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Barnsley Ale Report



Winter 2015/2016 **FREE**

## Pub of the Season



Image From The Talbot Inn Facebook Page

This year's Winter Pub of the Season goes to the Talbot Inn, Mapplewell. The pub also picked up the awards in winter 2013/14 after it was rescued from developers, by a pub regular. David bought the pub and introduced his wife Leah alongside Rob the manager and existing staff. In the last year the Talbot Inn has had extensive refurbishment which has been sympathetic to the ethos of the pub whilst bringing a significant refresh to the décor. The presentation of the award will take place on Friday 29th January 2016, don't miss it.

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# Winter Pub of the Season

## THE TALBOT INN

Mapplewell

For a second year the Talbot Inn wins the Barnsley CAMRA Winter Pub of the Season, a fantastic achievement for Leah and her team especially given that the pub was rescued from underneath the noses of developers in early 2013.

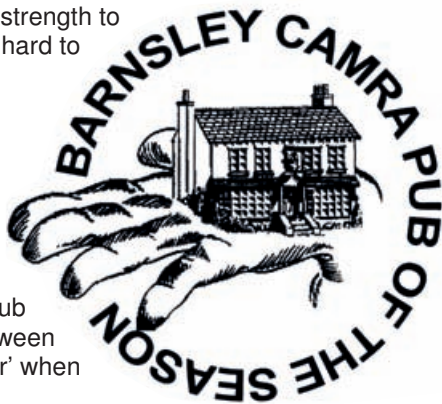
In such a short space of time the pub has gone from strength to strength. Leah and her team have worked extremely hard to deliver food and drink of the highest quality. The pub caters for all tastes with bar food downstairs and an extensive menu in the upstairs 1776 Restaurant. The pub has an excellent choice of drinks, most notably 4 real ales from the local award winning brewery Two Roses who are just a couple of miles away in Darton, 2 keg beer lines and numerous lager and cider fonts.

On Monday and Tuesday evening the pub offers a club menu with meals from £5 in addition if you arrive between 3.00 and 6.00 you can take advantage of 'happy hour' when many drinks are just £2 a pint. Fantastic value.

The Talbot has received an extensive refurbishment that has been sympathetic to the ethos of the pub whilst bringing a significant refresh to the décor, bare walls have been exposed particularly in the upstairs 1776 restaurant and it now feels light and airy and complements the exciting new menus that are offered.

Getting to the Talbot Inn by public transport is very easy, just catch the number 1 bus from stand 10 at Barnsley Interchange. The bus on the hour and half past the our on an evening. The pub has a small car park to the side or there is a large free car park just a couple of minutes walk from the pub on Spark Lane.

The award will be presented to the Talbot Inn at around 9pm on Friday 29th January 2016. Please come along and join in with the celebrations with this great community pub.



*James Taylor*

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# Pub, Club & Brewery News

The **Star** at Hoyland Common has recently had a large refurbishment, real ale is available but sadly no local beers as yet.

The **Travellers Rest** at Birdwell has reopened following a refurbishment and offers two cask ales Taylors Landlord & Black Sheep.

The **Talbot Inn**, Mapplewell reopened following an extensive refurbishment and looks very impressive, now with a larger kitchen and log burner for the winter months. A fantastic range of Two Roses beers are always available.

**Darfield Cricket Club** are running a promotion on cask ale, buy 5 pints get the 6th free. It works on a stamped card scheme and so far seems to have proved popular.

We have received reports that The **Red Lion** at Worsbrough Bridge has reopened after a recent closure, now with new management.

The **Three Horseshoes** at Brierley has been awarded an Asset of Community Value status following a successful campaign.

The **Travellers Rest** at Pogmoor is under new ownership and is offering Acorn Barnsley Bitter and Blonde, however the new owners have also submitted planning application to Barnsley Council to have the pub demolished and replaced with two dwellings.

The **Trades Club** in town appear to have stopped selling cask ale hopefully this will be only a short term move.

The **Travellers Inn** at Dodworth is up for sale for £349,500 if you fancy a freehouse with letting rooms.

Also at Dodworth, the **Station Inn** has new owners and is offering Bradfield beers, reports

are that the beer is very, very good, it just need people to call in and drink it.

The **Longcar Inn** on Racecommon Road (as we go to print) is having a bit of a refurbishment, also it is having new owners. Cask beers have been available in the pub since April from the supplier's portfolio but the landlady says this will now be available from any brewery and a tad cheaper.

The **White Bear** at Kexborough is closed and has been for about 6 weeks, a licensee may step in to have it open over Christmas.

The **Rose and Crown** at Darton has had a change of owners and is now run by tenants, not a manager, the pub offers up to three changing guest beers from a very large portfolio of beers.

## Acorn Brewery

Things are getting really busy at the brewery as we start getting prepared for what the festive season will bring. As we write this we are coming to the end of an epic seven brew week with over 40,000 pints brewed, and there's probably more of those to come

We said 'arrivederci' to our latest shipment of beer going to our friends in Italy. Customers of a selection of Italian bars will be able to choose from Barnsley Bitter, Old Moor Porter, Minstrel IPA, Secret Affair plus others. They certainly have style those Italians!

