Pilgrims Progress
Pilgrim beer flows once more in Walsingham

26 Champion Bottled Beers of Norfolk
All the 2020 winners

29 Pub and beer scoring
Norfolk's best

32 Pub Quiz
Can you name the pub?



34 Pubs Past and Present
Stories of Norwich pubs

36 What's Wrong with Your Beer?
Ten reasons why your beer may not be at its best

38 Norfolk SEN Network
Helping families get educational support

40 A visit to Star Wing
Brewery, tap room, café and bakery

43 The great Norfolk Beer Push
Raising funds and awareness for It's on the Ball

45 Branch Calendar
Dates for your diary

46 Norwich City of Ale 2020
We look at the launch of the tenth festival

49 Members Weekend
Fringe activities in York

50 Beer Festival Special
Thirteen pages featuring all the best events in 2020!

NORFOLK NIPS

Edited by: Lucy Cousins
Email: editor@norfolkknips.org.uk

Norfolk Nips is produced by Shilling Lane Media on behalf of the Norfolk Branches of the Campaign for Real Ale

Advertising: Chris Shilling
Telephone: 01778 421550/07736 635916
Email: chris@shillingmedia.co.uk

Publishing and Production: Dave Lane
Telephone: 01778 420888
Email: dave@davidlanepublishing.co.uk

Design: Matt Chapman

DISTRIBUTION

12,000 copies / four times a year

Norwich & District:

Mike Deal
nipsdistribution@norwichcamra.org.uk

West Norfolk:

Ros Harre
r.harre@btinternet.com

Mid Anglia:

Dave Wilkins - 07765 116057
wilkins2020@btinternet.com

Published every three months by the Norfolk Branches of the Campaign for Real Ale © N&N CAMRA 2019 Norfolk Nips is produced and distributed by members of the branch in their own time. Views expressed in Norfolk Nips are not necessarily those of the editor or of CAMRA.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

We have a growing number of postal subscribers to Norfolk Nips. If you would like to join them in receiving the next 4 issues by post, send 10 first class stamps or £7.50 cheque payable to West Norfolk CAMRA, 91 Tennyson Road, Kings Lynn, Norfolk, PE30 5NG. The magazine is also viewable online at issuu.com/norwichcamra

DUKE OF WELLINGTON

Traditional Real Ale House | Follow us on social media  

An Ever Changing Selection of Award Winning Ales



Along with 3 New Recently Installed Craft Beer Lines

Available All Day, Everyday



Supporting CAMRA'S MILD MAY



Award Winning
Enclosed Patio Garden
with Heated Smoking Areas

Events



Charity Quiz Night first Monday of the Month



Norwich City of Ale Trail 2020 - 21st to 31st May



Annual Real Ale, Craft Beer, Cider & Music Festival 28th Aug - 1st Sep

Bring in your Favourite Takeaway

HOME COOKED PIES
& SAUSAGE ROLLS

SUMMER BBQ's Starting Friday 22nd May



91 - 93 Waterloo Road | Norwich | 01603 441182

Monday to Thursday 12 noon - 11pm Friday to Saturday 12noon - 12pm Sundays 12 noon - 10.30pm

PUB NEWS

OPENINGS, CLOSINGS AND HAPPENINGS

WEST NORFOLK

Let's start with some good news. The **Victory** in Clenchwarton has reopened as the **Partridge** and so far the signs are encouraging. The refurbishment has been sympathetic and improved areas such as the toilets. The beer was good, the staff friendly and Rod is continuing with his monthly quizzes.

The **Saxon** at Weeting has been reported open again after a period of closure.



Work is progressing on the **Lord Nelson** at Burnham Thorpe, further planning applications have been submitted and there is a projected opening date of July, almost four years after it closed. A major refurbishment and rear extension are under way, expected to cost close to £1m. The pub, which was a haunt of Admiral Lord Nelson in the late 18C, will cater for up to 130 diners in summer, 70 in winter - and will hopefully stock some decent real ales!

A couple of local pubs have changed their name. The **Farmer's Arms** at Knight's Hill is now just **Farmers** and its sister pub, the **Ancient Mariner** in Old Hunstanton is now **Mariners**.

The **Crown** at Northwold have added well known chef Charlie Hodson to the team and with their fish and chip, curry and steak nights it should be well worth a visit, with four beers recently on offer.

It is not such good news for other pubs. The **Deer's Leap** on Wootton Road in Kings Lynn announced its closure in January and was put on the market. Back in the days when it was the **New Inn** this was a thriving pub and as it is at the junction of two main routes as well as being the only pub in a residential area, this could once again have a great future in the right hands.



In Lynn, **Goldings** looked to have cemented its place in the market, with decent food and excellent beer from Grain brewery. However, in early January they announced they could not afford the rent, quoted at £10,000 per month and were vacating the premises. They have reopened next door in the premises once occupied by the Recruiting Sergeant (until 1907), Market Bistro and more recently by the Dough Dealers pizza place. There are reports that the original Goldings is to reopen as an Ale and Chop House.

The **Rathskellar** on the riverside in Lynn is under new management and serving an excellent pint! The quiz nights are as popular as ever, and look out for some new ideas, especially linking in to all the events that are held in this historic area.

In Downham Market, the **Castle Hotel** has been for sale for a while, but as there have been no offers an application has been made for a change of use. Back in the early 1980's there was a brewery here, which could possibly be resurrected by a far-sighted new owner.



Hopefully, **Timbers Country Lodge** at Fincham will also attract a buyer, having been put up for sale due to the retirement of the current owner, Colin Claxton. With 46 bedrooms, a permanent marquee, rather nice bar, restaurant, meeting rooms and almost 3 acres of grounds, the Lodge will continue to operate as normal while offers in the region of £1.85 million are invited.

The controversy around the **Blue Bell** at Stoke Ferry continues. In January there was a village meeting to try to raise awareness and mount some kind of bid for the pub. It was well attended, with around 100 people present, though whether this will lead to any concrete proposals is unclear at the moment.

In East Wretham the appeal against the decision to refuse a change of use application for the **Dog and Partridge** has reportedly been upheld, and the pub will now be converted into housing.

The wet weather has affected a number of pubs, but perhaps the most vulnerable is the **Lamb and Flag** down at Welney in the very west of Norfolk down near the Cambridge border. Here, the regular winter flooding of Welney Washes cuts off access to the pub from the east. We were so impressed by the good food, guest ales and a friendly welcome at this Elgoods pub, that we organised a branch social there. A call to the landlord should enable you to find out if the road from the east is open.

A retrospective application for a microbrewery to continue in operation has been filed for an address in North Wootton.

It seems that this has been in operation since 2016 and has been producing small quantities of beer for sale on Farmers Markets. As no one seems to have noticed and no objections have been filed, the chances are good that it will continue!

EAST NORFOLK

The **Lion Inn**, West Somerton is now run by CAMRA members Damon and Jane who are in the process of updating the pub. Three ales are now on offer, typically Wolf or Woodforde's.

The **Kings Arms**, Martham have twenty ciders on offer along with five often local, changing ales.

Also in Martham the Victoria Inn is managed by Rob with two ales usually available.

Unfortunately, the **Kings Head** in Hemsby now seems to be long-term closed at the time of writing. However, the **Hemsby Sports & Social Club**, (members only currently a reasonable £3 annually) have three real ales on offer and a recent visit had Harveys Old Ale along with the more usual choices. Also in Hemsby, the **Seadell Bar** always has a Wolf ale on tap. The **Grange** in Ormesby has undergone refurbishment under new management with the introduction of a Smokehouse Grill complementing the three ales.



In Caister, **Brandford's Bar** at the Old Hall Hotel have four ales, usually from the Woodforde's range.

White's Lounge Bar in Scratby serve two well-kept Adnam's ales in pleasant surroundings.

The **Ship Inn**, Reedham, have a choice of four ales including the locally brewed Humpty Dumpty range.

Good news in Great Yarmouth with two new real ale outlets. The first one is the stylish refurbishment of the former Conservative Club above the Market Gates shopping precinct by Bradley Fish and his team. The bar has been renamed as the **Jube** and now has two ales available. Also, after a recent change of management, the **Dukes Head** now offer two ales currently from Tipple's.



Meanwhile the **St. John's Head** has changed ownership but thankfully will remain a pub. We wish Barry and Pat a happy retirement after a long and varied career in the trade. The **Tombstone Saloon** will hold their Fifth Annual Easter Beer Festival this year with live entertainment planned over the whole weekend along with twenty ales and twenty ciders. Easter will also mark the opening of Paul Hodgson's new venture the adjacent authentic wood-fired pizza restaurant.

In Gorleston, the **William Adams**, which recently held a Green Jack Tap Takeover, report an upsurge in the sales of real ale following their listing in the 2020 Good Beer Guide.

Finally, our third Annual CAMRA Xmas Lunch was again at the **Kings Arms**, Great Yarmouth, with 21 of us mostly supping the rather good Humpty Dumpty Christmas Crack along

with the excellent value menu. Many thanks also to the following for hosting our recent meetings: Star Hotel, Gorleston Conservative Club, Tombstone Saloon, New Entertainer and Mariners.

Some recent planning applications in the area:

The Crown, Haddiscoe. Approved with conditions - Conversion of the existing public house into three dwellings and a new detached dwelling on the pub car park.

Oakwoods / O'Grady's, Great Yarmouth. Approved - Demolition of the single storey rear extension to the former public house and the construction of six houses.

Kings Arms, Fleggburgh. Approved - Conversion of the first floor flat into holiday rentals, external escape staircase and the associated internal works.

MID ANGLIA



The current MAC (Mid Anglia CAMRA) Cider pub of the Year is the **Fox Inn**, Garboldisham. We always find this thriving community-run place is staffed by very keen and knowledgeable volunteers. Recently the Fox launched their CAMRA discount scheme, 10% off beer and cider prices for all members. If you're on the road between Diss and Thetford then the Fox is well worth a visit. They also hold themed food evenings, beer festivals and have regular live music. However, note the opening times, usually Friday 5pm to 10pm, Saturday 12 noon to 10pm and Sunday 12 noon to 5pm.

Talking of opening times, a few pubs in the MAC area have changed theirs recently. The **Trowel and Hammer** in Cotton has recently changed hands and is now run by The Norfolk Table Ltd, the same group as the **White Horse**, South Lopham, and the **Gibraltar Gardens** in Norwich. The "Howl and Trauma", or "Towel and Stammer", as some locals affectionately call it, has expanded its hours and organized lots of entertainment. Monday to Thursday the bar is open 12 noon to 11pm, food 12 noon to 2.30pm and 5 to 9pm. Friday is 12 noon to 12pm with food 12 noon to 2.30pm and 5 to 9pm. Saturday bar is 12 noon to 12pm, food served 12 noon to 9pm, and Sunday bar 12 noon to 11pm with food served 12 noon to 6pm. Local breweries supported include Starwing and Lacons.

The **King's Head**, Mendlesham now opens from 3.30pm Monday and Tuesday, and from 12 noon the rest of the week. The Beaconsfield Arms, Occold, is closed Mondays and on Tuesdays until 4.30pm, and opens from 12 noon the rest of the week.

Near the end of January about a dozen MAC members enjoyed a walking tour of Stowmarket hosteleries. It was gratifying to see plenty of ales from brewers in or near the MAC area, including Earl Soham Brewery, Starwing, Shortts Farm, Humber Doucy and Grain. A grand time was had by all, especially at the **Gladstone Arms**, **King William** and **Walnut Tree**.

The MAC area is centred on Diss. During our Stowmarket jaunt one of our number worked out that, adjusting for population size, Stowmarket has more than twice the number of pubs as Diss. There must be a lesson here. Although last December (2019) the national pub chain **Wetherspoons** (heard of them?) submitted an application for a licence from South Norfolk Council to sell alcohol every day between 9am and 11.30pm at their new-build pub in King's Head Yard. This site has lovely views of Diss Mere, the

large lake in the centre of the town. The design for the new 'Spoons is very striking and modern, two stories with large curved glass with mezzanine level and balcony to view the excellent panorama. More news of that next time.

NORWICH AND DISTRICT



The **Alexandra** on **Stafford Street** no longer stocks Chalk Hill beers, as owner 'Tiny' Little is no longer involved with the brewery. Instead the five handpumps now offer a range of beers from local and other breweries - at our visit in December this included Metropolis from Colchester Brewery, Adnams Lighthouse, Barsham Brewery's Golden Close IPA, Winter's Genius, and their new regular bitter, brewed exclusively for the pub by Winter's, the 4.2% Ale X.

The **Spread Eagle** at Erpingham (formerly the **Erpingham Arms**) reopened in November, with five regular ales and a rotating guest from local breweries.

As reported in the last edition, the lease of CAMRA's current Norfolk Pub of the Year, the **Leopard** in Bull Close Road passed to Justin and Emma. The pub reopened in mid-November with a few changes to the decor and furnishing, with bench seats along the windows, extra 'standing' tables opposite the bar, and a re-located beer list. The beer selection has also been tweaked slightly, with up to six real ales available from breweries across the country.



Norfolk has another micropub, in Church St, Cromer. Named **Gangway**, and located in a former shop in the heart of the town, one local real ale is on sale, plus a range of craft beers, coffee and snacks, from 10am every day.



The **Mash Tun** on Charing Cross is no more, having been renamed and reopened in a slightly smaller footprint as **Strangers Tavern**, in reference to the nearby Strangers Hall museum. The pub now occupies part of the front half of the building, with the rear mezzanine area and the left side of the ground floor used for other purposes, and the upstairs rooms given over to a cocktail bar Door Eighteen.

The **Norkie**, in Bowthorpe closed in November but has since been taken over and reopened by the son-in-law of the owner of

THE RIBS

REAL ALE PUB BY THE RIVER

ELEVEN Real ales & Traditional Ciders

3 Craft Beers on Draught + Big Selection of Craft Cans & Bottles

Food Served Mon-Sat 12-9pm, Sunday Roast 12-5pm

'£2 Tuesday' with at least one Ale available for £2 per pint

Quiz Nights Every Thursday

Riverside Terrace

sky SPORTS

BT Sport

24 Wensum Street, Norwich NR3 1HY

Tel: 01603 619517

www.ribsofbeer.co.uk

the Maltsters at Ranworth and the Kings Head, Cromer. Locals pitched in to help clean and repaint the pub in an effort to get it open as soon as possible before Christmas.

The **Three Swallows** at Cley changed hands in February, and is closed for a month for refurbishments, leaving the village without a pub, as the George Hotel is still up for sale.

The **Dog** at Horsford closed in December, with the landlords of nine years giving up the lease and retiring to Spain. Owners Wellington are looking for someone to take on the lease, but in the meantime another village is left without a pub, as the Brickmakers closed a while back.

The **Cock** at Dereham reopened in January as a wet-led pub focusing on real ales, following several years of incarnations as different types of restaurant. CAMRA member and new landlord Steve Garner also has seven self-catering apartments near the pub, which offers a discount to CAMRA members.

