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The Plough, Ripple

Winter Pub of the Season
2022

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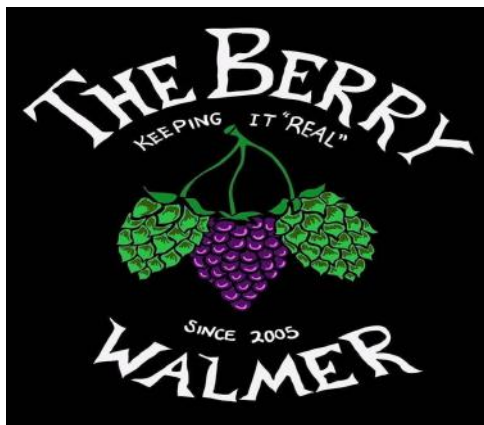
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Branch Meetings start at 7.30pm

Thu 6 Apr	Thirst Thursday: Eastry, Finglesham & Deal. Start at Five Bells, Eastry 12.30
Fri 7 - Sat 8 Apr	Easter Beer Festival, Ramsgate Brewery, Broadstairs
Fri 7 - Sun 9 Apr	Beer Festival, Chambers, Folkestone
Fri 7 - Mon 10 Apr	Annual Beer & Music Festival, Five Bells, Eastry
Mon 17 Apr	Branch Meeting Crown Inn, Finglesham
Fri 21 - Sun 23 Apr	CAMRA Member's Weekend, AGM & Conference, Octagon Centre, Sheffield
Thu 4 - Sat 6 May	16th Bexley Beer Festival, Dartfordians Community Social Club, Bexley
Thu 4 May	Thirst Thursday: Sandwich, Wingham & Temple Ewell. Start at Red Cow Sandwich 13.00
Sat 13 May	Kent CAMRA Region AGM, Marden Village Club
Sun 14 May	Ripple Mill Open Day & Pub Walk. Meet at Freed Man, Walmer
Mon 15 May	Branch Meeting Five Bells, Eastry
Thu 18 - Sun 21 May	Beer Festival, Haywain, Bramling – contact pub for details
Fri 26 - Sun 28 May	Beer & Cider Festival, Crabble Corn Mill
Thu 1 Jun	Thirst Thursday: Dover & Coldred. Start at White Horse, Dover 13.00
Fri 16 - Sat 17 Jun	KESR Real Ale & Cider Festival, Tenterden
Mon 19 June	Annual General Meeting & Branch Meeting Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club, Dover



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LOCAL NEWS

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We are, of course, equally pleased to hear from landlords with news about their pub.

WINTER PUB OF THE SEASON A winter's night, cold and wet with the wind starting to blow. Just the time to find cosy sanctuary in the Plough at Ripple a few miles from Deal – always a warm welcome and good real ale, and excellent reasons why Deal, Dover, Sandwich & District CAMRA



Roy O'Neill (Left) and Brian Davies (Right) of the Plough receive their Winter Pub of the Season Certificate from Tony Wells (Centre)

chose the pub as our Winter Pub of the Season 2022/23. Meeting there in mid January for our monthly Branch Meeting, we took the opportunity to present licensees Roy O'Neill and Brian Davies with the award, and to drink from a selection of beers including Greene King Abbot, Fullers London Pride and Dark Star Hophead. The pub offers accommodation and welcomes "friendly dogs, well behaved children and their owners." And there is plenty of parking space, either adjoining the pub, or opposite on the other side of the road. So if you are in the vicinity pay it a visit – its good in summer and the rest of the year as well.

FAREWELL TO THE THIRSTY SCARECROW

It is hard to believe that it was over seven years ago that Kieran Redman's dream of running his own micro pub, saw the opening of the Thirsty Scarecrow in Dover's High Street. Operating principally as a cider outlet, beer however, was not ignored and real ale was always available, either as KeyKeg or in cask. Rapidly establishing itself as a provider of good quality cider and beer, in 2017 it

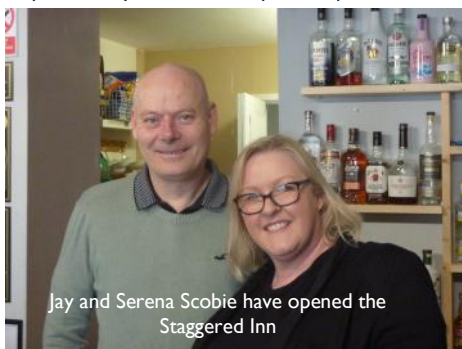


Kieran Redman at the Thirsty Scarecrow

was chosen as Branch Cider Pub of the Year. All things change though, and wishing to spend more time with his family, combined with post covid economic uncertainty, Kieran decided to call it a day and closed the Thirsty Scarecrow last autumn. We wish him well for the future.

WELCOME TO THE STAGGERED INN

However, the Scarecrow did not stay closed for long. Jay Scoble had also long hankered after running a micro pub and shortly after Kieran's departure had acquired the premises. Following redecoration and the installation of a bar counter and separate lady's toilet, the pub reopened as the



Jay and Serena Scoble have opened the Staggered Inn

Staggered Inn just before Christmas – a joint operation with his wife Serena. So far, Jay says, trade has gone well. Three or four real ales are always available, mainly from Kent, plus ten to a dozen ciders. And on Fridays there is also that old pub favourite, a meat raffle.

PUB NEWS

Thirsty Scarecrow, Dover: Closed in the autumn and re-opened under new management shortly before Christmas as the **Staggered Inn** (see above).

Three Cups, Dover: Closed after Christmas with a pending planning application for change of use to residential.

Roman Quay, Dover: Remaining closed, future uncertain

Railway Bell, River: Closed since 2019. Planning application for change of use has been approved and work has started.

Funky Monkey, Dover: Now closed. Probable demolition as part of area re-development.

Deal Smugglers Café & Bar, Deal: Former Jolly Gardener closed since June 2022. Part currently Polish restaurant.

Smuggler's Beer & Music Café, Sandwich: Taken over by the Time & Tide Brewery, and renamed Time & Tide Taphouse.

