

# Ey Up!! Wigan CAMRA Newsletter

September 2016

Welcome to the September edition of our monthly newsletter. If you have anything you would like to be included in a future edition of the newsletter, please contact Jo on the email below allowing plenty of time for inclusion.

As always, we welcome your feedback about this newsletter as we still need to decide whether we continue with it in the current format throughout 2016. Please send any pub information or feedback to [young@wigancamra.org.uk](mailto:young@wigancamra.org.uk)

## LOCAL BREWERY NEWS

**ALLGATES:** The brewery were not able to feature at GBBF due to the ongoing issues. The horse box bar is very popular at Haigh Hall every weekend. A new beer, Jack of Hearts a 4.1% single hopped pale ale has been produced. Crooke Hall is to have a beer festival over the Bank Holiday weekend.

**HOPHURST:** Cosmati was very well received at GBBF.

**MARTLAND MILL:** no report.

**MAYFLOWER:** Alan reported that he is brewing almost at capacity though has been unable to brew Douglas Valley due to a shortage of Pilgrim hops and he is loathe to tweak the recipe. Wigan Beer and Swinley Gold are selling well alongside his new beer 'Pie PA'. He plans for his next new brew to be a Rye beer.

**PROBLEM CHILD:** Problem Child had Good Spankin' selected for GBBF last week and the bar manager reported it had been well received. The brewery is also having a beer festival to coincide with the Parbold Street Festival over the weekend of 2 – 4 September.

**PROSPECT:** Carol had asked various specific questions about the new brewery – in summary it is hoped to have the new brewery premises ready and move all the operation for Christmas but if this is not achieved they have the current premises until May 2017. Existing kit will be transferred but there is space for an additional fermenter and a larger cold store. A new beer is planned to celebrate the move. Nutty Slack was a GBBF finalist – though Patsy was slightly disappointed not to feature amongst the winners. Bottle sales at Booths are exceeding expectations. Patsy has also been invited by Weyermann malts to their annual Bavarian party in Bamberg in November. She plans to take her staff along as a thank you for their hard work

**WILY FOX:** no report as both Andy and Andrea have had holidays.

The new **WINDMILL BREWERY** in Standish is now producing and an invitation has been extended for some of us to visit. It is not yet known how many they can accommodate and we will investigate numbers and a potential date.

## LOCAL PUB NEWS

**Albion Alehouse** is hosting a CAMRA GBBF award winning beers festival: 22nd Thursday - Sat 24th September. Featuring 20 award winning beers from GBBF over the last 2 years including the Supreme Beer winner from 2016 & 2015 plus many other award winning beers in the specific classes. Extra bar space to accommodate 12 ales on sale.

**The Brocket, Wigan** will be launching the autumn Wetherspoons menu with a special event from 9pm to 11pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September. There will be samples of new dishes and also new craft beers.

**Crooke Hall Inn**, Crooke Village hosted a Beer Festival last weekend to raise money for Prostate Cancer, Deano would like to thank all those who attended and helped raise money throughout the weekend. He also featured in the local papers, with his dog *Peebles*, focusing on the pubs dog friendly nature and potential to become the most dog friendly pub in the country!

**Docherty's** has been accredited with the Locale Award 2016. The presentation took place at the last branch meeting.

**The Royal Oak** in Standish Lower Ground has been reported to be up to let.

**The Brocket Arms** is now under a new manager Tom Quinn formerly of the Friar Penketh in Warrington, who has previously had a good reputation for his care and attention to Real Ale.

**The Stocks Tavern** in Parbold is under new ownership and has a minor refurb. The owner wants to offer a different range of beers.

**Wigan Central** was awarded the Regional Cider Pub of the Year 2016 award on 20<sup>th</sup> August. The team want to thank everyone who came down to the presentation and drank lots of Real Cider.

## BRANCH SOCIAL TRIPS

There are no branch social trips currently in the diary – however, watch this space for upcoming information on coach trips or days out.

## LOCAL EVENTS THIS MONTH

The next branch meeting will be at **8pm on Thursday 15th September at Robin Hood, Ashton**. Business will include voting for the *Autumn Pub of the Season* and all intending to vote are advised to review the nominated pubs before the meeting.

The nominees, as suggested at the previous branch meeting, are:

- The Crooke Hall, Crooke Village
- The Hoot, Standish
- The Masons Arms, Billinge

Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings and we encourage you to join us to discuss the events happening in the Real Ale industry. You'll get an insight into how the breweries are doing and what new beers might be available at your local soon. What's happening in the pubs and bars around town and you can have your say on which pubs should be considered for awards and recognition. We're a friendly bunch who welcome new faces and hope to see you there.