News from the **Marlpit**, which we understand will reopen as the **Valley House**, following a complete restoration, including a new roof, conservation windows, fascias and soffits, a new catering kitchen and total refit of the bar areas.



As we go to press, we see the sad sight of the boarded-up **Red Lion**, in Bishopgate, Norwich, which has already been broken into. The pub, which has been run by Amanda Rose on an EI Group lease for the last eight-and-a-half years, is owned by the nearby Great Hospital. When EI's lease expired last

summer, Amanda stayed on in the hope that the Hospital would grant her a new free-of-tie lease, but they have decided to put the lease on the open market, and she has found a new business opportunity in the county. During her time at the pub, Amanda was a great supporter of local brewers, with up to six local beers on the bar, and was voted into the *Good Beer Guide* twice, in 2016 and 2020. We wish her well in her new business!

The news of the impending closure of the pub sparked great local interest, with long-time local Pat Tyler organising a campaign to get the pub registered as an Asset of Community Value, with help from the local branch of CAMRA. Well over a hundred signatures were obtained, and the ACV was granted by City Council on 4 February.

Following publicity in the local press, the Great Hospital have said that they are offering the lease for use as licensed premises, and Brown & Co will be marketing the pub soon. However, given the amount of money which needs investing in the building to make it profitable as a managed business (the most likely outcome), it may never be a 'proper local' again - but we can hope!

On the planning front a request to demolish the **Griffin** in Thorpe St Andrew was rejected by Broadland DC who stated that "The proposal would result in the loss of a public house which is a non-designated heritage asset and an asset of community value without sufficient justification". We will keep a close eye on developments here, the pub has been closed for a few years and the area around it has been approved for housing.

The owners of currently closed **No12** (formerly La Rouen) in the city centre have lodged plans to convert it to a boutique hotel leading to the loss of the pub and bar area to add a number of bedrooms.


Plans to make changes to the **Pelican** in Tacolneston into part housing has gone to appeal with the Secretary of State as previously mentioned who have announced that an appeal hearing will be held on 25 March. ■



THE KINGS HEAD

NEW BUCKENHAM

EAT. DRINK. SLEEP.



Market Place, New Buckenham, NR16 2AN
www.kingsheadnewbuckenham.co.uk

**Serving freshly prepared, homecooked food
to order using quality ingredients**

Tuesday - Two Meal Tuesday £14

**Wednesday's- Pie / Curry and a Pint
£12.00**

Friday - Happy hour 5-6pm

**Sunday - Sunday lunch deal Main and
dessert for £15.50**

**CALL NOW TO BOOK YOUR TABLE
01953 861247**

**Bed
&
Breakfast
from
£90**



NORFOLK BREWHOUSE CRAFT

STOP STARING START GAZING

Moon Gazer's
award-winning Gluten Free
Pintail ale available in cask
and bottle.

moongazerale.co.uk 01328 878 495

WOODFORDE'S
BREWERY

Returning Favourite
Reedlighter

Alc 4.0%
Vol

COMING SOON...

Exclusive 10% off for CAMRA members
online with code CAMRA10.
Also in our brewery tap & shop when you
show your CAMRA membership card.

WOODFORDE'S
NORFOLK

@woodfordesbeer

WHO AND WHAT IS BREWING IN NORFOLK!

We hope all our lovely brewers have had a good start to 2020. I'm sure it's going to be a busy year, with the 10th City of Ale coming soon, and growing demand for great Norfolk beer!

Congratulations to **Grain** for winning gold for their **ThreeOneSix 3.9%** in the Golden Ale category for Champion of Beer of East Anglia. The beer will go on to the Great British Beer Festival in London in the summer, where it will be judged in the Champion Beer of Britain competition.

Same goes for the **Fat Cat**, in their case they were awarded a Gold for their **Marmalade Cat 5.5%** in the Strong Bitter category. We have been able to sample several interesting dark beers in the different Fat Cat pubs in Norwich over the last few months like **Mildly Arrogant 4%** rich brown mild brewed with Chocolate malt, Ecuadorian cacao nibs and Madagascan vanilla, and its stronger version, **Utter Arrogance 6%**, which was quite easy drinking considering the ABV. The last seasonal brew is **Earl Grey IPA 6.4%**, a light drinking, zesty and fruity.

the finals of Champion Beer of East Anglia. And bronze in the Barley Wines category in the Champion Winter Beer of Britain at GBBF Winter in Birmingham. They are releasing their seasonal range for 2020, and are planning a 4.5% session IPA called **Main Cross**, an East Coast Pale Ale and a 4.4% hoppy golden ale called **Hop Mountain**, plus as every year the golden 4.4% **Jack Valentine** will be available in lots of outlets too. Also their January seasonal 3.6% **Norfolk Gem** is a russet coloured bitter with a balance of malts, Marynka and Cascade hops proved quite popular.



Wildcraft are back recently from Amsterdam where they were promoting their beers with other businesses from the region. They are planning more Wildfest events, the dates of which will be announced very soon. These will be the usual mix of great beers, live music and family entertainment.

They have several new beers on the horizon, focusing on flavour with fruits and natural ingredients and will be bringing back some of their favourites, starting with **Wild Sting** their stinging nettle beer which will be available in pubs around the county.

Wolf have just brewed their first ever gluten free beer, **Coyote 4.3%**, which is available in cask seasonally, and in bottle all year round. They have a new seasonal beer, a 3.9% best bitter called **The Pack** to celebrate the Six Nations rugby. At the



Lacons are celebrating three new awards for their **Audit Ale 8%**. It won gold in the Barley Wines category, plus overall silver in



end of last year they brewed their **Poppy Ale 4.2%** in support of the Poppy Appeal and for every cask sold they donated £1 raising a total of £67 in total for the cause.



Tindall Ales have opened the Jubilee Taprooms, at Loddon and Chedgrave Jubilee Hall, where a range of their ales will be on sale at £3 per pint, and their bottled beers will also be available to take home. The tap room will be open all day Friday to Sunday, plus Thursday evenings when you can bring your own takeaway food. They also have their own branded glassware on sale.

Humpty Dumpty has brewed a **3.9% Black Treacle Porter** which is full of flavour and can also be finished with blueberry, vanilla, chilli or coconut. **Humpty Dumpty Ale 4.2%** has had a revamp, it is now dark copper, malty and hoppy.



Their Easter beers **Good Egg** and **Bad Egg** will be available in March and they are creating beers for special occasions like VE Day. Plus a new range of Norfolk Broads Brewing beers, this time focusing on The Broads landscape itself, will be launched in the spring/summer. As ever, they are organising this year's Reedham Beer Festival which will be held from 24 to 26 July.

The Humpty Dumpty open day once again was a great success raising funds for the Freethorpe Community First Responders.

Fengate have been brewing **Nightjar Rye & Oat Stout 3.6%** jet black, full bodied with a smooth texture and rich coffee aroma. The chocolate rye, naked oats and lactose sugar combine to create a rich palate of flavours.

They are also producing an old ale made with black treacle at 6% ABV, which will be aged and will be available for sale around October and onwards, its name is to be decided.

Some of the Fengate ales will be on sale at the Aylsham Round Table Beer Festival starting 1 May and at the Fakenham Beer Festival on 20 March.

And they now have a licence to sell alcohol to the general public from the brewery.

All Day is currently open on a Friday night, in the 500-year-old barn, serving their beer and cider (up to 10 lines) as well as food, including Morston mussels. They will be having an open day on 21 March, along with the people who are running the polytunnels outside the brewery. The brewery will open up on Easter weekend with the full works, and will be open Thursday night, with a street food truck, and Friday and Saturday nights with their in-house kitchen. They will be releasing their barrel aged stock on a more or less monthly basis throughout 2020.

Panther after the success of **Panther Hopsta** alcohol free real ale they were approached by Hopwell Brew Co to develop their low alcohol 0.5% CBD Pale ale called HOPWELL, brewed with hops and Cannabis Essential

Oils, combining zesty and citrus flavours. Panther has also had some interest from other breweries to develop low alcohol beer as they have a track record now in that area, and they are becoming increasingly popular.

The Panther crew have been busy developing some new seasonal recipes this year and planning to attend events, markets and organise their beer festival like previous years, so watch this space! The brewery has a few bottling slots available on their automated bottling line for any breweries who would like to bottle condition their ales, please contact Martin for more details.

A new microbrewery in West Norfolk, **Birdhouse**, which opened in May 2019, is supplying bottled conditioned beers to a local shop in Wells-next-the-Sea. Their range of beers are: Oatmeal Stout, Mild, Best Bitter, Strong Bitter and American IPA. They will also be selling them at local events and farmers' markets.



Moon Gazer as usual have been very active. They are celebrating their 8th birthday in February and, as previous years, their original 4 Candles Brew this year renamed **4+4 Candles**, will be available in pubs around Norwich and Norfolk.

As a birthday present to themselves they have installed an additional 16-barrel fermenter. Now with seven fermenters in total, the brewery will be able to brew its regular Moon Gazer ales, but have the capacity to continue with a programme of special brews, and also increase the frequency that it can link up with other local and international brewers to create one-off collaborations.



The first of such collaborations is with **Hof Ten Dormal** brewery in Belgium which will see three new Moon Gazer ales. The first is to be brewed on **Hof Ten Dormal's** Belgium farm will be a 9% Apple Saison, brewed using a champagne yeast and apples. A more 'modest' Norfolk version is to be brewed to 5% ABV and use Whin Hill Cider apple juice. Making up the trio of new brews will be a Belgique IPA bringing together the best of Belgium and USA brewing. This is all part of an initiative with **Visit Flanders** which is hoped to create more ties between Norfolk and Belgian brewers as well as promote cultural links and visits between the two renowned brewing areas. It will also help promote Norfolk's Maris Otter malt in Belgium.

The team is also busy putting together four new Moon Gazer brews for spring which will include adding to their gluten free range, following the success of Pintail. So, look out for Moon Gazer **Scoundrel**, a new gluten free red session IPA.

This year's special **Fred's Check** brew for It's on The Ball testicular cancer charity was launched by local bar manager Cillian Nugent, who sounded an air raid siren from the rooftop of Control Tower B & B in Egmere to signal his all clear from the disease following chemotherapy. Norfolk pubs and CAMRA members really are making a big, lifesaving difference in combating this disease.

In amongst all that, Moon Gazer owner David Holliday has also found time to become a Director of **City of Ale** to help develop the festival and to help promote Norwich pubs and the importance of pubs, beer, brewing and barley growing in the county.

THE FAT CAT BREWERY TAP

98-100 Lawson Rd, Norwich, NR3 4LF . 01603 413153

NORWICH & NORFOLK CAMRA PUB OF THE YEAR 2016 & 2018!



20 REAL ALES • 25 CIDERS • 20 CRAFT KEG BEERS
ALL HAND PICKED FROM AROUND THE UK
LIVE MUSIC WEEKLY • AMAZING FOOD FROM MOTHERCHIP

Check our Website & Social Media for ALL our Beer Events throughout the year

[f](#) [@](#) [t](#) @fatcattap • fatcattap.co.uk



Winter's brewery launched a full rebrand on January 18th at the White Lion in Oak St. The brewery has changed the name slightly to **Mr Winters's**. The Tap Take Over was very well attended showing most of their beers sporting the new pump clips, some of them also renamed, including: **Twisted Ladder** a 5% pale ale; **Quantum Gold** 4.1% golden ale; **Fusioneer** their 3.6% mild (previously Winter's Mild); **Rorschach** the renamed Genius stout, with the ABV increased to 4.5%; **Twin Parallel**, a 3.8% session IPA; **Citrus Kiss** 6% IPA; **Evolution** 4% American pale; and **Vanilla Latte** 4.5%, a coffee and vanilla milk stout.

And lastly but not least, **Poppyland!** After nine months of ownership Dave Cornell is carrying out a general revamp of the brewery and adding a further fermenter to allow additional flexibility within their production. A general upgrade of the shop and more flexible opening hours are also on the agenda.

In addition to this Poppyland are pleased to announce that Dave's brother, beer writer **Martyn Cornell** will also be joining the team later in the year, bringing his knowledge of beer styles and recipes along with his great enthusiasm for beer, exciting times ahead. **Lazy Sunday** is Poppyland's latest bottled beer, a 5.9% full of flavour lemongrass Saison.

If you have any news on breweries or photos for the next edition of NIPS, please send them to breweries@norwichcamra.co.uk. ■

Cheers,
Oli Fernandez



REAL ALE WITH BITE

PANTHER BREWERY - REEPHAM

TEL: 01603 871163

www.pantherbrewery.co.uk [@](#) [t](#) [f](#)



AVAILABLE AS 11 BREEDS
TO SUIT ALL PALATES
IN 330ML & 500ML BOTTLES

ALL ALES AVAILABLE DIRECT FROM OUR SHOP

Shop Opening Times:
Mon - Fri (9am-6pm) Sat (10am-3pm)

CELEBRATING A NEW NAME!

Introducing Norwich & District CAMRA

You may have noticed, the largest (by membership) CAMRA Branch in Norfolk has changed its name from Norwich & Norfolk to... Norwich & District - but why?

Put simply, the old name just wasn't accurate - there are now four (or strictly speaking, three and a half!) CAMRA branches in Norfolk: West Norfolk and East Norfolk being somewhat self-explanatory, and Mid Anglia, covering a chunk of South Norfolk, as well as a chunk of North Suffolk, hence the 'half'.

This has often caused confusion, with publicans, brewers and the media assuming that the branch represented the whole county of Norfolk, and that Branch awards, such as Pub of the Year, were actually County awards.

Having recognised that the old name caused confusion, the search was on for a new name. Several options were discounted as inaccurate. For example Norwich & North Norfolk or simply North Norfolk, was rejected as the branch area includes parts of south and east Norfolk, as well as Norwich itself. And the fact that most of the area known as North Norfolk, from Wells to Hunstanton and beyond, is actually part of the West Norfolk Branch! Norwich & District was chosen as it is fairly accurate geographically ('district' is fairly vague!), and also commonly used by other branches around the country.

The new name was agreed by the National Executive in December, and launched, along with a modified branch logo, at a branch meeting in January, and by the time you read this the old name should no longer be in use on social media etc. Please let us



know if you see it anywhere so we can get it changed, just email editor@norfolkknips.co.uk.

BEHIND THE SCENES

Ever wondered how a CAMRA branch is run, how the committee works and who does what?

Here's a handy guide to each of the roles on the Norwich & District CAMRA branch committee and what they cover.

Every March all members are invited to stand for these positions, and those attending the AGM cast their votes. If you're interested in standing, please contact secretary@norwichcamra.org.uk.

If you fancy getting more involved, but don't want to stand for a position, we're also looking for people to shadow our current role holders - no experience necessary!

BRANCH CHAIR

A hugely varied role, suited to someone who can get things done, work collaboratively and delegate. Includes everything from leading committee meetings, to liaising with our regional director, to meeting the Lord Mayor at Norwich Beer Festival!

