

IN THE DRINK



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Spring 2025

FREE

A group of about 15 people are gathered in a pub for an award ceremony. In the center, a man in a blue sweater is shaking hands with another man who is holding a framed certificate. The background is decorated with green and yellow balloons. The text "PUB OF THE SEASON - AUTUMN 2024 THE COLISEUM PICTURE HOUSE, CLEETHORPES" is overlaid on the top of the image.

PUB OF THE SEASON - AUTUMN 2024 THE COLISEUM PICTURE HOUSE, CLEETHORPES

**CELEBRATING OUR GOOD BEER GUIDE WINNERS 2025
SEE INSIDE**

A group of seven people are standing in a pub. A man in a patterned shirt is shaking hands with another man who is holding a framed certificate. The background shows a pub interior with a sign that says "CURRY NIGHT". The text "PUB OF THE SEASON - WINTER 2024 ROSE & CROWN, SCARTH" is overlaid on the bottom of the image.

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Editorial



Happy New Year!

As we step into a new season and a brand new year, we welcome a new edition. We also have a new email address for the magazine, to be used for feedback, content submissions or magazine refill requests and anything in-between.

January is an exciting time for the branch, as it's the month we vote for GBG 2026 and Pub of the Year 2025. We do need volunteers to complete GBG surveys and also judges for POTY venues, so if you can spare some time and are a camra member please get in touch. If you are not currently member, please consider joining to get involved! Inside this magazine are the pubs that made it into GBG 2025, only you can decide who makes it in for 2026.

We have other interesting articles, including something for any football fans from a new contributor.

Looking forward to seeing you out & about soon.

Katie
Editor

Christmas Night Out



Almost 40 of our Branch members enjoyed a fabulous night out in Horncastle on a pleasant evening in December – seems like such a long time ago now. Beginning in the Bull Hotel by sampling the good choice of ales and the bustling atmosphere, before popping across the road to the much quieter Kings Head, then onwards to the main event at Old Nicks Tavern, who were hosting the CAMRA Christmas Party. We enjoyed a range of their beers, listened to a fab local band and not forgetting the raffle, always fun with some quite questionable 'prizes'. A great time was had by all.



Photo shows the band, courtesy of the branch website.

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Notes from the Chair



A very warm welcome to another issue of ITD magazine. I am delighted to announce that our Magazine came a credible 5th place in the recent CAMRA awards. Our website also achieved 5th place in the highly regarded Website awards, no mean feat with fierce competition from all of the other branches.

Our last POTS award for Winter 2024 went to the Rose & Crown, from this year we have changed the rules to allow our GBG pubs to be included in the voting.

The last few weeks have sadly seen the passing of a couple of our senior members, both Dave Cockram and Charlie Long were active participants in our Branch meetings. May they both rest in peace.

At the time of writing we are voting and surveying for our POTY 2025 and GBG 2026 pubs, if you'd like to participate in this, please email Katie at whatpub@grimsby.camra.org.uk

Our Branch is looking for a treasurer, if you feel you can assist the Branch please email myself at chair@grimsby.camra.org.uk

I sincerely hope 2025 is a happy and prosperous year for you our members and your family, let's drink to that!

Kevin

Diary Dates & Socials

BRANCH DIARY

For updates and changes please see the branches website and for any trip suggestions please email the social secretary: social@grimsby.camra.org.uk

BRANCH MEETINGS

[Non members welcome],

Meetings start at 8pm except where specified.

MARCH 2025 AGM

Wednesday 12th. @ No. 1

Please note MEMBERS ONLY

APRIL 2025

Wednesday 9th @ Yarborough Hotel

MAY 2025

Monday 12th @ Nottingham House

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In Memory of Dr Eric Clow

1933 - 2024

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Eric Clow, a Life Member of the Campaign for Real Ale, Grimsby Branch.

To some people he was known as just Eric, to others, Doctor Eric, but to many Grimsby folk, he will be fondly remembered as their local 'Gentleman G.P.' Many of today's G.Ps trained under Eric, so his legacy lives on.

Away from the surgery Eric was very much the family man, however he was also a cricket fanatic, both as a player and spectator, motoring enthusiast, particularly interested in sports cars, and enjoyed a pint or two of Real Ale, notably Bateman's XB in his favourite eatery, the now sadly closed, Granary Restaurant in Grimsby's Haven Mill.

Eric always made a point of helping out at the Camra Cleethorpes Beer Festival's, and supporting members coach trips. One particular outing was quite eventful when a group of lads joined us

on a visit to Wm Stones Brewery in Sheffield, they were high spirited, and one youngster got stripped of his clothes by his mates, he apologised to everyone especially to Eric as Josh was a patient of his, "Very sorry about this Dr Clow" "not a problem Josh" Eric replied, "I've seen it all before lad".



