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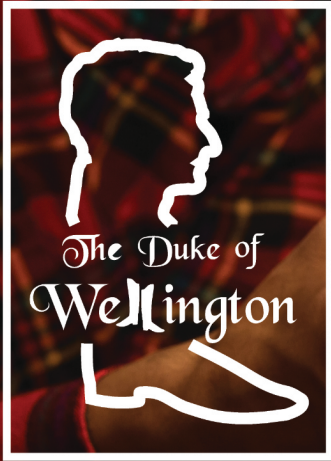
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# Hello from the Editor

## Welcome to Norfolk Nips, and to beer festival season!

**To help you make your spring and summer plans, we've put together a list of local pub and community festivals coming up, starting on page 28. Of course there's a focus on real ale and cider, but with events featuring fabulous food, live music, circus and more... there's plenty to look forward to.**

The Great Yarmouth Beer and Circus Festival is back at the Drill House from 1 to 5 June, with a unique twist on traditional festivities and plenty of beers from local brewers. Read more on page 29.

In Norwich, City of Ale makes a welcome return for its 10th festival after two years away. With seven ale trails to complete, festival goers can explore Norwich's pubs, as well as the rich history of the city. See page 32 for details and how to buy tickets for the Festival of Champions launch party on 26 May.

Later in the summer, Norwich & Beyond Pub Festival returns for the second year, running from 22 July to 29 August. Featuring over 100 local pubs, breweries and cider producers, it's all about celebrating our fantastic pubs. See page 34 for more info.

For a pub crawl you can enjoy anytime, the latest one in our series is on page 22, and takes place in Diss, in the south of the county. Visiting eight of the best venues around the town, the route takes in traditional pubs, eateries and bars.

We're very pleased to share some more Pub of the Year results, with Norwich & District branch selecting the Kings Head on Magdalen Street as its overall winner. Well done to the team there, who are featured on the front cover. See page 38 for more on the other winners and runners up.

And more congratulations are in order for the Norfolk winners of CAMRA's 50th Anniversary Golden Awards, whose names I shared in the last edition. You can get to know them a bit better, and find out why they were selected, on page 40.

Our next edition will be in pubs from early July, so if you'd like to submit anything for inclusion please send an email to [editor@norfolkrips.org.uk](mailto:editor@norfolkrips.org.uk) Until then, I wish you a wonderful spring enjoying our brilliant Norfolk pubs. Cheers!



**Lucy Cousins**  
*Editor*

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# PUB NEWS



## Openings, closings and happenings

### West Norfolk

**The Ffolkes** at Hillington, which is part of the Norfolk Passport and is Good Beer Guide listed, is currently undergoing more major work. It was closed for a couple of weeks, but should now be open for full service with 'street food' takeovers at weekends.

There is also a refurbishment and extension taking place at the **Thomas Paine** in Thetford, while the **Orange Tree** in Thornham has been granted permission to erect gazebos in the outside seating area.

In Gayton, the **Crown** has changed hands and appears to be very popular under the new management team, husband and wife Paul and Maggie Savage, in partnership with Charlotte Borley and Lewis Petch.

In South Wootton, the former **New Inn/Deer's Leap** has been rebranded as the Orb and Sceptre. Part of the

newly created Greene King Hive group, substantial investment was taking place during the early part of the year, with the opening date scheduled for 25 March.

Meanwhile the **Deer's Leap/Ark** in Thetford had been partly demolished without planning permission several years ago. An application has now been made to convert it into a care home.

In King's Lynn, the **Woolpack** has been taken over and has been trading as a take away hot food outlet. It's been confirmed by the planning department that this is against regulations and they are investigating.



An application has been made to convert one of the rooms at the **Wildfowler** in

Terrington St Clement into a barber's shop. This will not affect the running of the pub, which is under relatively new management. No food, but the beer is becoming more interesting with Beeston Afternoon Delight amongst the choices last time we called.



Down the road at Tilney, the **Coach and Horses** also has some live music and has restarted their classic car shows, which can attract several hundred vehicles.

The latest on the community owned **Blue Bell** at Stoke Ferry is that it should be open before Easter and initially staffed mainly by volunteers.



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## Mid Anglia

Mid Anglia CAMRA, MAC, is the 'interface' CAMRA branch between Norwich and Ipswich, straddling the Norfolk-Suffolk border for an area of about 15 miles around Diss. As a very rural branch, we enjoy our outings to the 'big cities' such as Norwich, Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds, even Woodbridge and Lowestoft!

Our recent excursion to Ipswich on a sunny February day took in the Fat Cat, Dove, Briarbank, Lord Nelson and Spread Eagle. A very enjoyable and relaxing jaunt, thank you to Chairman David for yet another well organised day out.



MAC plans for the summer include a day coach trip from the Diss area towards the east coast and back. This will probably be during the week of 30 May, most likely Tuesday 31 May, just ahead of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Anyone interested please contact us via [midanglia.camra.org.uk](http://midanglia.camra.org.uk)

There have been a few chops and changes in the MAC

region of late. Very welcome was the reopening after a tremendous community effort of the **White Horse**, Thelnetham, about 8 miles west of Diss. Plans to convert it to a house were refused in March 2021. It's a lovely pub in an excellent setting, including a wonderful traditional windmill, reopening weekend was 18 March 2022 and we wish the White Horse every success.

Perhaps treading a similar path about seven miles away is the **Six Bells** in Gislingham. Closed for some time, plans to convert into a vet's, pet supply shop and accommodation were submitted in November 2021. However a fierce backlash from the village seems to have worked as the plans look likely to be refused. Many locals commented on the apparent campaign by the previous owners to show the pub was unviable, including excessively restricted opening hours. One former regular said this non-viability campaign 'had taken pub sabotage to a new level'. Gislingham Parish Council, with advice from MAC, are in the process of applying for an Asset of Community Value (ACV) listing.

In the north-west of the MAC area, the **Greyhound** at Tibenham has temporarily closed while the owners conduct a deep clean and revamp the cellars. The tenant for the last 10 years has recently left and once the pub is re-opened apparently the

owners Martin and Nicki Adams intend to run it themselves initially.

The **Gamekeeper** at Old Buckenham reopened recently and is now a Woodfordes pub with two regular cask ales and two changing casks, all from their own brewery, together with six of their own keg beers and an excellent new menu.

Out to the east, in Harleston, the Ampersand Brewery-owned 'Cap', the **Cardinal's Hat**, have new food offerings with Churros & Chorizo taking over the kitchen. Through to Easter they will be serving up their Spanish tapas and Sunday roasts. Harleston Beer Festival, organised by the local Round Table at the **Swan Hotel**, is set to happen on Friday 24 and Saturday 25 June.

At nearby Alburgh, **Grain Brewery** are trialling a new Escape Room style concept at the brewery Tap and Tour Days. This takes place in the bar, the brew house, and outside the brewery. Using a phone app and working out puzzles around the brewery, participants will have all the excitement of an escape room, whilst learning about Grain beers and how they are brewed. See if you can beat your friends' times! Email [phil@grainbrewery.co.uk](mailto:phil@grainbrewery.co.uk) if you would like to play.





