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# THE BAR

Barnsley Ale Report

## AUTUMN 2013



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This year's Autumn pub of the season goes to the multi award winning Old No 7, Market Hill, Barnsley. The pub opened in 2011 and the town centre's real ale choice rocketed. The Old No 7 offers 7 real ales, a cider on draught and up to 2 more from boxes. Also there is an array of brewery conditioned draught beers and umpteen bottled beers to choose from. Congratulations to everyone at the Old No 7.

*Full story on page 3*

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# Barnsley CAMRA

## Autumn Pub of the Season

### The Old Number 7, Barnsley

This year's Barnsley CAMRA Autumn pub of the season award goes to the multi award winning Old No 7, Barnsley. Under the excellent management of Fiona Holmes and her dedicated staff the pub has gone from strength to strength. This is the first time the Acorn Brewery flagship pub has won a pub of the season award something that may come as a surprise to many.

Since opening two years ago the No 7 has won a wealth of gongs at local and regional level including recently been awarded runner up in the Yorkshire pub of the year 2012 & more recently winning the Yorkshire cider pub of the year award, an impressive achievement and showing that there is more to this town centre ale house than just cask ale.

The pub has recently been celebrating the 10th anniversary of Acorn brewery by showcasing some special celebration beers including the highly acclaimed perfect 10 (5.5%abv) and the oak barrel aged Gorlovka stout (aged in Jack Daniels oak whiskey casks.) The pub has also recently showcased a superb range of beers from Darkstar brewery amongst others.

The pub continues to host regular beer festivals along with cider tasting, and a weekly quiz, vaping night and all sorts of other shenanigans.

On hearing the news of the award Fiona was over the moon. 'We are delighted to win another award to add to our ever increasing collection. Thank you to the staff for their hard work and to Acorn Brewery and our guest brewers for providing excellent beers. Most importantly a big thanks to our customers for their ongoing support, without you it wouldn't be possible.'

Barnsley CAMRA will be holding a presentation evening on **Tuesday 22nd October** at around 9 pm, so come along and celebrate this fantastic town centre pub.

*Phil Gregg*

### Calling Young Members

brewery on **Saturday 28th September** from 5pm (after our charity sponsored walk). The evening will consist of an interactive brewery tour with the opportunity to select ingredients for a one off special brew! Beer samples and a buffet will also be provided.

Entry to this event costs £8 and tickets can be purchased on the night, or in advance from the brewery – Unit 12 Grange Lane Industrial Estate, Barnsley, S71 5AS or at our brewery tap, the Anglers Rest, Wombwell, S73 0HS. For more information, see the Barnsley CAMRA website or the event page on Facebook.

Geeves Brewery are pleased to invite young CAMRA members to the Geeves Brewery Beer Bash, to be held at the



# Pub, Club & Brewery News

The **Marlborough** on Dodworth Road, Barnsley has installed a handpump and was offering cask ale from Thwaites on a recent visit.

The **Button Mill Inn** is being refurbished, no sign of re-opening but the new name is up and is now The Olive Branch.

Reports have been received that **Rockingham** (Hoyland Common Cricket Club) is offering cask ale, will be calling in on the next match day to investigate.

The **Warren Hotel**, Worsbrough Common has been undergoing a refurbishment and has re-opened looking quite smart. The bar has also gained a couple of hand pulls. Thwaites Wainwrights was available with Original being the next available.

The **Market Hotel** at Elsecar had a Welsh Week of Real Ales. Lee said "After the success of CAMRA's Scottish Beers at the May Festival, they thought the theme should continue and we opted for Welsh beers".



Above, Lisa and Lee showcasing just a small selection of Welsh beers available over the week's event. As we collect this BAR magazine for distribution (Aug Bank Holiday) the next beer theme is underway with Scottish beers, if you're quick you'll get some.

The **Venue**, Birdwell Club is no longer selling cask ale. There were just not enough members drinking the guest beers to keep it good enough said Gary.

The former Great Houghton Club has now changed its licence and is a pub and has been renamed The Houghton Arms. No real ale though.

The **Wortley Men's Club** have added extra

hand pulls, this has allowed for a permanent locale beer to be added to the guest line-up and as I sit here writing this, they are having a Beer Festival, I should be there, I will be there.

