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**Pub of the Season**



Congratulations go to the team at the Furnace Inn at Hoyland. This warm and welcoming pub could win any pub of the seasons from Barnsley CAMRA, but Winter it is. The two cask ales here are in excellent condition and the team have been trying hard to pick up this CAMRA award for some time, it's now time to say well done.

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# THE DOG & PARTRIDGE

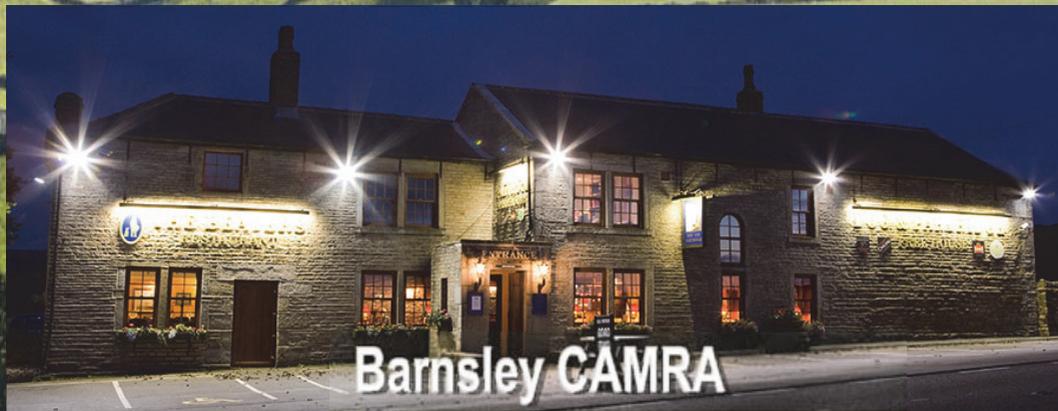
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# Winter Pub of the Season

## The Furnace Inn HOYLAND

The Furnace Inn in Hoyland has been chosen for Barnsley CAMRA Winter Pub of the Season. This historic pub stands to the side of Milton Pond which was one of a series built in the valley to supply water to the Iron Works which were across the road and that is how the pub got the name Furnace Inn.

The pub is noted as the Furnace Inn on maps dating back to 1890. This local is owned by A & D Enterprises and is extremely well run by able and loyal staff and is a great traditional pub at the heart of the community of Hoyland. The pub appeals to all ages and is well served by the local residents.

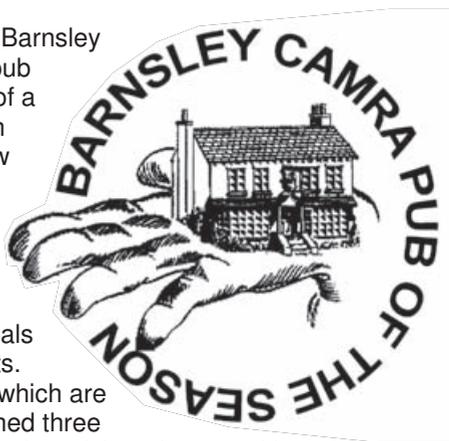
They serve two cask ales, a regular and a guest, which are always in superb condition. The pub was refurbished three years ago and has a plush interior which always looks spick and span, with comfy seating. It consists of three seating areas one to either side as you go through central doors plus a elevated level to the left. There is plenty of seating outside where you can watch the wildlife activity on the pond or the fishermen. The pub runs three quiz nights a week on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.

Although it has won Winter Pub of the Season it is a great pub to visit at anytime of the year. You can be certain that this is one pub you won't want to leave in a hurry.

As we go to print it wasn't possible to fix the presentation date but it is hoped that it will take place on either 16th or 23rd January 2015. Contact the pub on 01226 742000 or Margaret Croft whose details are on page 24.

To get to the Furnace Inn you can catch the 66 bus from town and walk 5 mins down the hill from Hoyland Town Centre or catch the 67 bus and alight at the doorstep. For bus times call traveline on: 01709 515151

*Margaret Croft &  
Phil Gregg*



# PUB, CLUB & BREWERY NEWS

A planning application has been submitted for housing on the **Wharnccliffe Arms** at Carlton. Barnsley CAMRA will be opposing the plans. **Thawleys** at Low Valley is closed but rumours are it is only temporary and may reopen shortly. Building work has been carried out on the **Royal Oak**, Wombwell. This involved taking out all the old Clarkson Brewery Windows. **Highgate W.M.C.** has submitted plans for a detailed extension including a children's play area.