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## East Norfolk

**Greeting from the East of the region and we start by welcoming a new Chair and Committee for the Branch, agreed at our AGM in November 2021.**

Paul Hodgson has taken the Chair and Dave Tibbitts has returned to take on the dubious honour of Secretary and Good Beer Guide submissions. Konrad Beutler remains as the new snappily titled Pub Data Co-ordinator/WhatPub and Membership Officer.

Our long standing and founder member Pat Smith has decided to take a well-earned break from the Chair/Vice-Chair but still remains active in the Branch. Mark Lewis remains as Treasurer with a full list of all officers to be found on our website [eastnorfolk.camra.org.uk](http://eastnorfolk.camra.org.uk). Many thanks to all who have stood down this year and those volunteering for our future.

Our current branch membership stands at 301 people and we have 128 pubs in our area with the **Horse and Groom** in Rollesby re-opening, but sadly the **Rampant Horse** in Freethorpe having been sold, is understood to permanently close as a pub. On a brighter note we congratulate Bob Gillman on his 30<sup>th</sup> year as Landlord of the **California Tavern**, Scratby.

**Tombstone Brewery & Saloon Bar** is to hold its regular Easter Real Ale and Cider festival from 15 to 17 April with up to 60 real ales and ciders on offer.

We look forward to the return of the **Great Yarmouth Beer and Circus Festival** at the Drill House, York Road running from 1 to 5 June. More details can be found at [outtherearts.org.uk](http://outtherearts.org.uk) as well as the branch website. East Norfolk CAMRA will be supporting this event by running a CAMRA information and recruiting kiosk and staffing the bar for one of the sessions.

## Norwich and District

**Our first branch AGM since 2019 was held on 24 March. There was lots to discuss, catching up on 3 years of branch activity including our name change, the launch of Norwich Pub Festival and the delayed 43rd Norwich Beer Festival too!**

We also elected/reelected committee members, the majority of whom stayed in role. An official welcome to Katy Young and Rhea Sloman who are sharing the role of Young Members Coordinator, and a huge thank you to Martin Ward who is stepping down after many years on the committee, most recently as Vice-Chair.

The **Crown** at Colkirk near Fakenham closed 'until further notice' last December. A

freehouse since the 1700s, it was bought for the benefit of the villagers, with funds given by a local farmer in his will. Does this make it one of the



first ever community owned pubs? It's changed hands many times since then, but perhaps the local community could help secure its future.

The **Victoria Inn**, Holkham has been converted to a restaurant, as we discovered recently having walked three miles along the Norfolk Coastal Path from Wells, only to find it closed! Their Facebook page says the bar is open for residents and diners only.

The **Butchers Arms** in East Ruston has been closed since March 2020 and has planning approved for seven holiday lodges. Part of the conditions state that 'the units of holiday accommodation hereby permitted shall be used for commercial holiday accommodation purposes only, ancillary to and connection with the use of the public house' so we hope that the pub reopens soon.

The **Alby Horseshoes** has remained closed since being sold last year. The local community are in the process of raising an ACV to hopefully add some protection to this local asset.



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The **Marlborough** in Marlborough Road, Norwich has just reopened after a refurb and will now be a sister pub to the Rosebery. The owners of both pubs are Jessie Dodd, Tim Dodd and James Bartrum.

The **George** at Dereham has reopened under new management, with extended hours from 10am daily, Sunday to Thursday until

11pm, Friday and Saturday until 12am. A grand opening event was held on 15 March with Dereham mayor Stuart Green cutting the ribbon! They have 8 hand pumps with rotating cask ales. Their new food offering includes a bar menu, snacks and sandwiches, grill menu and Sunday roasts.

The **Ferry Inn** in Horning has been taken over by Michael Baldwin and Mike Wilson, the owners of Bank House Hotel and The Wennis Chop & Ale House in King's Lynn. They hope to add a new bar, restaurant and bedrooms to be able to welcome overnight guests.

The **Horse & Groom** in Tunstead has been taken over by Alison Brewster and her family who also run the Ferry Inn in Stokesby. They are giving the pub a makeover and will be offering homemade cakes and chocolates, in addition to the usual pub food and drink.

The current tenants of 20 years at the **Brickmakers** in Norwich have decided to not renew the lease when it ends in January 2023. Owners Stonegate are now looking to put a plan in place to keep this popular venue for local music talent.

Owners, Greene King, of the currently closed **Birdcage** in Norwich are looking to refurbish the pub and give it a new name - The Drawing Room. This 1930's art-deco building has variously been known as the Morning Star,

Brown Derby and Pottergate Tavern.

At the other end of Pottergate, Micawbers has reopened as **Micawbers x The Chick Inn** serving rotisserie chicken, burgers and wings from Wednesday to Sunday. They'll soon be adding Sunday roasts, quiz nights and live music, plus a new range of drinks, including some from local breweries.

The **Yare** in Brundall has been bought by boatyard and marina Broom Boats, after it closed last November. Following a refurbishment, it will reopen with a new name in time for the summer.



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# BREWERY NEWS



## Who and what's brewing?

From **Oli Fernandez**

Spring is here and the local brewing industry is keeping very busy, looking forward to the summer and beer festivals. There's a lot of creativity at the moment, with exciting new brews and collaborations for us to try!

**Wolf** are creating a special brew to celebrate St George's Day, on 23 April. It is based on their Lavender Honey Ale, but brewed with a hop called Melba, which should give some tropical notes to the brew.

**Tindall** have decided to release a new beer each month as a project, to allow them to experiment with different methods and ingredients. This will help broaden not only their knowledge about the beers they will be producing, but their customers' too, as they'll be sharing updates throughout the year.

February's beer was Fields of Gold, a 4.4% golden rye ale hopped with Japanese

Sorachi Ace, which proved very popular; there are only a handful of bottles left at the brewery.

For the March brew, they were very excited about Red Sky, which was a take on an American Red Ale using English and German malts and generously hopped with Citra and Centennial hops - a dark beer with a prominent red glow with a citrusy and piney aroma.

April and May are being discussed, but they are planning on using Harlequin, a new hop which they fell in love with! It's an English hop and its aroma is a mixture of Galaxy and Mosaic hops. The brew will use only Harlequin from bittering to dry hopping, to show off that Brits can grow a good hop.

**Grain** started their Tap and Tour Days at the brewery on Saturday 26 March from 1-5pm. Subsequent events will take place on the last Saturday of each month throughout the year. It's the

best place to try any new Grain brews, listen to a bit of live music, and take a tour of the brewery. Now, you can also have a go at The Grain Escape, a new escape room-style experience all based around the brewery, where you can learn a bit about brewing and Grain beers, whilst having fun solving puzzles and hunting down information.

The Tap and Tour Day will take a break in June, but only because Grain Fest is back on Saturday 25 June, with live music, a barn full of beer and street food.