Admiral Owen, Sandwich: Currently closed, future uncertain.

Chequer, Ash: The community owned pub re-opened in late October with a new tenant. Reports suggest everything going well.

Dog, Wingham: The only Kent pub included in a survey of British pubs with accommodation – *Best Pubs With Rooms* –, published in the *i* newspaper in late August.

Blue Pigeons, Worth: Currently closed and up for sale.

Plough & Harrow, Tilmanstone: Closed at time of writing, presumably for the winter season. Expected to reopen in April.

Royal Oak, Nonington: Still closed late October 2022, no sign of re-opening.

Barfreestone, Wrong Turn Closed in June 2022. Tenant currently being sought. Separately approval granted for new bar in the village.

Lighthouse, Capel: Still closed - visit Autumn 2022. Indication of some work having been undertaken.

White Cliffs Hotel, St Margaret's: Planning application for change of use to residential granted December 2022.

First Light Bar & Café (formerly Sandra's), St. Margaret's: Expanded into adjacent premises.

Shepherd Neame have new tenants at the **Lord Nelson in Dover** and are seeking new tenants for the **Market Inn, Sandwich**

CANTERBURY

King's Head, Wincheap: Still closed during winter but owner hoped to reopen in March.

Cross Keys, Old Dover Road: October 2022 – noted, steel shutters now installed over windows/doors

Plough and Harrow, Bridge: Closed and is up for sale by Shepherd Neame

Petham Pint micropub, Petham: Due to close Jan 31st now that the Chequers at Petham has reopened.

Hop Pocket at Bossingham: Still closed October 2022. Work in progress, although seemingly currently suspended. Future uncertain but has been granted ACV status.

Red Lion, Stodmarsh: Granted ACV status

Compasses, Crundale: Due to close in March

ELSEWHERE

George, Bethersden Closed in Autumn 2020 with “no plans for reopening”, locals decided otherwise, and raised £300,000 through the issue of shares, and various activities such as pop-up pub events – sufficient to acquire a further £250,000 towards its purchase from the Government. Ownership now secured villagers hope to reopen in the spring as a community hub offering a warm space, library and community centre.

BREWERIES

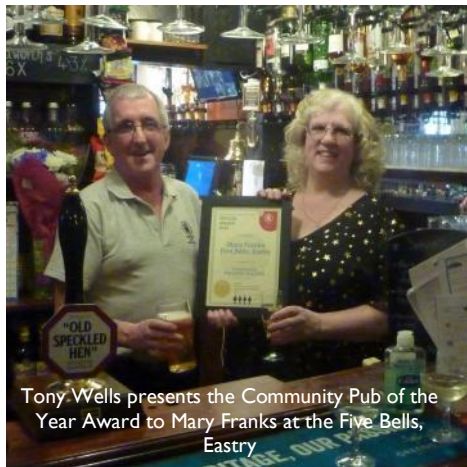
Angels & Demons Brewery, Capel: At the time of writing the brewery is moving from its Cauldham Lane site to new premises near Tenterden.

Old Dairy Brewery, Tenterden: We understand that the brewery is now closed. No knowledge of any future plans, but the taproom will continue to operate under a new owner.

Hopdaemon: We are told that brewing at Newnham has ceased, or will be ceasing, with brewing equipment transferred to a site at Bekesbourne.

COMMUNITY PUB OF THE YEAR 2022

For many years Deal, Dover, Sandwich & District CAMRA have chosen one of our Branch pubs as Branch Pub of the Year – added to of late by also selecting Summer and Winter Pubs of the Season. However, while many excellent pubs have received an award, the criteria for judging has always centred on the traditional pub role – provision of well



Tony Wells presents the Community Pub of the Year Award to Mary Franks at the Five Bells, Eastry

kept ale, welcoming ambiance, good conversation, etc. We felt it was time that we broadened our remit and specifically celebrated in addition, a pub's community function. And our first, and very well deserved winner is the **Five Bells** in Eastry.

Accordingly, Saturday afternoon February 11th found a crowded pub, full of people waiting to see the presentation of the award, which eventually got

underway around 4 o'clock.. Presenting the certificate to landlady Mary Franks, Branch Pub Officer Tony Wells spoke of the variety of activities supported and undertaken by the Five Bells, and of the valuable part played by the pub in Eastry and the surrounding area. Many photographs were taken including several outside featuring a large part of those who had turned up for the event.

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Your scores support some of the critical work that our branch does during the year. From selecting our Good Beer Guide entries and Pub of the Year candidates, to identifying those pubs that should be **LocAle** accredited or feature on our **Best of...** webpage.



Please remember: You are scoring the condition of the beer, not how much you like it. You might not be a big fan of, say a hoppy, summer ale or a stout with coffee undertones, but you would recognise the difference between a pint that is in OK condition and one that is in good condition.

So, what do the scores mean? Some general rules:

0: No Real Ale	1: Poor	2: Average	3: Good	4: Very Good	5: Perfect

- If you can't decide between two scores, don't forget you are allowed to enter half scores.
- Don't just submit your high scores. We like to receive all your scores, good and bad, so we can rate the quality of the real ale you could expect when visiting our pubs.
- A pub scoring 3 to 3.5 on a regular basis could be eligible for an entry in the Good Beer Guide.
- A pub scoring over 3.5 on a regular basis could expect to be a Pub of the Year candidate.
- If you score a 4.5 and 5 regularly, we'd suggest you are being over generous with your scoring.
- 4.0: You'd use this score infrequently throughout the year.
- 5.0: You would expect to use this score just once, perhaps twice, a year.

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The National News

By Martin Atkins

AUTUMN BUDGET STATEMENT

In a communication to the membership CAMRA Chairman Nik Antona commented that disappointingly, the statement did not display much clarity for licensees, brewers, cider makers or consumers. There was an announcement about extending and increasing relief with business rates for hospitality businesses in the next few years, and the Government has said they will be making a decision before Christmas on support for pubs and breweries facing rocketing energy bills beyond April 2023.