**The Cross** at Royston is set for a refurbishment and minor alterations. The **Rose & Crown** Darton, which re-opened in September after a major refurbishment, is now selling up to three guest ales. In Shafton the **Shafton Village Club** is no longer selling cask ale. The **Crown Inn** at Elsecar has unveiled their new conservatory and dining room and very impressive it is too. The committee of the **Ward Green W.M.C.** are trying to secure the club's future from the grasp of Samuel Smiths. **The Star** at Hoyland Common is now offering Acorn Barnsley Bitter and it is proving very popular. The **West End Club** in Cudworth is no longer selling cask ale following a change in steward which is disappointing as it had proved very popular with some of the club's members and guests.

## Stop Press News:

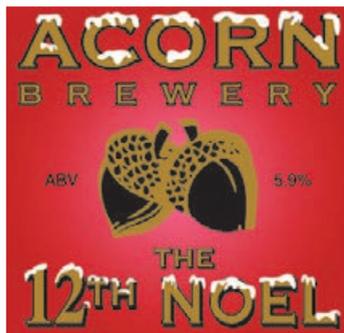
As we go to print, news is that the **Wortley Men's Club** has won its place in the top four clubs in the UK. Good luck with the national competition, you can do it!

## Acorn Brewery

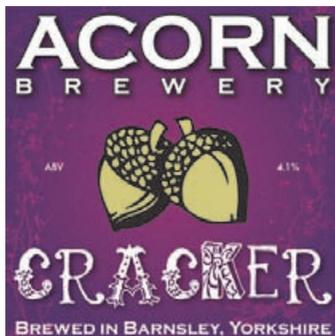
Paul Hicks is the new member of the Acorn Brewery team and

will take on the role of sales executive which will focus on the South and West Yorkshire areas.

It has been quite a busy year and Barnsley Bitter 3.8% picked up the Gold award for its category in the Society of Independent Brewers SIBA NE competition. Expansion plans for 2015 are on the drawing board to keep the team busy!



The latest beers are: 12th Noel, originally brewed at 4.8% now weighing in at mighty 5.9%. Rich ruby coloured ale, roasted malts and English Bramling Cross hops combine to release rich berry fruit flavours.



Cracker 4.1% is brewed with Maris Otter Pale Ale malt and Vienna Malt to create a pale, straw coloured seasonal ale. Lemon and grapefruit dominate

the hop aromas. Winter Pale Ale 4.5% (January 2015). A pale golden ale brewed with English Fuggle and Goldings hops for a citrus and grapefruit aroma with a lasting bitterness.

## Two Roses Brewery

Dan Jarvis MP joined forces with Barnsley's Two Roses Brewery to create a special beer to mark the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War 1.



Barnsley Pals Ale was launched with the help of members of the town's Royal British Legion at the Two Roses Brewery in Darton. Five pence from the sale of each pint will be donated to the Barnsley Group of the Barnsley Royal British Legion. The Barnsley Pals Ale (BPA) is a 4.1% ABV copper coloured beer made with English hops.



*Phil Gregg  
Pub and Clubs Officer  
Barnsley CAMRA*

# Barnsley Club Scene

## Cawthorne W.M.C.

For this club scene article we visit a small village club in the west of our area. Cawthorne village club is a fantastic little club and a must visit for any real ale enthusiast.

The club is situated in the pretty, leafy village of Cawthorne - a village steeped in history. During its history the club has had many names, the Tivy Dale Club, Bottom Club, Low Club or Cawthorne Gentlemen's Club. Originally, the club was a wooden hut that was brought to the village from Dunford Bridge in the 1930's as the clubhouse for the then Cawthorne Golf Club. Following the outbreak of war, in 1939 the golf course was ploughed up but the hut remained eventually becoming the Cawthorne Club in 1947.

The first Club was limited to men of the parish of Cawthorne and officers from the local military camp. During the years later this was opened up to men from outside the parish. Women members were finally allowed during the 1990's.

The current clubhouse was built in 1994 and, with it, a new culture catering for a wider audience. Today the club is at the heart of the community, hosting regular events such as quizzes, race days, bingo, poker nights and other community events.

The club offers a great pint of Cask ale sourced from local breweries. So if you are in the area, call in. You won't be disappointed.

