



# WIGAN BOOZE NEWS No 34

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## Branch Newsletter Advertising

Our 'new look / all-glossy' newsletter goes to press on 15<sup>th</sup> April and should be ready for distribution after the branch AGM on 13<sup>th</sup> May. We fully envisage that there will shortly be an increased demand for advertising space in future editions as we intend to strictly limit the amount of advertising to a maximum percentage of the total edition. Distribution is currently 3,000 copies but we may consider increasing this in future – prices may then increase unless advertisers have already committed to our deal for the year !

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Robin Park Festival Success !

Wigan's 21<sup>st</sup> Beer Festival, our 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Robin Park Sports Centre, was yet again a huge success according to the punters who came over to thank us as they were leaving and the emails we have had from visitors from up and down the country.

That said we do not intend to rest on our laurels and are already working on how to eradicate the one or two minor hiccups which did occur to make next year's festival even better !

(It's just like treadmill, you pack up one festival and already are starting to plan the next one!)

If you have never been to the festival at Robin Park then you just don't know what you have been missing for the last 3 years ! The final dates for next year's festival re still to be confirmed but the options currently under consideration are the first 3 weekends in March so keep your diary clear for these dates next year !

## Local Pubs/clubs Info

**The Pit Pony** in Ashton has extended its food service doing meals from 12noon – 2pm & 5pm – 8pm Monday to Friday, and from Noon to 7pm on Saturday & Sundays and late night home made pizza to order from 8:30pm to 11pm every evening.

The **Royal Oak in Standishgate** has re-opened

The **Dog & Partridge** in Standish has re-opened. During the renovation following the fire last year it seems to have lost handpump and is no longer selling cask mild and has gained TVs covering mainly sports channels.

The **Bulls Head** at Goose Green is now under new management having re-opened on Good Friday. Currently only offering 2 varying cask beers but hoping to increase this as demand picks up. Opening hours are currently 12 noon to 12 midnight 7 days a week. At present the licensee Leanne is doing a 'pie and pint' offer at £3 but she hopes to develop a wider range of snacks in the next few weeks

**The Anderton, Ince** is up for auction but continues to trade as usual in the meantime.

**The Hindley Arms (AKA 'the Fingers')** Market St, Hindley is now selling Cask Hydes Bitter and a Hydes Seasonal.

**Kirkless Hall Inn** New Springs is boarded up and is for let

**Don't forget if you have any new information about Wigan & district pubs (or real ale clubs) then please let us know – either in person at a branch meeting (details as shown below) or by return email to me, address is shown at the end of this bulletin.**

## Forthcoming Branch Events

**10<sup>th</sup> April – branch meeting White Lion**, Upholland. 8pm start. All members welcome

**13<sup>th</sup> May - branch AGM, Boulevard** Wigan 7:30 start. Nominations for all officerships and committee and motion to the branch to reach chair by 30<sup>th</sup> April. All members welcome.

**30<sup>th</sup> May – mild crawl.** Town centre pubs. Starting at the Anvil at 1pm.

**ADVANCE NOTICE 6<sup>th</sup> July –** trip to Thornbridge Hall Garden Party & Brewery Open Day. Places strictly limited and can be booked with Ian on first come first served basis.

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## Forthcoming Local(ish) Events