The **Crown & Anchor** at Barugh Green has had a great start to its re-opening in Spring. The range of up to eight real ales plus a traditional cider have been going down great says Chris, Bar Manager. The beers on offer are mostly local and Chris would be keen for any input from you the drinker into what to try. There is also an extensive range of foreign beers in bottles.

The **Pack Horse** at Royston reopened in May and offers a couple of guest beers. The pub interior in the same but has been refurbished and looking great, the beer garden has been well used over the summer too.

The **Chicago Rock** in town has closed due to the pub co-owners having financial troubles.

The **Heart of Barnsley** has a new manager and cask ales have been re-introduced and the pub is now open on evenings.

## Two Roses Brewery - Darton

The Talbot Inn in Mapplewell has taken Two Roses Brewery Beers to the limit, all four hand pumps offer an array of the brewery's beers. These change daily, finding Two Roses Beers was a little difficult until the new owners of the Talbot changed all that. The Talbot Inn is a 20 mins bus ride from Barnsley on a number 1 bus.

## Acorn Brewery - Wombwell

The brewery celebrated their 10th anniversary on 4th July with a party at the Old No7. Pete Brown a Barnsley born beer writer provided a fitting tribute to the 10 years of brewing at the Wombwell brewery.

It was also the occasion of the showcasing of a new IPA at 5.5% "Perfect 10" which was brewed as a special anniversary beer, but this strong American style hoppy beer could well stick around as it was quite popular. Also the "Jack Daniel's Old No7" Bourbon Oak Barrel aged Gorlovka was getting some impressive reviews. The beer brewed to celebrate the ashes series, Burning Bails, has been extremely popular but the brewery is keeping up with demand for this 4.5% golden beer.

*Nigel Croft*



# Barnsley Club Scene

This month's featured club is The **Penistone Royal British Legion**. Situated in the heart of this old market town of Penistone the club is certainly well worth a visit.

The club was originally formed in the old 'Blue Ball' pub in nearby Thurlstone. In 1926 the club moved to Penistone and set up in The White Bear Inn. The pub has sadly long gone and is now a chemist shop. On December 6<sup>th</sup> 1973 the first pint was pulled at the current building with the official opening held in April 1974.



The club caters for all with a huge snooker room with two full sizes tables and televisions showing the latest sports. There is also a plush lounge that showcases regular entertainment.

The club is a fantastic community resource. The club has a thriving woman's section they hold regular quiz nights, monthly luncheon club and annual trips.

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A few years the club started to offer guest ale. The sales and popularity went from strength to strength. The range of cask ale has been increased to two changing guest ales. The guest ales are sourced from local and national micro breweries. Since offering cask ale the club has won high praise and acclaim from Barnsley CAMRA and has featured in the Good Beer Guide. CAMRA members are welcome but are asked to show their membership card and sign in on arrival.

Further details and details of what ales are available now and coming soon can be found on the clubs website:

[PenistoneRBL.co.uk](http://PenistoneRBL.co.uk)

If you intend travelling to the club, it may be worth a quick call just to notify the door staff. 01226 766911 office or 762188 bar

*Phil Gregg*

Pubs and Clubs Promotions Officer



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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  
**Bowling Club** - Penistone  
**Chennells** - Barnsley  
**Cherry Tree** - High Hoyland  
**Cock Inn** - Birdwell  
**Commercial** - Barnsley  
**Conservative Club** - Barnsley  
**Courthouse** - Barnsley  
**Crown & Anchor** - Barugh Green  
**Crown Inn** - Elsecar  
**Dog and Partridge** - Hazlehead  
**Dodworth Arms** - Dodworth  
**Eastfield Arms** - Mapplewell  
**Fitzwilliam Arms** - Elsecar  
**Furnace Inn** - Hoyland  
**Fox and Hounds** - Shafton  
**Foxhouse** - Hepworth  
**Horseshoe** - Wombwell  
**Huntsman** - Thurlstone