The Clubs opening hours are:

Monday - Thursday 8pm - 11pm

Friday 4pm - 11pm

Saturday Noon - 11 pm

Sunday Noon - 10:30 pm

*Phil Gregg*

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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  
**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  
**Horseshoe** - Wombwell  
**Huntsman** - Thurlstone  
**Joseph Bramah** - Barnsley  
**Keel Inn** - Barnsley  
**Market** - Elsecar

**Milton Arms** - Elsecar  
**Moulders Arms** - Barnsley  
**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  
**Silkstone Inn** - Barnsley  
**Spencer Arms** - Cawthorne  
**Sports & Social Club** - Hoylandswaine  
**Spread Eagle** - Penistone  
**Station** - Dodworth  
**Talbot Inn** - Mapplewell  
**Trades Club** - Barnsley

**Waggon and Horses** - Langsett  
**Wortley Arms** - Wortley  
**Wortley Hall** - Wortley  
**Wortley Men's Club** - Wortley

Updated December 2014

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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# Hannah At The Hob

By  
Hannah Lucas

It is that time of the year again, Christmas shopping, cooking for friends, visiting relatives and those Christmas songs everywhere.

Think again, the new Good Beer Guide is out and it is full of great town and country pubs. It makes you want to relax in a village pub, sat by a warm fire or in a city centre pub away from the shoppers. Because you deserve it.

You may not want to cook when you get in but feel hungry wanting something with a kick. This soup is easy to make in advance and heat through when you get in. I would add the vodka at this stage!

It is also a bit fancy and could be served in pretty bowls as part of a smarter meal.

## Bloody Mary Soup

You will need:

- 1 tbs oil
- 1 chopped onion
- 1 diced red pepper
- 2 sticks chopped celery
- 1 tin chopped tomatoes
- ¼ tsp chilli powder
- 1 pint veg stock
- 4 tsp Henderson's relish
- 4 tsp tomato puree
- 2 tsp sugar
- 4 tbs vodka
- salt & pepper

Garnish - sliced tomato, celery leaves and few drops chilli oil

A local Doncaster Vodka ►



If using a slow cooker put it on to warm as per instructions

Using a saucepan fry the onion until soft and golden.

Add red pepper and cook for a few minutes

Add rest of ingredients except vodka.

Cook for 3 hours in a slow cooker or in a covered saucepan for about 40 mins

Add hot water if needed to prevent drying out. Slow cookers tend to add moisture to a dish whilst saucepan cooking tends to cause food to dry out and burn on the bottom.

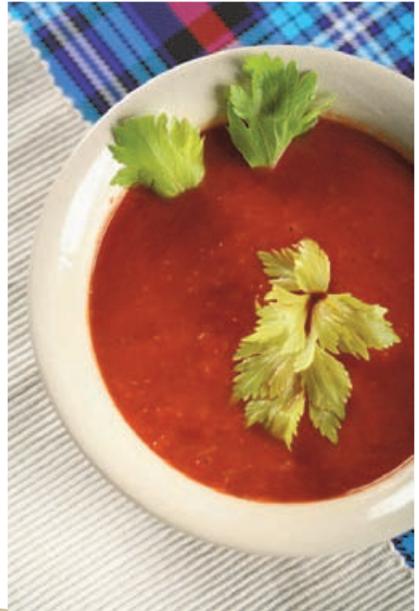
Blend until smooth, sieve if necessary.

Adjust seasoning

Add vodka and keep hot until required

Ladle into bowls and garnish

Serve with warm bread or fingers of cheese on toast.



# Autumn Pub of the Season



Barnsley CAMRA members and guests boarded a bus and ventured out to the farthest reaches of the branch area to present the Autumn Pub of the Season to the team at the Dog and Partridge, Bord Hill, Flouch. Regulars and members congratulated Steve and Audrey and spent a pleasant evening trying the range of up to four beers on offer.

## Regional Club and Pub of the Year

Our local Club of the Year 2014, the Wortley Men's Club was awarded its latest achievement in November, Regional Club of the Year 2014. The presentation to Teresa and Nigel was made by Mick Moss, former Regional Director and member of the club. The presentation was made to a packed out club and we thank them for the hospitality once again, and good luck in the National finals.

**News just in:**

**The club is in the UK's top four!**



On the same day as the presentation above to the club, members were loaded onto the bus to make their way to the Old No 7, Barnsley where Mick Moss presented the Old No 7 Team with Regional Pub of the Year 2014 - Joint Runner Up. Pictured left is Emily, Fiona (Manager) and Johnny. Barnsley CAMRA would like to congratulate you all for your hard work.