Dr Eric Clow.

Photo courtesy Graham Larn

I suppose I should have written this tribute in Latin as Eric was a Doctor, but "Bring me Sunshine" doesn't translate very well, it conveys as. "Adducere me Lumen Solis" perhaps more appropriate is. "Requiescat in Pace"

Graham Larn

In Memory of Roger Gott

1947 - 2024



Roger Gott. 2014. Archive picture. Graham Larn

The former Landlord of The Nottingham House, aka The Notts, Seaview Street, Cleethorpes, sadly passed away on the 21st October 2024, aged 77.

Roger took over the pub lease in 2010 and ran it for ten years. In that time Roger had restored the historic back room snug to its former glory, won many CAMRA awards including, the "Pub of the Year", and presented a series of in house Beer Festival's.

Roger also kindly sponsored casks of ale at the CAMRA Grimsby Beer Festivals.

Roger will be greatly missed by all, and we extend our condolences to his family and friends....

Graham Larn

Local News - Hound-Up



[sniffing out the stories]

A number of celebrations take place during 2025 for the Grimsby and N.E Lincolnshire Branch of CAMRA.

Firstly the Branch marked its 45th birthday on January 9th 2025. The inaugural meeting took place at "The Nottingham" in Cleethorpes. Chaired by Andy Motley, with Alan Nicholson as Secretary and John Nicholson as Treasurer, who was unable to attend on this occasion, also present was Regional Organiser Paul Carter.

Amongst items discussed were, potential Beer Festival, to take place on Cleethorpes Pier, the creation of a newsletter, Draught Bass may be removed from the Longship, and a fundraising pontooncard created. A social evening took place on the 22nd January 1980, at the now sadly demolished, Cross Keys pub in Cleethorpes.

Back to the present day. (All information was correct at the time of surveying. January 2025)

GRIMSBY

DUKE OF WELLINGTON

Reopened in a blaze of publicity, mainly due to the fact that the historic Hewitt's Brewery signage had been removed from the frontage, it has since been reinstated, and quite rightly so. Real Ale has returned but somewhat sporadically, two handpulls serving rotating guest beers, usually in good condition, but occasionally only one beer on sale, and at other times, none at all.



TIVOLI TAVERN

Handpump in situ, but cask beer has not been available for some time.

JUNGLE SMASH

A new concept bar located in the now closed Othello Restaurant in Grimsby, unsurprisingly real ale is not available. Also new is...

WELLOWGATE CAFÉ

Formerly Vittles, no cask beer here either. And just 30 yards away, or whatever it is in metres, lies the long closed historic....

WHITE HART INN

Grimsby's oldest pub, the interior lights have been seen glowing from time to time, but not a human being in sight, could be the resident ghost enjoying a spot of occasional haunting.

CLEETHORPES

CLEETHORPES TAPHOUSE AND KITCHEN

Where else could this pub be other than in Cleethorpes, situated alongside the picturesque boating lake, a modern type of hostelry, that now features cask conditioned ale, namely, Timothy Taylor's Landlord, reported to be well kept... meanwhile across the way.....

THE WELLOW HOTEL

Has now wittled their ale down to one, usually Greene King Abbot.

IN OTHER NEWS

It has been reported by members that most of our Countryside pubs continue to offer at least one Real Ale.

THE HOPE TAVERN,
Holton - Le - Moor, Lincs.
2 guest beers.

SALUTATION INN,
Nettleton, Lincs.
One rotating guest ale.

BLACKSMITHS ARMS,
Rothwell, Lincs.
Pub has reopened after a period of closure, and had 3 cask beer's on sale.

WHITE HART, Caistor Lincs.

Two rotating guest ales, reported as being in excellent condition.

CLICK'EM INN,
Swinhope, Lincs.
Top drawer as ever!

And Finally.... Reports are coming in of a new Micro Brewery operating in N.E.Lincolnshire.....

"CROOKED CONCEPT"

No cask is produced at present, but their bottled beer's have been available from 'Message in a Bottle' since January 2025. More details in the next edition of ITD.

Want to follow us or make contact with the living then please try.

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Graham P. Larn

WILLY'S PUB & BREWERY, CLEETHORPES 40 Years in the Guide

Monday 11 November 2024

During our Branch meeting tonight at Willy's attended by nearly 30 of our members, Owner Bill Parkinson was presented with a special award that celebrated 40 consecutive years in the GBG, a remarkable achievement that no other pub in our Branch area can claim to have.