The ever popular Thunderstruck IPA is back, but we don't expect it to be around for long, a Jet Black IPA with a razor's edge bitterness. Sacks full of USA Brava & Willamette Hops give a fruity, floral aroma. Dry hopped with Simcoe hops for a grapefruit, citrus encore!

The latest single hopped IPA is

about to hit the local bars. Archer is the 3rd in our new series showcasing English Hops. On the festive beer front we're getting the 'Cracker' ready and we've already brewed 'The



13th Noel'. Followers of Acorn will recall that we brewed 'The First Noel' in 2003 and each year we have increased

the abv by 0.5% so that this year we have reached the 6% abv mark. This gorgeous beer is often described as 'Christmas Pudding in a Glass'.

## Hamelsworde - Hemsforth

Head Brewer Dan Jones has been a keen home brewer for 15 years and has spent his time perfecting recipes prior to the launch in April 2013. The time spent perfecting recipes was rewarded when Colin Brown Ale won the award for Best Strong Beer at Doncaster Ale festival in its very first outing.

May 2014 saw the launch of the Mining range of beers which includes Blacklegs Stout, Lamplight Coffee and Walnut Porter and Smokestacks Smoked Porter.

In May 2015, The brewery was moved to its new home at our Tap, and has since been replaced by a larger brewery to cope with the additional demand. Hamelsworde beers have appeared up and down the country at Beer festivals and in pubs all over the north of England.

*Phil Gregg  
Pub and Clubs Officer*

# Barnsley Club Scene

## Penistone Royal British Legion

Real ale fans in Barnsley will be well aware of the Royal British Legion Club in Penistone. The Club is a firm favourite of many of our members and is has been a regular entry in the Campaign for Real Ales (CAMRA's) flagship Good Beer Guide. It's a spacious, comfortable and very well appointed modern private members club, having lounge/concert room and separate large games/TV room and two snooker tables.

On a recent visit we were surprised and very impressed to find that the games room in the club has recently gone through a massive refurbishment. An exceptional fit out with new plush carpets, seating and décor, this has transformed the room. Possibly the most impressive part is the Penistone wall featuring lots of lovely old photographs of Penistone.

The Penistone branch of the Royal British Legion was first formed in 1924 when it was based at the Blue Ball Pub. In 1926 the Legion moved to the White Bear Pub which in turn became the club. In 1974 the club moved to the present purpose built club where they have remained and hope to do so for many years to come.

The great club is testament to the hardworking committee, steward and bar staff who work tirelessly to ensure a great welcome and a fantastic pint of real ale. The two real ales on offer are always in superb condition and come along with a warm welcome.

So if you haven't visited this club I can certainly recommend you do so as it's one of the finest around. You will need to be signed in by a club member at the entrance, a member of the club at the door will explain the procedure. CAMRA Members also need to sign in at the door.

*Phil Gregg* Clubs Officer, Barnsley CAMRA



We are calling on all our Barnsley CAMRA Branch Members to vote on their Pub and Club of the Year for 2016 in the coming months. This will be in conjunction with voting for the 2017 Good Beer Guide (GBG) entries.

We will have a shortlist of around 30 to 35 pubs and clubs that you can vote for.

Barnsley CAMRA Members can have up to 15 votes and the top scoring pubs and clubs will go into the next round of a judging competition to pick the Pub and Club of the Year Winners.

The top scoring 15 pubs/clubs will be our nominated entries into the 2017 GBG.

The voting will open on 16th December 2015 and closes on 2nd February 2016. To make your votes visit [www.barnsleycamra.org.uk/vote16](http://www.barnsleycamra.org.uk/vote16) or contact Margaret Croft (details on page 24) so that a paper voting form can be sent to you.

So Barnsley CAMRA Members, the ball is now in your court, please vote.

**Nigel Croft**, Branch secretary





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# 20 Miles Brewery To Bar

**CAMRA LocAle** - the accreditation scheme to promote pubs and clubs that sell locally-brewed real ale, reducing the number of 'beer miles' and supporting your local breweries.

Listed below are pubs and clubs in the Barnsley area. These outlets should regularly serve at least one real ale that is 20 miles or less from the brewery to the bar.

**Anglers Rest** - Wombwell  
**Barley Sheaf** - Wombwell  
**Barnbrook** - Mapplewell  
**Bridge Inn** - Thurgoland  
**Chennells** - Barnsley  
**Cherry Tree** - High Hoyland  
**Commercial** - Barnsley  
**Conservative Club** - Barnsley  
**Crown & Anchor** - Barugh Green  
**Crown Inn** - Elsecar  
**Dog and Partridge** - Hazlehead  
**Fitzwilliam Arms** - Elsecar  
**Furnace Inn** - Hoyland  
**Fox and Hounds** - Shafton  
**Fox House Inn** - Carlecotes  
**Huntsman** - Thurlstone  
**Joseph Bramah** - Barnsley  
**Jump WMC** - Jump  
**The Keys** - Hoyland Common