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# AWAY ALES

Three wins, three draws and two losses in our first eight away games is not a bad start to the new campaign, considering it's a new team and new opponents. Let's hope these winter games will provide a steady climb up the table, together with a decent F.A. Cup run. CAMRA's newly published 2015 Good Beer Guide will lead us to the best "Away Ales":-

## Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Walsall

Current local CAMRA Pub of the Year seems a great place to choose out of Walsall's eight entries in the new guide. The **Black Country Arms**, High Street, WS1 1QW, is a large imposing establishment on three levels – part of the building was originally the Greene Dragon Inn, dating back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The pub lay empty for 70 years until extensive refurbishment saw it reopen in 1987. The impressive bar boasts 16 handpumps serving up to 11 guest ales, mainly from microbreweries, with two real ciders always on tap. Permanent real ales are all from Black Country Brewery: Bradley's First Golden, Pig on the Wall and Fireside.

Open: noon to midnight on Sat.  
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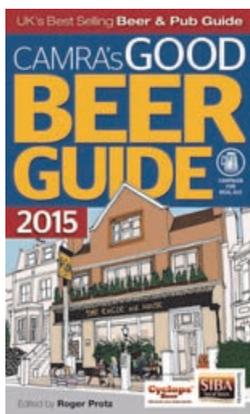
## Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December: Preston

Friargate is the place to be in Preston, as its section of the new CAMRA Good Beer Guide 2015 holds four of the nine entries! We've focused on the other three choices in Friargate in previous "Away Ales" so today's pub is the **Old Dog and Partridge**, 44 Friargate, PR1 2AT. A down-to-earth city centre pub that specialises in rock music. The five real ales are Holt Bitter, Tetley

Mild, Timothy Taylor Landlord and two guest beers from the SIBA direct

delivery scheme. There is also a real cider. The landlord (not the beer!) has been at the pub for more than 30 years. There is a monthly live music night, a weekly quiz on Thursday, and a rock DJ on Sunday evening. Excellent value pub lunches are served (no food Sundays) and a covered smoking area is provided at the rear.

Open Boxing Day 11am to 11.30pm, but check beforehand.  
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## Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2015 Scunthorpe

We've visited all three of Scunthorpe's CAMRA Good Beer Guide pubs in the past seasons of "Away Ale" so let's go around again and revisit a particular favourite of mine, the **Berkley Hotel**, Doncaster Road, DN15 7DS. This is a roomy, nay massive, Samuel Smith's pub, identified by CAMRA as having a nationally important historic 1930s Art Deco interiors. The landscaped front entrance opens into a large lobby area, leading to two bars. The main lounge bar has a real fire and the second is a spacious room with a ballroom leading off. A side entrance

provides access to the public bar and rear beer garden. The generously priced real ale is of course Samuel Smith's Old Brewery Bitter. Even more importantly the pub is five minutes' walk from Glanford Park football ground.

Open: noon to 11pm Saturdays.  
Tel: (01724) 842333

## Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January: Doncaster

The **White Swan**, 34 Frenchgate, DN1 1QQ, is a traditional town centre pub with a small front tap leading past the famously high bar into a long narrow lounge. The Irish themed décor reflects the previous licensee's heritage and is complemented by interesting photos of old Doncaster.

Supportive of local micros, beers from Glentworth and Doncaster breweries are usually on offer, alongside Black Sheep Best Bitter. Live music features at weekends and there is a jazz session on the first Saturday afternoon of the month. Good value meals are served until 6pm Mon-Sat.

Open: 10am to midnight Sat.  
Tel: (01302) 366573

## Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January: MK Dons

The Milton Keynes: Central section of the 2015 CAMRA Good Beer Guide gives only two entries, so we'll visit **the Barn**, 800 Secklow Gate West MK9 3BZ, this time, as "Away Ales" featured the other pub (Wetherspoon's) in our visit of August 2004. Part of a Premier Inn, this pub, formerly called The Old Barn, is ideally placed for Milton Keynes city centre. It offers a changing selection of ales often from the Marston's stable, and the usual Beefeater menu of reasonably priced food. Families are welcome. Be aware that daytime parking is on a meter.

Open: noon to 11pm Saturdays.  
Tel: (01908) 663388

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## Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February: Swindon

Swindon boasts five entries in the new 2015 CAMRA Good Beer Guide, and it's nearly ten years since Barnsley played there in the league. The **Hop Inn**, 7 Devises Road, SN1 4BJ, is a converted former shop. Opened in 2012, having an unusually open aspect to the front making it very inviting. Inside it is furnished in an eclectic style with bright plastic chairs and tables made from reclaimed wood. A genuine free house it has five hand pumps, one dispensing the house beer brewed by Ramsbury and the others offering an ever-changing variety of guest ales sourced from smaller breweries. There are two real ciders in boxes. Current local CAMRA Pub of the Year. Open: noon to midnight Saturdays. Tel: (01793) 976833 Website: hopinnswindon.co.uk

## Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February: Crawley

A brand new destination for "Away Ales", Crawley has two pubs listed in CAMRA's new 2015 Good Beer Guide. Arguably the oldest building in Crawley High Street, the **Brewery Shades**, 85 High Street, RH10 1BA, dates back to the 1400s, and comes complete with two ghosts. This pub is wet-sales led. The licensee has a true passion for the trade, as demonstrated by the inspired range of guest ales and ciders, which are always in excellent condition. Greene King Abbot and Moreland Old Speckled Hen are permanent beers. The haunted upstairs room is now available for meetings. Good food is served throughout the day – check the specials board or try the mixed grill. Open 10am to 1am Saturdays. Tel: (01293) 513105

## Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February: Gillingham

Nearly ten years since Barnsley played away here in the league, and now Gillingham has three pubs featured in our new

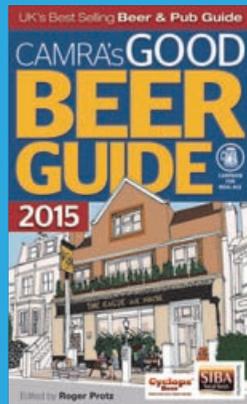
CAMRA Good Beer Guide 2015. The **Will Adams**, 73 Saxton Street, ME7 5EG, has been a real ale oasis for 20 years and serves two to three guest ales along with cider and perry, including Old Rosie. Licensee Pete welcomes both home and away fans on Gillingham FC home game, typically opening early and getting busy. Will Adams was a mariner, born in Gillingham who opened up Japan to the West and became a Samurai, this being the theme of the mural on the pub's walls. It is open weekday evenings and weekends. Saturday's opening times are advertised as 12.30pm to 4pm and 7pm to 11pm. Tel: (01634) 575902 Website: thewilladams.co.uk

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Timothy Taylor Landlord, Black Sheep Best Bitter and Tetley Trad on all the time and 3 guest beers appearing regularly we can't expect you to like everything - so please ask for a free taster before you buy!

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# AROUND BARNLSLEY IN 80 BEERS!

## Beers 53 to 56

Winter is here and I can now sit back and reminisce on some of the pubs I visited and beers I drank over the warmer autumn evenings. Again, I was keeping an eye out for the next four beers to keep this series flowing. I am calling in a few pubs visited in the past but haven't managed to duplicate a drink... Yet!



The **Miners Rest** on Palm Street at Old Town, Barnsley has three drinking areas, one lounge to the left as you walk into the pub, the other two areas are to the right. The small bar efficiently serves all areas. The extension and beer garden overlooks the pub's own bowling green.

Today's beer is inspired from a haunted pub in one of the UK's most haunted villages, the Bell at Walberswick. Adnams, Ghost Ship.

### **Adnams, Ghost Ship 4.5% abv.**

A Pale Ale with great citrus bitterness with a fruity flavour throughout. Made with a blend of American hops.

**Food Matching** - It goes well with mild cheese salad and is great with burgers!



The next visit is the **Saville Square** out at Hoyland Common. The pub is in a modern style and to a high standard. Pillar seating as well as extremely comfortable lounge and modern table seating. The three real ales change quite often and usually have at least one from a local brewery. The pub opens for breakfast at 9am but my visit was nearer

9pm when ordering a pint of St Austell's Proper Job wasn't frowned on.

### **St Austell, Proper Job 4.5% abv**

This pale amber beer has a great floral grapefruity aroma with a hint of spices. Creamy texture and lots of citrus - oranges as well as grapefruit, with a dry and bitter finish. Very refreshing.

**Food Matching** – From the pubs menu, try it with the chicken Caesar salad or the Greek salad, or from the main, chicken, brie and cranberry with ciabatta and chips. ▶



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◀ While I was distributing the Autumn edition of the BAR, the **Rose and Crown** at Darton had been open a week or so, having had no reports from anyone I called in. The refurbishment of the pub has made quite a big change to the place, the open

plan, split level, modern stile whilst leaving some of the original features has brought the place to life. Games area with stone fronted bar and restaurant areas and lounges mix well together. The added feature for the real ale drinker is that there are two hand pumps offering guest beers. I opted for the Castle Rock, Harvest Pale from Nottingham.



**Castle Rock, Harvest Pale 3.8% abv** This “as the name suggests” pale ale has a wonderful floral aroma and just bursts with very floral and fruity flavours. One of my best pints this year!

