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Editorial

CAMRA waited with hope that the Government would provide help for struggling pubs in the budget. Hopes were dashed with the news that the discount of 40% on business rates that was introduced during the Covid period will end next year.

As if this was not bad enough, they also announced that alcohol duty was to be increased. Where was the help the Government said it would give to the pubs?

"Whether by cock-up or conspiracy, the Government's promise of permanently lower business rates for pubs hasn't happened. Instead publicans are facing higher bills from April, which they simply can't afford."

Ash Corbett-Collins, CAMRA Chairman

Just as we went to press the Government announced a 15% reduction on the proposed business rates from April 2026. The business rate will then be frozen for 2 years.

Responding to the Treasury's announcement of extra help for pubs in England with business rates, Ash Corbett-Collins, CAMRA Chairman said:

"This short-term announcement is not the 'permanently lower business rates' that pubs were promised. While it is positive that the Chancellor has listened and announced extra discounts for pubs facing the threat of closure, it is short-sighted to think that today's statement will give publicans the certainty they need."

"The plan to review the unfair way pubs are assessed for business rates is welcome, but this leaves pubs in the same situation as they have been for years - still facing a long wait for promised, and fundamental, reforms to make the system fairer."

"CAMRA will keep campaigning to get the Government to support great pubs and independent breweries so they can compete against online businesses and cheap supermarket booze."

Whatever your style of drink, be it alcoholic or non-alcoholic please support and visit your chosen pubs throughout the year.

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Spring Pubs of the Season

Doncaster Pub of the Season - The Leopard (City Centre)

Charles H Roe



The Leopard is not unaccustomed to winning awards and has won this one several times in the past. That was with different people at the helm however, and CAMRA members now feel that it's the turn of the current staff to be rewarded for their labours. Several outlets were nominated for the Pub of the Season award and, after a vote, thanks to the efforts of the beer keeping team: Gareth Picken, Steve Robinson, and Charlene Singh, the Leopard won hands down.

It has also retained its place in CAMRA's flagship publication The Good Beer Guide and features in the 'Donny Dozen Real Ale Trail'.

Regular readers of Donny Drinker will probably know that it was here where the Doncaster branch of the Campaign for Real Ale was formed and where we held our early meetings. That was way back in 1975 however and a lot has happened to the Leopard since then. Over the years it has lost its cask ale and then reintroduced it, closed down and then reopened, reinvented itself as a live music venue and survived COVID lockdowns. It has also seen the area and its immediate surroundings change beyond recognition as the developers did their worst.

Suffice to say, the uncertain times of the past are hopefully over and the Leopard is building up a reputation for good quality traditional real ale. The pub's origins are still evident in the tiled frontage which displays the name 'Warwick's and Richardson's' (A former brewing company based in Newark who formerly owned the pub before John Smiths became involved) and I'm sure you'll all agree that it's an appropriate image for a real ale pub. Although altered several times over the years, the pub now has a two-room layout with both a bar and lounge and also features a spacious outdoor drinking area with sheltered seating, heaters, and even an outside TV. There is also an upstairs concert room with an independent bar where the live music gigs mentioned above are staged.

As already mentioned, beer keeping at the Leopard seems to be a joint role, with tasks such as ordering, racking, and changing barrels being shared amongst the team. This arrangement works well as there is always a good cross-section of beer styles available on the bar, from pale ales to porters, bitters, and stouts. Top Tip: lovers of dark beers should head for the bar in the lounge as the handpump on the right next to the bar flap is always the 'dark one'!

So! If you're looking for somewhere in Doncaster where you can guarantee being served a good pint you can't go wrong if you venture over Trafford Way and call in at the Leopard. There's also televised football, rugby, test cricket, and even snooker or darts for sports fans. Alternatively, it's the ideal place to meet up for a good old-fashioned conversation (the screens are usually set on mute) and a food menu is also available at certain times of the day.

We shall be meeting there on Saturday, May 23rd, at 4pm to present this prestigious award. Why not come and join us then?

District Pub of the Season - Jack Hawley at the Grange (Hatfield)

Steve Pynegar



This pub is situated in a courtyard, set back from the main road in the upper part of a long building. Unfortunately, it can only be reached by going up some steps. The entrance to the courtyard is opposite the Blue Bell pub. They have started to make use of the courtyard and hold special outdoor events in it. Look out for these at bank holiday times and Christmas.

Whilst only opening in May 2018, this will be the pub's third Pub of the Season award and is an acknowledgement of the work Ian Boyall and his staff have put in to make this a very interesting and welcoming pub.

It has a good range of cask ales and the regular beer is a badged New Zealand pale ale dedicated to the name of the pub and brewed by Abbeydale. This is called Eccentric. There are usually three guest ales. One is an alternating real ale between Bass Premium Ale and Timothy Taylor Boltmaker. There is also usually one dark ale available. Amongst other forms of alcoholic drinks there is a good selection of gins. Lilley's Mango is the cider of choice.

Ian's past career in music is celebrated by 4 guitars hanging up on one of the walls. The pub has regular music events featuring various acoustic acts. His walls have other features. I was particularly interested in one section. In the

last edition of *Donny Drinker* we did an article on Darley's Brewery in Thorne and one bit of wall is decorated with memorabilia from the brewery. Ian told me that one of his aims in life is to possess a pint glass from the brewery. Can any of our readers oblige him?

The pub has continued to raise money for good causes. Recently they have raised about £4,000 for Footprints for Pollie. This is to support a young local girl who suffers from cerebral palsy, hydrocephalus and epilepsy. The money is going to help her have as independent a life as is possible. They have also raised around £2,000 for Firefly.

