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Editorial



Welcome to the summer edition of ITD. As the warmer weather hopefully prevails, bringing bustling beer gardens & summer festivals, we look forward to all that it brings. Following the departure of our chair Kevin Donovan, who in May chose to step away from the branch committee; We thank him for the work he did for the branch, during his time at the helm. An EGM was held on July 9th to find a new chair, and Dawn Nielsen was unanimously voted in, other positions have been taken on by the branch. We welcome back Dawn who previously held the position for 10 years! We also welcome Dave Trigg & Anna who have taken on social. Dave has also agreed to be our new Webmaster. We wish them all well in their endeavours.

As the Louth area branch has now been dissolved, our branch has taken it on. Our social team had already planned a Louth trip for July 26th, we look forward to potentially meeting some Louth area members on this day.

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Pat Tully: Legend

We are indebted to Kerry Tully, Son of the legendary local publican, 'Mr Pat Tully' for sharing this article with us.

Pat officially opened the Old Vic pub Cleethorpes in 2024, following a major refurb. Pat, together with his wife Carol, ran the pub, then called The Victoria Hotel, from 1980 until 1986, making a good reputation for themselves. Pat started his career as a doorman at the Nunsthorpe Tavern, later training at the Seven Seas, before in 1979 temporarily taking on The Oberon.

After their spell at the 'Vic', they rejuvenated trade at the 'Market Hotel' for 3 years. Pat later had terms at 'Healing British Legion', 'New Imperial Club', the now demolished ex Hewitt's 'Carnival pub' in Barton-upon-Humber, before finally retiring as Director and Chairman from Clee Cons Club in 2023, where today, (May 2025) at the age of 87, he still visits regularly, for a drop of Real Ale, and a game of bowls at Sussex Recreation ground in Cleethorpes.... We'll drink to that. Cheers Pat!

Graham Larn



The official opening of 'The Old Vic' -from left. Kerry Tully, Sharon, (Old Vic manager), Legendary Pat Tully, Sean Tully, Graysha Tully. Picture courtesy of Kerry Tully

Branch Meetings

Except where mentioned, all meetings begin at 8pm and everyone is welcome.

AUGUST

13TH

Rutland Arms, Grimsby

OCTOBER

8TH

Crown & Anchor, Tetney Lock

SEPTEMBER

8TH

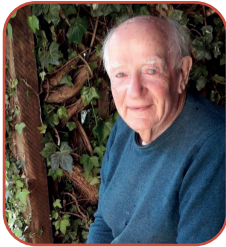
Willy's, Cleethorpes

NOVEMBER

12TH

The Nottingham House, Cleethorpes

David Cockram: A Man Of Beer



David Cockram. (pic Courtesy Roy Mortlock.)

David, who died suddenly on 22nd November 2024, joined CAMRA in the early 1980s and remained a committed member until his death.

David was a Devon man, as he said of himself "a man of Beer", the small picturesque fishing village of his birth, where he returned regularly to meet up with relatives, old friends, and visit local pubs.

David had visited and worked in many countries around the world, teaching young people the joys of motor mechanics in Tanzania, and Nigeria.

On his return to the UK, he secured a teaching job at Grimsby Technical College, and most importantly became a life member of CAMRA.

He was a regular attendee at the monthly meetings, first in the queue for coach trips, he was also the branch auditor, and a long standing judge for the Grimsby Branch, 'Pub of the Year Award' .

His other favourite activity was fell walking, he was chairman for 30 odd years of Grimsby Fell Walking Club. But he also loved to make people laugh, what more could you ask for?

Cheers Dave!

Raymond Egerton

Note: this is a compacted tribute to David due to availability of space, with permission of the author. The complete article is available on our website.

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Beer, Devon, Photo supplied by Susan Atherton

In Memory of Charles Long

On 2nd February 2025, whilst in the care of Castle Hill Hospital, with loving family by his side, Charlie aged 72 years peacefully passed away.

A much loved and devoted husband of Heather, father of Natalie (Rachel) and Steven, father-in-law of Susan, grandfather, brother, brother-in-law, uncle and a good friend to many.

I first met Charlie about 15 years ago one Sunday lunchtime in The Yarborough Hotel (Spoons) Grimsby. I was waiting to be served and was greeted with a warm hello and a beaming smile. That was the start of our friendship chatting over our mutual love of real ales and my questions to him looking at my family members who have served in the armed forces. Charlie was one of life's true gentlemen who would do anything to help anyone in need and was an active member of our local CAMRA branch.