**Food Matching** - This fruity beer would go well with the lasagne from the pub’s menu, either the traditional or the vegetarian option.



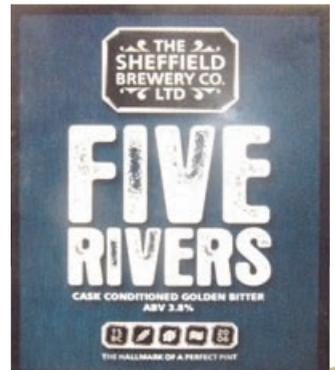
For the next beer it was time to head to Elsecar and to the **Market**, which had quite a few extra beers on over the weekend of our September festival. The Market is a multi roomed pub with additional drinking corridor. The constantly changing beers come from micro breweries. To the rear is a popular beer garden, and to the right a very large games room. It is also a great meeting place for various clubs, societies, and walking groups and

stands next door to the Elsecar Heritage Centre. My beer choice was from the festival bar, Sheffield Brewery, Five Rivers.

**Sheffield Brewery, Five Rivers 3.8% abv**  
Hoppy and mildly yeasty aroma. Floral and fruity taste and finish. In all a smooth drinkable pint.

**Food Matching** - The pub does a cheese roll, this goes quite well with the fruity taste of the beer.

**56 beers downed with only 3 gallons of beer to find...**  
Does your local have an interesting real ale? If so drop me an email, my address is on the branch officers’ page. Cheers!



*Nigel Croft*

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# OUT OF THE WOOD

Beer from the wood is making a comeback and inspiring interest

News item: Theakston, the Yorkshire brewer famous for its Old Peculier strong ale (5.6 per cent ABV), has advertised for an apprentice cooper. The brewery in Masham needs an additional pair of hands to learn the skills of making wooden beer casks from its resident cooper, Jonathan Manby.

No, this is not a yellowing scrap of newsprint from the 19th century. Theakston still stores and transports its ales in wood and has been doing so for 187 years. Simon Theakston, who now runs the family-owned brewery, says there's rising demand for his cask beers and many pub landlords want to serve them 'from the wood'.

Jonathan builds 100 casks a year from the finest oak. It will take his apprentice four years to learn the skills of steaming and bending staves of oak, shaving them to the correct thickness, and fashioning casks with iron hoops and wooden lids.

It's so much easier to use stainless steel or even plastic, but an increasing number of brewers, publicans and drinkers believe wood gives an added dimension to the taste of beer. The interest in wood-aged beer has a number of strands. Brewers in both Britain and the US have been ageing beer in whisky casks for several years. Harviestoun, Innis & Gunn, Thornbridge and Fuller's are just a few of the British brewers using whisky casks to store beer and, in some cases, they have moved on to cognac, rum and wine

containers as well. Brewers have also picked up on the popularity of the Belgian style known as lambic. This is an ancient form of brewing, with wild yeasts in the atmosphere fermenting a mix of malted barley, wheat and hops. The beer is stored in giant wooden vats, obtained from the port and wine industries. The wine adds colour and flavour to the beer, while wild yeasts trapped in the wood encourage further fermentation.

**Beer from the wood had an added dimension**

Brewers on both sides of 'the Pond' are now following in lambic's footsteps with what they call sour beers, inoculated with a wild yeast culture. Beer served from a fresh cask of wood is quite different. And the character of such beers can be tasted and enjoyed at the Junction, in Castleford, West Yorkshire. The landlord, Neil Midgley, is a carpenter and joiner by trade, and loves everything about wood. He believes wood can impart additional flavour to beer that you can't get from metal or plastic casks.

Neil had the good luck to meet up with Alastair Simms, a cooper with Wadworth in Devizes, who now works for the White Rose Cooperage in Wetherby. He builds casks for the Junction, which Neil

fills with beer from chosen suppliers.

At the Junction I sampled Gun Dog Bitter (3.8 per cent), brewed by Wall's of Northallerton. The beer from both plastic and oak casks was delicious, with juicy malt and fruity hops. But the beer from the wood had an added dimension of vanilla and tannin. The second beer – Elland brewery's Beyond the Pale (4.2 per cent) – would, I thought, prove the real test. Pale ale is a delicate breed, so would it survive storage in wood? The version from a metal cask was superb, packed with biscuit malt and tangy citrus hops. But from the wood, the beer had hints of smoke, oak and vanilla.

The final beer came just from the wood. It was Elland's 1872 Porter (6.5 per cent), CAMRA's Champion Beer of Britain 2013 – it had been aged in Scotch casks for a year. It had a whisky hit, with oak and a vanilla note with chocolate malt, liquorice, coffee and spicy hops.