They are excited to be experimenting and trying new brews throughout 2022, starting in April with Chevalier 47, using the heritage Chevalier malt and which is the first in a series of 'Grain Storm' beer ideas, where the brewers explore how the flavours and characters of different malts and grains can add to beers.

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follow Chevalier 47 will be called Midnight Wheat, Dubbel Oak and Grahame's Mild which are all bubbling away on the test kit at the brewery.

**Poppyland** are looking forward to the next few years producing good beers using local products. They are celebrating their 10th Anniversary and are working on brewing a very special limited edition to mark the occasion.

Although traditionally January and February are quiet months for the brewery, they have been busy concocting, brewing and bottling new beers, their first one of this year was Fuggles 150, a 6% IPA to celebrate 150 years since the hop was introduced in Britain.

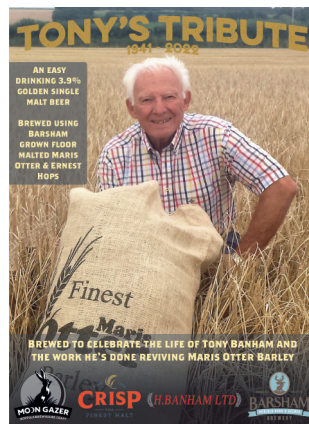
The next beer to appear on the shelves will be a 6.8% ale called Café Racer incorporating one of Crisps' Small Batch malts, Rich Smoky and Roasted No 6 Smooth Coffee Malt. This adds a fascinating complexity to the beer without being overwhelming.

Poppyland are very pleased to have won the Mild Section of CAMRA Champion Bottle Beer of Norfolk with Bert's Dark Ale 4%. The beer is still available in bottles and will be on draught in the Red Lion in March for a limited period.

And more good news as their Sweet Chestnut Ale features in Adrian Tierney-Jones' latest

book, United Kingdom of Beer, 250 Top Beers in Bottle and Can published by CAMRA Books.

The brewery in West Street, Cromer is currently open Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons, and Wednesday afternoons will be added towards Easter as the weather warms up, please check their website for details. [poppylandbrewery.com](http://poppylandbrewery.com)



**Moon Gazer** was very saddened by the recent death of Tony Banham, a lovely man who bought and saved the Maris Otter malt. If you were at the 50th Anniversary of Maris Otter a few years back at Open you were probably served by him as he volunteered throughout the festival.

To honour Tony the brewery teamed up with Barsham brewery, local maltings Crisp and Mark Banham, Tony's son, to brew something special. The ale will be called Tony's Tribute and of course has been brewed with 100% Maris

Otter malt!

Moon Gazer are also celebrating their 10th anniversary this year with two special brews. The first is a 10% version of their Bouchart mild which has been bottle-conditioned and is ageing ready for release later in the year.

Their cask birthday beer follows their Candles tradition – and 10 Candles is a 4.5% amber ale using ten malts as well as UK and US hops. The team also plan a series of birthday specials and will be resurrecting previous brews from their 10-year brewing journey.



Also in the pipeline is a brew to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Falklands conflict, which has been commissioned by the Harley Club of Norfolk who will be marking the event as part of their annual Ride of Respect – hence the name Respect Ale. This will be released in May.

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Another collaboration is a three-way brew with Nethergate Brewery in Suffolk, and Mersea Island Brewery, Essex. This three counties brew is to celebrate all that is good about East Anglian brewing, and will be a golden pale ale.



Finally, David is off on his charity Beer Push for local cancer charity 'It's on the Ball'. It's been a long time coming due to the pandemic, but David will push his beer from the brewery to St Barts Hospital in London, starting on 31 March. To find out more or to donate visit [JustGiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com/Beer-Push-IOTB) and search for Beer Push IOTB. To coincide with the 9-day challenge there will be a new version of Tobi's Tipple brewed for the pups.

**Barsham** apart from being busy with the collaboration for Tony's Tribute, will be holding Street Food Friday every last Friday of the month starting on 25 March at the Barsham Estate from 4-9pm. They are bringing together some of the best Street Food vans, horse boxes and gazebos Norfolk has to offer, along with their beers and live music for you to enjoy.

**Boudicca** will be selling their bottled ales at the Vegan Summer Fayre on 26 June at the Forum in Norwich, plus the Saturday Farmers markets that will be held at the Cellar House in Eaton on 21 May and 30 July.

Their beers were on offer in cask at the recent Acle and Chappel Beer festivals, and should have been at the Cambridge Beer Festival, but sadly it's been cancelled this year.

**Humpty Dumpty** are delighted to have been awarded Overall Champion Cask Beer of Norfolk 2022 for Big Sharpie and the same but in the Bottled Beer Competition for Little Sharpie, as well as other wins for Swallowtail and Cheltenham Flyer.



First brewed 10 years ago to celebrate their 500th brew, Big Sharpie was designed to be a stronger version of Little Sharpie - itself already a National & Regional CAMRA Champion. At 5% rather than 3.8%, the recipe was scaled up

with the same malts and some additional hops to make a more robust "Big Brother" to Little Sharpie. It proved to be popular, and became a regular feature every 100 brews.

At the time of writing they have a number of new beers fermenting, including a 4.7% classic Bohemian cask pilsner, and SMASH a 4.3% all-English 4.3% pale being designed for their St George's/Shakespeare Beer festival, which will include some special and unique beers from 22-24 April at the brewery in Reedham. Also, Jubilee Mild will be back to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with more planned for the summer and beyond.

Like last year, they are having a Beer Festival at the brewery from 22-24 July with a range of interesting guest ales.



**Woodforde's** will be holding a beer festival on 23/24 April and 30 April - 2 May at the Fur & Feather at Woodbastwick to celebrate St George's Day. They'll also be opening their Norada Bar and launching their Ale Trail which will run until 23 July. There will be over 20 beers from around the country, live music and entry is free.



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# Bull of the Woods



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After 5 years of producing exciting hand-crafted ales on their family farm, nestled in the heart of the Waveney Valley near Bungay, Seamus and Rory Clifford have finally received recognition for their hard work and dedication.

**V**apour Trail, one of Bull of the Woods staple ales, has won a Silver Medal in the Champion Bottled Beers of Norfolk Awards 2022. The Pale session style ale was described by the taste panel judges as having notes of 'hop, apricot and toffee, underpinning a full-bodied complex character. Bittersweet notes highlight a growing peppery dryness.' and was thought to be worthy of runner-up in the Session Pale Blonde and Golden Ale category.

Seamus and Rory started the brewery in 2017 whilst running Down to Earth, their established tree surgery business. They were inspired by the exciting and ever evolving craft ale scene and their lifelong passion of making and drinking quality real ale. Sourcing the brewing equipment, they set themselves up in the dilapidated grain store on the family farm which they restored and turned into

the brewery. The old barn also houses the popular brewery shop where bottles, bag in box and casks of their eclectic ales are available to buy along with a wide range of brewery merchandise.

The Bull of the Woods brewery name was influenced by their father's success in breeding and raising award winning bulls at the farm, combined with the shared love of music and trees. The name is also a nod to an album by the West Coast 1960's Psychedelic band, The 13th Floor Elevators!

