

A Free bi-monthly magazine

RANT!

Beer drinkers denied their consumer rights.

Pints of beer are regularly served up to 10% short because the Government will not legislate to give beer drinkers the same rights as other consumers. If you buy a litre of petrol you can expect receive a full litre of petrol. Short measure costs consumers £481 million a year, or over £1.3 million a day.

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Editor's Intro

What do you do in a beer garden?

Yes, I know, drink! But what else?

You read articles, tell jokes, and relay information. The idea of this two-monthly magazine is based on mainly beer. There'll be unusual beer stories, humorous ones, beer jokes, reviews of pubs abroad; but there'll be a few extra bits, such as forgotten classic albums, Arts information, a Rant piece plus some weird science. Also 'Nostalgia', which will be a feature about anything from the past such as sweets, comics, toys, etc that you might remember or wish to forget when you're in a beer garden with your friends. If you'd like to contribute an article then drop the editor an email at the following address:

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Art Part

Work, Rest & Play. Laing Art Gallery

Saturday 28 April to Sunday 15 July

This touring exhibition brings together spectacular works by 25 different artists including Monet, L.S. Lowry, and Paul Gauguin, all exploring the themes of work and leisure.

Man eats underwear to beat breathalyser

STETTLER (Canada)-- An 18-year old Stettler man tried to eat his underwear in the hope that the cotton fabric would absorb alcohol before he took a breathalyzer test, provincial court heard this week. David Zurfluh was subsequently acquitted of a charge of impaired driving because he blew .08, the legal limit. But the testimony broke up people in Judge David MacNaughton's provincial court here Thursday afternoon. Mr. Zurfluh was collared by RCMP Const. Bill Robinson after he ran from his vehicle, which had been seen weaving down the highway. While sitting in the back of the patrol car, Mr. Zurfluh tried to eat his shorts, Const. Robinson told the court. Mr. Zurfluh said he ripped the crotch out of his shorts, stuffed the fabric in his mouth and then spit it out. A class of law students from William E. Hay Composite High, was removed by the teacher when the students had difficulty maintaining composure. "People were leaving the courtroom with tears in their eyes, trying not to laugh," said RCMP

Plonky Primates?

Monkeys and apes at Budapest Zoo are regular drinkers of red wine. Reuters reports the primates go through 55 litres of the alcohol every year.

Zoo spokesman Zoltan Hanga says the 11 anthropoid apes drank most of the wine last year.

He says, "Obviously, they do not have it all at once and get drunk, but they get it in small amounts mixed in their tea."

He adds, "And it's not Eger Bulls Blood or some expensive wine that they are getting but simple table wine (Nettos?), as it's mainly good for their blood cells." - (yeh, that's my excuse!)

Two Fishermen.

Two fishermen were adrift in their rented boat due to an engine failure. While rummaging through the boat's provisions, one of the men stumbled across an old lamp. Secretly hoping that a genie would appear, he rubbed the lamp vigorously. To the amazement of the castaways, a genie came forth. This particular genie, however, stated that he could only deliver one wish, not the standard three.

Without giving much thought to the matter the man blurted out, "Make the entire ocean into beer!" The genie clapped his hands with a deafening crash, and immediately the entire sea turned into the finest brew ever sampled by mortals.

Simultaneously, the genie vanished. Only the gentle lapping of beer on the hull broke the stillness as the men considered their circumstances.

One man looked disgustedly at the other whose wish had been granted. After a long, tension filled moment, he spoke: "Nice going idiot! Now we're going to have to piss in the boat!"

Nostalgia

The Aztec Bar

The Aztec Bar, Cadbury's, raisin filled answer to the Mars bar. Adverts were filmed on location at an Aztec pyramid. Revived, as the limited edition Aztec 2000 for a (very) brief period. Made by Cadburys and launched to coincide with the 1970 World Cup. So, Cadbury's named this bar after a dictatorial regime which dominated that country; I wonder why they didn't do the same for the last world cup?

FREE BEER!

A new guy in town walks into a bar and reads a sign that hangs over the bar...

FREE BEER FOR THE PERSON WHO CAN PASS THE TEST!

So the guy asks the bartender what the test is.