**Keel Inn** - Barnsley  
**Market** - Elsecar  
**Miners Rest** - Old Town  
**Milton Arms** - Elsecar  
**Old Number 7** - Barnsley  
**Penistone Church FC** - Penistone  
**Royal** - Barugh Green  
**Rose and Crown** - Hoylandswaine  
**Royal British Legion Club** - Penistone  
**Saville Square** - Hoyland Common  
**Shaw Lane Club** - Barnsley  
**Silkstone Golf Club** - Silkstone  
**Spencer Arms** - Cawthorne  
**Sports & Social Club** - Hoylandswaine  
**Spread Eagle** - Penistone  
**Staincross Club** - Staincross  
**Station** - Dodworth

**Talbot Inn** - Mapplewell  
**Waggon and Horses** - Langsett  
**Wortley Arms** - Wortley  
**Wortley Hall** - Wortley  
**Wortley Men's Club** - Wortley  
**Updated November 2015**  
**Should your local be on this list?**  
**Contact Margaret or Phil p24**



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## How can you help?

- Watch out for pubs displaying the up-to-date LocAle sign
- Order a LocAle beer. This may be highlighted with the LocAle Crown on the pump
- Enjoy the quality local real ale
- Ask your local if they can stock a LocAle real ale or contact Barnsley CAMRA if you would like us to speak to a licensee about LocAle on your behalf

## LocAle Pub Sudoku

Sudoku rules are easy: Fill all empty squares so that the letters (Upper and Lower Case) from 'LocAle Pub' appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box.

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# Old Windmill Hotel

**Shambles Street, Barnsley**

Memories of Barnsley No.35, which came out this autumn, features Brian Elliott looking at Upper Shambles Street. On page 11 of the magazine the Old Windmill Hotel appears in the background of a 1900s picture of the shops on the street.



In another closer view, with thanks to the Tasker Trust we can see the pub in full. It would have stood at the brow of the hill, now the foot of the present John Rydal House and at the back of site of the new 6th Form College.

I first came across this pub in connection with the First World War when I was preparing a talk for the Cudworth Local History and Heritage Group two years ago. A soldier from the village, Company Sergeant Major Walter Parkes, was taken prisoner by the Germans in July 1916 not long after he earned the Distinguished Conduct Medal for his bravery during an

enemy attack on his trench. He had been badly wounded and was exchanged back to this country (only officers and non-coms were exchanged) via Switzerland following an arranged visit by his wife, very unusual during the war. Unable to work as a coal miner due to his injuries he became the landlord of the Old Windmill Hotel in 1922 where he stayed for three years.

In the book *Barnsley Streets Vol. 3* the landlords of the pub from 1874 to 1939 are listed. One name mentioned appears on the Barnsley Roll of Honour being collated by the Barnsley War Memorials Project, but does not appear on any war memorial in Barnsley. Joseph Strickland is listed as the landlord from 1914 to 1916, but we know that he enlisted in the 12th Battalion, the York and Lancaster Regiment in 1915 (the Sheffield Pals) and was killed in action in May 1916. The back issues of *Barnsley Chronicle* (available to search digitally in Barnsley Archives) tell us more about the man.

His obituary appears on 27 May 1916 and his photo (right) the following week. Joseph was "licensee of the Old Windmill Inn (sic), Shambles Street, but was better known in the town by reason of his connection with the County Borough Police Force, of which he was a member up to his marriage to Mrs Taylor, who kept the public house named." I was intrigued at this tale of a policeman who married a lady licensee so investigated further.

Ethel Attewell was born in Doncaster in around 1876 and her family had moved to Barnsley shortly before her marriage to Arthur William Taylor, a Hotel Waiter or Barman, towards the end of 1900. They had four children and by 1911 were living at 46 Dodworth Road. We don't know where Arthur worked but it could have been the Old Windmill as he takes over the licence in 1912. Unfortunately he dies in October the following year, and is buried in Barnsley Cemetery with their youngest child, a son, who had died aged just 7 weeks old in 1908. Ethel takes over the pub and is listed in *Barnsley Streets* and on the Tasker Trust website as the licensee from 1913 to 1914.



Ethel had three young children to care for, in 1913 Dorothy would have been 12 years old, Edith 10 and Amy just 6. Her own parents were elderly, and could probably not afford to take her in. It would have been hard for a widow with children to find a job that offered a home as well as an income, as the pub trade did.

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# THE DOG & PARTRIDGE

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# Recent Presentations



Nigel, Barnsley CAMRA secretary, James and Judy

Barnsley CAMRA Autumn Pub of the Season was presented to the Rose and Crown, Hoylandswaine. The pub offers real ales from regional breweries as well as local ones. The regulars and CAMRA members enjoyed the four beers on offer that evening.

Again, congratulations go to Judy and James and the family on a well deserved award.

Two presentations were made to the Wortley Arms Club recently. Barnsley CAMRA made the Barnsley CAMRA Club of the Year Award, this was swiftly followed by a presentation by Yorkshire CAMRA's regional director awarding the club with the Yorkshire Club of the Year Award.