The brewery is also planning a boiler expansion to increase their production and there are plans for a taproom sometime in the near future so visitors can sample and enjoy their beers onsite, perhaps with some live music. Other events will be coming up, so check them out on Facebook, Instagram or [bullofthewoods.co.uk](http://bullofthewoods.co.uk)



The brothers continue to experiment and expand their range of ales using combinations of British, American and new world hops and combining other interesting ingredients. For instance, here are three different beers not currently listed on their website:

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# A crawl around Diss

Near enough in the middle of East Anglia, and also at the centre of the Mid Anglia Camra (MAC) branch lies the agreeable market town of Diss.

With a population 11,000 and rising, its pubs and bars have held up well in recent decades. Here's a rundown of Diss's pubs, bars and eateries serving a fair pint of ale. A non-stop circular walk around all of them is less than half an hour. But stopping is advised.



## ■ The Cock Inn

### Fairgreen

Usually Diss's best bet for real ale, the Cock overlooks Fair Green where funfairs and circuses visit regularly. A spacious series of open front rooms leads to a large U-shaped bar, with further areas beyond, including a side function room, outdoor yards and patios. The Cock is traditional and wooden, with bygone-style features including a vintage jukebox. Ales change regularly, well kept in a cellar-cupboard behind. Recently we've seen Shepherd Neame Spitfire, Tim Taylor's Landlord, St Austell Tribute, Fullers London Pride,

and Black Sheep. Events such as live bands are gradually coming back after the pandemic.



## ■ Park Hotel Bar

### Park Road

The Park is a well-run hotel with a very spacious, relaxing bar and eating area (formerly called Delucy's). Recently refurbished in a light, bright, cafe style, there are also soft sofas and several side lounges for quiet contemplation. Greene King IPA and Adnams Southwold are the staples. A pleasant place to drink and eat.



## ■ Thatcher's Needle

### Park Road

A Marston's pub-eatery opened in 2013, it's big, spacious, clean, comfortable, and rarely quiet. Their ales such as Pedigree, Hobgoblin and 61 Deep are from the vast and growing Carlsberg Marstons catalogue. We have found the beers unfailingly well kept, cheerfully served and keenly priced. Handy for families is Diss Park opposite, with lots of grass, playgrounds, sport court, and the picturesque glistening 'jewel' in the crown of the town, Diss Mere (lake).

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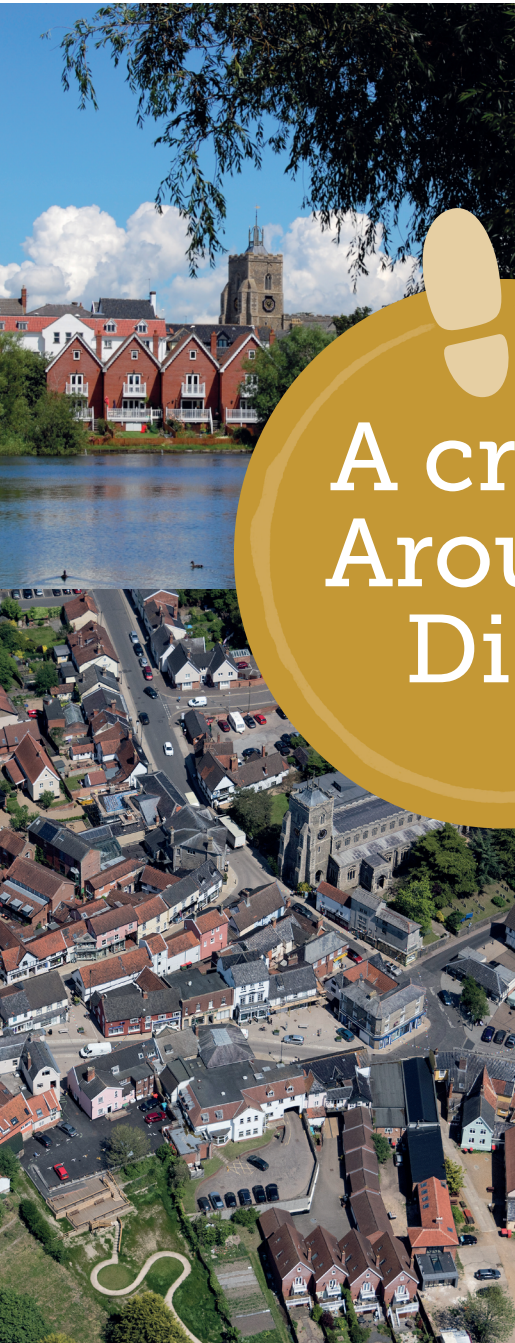
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# A crawl Around Diss





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■ **Waterfront Inn**

**Mere Street**

Greene King through and through, the Waterfront has a series of about five open rooms, the second one housing the bar on the left. The last area at the rear leads outside to a sizeable set of multi-level deckings. This is at the edge of Diss's pride and joy, the six-acre (2.4-hectare) Mere, or lake. The Waterfront (actually, technically, the MereRear) decks allow delightful views of the waters and the grassy park beyond, a great place in warm weather to relax and absorb the scenery. Regularly rotated are most regular Greene King and associated guest ales, recently Belhaven 80/-, with plenty of food available through the day to 9pm.



■ **Saracens Head**

**Mount Street**

A sturdily established, reliable, roomy pub and restaurant adjacent to Diss Church, the 'Sarry' rarely fails to please. A wide-ranging, tasty menu is complemented

by a regular mix of real ales and real ciders, such as Woodforde's Wherry, Adnams Ghostship, and Village Green Classical Dry Cider from Pulham St Mary. The main eating area is to the right, with a function/overflow room behind. To the left is a bar with TV screens. Outside, an extensive open-sided marquee and large, well-tended garden provided welcoming sustenance during the pandemic when only outdoor service was allowed. Traditional, comfortable and dependable.



■ **The Greyhound**

**St Nicholas Street**

A traditional pub that has been up and down in recent years, the Greyhound is still with us. The large front bar area has plentiful seating, a big open fire and a raised area. The capacious rear bar is given over to pool, sport on big TV screens and fruit machines. The main ales recently have been Doombar and Tim Taylor's Landlord, with plans to expand the selection.

■ **Diss Corn Hall Café Bar**

**St Nicholas Street**

Open most days for drinks and light meals, the licensed Corn Hall Cafe and Bar was formerly supplied by Grain Brewery but will now be run

in-house. Adnams and Greene King pumps are planned, with a variety of bottles. It's also open in the evenings when the Corn Hall – a 300-seater performance venue – holds events such as music, theatre, movies and recitals.



■ **Number 11**

**St Nicholas Street**

After a chequered history as the Two Brewers and The Nutbush, Number 11 has settled into a pub-eatery with a growing reputation. The main ale is usually Adnams Southwold, with an occasional guest. The food in the single large bar-restaurant area is varied and tasty, with a thoughtful mix of light, modern, Euro-bistro combos and more substantial traditional dishes. A fine place for casual dining.