The charity fund raising gives a clue to the nature of the pub. It has a very friendly, welcoming environment. It's relatively small and cosy. On my visit several of the customers got involved in conversations with me. In one of the discussions it was highlighted that Hatfield has not lost any of its pubs through closure and in fact has increased them. That increase was due to the Jack Hawley at the Grange. Not many villages in our branch area can claim this achievement.

I hope you will join us at the presentation on Saturday 9th May at 4pm. This event will be included on one of our social bus trips or you can go by car or public service bus.

Dog Friendly Pubs in the Good Beer Guide

The following branch pubs that appear in the Good Beer Guide 2026 indicate they welcome well-behaved dogs in all or part of their premises.

Jemmy Hirst (Rawcliffe), Plough Inn (Snaith), Shoulder of Mutton (Kirk Smeaton), Horse and Groom (Armthorpe), Eagle and Child (Auckley), Terminus (Conisbrough), Doncaster Brewery Tap (Doncaster), Hallcross (Doncaster), Leopard (Doncaster), Little Plough (Doncaster), Three Horseshoes (Bentley Town End), Eden Arms (Edenthorpe), Baxter Arms (Fenwick), Glasshouse (Kirk Smeaton), Gorilla Beer Hall (Mexborough), Windmill (Thorne).



Changes to Pub Opening Hours

Over recent years our CAMRA members have noticed changes in opening hours have slowly become different in some of our pubs. We can only guess what is causing this but commonsense seems to say that the pubs are responding to a change in drinker's habits.

These changes are probably a reflection of people staying at home to watch screens of various sizes, a desire to not venture out in the evening for whatever reason or the fact that public transport is not the type of service we used to have.

Despite the pubs appearing to close earlier the Government seems to have sensed that increasing licensing hours will somehow change the fortune of pubs.



The chairman of CAMRA, Ash Corbett-Collins, has issued a statement on this matter.

“Letting pubs stay open for longer or extending their premises is not going to solve the fundamental problem where otherwise viable businesses face being taxed out of existence. Licensees are already limiting their opening hours and can't afford to invest in their buildings. The Government should fundamentally review the tax burden on pubs and independent breweries from things like VAT and alcohol duty to see if those systems can be made fairer, to give our locals a fighting chance against cheap supermarket alcohol.”

We need more realistic solutions.

Book



The Modern Homebrewer - Andy Parker and Jamil Zainasheff

The Modern Homebrewer is a hands-on, practical guide to the most modern and up-to-date home brewing ingredients, equipment, and processes. Written by two award-winning homebrewing experts turned professional brewers, this new book will equip both novices and the most experienced brewers with the skills they need to produce professional quality beer at home.

Chairman's Notes

As I write this those with no will of their own have decided they're going to be told what to do by so called 'Influencers' on social media and take part in something rather strange and un-natural known as 'Dryanuary' (at least I believe that's what they've called it). Apparently, this is a portmanteau word (Dry January) and involves the abstinence from alcohol for the whole of the first month of the new year and is an annual event – what fun lives these people must lead! Once this goal has been achieved, he or she presumably feels better for it and then fancies meeting up with friends again down at the local. Often they are in for a surprise as the damage has been done and their local has been forced to close. Everyone thought total withdrawal seemed like a good idea at the time as surely the pub will always be there? Not the case I'm afraid! Pubs are usually quiet at this time of year so anything that affects trade, such as the annual Dry January trend, can (and often does) have a devastating effect!

Local pubs, be they rural or urban, need your support throughout the year. Whenever you can, please pay them a visit. Don't let February and March create the same difficulties that pubs are facing in January!

In spite of the doom and gloom described above, I thought it was time to celebrate something I'd like to call 'Tri-anuary', a celebration of the only three 'unspoilt' pubs left in Doncaster selling real ale. These are: the (Little) Plough, West Laith Gate, the White Swan, Frenchgate and, last but not least, the Three Horse Shoes, just over the North Bridge at Bentley Town End. I would describe all three as 'little gems' with lots of original architectural features, serving a good pint of quality ale in friendly and comfortable surroundings. Dave Wicks at the (Little) Plough always keeps four ales (one is usually a dark one) in tip-top condition, whilst Nikki Steel at the White Swan serves an excellent guest beer from the Jolly Boys portfolio. Erica Waines at the Three Horse Shoes has recently won a Pub of the Season award for her Stancil beers, an award that all three venues have won in the past, making all three well worth a visit.

Although I can't blame Dry January for this, Sunday 4th January was a sad day for Doncaster. This was the last day of trading for the 'Marketplace

Alehouse', as it has now been taken over by the owner of the adjoining 'Temple' bar. Stuart Woods did a great job in the two years eight months he was at the helm, winning a Pub of the Season award and also places in the Good Beer Guide and the 'Donny Dozen' real ale trail. It seemed as if half of 'Donny'



Farewell old friend. The end of an era.

came along to see him off and, all credit to Stuart, as he made sure he still had enough beer to cater for demand. A small presentation was made by MPA regulars (myself included) but I fear the new owners will need to check for structural damage, following the roar of appreciation Stuart received. Previously he had indicated that, unfortunately, the MPA wasn't as successful as he had originally hoped and rising costs were conspiring against him. He felt it was time to move on to pastures new and needed a break. I'm sure you'll all join me in wishing him well.

Sadly, the plans I've seen for the MPA after renovation by the new owners will see the venue change identity and I'm afraid cask ale may not be on the agenda!