### April

- 10<sup>th</sup>** **Beer Tasting Evening @ The Wiggin Tree, Parbold.** Matching beer to food from 6:30 to 9pm led by Mark Evans of Timothy Taylors brewery. Various prizes on offer.
- 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>** **Pump & Truncheon Beer Festival** , 13 Bonny Street, Blackpool, FY1 5AR, phone 01253 624099 for more info.
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>** **16<sup>th</sup> Frodsham Beer Festival** - Community Centre, Fluin Lane, Frodsham, WA6 7QN. Approx 45 ales. Check [www.freewebs.com/frodshamcare/](http://www.freewebs.com/frodshamcare/) for further details
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>** **Bamber Bridge FC Beer Festival** The Clubhouse, Irongate Ground, Brownedge Road, Bamber Bridge, Preston, PR5 6UX. 25 ales Check [www.bamberbridgefc.co.uk](http://www.bamberbridgefc.co.uk) for further details
- 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>** **The Ship & Royal Beer Festival**, Clifton St, Lytham St Annes, FY8 5EH – Up to 30 ales Phone 01253 736186 for more info
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>** **Foxfield and Tigertops Redimix Weekend** Prince of Wales, Foxfield, Broughton-in-Furness, LA20 6BX Up to 20 ales Phone 01229 716238 or check [www.princeofwalesfoxfield.co.uk](http://www.princeofwalesfoxfield.co.uk) for further details.
- 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>** **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Keighley Upstairs Downstairs Beer Festival** The Cricketers Arms, Coney Lane, Keighley, BD21 5JE. Over 30 beers Phone 01535 669912 for check members.aol.com/worthbrew for further details.

**24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>**     **The New Oxford April Beer Festival** 11 Bexley Square, Trinity Way, Salford, M3 6DB - Over 35 ales. Phone 0161 832 7082 or check out [www.thenewoxford.co.uk](http://www.thenewoxford.co.uk) for further details

**24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>**     **April beer Weekend. The Black Horse** 72 Redearth St Darwen BB3 2AF. Over 10 ales Phone 01254 873040 or check [www.theblackun.co.uk](http://www.theblackun.co.uk) for further details

## May

**1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>**     **Bitter Suite Beer Festival** , 53 Fylde Road, Preston, PR1 2XQ - About 25 ales Phone 01772 827007 for further details

**9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>**     **14<sup>th</sup> Macclesfield Beer Festival** Macclesfield Rugby Club, Priory Lane, Macclesfield . 120 cask ales including festival specials, plus foreign beers, ciders & wines. Music & food at all sessions. Fri 7pm-Midnight (Non-members £10/Members with card £7.50); Sat Noon-3.30pm (Free Entry, CAMRA members-1st pint free), 7pm-Midnight (Non-members £10/Members with card £7.50). Members must show CAMRA card. Tickets sell out Fri/Saturday eve-book early is advised All money made will be donated to local charities.

**15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>**     **Chester Charity Beer Festival** Chester Rugby Club, Hare Lane, Chester, CH3 7DB Around 60 ales. Check [www.chestercamra.co.uk](http://www.chestercamra.co.uk) for more info

**15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>**     **May Beer Fest Part I The Black Horse** 72 Redearth St Darwen BB3 2AF. Around 40 ales Phone 01254 873040 or check [www.theblackun.co.uk](http://www.theblackun.co.uk) for further details

**22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>**     **May Beer Fest Part II The Black Horse** 72 Redearth St Darwen BB3 2AF. Around 40 ales Phone 01254 873040 or check [www.theblackun.co.uk](http://www.theblackun.co.uk) for further details

**23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>**     **2<sup>nd</sup> Skipton Beer Festival** Town Hall, High Street, Skipton (10 mins walk from Skipton Station) 60 Real Ales, Cider, Perry + European Bottled Beers. Commemorative glasses (£2) Details: Fri Noon-10pm; Sat 10am-10pm. Free entry to CAMRA members all times, £2 for Non-Members. No tickets-non members pay on door. Check [www.keighleyandcravencamra.org.uk](http://www.keighleyandcravencamra.org.uk) for more info

**29<sup>th</sup> –31<sup>st</sup>**     **22<sup>nd</sup> Stockport Beer Festival** Edgeley Park Football Ground, Hardcastle Rd, Stockport (10 mins from train station + A6). 70+ different Beers + Ciders/Perries (while stocks last). Live entertainment in separate suite (except Fri lunch quiet session). Hot/cold food all sessions. Details: Thu 5.30pm-11pm; Fri 11.30am-3.30pm, 5.30pm-11pm; Sat 11.30am-4.30pm, 6.30pm-11pm. Admission: Fri lunch free; Thu/Sat lunch/Sat eve £2; Fri eve £4. CAMRA members FREE all times.

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