Dave Trigg



Local News - Hound-Up



[sniffing out the stories]

Continuing our dip into the archives. 40 years ago in July 1985, saw the first ever 'Cleethorpes, CAMRA Beer Festival' at the resort's Winter Gardens. Conceived after an initial meeting between our late colleague, Dennis Lister, and Winter Gardens management in 1984. The jamboree went on to become an annual event for many years, and was once described as the "biggest and best Beer Festival in Lincolnshire".



CAMRA member Lee Turnbull with Shirley King, popular Winter Gardens hostess, at Cleethorpes Beer Festival. 1988. (Archive of Graham Larn)

GRIMSBY

MARINERS REST

Although closed for sometime, the pub was due to be utilised as a community hub, however someone had other ideas, after climbing onto the roof and removing tiles, a man decided to set fire to the roof timbers. The building's future is currently unsure.



COUNTY HOTEL

Real Ale is no longer available.

WELLINGTON ARMS

Reported as being closed again in June 2025. And also reported by our members is the sudden closure of WELLOWGATE CAFÉ, having only being open for less than a year.

THE BARGE

Now selling, Wells 'Bombardier', and Castle Rock 'Harvest Pale'.

SWAGGER SCARTH O

A newish trendy type bar at the heart of "Scaffa" Village, at 34/36 Louth Road. Unconfirmed reports state that real ale may be available in the future, although the emphasis is centred on food.

CLEETHORPES

Biggest shock news must be that Samuel Smith's Brewery, has removed their very popular, 'Old Brewery Bitter', (OBB) from the CROWS NEST. The handpulls and cask beer lines have been removed after many decades of constant use. A sad time indeed!

KINGS ROYAL

St Austell 'Proper Job' is a permanent beer, alongside a rotating guest ale.

NUMBER ONE PUB

'Bateman's D.M.' has been a regular beer on sale, and long may it continue to be.

Local News - Hound-Up

HUMBERSTON

A new J.D. Wetherspoon outlet, THE HUMBER STONE, has opened on a private holiday centre to mixed reviews, "Hi-de-Hi". However if you fancy a nice stroll, nip down to the COUNTRYMAN on Fieldhouse Road where a rotating guest ale is always available.

TETNEY LOCK

Two rotating guest ales on at, THE CROWN AND ANCHOR. Good to see Woodforde 'Norfolk Nog Dark ale' was selling well recently.

BREWERY NEWS



Phil Ellis.
Photo by Brian
Caladine

We say hello to 2 local micro breweries in Grimsby. "THE GARDEN SHED BREWERY", created by our old friend, Phil (the brewer) Ellis, formerly of Fulstow Brewery. His first brew named, 'Allotment Ale' was well received by ale drinkers when launched at the Rutland Arms and Signal box....



Rory Lynch

Rory Lynch's, "CROOKED CONCEPT BREWING", has now produced cask in addition to bottle beers. Three ales were brewed and on sale at the recent Caistor Beer Festival. Citra Citra Citra, Monk On, and 1875.



Crooked
Concept 1875
wooden cask.
Pictures by
Brian Caladine

And Finally....it's "goodbye" from Will and "goodbye" from Shaz. Will Douglas and Shaz Shadan, co-founders of DOCKS BEERS, have now left the company to pursue other careers, there is no change to the brewing staff.

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Graham P. Larn

Branch 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

JULY

26TH: LOUTH DAY OUT

No 51 bus leaves from Grimsby TownHall, 10.25am – first stop is Munyard Brewery, they will open early for us. Spend a few hours there, get a bus into Louth to visit other pubs, bus home is No 51, 6.15pm to Grimsby.

SEPTEMBER

19TH: YORK BEER FESTIVAL OR CITY SHOPPING, YOU DECIDE.

Coach leaves 10.25am from outside the Yarborough Hotel, Grimsby, returns 6pm. £25 pp, buy festival ticket separately.

OCTOBER

17TH: CASTLE ROCK BREWERY, BEESTON & NOTTINGHAM VISIT.

You'll need to buy a return ticket to Beeston, visit Victoria in Beeston & return for a to Castle Rock for a brewery visit or alternatively remain in Beeston if not participating in the tour. Brewery tour is £20 each, and needs to be booked with Anna in advance. 10.40am train from Grimsby Town.

24TH: GAINSBOROUGH BEER FESTIVAL

Coach departs 11am from outside the Yarborough Hotel, 6pm return, £21pp, buy festival ticket separately.

NOVEMBER

21ST: NEWARK WINTER BEER FEST

In Town hall, 4 sessions. Ticket for each session. All info on Newark CAMRA website.

DECEMBER

5TH: CHRISTMAS MEAL, THE PLACE: DAMBUSTERS, SCAMPTON

Coach leaves Yarborough Hotel 6.15pm, £35 pp. Don't forget to bring a prize for the infamous raffle.