■ **And finally, maybe...**

For several years, J D Wetherspoons have held planning permission for a new build on the edge of the Mere at King's Head car park, next to the Poundland store in Mere Street. With architecture likened by some to a mini airport terminal, it will feature a striking curved design, mezzanine level, and balcony commanding lovely views of the lake and surroundings. Work was due to start in late 2019 but was virally delayed.

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# SPRING AND SUMMER BEER FESTIVALS

**Nothing beats a cold pint on a sunny day... except maybe enjoying it outside with a happy crowd, all up for a good time.**

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Beer festival season is back for 2022 and we honestly can't wait. Whether it's in the beer garden of a local pub, at one of Norfolk's brilliant breweries, or on a village green with family fun included.

We've put together a list of festivals coming up across our area, during the spring and summer. So grab your sunglasses, slap on some sunscreen and get your festival on!



Most of the festivals listed have websites or social media where they'll share updates, opening times, directions etc. Please check with the organisers before travelling to any event.

We've included as many festivals as we could, but there's bound to be many more we're not aware of. If you know of a festival not included below, please email [editor@norfolkknips.org.uk](mailto:editor@norfolkknips.org.uk) with details and we'll share these on social media.



## Great Yarmouth Beer and Circus Festival

**After the roaring success of 2019's beer festival, Great Yarmouth is pulling out all the stops to making 2022 the best year ever for the Beer and Circus Festival!**

The annual event will take place from Wednesday 1 June to Sunday 5 June, at the Drill House on York Road with CAMRA supporting 'best of' awards and Lacons as lead supporting brewery. There will be an exciting range of beers and ciders from breweries across the East of England, including casks from Yarmouth breweries, Lacons and Tombstone.

In 2019 over 800 people came through the doors. This year, an extra day of celebrations has been added to the schedule to make sure everybody gets the opportunity to soak up the atmosphere, entertainment and of course the tasty tipples. Expect circus, festival style food and live music.

The Drill House is home to the organisers of the Out There Festival that takes place in the heart of Great Yarmouth every September.



## Beer Festivals at a glance

### April

**Wednesday 13 April to Monday 18 April**

#### **The Locks Inn Easter Beer Festival**

The Locks Inn Community Pub,  
Locks Lane, Geldeston  
[facebook.com/TheLocksInn](https://facebook.com/TheLocksInn)

**Friday 15 April to Sunday 17 April**

#### **Tombstone Easter Beer Festival**

Tombstone Brewery and Saloon Bar,  
Stonecutters Way, Great Yarmouth  
[facebook.com/tombstone.brewery](https://facebook.com/tombstone.brewery)

**Friday 22 April to Sunday 24 April**

#### **St Georges / Shakespeare Beer Festival**

Humpty Dumpty Brewery,  
Reedham  
[humptydumptybrewery.co.uk](https://humptydumptybrewery.co.uk)

**Friday 22 April to Sunday 24 April**

#### **Ampersand Anniversary Celebrations**

Ampersand Brewery Tap,  
Sawmills Road, Diss  
[facebook.com/ampersandbrewtap](https://facebook.com/ampersandbrewtap)

**Saturday 23 April to Sunday 24 April**  
**Saturday 30 April to Monday 2 May**

**Fur & Feather Beer Festival**

Fur & Feather Inn, Woodbastwick  
Plus the launch of Woodforde's  
Ale Trail, various venues in East  
Anglia until 23 July  
[woodfordes.com](http://woodfordes.com)

**Friday 29 April to Monday 2 May**

**Wymondham Beer and Gin Festival**

Wymondham Ex-Service and  
Social Club, Friarscroft Lane,  
Wymondham

**May**

**Thursday 26 May to Sunday 26 June**

**Norwich City of Ale**

[norwichcityofale.co.uk](http://norwichcityofale.co.uk)

**June**

**Wednesday 1 June to Sunday 5 June**

**Great Yarmouth Beer and Circus Festival**

The Drill House, York Road,  
Great Yarmouth  
[outtherearts.org.uk](http://outtherearts.org.uk)

**Wednesday 1 June to Sunday 5 June**

**Jubilee Beer Festival**

Kings Arms, Hall Road, Norwich  
[kingsarmsnorwich.co.uk](http://kingsarmsnorwich.co.uk)

**Thursday 2 June to Saturday 4 June**

**Carleton Rode Early Beer Fest**

Carleton Rode Social Club,  
Mill Road, Carleton Rode  
[facebook.com/CarletonRodeSocialClub](https://facebook.com/CarletonRodeSocialClub)

**Thursday 2 June to Saturday 4 June**

**Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beer Festival**

The Artichoke at Broome,  
Old Yarmouth Road, Broome  
[facebook.com/theArtichokeatBroome](https://facebook.com/theArtichokeatBroome)

Festival Organiser, and Communications and Development Manager of Out There Arts, Emily Phillips said: "I am personally honoured to be organising this festival for the second time. The event has brought many new faces to the Drill House and immersed a traditional Beer Festival audience into the world of circus and street arts! We will once again provide a comfortable layout and add the element of 'Out There' entertainment to the mix. We'll celebrate the abundant variety of local breweries so there will be plenty for customers to sample."



Guests will be able to choose from a full range of ale styles, lagers and ciders. Plus the Drill House Bar will be open throughout serving a range of soft drinks.

**Admission: All CAMRA members will be granted free admission upon presentation of proof of membership.**

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**Thursday 2 June to Sunday 5 June**

**The Ramps Jubilee Beer Festival**

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Road, Needham Market  
[facebook.com/TheRampantHorseNeedham](https://facebook.com/TheRampantHorseNeedham)

**Thursday 2 June to Sunday 5 June**

**California Tavern Beer Festival**

California, Great Yarmouth  
[californiatavern.co.uk](https://californiatavern.co.uk)

**Saturday 11 June**

**Norwich Amateur Brewers Festival**

Coachmakers Arms, St Stephens  
Road, Norwich  
[norwichamateurbrewers.co.uk](https://norwichamateurbrewers.co.uk)

**Tuesday 14 June to Sunday 19 June**

**30th East Anglian Beer  
and Cider Festival**

St Edmundsbury Cathedral,  
Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk  
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**Thursday 16 June to Sunday 19 June**

**20th Anniversary Solstice  
Beer Festival**

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**Friday 17 June to Sunday 19 June**

**Jolly Ale and Music Festival**

Jolly Sailors, Brancaster Staithe  
[jollysailorsbrancaster.co.uk](https://jollysailorsbrancaster.co.uk)

**Friday 24 June to Saturday 25 June**

**Morley Beer Festival and  
Family Fun Day**

The Derrick Daniel's Playing Field,  
Golf Links Road, Morley  
[facebook.com/morleyfestivalnorfolk](https://facebook.com/morleyfestivalnorfolk)

**Friday 24 June to Sunday 26 June**

**North Norfolk Railway  
Beer Festival**

Sheringham Station  
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**Friday 24 June to Sunday 26 June**

**Beehive Beer Festival**

The Beehive, Leopold Road,  
Norwich  
[beehivepubnorwich.co.uk](https://beehivepubnorwich.co.uk)



# THE CITY OF ALE FESTIVAL

The City of Ale Festival will be making a welcome return to the pubs of Norwich this year, from 26 May to 26 June.