SECRETARY

Our record keeper extraordinaire! You need to be organised for this role to keep track of what happens during meetings and follow up on actions. In our branch the secretary also manages charity liaison and a few other tasks.

TREASURER

Managing our finances and making sure we're succeeding as a branch and contributing funds to The Campaign! A good head for figures is a must, but being able to explain them to the rest of the committee is just as vital.

PUB CAMPAIGNS COORDINATOR

Keeping an eye on all the pubs within our branch area and helping support them. Working to promote CAMRA campaigns and schemes like the Good Beer Guide and Pub of the Year. Sharing pub news every quarter in Norfolk Nips magazine.

PUB PROTECTION OFFICER

Working to keep our pubs open and thriving, one of CAMRA's key aims. Being up to speed on which pubs are under threat, closing, changing hands or up for sale. Often called on by the press to comment when pubs announce they are closing or being sold.

PRESS AND PUBLICITY OFFICER

In charge of how our branch and CAMRA are represented to our stakeholders and the general public. Establishes close working relationships with local press, TV and radio contacts to share stories about branch activities.

SOCIAL SECRETARY

The person who gets us all out and about visiting pubs in our branch area

and beyond! Organises our pub crawls, First Friday Fives and campaign coach trips, selecting the pubs we visit, taking bookings and arranging transport.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Looking after all our lovely members! Keeping track of who is renewing, leaving and joining. Knows all about our membership packages and signing up new members. Manages the membership stand and team at beer festivals.

YOUNG MEMBERS COORDINATOR

A dedicated contact for our members under 30(ish). Thinks about what young people want from CAMRA membership and pubs. Organises social and campaigning events suited to our younger members.

STUDENT LIAISON COORDINATOR

Our connection with local Universities and Colleges, including the UEA Real Ale Society. Works closely with the Young Members Coordinator to organise events which will attract students to CAMRA.

BREWERY LIAISON COORDINATOR

Running our network of Brewery Liaison Officers, who are aligned to breweries across our region. Keeping up to date with who and what's brewing in Norfolk, and sharing brewery news in Norfolk Nips.

CLUBS OFFICER

Much like with our pubs, we look after all the social clubs in our branch area. They're often a community hub and offer local people an alternative if their local pub closes down. This role is all about building a good relationship with our clubs and supporting them.

BEER FESTIVAL ORGANISER

One of the busiest jobs in the branch, which starts with planning in February and ramps up until the festival in October. Leading a large team of volunteers, many of whom are experts in their roles, to put on our biggest event of the year. You'll need to be a people person, a strong leader and excellent collaborator. ■

NOT RECEIVING BRANCH EMAILS?

Set your preferences online

The European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into effect in May 2018 and will continue to be law following the UK's withdrawal from the EU. GDPR was established to harmonise data protection laws across Europe while helping EU citizens to better understand how their personal information was being used.

At the moment, unless you have given your consent, you might not be receiving information by letter or e-mail from your local CAMRA branch about branch meetings, brewery trips, beer festivals and other branch campaigning events.

This may seem rather odd but under GDPR, CAMRA has adopted this as its current safe approach because GDPR may consider branch mailings, except those informing of a branch AGM, to be marketing. Current interpretation by CAMRA is that notification of branch activities by e-mail or letter is prohibited under GDPR unless a member proactively agrees to receive such mailings!

The means members should choose exactly what they wish to receive from CAMRA by setting their own preferences, which can be changed at any time.

Here's how to manage your preferences

- Log in to camra.org.uk using your membership number.
- Go to My Membership and then Edit membership details.
- Under Preferences, there is an edit button at the bottom of the page. You can then choose which communications you'd like to receive by post and email, and save your preferences.
- It's also worth checking your email address and other details are up to date.

If you don't use e-mail or the web but still want to update your preferences, please get in touch with the helpful membership team at CAMRA who will be happy to advise what you should do - membership@camra.org.uk or call 01727 867201. ■



at Le Strange Arms Hotel,
Old Hunstanton, T: 01485 534411



at Knights Hill Hotel & Spa,
Kings Lynn, T: 01553 675566

SPECIAL OFFER 50% OFF

All food purchases in The Mariner and
The Farmers when you spend £30 or more

Complete below to validate your coupon

Name:

Postcode:

Email:

FREE Wi-Fi in our pubs | PHOTOCOPIES ALLOWED
Please visit www.traditionalinns.co.uk for further offers

Terms & Conditions: The coupon is only valid when £30.00 or more is spent on food. The coupon cannot be exchanged for cash. The discount does not apply to spend on drinks. The coupon cannot be used with any other promotion. The coupon(s) are not valid in excess of 8 people. The coupon is valid from 1st March to 31st May 2020. Excludes Sundays between noon-4pm, bank holidays and Saturday 11th April 2020.

To receive details of
future promotions,
please tick here
CODE NIPS

SING A SEA SHANTY

AND RAISE A GLASS TO NELSON'S SHANTYMEN

The Jolly Sailors at Brancaster Staithe is hosting a celebration party for Nelson's Shantymen's 10th Anniversary on Saturday 14 March from 7pm.

Nelson's Shantymen are a group of 18 singers and musicians, formed in 2010 in Burnham Thorpe, birthplace of Horatio Nelson. They aim to keep the singing of Sea Shanties alive and raise money for local charities, so far adding up to an amazing £30,000!

Simon Parkin, General Manager at the Jolly Sailors, said 'Nelson's Shantymen rehearse at The Jolly Sailors every Monday night, much to the delight of our customers. They are a great bunch who enjoy entertaining and raising funds for local charities at the same time. It is our pleasure to host a 10th Anniversary celebration party in their honour. At the same time, we are launching a new ale from our **Brancaster Brewery** range with 50% of the profits from sales of '**Nelson's Shantymen**' ale will be donated to Nelson's Shantymen's 2020 charity pot. James Nye, our Managing Director has written the lyrics to a 'Celebration Sea Shanty'. What a celebration it's going to be!'

Steve Ireson, a founder member of Nelson's Shantymen, said, 'We are absolutely delighted that The Jolly Sailors are throwing us a party and we are all looking forward to tasting the 'Nelson's Shantymen' ale! We'll be using this occasion to hand over our charity donation from 2019 to East Anglian Air Ambulance who will receive £1,500, Nelson's Journey and Magpie Centre, riding for the disabled, who will both each receive £500. We will also be releasing a celebration CD at the party. So, come along and sing-along to a Sea Shanty or two and join in the celebration.'



Nelson's Shantymen ale is currently in production and will be available on tap or in bottles at the **Jolly Sailors** and the **White Horse**, Brancaster Staithe and the **Kings Head**, Letheringsett.

The ale is brewed using Teddy Maufe's world class malted Maris Otter barley from Branthill Farm, Wells-next-the-Sea. Nelson's Shantymen is a bitter ale full of flavour, perfectly balanced using British hops, with pine, orange and cedar emulating the character of the Norfolk coastal fringes. ■

www.facebook.com/NelsonsShantymen
www.nelsons-shantymen.co.uk
www.jollysailorsbrancaster.co.uk

A JOLLY PARTY

SATURDAY 14 MARCH 7PM

Celebrating Nelson's Shantymen's
10TH ANNIVERSARY
 & Launching a Brancaster Brewery
 Celebration Ale

SING-A-LONG A SEA SHANTY OR 2



THE JOLLY SAILORS

Camro Good Beer Guide 2020 | Harrier's 2019 | The Pubcans Award Winner 2018

Brancaster Staithe • Norfolk • PE3 8BJ
 01465 20394 • www.jollysailorsbrancaster.co.uk



ANGLIAN COUNTRY INNS



The
LEOPARD
FREEHOUSE



A WARM AND WELCOMING REAL ALE HOUSE

Real ales, craft beers and ciders,
dog-friendly with a pub dog, beer garden,
wood burner, board games,
live music and pub quizzes.

**10% off real ales on presentation
of CAMRA membership card.**

98-100 Bull Close Road, Norwich NR3 1NQ

T: 01603 631111



the smallest pub in norwich...

The Vine

...serving exceptionally good thai food

**Celebrating
11 years
at theVine**

**Vegan/
Gluten-free
options
available**



**Early Bird
Menu**

**Part
of City of
Ale 2020**



**We are in the
Good Beer
Guide 2020
.....
Runner-up
2019 CAMRA
Cider Pub of
the Year.**

A great real ale pub in the centre of the city.

CAMRA Discount

Every Monday 10% discount
on Food and Drinks
(valid membership card required
- Excludes Early Bird Menu)

Student Night

Every Wednesday 20%
discount on food
(valid student card required
- Excludes Early Bird Menu)

Dove Street, Near The Guildhall | 01603 627362 | vinethai.co.uk @thevinenorwich The Vine Norwich



Barsham's blessed brew

Pilgrim beer flows once more in Walsingham

The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham has launched a new beer in collaboration with North Norfolk's Barsham Brewery. Pilgrim's Pale Ale, a Walsingham Real Ale, celebrates more than a thousand years of pilgrimage to 'England's Nazareth'.

Jules Knight, sales manager at Barsham Brewery, added: "The idea came about after Father Andreas asked if it were possible for his team to stop off at the brewery on a team walk. As close neighbours we immediately agreed and all enjoyed a brewery tour, tea and cake, as well as a beer tasting of course! We discussed a collaboration and a few weeks later, whilst visiting the shrine, we decided to create a beer to celebrate the ancient and modern Walsingham pilgrim and 'Pilgrim's Pale Ale' was born. We aim to highlight Green Pilgrimages and what can be achieved on foot, as well as the joy that can be found in our natural surroundings and the feeling of wellbeing

it brings. As a brewery we do everything locally. There are few that have such low food miles, and we know that's something really important to Walsingham as well."

Father Andreas Wenzel, shrine priest at Walsingham, said: "Together the shrine and brewery had this idea - wouldn't it be great to have a pilgrim's ale for those coming on a pilgrimage to Walsingham? Everybody needs refreshment on the journey and it's something to look forward to - alongside the spiritual side of pilgrimage, of course. It celebrates the gifts of God and creation, the gift of the beautiful landscape in north Norfolk. We felt this was a wonderful way of bottling up all that goodness."

The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham has been a place of pilgrimage since the 11th Century. Founded in 1061 by the Lady Richeldis who received a vision of Mary the Mother of Jesus, the Shrine was destroyed

by Henry VIII in 1538, and restored again in 1922 by Father Patten, the Anglican Vicar of Walsingham. In medieval times, the Shrine was visited by Henry III, Edward I, Edward II, Edward III, Henry VI, Henry VII and finally Henry VIII, plus two of his wives.

Recent years have seen a heightened interest in walking pilgrimages. The Shrine welcomes 10,000 pilgrims and visitors a year from all over the UK and countries including the United States, Australia and Sweden. In addition to the Shrine Church, the beautiful Shrine Gardens, the Welcome Centre, Norton's Cafe-Bar, The Refectory and extensive accommodation provide a welcome sanctuary for visitors. More information for visitors can be found at www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk.

Christopher Hamilton-Emery Director of Operations at the Shrine said "Pilgrimage has always had a positive impact on local economies. Pilgrims eat and drink, sleep in hostels and love a souvenir from places en route to or from their pilgrimage destination. Walsingham's own Pilgrim's Pale Ale is a great symbol of this synergy between pilgrimage and local business."

BARSHAM BREWERY

The Soames family have farmed the West Barsham Estate for generations, making the most of the exceptional soil and sea air that Norfolk is famous for. Their Maris Otter barley is malted just down the road at Crisp Maltings and blended with beautifully pure water from the estate's own bore hole. For Pilgrim's Pale Ale, they used the Pilgrim hop variety which has a deeply fruity, spicy, yet unusually pleasant lemon/grapefruit aroma, with flavour characteristics including verdant berries and pears. Their state-of-the-art brewery is housed in ancient farm buildings on the estate. From planting the seed to drinking the beer takes many months, but only a couple of miles!

Pubs can order Pilgrim's Pale Ale in casks or bottles from Barsham Brewery. ■ info@barshambrewery.co.uk
www.barshambrewery.co.uk

The New **BARKING SMACK**

16 Marine Parade, Great Yarmouth Sea Front




**Norfolk & Suffolk
Ales & Cider available**

**Headlining Grain and
Lacons Brewery**

Opening Times
Mon - Thurs: 11am - 11pm
Fri - Sat: 11am - 12pm
Sun: 11am - 11pm

01493 859752



**NEW
English and
Thai Menu!**

www.barkingsmack.com

**STUART
HOUSE**

HOTEL · BAR · RESTAURANT
Meet, Eat, Drink & Sleep

FREE BEER!!

Have a drink on us when you come for a

GREAT VALUE SPRING WEEKEND BREAK

for only £35^{pppn} b&b

ALWAYS BOOK DIRECT FOR OUR BEST DEALS



*Cosy Accommodation
Real Ale, Beer Garden
Bar meals, Restaurant
Weddings, Wakes
Parties and more...*

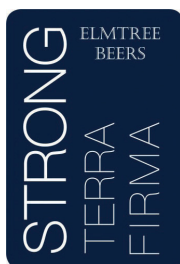
**LISTED IN THE CAMRA
GOOD BEER GUIDE FOR OVER 20 YEARS !!**

Offer includes a pint of real ale or cider on your first night.
Valid for 2 people sharing a standard double/twin room.
Minimum two night stay. Valid for Friday - Sunday stays
1 March '19 - 30th April '20 (Subject to availability)

35 Goodwins Road, Kings' Lynn, PE30 5QX
Tel 01553 772169
www.stuarthousehotel.co.uk

CHAMPION BOTTLED BEER OF NORFOLK 2020

Terra Firma, a strong Barley Wine brewed by the Snetterton based **Elmtree Brewery**, has been named the Champion Bottled Beer of Norfolk 2020 by the local branches of The Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA). The 7.8% beer, described by the judges as 'Rich, well balanced and complex with a dark fruit base' was given the accolade



after a yearlong series of tastings by members of the local Taste Panel. Panel chair Alan Edwards explained, "Real ale in a bottle is a way to explore the many traditional beers in the comfort of your own home. The purpose of the competition is to promote awareness of this option and enable drinkers to seek out the quality beers available."

