



NORTH SEA ALE

JUNE IS FESTIVAL MONTH

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The editor welcomes feedback and would be delighted to publish any correspondence, favourable or otherwise

Pubs of the year 2015

- Town Pub & Overall Winner - Moorings
- Country Pub - Marine Stonehaven

CAMRA, The Campaign for Real Ale's most northerly annual beer festival, is set to showcase the UK's finest ales from Thursday 4th to Saturday 6th June. The event, showcasing Windswept Brewery based in Lossiemouth, will once again be held in the Richard Donald Stand at Pittodrie Stadium near Aberdeen's beach.

The festival is designed to permit discerning drinkers to sample a wide range of the best Real Ale that the UK has to offer. Over 100 different Real Ales are being supplied by more than 60 different breweries from throughout the UK. Styles range from the darker stouts and porters to easy drinking milds, and from barley wines to light pilsner style ales as well as fruit and wheat beers. With over 14,000 pints being dispensed in 3 days, there should be enough choice to satisfy everyone.

The entry fee of £6 includes a commemorative beer festival glass sporting both festival and showcase brewery logos. This glass can also be used for free re-entry to the festival at a later session. This is the 29th annual beer festival organised by the Aberdeen, Grampian and Northern Isles CAMRA branch. Doors open on Thursday from 4pm until midnight, on Friday from 2pm (note the extra hour) until midnight and on Saturday from noon until 11pm.

Ale from several new Scottish microbreweries will be available. In some cases this will be the first time that these beers have been seen in Aberdeen. The festival is also the only place in the North East where a large selection of the Champion Beers of Britain and Scotland will be available under the same roof.

The festival will be supporting the charity Archway, an Aberdeen based charity set up by parents and carers to help over 200 children, young people and adults with additional support needs in the North East. Drinkers can donate any unused beer tokens to the charity and CAMRA will convert these to cash at face value. www.archway.org.uk

Beers will be brought in from the length and breadth of the UK; Shetland in the north to Cornwall in the south; Norfolk in the east to Wales in the west. In 2014 Windswept's Weizen was the people's choice for beer of the festival. Will it win again? You can decide if you come along and cast your vote. You might even win some free beer just by voting.

In addition to the 100 different cask beers, following the continued growth in demand for cider and perry, there will again be a wide range available together with a selection of some of the finest bottled continental beers

Pitmedden Garden hosts a music and beer festival, with camping available. Friday 12th June - 6pm - 11pm, Saturday 13th June - 11am - 12 midnight

The Old Mill in Brodie has a beer festival 12th-14th June. See back page for more details.

Stonehaven hosts the Midsummer Beer Happening building on the hugely successful Stonehaven Beer festival. The event features beer, food and music under canvas in Baird Park from Thursday, 18th June to Saturday, 20th June



Aberdeen & North East Beer Festival 2015

Real Ale Is Craft Beer At Its Prime



WINDSWEPT BREWERY

Windswept Brewing Co is a craft brewery located in Lossiemouth on the shores of the Moray Coast. Brewery founders Al Read and Nigel Tiddy fell in love with the area whilst serving at RAF Lossiemouth. The former pilots also shared a passion for beer and brewing, and following several years of home brewing clubs and local beer competitions decided to establish a microbrewery. Building commenced in Oct 2012; three months later we sold our first pint of APA, and within our first year we received national recognition for our beers with two Gold Medals from the Society of Independent Brewers (SIBA). Windswept Brewing Co believe in delivering natural, fully flavoured, hand crafted ales to our customers. We only use fresh natural ingredients including whole hops and wet yeast which we propagate ourselves. We use careful handling and natural processes to clear our beer, rather than relying on additives such as Isinglass Finings (derived from fish swim bladders!) meaning our beers are suitable for vegans.

From an initial start of two guys in a garage, we are now a team of eight, producing a core range of seven beers, with a growing customer base locally, nationally and overseas. Demand for our beers has driven expansion in our brewery; we now have a fermentation capacity of approximately 30,000 pints, a fivefold increase from where we started.

Our craft ale range includes traditional British beers, a German wheat beer and strong American style IPAs, most of

which are available in cask and bottle throughout the year. We love to experiment with new beers, and hope to launch a new seasonal summer beer at this festival. We have more brews in development for release later this year. Watch our website www.windsweptbrewing.com,

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EARNED IT**



Facebook: Windswept Brewing and Twitter: @WindsweptBeers for details of new releases and which events we will be at to share them with you.

We were delighted that our 'Weizen' won Beer of the Festival at the 2014 Great Grampian Beer Festival – please remember to vote for your favourite beers again this year! We are also delighted to be the featured brewery at this year's festival. Cheers!