He said CAMRA will be maintaining pressure to see this done as well as campaigning for a freeze in alcohol duties. A decision on this is going to be made separately, as part of the Alcohol Duty Review which will see a new, lower rate of duty charged on draught beer and cider served in pubs and clubs introduced in August 2023 – a change CAMRA has long campaigned for. The Government must remain committed to its introduction. CAMRA will also be pushing for wholesale reform of the business rates system which unfairly penalises pubs in its current form.

If we want to see the UK's pubs and breweries survive and thrive, he added, then we need action on energy bills and a new system of alcohol taxation that encourages pub-going and gives our locals a chance to compete with the likes of cheap super-market alcohol.

N.B. In the event, there was no Government announcement until January, when Chancellor, Jeremy Hunt, stated that the revised scheme for businesses and charities will involve applying a discount to the prevailing market price, rather than capping the overall cost of energy. This will cost the Government no more than £5.5bn over the next year, substantially less than the previous arrangement that cost £18bn for six months. The Government's own calculations suggest that under the new scheme a typical pub's bills will rise by almost £3,000 a month, and those for a small shop by more than £450 a month. More generous discounts will apply to energy intensive industries.

What exactly constitutes a typical pub in the Government's mind we do not know, but the additional costs for many a smaller pub might be nearer those of a small shop. Still, however, a most unwelcome extra expense in very challenging times. As a

further blow the Government has also, for the moment, dropped any plans for an equitable replacement, or at least adjustment, to the several hundred year old system of business rates.

MIXED FORTUNES FOR BREWERS & PUB-COS

BrewDog In late summer the brewer announced the closure of six of its 75 bars in the UK, citing spiralling energy bills making the sites unviable. Three are in England and three in Scotland, and all staff have accepted relocation to other BrewDog establishments.

Adnams Reporting in September, Adnams declared a pre-tax loss of £1m for the six months to 30th June, significantly less than £3.3m a year before. Adnams warned that higher drinks prices could soon make a visit to the pub too expensive. The brewery added that the Queen's Platinum Jubilee "turned out not to be the wonderful on-trade event everybody was hoping for." Earlier, speaking on BBC Radio 4 chief executive Andy Wood observed that, probably owing to covid, people were going out earlier than before, spending less, and that pubs were often quiet by 9pm. Energy and raw material costs were a problem, and he advocated a VAT reduction.

Marston's declared sales up 3% on 2019 in mid October, with customers still supporting their community-focused pubs. Chief executive Andrew Andrea said the firm is yet to see a change in behaviour due to cost of living: "people want to keep on socialising." Later in December the company announced that drink sales were up 6.8% on last year, although still below the pre-pandemic level. However, the World Cup was providing a welcome winter bonus. Mr Andrea commented: "Our estate is well-placed to benefit from changing patterns in consumer behaviour....Marston's remains well financed and in great shape to weather the challenges ahead."

Wetherspoons In October Tim Martin said that Wetherspoons faces "a momentous challenge" to persuade drinkers back into its pubs. "During lockdown, dyed-in-the-wool pub goers, many for the first time, filled their fridges with supermarket beer." In the year to the end of July, though, total sales rose from £773m to more than £1.7bn with pre-tax losses at £30.4m, down from £167m the previous year. And in October, while sales showed

an 8.9% year-on-year rise they were lower than pre-pandemic 2019. The company has also been cutting back on its estate. Mid November saw 39 more Wetherspoon pubs put up for sale, as “substantially higher” staff and food costs made an impact.

Youngs Sales up by just under a quarter at £186.5m, and a 14.7% rise in pre-tax profits to £25m for the six months to 26th September, reported the pub operator in November. It said that it had seen no weakening of demand, and trade had been “robust” with London bouncing back.

Mitchells & Butlers In December the operator of Toby Carvery, All Bar One and Harvester announced £8m pre-tax profits for the year to 24 September, compared to a £42m loss the previous year and despite “highly challenging” trading conditions. Revenues had more than doubled to £2.2bn over the year.

MORE DRINKING AT HOME

Tim Martin’s comments on drinking at home were reflected by online retailer Virgin Wines reporting of revenue of £69.2m for the year to 1st July 2022 – 63% above that of pre-pandemic 2019. Over half of this was generated by the firm’s Winebank scheme which allows customers to pay money into

an interest earning account that can be used to purchase other wines. Drinking at home is an “affordable treat compared to the cost of alternative options such as going to pubs and restaurants”, said chief executive Jay Wright.

CASK BEER AVAILABILITY

A trend noticed locally was raised by correspondence in a recent *London Drinker*. Commenting on reports from a previous edition of the magazine, one reader expressed alarm at the number of pubs notifying that they will no longer sell real ale. *London Drinker* expressed the opinion that this was a hangover from low trade conditions after covid lockdowns, which, combined with current cost of living increases has seen the tendency continue. Because of its short shelf life real ale had always been vulnerable compared to keg when pubs are considering cut backs.

The magazine, does however, allow for the possibility of other factors it had not considered. One perhaps, is a drift towards polarisation with regard to real ale – either heavily into it, or abandoning completely in favour of keg. Certainly, from observations here in East Kent, that appears to be the approach among some parts of the licensed trade, and has been noticeable now for some time, and certainly from before covid.



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GREATLY MISSED

Three Real Ale stalwarts are mourned

Sadly, recent months have seen the loss of three well known real ale drinkers from East Kent, and we print here the following tributes.



Chris Excell

CHRIS EXCELL Chris died shortly before Christmas 2022.

Jim Green writes: Goodbye Chris. On 19th December, Charing Crematorium was packed with people from various walks of life, including a group arriving on a green London Country Routemaster double-deck bus, to say farewell to Chris Excell, afterwards moving on to the Woolpack at Smeth to remember him, appropriately, over pints of Real Ale.

I first came across Chris in the 1970s shortly after I joined CAMRA and, along with my brother Dave and his son Mike, became involved with the Roger Marples pub tourists who included not only Chris but other notables like Roger Corbett and Jeff Waller. Like Jeff, but unlike the Rogers, Chris soon became a Beery Boater and remained so for many years.