Phil, Barnsley CAMRA Clubs' Officer; Teresa, Club Stewardess; Kevin Keaveny, Yorkshire CAMRA RD and Angela Smith MP



Phil (back); Dave Litten, Yorkshire CAMRA Cider Rep; Emily and Laura of the Old No7

Also the same day as the presentations to the Wortley Club, we made two presentations to the Old No7, Barnsley. Firstly the presentation for Yorkshire Cider Pub of the Year Runner-Up, then the pub was awarded Barnsley CAMRA Pub of the Year.

All the awards were gratefully received and celebratory drinks were drunk despite the pictures showing very little beer or cider .

# Old Windmill Hotel - Shambles Street, Barnsley

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Ethel Taylor, now aged 37, marries Joseph Strickland, aged 38 and himself a widower, in July 1914 and he takes on the pub, leaving the police force to do so. Was she pushed into remarrying in order to have a man to run the pub? Could she have lost her home and livelihood if she hadn't done so? Things were so different for women at the beginning of the 20th century. As it turned out Joseph was only able to support her in person for a few months.

Joseph Strickland and Ethel did not have any children of their own, and when he enlisted on 8 June 1915 they had not been married a year. He gives his occupation as Caterer and his address as the Old Windmill Hotel, Barnsley. He is sent abroad quite quickly, going to France via Egypt at the end of 1915 with the rest of the Barnsley and Sheffield Pals. He sends a letter home from Egypt which is published in the Barnsley Chronicle in February 1916. "We are encamped on the desert, and have been to Port Said and several other places. Just now it is as hot as summer time in the old country, though it is winter here. Goodness knows what it will be like in the summer time. All the Barnsley boys are out here. We have not had any fighting yet, we are surrounded by trenches and wire entanglements. We had a capital voyage here; we are all in good heart and hope to soon have a smack at the enemy."

The 12th Y&L war diaries (available on Ancestry) record that on 16 May 1916 while posted opposite Serre (in the very trenches the Pals battalions would attack from on 1 July 1916) at 12.20am "Intense fire was opened simultaneously, shells of exceptionally heavy calibre [fell] on front line and supports. The bombardment commenced to abate in intensity at 2.10am. Front line damaged especially at Luke Copse, some of the trenches being levelled." The diary goes on to list the casualties, 15 killed, 1 missing and 45 wounded. The 14th Y&L (2nd Barnsley Pals) and the Royal Engineers are thanked for their assistance in digging out men buried by shell bursts. In his letter to Ethel Strickland back home in the Old Windmill Hotel Captain R E J Moore of B Company says, "It was a real blow to me when we found him among the dead with others who died standing gallantly at their post in the face of a devastating fire." It sounds to me as if Joseph was one of the men buried alive in the front line trenches. He might have been dug out by men he would have known from the pub Barnsley.

Ethel Strickland, a widow for the second time in less than five years, takes on the licence of the Old Windmill Hotel again in July 1916 at the Borough Court. She continues to run the pub until 1917. She was awarded a pension of just 23/- (23 shillings, or £1 and 15p) for herself and her three children, which was set to decrease by 2 shillings a week from February 1917. By the time Joseph's medals are sent to her in 1921 she is living in Scarborough. Maybe she had gone to find work in a hotel or lodging house. Her girls would have also been old enough to work for a living by then.

The Old Windmill Hotel is taken over by Harry Sykes who runs it for a few years until Walter Parkes, whom I have already mentioned, appears in 1922. It remains a pub until 1939 and the building was demolished in the 1960s.

## Websites:

Memories of Barnsley: [www.memoriesofbarnsley.co.uk/](http://www.memoriesofbarnsley.co.uk/)

Tasker Trust: [www.taskertrust.co.uk/](http://www.taskertrust.co.uk/)

Barnsley War Memorials Project: [www.barnsleywarmemorials.org.uk/](http://www.barnsleywarmemorials.org.uk/)

Ancestry: [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk)

*Linda Hutton*

[barnsleyhistorian.blogspot.co.uk](http://barnsleyhistorian.blogspot.co.uk)

# AWAY ALES

It's been another poor recent run of results for Barnsley FC, both home and away so far this season, and we now find ourselves in the dreaded relegation zone as I write. Perhaps we need the distraction of a good FA Cup run, plus a selection of excellent away pubs from the new 2016 CAMRA Good Beer Guide for our next away matches?

## **Saturday 12th December: Colchester**

**The Bricklayers**, 27 Bergholt Road CO4 5AA, is an Adnams pub close to the station, serving up to eight real ales with a variety of guests alongside Southwold Bitter and Broadside from the Adnams range. Up to four real ciders are kept, with Crones always on. A large lounge bar is complemented by a traditional public bar containing a pool table and dartboard, plus a large beer garden with cycle racks. Open 11 to 11 Saturdays. Tel (01206) 852008.

