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The White Cliffs Festival of Winter Ales

Dover Town Hall 2nd & 3rd February 2001



It's that time of year again. Dover's Town Hall opens its doors at 5pm on 2nd February for the 8th Annual Winter Ales bash.

This year there are more ales than ever before – some 68 different real ales from all over the British Isles including, for the first time, a visitor from Tipperary in Ireland. The furthest ale again comes from the Orkney Brewery.

I would like to thank both Dover Town Council and Dover District Council for their assistance with the 2001 festival.

My biggest thanks go of course to everyone who attends!

Please do enjoy yourselves!

Dave Green
Festival Organiser





The White Cliffs Festival of Winter Ales

A brief history of how it works.....

Eight years ago the first White Cliffs Festival of Winter Ales (or The White Cliffs Winter Ale Festival as it was then known) was held in Dover Town Hall.

Our Branch Secretary at that time was Kevin Mills who, amongst many other things, was town mayor. With his local government contacts he was able to negotiate the use of the Maison Dieu as the Town Hall is properly known. He also initiated the support of the various departments in both the District and Town councils which stand us in good stead eight years later and from whom he arranged support. Please buy him a pint if you see him at the festival.

The event has grown both in numbers of beers sold and people attending and from a one-day to a two-day event. It might be remembered from last year's event that we had to restrict entry during Friday evening due to having reached the maximum floor limit for admission (as stipulated by Fire regulations). This is one reason why we are unable to expand the festival, added to the fact that all of the people who work there are CAMRA members from local branches, none of us being paid, and there is a limit to how many volunteers are available. {A CAMRA membership stand is situated in the Connaught Hall throughout the festival.}

The festival is organised by a small committee drawn form the local branch and from which the Festival Organiser, who is 'first amongst equals' is appointed. A far better title would be Festival Co-ordinator as this is the function which is actually performed. Our original organiser, Steve Bell was succeeded by David Green who continues this year. There are manifold small and seemingly small tasks which if forgotten could spell disaster on the two days of the event. Fortunately owing to good stewardship this has not happened - a pint for each of these worthy gentlemen.

The other position on the Festival Committee that is just a important but takes place out of the public gaze is that of Festival Treasurer. He/she will start to prepare the all-important budget after the first committee meeting which is held in July and the task ends when the accounts are prepared some time after the event has finished.

Our original treasurer in past years was Helen Bell. When other work commitments impinged on this job she handed over the present incumbent, Martin Atkins who is also Branch Chairman. Two more pints please.

We have been fortunate in attracting drinkers from many parts of our Kingdom and from foreign climes, many of whom travel to Dover specifically for this event. It is pleasing to note that a number stay overnight and it is not unusual to welcome bemused tourists (even in February) from various parts of the globe who are interested to 'see what is going on'. They have often shown great enthusiasm and stayed for a considerable time having developed a taste fro Real Ale.

After the event a donation is given to a local charity. Last year it was the Dover Sea Cadets, this year it is due to be the Dover Transport Museum which has been actively raising funds recently. However the main beneficiary has to be the aims of CAMRA as administered by our HQ at St. Albans. A statement of our aims can be found at the Membership stand. We are favoured by various sponsors to whom we extend our grateful thanks and we display their names on the individual beer casks which they have chosen to sponsor. This year's glasses have been sponsored by the Tun, Vine & Press (Swale) Brewery whilst Adams the Printers have assisted us once again with our publicity material. Both Dover District and Dover Town Councils have both been generous in their support.

A question that is often asked is why do we use beer tokens in place of cash? There are sound practical reasons for this, in particular the impracticality of taking cash payments at a long bar during busy periods whereas tokens can be counted quickly and instantly disposed of, and of course we need every available space for the beer. However if you are left with unused tokens then you can exchange them for cash or donate them to the charity box at the Glasses & Vouchers stand.

May I remind everyone that once 'TIME' has been called then you should make ready to leave as we have to clear up for the night. Also the long-suffering Town hall staff on whose goodwill we rely will be anxious to depart homewards as the next day means an early start for all concerned.

In conclusion, I would ask that should you have any constructive comments or criticisms please write them in the visitors' book which will be at the main entrance desk. Please remember that this festival is run solely by unpaid volunteers all of us with a keen interest in Real Ale as, we trust, do you.

