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Editorial

The big news from this year's national CAMRA AGM in April is that the proposal from the Revitalisation Project to represent *all* pub-goers, beer drinkers and cider drinkers failed to receive the required 75% support. However, other proposals to update CAMRA's objectives, promote inclusivity and combat discrimination, and allow CAMRA beer festivals to serve beers other than real ales, were approved.

Sadly, two stalwarts of this branch, Tony Dean and Giles Whitfield, passed away recently. You can read tributes to both members in this issue.

A followup to Pat's article in the last *PoV* about Derry Beer's 1987 book, *The Leith Pub Guide*: Derry's son got in touch to say that sadly, Derry passed away in June last year, but he would have been very pleased that his book had been remembered 30 years on. Also, our local pub historian, Jim Lawrie, has confirmed that Stags Bar (or Angel Bar prior to 1987, not to be confused with Staggs of Musselburgh) was indeed on the corner of the Shore and Tower Street, where Chez Mal is today.

Scott

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CAMRA Calling

Branch News

Forthcoming Branch Events

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Branch Social Meeting Ryrie's	2:30pm 16 June
SRAF Publicity Social Golden Rule, Diggers	7:30pm 3 July
Visit to Freewheelin' Brewery Peebles Hydro (booking via hughescr@btinternet.com)	2pm 21 July
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Two-Pub Social Winstons, White Lady, Corstorphine	7:30pm 10 October
Branch Social Meeting Flotterstone Inn, Glencorse (tbc)	2:30pm 20 Oct (tbc)
GBG 2020 Hitlist Meeting Staggs, Musselburgh (tbc)	2pm 24 November

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2018 Branch Pubs of the Year

Some new names appear amongst this year's crop of winners, and a Cider Pub of the Year has been added to the list of awards. As you can see from the photos, our Chairman Pat Hanson has been kept busy doing the honours!

City of Edinburgh Pub of the Year Dreadnought, North Fort Street, Leith



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Borders Pub of the Year Rutherfords Micropub, Kelso



Neil Johnson

Cider Pub of the Year (and also Scotland & NI Cider Pub of the Year) The Jolly Judge, Lawnmarket, Edinburgh



Jon Addinall

Real Ale Quality Award Burts Hotel, Melrose



Jon Addinall

Lothians Pub of the Year and Overall Winner Staggs, Musselburgh



Jon Addinall

Congratulations to all the winners!

Pub Design Award for the Caley Picture House

by Callum Bracher

Congratulations to The Caley Picture House on Lothian Road after being highly commended in the Conversion to Pub Use category of CAMRA's annual National Pub Design Awards, which recognises high standards of architecture in the refurbishment and conservation of pubs.

An historic cinema turned night club and live music venue, the building was closed for some time before being converted into a pub by JD Wetherspoon in 2016. Designed by JS Richardson and JR Mackay and built in 1922 on the site of the Commercial Hotel and Tavern, the Grade B listed building has found a new lease of life with many original features being retained whilst still incorporating everything expected of a modern city pub.

A tasteful renovation makes a feature of the magnificent proscenium arch, with its reeded classical pilasters and central Rococo foliate cartouche, placing the main bar centre stage with a mural above forming a focal point where the cinema screen used to be.

All of this can be appreciated over a pint of real ale on the upper balcony bar which gives a marvelous view over the former auditorium.



Regional Director Sarah Crawford, with members of the branch committee, presents the award to deputy manager James.

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Scottish Real Ale Festival 2018

by Charlie Hughes, Chair of the Branch Tasting Panel

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Where you have to go

Edinburgh Corn Exchange, New Market Road, EH14 1RJ. From the city centre it's an easy bus (numbers 300 and 20 right outside, or 4, 34, 44, 3, 25, 30, 33 within 1/3 mile), train (Slateford) or shared taxi ride. Once there, the same level access and volume of space that make it ideal for setting up the real ales, make it a comfortable space to enjoy them in. There is also an outside area.

When you have to go

It's open from noon to 10.30, Thursday 5th and Friday 6th July and noon to 9.30 on Saturday the 7th.

What else is there

There's a good range of cider and perry, wine, food and games as well.

The damage?

£6, or £4 for CAMRA members. This gets you a seriously interesting programme (seriously!), a 2018 souvenir glass and re-entry into subsequent sessions (a good reason to start early).

And finally

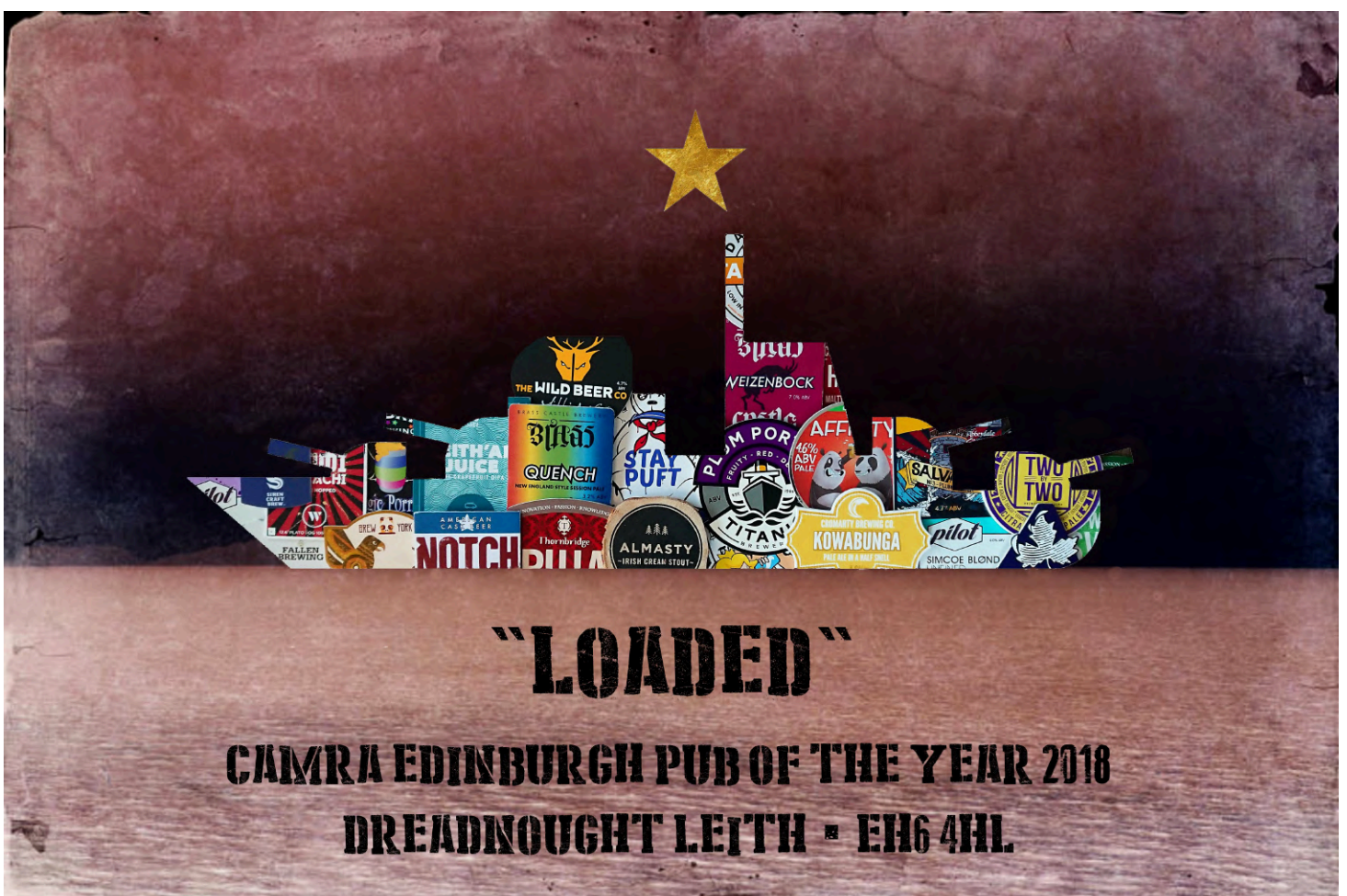
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So, see you there. I think we have a tasting panel session to arrange...