**Joseph Bramah** - Barnsley  
**Jump W.M.C.** - Jump  
**Keel Inn** - Barnsley  
**Market** - Elsecar  
**Milton Arms** - Elsecar  
**Old Number 7** - Barnsley  
**Polish Club** - Barnsley  
**Rose and Crown** - Hoylandswaine  
**Royal British Legion Club** - Penistone  
**Saville Square** - Hoyland Common  
**Shaw Lane Club** - Barnsley  
**Silkstone** - Barnsley  
**Silkstone Golf Club** - Silkstone  
**Silkstone Inn** - Barnsley  
**Silkstone Lodge** - Silkstone  
**Spencer Arms** - Cawthorne  
**Sports & Social Club** - Hoylandswaine

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



**Station Inn** - Silkstone Common  
**Talbot Inn** - Mapplewell

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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

What is the future of pub food? Pubs seem polarised between the gastro menu and the more economical offer. Both appear to be competing with the supermarket meal deals that include a bottle of wine. People are attracted to the pub for a Friday night treat but these supermarket meal deals and supermarket takeaway boxes are strong competition for the pub. As an aside, perhaps we should be campaigning for meal deals to include either wine or bottle of British real ale. This is also an opportunity to promote specific beers with particular food.

Pubs are always looking for something new to attract customers. Is there a place for the British tapas? I am thinking about being imaginative and showcasing the best of British food rather than limiting the choice to smaller versions of what is already on offer. I love lots of small savoury dishes in the style of the Greek meze but they can be time consuming to make and use small amounts of a lot of ingredients.

Pubs cannot take the risk of having unsold food hanging about nor stand the cost of waste. I am suggesting a selection of 3 or 4 dishes supported by a cheeses, cold meat and pickled vegetables. The French promote their regional dishes almost to excess. We went to a region which specialised in a parkin style cake and they even used it to flavour mustard. Yes, I do have a jar in the fridge and it is lovely. We need to do more to promote the good regional dishes and the beer and cider that goes with them. Some landlords still pass around a tray of Yorkshire puddings on a Sunday lunch time. Some pubs have a

Sunday cheeseboard but cost and concerns about serving it at room temperature have caused its decline.

Does the idea of a British style tapas meal appeal to you? The informality of choosing individual plates of food, to consume at leisure while you enjoy your beer and a chat with friends. What would we like to see and how would we showcase the best of British? Traditional dishes or something with a more modern twist? I've been happy in the past with some quality ham and bread with pickle



at a pub like the Birch Hall at Beck Hole, near Grosmont. I do see a place for smoked salmon, perhaps a kipper fillet with brown bread and butter, black pudding and blue cheese maybe. How about a small

plate of Jersey Royal potatoes with minted butter or English asparagus in season – got to be a place for foods like these. Simple and the very best. I've recently taken a liking to oysters deep fried in beer batter, one or two of those would fit the bill nicely. I would also like something with gravy such as a small portion of sausage and mash, venison hotpot or corned beef hash. I have been enjoying hot roast beetroot cubes with hot spring onion pieces and cubes of blue Wensleydale cheese and a splash of Yorkshire rapeseed oil all mopped up with hot-crusty bread. Another new favourite is grilled courgette slices with a houmous crust. I recently saw menu with cottage pie croquettes served with mash & gravy, a very strange combination. Anyone tried it?

What would you like on your Yorkshire tapas menu?



# Old No7 is the New No1

The licensee Fiona Holmes and her staff at the Old No7 in Barnsley recently celebrated the pub's latest accolade as the 'Yorkshire Cider Pub of the Year 2013' by the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA).

On Sunday 16th June, the staff were presented with a certificate in recognition of this by Yorkshire Regional Cider Co-ordinator, David Litten, in front of a packed pub of CAMRA members and regular customers who celebrated in style with a buffet, mini cider festival and a tasting session provided by Halifax based Craft Cider Company headed by Nicola Howarth.

The Old No7 is part owned by Dave Hughes, of Acorn Brewery and since opening in the summer of 2011 has

always supported real cider and real perry by providing an interesting choice of regularly changing ciders (usually two ciders and a perry) that are obtained from cider producers throughout England and Wales. Dave insisted that he had nothing to do with running of the cider side of things and that it was all down to Fiona and Kerrie who order the products and keep well up on the knowledge front in order to relay information to discerning customers.

