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## Editorial

As usual there is mixed news about the Real Ale scene in this issue – Jane Ross's group of pubs have started selling Real Ale, as has the new Penny Black in Leith Street. However with other reopenings, like the new Brass Monkey in Gorgie and the Greenmantle, we are disappointed to see established operators, with other Real Ale pubs, choosing not to have Real Ale in these ones.

On the brewing side of things, it is encouraging to see the newer microbreweries such as Moonwake, Otherworld, Durty and Kerr's increasingly offer their beers in cask.

Scott

**STOP PRESS:** We have heard that the owners of the well-known Edinburgh Real Ale pubs, Cloisters and the Stockbridge Tap, have put them up for sale. We await with interest any news of potential buyers.

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# CAMRA Calling

## Branch News

### Forthcoming Branch Events

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12 December 2024  
7:30pm  
**Two-Pub Social - Brauhaus, Bennets (Tollcross)**

14 December 2024  
2:30pm  
**Branch Social Meeting - Dean Tavern, Newtongrange (Temperance Room)**

28 December 2024  
2pm  
**Leith Social - Malt & Hops, King's Wark, Henry Hall's Carriers Quarters.**

9 January 2025  
7:30 pm  
**Two-Pub Social - Castle Arms, Bow Bar**

17 January 2025  
7pm  
**50th Anniversary of the branch - Roseleaf, Leith**

25 January 2025  
2:30pm  
**Branch Social Meeting - Nether Abbey Hotel, North Berwick (Music Room)**

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**Two-Pub Social - Hampton Hotel, Roseburn Bar**

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10 April 2025

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**Two-Pub Social - Starbank Inn, Harbour Inn**

15 May 2025

7:30pm

**Two-Pub Social - Esplanade, Portobello Tap**

## Pub Presentations

In September, we presented the **Jolly Judge** with the 2024 CAMRA Scottish Cider Pub of the Year award. Congratulations once again to Adam and all the team at the JJ!



## Champion Beer of Scotland 2024

The result of CAMRA's Champion Beer of Scotland 2024 competition, decided by blind judging at the Ayrshire Real Ale Festival in Troon on Friday 4th October, was:

- Gold: **Cairngorm Black Gold**
- Silver: **Five Kingdoms Dark Storm**
- Bronze: **Cromarty Red Rocker**

Other shortlisted beers were Broughton Old Jock, Cromarty Brewed Awakening, Cromarty Raptor IPA, Five Kingdoms McGregor's Mild, Kelburn Red Smiddy, Loch Lomond Southern Summit, Swannay Orkney IPA and Stewart 80/-.



## Letters to the Editor

Write to: [poveditor@edinburghcamra.org.uk](mailto:poveditor@edinburghcamra.org.uk)

Hi, just on a train heading south and reading Mick Slaughter's excellent article about the Blue Blazer and Bow Bar. My late friend Geoff Kirk sourced the wood for the Bow Bar and was very proud that the inside lintel for the entrance door looked spot on - despite the fact that it started life as a fireplace! Thought you might like that little anecdote.

Cheers,  
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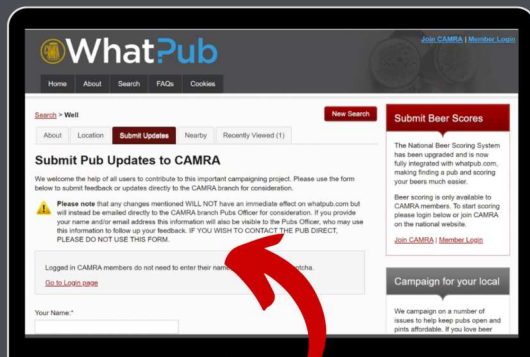
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# Back to the 70s

## Early branch newsletters

by Charlie Hughes

We have been fortunate enough to come across a collection of the branch's first publications back in 1975 and 1976. Whilst perhaps not so well presented as the current magazine they do make a good read. Sometimes it seems like nothing much has changed.