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City Ale Tales

Pub News

EDINBURGH NORTH, LEITH, NEW TOWN

In Broughton St the **Phoenix** has been taken over by Grant and Tom from the **Greenmantle** and **Mash Tun** and they have reinstalled a couple of real ale taps. The external look of the pub is also very different to the former black and gold finish. The **Liquor Library** became **KIN**, a cocktail bar with an unused handpump. CAMRA continues to encourage the **Empress of Broughton St** to describe the cask ales accurately on its beer blackboard. As in many establishments with back wall taps, the real ale can be spotted by the long spouts.

The **Salvation of Leith** did not last long in that guise and became **Finn and Bear**, part of the Pantry group. Black Isle Yellowhammer is usually the real ale choice (see advice above regarding the long spout). The **Constitution** has been closed pending refurbishment and has been taken over by the owners of the **Black Fox** on Leith Walk (no real ale).

The **Wally Dug** is now run by Campbell's Brewery, as reported on other pages. The **Jam House** is no longer selling real ale. **Kay's Bar** was awarded 'Best Local Pub' in the Scotsman Food and Drink Awards 2017. Other pubs in the news for winning various awards in this area include **Teuchters Landing**, **Scran & Scallie**, **Raeburn** and the **Windsor**.

Anderson's, just off Henderson St, has no real ale but a number of interesting internal features. A planning application for conversion to flats succeeded (despite objections orchestrated by CAMRA) but it is continuing as a pub for the time being. Finally, **St Bernard's Bar** in Stockbridge, right next door to the excellent **Stockbridge Tap**, closed.

EDINBURGH CENTRAL, OLD TOWN, LOTHIAN ROAD

Lothian Road has seen a new **BrewDog** bar opening on the site of a former Clydesdale Bank branch. It is a massive affair on two floors and quite often has a BrewDog 'Live' beer on, e.g. Dead Pony Club. Another BrewDog bar is scheduled to open at Edinburgh Airport (airside) in August. Up the road the **Beer Kitchen** was named Best Pub in Edinburgh in the National Pub & Bar Awards 2018 (one of 94 regional 'Best Pubs!'). The nearby **Caley Picture House** was awarded the title of best pub toilet in Scotland in the Loo of the Year Awards

2017, in addition to its CAMRA Pub Design award, as reported elsewhere in this issue.

The **Auld Hundred** in Rose St, which sells a couple of real ales, has been taken over by the rapidly expanding Signature Pub Group. The **Black Cat** also has a rotating selection of cask ales, with Tempest's Elemental Dark making a rare appearance recently.

OXI84 (no real ale) looks like being shut for a long time after a serious fire in which thankfully no-one was hurt. The **Inn on the Mile** has reportedly stopped selling real ale.

The **Bow Bar** held another of its annual Dark Beer blind tasting competitions over a number of weeks in the winter. Fallen Chew Chew (keg) was the winner, closely followed by Cromarty Ghost Town (cask).

EDINBURGH SOUTH, SOUTHSIDE

The former **Southside Social** finally reopened as **Harry's Southside** but like its namesake in the West End unfortunately has keg beer only. Up the road the **Potting Shed** became **St Andrews Brewing Co. Potterrow** after a takeover by the eponymous brewery. The five back wall cask taps were replaced in May by four handpumps for greater real ale visibility, a welcome move. St Andrews have also taken on the keg beer bar **Outhouse** off Broughton St.



Real ale has finally appeared at the **George IV Bar** after a very lengthy refurbishment

No.1 The Grange and the **Salisbury Arms** were both finalists in the 'Best Gastro Pub' category in the Scottish Entertainment and Hospitality Awards. Keeping up the numerical theme, **No.8 Lister Square** at Quartermile, which made a real effort with its cask ale, has sadly closed its doors.

The **Merlin** in Morningside is also making an effort to get cask ales selling more and to give the cask ale drinkers of the area a little more variety. At present there are two real ale taps, one of which usually carries the house beer by Greene King. A refurbishment is on the cards and there may be an option to put in more cask ale taps. The pub offers a 10% discount to CAMRA members on real ale, has an extensive food menu and also features an attractive rear patio as well as picnic tables facing the main road.

There's been a management change at the **Colinton Inn**, where real ales are now being enthusiastically promoted via social media.

EDINBURGH WEST, SOUTHWEST, WEST END, TOLLCROSS

The **Westgate Farm** is a new-build Greene King pub/restaurant on South Gyle Broadway. Its four handpumps carry a range of GK beers, with Old Speckled Hen looking like a

good seller on a recent visit. The food options include a carvery as well as standard menu offerings. Greene King is obviously banking on good weather in South Gyle, because there are at least 30 outdoor tables, where dogs can also attend (not inside). Lothian Buses 12 and 21 pass the door.



Westgate Farm

Akva in Fountainbridge, **Miller and Carter** at Cramond Brig and the **Toby Carvery** (Liberton Branch) are reported to have stopped selling real ale.

The **Fountain** is now owned by Signature Pub Group. Over the road there is a new emphasis on cask ale at the busy **McCowans**, with a CAMRA members' discount.