Mention of the 'Donny Dozen' has reminded me of something I witnessed the other day when I happened to run into some Southampton football fans who'd come to the city for a recent cup tie with Doncaster Rovers. Rather than try to get home directly after the match, quite a few had decided to make a weekend of it and were going round with the leaflets, ticking off the pubs. They're not the only ones either, as fellow committee members have reported fans from other teams stopping off to do the same. Just goes to show what an important part pubs play in our lives.

Finally, congratulations are in order as the votes have now been counted and I can announce the winners of the Pub of the Year Awards. The deserving winners of the 'City' award are the Doncaster Brewery and Tap, whilst the 'District' award goes to the Tom Pudding, Goole. Our Club of the Year award this year goes to the Town Fields

Sports Club, Bennetthorpe, whilst Doncaster Brewery and Tap also picked up the Cider Pub of the Year award. Well done one and all – very well deserved.

Tan Jones: Branch Chairman.

Read or View

We would like to suggest the following book and YouTube video which may broaden your horizon on all things related to beer, pubs and breweries.



Book – Doncaster District Pubs: Peter Tuffrey ISBN 978-1-4456-0119-9

A fascinating record of many pubs within our branch area along with photos. Unfortunately, many of the pubs no longer exist.



View – What Killed Britain's Pub: Our Locals We'll Never Forget: Dear Old Blighty

A YouTube video which is very relevant to the situation with pubs today.

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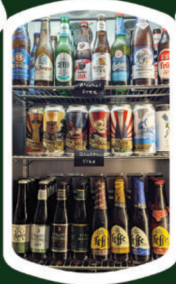
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Pubs, Clubs and Breweries News

Editors Note: We take every effort to make sure that everything is correct when this article goes to the printers. However, with the current volatile situation with pubs, clubs and breweries throughout the country the time between writing, printing and distributing may result in the situation changing. If your visit to a pub is important then check before you travel to make sure the situation has not changed.

South Yorkshire

The Barge Inn at Staniland's boatyard has ceased selling a cask ale. This is a sad loss.

The **White Hart** in Thorne's market place looks as though an ongoing refurbishment is almost complete. Whether cask ale features in the renovated pub is unclear.

The Poacher at Rossington, an estate pub which closed several months ago seems to have been sold to a property company, called Bekson Property Limited. Not sure what the future plan is.



On a visit to the **Ingram Arms** at Hatfield we found the pub under new management. A new couple are running the pub. Two handpumps in operation, one serving a Hawkshead pale ale, and one serving Bradfield Belgium Blue.

We have been informed that an application has been made to open a new micro pub in **Tickhill**. It is to be based in a former undertaker, some three or four doors down from the Royal Oak.

A member has confirmed that the **Mayflower** at Austerfield has cask ale once again.



A member recently visited the pubs in Bawtry. He reported the following. The **White Hart** was selling Timothy Taylor's Landlord and Purity Mad Goose. At the **Ship** the new manageress is called Shelley. Just one cask ale on which was Hobgoblin Gold. The **Bar and Brasserie** has been sold to the Bull and Lobster chain. The pub is now called the **Bull and Lobster**.

City Centre

There are reports that there may be renewed interest in **The Railway** on West Street, Doncaster. It seems that there has been some activity in the pub and hopefully someone is taking it on.

Latest news from the **Doncaster Brewery Tap**. The New Year started well with 6 cask beers and 6 traditional ciders available on the bar along with a great range of 0.0% ABV or 0.5% ABV bottled beers and ciders for those people doing Dry January.

Ian and Alison were delighted to have been voted Doncaster CAMRA Pub of the Year 2025 and Doncaster CAMRA Cider Pub of the Year 2025. The presentation evening has been arranged for Friday 10th April and they hope that many of you will be able to join them for the Presentation Evening.

Over the Easter Weekend there will be the annual Easter Beer Festival at Doncaster Brewery & Tap. There will be 12 guest beers in Dystopia, 6 Doncaster Brewery beers, 6 rotating ciders and the signature Bratwurst and street food available over

the weekend. If you would like to volunteer to work a shift, please see Alison.

Following the sad closure of the **Marketplace Alehouse** in Doncaster's Market Place, and its sale to the owners of the adjacent Temple, many wondered what their plans were. A Facebook post has revealed plans for a 'Peaky Blinders' themed bar named The Shelby 1903. We must wait and see if cask ale, which would be more fitting for the time period, will be available.

East Riding of Yorkshire

Jill Taylor, the landlady at the **Jemmy Hirst** is very attached to her old handpumps. There are very few options when it came to either replacing them or maintaining them. When we last visited her, she had found someone at Keighley who offered to restore her existing handpumps.

The following picture shows the well-designed handpumps which have become a big feature at the bar.



North Yorkshire

The Bay Horse Inn at Great Heck regularly sells beer from the Old Mill Brewery at Snaith. Examples that may be found here are Traditional Bitter, Blonde and Grilled Saint.

Isle of Axholme

We have received a report that the **Don Valley Brewery Tap** at Sandtoft Brewery is to close at the weekends during the winter.

The **Kings Arms** in Haxey announced three new beers in honour of the game which takes place in the fields between Haxey and Westwoodside every January. Toon Agen Toon, Nock Em Doon and

Savour The Pain are the new beers. It comes just weeks after a stunning mural celebrating the Haxey Hood was unveiled on the side of the bar.



While on the subject of the Haxey Hood, congratulations to the **Carpenters Arms** who won the 2026 event.

Other beers recently sold in the area were at the **Carpenters Arms** in Westwoodside where they had Acorn Cracker, Bass Premium Pale Ale and Wensleydale Dark Horizon Stout. The **Duke William** in Haxey had Hoppy Red and The Duke's Return, both brewed by Pig Barn Brewery of East Lound. Also in Haxey **The Wheatsheaf** at Belton was serving Wainwright Amber and Wainwright Gold.