For any social queries, suggestions or general feedback please email Anna or Dave, they would love to hear from you.

Tips to spot Carlsberg 'Fresh Ale'



Carbonation

Lower carbonation than keg and may be slightly fizzier than cask

Brands

Wainwright Amber, Wainwright Gold, Hobgoblin IPA



Dispense

Cask handpull, might look 'jerky' during pouring

Mouthfeel


Smooth with a slight fizziness

On the bar

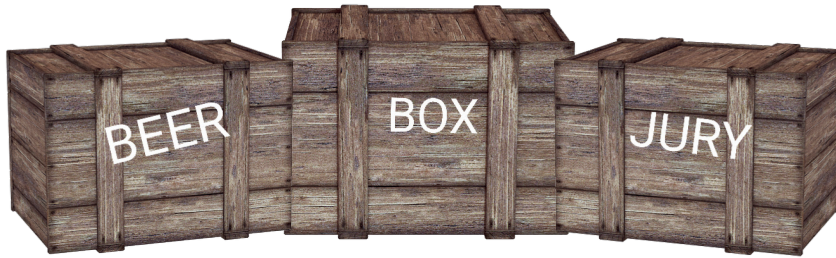
'Brewery-conditioned' on the pump clip

Taste

Slight 'tinniness'

Think you've spotted it?
Take a photo and report
it here 





From the day's of 'Swinging Radio Caroline', "The sound of Wonderful Radio One" to the more sedate 'Radio Quiet', alcohol has featured in many a good tune over the years. So here is a sort of top 20 titles, (with a drop of artistic license), presented by our vinyl spinners. Graham Albeck 'Esquire', and Graham 'Let's Rock' Larn..... 'In at number'

- 20. Tequila by The Champs.
- 19. Red, Red Wine – UB40.
- 18. Lilac Wine – Elkie Brooks.
- 17. Lucy in the Sky With (Double) Diamonds – The Beatles.
- 16. Pump up the Bitter – Star Turn on 45 (pints).
- 15. Whisky in the Jar – Thin Lizzy.
- 14. Glass of Champagne – Sailor.
- 13. Long Tall Glasses – Leo Sayer.
- 12. Little Ole Wine Drinker Me – Dean Martin.
- 11. One Drink Too Many - Sailor.....

"Into the Top Ten Now".

- 10. I've been Drinking - Jeff Beck.
- 9. Drink, Drink, Drink - Mario Lanza.
- 8. Milk and Alcohol - Dr Feelgood.
- 7. Pump It Up – Elvis Costello.
- 6. Cigarettes and Alcohol – Oasis.
- 5. Malt and Barley Blues - McGuinness Flint.
- 4. I Am A Cider Drinker – The Wurzels.
- 3. My (CAMRA) Never Lies – Bucks Fizz.

2. Pub With No Beer – Slim Dusty.

"And yes it's still there at the top slot, It's Number One, its Top of the Hops the ever popular.

"HAPPY HOUR, BY, THE HOUSEMARTINS".

So were they a 'hit or a miss' with the jury? Barfly's it's over to you!

(More revolutions next time great mates).

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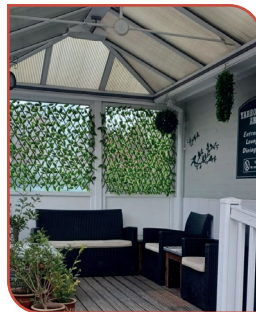
What better time of year other than in summertime, is it a delight to visit a Country Pub? Well it could be argued that a visit to a Countryside Pub is an all year round pleasure, and not just for summer. In the Grimsby branch area, we have some wonderful old hostelrys in the hinterlands. You know the kind of thing, real ale, woodpanelled saloon, open fire's, wooden forms to sit on, attractive beer garden's, sounds idyllic doesn't it. Here are some of the real ale establishments that you can enjoy within easy reach of GY.



Salutation Inn. Photo by Graham Larn

HOPE TAVERN, Holton le Moor, not in the village but alongside the A46, at the Grimsby to Lincoln railway line level crossing. 2 ales + food + entertainment. Also on the A46 is the SALUTATION, at Nettleton. 1 rotating guest ale, good food, beer garden. Keelby has two pubs in the Village, KINGS HEAD, and just around the corner is the NAGS HEAD, I suppose two heads are better than one. 2 rotating ales in each + meals available. MARROWBONE & CLEAVER, Kirmington, food orientated, but 2 beers on sale. WHITE HORSE, Marshchapel. 2 ales. CLICK'EM INN, Swinhope. Multi award winning hostelry. WHITE HART Caistor. 2 beers. BLACKSMITHS ARMS, Rothwell. 3 beers. GREEN MAN, Stallingborough 3 ales. And still in Stallingborough, the appropriately named STALLINGBOROUGH GRANGE. 3beers. SHIP INN, Barnolby le Beck. 2 ales. NEW INN, North Thoresby. 2 beers. LIVESEY ARMS. Ludborough. 2 ales. CROWN & ANCHOR, Tetney Lock 2 beers. PLOUGH Tetney Village 3 beers. STATION INN.