It begins with a **February 1975** list of pubs selling Real Ale (or "natural beer", a term used at the time) in Edinburgh and SE Scotland. There were nine in Edinburgh, two in Leith, seven in Lothian (none in West Lothian), and two in the Borders. Edinburgh pubs included The Athletic Arms or *Gravediggers* (note the full nickname), The Oxford Bar, Bennet's and Clarks.

Of these, seventeen dispensed the beer using traditional Scottish tall fonts (see issue 81 of *Pints of View* for an article about these). Only four pubs were using handpumps, all in Lothian or Borders, none in Edinburgh.

The range of beers consisted of McEwan's 70 and 80 Shilling, Younger's IPA and Belhaven 60 and 70 Shilling.

A few of the pubs could have done with some equal opportunities guidance. Athletic Arms: "females unwelcome in bar", Oxford Bar: "no unchaperoned females" and Piershill Tavern: "positively no females in public bar".

In **September 1975** came the first "Trial" edition of *Edinburgh Branch News*. The branch decided that the information they were collecting for the national CAMRA magazine *What's Brewing* would make a good basis for a monthly newsletter.

Major news was that Scottish & Newcastle thought "CAMRA is only a small minority group representing a minority interest". The chair also worried that "As a branch we seem to lack influence with publicans".

For the second, **October 1975**, issue, the price was set at 5p a copy. Plans to hold a "Beer Exhibition" (a members only event) faced difficulties getting a licence. Dougie Bennett, of Bennet's bars, who applied for the licence said, "under Scots law there is

no way such a function could be permitted". Permitted it subsequently was though, and a later issue commented on its success.

Under the heading "Success brings problems" there was a cautionary warning to members that some publicans felt the influx of new customers seeking real ale was jeopardising the wellbeing and comfort of their regular customers. Wisely, committee advised members that it would be an error to ignore this reaction and offered guidelines "for your own enjoyment and the good of the campaign":

- Avoid visiting pubs in large numbers other than by prior arrangement
- Do not behave as if you own the pub until you have become a regular
- Do not force the publican into long conversations
- Defer to locals where politic and don't annoy them with facile remarks about Tartan Special.



The King's Wark, "previously an infamous dockside dive", had re-opened as Edinburgh's 20th Real Ale pub.

And finally, a piece entitled "Fizz Swizz". Scottish & Newcastle were about to introduce a new beer advertised as natural, served from a cask pumped by an electric compressor but containing no sediment because it was a bright beer.

In the **January 1976** issue, Lorimer's 70 Shilling was welcomed as the sixth Real Ale on sale in the branch area.

The first *Scottish Real Ale Guide* had been published and was selling well. The reaction had been "uniformly positive", although Maclays of Alloa declared the information about them was "so inaccurate as to be practically useless" and Scottish & Newcastle didn't think it was fair to call them uncooperative.

Fraternal relations with other branches ran strong. "Undeterred by the pugilistic meetings with the Glasgow branch, a joint meeting with the Tyneside Branch is planned." And in the final line of the newsletter "If you think *Edinburgh Branch News* is dull, uninspired, limp, drab and irrelevant you should see the Glasgow newsletter".

The **February 1976** issue featured brewer Thomas Usher and Co., who were keen to introduce cask ale. They were concerned however about the selection of

suitable tenants and landlords who would look after the beer properly.

The **April 1976** issue observed that the tally of Real Ale pubs in Edinburgh had risen to thirty. Tennent Caledonian were considering introducing a cask version of 60 Shilling – and if that sold well maybe cask Bass or Worthington White Shield.

**May 1976** and things continued to get better. "Some Scottish pubs are beginning to stock more than one Real Ale – is this the start of a trend?"

A bulletin from CAMRA HQ confirmed that Scotland was to be a region in its own right and no longer lumped in with "the far North of England".

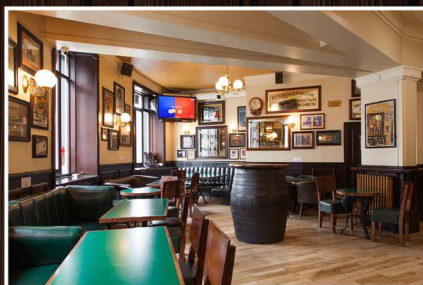
**November 1976** is the final newsletter in our collection. The price had risen to 7p.

