

Welcome to the APRIL edition of the Liverpool & Districts CAMRA Branch Newsletter

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Andre Fu
Vice Chair

Pub News

Lots going on in Waterloo this month...

The Four Ashes finally opened it's doors on 21st March. This new micro-pub further enhances the real ale scene in and around South Road. There are 6 handpulls, real cider & perry as well as continental bottled beers, premium vodkas & gins, wine and quality soft drinks also available. Tea & coffee served. Bar Snacks on offer.

For opening hours: check www.Whatpub.com (subject to change at short notice)

SPECIAL OFFER: During APRIL, all cask ales on WEDNESDAY ONLY are £2.50/pt

23 Crosby Road North, Waterloo, L22 0LD

Twitter: @theFourAshes

A few doors down, **The Ferndale Lodge**, has been refurbished and is now simply called the Ferndale. It has now had a handpull installed but currently only sells Doom Bar but there are plans to have more pumps installed so a wider range of beers can be offered.

15 Crosby Road North, Waterloo, L22 0LD

Meanwhile, throughout April, **Stamps Too** has a special offer on cask ales.

Tuesday 5-7pm / Wednesday 5-7pm / Thursday 3-5pm

All cask ales **BELOW** 4.5% are £2.00/pt (usually £2.80)

99 South Road, Waterloo, L22 0LR

Twitter: @Stamps_Too

...lastly...**The Old Bank**, is due to re-open shortly after a period of closure due to a dispute regarding increased rent costs. The bar is currently being fitted out and will have an extra handpull fitted to make FIVE in all. They hope to continue offering local beers as well as a real cider. An official opening date has yet to be confirmed but it is hoped it will be before the end of this month.

34 South Road, Waterloo, L22 5PE

Elsewhere in our area...

Sanctuary Bar opened on 31st March. This venue is "free of tie", allowing a wide variety of beers to be stocked. Up to 6 Cask Ales on offer, covering the range from light to dark and including local beers. Craft Ales on Tap, Craft Cider, over 50 Bottled Beers & Ciders, which are available to drink on and off the premises.

As the name suggests, aims to be a 'a haven for wayfarers to seek refuge and shoot the breeze, without pomp or pretence'. Coffee and soft drinks available from 8am (ex. Sun)

CAMRA members receive a 10% discount on real ale on production of a valid card.

Monday Madness - all draught real ale £3.00/pt with a further 10% off with CAMRA Membership. Just say 'Twitter' when ordering.

72 Lime Street, Liverpool, L1 1JN

Twitter: @sanctuaryBarLiv; Tel: 0151 703 0116

The Scotch Piper re-opened on the first day of the Grand National (6th April) after being devastated by a fire which destroyed the thatched roof. New licensees Colin Rimmer and Jamie Green have taken on the historical site. The Scotch is now open 12noon – 12 midnight every day. After an investment of more than £140,000 the 15th century pub and Lancashire's oldest pub, is set to welcome customers back.

Southport Road, Lydiate, L31 4HD

The lease at the **Derby Arms** (Allerton Road,) has now been taken over by the current licensees of the Gardeners Arms in Vale Road and is being run as a sister pub. They have reinstated real ale again - Doom Bar and Greene King IPA. They now have live music on Wednesday and Friday evenings. Also simple bar snacks are being served during the day, sandwiches, pizza a etc up until 6pm. The pub is getting a full refurb in the very near future...which is wonderful news !

160-162 Allerton Road, Woolton, L25 7RH

Craft Taproom opened on 7th April. It describes itself as “a bar with a wide selection of craft beers, ciders and spirits, and an awesome live space too”. Advertised opening hours are 4pm -11:30pm each day. On Tuesdays, you can get 4 bottles or cans for £12 all nightfrom a pretty massive selection. Two real ale handpulls are due to be installed very soon.

174 Smithdown Road, L15 3JR

Twitter: @craftliverpool

The **Hare & Hounds** in West Derby Village re-opened on 5th April after a £150,000 makeover by it's owners, Stonegate. The re-vamp includes a new beer garden and TV screens. Three cask ale

pumps have been added showcasing ales such as Bombardier, Green King IPA and Hobgoblin accompanied by craft alternatives such as Hophouse 13. They have also added seven new botanical gins, cocktails, a vast range of wines and barista-made coffee to their offering. At the weekend, there will be DJs and live entertainment plus Monday night poker, Tuesday night sport, Wednesday night quiz and Thursday open mic night.

9 West Derby Village, West Derby, L12 5HJ

Elsewhere in West Derby, we have been told that the **Halton Castle** has **REDUCED** their handpulls in operation to TWO due to lack of demand for real ale..let's hope this is only temporary !