Most of us acquired nicknames; Chris's was 'The Whinger', although he wasn't really, but held firm and unshakeable attitudes on many subjects, including, of course, his devotion to Real Ale. Although he lived in Ashford, he invoked the CAMRA rule which allowed him to be a member of the Branch of his choice, and his choice for many years was the Deal, Dover, Sandwich and District Branch rather than what was then Ashford and Shepway.

Thanks for the many memories, Chris, and I hope that you have found a place at the Pub in Paradise alongside all those of our friends who have gone before. Save a seat for me, please!

JOHN TURNER In January we heard that John Turner of Ash had died.

John Pitcher said: This news comes as quite a shock! My impression is that I used to bump into John quite a lot, strangely enough in pubs mostly, not to mention buses and trains. I last remember seeing him at the New Inn Beer Festival at the end of May but that could well be BC (Before Covid) I suppose. He was always unassuming, with a dry wit, a great asset to the local pub scene.

From Canterbury, Herne Bay and Whitstable Branch, **Gill Keay** said: John was a CAMRA member for many, many years and had an amazing knowledge of real ales. No beer festival was complete without him – I don't remember him working at the festivals, but he must have attended hundreds of them, not only in Kent, but all over the UK, and abroad. He and his wife Sue attended all of our CAMRA cricket tents – he was a keen cricket fan – and he often helped out when we were busy. We will miss him.

GRAHAME TURNER We remember Grahame as an amiable and most obliging delivery driver for the Ramsgate Brewery, supplying Gadd's excellent beer to local pubs and our own annual White Cliffs Festival of Winter Ales.

Ramsgate Brewery said: It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of one of our much loved staff members, Grahame Turner. Grahame was known to many of you and sadly passed away on 15th September, after a short battle with cancer. Whilst we knew Grahame was poorly, it was still a shock to lose him quite so soon.



Grahame Turner



DEAL HOP FARM 2023

Latest news from the community hop project

Deal's local community hop growing project – the **Deal Hop Farm** – is now well established and the Branch was pleased to receive the following from the enterprise about last year's harvest.

For most commercial hop farmers in the UK, 2022 was not a good year. As well as still dealing with long effects of COVID on cask sales, high levels of hop stocks with brewers, pub and brewery closures, and changing tastes toward more aromatic hops from US & NZ, farms also had to contend with the drought impacting on yields and cost of irrigation, plus high gas prices effecting drying periods. Several farms closed some of their hop gardens or reduced production by using less strings and bines, and greatly reduced the time the drying oasts were working during the harvest period.

So how was our season locally? Well oddly enough we broke our harvest record – with some 308 kilos being harvested. There were definitely more failed rhizomes because of prolonged heat, but the resilient nature of the farm with micro climates meant the average harvest per hop increased from 750grams to 1 kilo. Over all a 34% increase on 2021!



We still had some major challenges. With the first storm after the drought in early September the hop garden at the Captain's Garden collapsed and it took a quick response to re-rig it temporarily for the next harvest. Secondly the rain that soon followed in September made the harvest more difficult (not that the hops mind the rain but our hop pickers do !), and we had to commandeer every gazebo in Deal for our last harvest.



To date the Deal Hop Farm has produced some 1.2 tons of hops which in turn has produced an amazing 150k pints of beer. Time & Tide Brewery used about 50 kilos to produce the well received Green Hop Pale and we ended up with about 70 kilos of dried hops for future brews. The brewery continues to be brilliantly supportive of us – with a redesign branding for beers using our hops and a new 'Sandwich Bay Bitter', available in several local pubs, taphouses, cafes, shops and the odd castle.

February is the traditional month to join us and February 2023 saw Deal Hop Farm launching its 7th Season. The patchwork farm is made up of people's gardens, allotments and community spaces. Everyone grows the same variety of hop, mutually supports each other, comes together in September to harvest; and later in the year to celebrate all the beers made by local brewers Time & Tide using the farm's hops. The 'Farm' had over 265 sites in and around the town in 2022 with over 400 people involved.

For more information – email Info@DealHopFarm.org.uk, Web: www.dealhopfarm.org.uk or Facebook and Insta pages @DealHopFarm



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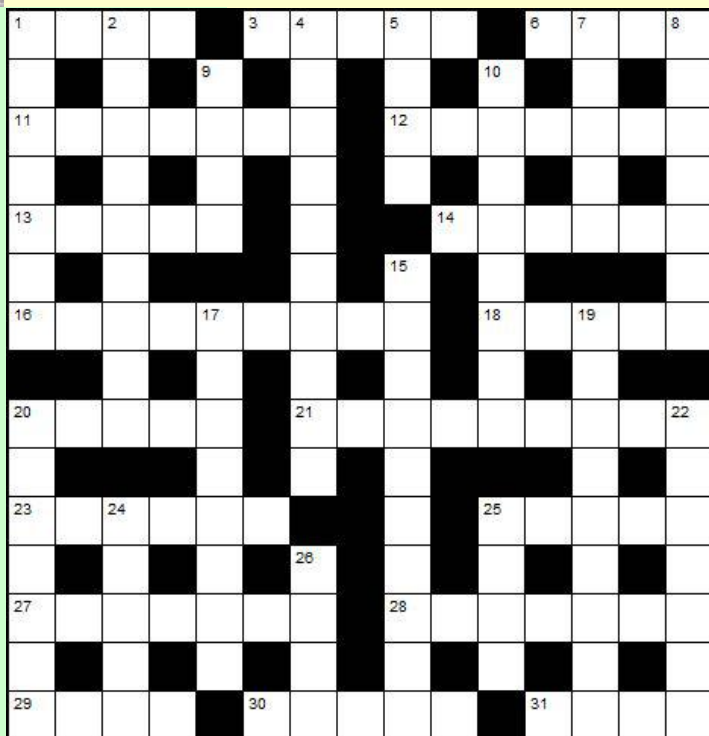
By BOGGLE