Real Friends - Real Ale - Real Food

The Stag - Situated in the heart of Aberdeen's city centre, just off Union street and a short walk from The Music Hall, the 'Auld Starry' is a traditional bar offering Courage Directors, Inveralmonds extremely popular House Ale and Lia Fail as well as a 4th rotating guest ale. The Stag's a great meeting place, and the foods fantastic too. Hearty, wholesome and appetising, just the way you like it!

Mcginty's Mealanale - A very warm welcome awaits at Mcginty's Mealanale, a cosy Scottish pub where you can enjoy great beers, real ales and other favourite tipples, plus wonderful home cooking. Situated right on Holburn junction, it's a richt guid place to meet and have a blether with friends. With 11 plasma screens and a 7ft HD projector it's THE place for all sporting events.

Number 10 - For over 25 years we have been committed to providing quality food and drink in a friendly atmosphere to Aberdeen, West-Ends local residents and businesses.

We have a range of Real Ales including Timothy Taylors Landlord, Inveralmonds Lia Fail, Caledonian Duechars and Fullers London Pride and other craft lagers and ciders.

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Ian Stewart, presents Trish Ewen (Club Steward), of the Ravenswood (British Legion) Club in Banchory with Scottish and local Club of The Year awards. Looking on are Rigg Robertson, Jim Strachan and George Howie.

FUTURE EVENTS

When	Where	Why
Tue 5 May	8-30pm Blue Lamp	Beer Festival Planning only
Thu 7 May	8pm St Machar Bar	Election special social
Wed 13 May	8-30pm Old Blackfriars	Branch & Beer Festival Planning
Thu 21 May	8-30pm Archibald Simpsons,	Beer Festival Planning only
Wed 27 May	8-30pm Ma Camerons	Beer Festival Planning only
Thur 4th - to Sat 6th June,	Pittodrie Stadum	CAMRA Great Grampian Beer Festival
Sat 27 June,	8pm Grill & beyond	post festival social



ARCHWAY—FESTIVAL CHARITY

Archway – A Local Charity Making A World Of Difference

“Our son Jack is 15. He has a genetic condition that means he requires total care in every aspect of his life. He has no speech, extremely limited understanding and requires specialized equipment to allow him to sit up. It was only when Jack had gone several years of fitting for most of every night and our utter exhaustion that we eventually agreed to have our precious boy assessed for Archway. We can honestly say it's one of the best decisions we have made. We know and trust the staff, giving us the confidence to enjoy our time whilst knowing that Jack is happy and well cared for. Archway has made the hard times easier to bear as we know that we will get a break.”
The Barbour Family, Aberdeen

Archway is an Aberdeen based charity set up by parents and carers themselves 25 years ago. We support almost 200 children, young people and



but we need your support to do it.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Aberdeen, Grampian & Northern Isles branch of CAMRA for supporting us through the 29th Great Grampian Beer Festival.

If you can support Archway through your workplace, community group or other fundraising activity please contact us by email admin@archway.org.uk or call 01224 643327. www.archway.org.uk.

PUB & BREWERY NEWS

Planning permission is being sought for the first brewery in Peterhead for many years. The proposed site is a former bakery at the corner of Queen Street and St Peter Street. The plant would have a six to eight barrel brewlength, and anticipates brewing two or three times a week.

A new brewery has opened in Nairn. The recently established Wooha Brewery is producing a lager and a stout, both 5% abv. Normally available in bottles, they may be available occasionally in cask. In fact, at the recent Bandstand beer festival at the Braeval Hotel, the first casks were soon consumed and on the 2nd day of the festivals they were already on to the 4th firkin. Hopefully some of their beer will be available in cask at Pittodrie on the 4th to 6th June. Heather McDonald, Alaskan born owner, will be one of the judges at Pittodrie for one of the heats in the Champion Beer of Scotland competition. Bottles from Wooha should be appearing in the Queen Vic soon to supplement their already large portfolio of bottles in addition to 3 cask ales.

The Bottle Cap Brewery in Littlejohn Street, Aberdeen, has been brewing their own craft beer for some months now. Again, hopefully we will see some cask from them later in the year.



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We make a huge difference to hundreds of people with learning disabilities living right here in our community – and hundreds of local families just like Jack's –

The Udry Arms at Newburgh was reported as being due for closure and conversion to flats. However, it is believed to have been given a reprieve and will continue as a licensed property although its status as a Real Ale outlet is not currently known

The Feughside at Strachan has reopened as a pub. Hand pumps are still present on the bar but no ale has been spotted there yet.

Brewdog has announced a new crowdfunding exercise, aimed at raising £25 million, to provide fund for doubling of the size of the present brewery, an American brewery in Ohio, and a Brewdog hotel on the Ellon site.