The Bartender replies "Well, first you have to drink that whole gallon of pepper tequila, the **WHOLE** thing at once and you can't make a face while doing it. Second, there's a 'gator out back with a sore tooth...you have to remove it with your bare hands. Third, there's a woman up-stairs who's never had an orgasm. You gotta make things right for her."

The guy says, "Well, as much as I would love free beer, I won't do it. You have to be nuts to drink a gallon of pepper tequila and then get crazier from there.

Well, as time goes on and the man drinks a few, he asks, "Wherez zat teeqeelah?"

He grabs the gallon of tequilla with both hands, and downs it with a big slurp and tears streaming down his face. Next, he staggers out back and soon all the people inside hear the most frightening roaring and thumping, then silence.

The man staggers back into the bar, his shirt ripped and big scratches all over his body.

"Now" he says "Where's that woman with the sore tooth?"

Beer Quotes

An intelligent man is sometimes forced to be drunk to spend time with fools." *Ernest Hemmingway*

He was a wise man who invented beer. Plato

A Forgotten Classic.



The Zombies Odessey and Oracle is a prime example of 60's Rock at its best. Released in 1968, the album has gained notoriety over the years as a lost classic of psychedelia, and while the cover art is the only really psychedelic thing about it, the crisp songwriting and sweeping harmonies make Odessey and Oracle a fine rock album.

This record has so many classic songs, it's hard to believe there weren't more hit singles. "Brief Candles" is an emotionally wrenching series of portraits with a driving chorus, "This Will Be Our Year" does a great British soul/gospel thing. Throughout, Colin Blunstone's golden vocal chords handle the soaring melodies (with lots of harmony help from the rest of the band), and by the time you get to "Time of the Season," you finish the album satisfied and really appreciating the song you've heard so many times as part of a classic album.

An Artic watering hole.



On the 30th of September 1927, when Lauritz Bredrup once again applied to open a tavern where people might enjoy their drink in a seemingly manner, he had no way of imagining that "Ølhallen" (The Beer Hall) would, in time, become one of Tromsø's most popular tourist attractions. Women were unheard of in the Beer Hall until the early Seventies, but during the 1971-72 refurbishment, the Beer Hall's male clientele would simply not hear of the inclusion of a ladies toilet. Many maintained that it would destroy the Beer Hall as a sanctuary. Management found a solution with a twist: a new toilet was built. For men! Nobody was opposed to that, and once it was inaugurated, the women were allowed to take over the old "gent's", which is what they still have to this day. When entering The Beer Hall you are greeted at the bottom of 6 steps by two 10 foot stuffed Polar bears. The Hall opens out into a variety of sitting areas with either pictures of Viking long boats or staff caricatures on the walls, a red tiled floor all under 3 concave ceiling covered in that good Norwegian wood. I was informed by the manager, Odd (yes, that's his real name!), that the outside drinking area would be moved to behind the pub to alleviate embarrassment to customers from passers-by. The Beer Hall's reputation has spread so far that Gorbachov visited 1991; so you haven't been to Tromsø if you haven't been to The Beer Hall..

Scientists believe they have worked out a formula to calculate how "beer goggles" affect a drinker's vision.

The drink-fuelled phenomenon is said to transform supposedly "ugly" people into beauties - until the morning after.

Researchers at Manchester University say while beauty is in the eye of the beer-holder, the amount of alcohol consumed is not the only factor. Additional factors include the level of light in the pub or club, the drinker's own eyesight and the room's smokiness.

"For example, someone with normal vision, who has consumed five pints of beer and views a person 1.5 metres away in a fairly smoky and poorly lit room, will score 55, which means they would suffer from a moderate beer goggle effect."

A formula rating of less than one means no effect. Between one and 50 the person you would normally find unattractive appears less "visually offensive".

Non-appealing people become suddenly attractive between 51 and 100. At more than 100, someone not considered attractive looks like a super model

A poll showed that 68% of people had regretted giving their phone number to someone to whom they later realised they were not attracted (sounds familiar!).

Beer makes you smarter

A herd of buffalo can move only as fast as the slowest buffalo, and when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular attrition of the weakest members.

In much the same way the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Excessive intake of alcohol, we all know, kills brain cells, but naturally it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine.