The pub was one of a number that were nominated for the title by CAMRA members throughout Yorkshire. They were then all visited and judged on the Quality, Temperature and Price of the



ciders and perries available. Also considered were aspects of the pub itself: Service and Welcome, Community Focus, Atmosphere, Campaigning and Style/Décor.

David Litten said, "This is a worthy reward to the licensees of the Old No7 who champion small producers from far and wide. For a product that is often sold at a 'premium' price elsewhere, the prices in the Old No7 are very reasonable".

*David Litten*

## REELING IN SUMMER AWARD



The presentation evening at the Anglers Rest, Wombwell had a superb turnout from both CAMRA members and locals alike. On offer on the evening were five Geeves Brewery Beers so a crawl down the bar was achieved by one or two members.

The presentation for Barnsley CAMRA Summer Pub of the Season was made to Licensee Lorna who thanked all the

regular drinkers for their support as well as the odd passers by, she was pleased to see a few new faces amongst the CAMRA members, who will no doubt visit again, and again, and again. Pictured left to right, Lorna Middleton, Harry Geeves, Phil Gregg and Peter Geeves.

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However we must look forward, not back, to our new season and our first away game at the seaside. CAMRA's 2013 Good Beer Guide will, as always, point the way to the best pubs. (Due to printing dates we don't get to tell you where to go for the first couple of matches, but where I went...)

#### **Saturday 10th August: Blackpool**

Close to Church Street and the Winter Gardens, **Gillespies** (87-89 Topping Street, FY1 3AA) sells four ales from the Greene King portfolio. This popular town-centre pub with TV screens and comfortable seating has a café bar ambience during the day and sports bar atmosphere at night. A discount on real ale is offered to CAMRA membership card holders. Tel: (01253) 627882

#### **Saturday 24th August: Blackburn**

The **Black Bull** (Brokenstone Road, BB3 0LL) is an independent family run pub with a micro-brewery attached. Serving from seven handpumps there is a selection of Three B's Brewery real ales and a changing guest or cider; three beer wedges are very popular. Built on a farmhouse in the 18th century it was purchased from Thwaites and is now a place for those who appreciate fine beer and friendly conversation. Tel: (01254) 581381

#### **Sat 14th September: Nottingham Forest**

Nicknamed the King Billy, the **King William IV** (6 Eyre Street, Sneinton, NG2 4PB) is a cosy Victorian gem nestling on the edge of town. A family run free house that oozes charm and character, it is a haven for real ale drinkers, with a choice of seven micro-brewery ales from near and far as well as a cider. A fine selection of rolls is available. A pub not to be missed on a visit to Nottingham. Open: 11am to 11pm Saturday. Tel: (0115) 958 9864

#### **Tuesday 17th September: Bournemouth**

The **Cricketers Arms** (41 Windham Road, Springbourne, BH1 4RN) dating back to 1847, making it Bournemouth's oldest pub. The public bar hosts pool, darts and shove

ha'penny. Mahogany and brass give the lounge a traditional feel. A vaulted ceiling dominates the converted stable room, one a boxing ring made famous by Freddie Mills, former world champion. The permanent beer is Fuller's London Pride. Open: 11am to 11pm Tuesday. Tel: (01202) 551589

#### **Saturday 28th September: Leicester**

The **Salmon** (19 Butt Close Lane, LE1 4QA) A Victorian corner back street free house with a friendly welcoming atmosphere. It has a strong sports following especially for rugby. The large, open U-shaped bar offers beers from six handpumps, mainly from micros-breweries. One mild is always available along with a cider. Local CAMRA Pub of the Year 2012. Open: Noon to midnight Saturday. Tel: (0116) 253 2301

#### **Sat 5th October: Queens Park Rangers**

Because of the death of excellent pubs near QPR's ground we will feature the Good Beer Guide entry for nearby Shepherds Bush, the **Defector's Weld**, (170 Uxbridge Road, W12 8AA) on the corner of Wood Lane and Uxbridge Road. Downstairs is a large horseshoe-shaped main bar with five handpumps and a mix of sofas, tables and chairs. Guest beers change every couple of days and there is at least one LocAle from Moncada, Twickenham, Sambrook's or Redemption. An upstairs room with a bar is available for hire. DJs play music Thursday through to Sunday evenings. Open: Noon to 2am Saturday. Tel: (020) 8749 0008 Website: defectors-weld.com