Kevin McGhee, licensee of **Diggers**, became the first Scottish recipient of the Manager of the Month award from BT Sports for building strong ties with Hearts. He was quoted as saying how great it was that the award wasn't going to a 'city style bar'. Oddly enough, the **Voyage of Buck** won 'Scotland's Most Stylish Bar' in the Scottish Style Awards. Together with its close William St neighbours **Teuchters** and the **Melville Bar** this makes a compact pub crawl with about ten real ale choices. Congratulations also to **Monty's** in Morrison St, who were been adjudged Scotland's 'Best Cask and Craft Bar' in May by the British Institute of Innkeeping.

The newly-opened **Torfin** bar and grill at Corstorphine closed again for further refurbishment, but is reportedly not selling real ale since reopening again. Real ale is still available at **Burlington Bertie**, which has also reopened under the new ownership of the **Cuckoo's Nest**, just along the street.

EDINBURGH EAST, PORTOBELLO, JOPPA

The **Radical Road** is no more after a building warrant was obtained for its demolition, despite there apparently being no planning application or consent for a new development of any kind on the site. The branch have been investigating the case to be better prepared for any future similar cases.

It's been reported that the **Ellwyn Hotel** has stopped selling real ale after a change of management. **Hibs Supporters Association** has also given up real ale.

The **Scottie** was amongst community pubs in Edinburgh reporting a massive upturn in sales during the "Beast from the East". Manager Thomas McGilvary said that the locals who couldn't go to work just went to the pub instead.

The **Barrel House** recently gained two awards from Star Pubs and Bars; Star Bar of the Year and Best Bar Team. Operators Caygill and Smith also have the **Espy** in Portobello, scene of a CAMRA Branch three-pub social in May along with the **Guild of Foresters** and the **Skylark**.

Craig Millar

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Giles Whitfield

1952–2017

by Colin Valentine

Giles Whitfield passed away suddenly in December 2017. He was a member of CAMRA since at least 1985, but I am sure that he joined in the mid-to-late 1970s as he had memories of attending the CAMRA AGM in Blackpool in 1977 when he was working at what was then called Windscale. Like most, he was a passive member in the early days, quite happy to pay his annual subscription to ensure that the Campaign was solvent and able to keep his beloved real ale on the bars of Edinburgh's better pubs.



However, in the 1990s he became active in the Edinburgh & South-East Scotland branch and was elected Chairman in 2000, a post he held for a record nine years. Mindful of his less than svelte-like figure, he was happy to enter into the spirit of things at our beer festivals at the now closed Meadowbank Stadium. Somewhere in the *Evening News* archive there are photographs of Giles as both Sherlock Holmes to celebrate the fact that Arthur Conan Doyle was born in Edinburgh; and a monk, complete with natural tonsure, to commemorate the fact that Holyrood was a major centre of brewing.

He was a regular on survey trips to check out the real ale pubs in the Borders and seldom missed one. He and his wardrobe were so well known that, often, the chap behind the bar would barely glance up before spotting the flip flops and bare legs and say how many halves boys? On one particular trip, the publican was in a generous mood and offered our surveyors a half each on the house. Not realising that the beer was free, Giles noticed that his glass was short of a full measure and asked for a top up. When it was pointed out to him that the beer was on the house, he said "Well, we don't want him to get into bad habits, do we?"

On these trips he also developed something of an obsession with dirigibles, specifically cargo dirigibles. He had all the dimensions, the weight it could carry, and its possibility for reducing road freight. He even spoke of hiring a workshop and building a model one, but it came to nought. He also sketched pub interiors, brewery mirrors and customers, creating a treasure trove of sketch books.

Giles was erudite and intelligent almost to a fault, but he seemed to be able to tailor his conversation to whoever he was talking to. With me it was often baseball, as we are both Boston Red Sox fans, and we went to see them on a couple of occasions. Our excuse for going to Boston, was the New England Real Ale Exhibition. Even though he only went over two or three times, he was remembered and only a couple of months ago, one of the regulars in the Boston bar we frequented was asking after him – and this almost 10 years after his last visit.

With Ted Sharp, it was philosophy. At the 2017 Scottish Real Ale Festival, Ted was in the staff room having lunch and found himself sitting next to Giles. Out of the blue, he asked Ted whether there was such a thing as a discipline of educational philosophy which was distinct from philosophy in general. As you might imagine, this stopped Ted in his tracks for a minute but, after a little thought, he remembered that there is a publication called the *Journal of the Philosophy of Education* and that people interested in this area have their own learned society and academic conferences. This led on to a genuinely interesting (and wholly unexpected) discussion between the two of them as to whether education should have its own distinct philosophy and, if so, how it should differ from other philosophies. Ted tells me that he can think of few (well, actually, no) other acquaintances who would (i) think of such a question (ii) raise it in the staff area of a beer festival and (iii) know enough about philosophy to be able to hold a serious discussion about it before going back on shift. As a combination of breadth of interest, creativity and eccentricity, it struck Ted as Giles through and through.



As a tribute to Giles, Richard Harrison, formerly of this branch, now brewer at Papworth Brewery, has named one of his beers "The Whitfield Thunderbolt".

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Tony Dean

1943–2018

by *Tim Hampson*

One of the great stalwarts of CAMRA since its early years, Tony Dean, has died at home in Northern Ireland. He was closely associated with the Campaign for Real Ale since his years in Edinburgh where he was a founder of the city's CAMRA branch, writes Allan McLean. He was also notable as a close friend of the late Dan Kane, that CAMRA stalwart who did so much for the cause of ale.

Tony was the first chairman of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland branch and was also the first Scottish Organiser, having been appointed under rather bizarre circumstances in 1976 as the then National Chairman Chris Bruton recalls:

In early 1976, the Scottish Branches were getting a little boisterous demanding representation on the National Executive. At a National Executive meeting in Durham, it was agreed to ask the Scottish Branches to nominate someone whom the National Executive would co-opt immediately. The following day Andrew Cunningham and I drove to Berwick to meet Scottish delegates. After we had got some ale in, I explained what the National Executive had agreed which rather surprised Tony Dean *et al.* They had come to *demand* just that. This took sixty seconds. The rest of the meeting was taken up with working out whom the nominee would be. In the end Tony Dean was selected because "his divorce was through: the others were only pending".

Mark Hutchinson, who took over from Tony as the Northern Ireland branch chairman, recalls meeting Tony in a Belfast pub, where the man almost everyone knew as "Tony" from his middle name, was also known by his full handle of Kenneth Anthony Dean.

Mark recalls: "There is a big hole in my life, but it will be filled with grand memories and recollections of the not-so-tall tales he would tell."

Also from Tony's time in Northern Ireland come the memories of the then Regional Director Paul Carter who writes:

"In 1987 he moved to Belfast and soon burst upon the local CAMRA scene and, without hesitation, muscled in on the CAMRA branch to take over as Chairman – occasionally ruffling a few feathers but more importantly injecting some renewed vigour into the mammoth task faced by local activists. This was at a time when real ale in NI had suffered some serious setbacks such as the closure of Herald Brewery in

Coleraine when its owner emigrated to Canada and the loss of Younger's No.3 Ale when S&N closed their Belfast depot.