That's why you always feel smarter after a few beers.

Bookies slash odds on finding ET

Bookies have slashed the odds on finding ET after scientists announced the discovery of a new Earth-like planet that may harbour life. William Hill said it had shortened the odds on proving the existence of extra-terrestrial intelligence from 1,000/1 to 100/1.

A spokesman said: "We felt we had to react to the news that an Earth-like planet which could support intelligent life had been discovered - after all, we don't know for sure that intelligent extra-terrestrial life has not already been discovered, but is being hushed up."

The new planet, so far unnamed, is 20.5 light years away and orbits a red dwarf star called Gliese 581. It is 1.5 times bigger and five times more massive than Earth, with about twice Earth's gravity.

Astronomers said the planet was the right distance from the star to allow liquid water to exist on its surface. It was possible that the planet had continents, oceans, and life.

For William Hill to pay out on an ET bet, the Prime Minister has to officially confirm the existence of intelligent extra-terrestrial life within a year of the wager being placed.

Sheer heaven as beer flows from taps in woman's flat

A WOMAN thought she was in heaven when beer instead of water flowed from the taps in her flat in Norway.

"I turned on the tap to clean some knives and forks and beer came out," said Haldis Gundersen from Kristiansund.

Beer in Norway is among the most expensive in the world with 0.7 of a pint costing about £4.30 in a pub.

It turned out that a worker in a bar below had wrongly connected a new barrel to a water pipe leading to Ms Gundersen's flat. The bar got water in its beer taps.

Beer-drinking duck understands Chinese

A Chinese man says his beer-drinking pet duck can understand him.



Grandpa Cao takes six-year-old Yaya for a walk through Dalian city every day, reports Northeast News Network.

"He understands every instruction I give him, such as to tumble or to fly. But when he's tired he turns his back on me," says Cao.

He feeds Yaya on peanuts mainly, but says he also enjoys shrimp and other sea food as snacks - with a beer.

"When he eats, he needs a bowl of beer, otherwise he won't be happy," added Cao.

RANT!

Petition PM:Plastic Glasses In Pubs

This petition has been started by the pub trade paper The Morning Advertiser on behalf of its readers. The trade is extremely concerned at calls from the Association of Chief Police Officers for glass bans to be introduced in high-energy pubs and clubs. We feel a targeted approach - where polycarbonate glasses were only introduced on a venue-by-venue basis - would be fairer. We believe it is wrong to disadvantage the entire pub trade because of poor management at certain establishments.

We the undersigned petition the Prime Minister to oppose calls by police to introduce blanket use of plastic glasses even in pubs and other licensed premises with no history of violence. We feel blanket bans on glass are unnecessary and will have a detrimental effect on the licensed trade and the drinking experience of the millions of law-abiding pub goers in well run establishments up and down the country.

Deadline for signatures is 6th April 2008.
**If you want to add your support for the campaign go to :
petitions.pm.gov.uk/plasticglass/**

NURSERY TIME

Georgy Porgy, jerky and beer,
kissed the dog and licked his ear.
When Georgy Porgy woke up the next day,
he saw what he slept with, and ran away.

Alcoholoscopes 2007

This issue.....

TAURUS (Apr 20 - May 20)

Drinking style: Taureans prefer to drink at a leisurely pace, aiming for a mellow glow rather than a full-on zonk. Since a truly intoxicated Taurean is a one-person stampede, the kind of bull-in-a-china-shop inebriate who spills red wine on white carpets and tells fart jokes to employers, the preference for wining and dining to body shots and barfing is quite fortunate for the rest of us. This is not to say that the Bull is by any means a teetotaler -- god, no. A squiffy Taurean will get, er, gregarious (full of loudmouth soup, some would say) and is extremely amusing to drag to a karaoke bar when intoxicated.

GEMINI (May 21 - Jun 21)

Drinking style: Gemini's can drink without changing their behaviour much-- they're so naturally chatty and short-attention-spanned that it's just hard to tell sometimes. They can amaze you by conversing with finesse and allusion, then doing something unbelievable in an extremely advanced state of intoxication, like puking in your shoe. Gemini's possess the magic ability to flirt successfully, with several people at once. They like to order different cocktails every round -- repetition is boring -- and may create a theme (like yellow drinks: beer, sauvignon blanc and limoncello) for their own amusement.