Thank You

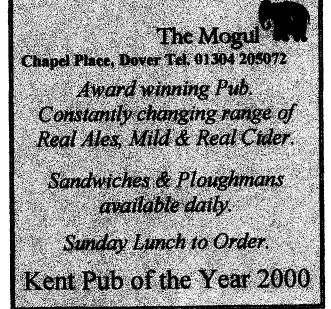
Roger Marples (Licensee)

The pub trade is notorious for euphemisms. "Fine Ales", "Hearty Fayre", "Chas & Dave welcome you to..." etc but the terms "Guest Beers", "Free House" and "Quality" are about the most abused terms around.

There are of course genuine free houses. Locally we have the Alma (Deal), the Mogul (Dover) and the Royal Oak (Capel-le-Ferne) to name but three. The owners choose their own suppliers and sell whatever they wish to – the rest is economics.

Likewise "Guest Beers". All too often this phrase is used to denote anything which is not normally associated with the pubs' standard lists so for example national brands like Greene King Abbot Ale or Shepherd Neame Spitfire are tagged as "guests" despite the fact that they are readily available and often feature on a permanent basis.

Real guest beers are those which appear only occasionally and are usually obtained from a



wholesaler who deals with any number of regional brewers as well as tiny micro-breweries who rely on enterprising free houses for trade.

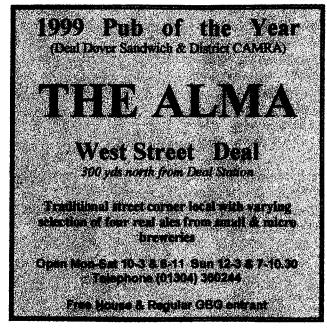
Wander into any pub away from home and it is all too easy to go for a recognisable brand name, a safe and cosy option but just think what you may be missing! Faced with a name that you have never set eyes upon before? Jokey pump-clip? You could be looking at one of hundreds of hard-to-find brews which sell on quality and not on megabuck advertising budgets. These budgets are effectively set by marketing managers who have debased the word "quality" to mean nothing more than conformity to a given set of parameters which are all too often dictated to the actual brewers.

The sheer range of micro-brews runs the whole gamut from Lager to Guinness look-alikes with every possible permutation on taste and style. What most of them do have in common though is taste! Oodles of it - hops, malt & character. National blands (sorry, brands) have to cater for the mass market which is why all too many become innocuous with no real taste. Try John Smiths, Flowers IPA or Boddingtons - only 96% water and doesn't it show.

Don't be put off by the silly names! Micro-brewers have adopted the same sense of college humour as software engineers and vie with each other to come up with ludicrous puns or sexual innuendoes as well as references to curious pagan rituals (which sound like great fun too). Thus tuck into Tanglefoot (aptly named at 5.1%), Hobgoblin, Witches' Nipple, Dog's Bollocks, Titanic Wreckage, Nelson's Blood, &

Strawberry Blonde.

Another delight is the addition of fruit and veg into the beers. Cherries, raspberries, damsons. honey and ginger may be traditional ingredients but about rhubarb. how coriander. chocolate. lemon grass, and heather (not all at once). First prize goes to a Celtic brew which is flavoured with myrtle! Somerset based Kitchen Brewery provides not so much a beer list as a fruit salad.



Even breweries

themselves can have alarming names. Run down the list in the Good Beer Guide and conjure up your own images! Too many to mention but a personal favourite has to be the delightfully calming "Fat God Brewery".

If you are lucky enough to live within staggering distance of a good free house then ask the owners whether they can stock some of these splendid brews - beer agencies can get brews from all over the country from Orkney to the Isle of Wight. Happy slurping - you are not just enjoying what the 'industry' would deny you but are keeping up one of our great traditions.

Dave Routh



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Brewery	Beer	ABV %	
Abbey Ales	Twelfth Night	5.0	
Arkells	Noel Ale	5.5	
Arundel	Old Conspirator	5.0	
Banks & Taylor	Frostbite	6.0	
Bath Ales	Festivity	5.0	
Beowulf	Grendel's Winter Ale	5.8	
Black Dog	Whitby Jet	5.0	
Brewster's	Brewster's Stocking	5.5	
Broadstone	War Horse	5.8	
Broughton	Black Douglas	5.2	
Buffys	Festival 9x	9.0	
Butts	Golden Brown	5.5	
Church End	Rest in Peace	7.0	
City of Cambridge	Bramling Traditional	5.5	
Cotleigh	Red Nose	5.5	
Cottage	Santa's Steaming Ale	5.5	
Crouch Vale	Willie Warmer	6.4	,
Dark Star	Cliff Hanger Porter	5.5	
Dent	T'Owd Tup	6.0	