"Yes, Hilden Brewery remained a much-appreciated rock of stability but real ale outlets had dwindled to a small nucleus. In 1989, after many years of trying to persuade Bass Ireland to give cask beer a trial, Tony and I met with the brewery's management team who announced they had decided to offer Heriot 80/- to selected outlets. This seemed like a real breakthrough but the trial was not judged a success, largely down to storage and dispense issues, something Tony wrote about in the 1991 Good Beer Guide. It did however lead to Bass bringing bottle-conditioned Worthington White Shield into NI – this proved to be a useful introduction to real ale for several licensees and their customers. Giving a GBG listing to pubs that served bottled White Shield (but no cask beer) raised a few eyebrows in mainland Britain but it was the right thing to do to boost the profile of real ale in NI.

"Tony was not just an esteemed campaigner and consummate fount of knowledge, he was also great company. I have many memories of his boundless enthusiasm, impish smile and wonderfully witty turn of phrase.

Roger Preece, recalls: "My first memory of Tony was at the meeting to test support for the setting up of a CAMRA branch

for Edinburgh and South East Scotland in the autumn of 1975. This was at the Black Swan in Leith, now known as the Roseleaf.

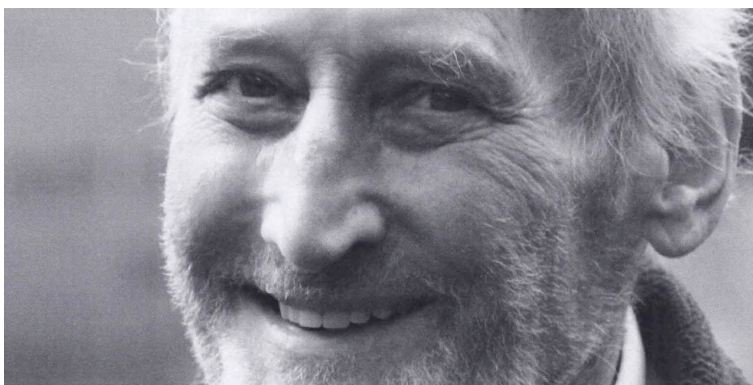
"Tony chaired the meeting with what was to become his usual aplomb, which was not necessarily an easy task, given the presence at the meeting of several Edinburgh lawyers.

"I became secretary of the branch and always found Tony a pleasure to work with. He had a relaxed way of chairing meetings, both branch and committee, but at the same time was rigorous in following the correct procedures. This was all accompanied by an easy wit and a slightly formal way of speaking at meetings which disarmed fractious behaviour. This was essential because at that time CAMRA was a new organisation, and there were almost as many opinions as members regarding how we should operate.

"Tony really came into his own when dealing with unexpected interruptions at branch meetings. The Black Swan was located in what was then Leith docks and one branch meeting was visited by a couple of ladies of the night looking for trade. Tony handled their sudden appearance with such skill that they even thanked him as they were invited to immediately leave.

On 18 March this year, a few of Tony's old friends in Scotland, most of whom had been unable to make it to Northern Ireland for his funeral, gathered to raise a glass to his memory in the pub where the Edinburgh branch got started more than 40 years ago.

This article first appeared in What's Brewing.



MICROBREWERIES IN INDIA

by Maggie Hughes

It was eight years since we'd last been in India and it was immediately clear that there have been some changes. There was less begging. People offering to help you out with directions or some other courtesy were less likely to expect baksheesh. Generally, things were better organised. The cars on the roads were newer (although the roads themselves still leave an awful lot to be desired!) And much to our amazement, in Chandigarh we encountered a rash of brew pubs. Cue, some investigations needed...

But first a little bit of history. Chandigarh is the capital of the Punjab state, which was divided in the partition of India and Pakistan. The original state capital, Lahore, fell on the Pakistan side of the new border, so the Indian Government decided to build a new capital for the Indian Punjab. The master plan of the city was prepared by the famous Swiss-French architect Le Corbusier, based on earlier plans created by a Polish architect and an American planner. It is designed in sectors, which each have all the amenities that the residents in a neighbourhood require for daily living – schools, workspaces, shops and leisure facilities. Now to microbrewing...

The Indian microbrewing industry originated in Pune, Maharashtra State, in 2009 with the opening of Doolally – a project conceived by two Indian colleagues who were introduced to microbreweries while working in Singapore. It took them some three years to turn their idea into reality due to a variety of operational and external challenges – stringent state liquor laws about what can be sold and when, licensing issues around premises and lack of skilled labour to name just a few.

Microbreweries are only allowed in a small number of cities across India - Gurgaon, Pune, Bangalore, Chandigarh and Panchkula that we know of – many entire states don't currently allow them. Even in those states where microbreweries are permitted, would-be brewers must secure premises and have their equipment in place before applying for a license – so we found bars with all the brewing

kit in place that were still selling only bottled beers. Typically, it can take 12 to 18 months for a license application to be processed. Once granted, a separate bar license needs to be obtained for on-site sales. Selling off-site is even more difficult as regulations insist it must be pasteurised (not something the brewers want to do) due to the unreliability of refrigerated transport in India. So, what was our experience?

Our crawl started on Madhya Marg in Sector 26 where we visited three brewpubs: Kingdom of Beer, The Great Bear and The Brew Estate. We were able to tour the brewery in each case and spoke with two of the brewers. The beers are described as “fresh beer” – what did that mean, we wondered?



The brewing process was entirely familiar up to and including fermentation. The preference seemed to be for imported malts (from Germany) and hops (both German and American). After fermentation, the beer was drawn off to maturation tanks where it was allowed to settle for two weeks. In at least some cases it was not pasteurised, nor carbonated, although CO2 was used for dispensing. We are aware, however, that at least one company, Bira, is now marketing

itself as a craft beer and distributing bottled beer, but don't know whether it is bottle conditioned.

All three of the Madhya Marg breweries had four beers on tap, ranging from German-style lager to Bock, Red Ale, Wheat Beer, English Ale, Dark Beer and a Saison. The brew kit came from China in two cases, from India in the third.

We finished off our investigations by a visit to Malt & Co., located in The Piccadilly Hotel, a 50-year old Chandigarh institution in Himalaya Marg, Sector 22, that has been brewing since 2011. Here we found five beers including a Doppelbock dark – a bottom-fermented brew with imported Munich-style roasted and chocolate malt.



Our conclusion? We wouldn't choose between any of the four establishments we visited – they were all very welcoming and had a good choice of beers. While in some cases the serving temperature was a little cooler than we like, they certainly weren't over gassy, so we'd simply say that Indian microbreweries are

refreshing in more ways than one – a very pleasant alternative to the ubiquitous Kingfisher! And if you're a traveller, what are you waiting for – Chandigarh is just a three-hour train journey from Delhi.