WINNERS

OVERALL

First	Terra Firma	Elmtree Brewery	Snetterton
Second	Lignum Vitae	Grain Brewery	Alburgh
Third	Winter Solstice	Elmtree Brewery	Snetterton

MILD/BROWN/OLD ALE

First	Christmas Crack	Humpty Dumpty Brewery	Reedham
Second	Chocolate Nutter	Why Not Brewery	Thorpe St Andrew

BITTER

First	Branch Line Bitter	Humpty Dumpty Brewery	Reedham
Second	Red Panther	Panther Brewery	Reepham

STRONG BITTER

First	Lignum Vitae	Grain Brewery	Alburgh
Second	Cheltenham Flyer	Humpty Dumpty Brewery	Reedham

GOLDEN ALE

First	Tom Cat	Fat Cat Brewery	Norwich
Second	American Pale Ale	Panther Brewery	Reepham

BARLEY WINE

First	Terra Firma	Elmtree Brewery	Snetterton
-------	-------------	-----------------	------------

STOUT

First	Coffee Cream Stout	Fat Cat Brewery	Norwich
-------	--------------------	-----------------	---------

PORTER

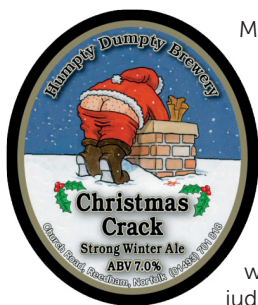
First	Humpty Dumpty Porter	Humpty Dumpty Brewery	Reedham
Second	Prasto's Porter	Boudicca Brewery	West Barsham

SPECIALITY

First	Winter Solstice	Elmtree Brewery	Snetterton
Second	Weizen	Grain Brewery	Alburgh

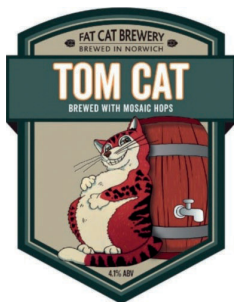
UNIQUE

First	Empire Slate	Grain Brewery	Alburgh
-------	--------------	---------------	---------



Many of Norfolk's 46 breweries produce Real Ale in a Bottle (RAIB). All were invited to enter the competition. Eleven breweries submitted 49 beers for judging by members of the Campaign. Alan went on to add "The judges were very impressed

by the quality and variety of the beers submitted. We have some excellent breweries in the county and it is certainly worthwhile seeking out their beers. With a plethora of styles and tastes there is a beer out there to suit everyone's palate."



The runner up was **Lignum Vitae**, a strong IPA type bitter brewed by **Grain Brewery** from Alburgh. This beer was described as 'Solidly hoppy with a definite marmalade bias'. Elmtree also claimed third place with their porter, Winter Solstice, brewed with added vanilla and cinnamon. ■



Makers of a range of award-winning organic traditional ciders including our User Friendly, Original, Old Norfolk (East Anglia's best cider 2011), Special Reserve and our Rum Cask.

ALSO OUR NORFOLK PERRY
(currently in very good form)

The Old Norfolk is a blend of 2& 3 year old oak matured Norfolk cider. The Special Reserve is a West Country style cider, made from cider apples such as Kingston Blacks, Dabinets, Yarlinton Mills etc.

AVAILABLE IN
5 Gallon (22.5 litre) and 10 litre poly-casks
20 litre Bag-in-Box, or 750ml and 500ml bottles

All our cask ciders are currently unpasteurised and free from artificial sweeteners. Our Bottled ciders are pasteurised but at the lowest possible temperature to ensure the product is stable without compromising the quality or resorting to the use of sulphites.

A RANGE OF ORGANIC JUICES ALSO AVAILABLE

Try also our organic unpasteurised 'Cider and Perry Vinegar'. Widely considered to be good for you and to help you lose weight!

Tel: 01379 687687 • 07500067544
www.crones.co.uk



THE PLASTERERS ARMS

10+ CASK LINES
9+ KEG LINES
CRAFT BEER
REAL ALE
STONE BAKED PIZZA
FRY UPS
DOG FRIENDLY
REVELROUS



THE JUBILEE

REFURBISHED AND BETTER THAN EVER!

- 8 Real Ales/4 Ciders/2 Craft
- Delightful Enclosed Beer Garden
- Family and Pooch Friendly
- Cosy Woodburner
- 2 Pool Tables Upstairs
- 10 min walk from Train Station/ City Centre
- Open from 12 daily
- 30+ Gins available
- BT/Sky Sports Now Shown
- BYO Takeaways/Deliveroo welcome. Plates etc provided

26 St Leonards Street Norwich NR1 4BL • Tel 01603 618734
Email jubileenr1@gmail.com • Find us on Facebook and Instagram

HAVE YOUR SAY

SCORE BEERS TO HELP SELECT PUBS FOR THE GOOD BEER GUIDE AND PUB OF THE YEAR!

We all have our favourite pubs and would probably swear that they serve the best pint in the world, but let's face it, no one can drink everywhere. The CAMRA National Beer Scoring System allows any member to enter a beer score on a national database every time they have a pint and the results make interesting reading.

CAMRA members can use the whatpub.com website, and the *Good Beer Guide* phone app, downloadable from gbgapp.camra.org.uk, to score beers they drink in pubs. These scores are then used in the selection of pubs for the *Good Beer Guide* and Pub of the Year – a minimum average of 3 (out of 5) is required to be considered for the GBG, and 3.5 for Pub of the Year. There are also requirements for a minimum number of scorers and visit dates for each pub.

THE BEST BEER IN WEST NORFOLK

In **West Norfolk** a total of 97 pubs have had at least one score recorded over the past six months, with the Red Lion in Hockwold

topping the list with 67 scores, one ahead of Middleton Gate. It is a bit unfair to judge a pub on only one score, so in an attempt to give the results a bit more credibility, the list below shows the top pubs in our branch area which have received ten or more scores over the last six months.

Hockwold	Red Lion	4.25
Dersingham	Coach & Horses	4.23
Shouldham	Kings Arms	4.20
Middleton	Gate	4.16
Harpley	Rose & Crown	4.14
King's Lynn	Goldings	4.13
King's Lynn	Live & Let Live	4.12
North Wootton	Red Cat Hotel	4.06
Downham Market	Whalebone	4.05
King's Lynn	Stuart House Hotel	4.04
Gaywood	White Horse	4.02
Roydon (W. Norfolk)	Union Jack	4.00

Is this the definitive list of pubs to visit for a great pint in the area? Not really as some pubs would have made the cut with





A regular favourite of CAMRA members, The King's Head achieved a creditable second in the Norwich & District scoring.

a few more scores and some of the ones listed have changed over the period in question, for example Goldings in Kings Lynn, where the original premises have closed and the operation been moved next door into the former Market Bistro. The Nip and Growler in Kings Lynn would also have been listed if we could guarantee that all the beer scores entered were for cask conditioned ale. They sell a decent pint, but with the beer being served from Key Kegs, some of which may contain real ale, while others don't it is hard to tell if a pint qualifies. However, it has its fans and over a third of the 22 'perfect pints' with a 5/5 score which were recorded were served here. The rest, which we can be sure were cask, had little in common. Well-known names such as Wherry, Southwold Bitter, Ghost Ship and Young's Original gained the highest accolade as did less common beers in the area such as Swannay Pale Ale, Jaipur IPA and Titanic Plum Porter. The only beer to score a double top and appear twice was Grain's Threeonesix.

Thanks to all who submitted scores and keep up the search for the perfect pint.

TOP PUBS IN NORWICH & DISTRICT

The top twenty pubs and beers are as follows – please note this only relates to beers scored in pubs in the **Norwich & District** branch area and not the rest of Norfolk. Good to see that all twenty have an average score of 3.3 or more.

Please note that these are for scores submitted in the period November 2019 – January 2020, and reflect the opinion of the people scoring the beers.

Pub	Average Score
Jubilee, Norwich	3.9
Kings Head, Norwich	3.7
Bell Hotel, Norwich	3.6
Plasterers Arms, Norwich	3.6
St Andrews Brewhouse, Norwich	3.6
Fat Cat and Canary, Norwich	3.6

Pub	Average Score
Leopard, Norwich	3.5
White Lion, Norwich	3.5
Trafford Arms, Norwich	3.5
Plough, Norwich	3.4
Fat Cat, Norwich	3.4
Fat Cat Brewery Tap, Norwich	3.4
Ribs of Beef, Norwich	3.4
Artichoke, Norwich	3.4
Reindeer, Norwich	3.3
Artichoke, Broome	3.3
Glasshouse, Norwich	3.2
Limes, Fakenham	3.2
Ten Bells, Norwich	3.1
Murderers, Norwich	3.1

And the top 20 beers are:

Brewery, Beer	Average Score
Adnams, Tally Ho	4.2
Oakham, Citra	4.2
Beeston, Worth the Wait	4.1
Theakston, Old Peculier	3.8
St Andrews Brewhouse, Tombland Porter	3.8
Adnams, Old Ale	3.8
Boudicca, Spiral Stout	3.8
Woodfordes, Norfolk Nog	3.7
Grain, Slate	3.6
Panther, Beast of the East	3.6
Winters, Mild	3.6
Grain, Lignum Vitae	3.5
Oakham, Inferno	3.5
Chalk Hill, Flintknappers	3.4
Grain, ThreeOneSix	3.4
Humpty Dumpty, Little Sharpie	3.4
Wolf, Golden Jackal	3.4
Adnams, Broadside	3.4
Lacons, Encore	3.4
Fat Cat, Norwich Bitter	3.3

SCORES, SCORERS AND PUBS SCORED BY MONTH

Comparing the number of scores in the last quarter for pubs in the Norwich & District branch, against the same

quarter last year, we see a good increase overall, with a total of 827 scores against 679, a decent 22% increase, with a noticeable improvement in January.

Year	Month	Scores	Scorers	Pubs
2018	November	212	28	71
2018	December	245	28	97
2018	January	222	25	68
2019	November	209	38	71
2019	December	261	57	99
2020	January	357	37	87

The scale used for scoring is as follows:

0.5 - undrinkable. This should only be used if the beer was returned and the pub refused to replace it. The score is only included in analysis if the scorer states in the comments that this was the case.

1 – Poor. The beer is anything from barely drinkable to drinkable with considerable resentment.

2 – Average. Competently kept, drinkable pint but doesn't inspire in any way, you drink the beer without really noticing.

3 – Good. Good beer in good form. You'd like to drink another pint and would seek out the beer again.

4 – Very good. Excellent beer in excellent condition.

5 – Perfect. Probably the best you are ever likely to find. A seasoned drinker will award this score very rarely.

Scorers can also submit half-point scores between each of the above. You don't have to be an expert to begin scoring beers, but please note that scoring should be objective, and not about your personal favourite beer receiving the highest scores! You may try a beer that isn't to your normal taste, but what you're judging ideally is the quality of that beer, and how well the pub has kept it and served it. ■

NAME THAT PUB

NOW FOR A PUB QUIZ WITH A DIFFERENCE...

Below is a list of 20 pubs in Norwich and photos taken in 10 of them. The photos are of interesting features in the pubs, and for some you may need to visit!

Can you identify where the photos were taken? Send your answers to quiz@norfolkknips.org.uk and we'll include

the names of everyone who gets them all correct, with the answers in the next edition.

We'll do the same thing in the next three editions of Nips, using pubs from different parts of Norfolk. So if you've got any suggestions for photos we should include, send those in too. ■

LIST OF PUBS

Adam and Eve

Alexandra

Arboretum

Artichoke

Beehive

Belle Vue

Brickmakers

Coachmakers

Champion

Eagle

Fat Cat

Golden Star

Kings Head

Leopard

Murderers

Plasterers

Plough

Walnut Tree Shades

White Lion

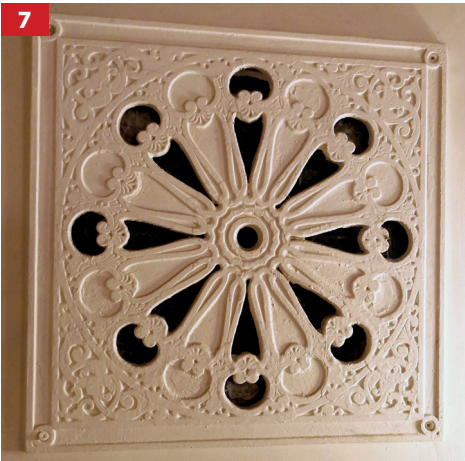
Wig and Pen

1



2







The Market Municipal buildings demolition on 16 June 1938 and inset, Sir Toby's today.

PUBS PAST AND PRESENT

I've always liked old photographs and seeing how places have changed over the years. I started doing some research into a few photos and I wanted to share what I discovered in the hope other people are interested in our former pubs and the history of our current pubs.

I've always lived in Norwich and visited most of the pubs, and also like to explore other cities and towns. In 2018 I visited 212 different pubs. I'm by no means an historian and I'd love to hear from readers if they know more about any of these pubs.

I've started with two historical pubs which no longer exist, but their buildings remain

pretty much unchanged. And one of Norwich's newest pubs, and probably it's smallest, which sits on the site of the old Municipal Buildings, demolished in 1938.

THE DART, BER STREET

I found this old picture and was fascinated. Many of you like me, would have known this as the former Adnam's pub The Horse and Dray, now a Chinese restaurant since its closure in 2010. I never knew it was called The Dart and I love the quirky style. Norfolkpubs.co.uk tells me it started life pre 1802 as the Blue Last becoming the Bulls Head until 1938 and penultimately the Dart up to 1977.



There are a few nods to one of trades that used to operate on 'blood and guts lane' which Ber Street was sometimes nicknamed, with The Bulls Head, Butchers Arms and the Jolly Butchers.

THE JOLLY BUTCHERS, BER STREET

When I spoke to people about old Norwich pubs one name came up a few times, Black Anna, so called because she would always wear black. Antoinette Hannent, whose story can be found at www.musicfromtheeastzone.co.uk, was born in Norwich 1905 to Italian immigrants. Starting out as a ballroom dancer, Anna took on the Jolly Butchers with her husband Kenneth in 1935. Kenneth died in 1947 after which Anna took on the pub herself. In the second world war Anna would entertain the American troops who in turn taught her Jazz and Blues, Anna then became interested in the genre and built her own repertoire. The Jolly Butchers became known as a music venue with Black Anna fronting her own acoustic band (Anna didn't like amplification) up until her death after a short illness in 1976.

The Jolly Butchers itself has a checkered past. In 1852 William Brown was convicted of manslaughter after fight at the pub on Christmas Day the previous year. He was sentenced to one week's hard labour after the jury returned a guilty verdict with a recommendation to mercy. Later in 1852 John Blyth, the landlord at the time, reapplied for his licence at the Annual Licencing Sessions. Not knowing of any complaints, he didn't attend but Superintendent Dunne reported that it was 'a low lodging house and receptacle for thieves, prostitutes and characters of the worst description'.



It was at the adjourned sessions Police Sergeant Steward was called and confirmed the nature of the parties that used the house, but added that Mr. Blyth had always given every facility to the police and conducted the house as well as it could be. The licence was granted after one of the magistrates said 'it would be hard to deprive a man of his bread under such circumstances and thieves had to go somewhere. No tenant should be responsible for such types if he did not assist or protect them.' The pub closed in 1989 and was turned into offices, currently home to an estate agents.