It's an extra special month-long celebration for the 10th festival, with 50 Norwich pubs serving up the very best of local real ales and craft beers from breweries across Norfolk and Suffolk.

The festival will start on Thursday 26 May with a Festival of Champions party at the Waterfront, featuring award winning beers from local brewers, live music from two local bands and a host of stalls.

Over the following 4 weeks, festival goers will be able to discover 7 ale trails around Norwich pubs, collecting commemorative badges for each trail they complete. It is hoped that by extending the festival to a month, beer lovers will be able to complete more of the trails.

This year's trails and badges are based around 17th century trading tokens, which Norwich traders introduced owing to a shortage of coins from the Royal Mint. Trails such as Weavers, Vinters and Grocers will allow visitors to discover Norwich's heritage, as well as great beer!

Each year the festival selects a local charity to support and this year it will be raising funds for Norfolk and Waveney Mind. Look out for the City of Ale festival programme which will feature all of the trails, pubs and brewers.

**To book your tickets to the Festival of Champions launch party for just £10 including 3 drinks visit: [ueaticketbookings.co.uk](https://ueaticketbookings.co.uk)**

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**Friday 24 June to Sunday 26 June**

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**Monday 27 June to Monday 3 July**

**200th Birthday Party**

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## July

**Friday 1 July to Sunday 3 July**

**White Horse Beer Festival**

White Horse, Chapel Road, Upton  
[facebook.com/whitehorseupton](https://facebook.com/whitehorseupton)

**Friday 8 July to Sunday 10 July**

**Crusaders Rugby Club  
Beer Festival**

Little Melton  
[facebook.com/CrusadersRF](https://facebook.com/CrusadersRF)

**Wednesday 13 July to Sunday 17 July**

**Heathlands Beer Festival**

Heathlands Social Club &  
Community Centre,  
Woodbastwick Road, Blofield  
Heath

**Friday 22 July to Sunday 24 July**

**Not the Reedham Beer Festival**

Humpty Dumpty Brewery,  
Reedham  
[facebook.com/humptydumptybrewery](https://facebook.com/humptydumptybrewery)

**Friday 22 July to Monday 29 August**

**Norwich and Beyond Pub Festival**

60+ pubs around the Norwich area  
[facebook.com/NorwichPubFestival](https://facebook.com/NorwichPubFestival)

## August

**Thursday 4 August to Saturday 6  
August**

**Annual Summer Beer Festival**

Angel Inn, Sallow Lane, Larling  
[angel-larling.co.uk](https://angel-larling.co.uk)



# NORWICH AND BEYOND PUB FESTIVAL

*Back in July and August 2022*

Launched last year, Norwich and Beyond Pub Festival brought together over 100 local pubs, breweries and cider makers. It's back this summer from 22 July to 29 August and will feature even more of our fantastic pubs and producers.

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Keep an eye out for more details on social media and in your local pub [@NorwichPubFestival](https://twitter.com/NorwichPubFestival)





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# Tony Banham

**Of all the special ales and collaborations which we have brewed over the last 10 years at Moon Gazer – brewing Tony’s Tribute was one of the most rewarding and poignant. The team at Moon Gazer have been inspired by his passion for barley, beer and his Norfolk heritage, specifically his role in saving the Maris Otter barley variety.**

**T**he team here at Moon Gazer are very fortunate to call Tony and his son Mark friends of the brewery. Indeed, we teamed up with Tony and the H Banham team to promote Maris Otter with a brewery bar at three CAMRA Winter Beer Festivals and even raised a glass of Moon Gazer with him at Parliament. It was their passion for Maris Otter which inspired Moon Gazer to become unofficial ambassadors, flying the flag for Maris Otter and Norfolk at every possible opportunity.

This barley variety is special and loved by brewers the world over – and is the cornerstone of Moon Gazer ales and lagers, putting that authentic Norfolk stamp in everything we brew.

Tony’s involvement with Maris Otter stretches back to 1965 when he was 24 and started trading this brand-new barley variety for the family business of H Banham Ltd, in Hempton. Maris Otter was in high demand, however, during the 80s its popularity waned as many of the larger brewers sort new varieties in the name of progress, efficiency and cost cutting!

However, smaller craft breweries – run by brewers not accountants – demanded the brewing properties and taste profile they could get from dear old Maris Otter, and Tony had the vision to see this. So, in 1992, he worked with grain merchant Robin Appel and Gowlett Grain, to obtain the growing rights from the Plant Breeding Institute (PBI).

The variety lived to fight another day, and much work went into the cleaning of the seed stock to remove impurities and improve yield and quality and craft brewers loved the result which saw demand increase. Now, if this success seems small fry, please consider that most barley varieties will survive just 6-7 years before they are superseded in the name of ‘progress’.

Enjoy a Champion Beer of Britain and the chances are that it has been brewed with Maris Otter, as it has taken that crown for

around 85% of Champions – now that’s no fluke! Nor is the fact that brewers in over 20 countries demand Maris Otter – much of which is Norfolk grown and malted – to produce their beers. That’s all thanks to Tony’s vision.

So, with Tony’s sad passing recently we couldn’t let his contribution go unmarked. Another local brewery, Barsham, as well as our local maltings, Crisp, had the same view and we all agreed to brew together to create an ale to pay tribute to Tony in the best way we know how.

The Barsham Estate is a long-time grower of Maris Otter and farms close to Tony’s Hempton base, and we were delighted to be able to use their barley. The malt aspect of the recipe creation didn’t take too long as the decision was taken to use 100% Maris Otter barley, floor malted in the traditional way by Crisp Maltings.

That way you can taste the true Maris impact – a distinctive biscuit malt backbone of so many champion British beers, and countless beers across the world. Uncluttered by any coloured malts, the beer will be a pure Maris Otter golden. The brew was gently hopped with a revitalised British hop Ernest, itself cast aside in the late 60s-70s as bigger brewers sort cheaper alternatives, only to be revived to great effect, so it seemed a fitting match.

If you weren’t able to enjoy the limited-edition brew then rest assured that when you order a pint of Moon Gazer, it will be crafted with Norfolk malted Maris Otter and will forever be so. After all when you have an ingredient this good right on your doorstep why wouldn’t you embrace and celebrate it?

Thanks to Tony you will be able to enjoy beers crafted with Norfolk Maris Otter for decades to come.

Cheers Tony – you will be missed.

■ **Team Moon Gazer**

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# Norwich & District Branch Pub of the Year

We're proud to announce the Norwich & District Branch winners of Pub of the Year 2022.