#### **Saturday 2nd November: Ipswich**

The **Robert Ransome** (Trafalgar House, Tower Street, IP1 3BE), a spacious two-story pub adjacent to Tower Ramparts bus station, with two large bar serveries and up to seven draught beers alongside Wetherspoon's standard value for money food fare, the ground floor bar is popular all day. The upstairs bar is open 11 to 8 (later Fri and Sat) when loud music. Open: 9am to 2am Saturday. Tel: (01473) 341920

#### **Saturday 23rd November: Millwall**

The **Kentish Drovers** (71-79 Peckham High Street, SE15 5RS) is a Wetherspoon pub with a clientele reflecting the local ethnically diverse area. A Jamaican stout has been instigated as a signature real ale which is available most of the time. The mosaic-tiled entrance floor used to form part of the public banking area when this was a bank. Its name today honours the long-time demise of nearby pubs of the same name, recalling livestock being driven to London from Kent. Open: 9am to midnight Saturday. Tel: (020) 7277 4283

*Laurence Mace*



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## September

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13th & 14th  
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18th to 21st.  
York Beer and Cider Festival  
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and bottles

19th, to 21st.  
Todmorden Beer Fest.  
In the Cricket Pavilion , Burnley  
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26th to 28th.  
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Central Hall, Alice St. 70ish real

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**October**  
3rd to 5th  
Huddersfield Oktoberfest  
APNA Venue, Spring Grove St, 75  
real ales, also cider and perry bar,  
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17th to 19th.  
5th. Gainsborough Beer Fest  
The Old Hall, Parnell St: approx  
60 Norse themed real ales +

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all times.

23rd to 26th.  
39th Steel City Beer Fest.  
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ales, cider and perries.

**November**  
1st & 2nd

Chesterfield Market Hall  
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recommended, available from  
outlets in Chesterfield.

7th to 9th  
Wakefield Beer Festival, The  
Space. 120 real ales.

14th to 16th:  
Rotherham 2nd New York Beer  
Festival  
70ish real ales, real ciders and  
bottled beers will be offered with  
Hot food and Cool music.

21st to 24th  
Commercial Autumn Festival  
The Commercial, Chapeltown;  
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the pub. Most ales will be robust  
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# Barnsley CAMRA EXCLUSIVE

# Barnsley Down's Syndrome Forum

SALE NOW ON last few T-Shirts. Don't Miss Out - When they're gone, there're gone. Barnsley CAMRA have teamed up with Easy Clothing Crew Ltd, in Barnsley and have a range of Real Ale T-Shirts. The shirts are from the popular Christine Jopling designs for Endangered Beer Styles.



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Barnsley CAMRA have a local charity we support each year, this year through a vote at our AGM the charity is the Barnsley Down's Syndrome Forum.

It is a group for parents to get together to help provide information and support for people with Downs Syndrome and their families in the Barnsley area.

The aim of the group is to increase the awareness and knowledge by working with local partnerships and services.

Barnsley CAMRA is helping this year to raise much needed funds to help with this sharing of information within the communities.

We have already raised over £100 and our aim is to get to at least £1000 by the end of the financial year.

Our next event is the **sponsored walk**, this takes place on **Saturday 28th**

**September**, we meet up at the Talbot Inn in Mapplewell, at 11.30am and depart at 12.15pm. We head to the Anglers Rest at Wombwell (arriving at around 5pm) via the Keel Inn, Canal Street, Barnsley and the Black Bull, Stairfoot.

This is a steady walk with just the two stops and should take about 4 to 5 hours. You can get a sponsor form from any of the pubs mentioned above or email [camra@barnsleycamra.org.uk](mailto:camra@barnsleycamra.org.uk) for one you can print.

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# Around Barnsley in 80 Beers

## Beers 33 to 36



What a fantastic summer, sitting in the beer gardens of some of my selected watering holes taking notes of beer and pub. Yet again I have ventured to find some more different ales in my quest to get 80 from the borough's pubs and clubs and again I have found some great beers.