SIR TOBY'S, NORWICH MARKET

I couldn't do this list without featuring a current pub. The photo is from the demolition of the municipal buildings 1938 when the current City Hall opened. The side which houses Sir Toby's now was originally a hotel, before it became part of the civic buildings. Sir Toby's is one of Norwich's newest pubs, and maybe the smallest pub in the country. Saying that it probably has one of the widest selections of food styles, as anything you buy on the market, you are welcome to eat at their stall. It's lovely, friendly little bar with real ale and cider in bottles, a large number of craft bottles and cans and two key keg taps.

Many thanks to Jonathan Plunkett for letting me use photos taken by his dad, George Plunkett, which are available at www.georgeplunkett.co.uk. ■

Ivan Coppard





What is wrong with my beer?

If you drink in pubs, it is likely that you have had a beer that you were unhappy with. It may have looked or tasted wrong, or even been undrinkable. This can apply to beer from a bottle, can, keg or cask. However, cask beer is live and requires additional care, so it is more susceptible to issues of quality.

There are a number of reasons why you might have a problem with your beer. It could be that the recipe is just not to your taste. As well as an array of characterful hops and malts, brewers can add fruits, spices and other flavourings to their beers. In addition, some beers are naturally cloudy so there may be nothing wrong with one that resembles pea soup!

Things can go wrong in the brewery with anything from a recipe that doesn't work to something more serious like an infection. Most breweries would go out of business if this was anything other than a rare occurrence, but anyone who has run a beer festival knows that once in while a beer will need to be condemned and sent back to the brewery.

Beer needs to get from the brewery to the customer's glass as quickly as possible. Beer that is past its sell by date, or transported/stored in hot/sunlit (for bottles) conditions,

is more likely to taste of cardboard, appear dead or flat when served.

Assuming that there is nothing wrong with the beer when delivered to the pub, any problems will be due to something that has happened subsequently. It isn't the prettiest part of a pub, but the cellar is the engine house and of key importance when it comes to beer quality.

10 REASONS WHY YOUR BEER MAY NOT BE AT ITS BEST

1. Beer has not been pulled through and checked at the start of the session to ensure that it tastes fine and is not warm.
2. The glass may be dirty, greasy, warm or tarnished. An incorrectly maintained glass washer may be the source of the problem.
3. The beer may have been served from an unhygienic cellar, or environment warmer than 12C, or in the presence of food and strong aromas. Any of these will ultimately affect the taste of your beer.
4. Beer lines may be dirty due to a poor cleaning regime. Pubs will clean lines weekly or between cask changes using correctly diluted line cleaner. This includes sparklers

and nozzles. Pubs that store casks vertically are at a higher risk of contamination because there is a longer length of line in contact with the beer. For these systems, special brushes are needed to clean them.

5. Beer lines may not have been flushed between barrel changes. This results in stale beer coming into contact with fresh beer, spoiling the next cask.
6. There are too many beers on sale. Once a cask is put on sale it needs to be used within three days. Stronger beers or aspirators can extend this period slightly. This is the most common reason for beer having a vinegary or acetic aroma or taste.
7. The beer may be out of date. Even untapped beer has a limited shelf life and there may be poor stock control in the cellar.
8. Casks have not been allowed to settle or condition, resulting in cloudy or 'green' beer. Also, they may not have been correctly vented and tapped.
9. The cask may have been disturbed or knocked in the cellar resulting in cloudy beer.
10. It may be the last pint or two from the cask. Cloudiness may be due to sediment being pulled through the line. Also, a chill haze can form if the beer has been kept too cool.

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR BEER IS NOT RIGHT

Have a polite word with the bar staff and mention that your beer is not right. Any respectable pub will change your drink for you without hesitation.

Sometimes bar staff will pour another beer off the same pump. This can work if your beer is warm, but will have no effect if it is sour as beer that has gone off will not get better no matter how much is pulled off!

For more information go to www.beerconsultancy.co.uk. ■

Brett Laniosh



• The Gatehouse Pub •
 391 Dereham Road, Norwich NR5 8QJ • Tel: 01603 620340

CELEBRATING 22 YEARS AT THE GATEHOUSE!

FOUR REAL ALES

WEDNESDAY: Irish Folk Music
THURSDAY: Folk & Singing Music
FRIDAY & SATURDAY: Live Music
SUNDAY: Folk Music

Large garden overlooking the River Wensum

OPEN: Mon - Thurs 12 - 11
 Fri - Sat: 12 - 12 • Sun: 12 - 11



PHIL AND VANESSA WELCOME YOU TO A FAMILY RUN PUB

As a family-run business we pride ourselves in our standards of food and service, value for money and attention to detail.

The Acle Bridge is a popular pub and restaurant, open seven days a week and perfect for visitors arriving by boat due to its free moorings. This family-friendly, family-run restaurant on the Broads will offer you a warm welcome, great value for money and a high standard of dining. We have excellent outside facilities designed for children and pets are also welcome.

We have a delicious menu which includes some lovely comfort food and we also have special discounted offers. We also have daily specials available, which are listed on our chalk board in the bar.

Our Main Menu is available Monday to Sunday 12-9pm.
 On Sunday we serve our traditional Sunday Roasts from 12-3pm.

www.aclebridge.co.uk - 01493 750288
 Acle Bridge Inn, Old Road, Acle, NR13 3AT

NORFOLK SEN NETWORK

Helping families get educational support

Norfolk SEN Network helps parents of children with special educational needs to access the services that are best for their child. As a charity which receives no statutory funding, they are entirely dependent on donations from individuals and businesses. The demands on special education providers and charities have never been greater, increasing pressure on the resources available, and in turn leaving less time for fundraising.

"Most of our committee members are parents of children with special educational needs, so we know first-hand how difficult it can be for parents. There's a lot of bureaucracy and it can take months to find the best services for your child. We help parents navigate the process, find professional and legal services, and also give moral support."

As **Norwich City of Ale** charity partner for 2019, Norfolk SEN Network benefitted from an increase in awareness and donations. And City of Ale have announced they'll be continuing the partnership for 2020 too.

NORFOLK SEN NETWORK AIMS TO

- Help make significant change to young people's lives now and for the future.
- Help get the right education for children and young people with special educational needs.
- Offer training, independent support and legal advice.
- Care about the individual and their family and support with school and local authority challenges.

If you or someone you know could benefit from support, Norfolk SEN Network offers free and paid membership options. Their AGM is taking place at 12-2pm on Wednesday 11 March at Sprowston Diamond Centre.



The charity has also had lots of support from two Norwich pubs, the **Walnut Tree Shades** and the **Duke of Wellington**, who've organised fundraising events over the past year.

The latest fundraiser at the **Walnut Tree Shades** was a live music event, with some amazing bands including headliners Das Fenster and The Alibis. The pub donated 50p from every pint sold, and there was a raffle with loads of great prizes, including tickets to see Norwich City FC vs Liverpool FC, kindly donated by Woodforde's.

Licensee Claire Brooks wants to thank all her customers who have supported their events and given so generously. "Your donations raised an amazing £2,088 in our first year plus another £368 at our recent live music event, which was so much fun. We hope you'll help us to raise even more money this year, so Norfolk SEN Network can help even more families."

Events coming up include quiz nights on Wednesdays - 4 and 18 March, 1 and 15 April, 6 and 20 May. There's also a special event on Easter Sunday, featuring bands, games, and a raffle with more fantastic prizes.

The **Duke of Wellington** raised over £2,200 in 2019 from their collection tins, a charity fishing match with Wroxham Angling Club, auction and raffle. They also raised over £400 by asking guests to donate during a family wedding held at the pub.

Much of the fundraising is organised by parents in the network, like Liam who is running the London Marathon this year. "My son Oscar was diagnosed with ASD (Autism) at age 4. Oscar struggles to cope with school and it's a continuous struggle for my wife Nichola and I to get him the right support in his education. Our desperation in the early days led us to The Norfolk SEN Network and Pat who guided us through the mountains of red tape. Without her I'm not sure where we would be today and I owe the charity a debt of gratitude. I've set up a fundraising page at uk.virginmoneygiving.com/liamlondonmarathon2020. I work as a showroom manager for Easy Bathrooms in Norwich and they have promised to match whatever I raise."

HOW YOU CAN HELP

As well as joining in with the fun events in the pubs and City of Ale, you can help the charity in a few ways:

- Donate prizes for stalls, raffles and games – gifts, vouchers and experiences are all suitable.
- Share your ideas for fundraising activities – and even better if you can help organise them!
- Find a home for a collecting tin – do you know any pubs, shops or businesses who could take one?
- Give us 30 minutes – we always need volunteers, even if you don't have much time to spare.
- Join our committee – if you have experience in education, we'd love to have you on board.
- Donate via our website www.norfolksennetwork.org - and share the link with others.

GET IN TOUCH

norfolksennetwork@hotmail.co.uk
www.Facebook.com/norfolksennetwork
 Call 01603 300178
 Registered charity no. 1044353. ■

THE WOLF BREWERY
 @wolfbrewery

WOLF BREWERY
 Howlin' good

SILVER FOX A.P. 4.5%
 Howlin' good

ST. GEORGE'S ALE A.P. 4.5%
 Howlin' good

GOLDEN JACKAL A.P. 4.5%
 Howlin' good

MAD WOLF A.P. 4.5%
 Howlin' good

STRAW DOG A.P. 4.5%
 Howlin' good

GRANNY WOULNT LIKE IT A.P. 4.5%
 Howlin' good

BE-ER MY VALENTINE A.P. 4.5%
 Howlin' good

THE PACK A.P. 4.5%
 Howlin' good

monthly specials available

01953 457775
info@wolfbrewery.com
 Decoy Farm, Norwich Road
 Besthorpe, Attleborough, Norfolk NR17 2LA
 Visit our Brewery Shop (Mon - Fri 9am - 4pm)

The Chequers Inn
 FREE HOUSE

ALWAYS A WARM WELCOME IN OUR TRADITIONAL VILLAGE PUB, SERVING FIVE REAL ALES FROM ACROSS OUR REGION

OPEN EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK
 HOMECOOKED FOOD SERVED EVERYDAY
 MUDDY BOOTS AND DOGS WELCOME

WE'RE IN THE CAMRA GOOD BEER GUIDE 2020!

Front Street, Binham, Norfolk NR21 0AL
 Tel: 01328 830297 ■ thechequers@candscatering.co.uk
www.binhamchequersinn.co.uk

STAR WING BREWERY, TAP ROOM, CAFÉ AND BAKERY

We embarked on a mini tour of pubs and this brewery, Star Wing, was our first stop of the day. It ended up being our only stop... we were so impressed we stayed much longer than planned!

Born from an old 19th Century sawmill and complete with tap room this building overlooks fields and fields of crops seemingly in the middle of nowhere. It is actually located near to the village of Redgrave and the nearest town is Diss.

As we entered, we observed a lovely open tap room with all six of their beers on cask and about 30 different Key Keg and canned craft beers available on the board. We chose our beers and I had a bat of the first 3 beers in 1/3-pint measures; the dry hopped 'Down on The Border', the copper hued classic British bitter 'Gospel Oak' and the straw coloured 'Spire Light' which were all very good.

The tap room also boasts a bakery, though on this occasion Mick the Baker was not open, but preparing for the next day's batch of bread and baked goods. Bar food was available, hot sausage rolls and a selection of simple dishes.

The next bat of beers consisted of the red and fruity 'Red at Night', the 5.0% IPA 'Four Acre Arcadia' and best of all the beautiful porter 'Stain Glass Blue' at 5.4% this was a clear winner and a five out of five classic. This was my choice as a full pint for the next round!

The tap room plays host to live music, food nights and beer festivals at various times throughout the year and is well worth a visit. For more information visit their website at www.starwingbrewery.com. ■

Nige Nudds





THE OLDE WINDMILL INN GREAT CRESSINGHAM

Twixt Swaffham & Watton - IP25 6NN

EVERY WEEK IS A 'BEER FESTIVAL' AT THE MILL

**WITH A CHOICE OF 4 PERMANENT & 2 EVER-CHANGING GUEST REAL ALES
- EVERY WEEK OUR CUSTOMERS HAVE A CHOICE OF 10/12 DIFFERENT
REAL ALES - OUR TARGET IS 50% LOCAL & 50% NATIONAL FAVOURITES.**

**3 Bars 3 Dining Rooms 3 Family Rooms Patio & Terraces
Games Room & Conservatory Beer Garden & Play Area**

14 new En-Suite bedrooms Families Welcome

Fine Food & Country Portions at reasonable prices.

6 Real Ales 6 Lagers 6 Keg Beers & Ciders & incl. real ciders.

**Remember - There is only one original
Discover the difference - visit The Windmill
Tel: 01-760-756-232 Fax 01-760-756-400
Email: email@oldwindmillinn.co.uk
Web: www.oldwindmillinn.co.uk**

COME AND EXPERIENCE ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO EAT IN NORFOLK!

Vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options available.

Visit our website to take a look at our menus

www.ringlandswan.co.uk

Open all day every day from 12 noon til 11pm (10pm Sunday)

Food Served 12-3pm and 5-9pm weekdays,

12-9pm Saturdays, 12-8pm Sundays

BOOK NOW!

Contact us on 01603 868214 or email info@ringlandswan.co.uk



THE RINGLAND SWAN
BAR & RESTAURANT

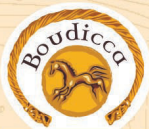
**THE RINGLAND SWAN BAR & RESTAURANT,
1 THE STREET, RINGLAND, NORWICH NR8 6AB**

Boudicca Brewing Company

Vegan Real Ales from Norfolk



Spiral Stout
ABV 4.6%



Three Tails Bitter
ABV 3.9%



Golden Torc
ABV 4.3%



Queen of Hops
ABV 3.7%



Prasto's Porter
ABV 5.2%





The Red Queen
ABV 4.5%

The **Boudicca Brewing Company** is an independent Norfolk brewery, producing Vegan beer from high quality ingredients.

Please see our website or follow us on Twitter and Facebook for our latest news.



Now available
in bottles!

 @boudiccabrewing
 www.facebook.com/BoudiccaBrewingCo
www.boudiccabrewing.co.uk

The Cock Dereham



After years in the wilderness under various restaurant names 'The Cock' in Dereham is reborn, but this time under its original name and as a proper pub! Our constantly changing selection of real ales, friendly atmosphere and regular live Blues bands, makes a visit a must. 10% Discount for card bearing CAMRA members.

www.the-cock.co.uk / 28 Norwich Street NR19 1BX

The great Norfolk Beer Push for **CANCER AWARENESS**

143 miles, 65kg, 9 days, 1 very worthy cause

In previous editions of Norfolk Nips, we have been pleased to highlight the charity challenge by David Holliday of Team Moon Gazer. David will be pushing a full barrel of beer all the way from The Norfolk Brewhouse, in Hindringham North Norfolk, to St Bart's Hospital in London and then on to The Houses of Parliament.

This admirable – if slightly bonkers – challenge by David aims to raise awareness of testicular cancer, one of the biggest killers of young men aged 15-34 in the UK. Each January the team at Moon Gazer brew a beer called Fred's Check to raise awareness of the disease and support the local It's on The Ball charity.