On 6th November, the editorial board for the next issue of *The Scottish Good Beer Guide* had decided to get it out in time for pre-Christmas sales. "The committee decided to do the impossible: copy date 18th November, publication 8th December."

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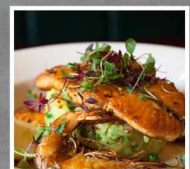


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# City Ale Tales

## Pub News

**The Belfry** at Bruntsfield now has Jarl or another Fyne Ales beer on handpump, though usually only from Thursday to Sunday. **The Golden Acre** has been taken over by the same people who operate **The Barony Bar** and has Real Ale on handpump. **Nobles** in Leith has also re-introduced Real Ale – Barneys at the time of visiting. **The Royal Mile** has reopened after a long closure following a fire. Two Stewart beers on handpump. **Doctors** and **The Rose Street Brewery** both reopened at the end of October following refurbishment.

**Clarks Bar** is to reopen and has been taken on by Hugo who runs **The St Bernards Bar** in Stockbridge. Hopefully it will have Real Ale like The St Bernards Bar.

Speaking of Stockbridge, **Hectors** has re-opened after an extensive refurbishment and now has four handpumps (Nicholsons and three changing, often Stewart).

**Bennet's** of Tollcross now has three of its four Aitken fonts back in use – one permanently featuring a Moonwake beer (who contributed to restoring the fonts). Another has a cider which generally complies with CAMRA's "not from concentrate" criteria for Real Cider.

**The Greenmantle** in Southside closed but re-opened on 28th October, run by the operators of the **Caley Sample Room**. However, Real Ale has not made a re-appearance as yet.

**Jessie Mays** in Gorgie is now a **Brass Monkey** pub, but alas no Real Ale yet.

Other promising developments include:

- Chris Miles from **The Black Cat** in Rose Street has taken on the **Black Bull and Bunker Bar** in Leith Street. The new pub is called **Penny Black** after a long closed nearby pub which used to open at 6.00am for postal workers. It doesn't offer such an early start but does have two Real Ales on offer and will have a micro-distillery in the basement where the Bunker Bar used to be.
- Jane Ross has put Real Ale on at **The False Widow** (previously **Smoke and Mirrors**) in

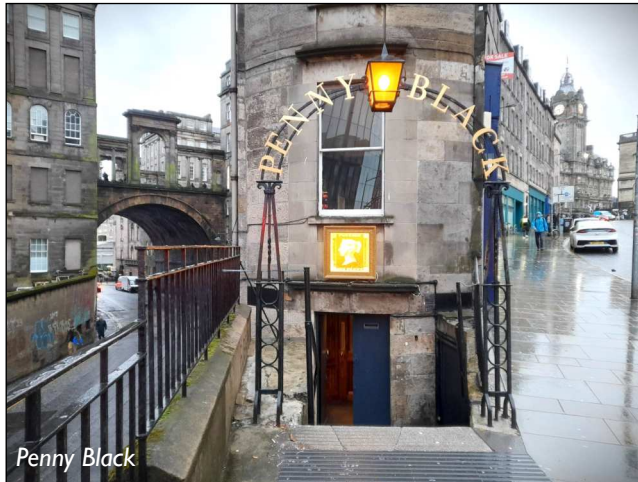
Constitution Street, Leith (Pilot Stout). She is introducing the same beer at **The Mother Superior Whisky Bar** in Elm Row and has installed a Real Ale handpump in **The Powder Room** at Canonmills.

The less good news is that **The Beer House** at Waverley Station closed and is now a Brewdog bar so unlikely to serve Real Ale. Wetherspoon's **Foot of the Walk** has also closed and will become an Amber Taverns sports bar. **Bar 13** has closed and will reopen as an Indian Bar and Kitchen.

In other news, **Teuchters Landing** in Leith was the Scottish Bar and Pub awards overall winner as well as winner of the "Best drinks offering" category. Congratulations to them.