Durham	Sanctuary	6.0	
Dwan	An Dubhain	5.0	
Dwan	Frosty's Triple	6.0	
Elgoods	Wencesias Winter Warmer	7.5	
Exe Valley	Winter Glow	6.0	
Freeminer	Deep Shaft Stout	6.2	
Frog Island	Cloak & Stagger	5.8	
Gales	Christmas Ale	5.0	
Goachers	Old 1066 Maidstone Ale	6.7	
Goose Eye	Cock Eyed Goose	6.2	
Grainstore	Winter Nip	7.3	
Hanby	Nutcracker Bitter	6.0	
Hook Norton	Twelve Days	5.5	
Hop Back	Winter Lightning	<i>5.5</i>	
Humpty Dumpty	Raihvay Sleeper	5.0	
Hydes	Rocket Fuel	5.0	
Inveralmond	Pudie	5.0	
Isle of Skye	Blaven	<i>5.0</i>	
Jennings	Cockle Warmer	6.5	
JW Lees	Moonraker	7.5	
Kelham Island	Grande Pale	6.6	
Kent Garden	ТВА	7	
Larkins	Porter	5.2	
Malton	Carousel Bitter	5.0	·

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Moorhouse	Pendle Witches' Brew	5.1
Oakham	Cold Turkey	6.3
Oakhill	Yeoman Ale	5.0
Old Kent	Callisto Full Pitch	5.0
Orkney	White Christmas	5.0
Otter	Otter Claus	5.0
Phoenix	<i>Porter</i>	5.0
Pilgrim	Pudding	6.8
Sarah Hughes	Snow Flake	8.0
Spinnaker	Wild Turkey	5.2
Stonehenge	Rudolph	5.0
Suttons	Plymouth Porter	5.0
Teignworthy	Christmas Cracker	6.0
Titanic	Christmas Ale	7.8
Triple FFF	Witches Promise	6.0
Tun Vine & Press	Indian Summer Ale	5.0
Tun Vine & Press	Mad Tom Courtney	5.0
Tun Vine & Press	Climax	6.9
Uley	Pigor Mortis	6.0
Vale	Good King Senseless	5.2
Wickwar	Station Porter	6.1
Wolf	Timber Wolf	5.8
Wood	Old Fireside	5.5
Woodfordes	Headcracker	7.0

A Whistle Stop Guide to Dover Town Pubs

Those of you who are planning an extended stay might want to try out a selection of our town pubs and we include a handy map (next page) to help you find them. The good news is not only are there plenty to choose from but almost all of those in (or close to) the main shopping streets are open all day and most offer at least one Real Ale, overall choice having improved markedly in recent years.

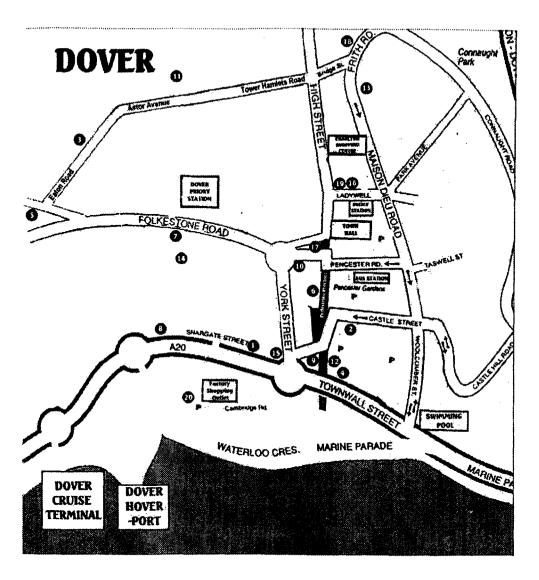
Start at the Town Hall for two very different pubs offering up to six ales apiece. The Prince Albert (no. 17 on the map) is a lively drinkers' bar with a selection including Adnams Bitter and Fuller's London Pride amongst former Whitbread brews. The "EKB" is not as local as it appears, being from Tolly Cobbold in East Anglia, but Stonehouse is a genuine fizz-free cider.

Just around the corner in Ladywell, the Park Inn (16) has been renovated as a neo-Victorian style bar/diner (plus B&B). Here the beers include Wells Bombardier, Greene King Old Speckled Hen and Courage Directors. Just before it, look into the Sir John Falstaff (19) where handpumps have just reappeared for Courage Best and/or Directors.