ACROSS

- 1 Pace, footprint (4)
- 3 Live (5)
- 6 Animal-based foodstuff (4)
- 11 Ban (7)
- 12 In weakened health, dilapidated (3-4)
- 13 Race, breed, people of common descent (5)
- 14 Purge (6)
- 16 Wind and solar energy (9)
- 18 Late (5)
- 20 WWII battle (5)
- 21 Repeatedly (9)
- 23 Type of sweet (6)
- 25 South American animal (5)
- 27 Missile (7)
- 28 Long term storage (7)
- 29 Having no hair (4)
- 30 Fist fighter (5)
- 31 Actor Sean (4)

DOWN

- 1 Spread (7)
- 2 Experiencing a movement of feelings (9)
- 4 Where pub landlords are often found (6,4)
- 5 Awful (4)
- 7 Go off with secretly (5)
- 8 Plant where leather is produced (7)



- 9 Freshwater fish (4)
- 10 Person who designs things for the first time (8)
- 15 Turn off (10)
- 17 Any place (8)
- 19 Look again at (2-7)
- 20 A place for washing one's body (7)
- 22 Part-exchange (5-2)
- 24 Wild (5)
- 25 Adulterate (a drink, for example) (4)
- 26 Run-of-the-mill (2-2)

**Crossword Answers
on Page 30**



MA PARDOE'S

The historic Old Swan at Netherton, Birmingham faces an uncertain future

In spring 2022 and again in the following autumn the Beery Boaters found themselves in the Black Country, where an obligatory stop is a visit to the Old Swan at Netherton, outside Dudley, affectionately known far and wide as Ma Pardoe's. However, a local newspaper report in October suggested that our 2022 visits might have been our last.

One of a handful of long established home brew pubs, Ma Pardoe's is situated on Halesowen Road, about a ten-minute walk from the Beery Boaters' normal mooring place at Windmill End. A licence for the site dates from 1835, but the present buildings, including the brewery were built in 1863. Except for a short period between 1988 and 2001, brewing has continued ever since.

The building itself, with several bars, provides a fine example of the, now largely disappeared, traditional Black Country pub, offering home cooked food and half a dozen ales brewed on site. Its popular name dates from 1932 when it was taken over by Doris and Fred Pardoe, and was soon adopted by locals, with few calling it the Old Swan.

Now though, along with many other pubs, it is finding the post pandemic world and changing lifestyles, a challenging prospect. Speaking to the local press in October pub landlord, Tim Newey, talked about the current lack of customers, ever increasing costs and some ill-judged financial advice: "We are doing our very best. We just haven't got the customers we used to.



The Old Swan (Ma Pardoe's) in Netherton, Birmingham



The ceiling of the front bar at the Old Swan

The overheads are increasing as time goes. We haven't really had any help with the rent, no help with the rates – we made an application for a rates review in November which is still ongoing."

He says, that following advice, the pub took out a £50,000 Covid 'bounce back loan', which at the time they did not need. "When Covid was extended, £50,000 doesn't really go very far, everything adds up, if I had the benefit of hindsight I honestly wouldn't have taken the advice to take the loan. While myself and the staff are doing their very best to keep the pub going, if we can't get the customers through the doors then this just can't last. If things don't improve drastically, then we won't be around by Christmas."

At the time of writing (mid January 2023), to the best of our knowledge Ma Pardoe's is still operating. We, of course, hope it continues to, but they need all the support they can get. So, if you are in the Black Country, and Ma Pardoe's is still open, go to Halesowen Rd., Netherton, and pay an esteemed institution a well deserved visit – you will not regret it.



CHANNEL VIEW

In our issue of Spring 2022 we posed the question, after the virus, what now for the country's pubs? Unsurprisingly eight or nine months later we are not a lot wiser, however certain trends are appearing – some apparently as a direct result of the pandemic, and some a continuation of trends already starting to appear before the pandemic hit us.

Before covid and its accompanying lockdowns, there was some indication that the fall in pub numbers, seemingly continuous for decades, had now bottomed out with some signs of a revival, although it is doubtful about the percentage that would have satisfied real ale drinkers' criteria of a pub. However, as last year's August/September edition of *London Drinker*, informed us, a report by property consultants, Altus Group, states that earlier in 2022, the number of pubs in England and Wales had fallen below 40,000, the lowest ever, and a reduction of over 7,000 during the last ten years.

Meanwhile the British Beer and Pub Association says that only 37% of hospitality businesses are making any money, and there is a general problem over staff recruitment. There is also a continuing trend of limiting opening, with one report suggesting that 80-90% of pubs were considering restricting hours of trade and/or closing Monday and Tuesday.

However, elsewhere there is less gloom. As reflected in our Local and National News, views from individual breweries and pubcos are more mixed, while reports on the state of the nation's high streets, suffering from the growth of out of town and internet shopping, speak of new pubs and bars appearing. Although, as part of the continuing trend of traditional retail being replaced by service providers, it has to be weighed against the loss of traditional locals.

But all the above might be inconsequential when matched against the consequences of the current extraordinary cost of energy. In January, the Government announced the replacement of its present energy support for business for the year from April – generally a sevenfold reduction on the support it had been giving. From the Government's own calculations a "typical" pub would face extra costs of £3,000 a month.

As we remark in National News, exactly how the Government defines a typical pub we do not know,

but for many such an increase would surely be disastrous. No doubt in due course the cost of energy will come down, already the price of gas has dropped substantially, but by then for many a small businesses it may be too late. It must have occurred to the Government that to support businesses through the pandemic only to see them fail a few years later is an almost negligent waste of money, while to allow them to be so exposed to the vagaries of a massively fluctuating market for an essential product does nothing to help future business planning.

Additionally pubs are also faced with competition from cheap supermarket beer and the unfair and out of date business rates system, problems for which CAMRA has long campaigned to see reformed. The Government has now promised a reduction in draught beer duty, due now to be introduced in August, but plans to review business rates have for the moment been dropped.

However, much as Government consideration of both is very welcome, there is a sense that this is just tinkering round the edges when judged against the industry's other problems. What is required for pubs is a completely new approach, one that recognises their value to, and place in, the community. They are, after all, part of our heritage, and should receive the respect that we give to historic buildings and towns, and important areas of countryside, and if that requires additional support or funding then so be it.