## **Saturday 26th December: Bury**

**Automatic Cafe & Malt Real Ale Bar**, Derby Halls, 36 Market Street, BL9 0BW is a welcoming independent bar and restaurant sharing the Derby Hall with two theatres. With the use of glass, the Malt Bar gives a complete view of the beer cellar and its small electric hoist and pulley system, and also provides an overspill at busy times for the dining area. Priority may be given to diners at lunchtime. In the evening it becomes a lovely, quiet, cosy space to enjoy a pint. Relaxed, safe and comfortable, this is a popular choice for all. Open 10am to midnight Saturdays, but remember it's a bank holiday. Tel (0161) 763 9399. Website: automaticcafe.com

## **Saturday 9th January 2016: Bradford**

**Jacob's Beer House**, 14 Kent Street, BD1 5RL. The pub dating from about 1830, was formerly known as Jacob's Well, and is the only building remaining on what is left of Kent Street. The single-room, open-plan interior has a rustic feel. Nine handpulls offer a varying range and style of real ales: Oates Caragold, Salamander Mudpuppy, Stancill Tom's Mild, Titanic Plum Porter are the regulars. Real cider and bottled beers are also on sale. Open noon to 11.30pm. Tel (01274) 394479.

## **Saturday 16th January: Shrewsbury**

**The Prince of Wales**, 30 Bynner Street, Belle Vue, SY3 7NZ is a welcoming two-roomed community pub with a heated smoking shelter and a large deck adjoining a bowling green. Darts, dominoes and bowls teams abound. Shrewsbury Town FC memorabilia adorn the building both inside and out, with some of the seating from the old Gay Meadow ground skirting the bowling green. Meals are served lunchtimes Fri to Sun. Open noon to midnight Saturdays. Tel (01743) 343301. Website: princeofwaleshotel.co.uk.

## **Saturday 30th January: Swindon**

**The Glue Pot**, 5 Emlyn Square, SN1 5BP, is part of the historic sandstone Railway Village built in the 1840s. There are seven Hop Back or Downton ales, one guest, and five real ciders. This is usually a quiet pub, but it gets quite busy on weekend evenings. Note the one remaining window with the Allsopp's logo. A winter beer festival features in January or February. Open Saturday 11.30 to 11pm. Tel (01793) 497420.

## **Saturday 13th February: Gillingham**

**The Past & Present**, 2 Skinner Street, ME7 1HD is Medway's first micropub and voted joint winner of Cider Pub of the Year 2015 by the local CAMRA branch. A minimum of three real ales - sourced regionally - is always on, dispensed from a temperature-controlled room. Three third-pint tasters are offered for the same price as a pint. An array of photographs of closed Gillingham pubs (the Past) and Kent micropubs (the Present) are on display. The service here is friendly. A rear decked patio area with awning doubles as a smoking area. Open noon to 11pm Saturdays.

## **Saturday 27th February: Crewe**

**The Hops**, Prince Albert Street, is a welcoming family-run free house where six handpumps dispense a wide range of real ales, including a stout or porter. Up to six real ciders and perries are also available. A downstairs wall displays images of old Crewe, while another extols the delights of the extensive Belgian bottled beers available. There is a large room upstairs. A regular meeting place for the South Cheshire Motorcycle Club. Open 11 to 11 Saturdays. Tel (01270) 211100.

*Laurence Mace*

# Saison's greetings

It's not just the festive link that makes now the saison to be merry, as brewers rush to make a beer created to slake the thirst of Wallonian farm workers

Modern brewers are a restless crowd, developing new styles or elevating little-known ones to global attention. Saison is a case in point. It was once a beer confined to Wallonia, the French-speaking region of Belgium. But now it's the buzz beer of the moment. Journals in the United States and Australia devote lengthy articles to saison and brewers are rushing to produce a beer that historically had the humble aim of refreshing farm workers bringing in the annual harvest. They were hired on a seasonal basis and were known as les saisonniers.

In keeping with the name, saison was brewed in winter or spring and stored until the summer. The best-known Wallonian producer, Dupont, gives its beer the secondary title of *Vielle Provision*, or *Old Provision*, stressing it was once an important part of farm workers' nutrition and diet. The brewery dates from 1844 and was based on a farm, but farming has given way to full-time brewing. Another major Wallonian producer of saison, Silly, also started life on a farm: the name is perfectly sensible as the brewery is in Silly village by the river Sille.

Both beers have a rich, malty character, with some unfermented sugars remaining, but sweetness is balanced by a big peppery hop note: Dupont uses East Kent Goldings and Styrian Goldings, while Silly favours Challenger and Hallertau.

One of the most interesting interpretations of the style comes from Brasserie à Vapeur – the steam brewery – at Pipaix. Founder Jean-Louis Dits is fascinated by 'botanicals' and adds anis, black pepper, orange peel and medicinal lichen to his beers. He also allows his mash of malt and water in an open vessel to stand for some time to pick up a lactic note from wild yeasts.

In Cromer on the north Norfolk coast, Martin Warren in his tiny Poppyland Brewery loves saison. They are all sedimented beers in attractive bottles – some with driven corks and Champagne cradles – and include Wild

Damson (7.4 per cent ABV), a crossbreed IPA saison brewed with American and New Zealand hops, and a Crab Saison (6.5 per cent).