The result of the Old Ale/Strong Mild CBOS heat held at Paisley Beer Festival on 23rd April was as follows:

- 1st Windswept Wolf
- 2nd Orkney Dark Island
- 3rd Stewart Edinburgh No3
- 4th Kelburn Dark Moor
- 5th Stewart 80/-
- 6th Cuillin Black Face
- 7th Isle of Skye Skye Black



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REAL ALE OUTLETS

Below is a list of outlets that sell real ale which are known to the Aberdeen, Grampian & Northern Isles branch of CAMRA.

CAMRA is in no way recommending all of the pubs in this list. If you want a list of recommended pubs you will need to buy the Good Beer Guide. The pubs are placed in alphabetical order by location and then pub.

If you know of any pubs that sell real ale, in our area, which are not on this list, or any pubs on this list that no longer sell real ale please contact the editor. Your help is much appreciated

Aberdeen

Aberdeen Hero
Adam Lounge
Aitchies Ale House
Archibald Simpson's
Atholl Hotel
Blue Lamp
Bobbin
Cameron's (Ma's)
Carriages
Dutch Mill
Ferryhill House Hotel
Foundry
Glentanar Bar
Globe
Grill
Illicit Still
Justice Mill
Mariner Hotel
McGinty's
McNastys
Moorings
Noose & Monkey
Northern Hotel
Number 10
Old Blackfriars
Old Schoolhouse
Prince Of Wales
Queen Vic
Six degrees North
Slains Castle
St Machar Bar
Stag
Triple Kirks
Under The Hammer
Wig

Aberchirder

New Inn

Aboyne

Boat Inn

Alford

Forbes Arms

Haughton Arms

Ballater

Alexandra
Balmoral Bar
Glenaden

Balmedie

Cock and Bull

Banchory

Burnett Arms
Douglas Arms Hotel
Ravenswood Club (British Legion)

Scott Skinners

Tor Na Coille

Banff

Aul Fife
Market Arms
Ship Inn

Braemar

Moorfield House Hotel

Brodie

The Old Mill

Catterline

Creel Inn

Charleston of Aberlour

Aberlour Hotel
Mash Tun

Corgarriff

Allargue Arms

Craigellachie

Craigellachie Hotel
(Copper Dog)
Highlander Inn

Cullen

Three Kings

Cults

Cults Hotel

Daviot

Smiddy

Dufftown

Commercial

Royal Oak

Stuart Arms

Dunecht

Jaffs

Dyce

Granite City
Spider's Web

Elgin

Drouthy Cobbler
Muckle Cross
Shindig
Sunninghill Hotel

Ellon

Station Hotel
Tolbooth

Fettercairn

Ramsay Arms

Findhorn

Crown & Anchor
Kimberley Inn

Fochabers

Gordon Arms Hotel
Grant Arms

Forres

Carisbrooke Hotel
Knockomie Hotel
Mosset Tavern
Ramnee Hotel
Red Lion

Fraserburgh

Cheers
Elizabethan
Saltoun Arms

Garlogie

Garlogie Inn

Garmouth

Garmouth Hotel

Gourdon

Harbour

Glenlivet

Croft Inn

Huntly

Gordon Arms

Inverurie

Black Bull
Edwards
Gordon Highlander

Johnshaven

Anchor

Ship

Kingswells

Four Mile House

Kinloss

Abbey Inn

Lossiemouth

Beach Bar
Clifton Bar
Coullard Hotel
Skerry Brae Hotel

Luthermuir

Sauchieburn Hotel

Macduff

Old Moray

Marykirk

Marykirk Hotel

Methlick

Ythan View

Monymusk

Grant Arms Hotel

Muir Of Fowlis

Muggarthaugh

Netherley

Lairhillock

Newburgh

Newburgh Inn

Oldmeldrum

Redgarth

Pennan

Pennan Inn

Peterhead

Crosskeys

Portsoy

Boyne Hotel
Shore Inn

Station Hotel

Rothies

Seafield Arms

Rothiemay

Forbes Arms

Stonehaven

Belvedere
Hook & Eye
Marine Hotel
Ship Inn

Strathdon

Colquhonie Hotel

Tarland

Aberdeen Arms
Commercial Arms

Tarves

Aberdeen Arms Hotel

Tomintoul

Glen Avon

Richmond

Gordons (Balfour Man-
or)

Torphins

Learney Arms

Westhill

Shepherds Rest

Orkney

Evie

Mistra

Hoy

Stromabank

Kirkwall

Albert Hotel

Ayre Hotel

Helgis

Shore Inn

St Ola

Torvaugh

Ophir

Noust

Stromness

Ferry

Stromness Hotel

Sanday

Kettletoft Hotel

Shetland

Lerwick

Captain Flints
Grand Hotel

Scalloway

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Scousburgh

Spiggie Hotel

Weisdale

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