Pictures right shows Bill receiving the award together with the CAMRA pub presentation pack and our gift of a copy of the GBG2025.



GBG 2025, who will make it into the 2026 guide?

The number of entries each branch is allocated, is decided by CAMRA. In our branch we get 12, which is made up of 8 Town Pubs & 4 Country. The main criteria is good quality beer, after all no one likes a bad pint!

Photos below show the venues receiving their publicans packs and a complimentary copy of the Good Beer Guide, paid for by branch funds.

Photos courtesy of Brian Calladine, Dave Maddison & Kev Donovan.

Our 2025 guide pubs, where in no particular order:

Docks Beers, Grimsby
Barge, Grimsby
Yarborough Hotel, Grimsby
No 1, Cleethorpes
No 2, Cleethorpes
Message in a Bottle, Cleethorpes

Nottingham House, Cleethorpes
Willy's, Cleethorpes
Farmhouse, New Waltham
Crown & Anchor, Tetney Lock
Click'em, Swinhope
Station Inn, Habrough



GBG 2025, who will make it into the 2026 guide?



Some of our
local pubs
featured in the
Good Beer
Guide 2025





AWAY GAMES PUBS

CHELTENHAM TOWN FC

The EV Charging Points Stadium, Whaddon Road, Cheltenham, GL52 5NA

This one unfortunately is not from experience but hopefully I can do the market research this season!

THE STRAND

High Street, Cheltenham, GL50 1EE

A glass-fronted, country chic pub offering up to 4 changing real ales often including Bristol Beer Factory. A Brewery of the Month is regularly featured. Good value food served daily.

SANDFORD PARK ALE HOUSE

High Street, Cheltenham, GL50 1DZ
(past The Strand on the right)

'Drink differently' A contemporary ale house featuring 10 cask lines and 16 keg lines! Microbrewery ales regularly feature and constantly changing. You'll be spoilt for choice - remember that 3pm KO! CAMRA's national pub of the year 2015 and more recently Cheltenham CAMRA Pub of the year 2023.

WALSALL FC

The Poundland, Bescot Stadium, Bescot Cres, Walsall, WS1 4SA

BLACK COUNTRY ARMS

High Street, WS1 1QW

A short walk from the train and bus station. 'A local in the Town' Grade II listed pub dating back to 1627. No fewer than 20 hand pulls to work your way through – sourced locally and nationally! An impressive and imposing building with high ceilings and grand, striking décor.

COLCHESTER UNITED FC

JobServe Community Stadium, United Way, Colchester, CO4 5UP

THE ALE HOUSE COLCHESTER

82 Butt Road, Colchester, CO3 3DA

A genuine free house just outside the city centre. A traditional boozer with a regularly changing carefully crafted selection of 8 local and national ales, including at least one dark. A warm welcome guaranteed and an opportunity to see the many years of CAMRA awards proudly decorating the interior. Currently local Pub of the Year. Home and Away fans welcome.

GRIMSBY TOWN AWAY GAMES PUBS

CREWE ALEXANDRA

The Mornflake Stadium, Greater Road,
Crewe, CW2 6EB

EBENEZER'S CAVE

159 Nantwich Road, CW2 6DF

Ground floor bar, serves 1 ever changing cask beer, 8 craft keg lines and 2 real ciders. Large patio at rear.

Nearest station, Crewe 882 metres.

EXPRESS

39 Mill Street, CW2 7AT

An open plan, friendly local. Serving 2 changing and 1 regular cask. Located just off Nantwich Road.

Nearest station, Crewe 650 metres.

HARROGATE TOWN AFC

The EnviroVent Stadium, Wetherby Road,
Harrogate, HG2 7SA

ROOSTERS TAPROOM

Unit H5 Fifth Avenue, Hornbeam Park, HG2 8QT

Awarded Best Brewery Tap 2024, Roosters serves 8 changing beers. Child friendly until 7pm.

Nearest station is Hornbeam Park, 550 metres.

DEVONSHIRE TAPHOUSE

10 Devonshire Place, HG1 4AA

A short walk from town this old pub serves food all day. It has 4 cask ales and 1 cider, plus a number of keg lines.

Harrogate Station, 750 metres.

PORT VALE FC

Hamil Road, Burslem, ST6 1AW

BULLS HEAD

14 St John's Square, Burslem, ST6 3AJ

Titanic brewery tap, with 6 changing beers (sourced from micro's & regionally) and 4 regular beers. Also serves upto 10 ciders.

Nearest station Longport, 1150 metres.