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Tiled Paintings in Edinburgh Pubs

Part 1: the Café Royal Circle Bar

by Michael Slaughter and Geoff Brandwood

This is the first of a planned series of articles examining the way pictorial tiles were used to embellish drinking establishments in Edinburgh a century or more ago.



The Café Royal, West Register St.

The years leading up to the end of the nineteenth century and the first few years of the twentieth were the most magnificent in the history of British pub-building. One of their great glories from this time is the use of ceramics – from the mundane but very necessary use in toilets, through plain floor and wall tiling, to rich mosaic flooring, pictorial panels and tiled bar counters – there is an excellent example of a tiled bar counter at the Feuars Arms, Kirkcaldy. There are many truly wonderful examples of ceramics in Edinburgh area pubs.

Pride of place surely goes to the **Café Royal**, West Register Street, in the New Town area. The interior here was remodelled by J Macintyre Henry in 1900/01 and has no less than nine large figurative panels by Doultons of Lambeth, London. On the walls of the Circle Bar are six large tile murals depicting famous inventors at the moment of their invention. They were designed by John Eyre and were painted by artists Katherine Sturgeon and W.J.W. Nunn.

These tile paintings were first displayed at the International Inventions Exhibition – a world's fair held in South Kensington, London, in 1885. They are also believed to have appeared at the 1886 International Exhibition of Industry, Science and Art held on The Meadows, Edinburgh.

The captions on the tiling explain their subjects: *William Caxton, citizen of London who brought printing into England 1476*; *Benjamin Franklin, printer distinguished in science and politics*; *Robert Peel makes his first experiment in calico printing*; *Michael Faraday, discoverer of electro-magnetism*; *George Stephenson. There is no limit to the speed if the works can be made to stand*; and *James Watt, inventor of the condensing engine & his partner Matthew Boulton*.



Michael Slaughter LRPS

William Caxton brings printing to England.



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Benjamin Franklin, the great polymath, here seen in his role as a printer.



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Robert Peel, probably the least well known of the great men depicted, established calico printing in Blackburn in 1764.



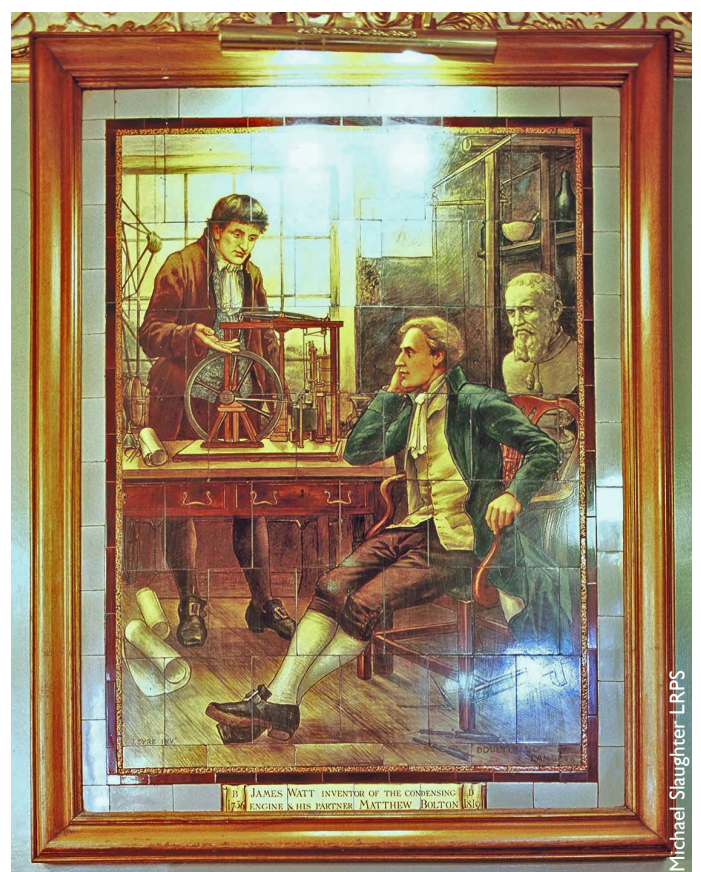
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George Stephenson, the great railway engineer. Neither of these chaps looks much like Stephenson!



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Michael Faraday, discoverer of electro-magnetism.



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James Watt who greatly improved the efficiency of the steam engine (with his business partner Matthew Boulton).

There's a lot more to discover around Edinburgh and Part 2 will feature the tiled paintings in the Oyster Bar of the Café Royal. Other pubs to be included are Bennets Bar, Tollcross; Barony Bar; and the Central Bar, Leith (no real ale). If any reader is aware of other tiled paintings, then we would be delighted to hear from you with details, please (contactpoveditor@edinburghcamra.org.uk).

BEER AND LOTHIAN

Pub News

EAST LOTHIAN

In Haddington the **Tyneside Tavern** has a new restaurant in the lounge – it's now Mazzoli's at the Tyneside. The pub continues to promote real ale well, as does the **Waterside**, which sells a house beer 'Waterside Blonde' by Campbell's. The **Victoria** is still looking for a new permanent tenant and the **Golf Tavern**, tucked away behind the Waterside, often has the excellent Tryst Kinnaird on sale. Sadly the handpump at the **Bell** seems to be unused now.

In other news, the restaurant, bar and deli operation at **Duck's Inn** in Aberlady now trades as 'John Paul at Duck's Inn'. John Paul himself owns a deli and café in North Berwick. Ducks was also the East Lothian 'Best Pub' winner in the National Pub and Bar Awards 2018.

Along the coast in Gullane the **Golf Inn** abruptly shut down recently. It's been confirmed that the renowned Tom and Michaela Kitchin will be taking over the site and turning it into the **Bonnie Badger** pub with rooms, hopefully with some good cask ale like their **Scran and Scallie** in Edinburgh. There's still a good choice of cask ale and real cider at the **Old Clubhouse**, with its great views across to the Lammermuirs.

Staggs in Musselburgh is the new sponsor of the Edinburgh Monarchs speedway team. Proprietor Nigel Finlay has been a speedway follower since the 1960s. The Monarchs are celebrating their 70th year in existence (Staggs is 160!).

Amongst East Lothian real ale pubs winning Best Bar None Gold awards for the last three years in a row are the **Golfers Rest** in North Berwick and the **Pine Marten** located at Spott Rd, Dunbar. Somewhat unusually for a micropub, the new **Station Yard** next to Dunbar station sells no real ale.