And finally, **The Joker and Thief** on Elm Row has become the first bar in Edinburgh to unionise – offering staff guaranteed hours, paid breaks and taxis home after late shifts.

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# Heritage Pubs of the Future in Edinburgh

## Part 3: Cumberland Bar and Thomson's

by Mick Slaughter

This is the third article in a series which will feature pubs converted from other buildings as well as pub interiors recreated to make them look 'historic'.

In this article, as with the one in *PoV* 82, we feature two pubs whose authentic-looking interiors were created by Ian Whyte.

### Cumberland Bar

In 1990 Ian Whyte bought a pub called the Tilted Wig, 1-3 Cumberland Street situated at the foot of a Grade A listed four-storey tenement in the New Town area. Ian

"bare-walled" it and added the high-quality fittings we now see.

The interior consists of the servery at the front right with a high-quality five-bay gantry and impressive wooden bar counter featuring the wording 'Murrays'. This is a dedication to the brewery William Murray & Co. Ltd founded in 1880 at Ednam, near Kelso. The brewery was destroyed by fire and moved to Craigmillar in 1886 – it closed in 1963. The name has in recent years been resurrected by a new cask beer by Broughton Ales called Murray's Pale Ale. When it reopened in 1992 the real ales were served by tall founts (in 2004 they were replaced by handpumps).

A corridor runs from the front door to a room at the rear with small snugs off to the left and right.

One has a carved doorway and there is pictorial etched window. The walls are lined with a panelled dado and on the walls are exquisite brewery mirrors and decorative posters mainly from numerous mainly Scottish breweries of the past. For the



quality refit, the pub won the Best Pub Refurbishment Award in the CAMRA Pub Design Competition 1993.

The Cumberland Bar, with its beer garden, is immortalised in Alexander McCall Smith's serialised novel *44 Scotland Street*, as the typical New Town drinking establishment, so favoured by his characters.

Due to a health issue Ian sold the Cumberland Bar to Caledonian Heritable in 1994 – it is now owned by DM Stewart Ltd. (who own the Guildford Arms, Abbotsford and Ryries).

The Cumberland Bar is open from 12 noon to 11pm (midnight Friday and Saturday); and it sells six real ales. Meals are available from 5pm to 9pm Monday to Thursday; 12 noon to 9pm Friday to Sunday.

**Thomson's**

In 1999 Ian bought the former Bissets Bar, 182-184 Morrison Street, Haymarket from David Stewart and, again, gutted the interior.



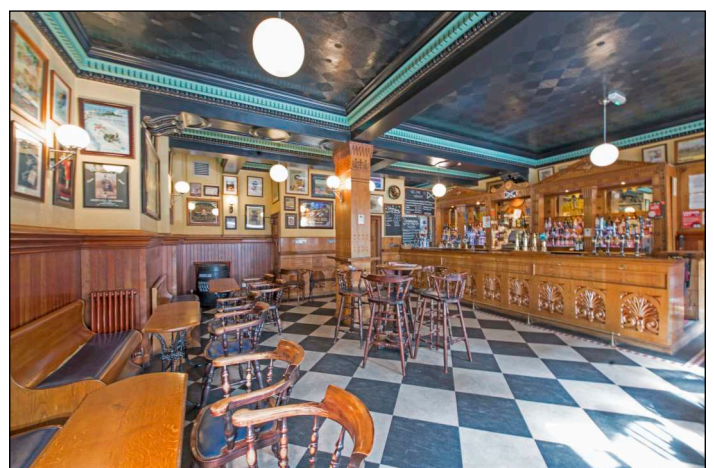
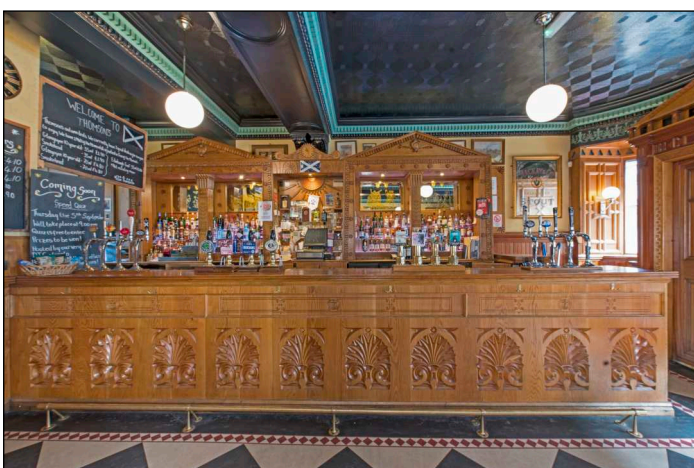
For Thomson's he chose to create an interior modelled on the style of Glasgow architect Alexander 'Greek' Thomson. Two impressive carved wooden vestibules lead to a single bar. There is a hand-made gantry inlaid with scenes from Greek mythology and a heavily carved bar counter. Around the room is half-height panelled walls and there is a chequerboard floor. The walls are decorated with rare mirrors, adverts and point of sale material from long-forgotten breweries.