It's good to see wood making a comeback. I suspect Theakston's new cooper will be kept busy for a few years.

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## Roger Protz

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From "BEER - Winter 2014"

# Victory for pub goers and licensees

## Government defeated in Commons vote

Thousands of licensees will be protected from unfair business practices in the pub industry and our nation's pubs protected following the Government announcement on 18th November which unveils plans for a Pubs Adjudicator and Statutory Code.

The long campaign road to reach this result has seen CAMRA contribute to three Business Select Committee investigations, two high profile Parliamentary debates, a Government consultation, an Office of Fair Trading Super Complaint and numerous rallies in Parliament.

Tim Page, CAMRA Chief Executive said:

*"This landmark Parliamentary vote helps secure the future of pubs. CAMRA is delighted that, after ten years of our campaigning, MPs have today voted to introduce a market rent only option for licensees tied to the large pub companies - a move that will secure the future of the Great British Pub.*

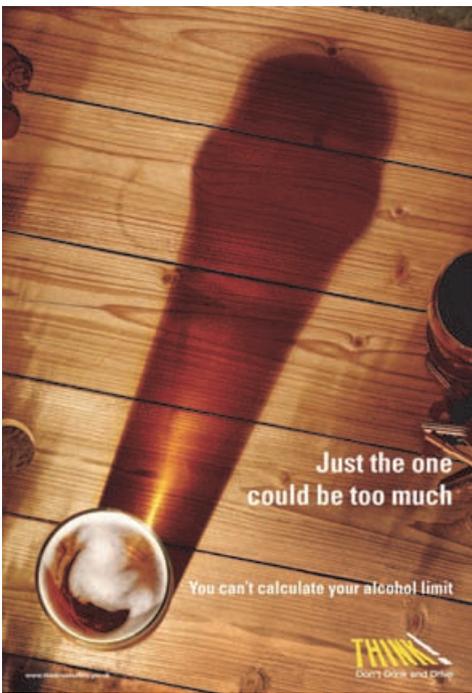


*"The Government was defeated by 284 votes to 259 with MPs from all parties voting in favour of a new clause to the Small Business Bill that will empower pubco licensees to choose between a tied agreement and a market rent only agreement that will allow them to buy beer on the open market. Allowing over 13,000 pub tenants tied to the large pub companies the option of buying beer on the open market at competitive prices will help keep pubs open and ensure the cost of a pint to consumers remains affordable. The large pub companies will no longer be able to charge their tenants prices up to 60 pence a pint higher than open market prices."*

*"This simple choice should spell the end of pubco licensees being forced out of business through high rents and tied product prices.*

*"Thank you to the 8000 CAMRA members and campaigners who lobbied their local MP to help make this happen and to those MPs that voted to support pubs. CAMRA are now urging the Government to accept the outcome of the vote."*

Over the last decade many thousands of pubs have been lost as big pub companies have squeezed them out of existence with sky-high rents and beer prices. With 28 pubs closing a week it is vital that publicans, who are on the frontline of keeping our valued community pubs open, are given protection from heavy handed business practices from the big pubcos. The Government's introduction of a Pubs Adjudicator is another line of defence in protecting the nation's pubs.



It has been nearly a year since Tom and Adam, born in Dodworth and Worsbrough

respectively, rescued the brewing equipment from the now demolished Oakwell Brewery in Barnsley - and what a year it has been!

We began sending beer out to trade in February 2014 and a month later Barnsley Bitter was crowned the Champion Bitter of Yorkshire at the Rotherham Magna Real Ale and Music Festival. This was a fantastic achievement by everyone from the brewer Jonny, to the team of engineers and people that helped with the mammoth move. This was not the end of the awards though - our Blonde recently winning at the Sheffield CAMRA beer



festival. Our team is rapidly expanding as is the company. We are now looking to take on our 8th employee - almost trebling in just under 10 months. As I'm sure many of you will know, and have indeed sampled - we have a core range of 8 Beers. We also release a monthly special. This included a delicious 5.5% stout for "Movember", and a New World IPA showcasing the Motueka hops from New Zealand. You have to be quick to sample these specials, as they have been known to sell out in less than a day!