With little warning, the **Masons Arms** in Belhaven, a regular *Good Beer Guide* entry, closed its doors in mid-May. There is talk of re-establishing a restaurant on the site. Best wishes to Chris and his team for whatever the future holds

The **Nether Abbey Hotel** in North Berwick is busily planning its next beer festival (2nd to 4th November) and in the meantime is celebrating the award by the Scottish Tourist Board of a Gold Star in the Small Hotel category across all areas – rooms, food and customer service. Four cask ales are regularly on offer at this free house.

MIDLOTHIAN

The **Stobsmill Inn** in Gorebridge has been sold and has been taken over by Alan and Fiona White. They are still selling real ale, with one on the handpumps during the week and sometimes two at weekends, often sourced locally from Cross Borders. The lounge bar has had a welcome makeover and is now in constant use. New signage has completed the sensitively transformed image (so there's not just a big red 'T' outside now). CAMRA wishes Alan and Fiona the best of luck!

There are now three real ale outlets in Penicuik, with the addition of **Haig's** and the **Craigie**, both selling a couple of real ales. All will no doubt be explored when CAMRA holds a Branch Social Meeting at the **Navaar** on 18th August, where three newly refurbished letting rooms have now been opened, with more to follow.



Leadburn Inn

Not far to the south of Penicuik the **Leadburn Inn** is a consistent real ale outlet. These days the real ale is often from Stewart Brewing, with Inveralmond, Knops, Orkney, Broughton and Cairngorm also featuring. This is an attractively rebuilt country pub with a reputation for good all-day food, some letting rooms and an inviting suntrap patio. The pub is very biker-friendly, especially on Thursdays when meets of various kinds take place.

WEST LOTHIAN (AND OUTER WEST AND NORTH EDINBURGH)

The West Lothian Best Bar None Awards 2017 included a Gold for the **Black Bull** in Mid Calder and a Silver for the **Railway Inn**, West Calder. The Black Bull also won 'Best Independent Pub' in the Best Bar None Scotland Awards.

The **Grey Horse** in Balerno is to get a new function suite at the rear of the 18th Century property. As the pub regularly features up to five real ales, the CAMRA Branch will no doubt be investigating its possible use for meetings when it opens.

The **Weavers** in Currie has closed. The nearest real ale is at the **Riccarton Inn**, which is now owned by the GI Group, as is the **Kinleith Mill** up the road in Juniper Green.

In South Queensferry there is some doubt about cask ale availability at **Harry Ramsden**, although you can still find a regular supply at the **Ferry Tap**, **Railbridge Bistro**, **Hawes Inn** and the **Ferry Brewery Tap Room Bar**.

The independent Scottish pub group, the TBC Pub Company, which owns the award-winning **Bridge Inn** in Ratho, has appointed hotelier Christoph Brooke as its first non-executive director. The Bridge Inn sells three or four real ales, often including Alechemy beers. Lothian Buses route 20 serves the village.

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INN the BORDERS

Pub News

Here's some big news from Eddleston, north of Peebles; the **Horseshoe Inn** has been taken over by Iain and Fiona Dempster from the **Leadburn Inn** (just up the road towards Penicuik). The previously self-styled 'restaurant with rooms' has been transformed into a pub again, with three real ales on tap. CAMRA wishes Iain and Fiona (who also have the cosy **Stable Bar** at Mortonhall) all the best with this expansion. Borders Buses X62 calls at both Eddleston and Leadburn.

In Kelso, the **Queens Head** was awarded Gold in the Best Bar None (Scotland) awards. The **Red Lion**, which had recently reintroduced real ale (Deuchars on recent visits) changed its name to **1905**, being the year that this attractive building was constructed. Another name change saw the **White Swan** become the **Tipsy Ghillie**, still selling real ale. The **Cross Keys** (the large hotel on the square near **Rutherfords** micropub) will be selling real ale again in the summer. Another Gold Best Bar None award winner (Borders area) was the **Plough** in nearby Town Yetholm.



The **Kings Arms** in Melrose was closed by Punch in January. This former *Good Beer Guide* pub had seen a number of recent management changes, and it is hoped it will not be long before it reopens.

There has been a number of changes in JD Wetherspoon's local organisation, with replacements both at **Hunters Hall** in Galashiels (Manager) and at Area Manager level.

The **Salmon Inn** in Galashiels has removed its Deuchars IPA after poor sales and retains old favourite Black Sheep Bitter along with two guest ales, one of which is usually from Born in the Borders. Ian Calder's team work together well at this busy pub, which also boasts a large decked and canopied beer garden as well as pavement tables. Notably the Salmon Inn has

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The **Bridge Inn** in Peebles has not been short of awards recently and at the end of 2017 Gregor Grant won Bartender of the Year and the pub itself won the Beer Quality Award, both at the *Scottish Licensed Trade News Awards* ceremony in Glasgow. Also in Peebles, Emma Miller has taken over the **Neidpath Inn** and is keen to develop cask ale sales.

been plastic-free since the start of 2018 (straws, stirrers, etc). Real ale can also be found in Gala at **Hunters Hall**, the **Ladhope Inn** and (a few miles out of town on the bus) the **Clovenfords Hotel**. There's also a prominent 'real ale' sign at the **Mill House** but never any sign of it on the bar.



Hemelvaart Bier Café, Ayton

The **Cross Keys** in Lilliesleaf now has real ale, usually from Belhaven or Born in the Borders, and joins the nearby **Plough Inn** as a cask ale outlet.

The **Contented Sole** in Eyemouth trialled a Greene King real ale last winter and it will also make a reappearance this summer. The **Hemelvaart Bier Café** in Ayton has had an internal refurbishment and continues to offer an outstanding selection of beer. When in the area don't forget to visit the **New Inn** in Coldingham and the **First and Last** in Upper Burnmouth for real ale.

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NEW BLOOD AT THE CRAW

by Pat Hanson

The Crow Inn, Auchencrow, is one of the more isolated pubs in the Scottish Borders, located in a tiny village between Reston, Chirnside and Duns. It enjoys a rudimentary bus service (Travelsure 34, not Sundays) providing links to Duns, Eyemouth, Ayton and Berwick-upon-Tweed.

Trevor Wilson has been its long-term owner and licensee, but change was in the air with the arrival of a new chef, Ben Chambers, in summer 2017. Trevor soon identified that Ben could be the right person to take over the pub and trained him up in the art of beer-keeping.

A new lease was created and Ben took this over in the autumn. He set about revitalising the beer choice and scrapped the former wall-mounted wine list in favour of a beer blackboard. New suppliers were found and beers from Tiny Rebel, Arbor and Magic Rock started to appear, along with local ales from Tempest and Bear Claw and other Scottish brewers like Fyne Ales and Orkney. Local coffee supplier Northern Edge has also been brought in.