HOG NOGGINS

38 Market Place, Burslem, ST6 4AR

A small bar, serving 3 real ales, alongside a variety of keg beers.

Adjacent station is Longport.

STADIUM MK

Stadium Way West, Bletchley, MK1 1ST

CHEQUERS

48 Watling Street, Fenny Stratford, MK2 2BY

17th century building with exposed beams and brickwork. Welcomes both home and away fans on match days. 3 changing beers.

Nearest station Fenny Stratford, 200 metres.



Did you know?

Pubs inject an average of £80,000 a year into their local economies



Source: IPPR, "Pubs and places: The social value of community pubs" (2012)





One or two alterations this time around. The following list was compiled in January 2025, and was correct at the time of surveying, it is published in no preferential order, for a change we start with....

GRIMSBY

Rose and Crown, Wheatsheaf, Rutland Arms, Yarborough Hotel, The Trawl, Hope and Anchor, Duke of Wellington, The County, Spider's Web, The Barge, Docks Beers, Beechwood Farm.

CLEETHORPES

The Smugglers, Cleethorpes Taphouse and Kitchen, Trawlerman, Message in a Bottle, Signal Box Inn, Number Two, Pear Tree, Number One, Kingsway Club, Grosvenor, Market Tavern, Countryman, Willy's Pub and Brewery, The Wellow, Crows Nest, Kings Royal, Collesium Picture House, Nottingham House, The Old Vic.

THE OUTER LIMITS

BARNOLBY. *The Ship Inn.*

CAISTOR. *White Hart.*

HABROUGH. *Station Inn.*

HEALING. *Pig and Whistle (Healing Manor)*

HOLTON LE MOOR. *The Hope Tavern.*

KEELBY. *Kings Head & Nags Head.*

KIRMINGTON. *Marrowbone and Cleaver.*

LUDBOROUGH. *Livesey Arms.*

MARSHCHAPEL. *White Horse.*

NETTLETON. *Salutation.*

NEW WALTHAM. *The Farmhouse.*

STALLINGBOROUGH. *The Green Man & Stallingborough Grange.*

SWINHOPE. *Click'em Inn.*

TETNEY. *The Plough.*

TETNEY LOCK. *The Crown and Anchor.*

ULCEBY. *The Fox Inn & The Yarborough Arms.*

WALTHAM. *The Kings Head & The Tilted Barrel.*

Graham Larn

PUTTING YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR TASTEBUDS ARE



Have you ever wondered how you could possibly combine your love of real ale with potentially increasing your savings and getting a financial reward? Well, your answer might be to join the CAMRA Members' Investment Club!

Although borne out of and aligned with the Campaign, sharing the same ideals and values, it is not part of the Campaign and receives no financial support from it. The investments are solely owned by the Club's membership and nobody else. CMIC has grown into what is probably the largest investment club in the UK with roughly 3000 members and assets roughly valued at around £20m.

The Club aims to provide its Members with an attractive total investment return derived from a portfolio of companies involved in the production or retailing of real ale and allied trades ie; it seeks to protect and increase the value of members' funds over the longer term whilst remaining true to the objectives of the Campaign. To achieve that aim it invests in a variety of stocks and shares (quoted and unlisted) in companies, including large and small breweries, pub owning companies and property businesses operating in the pub sector. Currently there are over 30 companies in the portfolio, ranging from the giants of UK brewing to smaller long-established family controlled brewers such as Adnams and Shepherd Neame. Micro-breweries represented include first generation firms such as Hop Back and younger businesses like Loch Lomond or Twickenham Fine Ales. Other investments include some international brewers who have interests in UK cask beer, such as Asahi, Carlsberg and Heineken, and pub owning

companies, like Marston's, Mitchell & Butlers and Wetherspoons. Some of the smaller pub groups such as The Beer Consortium and Heavitree also feature.

The Club is organised along the lines of a unit trust with minimum and maximum contribution rates (from just £5 per month), payable monthly or annually, and each investor attending the AGM has one vote irrespective of the size of holding. Day to day administration is contracted out to a regulated chartered accountancy firm (Allens) and the quoted investments are securely held in nominee names managed by the Club's stockbrokers, who are regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. The accounts are inspected annually by independent accountants. It is, therefore, run in accordance with financial best practice.

The Club hosts an annual meeting and lunch with guest speakers – Simon Theakston spoke this year, and frequent brewery trips are arranged. If you are a member of CAMRA and want to learn more about the Club please contact CMIC at 123 Wellington Road South, Stockport SK1 3TH, info@cmic.uk.com : 0161 359 3976 or view the website www.cmic.uk.com.

The Club looks forward to welcoming you as a new member.

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