Thomson's reopened in 2000 and was joint winner of the CAMRA Pub Design Awards Conversion to Pub Use Award in 2001.

Real ales on sale include Fyne Ales Jarl and three changing beers often from Oakham, Loch Lomond, and Orkney breweries

Thomson's Bar is closed Sunday and Monday; open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 12 noon to 11pm; Friday and Saturday 12 noon to 11.30pm. The only food on sale are pies but only on Thursday and Friday from 12pm to 2pm.

*All photographs by Michael Slaughter LRPS*



# LEITHOLM BY BUS

by Pat Hanson

The village of Leitholm is home to the lovely and welcoming **Plough Inn**, but had suffered the loss of its bus service. However, this year Borders Buses reintroduced a number 34 route between Duns and Coldstream, passing through Leitholm! The CAMRA Branch wanted to support both the new route and the pub and organised a trip in August, choosing the school holiday period when the 34 timetable featured more regular services.

The team met up at Berwick and took the 67 bus to Coldstream, where early doors and real ale were enjoyed at both the **Newcastle Arms** and the **Besom**. Then the 34 bus took us rapidly up the main road to Leitholm, where we had a nice lunch at the Plough as well as some good Born beer, meeting up also with some Plough regulars from Berwick.

A further run on the 34 led us to Swinton and the **Wheatsheaf**, where we found another warm greeting. Remarkably, Swinton now sees two bus services, and we took the 32 to Paxton and the **Cross Inn** before the next 32 transported us back to Berwick and a final pint at the true back-street gem that is the **Pilot**.



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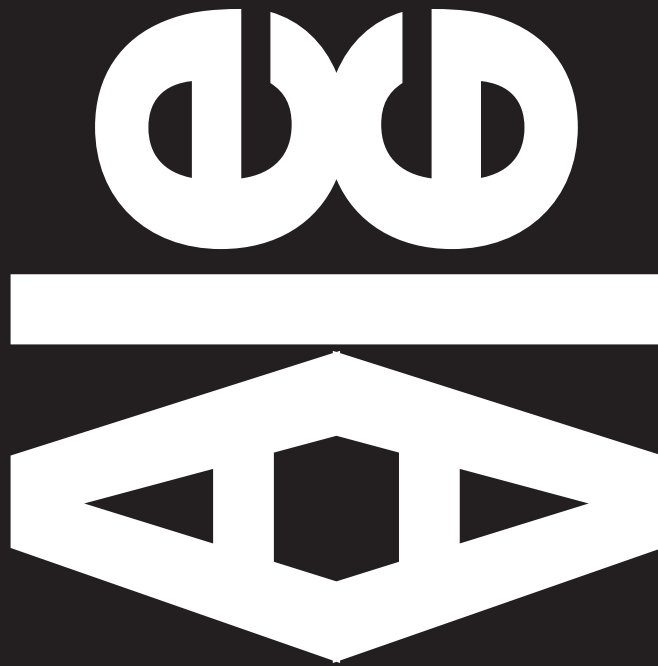
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# BEER AND LOTHIAN

## Pub News

First the bad news:

- **The Goblin Ha'** in Gifford, which only re-opened in May closed suddenly at the end of September. We don't yet know why.
- **The Leddie** in Aberlady (formerly **Ducks Inn**) is open but has no real ale
- **The Puffin** in North Berwick, which we were hoping in the last issue would become a proper pub, is now clearly and definitely a restaurant.