The loyal local customers have been very happy with Ben's new approach, especially as stalwarts Susan and Alan are still behind the bar. Everyone is also looking forward to the Crow's forthcoming Beer Festival (30th June/1st July), which will feature around 25 beers (about 50:50 cask and keg). Ben has already put a lot of thought into publicity, with posters, flyers, beer mats and even dayglow wristbands in evidence weeks before the event.



With business looking good at the Crow, Ben has taken on a new chef and is still looking out for interesting new beers for the handpumps. Old Rosie cider is also available. The Crow is well worth a visit for any beer-lover keen to explore the Eastern Borders. To cap it all, it was also named as 'Best Pub in the Scottish Borders' in the 2018 National Pub and Bar Awards recently.





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NEWS OF THE BREWS

Brewery Update

Barney's Beer

Barney's Capital Porter won silver in the Barcelona Beer Challenge. This beer is unfortunately rarely, if ever, seen in cask form. Several of Barney's award-winning beers will be on sale at Summerhall's FestivAle in June.

Belhaven Brewery

The very rare Belhaven 60/- has won the CAMRA Champion Mild of Scotland 2018 award.

Black Metal Brewery

The Loanhead-based brewery opened a new Brewery Bar for a fortnight in March, which may herald a more regular taproom opening.

Born in the Borders Brewery

A brand new bottling plant in the Visitor Centre grounds opened in April. This new facility will also be offered to other smaller brewers.

The winter saw the return of Rebel Yell and Flower of Scotland (or Rose of England for those south of the Border!) and foraging has started again for Elderflower, Summer Cloud and Heavy Nettle, all of which are expected to make a welcome return. At the Visitor Centre there's not only grass sledging and an outdoor ice rink but also the shop, café restaurant and Lilliard Gin distillery as well as a chance to tour the brewery.

John Henderson, founder of Born in the Borders, has been appointed to the board of the Scottish Tourism Alliance.



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Broughton Ales

Broughton will be attending a number of Beer Festivals this year, including a possible new one in Biggar organised by the rugby club as well as established events in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Paisley, Lanark and Dunfermline.

The seasonal ale 'Elder Power' was launched in May, with 'HameALEdæMe' released later in time for the World Cup in recognition of Scotland's non-attendance. A new honey beer (4 – 4.2%) is expected to be ready by mid-July.

The brewery is set to ramp up production and build a shop and visitor centre after securing £395k investment from HSBC's £10bn small-medium enterprise fund. New fermenting and conditioning facilities, including tanks and temperature control equipment, will also be installed.

Caledonian Brewery

Administrative functions at the Edinburgh site ceased in November following the departure of Craig Steven, Operations Manager. The remaining staff at Slateford Rd are almost exclusively involved in production.

The Brewery Manager is Steve Brown, with Keith Garson as Brewing and Packaging Manager. The regular cask beers continue to be Deuchars IPA and Edinburgh ►►►

NEWS OF THE BREWS

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Castle 80/-. Golden XPA has insufficient demand for it to be produced on a regular basis and is now a seasonal beer. The autumn beer will be Autumn Red, followed by Bitter Winter for the winter. The brewing team remain very optimistic about further beers that will be developed.

Public brewery tours have been discontinued as there are no staff to run them. The visitor centre and sample cellar are now booked through Heineken UK (for a charge) and handled by sub-contractors.

2019 will be a significant year, as the brewery will be 150 years old. It predates quite a few other more famous breweries and, as BLO Andrew Haswell reports, it is a minor miracle that it's still there, and on the same site.

Campbell's Brewery

After being established in 2017 in Peebles by Murray Campbell, the brewery has enjoyed a rapid growth; Campbell's cask ale is now found in pubs throughout the Borders, Lothians and Edinburgh. Head Brewer Isaac Knowles-Gruft uses local malt from East Lothian to brew his beers, which include Gunner, Flintlock and the latest addition Destrier (named after the mediaeval war horse), a 4.6% Scottish Porter. The brewery is now bottling bottle-conditioned beer for off sales and Murray has also recently acquired the **Wally Dug** in Edinburgh, where he aims to showcase his brewery's ales.

Campervan Brewery

Brewer and founder Paul Gibson moved the Campervan brewery into a bespoke unit in Jane St, Leith, in January 2017. The anniversary of the first brew, 16th March 2018, was celebrated in the taproom (in the middle of the brewery) which had been launched in August. The beers served are usually keg or bottle-conditioned, but some prototype beers have been available in cask on gravity. Cask Cherry Grenade (6.2%) has been a favourite in Edinburgh pubs since its launch.

Cheviot Brewery

Just over the CAMRA Branch border, this new brewery will occupy the vacant property of the former North Northumberland Hunt on the Ford and Etal Estate at Slainsford. Expect to see real ales like The Cheviot and Panorama in Scottish Borders pubs soon.

Cold Town Beer

Does Edinburgh need another keg-only brewery? Well, meet Cold Town Beer, whose Cold Town pilsner lager (4%) first

appeared in keg in April at the **Queens Arms, Black Bull** and **Fountain**. The brewery site is in Dunedin St and a brewpub is set to follow later this year at 4-6 Grassmarket. The Signature Pub Group is behind both ventures. An IPA is due to follow the lager but no cask ale appears to be planned.

Cross Borders Brewing Company

Following their success in winning Business Start Up of the Year at the Midlothian and East Lothian Chamber of Commerce Awards, Cross Borders have gone from strength to strength. They have opened a taproom in the brewing shed at Eskbank and are launching a series of seasonal beers to supplement the core range. 'Spring' (5%), with wild foraged wheat, was launched in April in cask, keg and can.

Cross Borders also won the Federation of Small Business 'Micro Business of the Year' 2018 award. There was a well-attended CAMRA Branch brewery visit and tasting panel session at Eskbank in mid-April.

Elixir Brew Co.

April saw the annual launch of the collaboration Anzac Biscuit Ale (6.2%) with Fallen Brewery and the **Bow Bar**.

Eyeball Brewing

James Dempsey's exciting news is that he's finally found a site for Eyeball in East Lothian, at West Barns (near Dunbar). The full range of Yellowball, Blackball and Orange was expected to be in production by early May. The new brewery site is part of Thistly Cross' cider facility; in a five-year deal Thistly Cross will also handle Eyeball's sales and distribution.

Ferry Brewery

Ferry have launched three new beers recently: FNIPA, a New England IPA, Ferry Sunshine wheat beer, and a chocolate porter, Ferry Porter.

The annual Ferry Fest is on June 30th at the brewery, and will feature beer from other breweries, food vendors and live music. A collaborative festival beer will be also be launched. Tickets available from the brewery (£4/£8 VIP). Ferry are also having a Meet The Brewer Beer and Food Pairing event at the Canons' Gait on July 11th, with a Tap Takeover between July 9th - 15th.

Freewheelin' Brewery Co.

Richard is now well settled into his new brewery in the grounds of Peebles Hydro Hotel and is using the local spring water in the brewing process.