This does not mean that all pubs should be kept going whether they serve any useful purpose or not, but neither should an alternative use be granted solely on commercial considerations, and while such arguments are regularly used, and success can be achieved, at the moment there is often the feeling of an uphill struggle. If the Government wants pubs to be a valuable and thriving community asset, as we believe it does, then it needs to make it very clear that that is the case and provide appropriate policies to back it up.

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A WALK INTO DOVER

A summer's day stroll

If the summer of 2022 is remembered for anything it will be for record breaking heatwaves in July and August, which set fire to fields and in some cases nearby houses too. But for Deal, Dover, Sandwich CAMRA it was also the year in which we chose the **Fox** at Temple Ewell as our Summer Pub of the Season – report and photo in last year's Summer *Channel Draught*.

The Friday we picked for the presentation was one of the less hot, a traditional pleasant summer's day, when we met at the pub in the afternoon: just right, we thought, for a walk back into Dover after presenting Steve and Alyson with the award. Accordingly, having stayed for a pint or two (Landlord, 61 Deep) at the Fox, John (organiser of walks and bus trips) led half a dozen of us off along Lower Road, through Kearsney Abbey and alongside the streams and waterfalls of the old mill site.

At the bottom of Minnis Lane we passed the now lost **Dublin Man O' War**, the engraved sign high on the front wall, the sole remaining indication of the pub it once was. However, by contrast another five minutes or so brought us to the very much still existing **Royal Oak** – flint and brick fronted, one of the oldest pubs in Dover and its surroundings. Beer choice was Canterbury Ales Kentish Best and Greene King IPA, and we spent a pleasing half hour before continuing our perambulation.

Back alongside the river and past **Crabble Mill**, now a regular venue for beer and cider festivals, and to a very crowded **Cricketers**, We took our beers outside and found seats where we could overlook the garden, the single real ale being a very palatable Goody Genesis, a brewery whose beers generally unfortunately see little representation locally, even though it is only located at Herne.

It was now getting late in the afternoon as we moved off again, along Crabble Avenue, under the railway line, and down the path beside Buckland Churchyard opposite what remained of the buildings that had once been Buckland Paper Mill. We took a look at the **Bull**, but they had no real ale at the time, so we headed for our last stop, the **Breakwater Brewery Tap**, where a wide choice of brews awaited us, including Dover Pale, East Kent Gold and Olcano. Seated outside with our drinks we received a fleeting visit from Beery Boaters Hon. Commodore (unelected) – aka Branch Secretary Jim Green – on his way home, no doubt from some other hostelry.

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Inside the Royal Oak, River



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BACK TO THE BLACK COUNTRY

The Spring 2022 tour of the Birmingham Canals and pubs

The 41st year of the Beery Boaters saw a welcome return to the Black Country, and so, early afternoon on Saturday 23rd April 2022, found Martin and Hon. Commodore (Unelected) pulling into the Cross Inn at Finstall, current local CAMRA Pub of the Year, for a welcome pint of Black Country beer, before continuing to Anglo Welsh at Tardebigge.

At the boatyard the rest of the crews had arrived and the boats were ready: 68ft Hanbury, an old favourite, with Peter Broberg (Cherub), Tony Lea, Mark Geeson (chef de cuisine), Paul Rhoads, Dave (Tankard) Bunyan, Les Murrell and Dave (Bod) Hatton; and 64ft Dragonfly (new to us) with Martin Atkins, Dave & John Underdown, Robert Miller (ship's cook), Alan Hodges and Yours Truly Jim Green (Hon. Commodore Unelected). Martin and I, as usual, occupied the after cabin and noticed on the carpet a small damp patch, but paid little attention to it at the time.

The weather was fine but a bit windy, which it stayed all week, as we cruised the few miles towards Brum for our evening's destination, the Hopwood House, a large Marston's canalside pub where the evening was spent in drinking, eating and playing dominoes. Ales included Wainwright, Banks's Sunbeam and Marston's Pedigree.

Sunday morning, and about half a mile from the Hopwood House, is Wast Hill Tunnel, 2726 yds long, and often quite damp, with water dripping from the roof and cascading down the ventilation shafts. At 14ft wide it is just sufficient for two narrowboats to pass, and Hanbury did receive a glancing blow from a passing boat but the unintended bump was accepted with good grace on both sides.

Out of the tunnel we passed the junction with the Stratford-on-Avon Canal and then the Bourneville Chocolate factory and Cadbury's World, where once extensive wharfs and warehouses have been replaced by desirable waterside residences. Just four urban miles now to Birmingham City Centre, with a railway as our companion for most of the way. At Selly Oak, despite assertions to the contrary in my elderly Nicholson's canal guide, work is underway to restore access to the Dudley No. 2 Canal which at one time bypassed Birmingham for boats heading for Dudley and Brierley Hill, via the very long and claustrophobic Lapal Tunnel, closed due to subsidence in 1917. Any restoration will require an alternative route to avoid the tunnel.

Finally Gas Street Basin and Birmingham, where Dragonfly tied up just past Old Turn Junction and the crew departed for the Prince of Wales. The Hanburys moored a bit further on and headed for the Craven Arms. The Beery Boaters came across the Prince of Wales, Cambridge Street, then a narrow terraced road, on our first Birmingham trip in 1982. Now the only original building remaining, with the rest demolished to make way for the National Conference Centre, it was saved by a campaign organised by the late Bob Willis, the famous England cricketer.

Once a Tetley house, on our most recent visits (pre-covid) it had been closed, but was now reopened under the welcome ownership of Black Country Ales. On the walls are photographs of how the pub used to be, including a couple of the lovely Irish landlady, Nancy. While we were there, Shep (John Shepherd) came in with his crew from Dover. Unable to find a suitable boat at Tardebigge, they had hired a 69ft boat, Enterprise, from Anglo Welsh at Wootton Wawen on the Stratford Canal. They had a Friday start and were going to join us for a couple of days before having to return.