In terms of better news, although **The Nether Abbey** is up for sale it remains open and selling excellent Real Ale. While you are in North Berwick other good places to quench your thirst are **The Ship Inn** (Fyne Jarl and two changing Real Ales), **The Auld Hoose** (Greene King Abbot, Taylor Landlord and one changing Real Ale) and **The Golfers Rest** (Stewart Pentland IPA and Taylor Landlord.)

**The Golf Tavern** in Haddington is in the process of changing owner but continues to sell Real Ale – Stewart Edinburgh Gold currently. They would welcome customer suggestions about other Real Ales to try.

Real Ale has returned to Dalkeith. The **Coach and Horses** reopened on 1st November under new management. Two handpumps on the bar and initially selling Deuchars IPA, with more from Stewart, Born and others expected.

Meanwhile plenty of good news beyond the city bypass in Edinburgh.

**The Railway** in Juniper Green is still closed but is thought to have been bought by Caley Heritable so good prospects for Real Ale when it reopens. Meanwhile the long established **Tanners** on the opposite side of Lanark Road has Timothy Taylor Landlord and occasionally another like Deuchars IPA on offer. Open from noon and food available all day.



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While you are in that neck of the woods drop into **The Kinleith Mill** (Timothy Taylor Landlord and two changing Real Ales) and **The Riccarton Inn** at Currie (four changing Real Ales).

Penny Cook (Kay S. Bar is unwell)

*Please note: our Pub News columns sadly cannot mention every Real Ale pub in the branch area in every issue. If you have some news about your pub you'd like us to share in the next issue, please get in touch (contact details on p2).*

*For more up-to-date information on all Real Ale pubs in the branch area and beyond, please see [WhatPub.com](http://WhatPub.com).*

# INN the BORDERS

## Pub News

In Peebles, **The Cross Keys** has reopened and is now owned and run by the Barony Castle Group who also have **The Tontine Hotel**. It is still pretty much the same layout, though it now has a pool table and live music. There is still a selection of three or four Real Ales, with Taylor's Landlord along with Greene King and Carlsberg Marston's Real Ales recently available. Local brewery, Durty appears from time to time. At the other end of town, **The Neidpath** is now open five days a week and selling a Real Ale or two.

**The Carfraemill** have introduced Sharps Doom Bar, at least for the summer.

**Tempest** have a temporary bar at the new brewery while they make more permanent arrangements at the site. Currently open from 3pm on Fridays and 12 noon on Saturdays.

**The Tower at Oxton** has reopened with Stuart and Mavis having done an excellent job in doing it up and retaining the key original bar features which give it heritage inventory status. They plan to start doing food and introduce two real ales (Hobgoblin and a local brew such as Born, Tempest or Stow Dhu Brew) once trade picks up. So, get down there!

In more good news Stow Community Trust have announced that they have a tenant for **The Station House** in Stow. From the beginning of November this means opening hours should significantly expand. To date volunteers have managed to open it but only at weekends. Hopefully it will continue to sell Real Ale from local breweries Stow and Durty.

**The Plough** in Lilliesleaf continues to sell a Tempest Real Ale along with their keg beers. It reopened in May with a single room used as a pub/restaurant/coffee shop. The menu is focussed around home made pies and loaded wedges.

**The Cross Keys** at Ettrickbridge has won "Best Bar or Pub" in the South Scotland Thistle awards for the second year running. Congratulations to them. This lovely village pub sells two Real Ales, generally from Tempest and Born.

And more congratulations to **The Queens Head** in Hawick who have just been voted winner of the Local Pub Awards 2024. Well done to them.