This campaign, as well as offering a great beer, is known to have saved lives in Norfolk. So, this year David pledged to spread the message all the way from Norfolk to London and aims to get over 1,000 men to pledge to check their balls and spread the word.

The message is simple – 98% of cases of this cancer can be cured very quickly and easily if caught in time – hence the need to encourage men to check their balls. However, just a few weeks' delay in diagnosis can see the disease spreading aggressively and, tragically, becoming incurable.

PLEASE DONATE JUST £2 IF YOU CAN (£1 FOR EACH BALL)

Visit www.justgiving.com and search BeerPushIOTB.

So, David has been busy training every day with his bright blue barrel of Moon Gazer – pushing it around the village at the brewery but also around the Norwich ring road. It is obviously quite an unusual sight and David gets plenty of toots and shouts from passing motorists.

While it may sound straight forward, the challenge is hard. The barrel of beer weighs in at a little over 50kg and adding the trolley takes it

up to 65kg – only about 10kg lighter than David himself.

So, he is in effect pushing his body weight 143 miles. But David is hoping it will all be worth it as he explains;

“I wanted to do something different to help the guys at It's On The Ball, but I also wanted to highlight the great job that beer and pubs can do in bringing communities together and getting behind causes like this.”

“If we can get men asking what we are doing, we can spread the word

and save lives, it really is as simple as that.”

“Obviously we will have a few pints in the evening and are looking to put on events in local pubs along the route, so keep an eye out. During the day we will also visit schools, work places and clubs, so get in touch if you would like a visit!”

“To be fair, although the challenge is very hard, it's nothing compared to the work the Its On the Ball team and the oncology nurses do – so this is for them really.”

JOIN IN THE FUN!

David is understandably keen to hear from anyone, particularly CAMRA members or brewers who may be willing to join in the fun for part of the challenge:

“There is so much good that we want the beer push to do in raising awareness for testicular cancer, so should any brewers or CAMRA members want to join in, even for a few minutes along the route it would be great.” You can find out more or get in

TESTICULAR CANCER

- There are 7 new cases of testicular cancer every day in the UK
- 47% of these are in men aged under 35
- 98% can be cured if caught in time
- Checking yourself once a month could save your life

Find out more visit www.itsontheball.org

touch with David at the brewery via their website www.moongazerale.co.uk. ■

9 DAYS AND 143 MILES

Day 1 April 23:	15.6 miles Hindringham to West Lexham
Day 2 April 24:	15.3 miles West Lexham to Watton
Day 3 April 25:	20.4 miles Watton to Ixworth
Day 4 April 26:	22.4 miles Ixworth to Long Melford
Day 5 April 27:	12.3 miles Long Melford to Halstead
Day 6 April 28:	13 miles Halstead to Felstead
Day 7 April 29:	15.8 miles Felstead to Chipping Ongar
Day 8 April 30:	10.1 miles Chipping Ongar to Loughton
Day 9 May 1:	16.4 miles Loughton to St Bartholomew's Hospital the finish line!



**THE SWAN INN,
CONEY WESTON**

We are a traditional pub/restaurant offering excellent food and a cellar full of well kept ales.

FOOD SERVICE

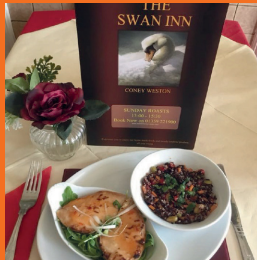
Every day bar Wednesdays.
Sunday roast every week.

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

12 noon to 11pm

- Ample Parking
- Fenced forecourt
- Coaches welcome
- Credit cards
- Wi-fi

Please check website for latest news



The Swan Inn, Thetford Road, Coney Weston, IP31 1DN

T: 01359 221900 • E: philip.cooper120@sky.com • [f theswaninnconeyweston](https://www.facebook.com/theswaninnconeyweston)

www.swaninnconeyweston.com



CAMRA BRANCH CALENDAR

MARCH

East Norfolk

Monday 2: Branch social – meet 6pm at The Mariners, head to The Star Hotel for Brian's quiz

Monday 9: Branch meeting – 7pm The Nelson

Friday 27: Caister 5@5pm - Never Turn Back, Ship, Gate, King's, Branford's

West Norfolk

Tuesday 10: Downham Market Pub Tour - meet 7.30pm at the Whalebone. Contact Andrea Briers rd.eastanglia@camra.org.uk or 01553 766904.

Norwich & District

Friday 6: First Friday Five – 8pm The Eagle, York Tavern, Rose Tavern, William & Florence, Pear Tree Inn. Non-CAMRA members welcome.

Thursday 12: Lunchtime stroll – 12pm Gibraltar Gardens, The Nelson, Fat Cat, Belle Vue, Alexandra

Wednesday 18: Lunchtime campaign trip – 5 pubs outside Norwich, booking essential socials@norwichcamra.org.uk

Thursday 19: Branch AGM – 7.30pm Louis Marchesi

Sunday 22: *NEW* Sunday stroll – 12pm Whalebone, Rosebery, Angel Gardens, Duke of Wellington, Stanley, Artichoke

Friday 27: Campaign trip – 5 pubs outside Norwich, booking essential socials@norwichcamra.org.uk

APRIL

East Norfolk

Monday 6: Branch Meeting - 7pm The Mariners

Friday 24: Gorleston 5@5pm - Pub on the Shrub, The Feathers, Dock Tavern, Green Bear, William Adams

West Norfolk

Tuesday 14: Branch meeting/social - 8pm Red Lion, Hockwold

Saturday 18: Historic Pubs of King's Lynn - 11.30am, contact jeffhoyle@btinternet.com or 01553 761890

Thursday 23: Moon Gazer social evening in support of It's on the Ball - George & Dragon, Newton by Castle Acre

Norwich & District

Friday 3: First Friday Five – 8pm Duke of Wellington, Angel Gardens, Rosebery, Whalebone, Fat Cat Brewery Tap. Non-CAMRA members welcome.

Thursday 9: Lunchtime campaign trip – 5 pubs outside Norwich, booking essential socials@norwichcamra.org.uk

Wednesday 15: Lunchtime stroll – 12pm Fat Cat Brewery Tap, Marlborough, Artichoke, Leopard, Plasterers

Sunday 19: *NEW* Sunday stroll – 12pm Beehive, Unthank Arms, The Eagle, Trafford Arms, Kings Arms, The Rose

Friday 24: Campaign coach trip – 5 pubs outside Norwich, booking essential socials@norwichcamra.org.uk

MAY

East Norfolk

Monday 11: Branch meeting – 7pm William Adams

Friday 14 to Sunday 17:

Great Yarmouth Beer and Cider Festival - The Drill Hall

Friday 29: Yarmouth 5@5 - The Red Herring, Barking Smack, Pub on the Prom, Tombstone, Mariners

West Norfolk

Tuesday 12: Branch Evening Social, details tbc. Contact Andrea Briers rd.eastanglia@camra.org.uk or 01553 766904.

Norwich & District

Friday 1: First Friday Five – 8pm Garden House, Black Horse, Mr Pickwicks, Micawbers, Strangers Tavern. Non-CAMRA members welcome.

Thursday 7: Lunchtime stroll – 12pm White Lion, Golden Star, Rumsey Wells, Strangers Tavern, The Vine

Thursday 14: Lunchtime campaign trip – 5 pubs outside Norwich, booking essential socials@norwichcamra.org.uk

Thursday 21: Branch meeting and social Time and venue tbc

Sunday 24: *NEW* Sunday stroll – 12pm Fat Cat, Belle Vue, Alexandra, Reindeer, Ten Bells, The Plough

Friday 29: Campaign coach trip – 5 pubs outside Norwich, booking essential socials@norwichcamra.org.uk

JUNE

East Norfolk

Monday 8: Branch meeting - 7pm The Red Herring

Friday 26: Gorleston 5@5 - The Feathers, Entertainer, Oddfellows Arms, King William, Pub on the Pier

West Norfolk

Saturday 6: Thetford Pub Tour, contact Andrea Briers rd.eastanglia@camra.org.uk or 01553 766904.

Norwich & District

Tuesday 2: Lunchtime campaign trip – 5 pubs outside Norwich, booking essential socials@norwichcamra.org.uk

Friday 5: First Friday Five – 8pm Last Pub Standing, Edith Cavell, Louis Marchesi, Glasshouse, Ribs of Beef. Non-CAMRA members welcome.

Sunday 14: *NEW* Sunday stroll – 12pm White Lion, Golden Star, Strangers Tavern, Rumsey Wells, St Andrews Brewhouse, Playhouse Bar

Thursday 19: Lunchtime stroll – 12pm Black Horse, Garden House, Warwick St Social, Rose Tavern, York Tavern

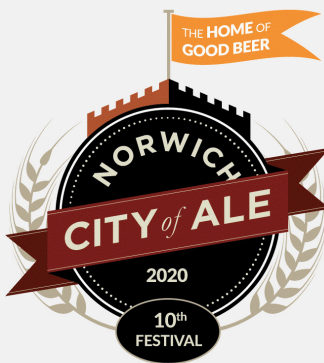
Friday 26: Campaign coach trip – 5 pubs outside Norwich, booking essential socials@norwichcamra.org.uk



NORWICH CITY OF ALE

Thursday 21 to Sunday 31 May 2020

Norwich City of Ale returns for its 10th edition and the biggest yet! Tickets to the official launch party are on sale now for just £10 including 3 pints! It's taking place at The Waterfront from 5.30 to 10.30pm on Thursday 21 May and will include live entertainment, food stalls and over 40 champion beers, new brews and craft beers from Belgium.



in Norwich and showcasing beers from across the region ever since.

There's a few changes to the organising team too, as after nine years at the helm, Dawn Leeder has stepped down as co-chair of City of Ale. Together with Phil Cutter from The Murderers pub, Dawn co-founded and co-chaired this ground-breaking festival.

City of Ale is all about enjoying fantastic beer and exploring Norwich's wonderful pubs and there's loads of great venues to try, those that have been involved for many years and some newer additions. City of Ale pioneered the concept of holding a beer festival in multiple venues across a town or city. Set up in 2011, it was the country's original Beer Week. It has been driving business into pubs

Asked about her decision to hand over the reins, Dawn said, "I really feel as if I've taken City of Ale as far as I can. 2019 was the most successful festival to date – with more visitors than ever flocking to Norwich pubs to sample ales from the region's superb breweries. Over the past nine years City of Ale has achieved all the ambitions that Phil and I had for it, from

its inception. Norwich is now recognised as the first and foremost Beer City in the UK, attracting increasing numbers of beer lovers from outside the region."

Renowned beer writer Roger Protz paid tribute to her contribution "Dawn has radically raised the profile of pubs in Norwich and breweries in the wider region – and ensured that the City rose to prominence on the beer map of Britain. There are now similar events in at least a dozen British towns and cities – all generating support for pubs, breweries and local economies. The impact of City of Ale has been profound."

David Holliday from Moon Gazer Brewery has become as a new City of Ale director, and he and Phil Cutter now co-chair the organisation. He will be involved in the overall running of the festival and will be taking over the key role of brewers' co-ordinator.

David says, "Pubs and beer can bring communities together and be a power for good. By working together, brewers and licensees can make a real difference. I am delighted to join the team and have the opportunity to spread the word about how important pubs are - and what a great destination Norwich is. It will be good to look at what more we



David Holliday, Frances Brace, Phil Cutter, 2020 City of Ale organisers. **LAURA WATSON**

can do to extend the benefits of City of Ale beyond the festival itself."

Frances Brace from Red Flame Communications joins Phil and David on the organising team, and our fantastic City Hosts will once again be involved to give visitors to Norwich a warm welcome and useful info. The festival continues to have fantastic support from Norwich BID and Farnell Clarke plus a host of other local business supporters. ■

www.cityofale.org.uk
www.facebook.com/norwichcityofale
 Twitter @cityofale



Dawn Leeder and Norwich City Hosts in training for City of Ale. **FRANCES BRACE**



BRITAIN'S ORIGINAL BEER WEEK

21-31 MAY 2020

THE AWARD WINNING CITY WIDE FESTIVAL
CELEBRATING REGIONAL CRAFT & CASK BEER

FEATURING

50
PUBS

7
ALE TRAILS

40
BREWERIES

AWARD WINNING
CRAFT & CASK BEERS

LOADS OF
BEER EVENTS



Norwich
Business
Improvement
District

Book your tickets for the launch party
Thursday 21st May from 5.30pm.

01603 508050 | ueaticketbookings.co.uk

cityofale.org.uk

**FARNELL
CLARKE**

Far from your typical accountants!

MEMBERS WEEKEND

YORK, FRIDAY 3 TO SUNDAY 5 APRIL

If you haven't already registered for the members weekend, conference and AGM, what are you waiting for?

As well as the conference and AGM agenda, there are free of charge fringe activities for those who'd like to learn something new or get expert advice to help their branch. All activities listed below can be booked through the Members Weekend area on www.camra.org.uk.

Some paid social activities are also available including brewery trips to Nomadic in Leeds, Brass Castle in Malton and Roosters in Knaresborough. Be quick as places are selling fast!

Or join your fellow CAMRA members for a wander around the historic city of York and explore the many excellent real ale pubs.

FRINGE ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY 4 APRIL 3.30-5PM

CAMPAIGNING ON THE PUBS CODE

The basics, understanding the issues and how branches can campaign locally.

This session will be run by Ben Wilkinson, Chair of CAMRA's Pub & Club Campaigns Committee, and Ellie Hudspith, CAMRA's Policy & Research Manager.

WHAT IS A BRAND?

What is a brand and how can membership organisations like CAMRA take a more thoughtful and engaging approach to brand behaviour?

The session will cover best practice from the commercial world to help us tell our great stories more effectively and consistently! Presented by Tim Smith, member of CAMRA's Marketing & Communications Committee.



IDENTIFYING BEER FAULTS

Presented by Lynda (NW Tasting Panel Co-ordinator) and Stuart Johnson, licensees of the Prince of Wales Brew Pub in Broughton-in-Furness. This session will help you understand the difference between beer that is bad due to brewery faults, and beer that is bad due to poor cellarmanship in the pub/ bar.