## Rural Pub of the Year

*Chosen from all pubs in the branch area, outside Norwich.*

**WINNER** 🏆

**The Red Lion Hotel, Cromer**

**RUNNER UP**

**The Hop In, North Walsham**

## City Pub of the Year

*Chosen from all Norwich pubs.*

**WINNER** 🏆

**The Kings Head, Magdalen Street**

**RUNNER UP**

**The Fat Cat, West End Street**

## Cider Pub of the Year

**WINNER** 🏆

**The White Lion, Oak Street**

## Overall Branch Pub of the Year

**WINNER** 🏆

**The Kings Head, Magdalen Street**

Congratulations!

The next stage of the competition is for the pubs selected across all four Norfolk branches to be judged for the title of Norfolk County Pub of the Year.

Following that, the Norfolk winner will compete with pubs from other counties across the East of England. Look out for more news in the next edition of Norfolk Nips.



The Red Lion Hotel  
Cromer



The Hop In  
North Walsham



The White Lion  
Oak St, Norwich



The Fat Cat  
West End Street, Norwich

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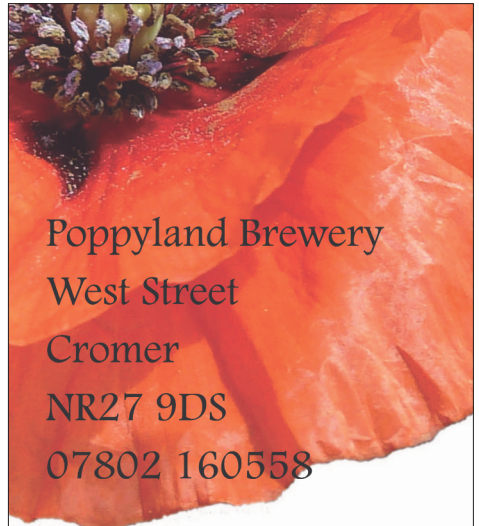


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# GOLDEN AWARDS

To celebrate CAMRA's 50th Anniversary, a series of Golden Awards were presented recognising Pubs, Pints and People who've made a significant contribution to the campaign during the past 50 years.

Norfolk has been well represented with awards going to people across all four branches, plus a few friends of Norwich Beer Festival too.



**Alan "Percy" Edwards**

Percy has been involved in the Norfolk Tasting Panel for many years, organising tasting sessions, and training and encouraging new recruits. He coordinates the judging for the annual Norfolk Beer of the Year competitions. He is a regular volunteer on the door at Norwich Beer Festival and looks after cider and perry for Norwich & District branch.



**Caroline Jones**

Caroline has been central to the campaign to save the Iron Duke in Great Yarmouth, a beautiful grade II listed, art deco style building which has seen better days. Caroline and the Friends of the Iron Duke group have campaigned tirelessly to save the pub, which was bought in 2021 by the Great Yarmouth Borough Council run Preservation Trust.

*Find out more at*  
[friendsoftheironduke.co.uk](http://friendsoftheironduke.co.uk)



**Dawn Hopkins**

Dawn has provided continual support for real ale and is passionate about offering her customers at the Rose Inn something new and interesting to drink. Dawn is Vice-Chair and founder member of the Campaign for Pubs, representing the voice of publicans during the Covid lockdown and restrictions.

*Find out more at*  
[campaignforpubs.co.uk](http://campaignforpubs.co.uk)



**Graham Elliot**

Graham was central to the campaign to save the Locks Inn at Geldeston. By selling shares to customers and supporters, the group raised enough money to allow a community buy out. The pub is now open again, selling real ales and providing a strong hub for the community. They're hosting an Easter Beer Festival from 13 to 18 April, see page 29 for details.



### James Woodrow

James has worked tirelessly to support the Norwich Beer Festival over the years and used his knowledge to produce a reference book *A Hazy History of Norwich Beer Festival* to celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. James has regularly submitted logo designs for the festival, with his design being selected as the winner in 2014.



### Jeff Hoyle

Jeff is a long-standing active member of West Norfolk branch who works hard to support and promote local pubs and clubs, both within CAMRA and externally in the local press. Jeff is a regular contributor to *Norfolk Nips*, and before that, *Cask Force* with his *News from the West* column dating back to 1989. Check out *Last Orders* on 46 for a fun read from Jeff.



### Phil Cutter & Dawn Leeder

Phil and Dawn worked together to form Norwich City of Ale, the UK's original city wide beer festival. Since starting in 2011 the event has raised the profile of local pubs, brewers and the beer scene in the city, as well as raising thousands for local charities. Returning this year for a month long celebration from 26 May to 26 June, see page 32 for details.



### Laura Emson

Whilst nominated in the North London awards, Laura considers herself an honorary daughter of the fine city of Norwich. Recognised for her work on inclusion, always challenging us to be our best, she has gained most of her technical expertise through our festivals. We were delighted to see her successfully gain election to CAMRA's National Executive at her first attempt and look forward to seeing what she can go on to achieve.



### Warren Wordsworth

Warren was named on the 50th Anniversary posthumous Roll of Honour in recognition of his commitment to the campaign and support to his local branch and members. As former Chairman, Secretary and Pubs Officer of Norwich and District branch, Norwich Beer Festival volunteer and author of *Real Ale Walks in Norfolk*, his contribution touched many people.



### The Fat Cat, Norwich

The original Fat Cat is a long-standing CAMRA national award-winning pub and landlord Colin Keatley recently celebrated 30 years behind the bar. The Fat Cat has won Norwich and District branch's Pub of the Year award four times, and has been named CAMRA's National Pub of the Year twice. See more on this year's Pub of the Year awards on page 38.



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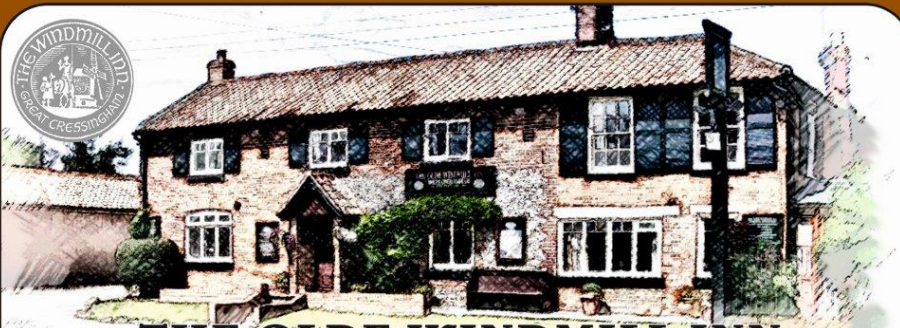
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# Norfolk's Real Cider and Perry



As well as real ale, CAMRA also supports real cider and perry (the latter being fermented from pear juice). What we support is not the product found in profusion in most shops and under big shiny pub taps, but that made as it has been for centuries, by pressing the fruit and leaving the juice produced to ferment. This results in a drink that tastes of the fruit from which it was pressed.

**T**he campaign has supported cider and perry for over 30 years and has two promotional months where they are spotlighted. The longer running campaign is in the month of October, when the fruit ripens, which was joined more recently by the month of May, when the orchards come into bloom and the drinks produced from the juice pressed the previous October is ready to drink.