We have featured a couple of Borders towns before. This time it's Melrose, always a nice place to visit. Check out

**Burts Hotel** (Landlord and one changing), **The Station Hotel** (one changing), **The George and Abbotsford** (Greene King Abbot, Tempest Armadillo and one changing) and **The Kings Arms** (Laine Kings and Queens and two changing).

In late bad news **The First and Last** at Burnmouth recently closed suddenly and **The Park** in Peebles has given up on Real Ale.

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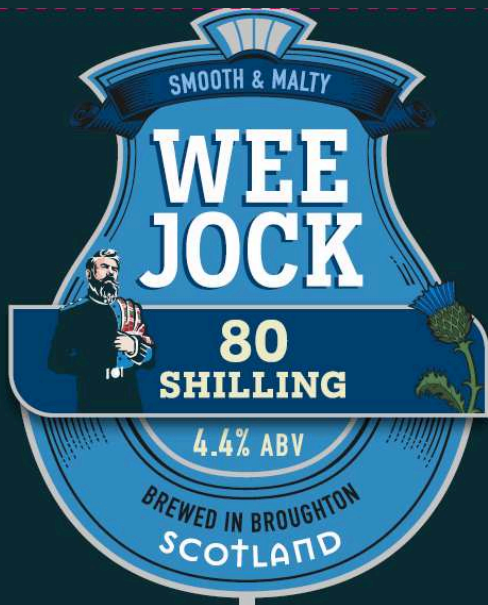
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# NEWS OF THE BREWS

## Brewery Update

### Barney's Beer

Barney's held another successful Gravity Festival in September at Summerhall featuring over 60 beers from 15 brewers. Earlier in the summer they attended the Manchester Craft Beer Festival for the first time and the two new beers they brewed for the event were very well received. They continued to brew some small batch cask exclusives including an Amarillo & Azacca session pale and a New Jersey hazy pale in collaboration with the US brewery, Alternate Endings Beer Co. Another recent collaboration was with specialist hop supplier BartHaas X resulting in a New England IPA for the Gravity Festival.

### Belhaven Brewery

Another award for Scotland's oldest working brewery as their Belhaven Black (4.2% abv) won Best Porter or Stout at the recent Scottish Beer Awards. The brewery's visitor centre also received Highly Commended status at this year's Icons of Beer awards. Beers were recently featured at a CAMRA Scottish Branches event at the **Diggers**

(Athletic Arms) celebrating the three oldest active breweries in Scotland.

### Bellfield Brewery

Over the summer the gluten free brewery secured a deal to have its cans stocked in Asda supermarkets. Recent new beers have included a 70 Shilling, joining what seems to be a growing trend for small breweries turning to traditional Scottish beer styles.

### Born Brewery

Born continue to brew their core range of three Ales – Blonde (3.8% abv), Amber (4.0% abv), and Best Bitter (4.5% abv). In addition their seasonal and special ales have included Summer Ale (4.5% abv), White Ale (4.0% abv) and Hazy Pale Ale (3.3% abv), all brewed as well as the popular IPA (4.8% abv), which received a bronze award at Society of Independent Brewers and Associates (SIBA) Indie Beer Scotland 2024. Bottled beers are not currently available, and the visitor centre remains closed but will hopefully reopen in the future.

### Broughton Brewery

Brewery co-founder Sir David Younger (of the Edinburgh family brewing dynasty) passed away in June this year. Setting up the brewery in 1979 as the first micro-brewery in Scotland, he stepped down from his role in 1995. Beers continue to be widely available and were featured at a



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### Campervan Brewery

Expanded and re-branded, Campervan have new can and pump clip designs. They have also installed new brewing equipment and a new (family and dog friendly) taproom in the unit next door to the brewery which is currently open Thursday to Sunday, though cask beer is still not a regular fixture.

### Closet Brewing

Continues to cuckoo brew and release beer in keg and can. Their beers were recently featured at a showcase event hosted at **False Widow** in Leith as part of Women in Beer Festival 2024. It was announced that they are soon to be based out of South Queensferry (see the Stenroth entry).