Drinking Wisdom

"The hard part about being a bartender is figuring out who is drunk and who is just stupid."

Beer Fact

Long ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim of their beer mugs or ceramic/glass cups. The whistle was used to order services. Thus we get the phrase, "wet your whistle".

Turning Milk into Beer – Bilk.

GREAT news for beer and milk lovers: A liquor shop owner in Japan's largest dairy farming region has stopped crying about local spilled milk and started making beer from it instead.

"We came up with the idea after hearing about surplus milk," said Chitoshi Nakahara, head of the Nakahara liquor shop on the northernmost island of Hokkaido.

Milk consumption has been declining steadily in Japan, and Hokkaido disposed of nearly 900 tonnes of milk last March due to over-production, according to the Japan Dairy Association.

Mr Nakahara's new brew, "Bilk" - a combination of "milk" and "beer" - is about 30 per cent milk. It also contains hops, and the production process does not differ much from that of regular beer, he said.

His shop started selling Bilk, which apart from a slight milky scent looks and tastes like ordinary beer, after spending about six months developing the product with a local brewer.

Don't Spill My Beer!!!

GOLDEN, COLORADO --- An employee of Coors Brewing Co. flipped the wrong switch and sent 77,500 gallons of beer into a creek, killing thousands of fish and prompting health warnings. The beer, which was in fermenting tanks, washed through a wastewater-treatment plant before ending up in Clear Creek on Friday, said Coors spokeswoman Aimee St. Clair. The fish likely suffocated from the alcohol - among other things - produced in the tanks. "Somebody made a mistake," she said. Officials with the state Division of Wildlife could not give a precise number of killed but estimated it was thousands (was that fish or humans?).

Who drinks four gallons of beer a day?

The six Jivaro Indian tribes are spread out across the Oriente of Ecuador. These native South Americans are notorious for three things: Headhunting, beer drinking, and resisting the encroachment of the outside world.

Beer is an important part of Jivaro life. The man of each household must protect, hunt, fish, clear forest, and cut firewood for his family. The wives are in charge of the children, agriculture, cooking, the animals, and beer making. (As with any truly civilized and enlightened culture, women are given the important tasks.) Jivaro tribes regularly practice polygamy. More wives means more beer.

Sweet Manioc is used to make manioc beer, and the Jivaro drink a lot of beer. It is prepared by Jivaro women in large quantities and must ferment for four or five days to reach its maximum alcoholic content. The root is peeled and washed then boiled. Once soft, it is mashed. During this process, the women chew handfuls of the root and spit it back into the mixture. This mastication is essential to the brew. Finally, it is secured in a large clay jar and left to ferment. When it is served, it is poured through a sieve to remove the manioc fibres.

It is estimated that an adult male consumes three to four gallons of manioc beer in one day. Let me repeat that. Three or four gallons of beer a day! One wonders how much they drink when they really party hearty. The wives drink one or two gallons and a children will typically drink a half-gallon of the manioc beer. It plays an important part in rituals as well as everyday life (well, no different to us then!).

Kryptonite a pigment of imagination

Kryptonite, which turned Superman into a wet noodle in the famed comics and movie series, made a splashy comeback this week. Mineworkers near the Serbian town of Jadar recently found a mineral that matches the composition of fictitious kryptonite in the film: sodium lithium boron silicate hydroxide. (The film version also has fluorine in it.)

If kryptonite matched the composition listed in the 2006 film "Superman Returns," the Man of Steel would have little to worry about.

In fact, the elements in kryptonite could help him grow a rich garden, treat any bouts of bipolar disorder he might have (oh really!) and keep his teeth from decaying.

The new mineral, however, will be called "jadarite," after the Serbian town it was found near.

Who knows? Maybe one day Serbian miners will discover ways to go faster than a speeding bullet and leap tall buildings in a single bound.

Beer Quote

Sometimes when I reflect back on all the beer I drink I feel ashamed.

Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the brewery and all of their hopes and dreams. If I didn't drink this beer and they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. Then I say to myself and it is better to drink this beer and let their dreams come true than be selfish and worry about my liver." Jack Handy