Brewery News

It appears that the **Black Sheep Brewery**, which is part of the Keystone group of breweries, has been bought out by a group called the Paramount Retail Group, who are also the owners of the Saltaire Brewery. Keystone had rescued Black Sheep a few years ago due to financial difficulties. However they also recently filed a notice of its intent to appoint administrators.

Ian Blaylock at the **Doncaster Brewery** continues to brew beer to sell across the bar at DBT and also to supply beer festivals.

He will be at Sandtoft with his event bar for the Gathering on the 25th and 26th July.

Bradford CAMRA enquired about beer for their festival at Saltaire at the end of February. At the time of writing this report the selection meeting had not taken place.

Cheswold has been brewed again due to popular demand.

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A big thankyou

Donny Drinker would like to thank every member or drinker who has made contributions to this section of Donny Drinker. We have a big branch area and we like to cover as many real ale pubs, clubs and breweries as we can.

Send your pub, club and brewery news to;

pubsofficer@doncaster.camra.org.uk

Stop Press

Phoebe, at the **Royal Hotel** in Norton, will be leaving the pub on the 13th April. Until then the pub will be closed on Mondays.



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CAMRA Awards Guide

CAMRA makes a number of awards throughout the year at both national, regional and local levels. We thought our readers might like to know how we go about deciding who gets these awards.

In the chart on the opposite page, we give a brief summary of what judges are looking for when deciding on which pub will get the accolade of CAMRA's Pub of the Year. This is a guide that can also be used for awards at regional and branch levels and we have highlighted them so pubs, clubs, breweries and our readers can understand how judging operates.

They are all important but the main starting point tends to be whether the pub sells real ale and is it of good quality and in good condition. In order to meet the CAMRA definition of real ale the beer must be dispensed correctly and some pubs can fail at this point. This is too big an issue to cover in this summary and further details are covered in other

issues of Donny Drinker or on the CAMRA website.

Some categories cover meeting regulatory and legal requirements. These cover such things as hygiene standards, safety, full measures and clear pricing.

Other categories are about the pub in general. They determine if the pub is welcoming, well designed, evidence of events and has a community focus.

Finally we are looking for evidence of support for CAMRA and its aims. At our branch level these guidelines may be used for our nominations for Pubs of the Season, Pubs of the Year, Club of the Year and Cider Pub of the Year. The final choice is down to members who cast their votes. They are also used when we consider pubs for the Good Beer Guide. The year awards will then go on as candidates for regional awards and, if successful, they will be considered for a national award.

What is Live Beer?

In the early 1970s, CAMRA coined the term 'real ale' to describe traditionally kept beers, served from a specific type of barrel called a cask, without the injection of additional carbon dioxide gas.

The Campaign launched a vocal effort to promote these ahead of the mediocre, artificially carbonated, often pasteurised, brand name beers backed by extensive advertising campaigns, which had come to dominate the beer trade. These products of mid-20th century industrialisation of brewing, were reducing consumer choice and threatening the future of a more flavourful type of beer that could trace its origins back over a thousand years.

A draught "real ale", or "cask ale" as it is known nowadays, is a living product, containing brewers' yeast that continues to ferment (or condition) the beer in its cask as it lies in the pub cellar.

By the time CAMRA was founded, over 50 years ago, beers that continue to be conditioned by live yeast in a bottle had all but disappeared in the UK. However, as part of the general revival of interest in more flavourful beers, such beers have returned and the principle has been expanded to include some beers that condition in other sealed containers, such as cans, cellar tanks, and membrane kegs.

CAMRA has adopted the term "live beer" to refer to the whole family of beers that adopt the principle of continuing to condition in their final container, an important factor in maximising the flavour of a beer. However, cask ale, which we term "cask-conditioned beer", continues to be singled out for special reverence, acknowledging its place in our own story and as Britain's best-loved historic beer style.

Not tried any? Then give it a try.

COULD YOUR PUB BE THE BEST?

Pubs don't have to be picture-postcard gems. From country pubs to back-street locals to micropubs, any pub can win

Summary of CAMRA Awards Guide



Category 1 Beer Quality & Condition

- Condition over number of different cask ales
- Not too warm, not too cold
- Taste profile: Is it right for the specific beer style
- Judge the quality of the product not preference



Category 2 Promotion and Knowledge

- Support & promotion of real ale, cider and perry
- Events: Festivals, 'meet the brewer'
- Staff knowledge: answering simple questions
- Info: Provide details on producers & suppliers



Category 3 Cleanliness & Hygiene

- Toilets: Hot water, soap and drying facilities
- Clean: Spotless bar tops, tables and glasses
- Staff : Correct glass handling and clean surfaces
- Behind bar: No eating or poor hygiene habits



Category 4 Community Focus

- Inclusion: Welcoming to all ages & sectors
- Social hub: Regulars and strangers interact
- Local Support: Teams, groups & celebrations
- Info: Notices of local events & area information



Category 5 Welcome & Service

- Service with a genuine welcome
- Promptness: Apologise for wait if bar is busy
- No discrimination: No offensive content on site
- Digital sites: Website & social media inclusive



Category 6 Style & Atmosphere

- A pleasant & safe environment for everyone
- Decor that enhances the buildings character
- Furnishings and style well-maintained
- A friendly & inviting atmosphere throughout



Category 7 CAMRA's Aims

- Full measure & top-ups without asking
- Prices and opening hours clearly displayed
- No inappropriate or loud electronic machines
- A range of beer styles, strengths & local beers



Category 8 Overall Value

- Enjoyment: Do you want to stay longer
- Value: Reasonable pricing for the style & location
- Extras: Availability of soft drinks and services
- Return visit: Looking forward to another visit?