"Cromer is famous for its crabs," Martin says, and the label adds, 'good with seafood'.

He also believes in the sour mash method and allows part of the mash to stand in the open where its sugars are attacked by lactic acid bacteria. Don't let bacteria put you off: just think yoghurt.

In north London, Beavertown produces a saison using Dupont's yeast with the addition of orange peel, coriander seeds and grains of paradise. The units of bitterness are a modest 23 and I would stress this is a quenching, but not overpoweringly bitter, beer.

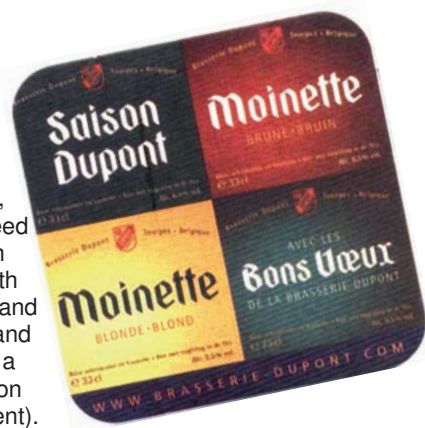
In south London, Brew by Numbers is passionate about the style and its range includes beers brewed with orange peel, cucumber and juniper, grapefruit and ginger, and quince.

Sandy Kirkpatrick in south-west Scotland could not be a more authentic brewer of saison, producing beers on his parents' farm. He describes them as "an alternative to the massively hopped beers that saturate the market".

Wild Beer in Somerset is also based on a farm and its 5 per cent Epic Saison is brewed with Sorachi Ace hops, originally from Japan. Wild Beer uses the sourdough method for a few of its beers.

Back in Belgium, Dupont produces a gift beer. It's a timely brew: after all, this is the saison to be merry.

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Now to venture for my next four different beers to get closer to the 80, I headed out for an autumn evening walk and managed to call in a few pubs. I also managed all these in just a couple of miles of each other, result. So welcome to the drinking quarter of Darton and Barugh



On a recent survey social we arrived at the **Rose and Crown** at Darton. Now with new owners who are keen to push the real ales here. The pub was refurbished just over a year ago which made quite a big change to the place. It's open plan, split level, modern style whilst

having some of the original features. There's a games area, the bar is stone fronted. The restaurant areas and lounges mix well together. There is a good choice of real ales from the three changing guest beers. Today I had the Blonde Witch at 4.5% abv from Moorhouses Brewery.

### **Moorhouses Blonde Witch 4.5% abv.**

This beer is yellow in colour with a wonderful hoppy citrus aroma. Refreshing citrus flavour with a slight malty smoothness.

**Food Matching** - Try the beer with a Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans or with the BBQ Chicken Melt from the pubs menu.



The **Royal** at Barugh Green was refurbished in 2013 and opened its doors just before Christmas in the same year. The oak floors, leather seating, hop covered beams are still in place and looking great still. The restaurant area has a glass chandelier (made with wine glasses) and an original oil painting of the 1966 Grand Prix at Brands Hatch by Ashley Jackson takes pride and place on the far wall.

The pub offers a range of up to five real ales, three being from Black Sheep plus Taylors Landlord and a changing local guest beer. My choice today is in fact the beer I was going to have here on my last visit for this article, Riggwelter at 5.9% from Black Sheep Brewery.

### **Black Sheep Riggwelter 5.9% abv**

Very dark ruby beer. It has a wonderful aroma of hops and fruit. The taste is complex with flavours including liquorice, coffee and bananas.

**Food Matching** – The beer will stand up to some strong foods flavours so strong cheese and red meat dishes can be enjoyed with this powerhouse of a beer



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◀ Next call was the Millers Inn, this open plan pub has a multi room ambience created by the large central walk around bar which serves the games room, where a raised brick mural depicting a gunman and his dog is over the large fireplace, and two lounge areas. The river Dearne runs directly to the back of the beer garden.

Clubs and societies meet here including the fishing club, Royston Animal Welfare and pool and darts teams. The beer range is from the ever growing Marston's portfolio. My choice of beer today was from Brakspear Brewery the Oxford Gold at 4%.

**Brakspear Oxford Gold 4% abv**

An amber coloured beer with an aroma of lemons, the lemony follows through into the taste and then the hops kick in making this a pleasant bitter finish. (brewed at Wychwood Brewery)

**Food Matching** – This beer would go well with fish dishes, chicken or salads.



My last call for this beer trail was again in Barugh Green, this time to the Crown and Anchor. Another pub that has benefitted greatly with investment and extensive refurbishment. The pub is split into two areas, restaurant and two lounge areas. The large "L" shaped bar serves all the areas. Out in the back the

excellent beer garden has views towards the Cawthorne and High Hoyland. The beers on offer here are pretty extensive with up to 6 cask beers and cider and a huge range of bottled beers, see the beer menu for details and styles. I was intrigued to see a Stout Porter so that was the beer of choice from Seven Bro7hers Brewery.