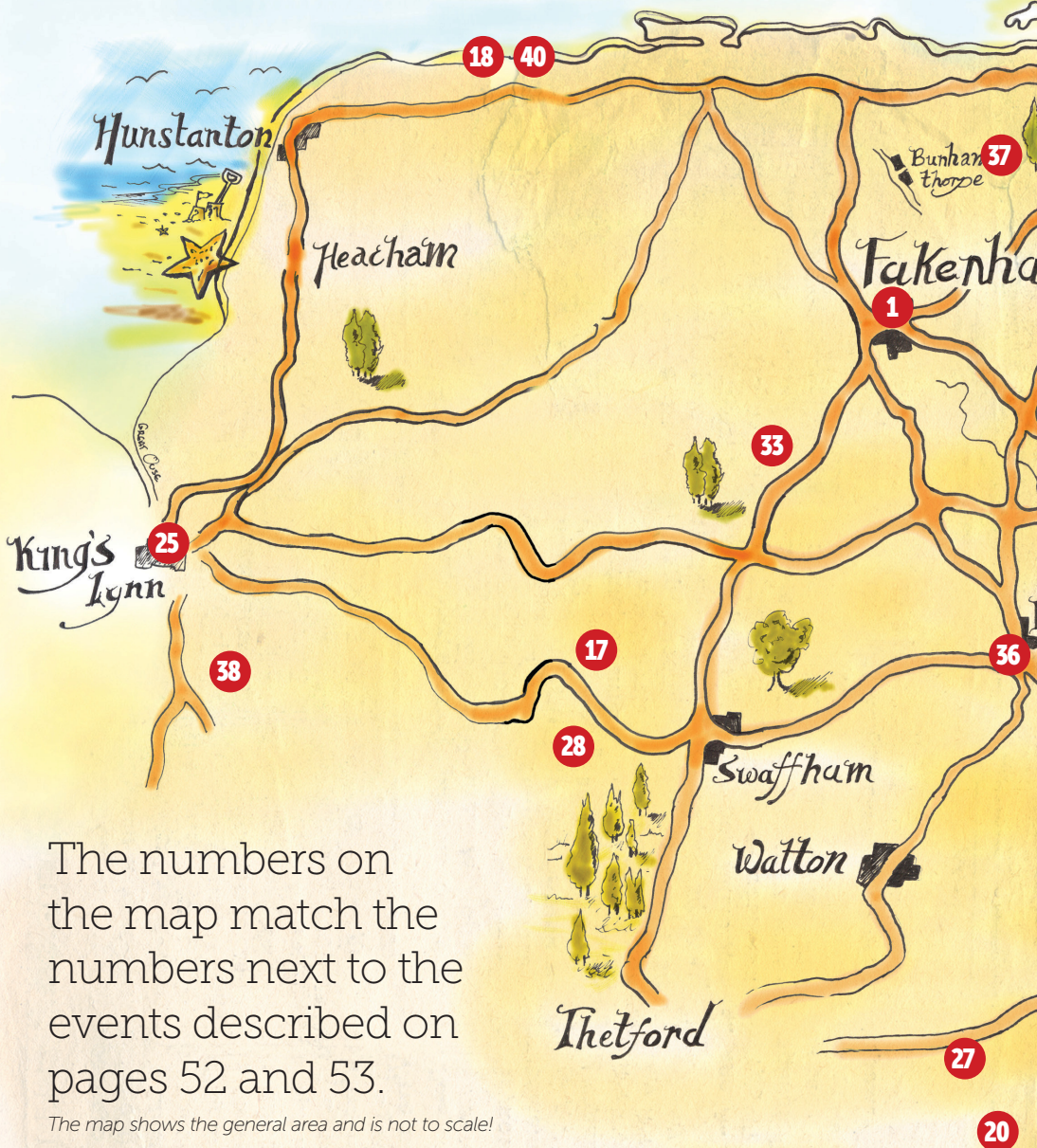
LEARNING & DISCOVERY

Session run by Alex Metcalfe, CAMRA's Learning & Discovery Manager, along with members who took part in the 2019 pilot programme of learning and discovery spaces at festivals. An overview of the programme followed by a panel session and Q&A.: What went well, what could be improved and where do we go from here.

USING SOCIAL MEDIA TO PROMOTE YOUR BRANCH

A discussion on how branches can harness social media to promote their branch activities, including beer festivals. Delivered by the communications team, the session will include an overview of the platforms, hints and tips to amplify your voice and information on best practice. ■

THERE'S A BEER FESTIVAL NEAR YOU!



The numbers on the map match the numbers next to the events described on pages 52 and 53.

The map shows the general area and is not to scale!



- 1 20-21 MARCH**
Fakenham Gin & Beer Festival
 20 ales, ciders, live music, food
 Fakenham Community Centre, NR21 9DY
www.fakenhambeerfest.co.uk
- 2 9-13 APRIL**
Gladstone Arms Easter Beer Festival
 Gladstone Arms, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 2AP
www.gladstonearms.co.uk
- 3 25 APRIL**
Wildfest - Battle of the Bands
 Last Pub Standing, 27-29 King St, Norwich NR1 1PD
 Cask and craft ales, food, music
 01603 278054 • www.wildcraftbrewery.co.uk
- 4 1-3 MAY**
Aylsham Round Table 15th Anniversary Beer Festival
 35 ales, 15 ciders, gin, food, live entertainment
 Aylsham Town Hall, Market Place, Aylsham NR11 6EL
- 5 8-10 MAY**
Wymondham and District Ex-Services Social Club Beer Festival
 24 real ales, ciders, live music (Sun)
 9 Friarscroft Lane, Wymondham NR18 0AT
- 6 14-17 MAY**
Great Yarmouth Beer & Cider Festival
 Beers, ciders, live music, festival-style food and circus!
 The Drill House, York Rd, Great Yarmouth NR30 2LZ
 01493 745828 • www.gytcp.co.uk
- 7 19-26 MAY**
3rd Annual Birthday Beer Festival
 Craft beers, food specials, BBQ, new gin launch, entertainment (Fri-Sun)
 The Lion, The Street, Thurne NR29 3AP
 01692 671806 • www.thelionathurne.com
- 8 20-25 MAY**
Dove St. Spring Beer Festival
 Craft beers, real cider & ales, wood fired pizzas, BBQ, vegan options
 Dove St. Inn, Ipswich IP4 2LH
www.dovestreetinn.co.uk
- 9 21 MAY**
City of Ale Launch Party
 40+ award winning cask ales, key & craft beer bar, Belgian beers
 The Waterfront, Norwich
www.cityofale.org.uk
- 10 21-31 MAY**
10th Norwich City of Ale Festival
 City wide festival celebrating regional cask and craft beer featuring 50 pubs, 7 Ale Trails, 40 breweries, many beer events
www.cityofale.org.uk
- 11 23-24 MAY**
Earle Arms Beer & Cider Festival
 Earle Arms, Heydon NR11 6AD
 East Anglian ales, live music (Sat)
<https://earlearms.vpweb.co.uk>

- 12 22-25 MAY**
Green Dragon Spring Beer, Cider & Music Festival
 Green Dragon, Wymondham NR18 0PH
 Over 50 ales and ciders, music (every day), BBQ, rum & gin bar
www.greendragonnorfolk.co.uk
- 13 29-31 MAY**
Wildfest - Brewery
 Cask and craft ales, food, music
 Wildcraft Brewery, Foragers Rest, Coltishall Rd, Buxton, NR10 5JD
 01603 278054 • www.wildcraftbrewery.co.uk
- 14 5-6 JUNE**
Morley Beer Festival & Family Fun Day
 Real ale, cider, gin, rum, live music, family entertainment
 Derek Daniel's Playing Field, Golf Links Rd, Morley, Wymondham NR18 9SU
www.morleyfestivalnorfolk.co.uk
- 15 12-14 JUNE**
South Walsham Beer, Music & Vintage Weekend
 12 real ales, 3 ciders, Ceilidh (Fri), Band (Sat), Vintage Car Festival (Sun)
 South Walsham Village Hall, School Rd, South Walsham NR13 6DZ
 01903 270255 • www.southwalshamvillagehall.org.uk
- 16 12-13 JUNE**
Harleston Beer Festival
 20 beers, ciders, lagers, Prosecco, food, live music
 Swan Hotel, 19 The Thoroughfare, Harleston IP20 9AS
 01379 852221 • www.harlestonbeerfestival.org.uk
- 17 13 JUNE**
West Acre Village Fete
 Real ale, BBQ, games, refreshments
 Abbey House, West Acre, Kings Lynn PE32 1TS
 01760 755254 • www.westacre-estate.co.uk
- 18 19-21 JUNE**
11th Ale & Music Festival
 Real ales, craft beer, cider, live music
 Jolly Sailors, Brancaster Staithe PE31 8BJ
 01485 210314 • www.jollysailorsbrancaster.co.uk
- 19 18-22 JUNE**
Solstice Beer Festival
 100+ Beers & Ciders, Live Music
 Hill House, Happisburgh NR12 0PW
 01692 650004 • www.hillhouseinn.co.uk
- 20 26-28 JUNE**
Fox Music & Beerfest
 Real ales, ciders, music, food
 The Fox Inn, The Street, Garboldisham, Diss IP22 2RZ
 01953 688538 • www.garboldishamfox.co.uk
- 21 2-5 JULY**
13th Annual Beehive Beer Festival
 Over 25 local and national beers & ciders, charity BBQ all weekend
 Beehive Freehouse, 30 Leopold Rd, Norwich NR4 7PJ • www.beehivepubnorwich.co.uk

22 14-18 JULY
Heathlands 10th Summer Beer Festival

Blofield Heath, Norwich NR13 4QH
 20 ales, 3 ciders, live music, family night
 07818 466473 • www.heathlandscommunitycentre.org.uk

23 17-19 JULY
Poppy Line 19th Beer Festival

North Norfolk Railway annual beer festival with real ales, ciders, live entertainment, hot food and trains!
 Held at Sheringham Station, NR26 8RA
www.nnr.co.uk

24 TBC JULY
Crusaders RUF.C Annual Beer Fest

Over 30 real ales & ciders, live music camping
 Crusaders RUF.C, Beckhithe, Little Melton NR9 3NP
 01603 880663 • www.crusadersrugbyclub.com

25 23-25 JULY
23rd Annual Kings Lynn Round Table Beer Festival

40 real ales, cider, prosecco, food, live entertainment
 Stuart House Hotel, 35 Goodwins Rd, Kings Lynn PE30 5QX
 01553 772169 • www.stuarthousehotel.co.uk

26 24-26 JULY
11th Annual Reedham Beer Festival

Beer, cider, food, music, dancing and family fun
 Reedham Village Hall and Playing Fields NR13 3HL

27 30 JULY -1 AUGUST
Angel Inn Summer Beer Festival

Up to 100 beers and ciders
 Larling NR16 2QU
 Tel: 01953 717963 • www.angel-larling.co.uk

28 1 AUGUST
Moth in a China Shop Beer & Music Festival

Old Larchwood, Beachamwell, Swaffham PE37 8AT
 Beers, live music, camping and wildlife!
www.mothinachinashop.co.uk

29 1 AUGUST
Wildfest - Costessey

Cask and craft ales, food, music
 Scout Field & Pickerings Field, The Street,
 Old Costessey NR8 5DB
 01603 278054 • www.wildcraftbrewery.co.uk

30 2 AUGUST
Bannarow Festival

Real ales, gins, food, live music and children's entertainment
 The Crown, Colby Rd, Banningham, Aylsham NR11 7DY
www.banninghamcrown.co.uk

31 7-9 AUGUST
Ranworth 11th Beer Festival

25+ beers & ciders, food, live music each day
 Ranworth Village Hall, Broad Road NR13 6HS
www.ranworthvillage.com

32 21-23 AUGUST
Artichoke Beer & Gin Festival

Real ale, gin, live music (all weekend)
 The Artichoke, 162 Yarmouth Rd, Broome, Bungay NR35 2NZ
 Facebook: [theartichokebroome](https://www.facebook.com/theartichokebroome)

33 28-29 AUGUST
Wildfest - Raynham Hall

Cask & craft ales, food, music
 Raynham Hall, East Raynham NR21 7EP
 01603 278054 • www.wildcraftbrewery.co.uk

34 28 AUGUST - 1 SEPTEMBER
Duke of Wellington Summer Beer Fest

40+ Beers + Ciders, BBQ and Music (Sat-Mon)
 Duke of Wellington, Norwich
 01603 441182 • www.dukeofwellingtonnorwich.co.uk

35 28-31 AUGUST
Green Dragon Summer Beer, Cider & Music Festival

Over 50 ales & ciders, music (every day), BBQ, rum & gin bar
 Green Dragon, Wymondham
www.greendragonnorfolk.co.uk

36 28-31 AUGUST
Ales by Rails Beer & Music Festival

Dereham Station, Mid Norfolk Railway NR19 1DF
 Up to 50 real ales, live music
www.mnr.org.uk/events/beer

37 28-31 AUGUST
Chequers Beer & Cider Festival

www.binhamchequersinn.co.uk

38 4-6 SEPTEMBER
Beer, Cider, Gin & Music Festival

Varied food offerings throughout
 Kings Arms, Shouldham PE33 0BY
 01366 347410 • www.kingsarmsshouldham.co.uk

39 4-6 SEPTEMBER
Annual Music & Beer Festival

Nelson Head, Horsey, Great Yarmouth NR29 4AD
 40+ beers, 40+ ciders, live music and food throughout, free camping
www.nelsonhead.com

40 5 SEPTEMBER
Jolly Sailors 4th Cider Festival

Over 20 local ciders, BBQ, live music
 Jolly Sailors, Brancaster Staithe PE31 8BJ
www.jollysailorsbrancaster.co.uk

41 17-20 SEPTEMBER
Tapfest 2020

Huge range of cask and keg ales showcasing the UK's finest examples of beer through the ages
 Fat Cat Brewery Tap, 98-100 Lawson Rd, Norwich NR3 4LF
www.fatcattap.co.uk

42 9-10 OCTOBER
Oktoberfest Norwich

Bavarian beer, food and entertainment.
 SPECIAL OFFER for Nips readers - 20% discount on standard tickets - quote NNFEST20%
 Banking hall, 20 Bank Plain, Norwich NR2 4SF
 01603 763111 • www.opennorwich.org.uk

43 13-15 NOVEMBER
9th Autumn Beccles Beer Festival

30 real ales from Norfolk & Suffolk, craft ales, live music (Fri/Sat), prize quiz/ crossword, free admission
 Beccles Public Hall, Smallgate, Beccles NR34 9AD
 01502 770060 • www.becclesbeerfestival.co.uk

2020 BEER FESTIVAL
July 30th - August 1st



The Angel Inn
FREEHOUSE

OPEN ALL DAY • EVERY DAY

Quality Meals Available From Noon
Lounge & Public Bar with Open Fire
5 Real Ales including a Mild, plus a real Cider
Large Beer Garden • Plenty of Parking
Four Star En-Suite Accommodation
Caravan and Camping Park

Larling, Norfolk NR16 2QU
Tel: 01953 717963

www.angel-larling.co.uk



VIKING BAR SOUTH WALSHAM PROUDLY PRESENT:
A BEER, MUSIC AND VINTAGE WEEKEND

FRIDAY 12TH JUNE – SUNDAY 14TH JUNE 2020

BEER FESTIVAL WITH 12 REAL ALES AND 3 CIDERS THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND
OPENING ON FRIDAY FROM 5PM WITH A KEILIDH AT 7.30PM FEATURING
‘FAIRGREEN KEILIDH BAND’. ON SATURDAY OPEN FROM 12.00 NOON TILL
LATE FEATURING LOCAL BAND ‘HARD RAIN’ AND ON SUNDAY 10.00-4.00PM
AND INCLUDES A VINTAGE CAR FESTIVAL. LIVE CIRCUS SHOWS WILL FEATURE
THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND, WITH FOOD AND CRAFT STALLS. FOR FURTHER
DETAILS VISIT OUR FACEBOOK OR WEB PAGES.