**The Dove Inn** is just a short walk out of Barnsley town centre, on Doncaster Road across from St Peter's Church. A fantastic pub with probably the

best beer garden around. It has a pool room next to the bar and open plan lounge area all in a pale wood finish. Another small lounge area leads to the terraced garden which overlooks the football ground. Old Mill Brewery beers are on offer, this includes seasonal beers but we will leave those for another time, today I had the Old Mill Traditional Bitter.

### **Old Mill Traditional Bitter 3.9% abv.**

This brown bitter has a pleasing hoppy aroma with a fruity, hoppy and malty flavour. In my eyes a perfect bitter beer.

**Food Matching** - This beer goes well with pizza or a meaty pie and mash.



The Lundhill Tavern is set on Beech House Road (the quiet road leading from Wombwell to Hemingfield.) The pub is possibly the old pit's counting house and offices, however it's been a pub for ages now. Lundhill Pit, which is now the nine hole golf course adjacent the pub, had a massive underground explosion that killed 189 men and boys, some aged as young as 10, in seconds on 19th February 1857.

The pub today offers up to three real ales from the bar, which is up a few steps. It's quite a

strange layout with split level areas and nooks and crannies. I opted for the Wells Bombardier

### **Wells & Young's Bombardier 4.1% abv**

This iconic copper coloured premium beer has a hoppy aroma and fruit, this fruit continues in the taste and is complimented with the sweet malt and zesty hops.

**Food Matching** – This beer would go down well with the Beef Baguette on offer at the Tavern, and for any light bits try it with a strong cheese and salad, but hold back on the salad cream it just wouldn't work with salad cream. ▶



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The split

level multi roomed layout offers distinctive drinking area's within the one pub. The bar area has the Wetherspoon popular high tables while the lounge areas have the lower tables, ideal for dining.

**Batemans XXXB 4.5% abv** or Triple XB is a classic English strong bitter, full-bodied and malty but at the same time dry with a distinct hop character.

**Food Matching** - Going from the Wetherspoons mains menu, this beer would go well with the Chilli Con Carne, Five Bean Chilli, or the Rack of BBQ Ribs.



The **Kings Head** is on sharp bend just out of the centre of Mapplewell on Towngate and Darton Lane. The main entrance leads you into this wonderful multi roomed pub with small lounges, games room, TV lounge and conservatory drinking area, the latter being the entrance if coming in from the car park and beer garden. The pool table, darts board and large screen TV are all close to the bar while a small quiet lounge also has a serving side from the "U" shaped bar. This bar offers just the one cask ale Tetley Bitter, though this can occasionally change to a guest beer. So Tetley's it is then.

**Carlsberg Tetley Cask 3.7% abv** This once Yorkshire iconic beer was brewed in Leeds, however the brewery closed in 2011 and production of the beer moved to Banks's Brewery in Wolverhampton. This beer is amber in colour and has a little malt and hop in the aroma. It lacks any complex flavours and just has simple hop and malt in its overall taste.

**Food Matching** - This beer would go well with a mild cheese ploughman's

**36 down, 44 to go...**

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



*Nigel Craft*

# It's Your Turn

One good way of getting your pub featured in the pages of the BAR is to write something about it, send a picture or two and leave the rest to the editor. This is what Scott Lowe has done. Scott is a new CAMRA member and works at the Spencer Arms in Cawthorne. So welcome to the **Spencer Arms**.

The pub was built in 1720 and is now one of South Yorkshire's best Gastro-Pubs located in beautiful village of Cawthorne (listed in the Domesday Book) at the foot of the Pennine Hills.

Behind the village lies Cannon Hall, a grand country estate with gardens and lakes by Capability Brown.

Recently, the pub has been given a unique make-over, combining a mixture of olde world charm on the exterior, with a contemporary, stylish interior.



The outside garden area extends beyond the car park into a seated decked area to the rear and paved area and tables to the front.

The regular real ales are Timothy Taylor Landlord, Black Sheep Best Bitter and Abbeydale Moonshine as well as three more local changing guest beers. Pictured above are beers from Bradfield Brewery, Acorn and Abbeydale breweries.