### Cross Borders

They have welcomed a new brewer, Bryan, who will be working side by side with Jonny and brings with him keg loads of brewing experience and an imperial stout level of dedication to the brew beer cause. Regular real ales Session Pale (4.2% abv) and Heavy (4.1% abv) both received bronze awards at SIBA's Indie Beer Scotland.

### Durty Brewing

The relatively new brewery based in Innerleithen now have Real Ale occasionally available at the **Cross Keys** in Peebles, as well as their own Taproom in Innerleithen which has two handpumps. Cask ale has also occasionally been available at other venues. Their wheat beer Narnia (4.6% abv) received silver for Best Session Beer at the Scottish Beer Awards.

### Jump Ship Brewing

More plaudits for the alcohol-free brewer at the Scottish Beer Awards, taking home Scottish Small Brewery of the Year and a gold medal in the Best No Alcohol category for Stoker's Stout (0.5% abv).

### Kerr's Farm Brewed Ales

Kerr's Real Ales have been spotted at the **Bow Bar** beer festival, the **Artisan, Kays Bar** and **Brauhaus** (where it seems to be a regular feature) over the summer. Boadicea (4.0% abv) Single Malt and Single Hop Ale (SMASH Ale) has received a 1-star Great Taste award.

### Moonwake Beer Co.

Casks of their American Pale Ale, APA (4.2% abv) have been spotted at **Bennets** at Tollcross, and at **Barony Bar**. They also got a Best Session Beer category bronze medal at the Scottish Beer Awards for IPA (5.0% abv).

### Otherworld Brewing

Continuing their regular one off cask releases, latest beers to appear have been Deception (4.0% abv) hoppy blonde, and New Horizons IPA (4.8% abv). Previous summer releases were River Horse New Zealand IPA (4.8% abv), Acheron hazy pale (4.2% abv), and Wilderness hazy pale (3.8% abv). A cask of their Smoked Old Fashioned (5.9% abv) barrel aged golden ale was apparently well received at the Carlisle beer festival in October.

### Stenroth Brewing

News was announced in September that they are fitting out a new unit in South Queensferry along with Closet Brewing and Yikes Brew Co. to form a co-operative.

### Stewart Brewing

Stewart's had successes at the Scottish Beer Awards, winning Beer Destination of the Year for their Beer & Pizza Restaurant and Scottish Brewery of the Year. Gianduja stout (9.1% abv) also won Gold for Best Barrel Aged Beer, New Relic (5.6% abv) Best IPA, Stewart's Lager (4.0% abv) Best Lager, and Masterplan Best Pale Ale. Meanwhile, Edinburgh Black (4.2% abv) received a bronze award at SIBA's Indie Beer Scotland. Bottled and canned beers are no longer 'bottle conditioned', but Edinburgh Gold (4.8% abv), Session IPA (4.1% abv), Hollyrood (5.0% abv), and Stewart's Lager are now gluten-free across keg, bottles, and cans. New Relic IPA in cans has been added to JD Wetherspoon's regular range of 'regional' craft beers in Scotland.

### Tempest Brewing Co.

The new brewery is now up and running although the weekend Tap Room still has limited opening hours and is in a pop-up tent. Meanwhile, brewing capacity means that more cask ales are now available and, of course, Tempest continue to brew speciality canned beers to suit every possible taste. Pale Amadillo (3.8% abv) received a gold award at SIBA's Indie Beer Scotland.

### Walkie Talkie Brewing Co.

Walkie Talkie Brewing's new popup taproom, now open until the end of the year, will serve a range of amplified ales, mulled drinks and refreshments.

### Winton Brewery

Peelywally, Taps Aff and Wee Felly are now certified gluten free. Mon Then! (5.6% abv) IPA won the **Bow Bar** IPA challenge over the summer. Beers are available at their own **Haddy Tap** in Haddington on keg and cask, and on keg at the **Station Yard** in Dunbar and elsewhere.

### Yikes Brew Co.

Continues to cuckoo brew and release beer in keg and can. It was revealed that they will be relocating to South Queensferry (see the Stenroth entry).

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