FREE ADMISSION

**SOUTH WALSHAM VILLAGE HALL, SCHOOL RD, SOUTH
WALSHAM NR13 6DZ • TEL: 01603 270255**

WWW.SOUTHWALSHAMVILLAGEHALL.CO.UK

Wymondham & District Ex-Services Social Club
9 Friarscroft Lane Wymondham Norfolk NR18 0AT

ANNUAL BEER FESTIVAL

“EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND”

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 11am till 11pm



Music on Saturday Evening
24 Real Ales & Cider
Gilly B’s on front car park
Friday & Saturday



Traditional English 14th Century Tavern set within the heart of Wymondham

Multi-Award Winning Pub

CAMRA Rural pub of the year 2019
In the 2020 Good Beer Guide



Over 120 spirits including speciality Gin, Rum & Whiskies

Large Beer Garden

Open from Midday Everyday

Fresh home cooked food including Gluten Free, Veg and Vegan options

Local suppliers used where possible



BEER FESTIVAL WITH OVER 60 ALES & CIDERS, MUSIC & BBQ • MAY 22-25 AND AUGUST 28-31

- 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month Ukelele Group
- Every Wednesday and Sunday 7pm Running Club
- Every Thursday pub Quiz night
- Every month from 9pm: Live Lounge, Rum & Gin Club

Check out our website & facebook page for upcoming events throughout the year!



THE GREEN DRAGON WYMONDHAM

6 Church Street, Wymondham, Norfolk NR18 0PH

T: 01953 607907 • E: info@greendragonnorfolk.co.uk • W: www.greendragonnorfolk.co.uk





THE BEEHIVE FREEHOUSE



7 REAL ALES
ON HAND PUMP

30 LEOPOLD ROAD NORWICH NR4 7PJ
WWW.BEEHIVEPUBNORWICH.CO.UK

REAL CIDER PLUS
CRAFT KEG BEERS

13TH ANNUAL BEER FESTIVAL JULY 2ND-5TH 2020

Featuring over 25 Local and National
Beers & Ciders + Charity BBQ all weekend

NORFOLK AND NORWICH CAMRA CITY PUB OF
THE YEAR & NORFOLK PUB OF THE YEAR 2015

NOW FEATURING A MONTHLY 'POP UP KITCHEN'
SERVING TRADITIONAL FOOD FROM THE PUNJAB

Free wifi

FOLLOW US ON



TRADITIONAL PUB LUNCHTIME MENU

QUIZ NIGHT EVERY WEDS FREE ENTRY
MAX FIVE PER TEAM STARTS @ 9PM



King's Arms

SHOULDHAM

Set in the heart of Shouldham, we are proud to
be West Norfolk's first community owned pub.

We pride ourselves on serving great food and
great beer in a great location.

**Our Beer, Cider, Gin & Music
Festival returns on Sept 4-6.
see website for details**

01366 347 410

KINGSARMSHOULDHAM.CO.UK

CAMRA West Norfolk Pub of the Year 2016, 2017 & 2018





BEER & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Moth in a China Shop is holding its 4th Music and Beer Festival on **Saturday 1st August 2020**. The event is held in a beautiful 40-acre wood with a natural clearing, ideal for our summer event.

Old Larchwood is found near to Beachamwell, Swaffham PE37 8AT and apart from playing home to our Music and Beer Festival it is also home to many rare species of trees and an abundance of wildlife including Deer, Squirrels, Birds of Prey, Rabbits and many more.

Beers and Ciders from Norfolk Brewery
 Local Gin
 BBQ

Children's Treasure Hunt

Our main sponsor is Mr Hugh's who is the backbone to all our events www.mrhughs.co.uk

The festival runs from **1.00pm - 10.00pm** and is free entry.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 07786 920450

WE ALSO OFFER CAMPING AT £5 PER PITCH FOR OUR BEER-DRINKERS!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MANY OF YOU THERE!

THE JOLLY SAILORS

11TH ALE AND MUSIC FESTIVAL



19-21 JUNE 2020
 Real Ale • Craft Beer
 Cider • Live Music

ALL WELCOME



Brancaster Straithe • Norfolk • PE31 8BJ
 01485 210311 • www.jollysailorsbrancaster.co.uk

CITY OF ALE

ADNAMS SHOWCASE [MAY 21st-31st]

6 KEG | 6 CASK | 3 EXCLUSIVE BREWS
 SPIRITS | WINES | LOW ALCOHOL
 @therumseywells FOR UPDATES

PIEMINISTER PIE + PINT £10 | 12PM-3PM

THE RUMSEY WELLS

dedicated to the art of good drinking

THE EARLE ARMS

A TRADITIONAL COUNTRY PUB



ALL WELCOME

**BEER & CIDER
FESTIVAL**
MAY 23-24
Celebrating East
Anglian Ales
LIVE MUSIC
SATURDAY EVE

GOOD FOOD

3 REAL ALES

SUNDAY ROASTS

OPEN FIRES

CAR PARK • PARTIES

THE GREEN, HEYDON, NORWICH
NR11 6AD • **BOOKINGS: 01263 587 376**

f theearlearms **@** tripadvisor

WWW.THEEARLEARMS.COM

The DOVE
Street Inn FREEHOUSE



76 St.Helens Street, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP4 2LA
01473 211270 • www.dovestreetinn.co.uk

SPRING BEER FESTIVAL
Wed MAY 20th - Mon 25th

WOOD FIRED PIZZAS, BBQ,
CHOICE OF VEGAN FOOD OPTIONS,
CRAFT BEERS, REAL CIDER & ALE



THE GLADSTONE ARMS

2 Combs Ford, Stowmarket Tel: 01449 771608
www.gladstonearms.co.uk

EASTER FESTIVAL

Thursday 9th APRIL - Monday 13th

QUIZ NIGHT

1st & 3rd Sunday
of the month

STEAK NIGHT

Every Thursday
from 5th March



WELL OVER 100 BEERS, CIDERS AND GINS

THE HILL HOUSE INN SOLSTICE BEER FESTIVAL 2020
12.00-23.30 EVERYDAY • 18TH-22ND JUNE 2020

- FESTIVAL T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE
- CAMPING SITES NEARBY
- FOOD ALL DAY INCLUDING BBO
- LIVE MUSIC ALL WEEKEND
- SPECIALIST GIN BAR
- 5 PINT TAKEAWAY POUCHES
- DANCING MEN BEERS ALSO AVAILABLE IN 36 PINT BIBS
- EAST ANGLIA'S LARGEST INDEPENDENT BEER FESTIVAL!

JOIN US FOR THE 20TH ANNUAL HAPPISBURGH FESTIVAL BY THE SEA

£9.00 ENTRY INCLUDES PRINTED FESTIVAL GLASS, TASTING NOTES
AND UNLIMITED ENTRY TO ENTIRE FESTIVAL WITH WRISTBAND

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 01692 650004

FIND US ON

WWW.HILLHOUSEINN.CO.UK

FIND US ON

FOX INN GARBOLDISHAM

LOCAL REAL ALES AND CIDERS

CAMRA MID ANGLIA CIDER PUB 2019

 MUSIC  FOOD  LOG FIRES
WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE
HISTORIC EARLY 16th CENTURY PUB



MUSIC AND BEER FESTIVAL 26 – 28 JUNE 2020

The Street, Garboldisham, Breckland
Junction of the A1066 and B111

Garboldishamfox.co.uk 01953 688538 (5pm Fri- 5pm Sun)



HEATHLANDS

WOODBASTWICK ROAD, BLOFIELD HEATH, NORWICH, NR13 4QH
REGISTERED CHARITY No. 303909

10th SUMMER BEER FESTIVAL

**TUESDAY JULY 14TH
TO SUNDAY JULY 18TH**

20 Ales, 3 Ciders, Live Music, BBQ,
Family Night and fully stocked bar

Ring Alan on 07818 466473 for details

See our main advert in the
Summer Issue of Norfolk Nips

CRUSADERS



RUGBY

CRUSADERS RUFC ANNUAL BEER FESTIVAL

CRUSADERS



RUGBY

SPONSORED BY FAT CAT BREWERY

JULY 2020 DATE TBC

SEE WEBSITE FOR UPDATES

FIND US AT

Little Melton Rd.,
NR9 3NP




LIVE MUSIC · CAMPING

OVER 30 REAL ALES & CIDERS

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

www.crusadersrugbyclub.com




oktoberfest
 norwich
 2020
NORWICH'S
LARGEST INDOOR FESTIVAL
 Complete with authentic Bavarian beer,
 food and entertainment by
 The Bavarian Strollers & Night Train
Friday 9TH & Saturday 10TH October
6.00pm - 11.00pm | 18+
Tickets from £15 adv + Booking Fee
 Get 20% off standard tickets
 quote NNfest20% when booking*

 Banking Hall, 20 Bank Plain, Norwich, NR2 4SF
 BOX OFFICE: 01603 763111 | openorwich.org.uk
*Offer ends 30/04/20



THE LION INN PUB PRESENTS
 THE 3RD ANNUAL
BIRTHDAY
BEER
FESTIVAL
TUESDAY 19 MAY UNTIL
TUESDAY 26 MAY
 Entertainment Fri/Sat/Sun | Craft Beer | Food
 Specials | BBQ | **NEW Gin Launch**
The Street, Thurne, NR29 3AP,
01692 671806 WWW.THELIONATTHURNE.COM




BEERS OF EUROPE
 NOT JUST BEER, NOT JUST EUROPE
BRITAIN'S BIGGEST BEER SHOP
LARGE SPIRIT RANGE OVER 150 DIFFERENT VARIETIES
OF GIN, RUM, WHISKY, VODKA, RUM & WINE

OVER 2000 UK & INTERNATIONAL BEERS

BUY ONLINE OR VISIT OUR SHOP WHERE
OUR FRIENDLY STAFF ARE HAPPY TO HELP
 GARAGE LANE, SETCHEY, NORFOLK PE33 0BE • TEL: 01553 812000
WWW.BEERSOFEUROPE.CO.UK

THE
RED LION
— CROMER —

BEER FESTIVAL

All day. Every day.

12 real ales & ciders, great food, great location.



Brook Street, Cromer, Norfolk NR27 9HD
T: 01263 514964
E: info@redlion-cromer.co.uk
W: redlioncromer.co.uk

*Real ales & ciders only. Only 1 voucher per customer.



HUMPTY DUMPTY BREWERY

BREWERY SHOP OPEN 12-5PM
MONDAY - FRIDAY
(DAILY FROM EASTER)

CRACKING REAL ALES SINCE 1998

NEW RANGE OF
NORFOLK BROADS BREWING BEERS
AND
OTHER SPECIALS COMING SOON



BEER FESTIVAL WEEKEND
24 - 26 JULY 2020

WWW.HUMPTYDUMPTYBREWERY.CO.UK
01493 701818

CHURCH ROAD, REEDHAM
NORFOLK, NR13 3TZ




THE BANNINGHAM
CROWN

TRADITIONAL COUNTRY PUB AND RESTAURANT

- 5 Real Ales
- Great Food • Sheltered Gardens & Patio

Colby Road, Banningham, Aylsham, NR11 7DY

01263 733534

www.banninghamcrown.co.uk



The Ship
PREEHOUSE

Beer Festival & Music Weekend

Late Spring Bank Holiday weekend
Friday May 22- Monday May 25

Open from 10am - Live Music each day

- Large Riverside Garden Location
- Variety of Beers and Ciders
- Selection of Wines & Spirits
- Dogs and Children Welcome!

19 Riverside, Reedham NR13 3TQ
Tel 01493 700287
www.theshipreedham.com



11TH BEER FESTIVAL 2020

'BEAUTIFUL BROADLAND VILLAGE AND SURROUNDINGS'

- 25+ Beers & Ciders,
- Wine and Soft Drinks
- Snacks and Fresh Hot Food
- Indoor and Outdoor Seating

- LIVE MUSIC**
- Fri Evening: The Doohickies
- Sat Afternoon: Hard Rain
- Sat Evening: Hot Cold Ground

• Fri 7th Aug 12 noon - 11pm • Sat 8th Aug 12 noon - 11pm
• Sun 9th Aug 12 noon - 6pm

FREE ENTRY - ALL WELCOME
www.ranworthvillage.com
 @ranworthVHC @ www.facebook.com/ranfest

Supported by **GREEN JACK BREWERY - LOWESTOFT**
 Ranworth Village Hall, Broad Rd, Ranworth, NR13 6HS

All event proceeds to Ranworth Village Hall Charity No. 227618



40+ award winning cask ales
Keg and craft beer bar

THE HOME OF GOOD BEER

Entry **£10** includes 3 pints

NORWICH CITY of ALE
2020
10th FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL OF CHAMPIONS

LAUNCH PARTY

Thursday 21 May
17:30 - 22:30

Norfolk & Suffolk brewers

Belgian beers from Leuven

THE WATERFRONT | NORWICH
 Launch party tickets available from
 01603 508050 | ueaticketbookings.co.uk

cityofale.org.uk

Norwich Business Improvement District

FARNELL CLARKE



HARLESTON BEER FESTIVAL

5PM FRIDAY 12th JUNE & 11AM SATURDAY 13th JUNE

The Swan Hotel Harleston

20+ Fantastic Beers, 4+ Beautiful Ciders, Lagers & Prosecco

Live Music & Food

www.harlestonbeerfestival.org.uk

KING'S HEAD CASK ALE HOUSE

LOCATED IN THE HEART OF NORWICH'S
ANTIQUE AND VINTAGE SHOPPING PRECINCT,
THE KING'S HEAD IS A CASK ALE FREEHOUSE

- We have an ever-changing selection of up to 14 draught ales and ciders
 - A range of international bottled beers and premium spirits
- No music, no television, no keg beer
- Friendly people, great conversation the way pubs used to be
- We showcase local microbreweries and excellent guests from further afield
- Mild and dark ales always available

OPEN NOON - LATE MON-SAT

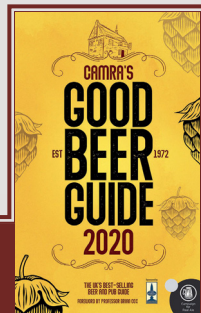
(last admission midnight)

NOON - 11PM SUN



**42 MAGDALEN STREET
NORWICH NR3 1JE**

www.kingsheadnorwich.com



THE FAT CAT

— Est. 1991 —

“A beer lovers’ paradise”

Roger Protz



Follow Us.



45+ REAL ALES & CRAFT BEERS SERVED DAILY