THE LEOPARD DONCASTER

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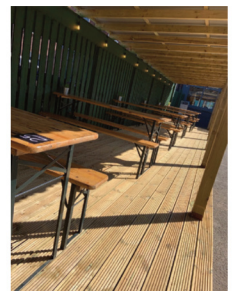
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Station

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The Burghwallis Pub

Cadeby

Cadeby Pub & Restaurant

LDTG

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Cusworth

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Doncaster

Black Bull **L**

Doncaster Brewery Tap

LCWGT

Don Valley Tap **LTG**

Gate House **LW**

Hallcross

Leopard **DLTG**

Little Plough **L**

Masons' Arms

Queen Craffthouse **C**

Red Lion **WDL**

Salutation **LC**

Social

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Tut 'n' Shive **DT**

White Swan **L**

Yates

Dome/Lakeside

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 Ship **W**
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Abbreviations

- L Locale registered
- D CAMRA discount available to members
- C Traditional ciders and perries served
- W Wheelchair access
- T Wheelchair access + toilets
- G Dogs allowed in all or part of the pub
- Pub/Club may have restricted opening times

Donny Dozen Part 5 Doncaster Brewery Tap

Dean Southall

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The highlight, for me, is their own beers, with the names of the brews coming from Doncaster's rich heritage. They have the main brewing kit but also a much smaller one, for test brews, under the Gruesome Raspberry label, as the process is controlled by a Raspberry Pi computer.

The brewery is at the back of the bar and on a brew day you can see (and smell) the beer being made. It is a community pub with lots of regular events such as quiz night on a Tuesday and music on a Saturday afternoon including Ukulele and open mic.



The advertisement features a wooden background with several beer taps. The taps are labeled: 'BRADFIELD BREWERY SHEFFIELD', 'FARMERS BLONDE', 'YORKSHIRE FARMER', 'FARMERS BROWN COW', 'FARMERS STOUT', and 'FARMERS PALE ALE'. In the foreground, there is a glass of beer on the left, a bottle of 'FARMERS ALES' in the center, and a can of 'FARMERS BLONDE' on the right. The text 'try a taste of tradition' is written in a large, white, serif font. Below it, 'Farmers Ales from Bradfield Brewery' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there are social media icons for Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter, followed by the text 'Visit our page on Facebook or follow us on Twitter for the latest news and offers.' To the right, it says 'On-Site Brewery Shop open Monday – Saturday 10am until 4pm.' and 'info@bradfieldbrewery.com • 0114 2851118 • www.bradfieldbrewery.com'. At the very bottom, it says 'Bradfield Brewery Limited, Watt House Farm, High Bradfield, Sheffield, S6 6LG'.

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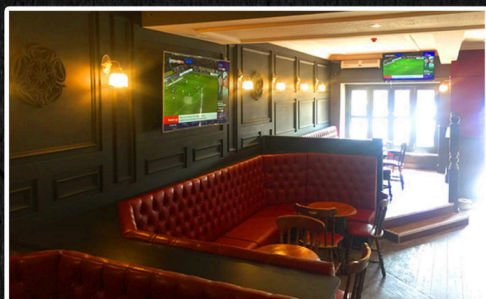
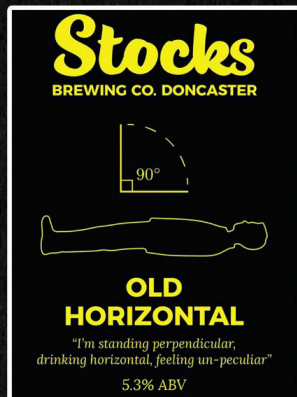
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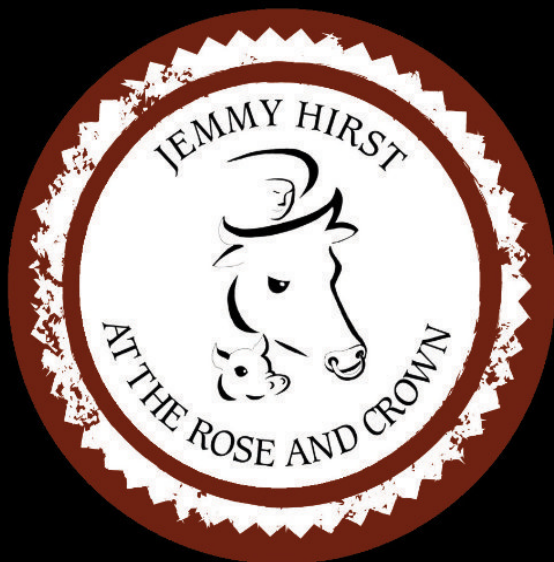
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House of Commons Briefing Paper

Below is a summary of some of the issues looked at with regards to the pub sector in three parliamentary briefings which are held in the House of Commons library.

Based on the provided House of Commons Library briefings, here are some of the key findings regarding the UK pub and hospitality sector:

Industry Trends and Numbers

- **Long-term Decline:** The number of UK pubs has been decreasing steadily for decades, falling by 22% (13,600 pubs) between 2000 and 2019.
- **Recent Figures:** In 2019, there were 47,200 public houses in the UK. ONS data showed a further decrease of 165 pubs between March 2019 and March 2020.
- **Regional Variation:** As of 2020, the South- East had the highest total number of pubs (5,250), while Northern Ireland had the fewest (770).
- **Pub Density:** The UK average is 58 pubs per 100,000 people. The South West has the highest density (75 per 100,000), while London has the lowest (40 per 100,000).