Habrough. 3 ales. FOX INN. 2 beers. YARBOROUGH ARMS. 2 beers. Both in Ulceby. NAGS HEAD. Wooton. 2beers. And finally, NEW INN. Great Limber. 2 real ales.



Yarborough Arms. Photo by Katie Marks

Most of these establishments, serve a range of food, and have outside seating facilities. We have only listed pubs that currently sell Real Ale at the time of surveying. June 2025.

Graham Larn



Plough, Tetney. Photo taken from Graham Larn archives.

IN THE DRINK

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A couple of losses reported this time, however there are a couple of gains, the eagle eyed amongst you will have spotted them easily!

Compiled in June 2025, and was correct at the time of surveying, it is published in no preferential order.

GRIMSBY

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

CLEETHORPES

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

THE OUTER LIMITS

BARNOLDBY-le-BECK *The Ship Inn.*

CAISTOR. *White Hart.*

GREAT LIMBER. *The New Inn.*

HABROUGH. *Station Inn.*

HEALING. *Pig and Whistle (Healing Manor)*

HOLTON-le-CLAY. *Royal Oak Inn.*

HOLTON-le-MOOR. *The Hope Tavern.*

KEELBY. *The Nags Head. The King's Head.*

KIRMINGTON. *Marrowbone and Cleaver.*

LUDBOROUGH. *Livesey Arms.*

MARSHCHAPEL. *White Horse.*

NETTLETON. *Salutation.*

NEW WALTHAM. *The Farmhouse.*

NORTH THORESBY. *The New Inn.*

STALLINGBOROUGH. *The Green Man. Stallingborough Grange.*

SWINHOPE. *Click'em Inn.*

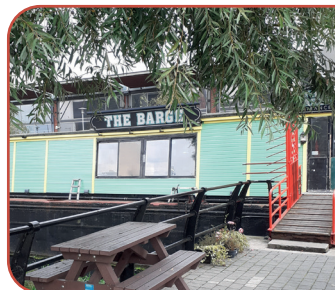
TETNEY. *The Plough.*

TETNEY LOCK. *The Crown and Anchor.*

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

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

WOOTTON. *The Nag's Head.*



Graham Larn

Pics. (Courtesy Graham Larn)

Beer Festival Days Out

Barrow Hill Beer Festival

Thursday 15th May 2025



We met for breakfast in the Yarbrough Hotel then caught the 0934 train via Sheffield to Chesterfield and then boarded the shuttle bus to Barrow Hill. After entry and purchasing some beer tokens we grabbed somewhere to sit and headed for the huge selection of real ales and ciders. This is an amazing festival and a must for all real ale and train lovers due to its location in a railway roundhouse.

After sampling a few ales we caught the bus back to Chesterfield for a couple of pubs and then Sheffield for a couple ready for our 8pm train home. A fantastic day with great company and I am looking forward to next years festival.



Photos by Brian Calladine

Brian Calladine

Lincoln Beer Festival

Friday 23rd May 2025

After a very last-minute change of plan, I headed to Lincoln beer festival in the new home of St Catherines Church just off the High Street, well what a fantastic venue, plenty of ales, ciders etc and a great turn out of Grimsby CAMRA members. I would highly recommend you try this one out next year.



Brian Calladine

Photo by Brian Calladine

Caistor Beer Festival



Photos by Brian Calladine

PUB OF THE YEAR 2025



In April, **Message in a Bottle** was crowned as our branches Pub of the year, out of 70 Real Ale & Cider clubs and pubs in our area.

This bottle shop with weekend bar is open Wednesday to Sunday. Two cask ales and a cider are offered each weekend. The original seating area (fondly known as 'The Cage') is outside but boasts heat lamps. A beer lounge inside the shop gives a unique atmosphere, complete with octopus mural. Throughout the year, pop up food and music events show casing local talent are held, these can get busy, but a seat is usually found for a passersby, and a warm welcome ensured.

Although MIAB has featured many times in the Good Beer Guide, this is the first time it has won Pub of the Year, and thus been entered into the regional competition, resulting in it being judged by camra members from outside of our area who also have their own area pubs put forward, the competition was certainly fierce.

Katie Marks



Photo by Dave Maddison



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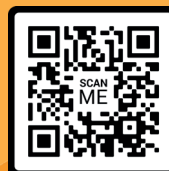


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