Sunday afternoon, and we headed for Tipton, eight miles away, using Brindley's Old Main line, and going up the three locks at Smethwick. At Tipton, instead of mooring at Coronation Park as normal, we tied up on

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the opposite side of the canal by the Fountain Inn, avoiding the need to negotiate what can be a busy road. Most, at least initially, went to the Fountain, in bygone days the H.Q. of William Perry (AKA the Tipton Slasher), a canal boatman who became the bare-knuckle boxing champion of England and whose statue in pugilistic pose adorns Coronation Park. Some, subsequently, went off to try to find the Tipton Pie Factory; some successfully, while some got lost.

The rest of us stayed and I drank Wye Valley HPA. We were made very welcome by the landlady, Linda, and her staff, and I cannot deny that Linda took a certain shine to me as evidenced by various photographs. "I could put him on a cracker!" she said, and to that end a packet of crackers had been procured, and would have been delivered to the Fountain during our 2022 End of the Year trip, had not events conspired to prevent a visit. However, I am told the offer remains.



Jim Green makes friends with the Landlady of the Fountain Inn, Tipton

Monday lunchtime was planned for the Vine, commonly known as the Bull & Bladder, Bathams Brewery Tap at Briery Hill. Leaving Shep and Enterprise to make their own way, Dragonfly and Hanbury descended the three Factory Locks onto Telford's New Main Line and headed back towards Birmingham before turning into the Netherton Tunnel Branch, taking it carefully on the bend in case gremlins were still lurking there. On one pre-covid trip the remains of a sofa cover had taken a couple of hours to remove from the propeller, postponing our assignment with the Bull and Bladder until late afternoon.



Inside the Bull & Bladder at Briery Hill

This time we had no problems, and after the tunnel both boats took on water, before, at Blowers Green, descending the deepest lock on the Birmingham Canal Navigations, and continuing the couple of miles through the large Merry Hill Shopping Centre, complete with marina and a couple of pubs, to the top of Delph Locks. Here we turned in usual fashion by descending two locks, winding in the side pound above the next lock, and returning back up the two locks. Without a winding hole above the locks the alternative is to turn at Merry Hill and reverse for half a mile. I once tried to turn in what looks like a winding hole near the locks and got a 67ft boat jammed across the canal. Maybe 64ft Dragonfly could have managed it.

As we were finishing, Enterprise arrived to repeat the performance. Once all tied up, we departed for the Bull & Bladder, where we enjoyed its superb lunchtime food, and the equally excellent Batham's beers. The itinerary suggested the Old Swan (Ma Pardoe's) at Netherton for the evening, so after returning from the Bull & Bladder we retraced our watery track to Windmill End, moored on the green opposite the visitor centre, and headed for the pub. This is one of the handful of pubs with a tradition of brewing its own beer, and continues to do so. (see page 15)

Tuesday. Back through Netherton Tunnel, left onto the New Main Line, back up Factory Locks and straight on toward Wolverhampton, where we moored in the small basin at the top of the 21 locks descending to the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal. The boat secured we made our way along the back of the railway station to the Great Western with its selection of Holden's and Batham's beers and basic pub snacks, baps and the like. Shep and his crew left us here to head back to Birmingham as they had started a day earlier, and their base was further away. Meanwhile, the Tardebiggers tarried longer, having only three miles to our evening venue.

This was the Vine (another one), at Wednesfield on the Wyrley & Essington Canal. As one cannot turn anything other than a very small boat in Wolverhampton Basin, Dragonfly, had to reverse back and wind in the entrance to the small Canal & River Trust basin, not always easy as it is set at an angle to the main canal. This time we had no problems, unlike Hanbury which had turned earlier, before mooring, and had to contend with "concerns over a Coots nest, sneaky winds and an irate and abusive couple on a boat which had just ascended 'the 21' and insisted on shouting unintelligible instructions. Ever was it thus!"

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Anyway, we reached the handy moorings at Pinfold Bridge without trouble, handy because they are good moorings with mooring rings, and the Vine is only a couple of hundred yards away over the bridge. Another Black Country Ales pub serving the brewery's good selection of beers and restricting food to basics such as substantial rolls and pork pies, it's also in CAMRA's inventory of Pubs with Historical Interiors of National Importance. As the late Roger Marples would have said, a 'Divisional Pub'. So we had another good session and retired to our boats replete and happy. On Dragonfly, we'd noticed that the damp patch on the rear cabin carpet was getting bigger.

On Wednesday morning the gremlins, or Black Country Boggarts, found us (or was it that we found them?). Dragonfly started off first, but had only gone no distance, when just past Moat House Bridge, the engine stopped. Investigation down the weed hatch found that what appeared to have been a duvet had wrapped itself around the propeller. Fortunately Martin had brought with him a good pair of kitchen scissors and it was removed in the comparatively short time of 15 minutes. By then though, Hanbury had gone past and was out of sight.

The Vine at Wednesfield



We progressed more cautiously for another 3 miles, under the M6 to Sneyd Junction where the original Essington Canal went up locks to coal mines (at 533ft the highest level on the BCN), and where the main line now turns sharp right, before pulling in for water at the CRT yard. Here Hanbury had also stopped, having caught a mass of debris on the prop at Sneyd Junction, including a fishing hook which snared Bod so they did the sensible thing and had breakfast. While there a friendly boater sympathised over Dragonfly's involuntary stoppage and warned us that the Walsall Canal, our intended route, was far worse!

Setting off again, there was shortly a loud 'clump' from under the stern and the engine stopped again. Hanbury came past, the crew chortling, but only briefly before they too stopped, attacked by the Boggarts. In our case, a dead branch had jammed between the prop and the keel, so after prodding it off with the boat pole and restarting the engine, it was our turn to laugh as we passed Hanbury, still wrestling with whatever Boggart has assailed them. A couple more miles and we turned right onto the Walsall Canal, and shortly after started down the eight Birchill Locks. At the bottom we turned left down the short arm leading to Walsall Basin and tied up at the excellent pontoon moorings there.