Cider and perry production is generally more thought of something that takes place in the West Country, but cider production has taken place in the Eastern counties, including Norfolk, for hundreds of years.

In recent years, there has been resurgence in cider and perry production, with many smaller producers setting up throughout the UK. Norfolk has benefitted from this growth with the cider bar at Norwich Beer Festival featuring 24 ciders from 8 Norfolk producers. The county has also had success at national competitions with Whin Hill winning two awards at CAMRA's National Cider and Perry Championships,

where their products were judged against those from all over the UK.

So where can you find real cider and perry? Information on pubs selling them can be found on [WhatPub.com](https://www.whatpub.com) by selecting the 'real cider available' symbol. Some producers have their own shops, either online, physical premises or both, and attend farmers markets and craft fairs where you can talk to the person involved in making the products. They can also be found in shops which specialise in local food and drink.

It has been a difficult couple of years for our pubs, clubs and local producers, so why not try something different and try a real cider or perry? You'll never know what it is until you have, as I discovered when I visited Peterborough Beer Festival in the late 80's and discovered real cider and, as a result of that, CAMRA. You may be very pleasantly surprised by what you find.

■ **Andrea Briers**



# SOCIAL EVENTS

## Dates for your diary

**Bookings for Norwich  
and District Social Events**  
socials@norwich.camra.org.uk

### April

#### Friday 15 April

##### Norwich Good Friday Stroll / 12pm

Fat Cat & Canary, Coach & Horses  
(Thorpe Rd), Jubilee, Lollards Pit, Red  
Lion and Adam & Eve

#### Wednesday 20 April

##### Norwich Lunchtime Stroll / 12pm

Rose Tavern, York Tavern, Unthank  
Arms, Eaton Cottage and Beehive

#### Sunday 24 April

##### Norwich Sunday Stroll / 12pm

Fat Cat, Alexandra, Reindeer, Ten Bells,  
Plough and Rumsey Wells

#### Friday 29 April

##### Norwich & District Evening Campaign

##### Trip visiting a selection of pubs / 7.15pm

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### May

#### Monday 2 May

##### Norwich Bank Holiday Stroll / 12pm

Fat Cat, Belle Vue, Alexandra, Garden  
House, Black Horse, The Earlham and  
Georgian Townhouse

#### Friday 6 May

##### Norwich First Friday Five / 7-8pm

Compleat Angler, Last Pub Standing, Edith  
Cavell, Louis Marchesi and Ribs Of Beef

#### Monday 9 May

##### East Norfolk Branch Meeting 7.30pm

Oddfellows, Gorleston

#### Thursday 12 May

##### Norwich & District Lunchtime

##### Campaign Trip visiting a selection of

pubs / 11:30am

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

#### Sunday 15 May

##### Norwich Sunday Stroll / 12pm

White Lion, Golden Star, Strangers  
Tavern, Rumsey Wells, St Andrews  
Brewhouse and Playhouse Bar

#### Wednesday 18 May

##### Norwich & District Branch Meeting &

Social 7.30pm

Malt & Mardle, Magdalen Street, Norwich

#### Friday 20 May

##### Norwich & District Evening Campaign

##### Trip visiting a selection of pubs / 7.15pm

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

#### Friday 27 May

##### Norwich Lunchtime Stroll / 12pm

Fat Cat & Canary, Coach & Horses,  
Compleat Angler, Last Pub Standing  
and Sir Toby's/Vine

### June

#### Friday 3 June

##### Norwich First Friday Five / 7-8pm

Reindeer, Plough, Ten Bells, Strangers  
and Rumsey Wells

#### Monday 6 June

##### East Norfolk Branch Meeting 7.30pm

California Tavern, Scratby

#### Tuesday 7 June

##### Norwich & District Lunchtime

##### Campaign Trip visiting a selection of

pubs / 11:30am

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

#### Saturday 11 June

##### Norwich & District Summer Social

Details TBC

#### Thursday 16 June

##### Norwich Lunchtime Stroll / 12pm

Adam & Eve, Wig & Pen, Ribs Of Beef,  
Merchants House and Kings Head

#### Sunday 19 June

##### Norwich Sunday Stroll / 12pm

Fat Cat and Canary, Coach & Horses,  
Jubilee, Lollards Pit, Wig & Pen and  
Plasterers

#### Saturday 25 June

##### Norwich & District Daytime Campaign

##### Trip visiting a selection of pubs.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

### July

#### Friday 1 July

##### Norwich First Friday Five / 7-8pm

Fat Cat, Alexandra, Earlham, Black  
Horse, Georgian Townhouse

#### Tuesday 12 July

##### Norwich Lunchtime Stroll / 12pm

Garden House, Black Horse, Earlham,  
Alexandra and Fat Cat

#### Sunday 17 July

##### Norwich Sunday Stroll / 12pm

Whalebone, Rosebery, Angel Gardens,  
Duke of Wellington, Stanley and Artichoke

#### Tuesday 19 July

##### Norwich & District Branch Meeting

& Social

Details TBC

#### Friday 22 July

##### Norwich & District Lunchtime

##### Campaign Trip visiting a selection of

pubs / 11:30am

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

#### Friday 29 July

##### Norwich & District Evening Campaign

##### Trip visiting a selection of pubs / 7.15pm

BOOKING ESSENTIAL



# LAST ORDERS

## FOOL ME ONCE

When I read that Northern Monk brewery had produced a cheese and onion crisp flavoured beer, I was prepared for it to be a hoax. Except that it turned out to be true.

**T**he Leeds based brewer had teamed up with Bradford based crisp manufacturer Seabrooks to create Cheese and Onion Lager. At 5.4% it is described as having a distinct aroma, with notes of cheese and onion and 'leaving you with the aftertaste of just having finished your favourite packet of crisps'. Their second effort, Prawn Cocktail Gose, was a 5% sour beer that 'brings with it the tang of prawn cocktail' and finishes with 'a distinct saltiness'.

They were teased with a press release on 1 April, leading many like me to believe that they were an April Fool's joke, but ten days later there they were, available to buy in Northern Monk's online shop.

Given that this was the third year of unusual collaborations, we should not have been fooled. Bloody Mary Porter combined beer with Henderson's Relish in 2019 and in 2020

they teamed up with Aunt Bessie's, famous for their Yorkshire puddings to brew a 'two course roast dinner beer'.

Hopefully the days of lockdown are at an end and there will no longer be a requirement to have a substantial meal with your pint. But if there is, what are the chances of persuading the powers that be that a pint of Northern Monk's 'two course roast dinner beer' satisfies the rules? A beer that clearly has Yorkshire pudding as an integral part of the pint could be allowed. But there's no way a packet of crisps in liquid form qualifies as a substantial meal.

And anyway, shouldn't this collaboration be a two-way street? Where are the Plum Porter Pork Scratchings, the Best Bitter Bombay Mix or the Smooth Stout Salted Peanuts? Now there's an idea...

■ Jeff Hoyle

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