Economic Contribution

- **Output:** In 2023, the hospitality sector's economic output was £62.5 billion, representing approximately 2.8% of total UK economic output.
- **Employment:** The sector supported 2.8 million jobs as of June 2024 (7.5% of all UK jobs), making it the sixth -largest employer in the country.
- **Workforce Profile:** Hospitality employs a higher proportion of younger, foreign-born, and part-time workers compared to other sectors, though median hourly pay (£12.32) remains lower than the UK average (£17.40).

Changing Business Models

- **Shift to Food:** Since 2014, staff serving food have outnumbered those working behind the bar. In 2019, 44% of employees were involved in food service compared to 29% working as bar staff.
- **Ownership Shifts:** Independent pubs now make up 50% of the market (as of 2019), a significant increase from 31% in 1990. This shift was largely driven by "The Beer Orders" of 1989, which limited brewery pub ownership to 2,000 units.

Major Challenges

- **Operational Costs:** Main challenges reported in late 2024 include high energy prices, taxation, and labour costs. Energy bills for some members rose by an average of 80% in the year to May 2023.
- **Staffing:** The sector faces chronic vacancy issues, with 3.6 vacancies per 100 workers in late 2024, higher than the all-industry average of 2.6.

- **Regulatory Pressures:** Factors cited for pub closures include the 2007 smoking ban, increased taxation, and a trend toward reduced alcohol consumption, particularly among 16-to-24-year-olds.
- **Pandemic Recovery:** During the 2020 lockdown, 78% of accommodation and food businesses temporarily closed, and 93% of their workforce was furloughed. Some businesses still struggle to repay "Bounce Back" loans.

Government Intervention and Taxation

- **Alcohol Duty:** A new system introduced in August 2023 generally taxes stronger drinks more heavily. To support the trade, a "draught relief" reduces duty by 9.2% for beer and cider and 23% for wine/spirits sold on-tap in hospitality venues.
- **Business Rates:** Retail, Hospitality and Leisure (RHL) relief currently offers a 75% discount on rates through March 2025, capped at £110,000 per business.
- **VAT:** A temporary 5% VAT rate for hospitality was used during the pandemic but returned to the standard 20% in April 2022. The current government has indicated no plans to reintroduce this relief.

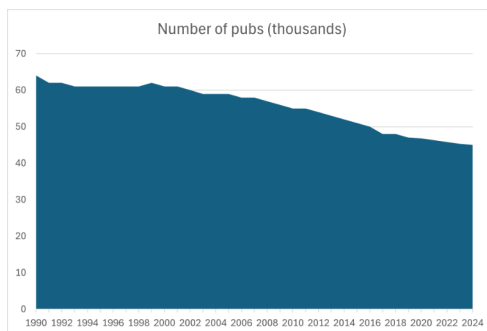
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Another briefing paper (**Hospitality and Retails Sectors: Impact of government policy Jan 2026** © Parliamentary copyright 2026) highlighted that the biggest perceived impacts on the hospitality sector were:

- Falling demand
- Energy prices
- Taxation
- Business rates
- Inflation

Both energy costs and business rates had higher perceived impacts in the hospitality sector than when all businesses viewpoints were taken into account.

The graph shows the decline in the number of pubs. Source BBPA





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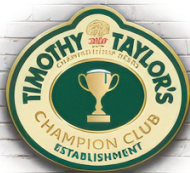
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The Return of Jennings

Peter Calandria

One of the consequences of the takeover of Britain's major brewing companies by global lager brewers has been the destruction of Britain's brewing heritage, on the grounds that there is falling demand for cask ale.

We have reported before on the takeover of the brewing division of Marston's by Carlsberg and the subsequent closure of Jennings in Cumbria, Wychwood in Oxfordshire and Ringwood in Andover. It hasn't stopped there, the Banks's Brewery in Wolverhampton has now closed as well, having brewed its last beer in September, in its 150th year. Bank's brewed 100,000 barrels a year and although expansion is planned for Marston's and Carlsberg's lager factory in Northampton, it is to be wondered how they will continue brewing all these beers.

The claim that there is no demand for cask ale has been refuted by many of the regional brewers , who point out that their sales of cask ale have returned to pre-Covid levels. Carlsberg Marston's Brewing Company's response has also been to introduce a Fresh Ale concept. This is effectively a keg ale, sold through handpumps, and CAMRA have complained to trading standards and the

Government about this use of misleading dispense.

Amid all this carnage, there has arisen one glimmer of hope. Jennings, the brewery based at Cockermouth in Cumbria, is now arising like a phoenix out of the ashes. Two local business people, Kurt Canfield and Rebecca Canfield, have taken on the challenge of reviving the brewery and are also reviving the Jennings beer range.

Not only have they bought the brewery , but also the transfer of rights to the Jennings brand, including all trademarks, intellectual property and recipes. These included old favourites like Sneek Lifter and Cocker Hoop, alongside new additions such as Derwent Mild and Back Yam ~ a nod to the Cumbrian dialect phrase meaning "back home."

Jennings Brothers was founded in 1828, moving to the Castle Brewery at Cockermouth in 1887. Brewing ceased in 2022 , but the return of Jennings to the Castle Brewery will once again enable Lakeland water to be used, contributing to the unique and distinctive flavour profile of Jennings' beers.



Membership Benefit

New Additional Benefit



From 2026, CAMRA membership will give you free entry to CAMRA festivals (excluding partnered festivals).

This is a new benefit, exclusive to members and each festival may offer it in different ways.

These are the main ways that our festivals are offering free entry and below this is some of them:

- **Advance booking:** Some festivals may require you to book your free entry ticket on a website or social media site before you arrive.