With plenty of time to spare, we decided on an afternoon/evening Walsall walk-about (or in my case, push-about), firstly going to the newly acquired Black Country Ales pub, the New Inn (popularly known as the Pretty Bricks). Then on to the Fountain where I drank Holden's, followed by St. Matthew's Hall, a Wetherspoon pub, for a meal, washed down with ales like Magpie Thieving Rogue and Titanic Silver Star. To finish off an enjoyable evening we proceeded to the Victoria (also known as Katz), a pub we had last visited about 20 years ago, offering a selection of ales including Wye Valley Butty Bach. I seem to recall that we had some difficulty in finding our way back to the Walsall Canal Basin! Might have had something to do with getting lates.

Thursday morning and the dampness on the carpet continued to expand. Along the Walsall Canal to Great Bridge, without, despite the gloomy predictions of our fellow boater at Sneyd Junction, any problems, and en route passing the entrance to the branch which once linked up with the Wednesbury Oak Loop, now under restoration. At Great Bridge we moored, as usual, above the second lock of the Ryders Green flight, and walked (or was propelled) to the Tame Bridge, once a canalside pub, lying beside, not only the River Tame, but the abandoned Haines Branch of the Walsall Canal. Here I regaled myself on Hobson's Town Crier, finishing off with a pint of Thornbridge Jaipur IPA.

The afternoon saw us ascend the remaining Ryders Green Locks, and cruise the half dozen miles back to Birmingham, where Dragonfly found a convenient mooring place in the Oozells Street Loop. Back to the



The Tame Bridge, Tipton

Prince of Wales, through a youngish crowd on its way to see comedian Steve Coogan, not a few of whom, had stopped at the pub on the way, and left a seriously depleted choice of ale. We made do with what remained, while the staff busily cleaned lines and replaced casks ready for the after show influx, handily informing us when this was due, so we could replenish our glasses first. Back on the boat, Martin and I were finishing off some rum, when up for'ard the water heater suffered a mild explosion and cloud of smoke. Nothing to be done except shut it down and telephone the boatyard in the morning.

Friday, the last full day. We arranged for a fitter to meet us at lunchtime at the Hopwood House, and he was there waiting when we arrived, and set to work while we departed to the pub, having shown him also the damp cabin floor. The heater problem was a burnt-out circulator pump, out-of-date but he found a spare, while the damp floor would be looked at after we had returned the boat. As the evening was booked for the Weighbridge, Alvechurch, which didn't then open until seven, we stayed several more hours at Hopwood.

Mooring at Alvechurch was, as usual, difficult, but we managed to get our boats in before the bridge, tied up side by side. The Weighbridge, a consistent GBG entry, is excellent pub and the meals, and beer were as good as ever, including the Kinver Noble which I indulged in.

Saturday morning and a couple of miles back to Tardebigge, where with fuel checked and any excess usage settled up, and luggage transferred to cars, we set off home after the first Beery Boaters Canal Trip of 2022.

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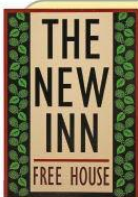
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LAST KNOCKINGS

Old Wort

Lamb & Flag Update Latest news on plans to reopen the 17th century Oxford pub (reported in our last issue) suggested that beer was likely to be flowing again in time for the 2022 autumn intake of new students. Operated now by the Inklings community group, named after the literary group that included JRR Tolkien and CS Lewis who used to meet at this and other Oxford pubs, the pub has been renovated and refurbished. Inkling group member Dave Norwood, who had his first pint there during freshers week thirty four years ago, hoped that the 2022 intake would have the same opportunity. The renovation had even managed to “get the smell out of the toilet,” he added.

Government Backs Drinking The Japanese government is backing a campaign to revive the country's drinks industry which has seen annual consumption fall from 100 to 75 litres per person between 1995 and 2020. An ageing population, low birth rate and pandemic drinking habits are regarded as contributory factors. Apparently the initiative of the tax authorities, young people are being urged to drink more, and to come up with ideas to revitalise demand for beer, wine and spirits, and suggest new products, services and promotion methods. Unsurprisingly reaction has been mixed, but this magazine feels the campaign should not go unnoticed at Westminster.

A Tradition at Risk A scheme in Durham to counter violence and antisocial behaviour suggests that the traditional pub crawl, beloved of real ale drinkers, could be at risk. It involves breathalysing pub goers on entry to a pub or bar. If the idea were to catch on, we could face the prospect of drinkers being refused entry after two or three pints, or even less. However, the system requires administration by door staff – not usually the kind of pub attractive to real ale drinkers – and is obviously aimed primarily at “young persons” town/city centre bars, with only those who “door staff judge....might benefit from not drinking any more,” actually breathalysed. So, no problem for responsible real ale drinkers? Maybe not, but it needs keeping an eye on. There's always some authoritarian school of thought that could envisage it applied to all licensed premises.

Which Pub? Question: how many Dover pubs have remained in the same ownership since the 1960s? Not many....in fact we can think of just one. At that time most pubs were owned by the big national brewers. In Dover this was largely Whitbread, who, through acquisitions, had by the late sixties around 80% of the total, but, to the best of our knowledge, the one pictured to the right (and ignore the Fremlin's elephant – it's on that brewer's premises wall, the other side of the street), was never one of theirs. Probably, by now many will have identified it as the Lord Nelson, today and since the 1960s owned by Shepherd Neame. However that brewery only acquired it in 1956 with the purchase of Masons Brewery of Maidstone. This photo dates from its Mason's ownership, and when enlarged, the original clearly shows the brewery's name above the far window.



“Kent the New Suffolk” For those who thought Suffolk was all about John Constable, Ipswich Town and the ever expanding presence of Greene King, think again. Apparently, to many, it's a prime choice for second home owners – a designation that we might find ourselves coming all too familiar with. *The Times*, Saturday 28th January: “Cool Kent – not words you would hear too often ten years ago. But all that has changed thanks to the arrival of nationally acclaimed restaurants, world-class vineyards, disruptive businesses and trainloads of hipsters setting up home in the county's coastal towns.” The accompanying article waxes lyrical on the delights of our county. Thanet, Folkestone and “pretty” Deal are all applauded. Parody? – I fear not, but pretentious probably, and patronising certainly. Heaven help us!

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