The Freewheelin' range of beers continues to be available at various outlets throughout the Lothians and Borders, with the **Gordon Arms** at West Linton being one of the most regular stockists. Bottled beer is also now ►►►



The Branch visit to Cross Borders in April

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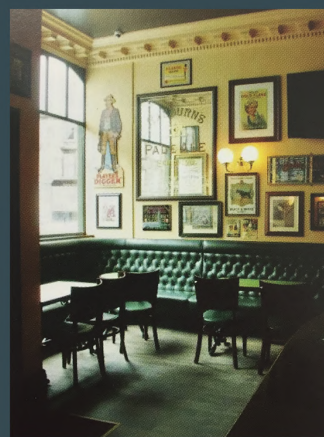
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available at Peebles Hydro under different branding.

Brewery tours continue to be popular with guests of the Hydro. See *CAMRA Calling* in this issue for details of a CAMRA Branch visit in July.

Hurly Burly Brewery

Inveresk-based Hurly Burly are excited by expansion plans but have yet to find suitable premises. Look out for 'CAMRA says this is real ale' branding on their bottles.

Kentwood Brewing

With staffing issues resolved, brewing restarted at the **Goth** in Prestonpans in January after a gap of a couple of months.

Knops Beer Company

Knops' new beer is Revolver #2, a UK session IPA (3.9%) brewed with Olicana and Jester hops to impart contemporary flavours of orange and tropical fruit. There are also classic English flavours of earthy blackcurrant and cedar to bridge the gap between the old and the new.

Knops' new Cold Fury lager won both Gold and Silver awards at SIBA Beer X 2018 in March, while Black Cork won Silver in the Small Pack Premium Beers category.

Natural Selection Brewing

This year's Natural Selection project (number 8) is well under way with the assistance of Stewart Brewing; the Heriot-Watt team brewing a Pilsner, with a cask variant 'Keller Beer' style too. This will be launched on 27th June at **BrewDog Lothian Road**.

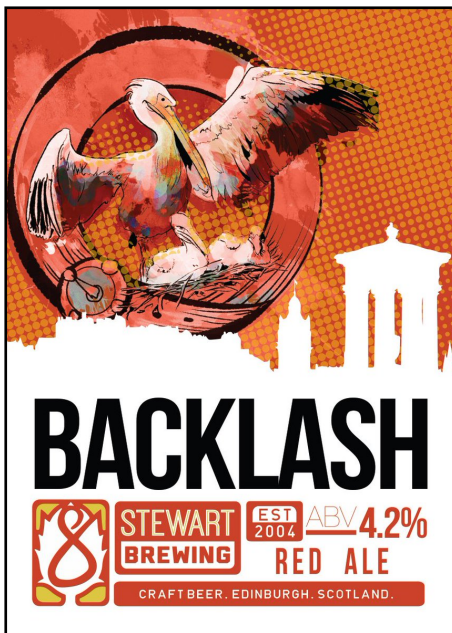
Stewart Brewing

Radical Road Reverse (4.6% Triple Hopped Pale Ale) has proved so popular that it has joined the core range alongside Jack Back, Pentland IPA, Crossfire, 80/- and Edinburgh Gold. Backlash, a 4.2% Azacca Hopped Red Ale, featured as a special in the spring. Future specials to look out for are Columbus Calling, an American Pale Ale, Stewart's ESB 4.6%, Manaka a 4.1% Session IPA, and Pandora's Box, a 4.0% American Ruby Ale.

At the SIBA X awards in March Franz won UK Champion in the Small Pack Lagers and Pilsners and Jack Back got a Silver in the regional round of the Keg Standard Bitters and Pale Ales

category too. Radical Road also won CAMRA Champion Real Ale in Bottle (Light) of Scotland 2018.

Bright Lights is a bottle-conditioned American IPA that has been developed exclusively for Lidl. It went live in their Scottish stores in April and initial feedback has been very positive.



Congratulations to Jo Stewart, who won Business Woman of the Year; the brewery also won a trophy for Marketing Campaign of the Year at the Scottish SME Business Awards. Steve Stewart has been shortlisted for Entrepreneur of the Year at the Scotland Food and Drink Awards.

Stow Brewery

The brewer at Stow was seriously ill in 2017 but has been on the mend and may be brewing a red beer to get back on track.

Tempest Brewing Co.

In their third year at the Tweedbank Brewhouse, Tempest has re-launched the core bottled beer range with new labelling by Paul McLean. This selection now includes Soma IPA and Modern Helles, whilst Red Eye

Flight is in the Amplified Core Range with Marmalade on Rye and Mexicake.

Top Out

A brewery shop, trading from 10 to 4 Monday to Friday, was opened in March. The Cone IPA won a bronze award (in a keg beer category) at the SIBA Scotland awards. Amongst the Edinburgh pubs with a regular Top Out cask line is **No.1 The Grange**.



Traquair House

The BBC Archive Facebook page recently released some fascinating footage from 1975 of the 20th Laird doing some brewing, Google 'BBCArchive Traquair' to get the Facebook link. CAMRA gets a mention at the end of the piece.

Winton Brewery

Steve Holligan and David Mackinnon of Winton Brewery created Bruce Juice (a 5% IPA) to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the granting of a charter to Haddington by Robert the Bruce in 1318. The Bruce Juice casks have all gone, but bottles are still available at the **Tyneside Tavern**.

Steve and David are still contract brewing at Top Out, but are continuing to look for a site in East Lothian. They have been researching the history of the former Nungate Brewery in Haddington to get inspiration.



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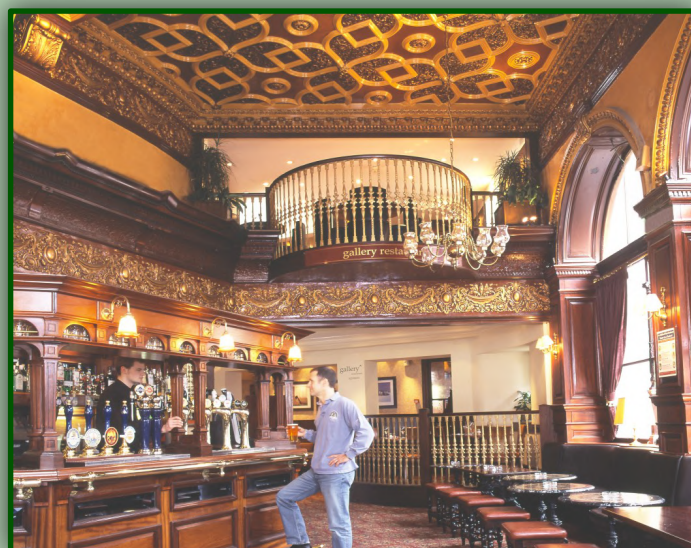
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