Interview with Tom Rees (Co-owner of the Carlton Tavern)

- How did you first get involved with the Carlton Tavern?
- What did you know about it before the demolition? Had you ever been there yourself?
- What made you want to take it on after everything that had happened?
- Who were the main people involved in bringing it back? (council, campaigners?)
- When you were rebuilding it, how much were you trying to recreate the old pub exactly, and how much did you have to adapt?
- Were there any original bits of the pub that survived and became especially important?
- Was there anything that you just couldn't bring back?
- How did you decide what to restore, what to reproduce, and what to introduce as new?
- Were there any details that were really important in making it feel like the Carlton again?
- When it reopened, what was the reaction from people who remembered the old pub?
- Was there a moment where you thought, "Okay, now this actually feels like the Carlton again"?
- Do you personally feel like it is the same place as before?
- What do you think actually makes the Carlton the Carlton?
- Are there any little routines, habits or traditions that you think really define the place now?
- Do you feel like the community around it is the same community that fought for it, or has that changed over time?
- Do you have any photos from the rebuilding or furnishing process that you'd be happy to share?
- I'm going to visit the pub afterwards — is there anything you think I should particularly look out for or pay attention to?