As this article goes to press, I'm delighted to share with you all some very exciting news indeed. A true Barnsley Legend - Sir Michael Parkinson, recently commented on Radio that Stancill's Barnsley Bitter was his favourite pint of beer. We contacted Sir Michael and have decided to produce a "collaboration brew" in aid of two charities very close to our hearts - Barnsley Hospice and the Alexander Devine Children's Hospice. "PARKY'S PALE" will be available on Bars as this article goes to press. Sir Michael also wants his favourite - Stancill Barnsley Bitter, to be showcased as a permanent feature in his 3 London pubs - You can take the man out of Barnsley, but you can never take Barnsley out of the man! This is I'm sure, a statement for all you readers born and "brought up" in the fantastic town agree with.

On behalf of all at Stancill Brewery, a massive thank you to everyone of you who have supported us, or spurred us on, with your kind messages, comments or simply by trying our beers. Without you, none of this would be possible.

Merry Christmas, and a fantastic 2015 to you all - it's going to be a big one!

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Congratulations go to Malc Reynolds from Barnsley who correctly identified the pub in the last edition as the Thornley Arms at Dodworth, Malc will be enjoying a tenners worth of beer at the Cherry Tree at High Hoyland.

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Please submit your answers by post, text or email to the Editor Nigel Croft. Details are on the branch officers' page 24. Closing date is **Friday 6th February 2015**, and you will be entered into a draw to take place within a week of the closing date. Good Luck...

**By entering this competition we will assume that you have agreed to our T's & C's at [www.barnsleycamra.org.uk/TsandCs](http://www.barnsleycamra.org.uk/TsandCs)**



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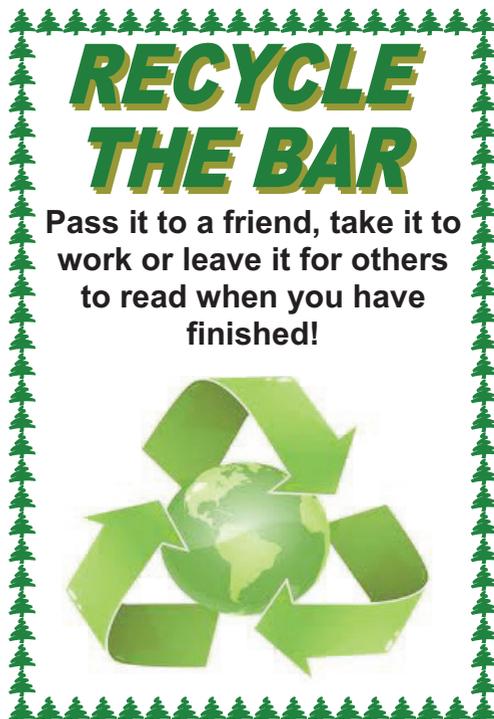
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Branch Meeting then social. The short meeting starts at the Moulders Arms, Summer Street, Barnsley at 7.30pm until 8.15pm. After the meeting we'll be having our Christmas social going around real ale pubs in town.



## Wednesday 7th January 2015

Survey social of Royston. Meet at Cross Inn, Summer Lane at around 7.15pm. Catch the 59a bus at 6.45pm

## Friday 16th or 23rd January

Barnsley CAMRA Pub of the Season Winter 2014/2015. As we go to print it wasn't possible to fix the presentation date at the Furnace Inn, Hoyland but once we know we will announce it on Twitter and Facebook

## Sunday 18th 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.

## Tuesday 27th January

Branch meeting and social at the Milton Arms, Elsecar. Starts at 8.15pm. Catch the 66 bus at 7.35pm or the train at 7.24pm.

## Wednesday 4th February

Survey social of Darfield. We meet up at the Cross Keys at 7.45pm. Catch the X19 bus from town at 7.20pm

## Saturday 21st February

**Barnsley CAMRA AGM** meeting will be held at Conservative Club, Pitt St, Barnsley. Meeting starts 12.30pm till around 2pm. After the meeting we will be having a social around a few town centre pubs.

## Tuesday 24th February

Branch meeting and social at the Royal at Barugh Green. Catch the 93 bus at 7.15pm, meeting starts at 8pm

## Saturday 28th February

Race Night for our local Barnsley Charity the Barnsley Tykes Disabilities Football Club. See the poster inside this edition of the BAR.

## Wednesday 4th March

Survey social of Penistone. Catch the 21 bus at 7.07pm or the train at 7.04pm. We meet at the Royal British Legion Club at 7.45pm

## Tuesday 10th March

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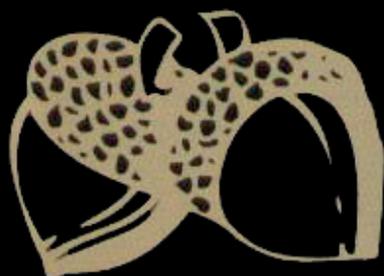
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