- **Show your membership on arrival:** At other festivals, they might simply ask you to present your membership card at the door.
- **Entry packages:** Certain festivals charge for a member ticket that includes any of the following mandatory costs: a glass, programme or beer tokens but most importantly, no entry fee.

You might find there's more than one way you can redeem your free entry. The best way to make sure you don't miss out is to **check on the festival website or socials page before you attend.**

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Station Bars

Peter Calandria

Last year was the 200th anniversary of the opening of the Stockton and Darlington Railway in 1825. This is regarded as the moment when the railways started to transform from colliery wagonways to the modern railway system we know today. In the early days of the Stockton and Darlington, existing public houses along the line were often used as ticket offices and waiting rooms before any railway stations were built. This seems to have established an early link of having a pint while waiting for your train.

As the network of railways spread across the country the need for refreshments grew and this led to the creation of new railway inns next to stations, often called the Station or the Railway. The compulsory refreshment stops at certain stations were also needed before the introduction of dining carriages and buffet bars on trains. Here a long-distance train would stop for 10 minutes while passengers would rush to get what refreshments they could before boarding the train again. A notable one was Normanton in West Yorkshire.

The introduction of dining carriages and buffet bars on trains made compulsory refreshment stops redundant but the station buffet bar, often located off a platform, was now well established. In the sixties and seventies many of the station buffet bars across the country seemed to fall out of favour, despite modernisation and re-branding. However in the last 30 years, following the letting of small station buffet bars to private businesses, a renewed interest in the interiors, often historic, and the introduction of cask ales have led to a revival of the station buffet bar.

Two of the earliest converts were the Stalybridge Buffet Bar at the end of the Trans-Pennine Real Ale Trail and Manningtree Buffet Bar in Essex. The Stalybridge Buffet Bar has won many plaudits and is now under the ownership of another Trans-Pennine Real Ale Trail stalwart, the West Riding Refreshment Rooms at Dewsbury. Both Stalybridge and the West Riding are noted for their interiors, including many railway artefacts and range of cask ales.

In 1995 the first Head of Steam bar opened near Euston Station followed by Newcastle and

Huddersfield. These bars concentrated on serving cask ales from micro-breweries in railway-themed interiors and by 2009, when taken over by Camerons, there were seven bars in the chain. The Huddersfield Head of Steam was opened in the old ticket office and shares the station with the Kings Head. Both pubs have outstanding beer ranges and are favourite calling points on the Trans-Pennine Real Ale Trail.

The next station on our railway journey is Sheffield Midland Station. Here the old First-Class Refreshment Room on platform 1b, originally built by the Midland Railway in 1905, had ceased being a restaurant in the 1960s and by the 1970s had simply become a waiting room, finally closing in 1975. Now semi-derelict, Jamie Hawksworth and



Jon Holdsworth took on the challenge of reviving the rooms and began a restoration which saw the Sheffield Tap open in 2009 and it quickly became an award-winning railway pub. The latest of these came when the European Beer Consumers Union (EBCU) revealed the results of its European Travel Beer Survey, listing the best places to enjoy a quality beer while on the move and the Sheffield Tap came first. The interior features Minton tiled walls, a terrazzo floor and fine ornamented bar fittings. All were beautifully restored. The pub is rated at Three Stars on CAMRA's National Inventory of important historic pub interiors and now also incorporates its own on-site Tapped Brewery, opened in 2013.

After Sheffield several railway bars were opened by this company. In York the Victorian tea rooms on Platform 1 opened as the York Tap in 2011. Featuring an ornate ceiling, Art Deco stained glass windows, terrazzo floors and stained glass ceiling domes, they created an award-winning backdrop to

the central bar with 20 handpumps. On the Harrogate Line, the Harrogate Tap is an impressive transformation of a neglected railway building into a fine pub. Comprising a long bar room with a separate snug at one end, the décor features dark wood panelling, a tiled floor and tasteful Victorian-style fittings with two banks of six handpumps, serving a diverse range of cask ales.

Our next station stop is Knaresborough. The Track and Sleeper station bar opened in 2021 on Platform 2 (York-bound) of Knaresborough's Grade II listed railway station. This is an award-winning renovation of an old railway building, comprising two rooms, a large room and a snug by the Gorilla Beer Co. of Mexborough. At the back of the larger room, the bar is constructed of old railway sleepers with a length of railway track at its foot. There are four hand pulls at the front, serving a good range of cask ales.

Our journey on the rail network ends at Doncaster, where its very own railway bar, The Draughtsman can be found on Platform 3b at Doncaster railway station. Opened in 2017 in a disused Victorian buffet bar which had stood empty for 18 years, the Draughtsman was founded by Russ Thompson, who oversaw the renovation. It is now run very successfully by the joint team of Russ and his son

Luke. Three real ales are available and changed regularly, all sourced from regional brewers and micros. The interior has fantastic Victorian wall tiles



and mounted draughtsman's drawings of steam locomotives. It has won many plaudits, not least from a noted journalist who stopped by after a long and frenetic journey and commented "The Draughtsman provides an amber lining amid the storms of travel".

Our rail journey comes to the buffers, but with the knowledge that, if we are stuck on a station waiting for a late train or missed connection, we now have a chance of a consolation pint in a first-class bar with a first-class beer.

Pubs



Just outside our branch area in Thrybergh is a small micropub called the **Deer Park Tap**. It can be found on the Deer Park Farm retail complex on Doncaster Road.

Created in a former barn on a site that also contains a separate tearoom and antiques emporium, it is well worth a visit. The three handpumps serve changing real ales from breweries such as Chantry, Little Critters and Bradfield Brewery. The very cosy interior is warmed by a log burner fire and there are two floors of seating.