A short detour left into Dour Street then across the Co-Op/B & Q car park into the Louis Armstrong (13). The music connection continues (Sunday night is Jazz night) along with Draught Bass. A guest ale from any one of dozens of micro-breweries is available most days, and always at weekends.

Visible from here (past the lights) is the Red Lion (18) which has Flowers OB and Boddies - but closed afternoons.

The imposing Eagle remains firmly closed but further up London Road there is more EKB at the Sportsman and Greene King IPA at the Cherry Tree whilst Shep's Old Endeavour often has a seasonal ale alongside Master Brew. Finally, at Buckland Bridge, the low-beamed Bull also has an IPA which has been either Greene King or Flowers.



Back in the town and by the Priory roundabout is the Golden Lion(10), now with Avebury Taverns and restored to its former glory as a proper drinking shop. Three ales here - the range varies a bit but typically includes Pedigree, Revd. James (from Cardiff) and either Fullers or Greene King.

As in too many towns, shopping area pubs have given way to chain stores but there are some left around the Market Square area. Wetherspoon's Eight Bells (6) normally has six to eight ales, evenly split between brand names and guests. Managers here are keener than most on the microbreweries and at the time of writing were steadily working through a giant New Years list of them.

Into Castle Street is Blake's (2) which is styled as a Bistro. Here the cellar bar usually has two or three ales, typically London Pride and Bombardier.

Sports fans can slip through a narrow lane to the Lord Nelson (12) for the high-level TV screens and Master Brew. Facing out across the A20 is Whitbread's Britannia (4). No guarantee of availability here because beers seem to come and go but worth a look in to see if it still stocks Castle Eden Ale (ex-Whitbread but rescued) from County Durham.

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So on into Bench Street (mind the big hole). No joy at a couple of Cafetype bars but definitely some in the Flotilla & Firkin (9) which also has a family certificate valid until 6 O'Clock. Thanks to Punch Taverns, the legendary Dogbolter is only a memory (?) but management here have made it an outlet for another beer under threat. Try the Ind Coope Burton Ale, now brewed by Carlsberg at its main Tetley plant, for an interesting comparison with Marston's Pedigree.

Take care when leaving into the narrow but busy Queen Street. Up to the tights, across, left, then round the Unitarian church and up to the Mogul (15) which is the current Kent Region CAMRA Pub of the Year. Privately owned and family run, it has been renovated during the last year or so to include a back bar (with pub games) and a no-smoking lounge whilst the main bar has wooden flooring and a range fire. The two handpumps are no longer used because the real joy for the ale drinker is behind the bar where the high-tech gravity-dispense system keeps the beers at the right angle and temperature.

No big brand names here but mainly micro-brews plus a few regionals between them arriving from all over the country. The dispense can take up to six firkins but to ensure tip-top condition expect to see two or three at time, usually in contrasting styles or strengths. When one is finished then it's time for the next ones to go on. For cider drinkers there is usually something from Thatcher's.

Just down the A20 service road (Snargate St) is the tiny Arlington (1). The "Old Ard" is just the house name for a regular bitter but there is often another alongside (recently Dragon Slayer). One more beer at the other end of the street where the Flagship (8) has had some surprises (for a Pubmaster outlet) including Smiles Best and Adnams Broadside.

Another area worth looking at is to head up Folkestone Road although being suburban some pubs do close in the afternoon. Starting at the Priory Station, the Priory Hotel bar (7) has Flowers OB but it can get noisy in there. Up the steps to Pubmaster's Engineer (14) where you should find Young's Bitter or maybe Courage Best.

The steep hill alongside takes you up to the Malvern for Shep's Master Brew. Up the main road and turn into Elms Vale (roadsigned) - more Shep's in the Crown & Sceptre (5) often including the stronger brews Spitfire or Bishop's Finger. Cross over into Eaton Rd where the The Boar's Head (3) has two handpumps - sometimes the beers come through Whitbread or Greene King but genuine guests make frequent appearances.

Finally carry on uphill into Tower Hamlets and second left (Goschen Rd) where the King Edward VII (11) is a welcome new convert to real ale. A pleasant single bar suburban local open all day offering Pedigree.

By now you are heading back downhill into town.....

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Monday 19th March

Pickwicks, London Road, Temple Ewell from 8pm

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