**Seven Bro7hers Stout Porter 5.2% abv.**

A superb dark and delicate porter, full bodied with a rich smooth maltyness and warm roast finish.

**Food Matching** - This style of beer works well with charred flavours from the grill, beef steak or for the less carnivorous, chargrilled vegetables.

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Does your local have an interesting real ale? If so drop me an email, my address is on the branch officers' page. Cheers!



# FESTIVAL ORGANISER AND EQUIPMENT LOGGER

After a hard year with beer festivals and learning how the bits of it work, and juggling with the day job where I have been sent to every place within 100 miles of Barnsley, even places I didn't know even existed, and life in general, I thought it's high time to introduce myself.

I'm Andrew, the new Barnsley CAMRA Beer Festival

Organiser. Only nine months into the job, and as I write this, the eve of the #LoveYourLocalMarket Beer Festival, I would firstly like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has volunteered this year, without these people who give their time, energy and commitment, these festivals wouldn't take place. I would also like to thank all our sponsors over the last year Acorn Brewery, Wentworth Brewery, Two Roses Brewery, the Talbot Inn, NPS group, Hague plant Ltd and Tesco (Hoyland), all these companies have helped from logistical to financial help to maintain the viability of the festivals. Also thanks go to all our suppliers for putting up with me and my emails, phone calls and texts, and finally to all the customers who

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came and supported, and enjoyed the beers and ciders we showcased at the festivals. (Insert a round of applause in your mind, fade and read on)

As we are coming up to the year end, planning is already underway to our 2016 festival season. I would like to ask you all for any ideas or suggestions as well as any

issues, these can be sent to me at [andrewtaylor@barnsleycamra.org.uk](mailto:andrewtaylor@barnsleycamra.org.uk) and I thank you all in advance.

I would also like to call out to the 540 plus CAMRA members in the Barnsley area and ask if any of you would like to help out at future events? Myself and the volunteers who already help out at these festivals would be extremely thankful for any help that can be offered. A beer festival is not just working behind a bar, there are lots of jobs that need your help ranging from membership services, products stall, glass sale and return, stewarding, potato peeler (I kid you not!) to the rank of tea and biscuit sampler :-). My personal journey to beer festival organiser started as a pair of hands lugging equipment from the Barnsley

CAMRA lock up to the Milton Hall, so you can choose to do a little or a lot, it's up to you. Why not give it a go. Watch out for our next festival at the Elsecar Heritage Railway, this runs from Friday 29th April to Monday 2nd May and has become our flagship event and one that needs more hands than we have got.

Cheers

*Andrew Taylor*

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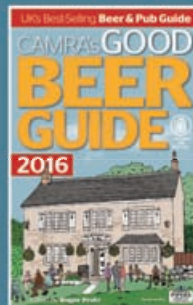
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# Hannah At The Hob

## Chicken and Leek Crumble

Christmas is approaching, a busy time for cooks. I enjoy cooking but get tired of deciding what to serve up for the next meal and then again the next day. I also hate wasting food and try not to over shop at Christmas. This savoury crumble can be made from bottom of fridge bits and pieces or from left overs. Cooked chicken



could be replaced with turkey and I use Philadelphia type cream cheese in sauces when I have no cream. It melts in well and the addition of warm water makes it into a sauce. This sauce is a cheaper alternative to the tubs of Philadelphia style sauce and more versatile too. Almonds, cashews or peanuts are also ideal but not walnuts. Mushrooms or sweetcorn nibs are ok instead of leeks.

I have found this tip from Hairy Bikers very useful. To avoid the base of a crumble or cottage pie bubbling up spoiling the topping, pull the topping away from the side of dish so that the escaping liquid does not flow all across the topping.

I made the topping the night before and kept it chilled.

## Filling

400g of leeks cut into chunks  
40g butter  
200ml dry cider or white wine & water  
50g flour  
300ml milk  
400g cooked chicken in pieces  
2 tbs double cream  
1 tsp Dijon mustard

## Crumble

100g flour  
100g bread crumbs  
125g cold butter in cubes  
35g chopped hazelnuts  
60g grated cheddar  
30g grated parmesan  
parsley garnish

Preheat oven 190C gas mark 5.

Melt half the butter and add the leeks. Cook for 5 minutes but do not brown. Add 1 tbs of cider and simmer until soft. Put aside.

Using another pan melt the remaining butter and stir in the flour, cook for a minute.

Remove from heat and add the milk a little at a time and stirring well.

Stir in the cider and bring to boil stirring all the time.

Combine all the filling ingredients and adjust seasoning.

Pour into an ovenproof pie dish.

For the crumble rub the butter into the flour and breadcrumbs.

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Serve with a simple salad of tomato, radish and spring onion.

*Hannah Lucas*

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Tasting social, this time at the Anglers Rest, Wombwell where we will be filling in supplied tasting cards for Geeves Brewery Beers. Come along and join us. We start at 8pm and tasting cards are available on the night. Buses are the 226 at 7.30pm or the X20 at 7.40pm

## Tuesday 15th December

Our December shortened and brought forward branch meeting is at the Commercial, Summer Lane, this is followed by a wander down Summer Lane and into town. Meeting starts early at 7.30pm. Catch the 7.10pm 43 bus.