Open noon to 9pm every day with last orders at 8.30pm (check before you go).

A Famous Writer and a Pint of Beer



In December 2025 there was much in the news celebrating the 250th anniversary of the birth of Jane Austen in December 1775. Born in Hampshire, Jane is rightly celebrated as an accomplished novelist, but did you know, she was also a talented brewer, or brewster.

Brewing was a household chore for many women of that time, and it is possible that the Austen's family had a brewing room in their house. In a letter to her sister Cassandra, she wrote, *"I brew my own beer now and then, which the gentlemen seem to like. It is a good thing, you know, to have a variety; it satisfies the guests and gives the cook a rest."*

Brewing beer at home then was not that unusual for the times. Beer was often consumed daily, as

the quality of water was often suspect. In a further letter to Cassandra she wrote *"It is you...who have the little children and I that have the great cask, for we are brewing spruce beer again."*

As for Spruce beer, an ale flavoured with spruce buds and needles, this was possibly devised in Canada and was thought to be a source of vitamin C, The Admiralty encouraged the drinking of this as a treatment for scurvy and so this would have been of interest to Jane as she had brothers in the navy. Sadly the brewing process, would have probably destroyed any vitamin C.

Spruce beer, is supposed to give off citrus and pine flavours — so maybe she would be a fan of today's modern IPA's.

CAMRA's National Pub of the Year 2025



CAMRA's National Pub of the Year 2025 title has been won by the Tamworth Tap in Staffordshire, bagging an unprecedented trilogy of top titles.

Since the start of CAMRA's Pub of the Year competition in 1988, no pub has ever won the Campaign's most prestigious award three times – until now.

Branch Awards Presentations



We have not had many presentations since the last issue but, to make up for it, the last one was a double one. Once again we were back to the Doncaster Brewery Tap where they had won an Autumn Pub of the Season and also the CAMRA Yorkshire Region Cider and Perry Pub of the Year. Nice to see that both of the Blaylocks have a smile on their face. Well done.

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7 Young Street, Doncaster DN1 3EL

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This pub and brewery is a multi-award winner at local and regional levels of CAMRA. It has a brewery on-site offering a range of cask ales as well as ones from other breweries. There is also a large range of all types of other beers and regularly features wine events. They also hold a beer festival at Easter.

This pub is home to a number of specialist community groups, so it is well worth checking out what is available on the website.

Doncaster District Pub of the Year 2025

Tom Pudding

20 Pasture Road, Goole DN14 6EZ

Tompuddinggoole.co.uk

This is a classic example of a micropub with a big reputation. The name relates to small tub boats that were used on the Aire and Calder Navigation. It first opened in December 2017.

There are usually 4 cask ales available along with other beers. Expect to find a good range of gins and other drinks. The pub is a short walk from the railway station where there is regular train on the Doncaster to Scarborough route via Hull.

Club of the Year 2025

Town Field Sports Club

Bennethorpe, Doncaster

Situated on the main road between the town centre and the Racecourse. This club serves both players and supporters of Doncaster Cricket Club, and Doncaster Hockey Club. Non-members are welcome. The club house provides the pavilion for the cricket club, so is a good spot on a nice summers day to watch the game. It has one open plan bar area with a separate room for eating. One or two regular ales. Open to non-members.

We encourage you to come and join us on our varied socials. They are organised so that members get an opportunity to visit parts of our branch area that can be difficult to get to using public transport.

- Minibus trips leave from opposite The Leopard, 2 West St, DN1 3AA at 2pm and usually return at 9pm.

For further information or to book seats on a bus trip please contact Caroline on 07722625299. Additional information or updates can be found on our Facebook site and website (www.doncastercamra.org.uk)

Sat 7th March: MINIBUS trip to GOOLE*

This is to present the Tom Pudding with their Pub of the Year award for 2025. The presentation will be at 3.30pm. We will be also visiting other pubs/clubs in the Goole area. If you've never visited Goole before, book your seat on the minibus by contacting Caroline using the details above.

Mon 9th March: BRANCH MEETING

The Branch meeting is held in the concert room in the Hallcross and starts at 8pm.

Sat 21st March: Club of the Year presentation

The Doncaster Town Fields Sports Club has won this award. It will be presented to the club at 4.30pm. Come and see why the club has won this award for its real ale. Doncaster Town Fields Sports Club, Bennetthorpe, Doncaster DN2 6AA

Fri 10th April: City Pub of the Year and City Cider Pub of the Year Awards

The Doncaster Brewery Tap have won these awards. We will be meeting from 7.30pm for the presentation at 8pm.

Sat 18th April: City social Starting at 2pm in the White Swan, French Gate.

Sat 25th April: Visit the Rotherham Beer Festival at the Magna centre

Sat 9th May: MINIBUS trip to HATFIELD area*

Presentation for Pub of the Season to the Jack Hawley at the Grange at 4pm

Monday 11th May: BRANCH MEETING

The Branch meeting is held in the concert room in the Hallcross and starts at 8pm.

Sat 23rd May: Presentation for Spring Pub of the Season at the Leopard.

Presentation takes place at 4pm.



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Benefits of membership



*Be part of the
CAMRA story*

Locally CAMRA membership gives you access to local branch activities such as meetings, social outings, pub and club awards voting and presentations.

The branch provides news and information through their Facebook and website.

And of course you get to make new friends.

As a CAMRA member you receive great membership benefits, such as £30 of beer vouchers, quarterly Beer magazine, access to the online news platform What's Brewing, partner benefits and discounts ... and discounted entry to some beer festivals.

just a few of the perks



Camra.org.uk/join