86 Mill Lane, West Derby, L12 7JD

Use www.whatpub.com to check the opening times of the above venues

Brewery News

Big Bog (Speke) have taken delivery of and installed a new 10bbl fermenter to their existing kit making 3 fermenters in all. They have also ordered an additional 100 stainless steel casks to help them keep up with demand. They have also release a new beer, Stog (4.1%) is a milk stout and is available in pubs now.

Neptune (Maghull) have two new beers out now in pubs. Poseidon (4.8%) is an orange pale ale brewed using Cascade & Amarillo hops with added orange peel. Big Sur (4.5%) is a West Coast pale ale. As with all their beers, both these are unfiltered and follows on after Les's (the brewer) new stout, Undercurrent (4.7%), brewed using Challenger and Tradition hops with an addition of raisins and a combination of 6 malts.

Joe Murphy, the brewer from **The Ship & Mitre** (Liverpool) has brewed 4 new specials and they will feature at the Wirral Easter Beer Festival at Hulme Hall, Port Sunlight. The names to watch out for are Cuckoo, Mackintosh, Oriel and Futurist.

Other Items

Liverpool Beer Festival

We are interested in getting feedback on our February Beer Festival, particularly about the Wednesday night session. If you have any comments, please send them to events@liverpoolcamra.org.uk

If the volume of responses is anything like last year's you won't get an individual response but we will post a summary of the comments on the Web site.

Martin Powell

Admissions Manager, Liverpool Beer Festival 2017

Branch Diary

20th April: Day out to St Helens. Meet at Lime Street Station in time to catch 11:28 train.

6 May: Coach to Stonehouse Brewery/Oswestry, Departs 10:50 from Ship & Mitre, Dale Street
NO First Sunday Meet Up this month.

10 May: Mild Month Pub Crawl, Start: 7pm Blackburne Pub & Eatery, 24 Catharine Street, L8 7NL

17 May: Branch Get Together & POTY Presentation, 8pm @ CASK, 438 Queens Drive, Stoneycroft

18 May: Day Out in Preston. Meet at Ormskirk Rail Station for 11:52 train or 10:55 at Court Leet (Wetherspoon) for breakfast.

Beer Festivals within our branch this Month

Marine AFC Beer Festival

20th - 22nd April

The festival is to coincide with the Mariners' last home league game of this season on the Saturday when they take on play-off contenders Buxton (KO 3pm).

The hours will be: Thursday 6pm to 11pm / Friday 6pm to 11pm / Saturday 12 noon to 11pm

The festival is free to attend with 12 cask ales and 2 ciders on sale for just £1.50 per half pint, using tokens purchased from the clubrooms reception. There will be hot pies/savouries available along with a selection of snacks from the Graham Lounge bar.

Marine AFC, The Marine Travel Arena, College Road, Crosby, L23 3AS

Bootle Beer Festival

21st – 22nd April; 12 noon - 8pm

Tickets: £ 5 via www.eventbrite.co.uk (search Bootle Beer Festival) or call 0151 933 1311

For more info: email rachael@saferegen.org.uk

The Little Merton, Irlam Road L20 4AH

Mossley Hill Athletic Club Charity Beer Festival

21st – 23rd April; £5/session; 80 beers & ciders; Whiskey & Gin Bar; Live Entertainment;

Hot/Cold food; Free ½ pint to CAMRA members on production of valid card

Tickets: via www.mossleyhillbeerfestival.org.uk or directly from the club bar (after 6pm on weekdays or 12 noon on weekends/holidays)

9 Mossley Hill Road Liverpool L18 9DX; tel: 0151 724 4377

Waterloo 13 Beer Festival

Old Christchurch

27th - 30th April

There will be up to 150 real ales, ciders, perries and bottled beers available. There will also be wines and prosecco alongside a magnificent Indoor Gin Garden boasting over 15 different gins!

CAMRA members can receive a discount off beer tokens on Thursday evening and Friday daytime.

Tickets: www.realaleevents.com

Old Christchurch, Waterloo Road, Waterloo, L22 1RE

Future Events

Meet the Brewer featuring Robinson's at **The Queens Picture House**, South Road, Waterloo

Date: TBC

Meet the Brewer featuring Salopian at **The Excelsior**, Dale Street

Date: TBC

Finally...a big thank-you to all this month's contributors that have help me put this together...

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If you have ANY news, relating to pubs or real ale, you think should feature in this monthly newsletter, please email: news@liverpoolcamra.org.uk or tweet it and include @LiverpoolCAMRA.

Copy date for MAY newsletter: **Saturday, 29th April**