## Wednesday 6th January

First social survey of 2016 is round Silkstone and Hoylandswaine. Why not come along and go visit pubs that you may not usually call in. Catch 21 bus at 7.07pm, meet at Lord Nelson.

## Sunday 10th January

Not the Christmas Party. Once again this will be held in the Cellar Bar at Old No 7. Time is 12 noon till 4pm. Cost of tickets will be £12 which will cover cost of two pints of beer or cider and the buffet. Please get in touch with Margaret to book your place. asap please.

## Saturday 23rd January

Day out on the bus to Pontefract and Hemsworth. Catch the ever so slow 11.11am number 28 bus arriving in Pontefract at 12.35pm. We meet up at the Broken Bridge, 5 Horsefair, from here we will make it up. We will leave for Hemsworth on the number 28 bus at 4.47pm to Barnsley.

## Tuesday 26th January

Branch meeting and social at the Cock Inn, Birdwell. Meeting to start at 8.15pm. Buses to catch are either the number 67A at 7.15pm or the number 66 at 7.35pm

## Friday 29th January

Winter Pub of the Season 2015/2016 will be presented to the hard working team at the Talbot Inn, Mapplewell. After a huge refurbishment the pub has come back and picked up this award beating some pretty tough competition. Catch the number 1 bus at

7.30pm or 8pm with the presentation being made at about 9pm.

## Wednesday 3rd February

Once again our branch survey and social is out and about. This month we head to Silkstone Common and Dodworth meeting at the Station Inn 7.30pm Catch the number 21 bus at 7.07pm or the train at 7.14pm

## Saturday 13th February

Branch AGM will be held in Conservative Club. Pitt St. Start at 12.30pm. After the meeting a social walkabout round Barnsley town centre to visit a few pubs. At this meeting we shall be asking for members to put forward any charity they would like to see Barnsley CAMRA sponsor for 2016.

## Saturday 20th February

Wetherspoons Wander (Day 1 ). We start at the Silkstone Inn, Barnsley at 10am depart at 10.30am to another Wetherspoons pub somewhere in South Yorkshire, we won't know where until 10.15am, and that is how the day will carry on. We will travel by bus, train and trams and finish around 8.30pm and head back home. Best Ticket for the day is Travelmaster Gold Day £7.60

## Sunday 21st February

Wetherspoons Wander (Day two). Today we start at the Joseph Bramah, Barnsley at 10am and depart at 10.30am, much like day one, we won't know where until 10.15am. We will again travel by bus, train and trams and finish but finish at around 5pm. Best Ticket for the day is Travelmaster Gold Day £7.60

## Tuesday 23rd February

Branch meeting and social this time it's at the Horseshoe in Wombwell. Catch the number 226 bus at 7.30pm for at 8pm start.

More meetings and events take place than what we put onto this page. See our calendar on our website for all our events.

## Join the Free Text Update

Just send a text with your CAMRA number and name to the secretary's mobile (07736288072) requesting "CAMRA Text" Updates. These can be stopped by texting "STOP" at anytime.

**Information correct as we went to print.**

Margaret Croft



# WEEKLY LISTINGS

WHAT'S ON AT YOUR LOCAL?

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## MONDAY

### PIE & PINT MONDAYS

*All pies are £6.00 & selected ales just £2.50 on a Monday.*

## THURSDAY

### PUB QUIZ

*No luck on Tuesday? Never fear, our Thursday pub quiz starts at 9pm.*

## TUESDAY

### PUB QUIZ

*Test your knowledge every Tuesday with our pub quiz from 9pm.*

## FRIDAY

### FISH FRIDAYS

*Delicious fish specials available every Friday.*

## WEDNESDAY

### BURGER NIGHT

*All burgers are just £5.00 on Wednesdays.*

## SUNDAY

### ROAST DINNERS

*Sunday Roasts 11:30am-9:00pm, with free soup 11:30am-1:00pm.*

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# TRADITION INNOVATION



## BARNLSLEY BITTER

Brewed using finest quality Maris Otter malt and English hops. Chestnut in colour, having a well-rounded, rich flavour, it retains a lasting bitter finish.



## YORKSHIRE PRIDE

Light easy drinking session beer. Pale straw in colour with tropical fruits and citrus notes on the palate and aroma.



## OLD MOOR PORTER

A full bodied Victorian style porter with hints of liquorice. The initial bitterness gives way to a smooth, mellow finish.



## ACORN BLONDE

Beautifully balanced pale ale. An initial creamy, malty body is followed by a citrus fruit and hoppy aroma and taste.



## GORLOVKA IMPERIAL STOUT

A deep malt and hoppy aroma with liquorice throughout. Roast malts, fruit and hops also carry through this full-bodied stout.



## BARNLSLEY GOLD

Golden beer with a fresh citrus aroma and good bitterness levels. Fruit and hops carry throughout. Crisp dry and well-hopped.

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