The following branch meeting is at **8pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at Doc's Symposium**.

**BRANCH BBQ:** The Branch would like to apologise that we were forced to cancel this year's BBQ at short notice. We have every intention of hosting it again next year and hope to give you more details of the event closer to the time.

October is **CIDER MONTH** and the branch is hoping to plan a cider pub crawl and possibly some other activities to commemorate the event. We think we know which pubs in the Wigan branch area sell real cider but we can't get around to all our pubs regularly so if YOUR local sells a real cider please contact Carol Worthington at [cider@wigancamra.org.uk](mailto:cider@wigancamra.org.uk) to advise, including listing what cider(s) are sold. Also please let us know if you have any innovative ideas on what we can do to celebrate cider month.

The National Cider Trip takes place on **Saturday 8th October** in Cambridgeshire. Costs £18 for members including lunch. Please check out the CAMRA website if you would like more details.

## BEER FESTIVALS (AND OTHER BEERY EVENTS)

There is a full CAMRA Beer Festival calendar available on the CAMRA website, listed below are some relatively local events some CAMRA and some commercial events.

Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sat 24<sup>th</sup> September: **Calderdale Beer & Cider Festival 2016**, *Hebden Bridge Town Hall, Saint Georges St, Hebden Bridge*

Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sat 24<sup>th</sup> September: **4th Ashbourne Beer Festival**, *Ashbourne Town Hall, Market Place, Ashbourne*

Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sun 25<sup>th</sup> September: **Reet Good Beer Festival**, *Wigan Youth Zone, Menses Field, Wigan*

Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sun 25<sup>th</sup> September: **Silver Tally Beer Festival**, *Silver Tally, Shevington Moor, Standish, Wigan*

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> September – Sat 1<sup>st</sup> October: **Th'ince Rotary Beer Festival**, *Rose Bridge Sports Club, Pinfold Street, Ince, Wigan* **Special discounted admission (£3) for CAMRA members.**

Thu 13<sup>th</sup> – Sat 15<sup>th</sup> October: **Warrington Oktoberfest**, *Parr Hall, Palmyra Square South, Warrington*

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> – Sun 30<sup>th</sup> October: **Tap 'n' Barrel's Halloween Beer, Cider & Sausage Festival**, *Jaxon's Court, Hallgate, Wigan*

Thu 29<sup>th</sup> – Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> October: **7th Amber Valley CAMRA Beer & Cider Festival**, *The Strutts, Derby Rd, Belper*

Thu 29<sup>th</sup> – Sun 9<sup>th</sup> October : **All Gate's Road to Wigan Beer Festival** (*see below*)

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> – Sun 13<sup>th</sup> November: **Wigan Central's Beer & Cider Festival**, *Arches 1&2, Queen Street, Wigan*

## WIGAN BEER FESTIVAL

Wigan Beer Festival 2016 may have only been in March, but the time has come to begin planning 2017. This year it's our 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday. We are looking for members who are interesting in taking up roles in the planning stages of the festival. Anyone who might be interested in becoming an active part of Wigan Beer Festivals planning should attend our next meeting on **Tuesday 4th October** at **8pm** at **The Raven**.

## ALLGATES 'ROAD TO WIGAN BEER' FESTIVAL

The 10th 'Road to Wigan Beer' in conjunction with All Gates Brewery. Thursday 29th September to Sunday 9th October 2016. 30+ Breweries, 100+ Beers, 7 Pubs, 11 Days. Breweries and beers to be announced on All Gates website very soon. Keep checking <http://www.allgatesbrewery.com/>. Follow the festival on TWITTER @allgatesbrewery

### THE PUBS

- THE ANVIL, Dorning Street, Wigan
- THE HARE & HOUNDS, Ladies Lane, Hindley
- THE VICTORIA, Haigh Village, Wigan
- THE WHITE LION, Leigh Road, Leigh
- THE UNION ARMS, Castle Street, Tyldesley
- THE CROOKE HALL INN, Crooke Village, Wigan
- JOLLY NAILOR, Market Street, Atherton

**BEER BUS** (72 Seater Double Deck) Saturday 1st October, round all pubs taking part in the festival, leaving The Anvil at 11.30am. Proposed route, Crooke Hall Inn, Union Arms, Jolly Nailor, White Lion, Hare & Hounds, Victoria, returning to The Anvil, approx 9p.m. COST £6.50 per head including hot pot supper at The Victoria.

**TICKETS FOR BEER BUS** 'phone Catherine or Julie at the Brewery on 01942 234976. Payment accepted by debit/credit cards.