The food menus are available to download from the pubs website: [www.spencerarms.co.uk](http://www.spencerarms.co.uk)

If you are calling at the pub it has its own large car park, if you intend a few great beers the number 92 and 92a buses go through the village and is only a 25 mins ride from Barnsley.

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Tuesday and Wednesday 12-11  
Thursday to Saturday 12-12  
Sunday 12-10



# Craft, Cask and Keg Part 2

In the last edition I wrote about the current debate regarding 'craft beer,' 'craft keg' and similar.

Things have since moved on:

In a Sheffield Good Beer Guide Pub 2013 pub, I recently spotted a 'CAMRA LocAle' badge attached to a local brewery keg font ..... this is not LocAle and if advertised as such breaches the Trades Description Act. LocAle is not a keg product even if it comes from a local brewery who produce a range of respected cask conditioned beers. LocAle is cask conditioned beer. I can only assume some confusion among the bar staff.

Brewdog Brewery have applied for a premises licence on Division Street, Sheffield. No doubt, this will have similar décor to their other outlets. I have sampled their 10% Cocoa Psycho (described as 'a decadent and indulgent Imperial Russian Stout') in both bottled and keg format. It was worth the taste but I won't be buying another bottle. Their pricing policy could be seen as extreme: seemingly high prices for strong heavily hopped keg beers (using the finest ingredients). However, you would not expect to pay the same for a bottle of appellation d'origine contrôlée (AOC) Red wine as you would for a litre bottle with a crown cork. Brewdog (and others) would argue that they brew interesting beers, then calculate the selling price from their production costs.

BrewDog's Fraserburgh brewery produced its first brew in April 2007. They moved to nearby Ellon in 2012, keeping Fraserburgh for experiments. Brewdog now claims to be Scotland's largest independently owned brewery producing about 120,000 bottles per month, mostly for export. Prior to 2012, most of their beers were available in cask form, but cask production is now zero. Personally, I would like to see a reintroduction of cask Brewdog - better taste, less carbonisation ... a superior product. Their website states 'we are on a mission to make other people as passionate about craft beer as we are' - but they never define what is meant by 'craft beer' ..... surely high quality cask would qualify? - so cask Brewdog for the Sheffield launch? It's unlikely, but worth an ask!

The Guardian produced a piece about the 'Craft Beer' movement. They state: *'The craft crew, however, don't care where beer is from, how it's*

*made or served, so long as – bit vague, this – it's been made with love and it tastes great'* ..... this sounds like a definition for the vast majority of beer mentioned in the Independents section of the CAMRA Good Beer Guide ..... however, it is not helpful.

Even the established brewers are getting in on the act. For example:

Marston's Revisionist Craft Lager (4%), micro filtered and packaged in 30-litre kegs. It features German Hallertau Magnum and Tradition hops, alongside Styrian hops from Slovenia and, from the UK, Admiral and Boadicea.

Fuller's new lager, Frontier (4.5%), filtered but unpasteurised. This is promoted as a: 'new wave craft lager'

Brains have their 'craft brewery' and provide (bottled) IPA in my local Morrisons  
Even Greene King (Morland) have 'Old Crafty Hen' .....

So, it remains a recipe for confusion .....

Craft keg (whatever it is) isn't going to go away  
Craft keg is enjoyed by many CAMRA and potential CAMRA members

At the recent CAMRA AGM, as part of his address, Chair, Colin Valentine, alluded to the way forward; *"Is craft keg a problem for CAMRA? I do not believe it is. Is it an issue for CAMRA? In certain areas of the country, such as London and other cities, it is, but in vast swathes of the United Kingdom it isn't. If it is an issue, then we should meet it head on and that is why our chief executive has been in touch with SIBA chief executive, Julian Grocock, and I have been in touch with SIBA chairman Keith Bott. SIBA members must be the biggest producers and it is them we should be talking with."*

I'm now beginning to feel that it's too late to work out what we are really talking about, 'craft beer'/'craft keg' have become marketing terms - no-one knows what they really mean .... the confusion will continue ..... it's an induced marketing mess. Hopefully, we will return to the use of clear definitions: cask conditioned beer, keg ..... and stop using meaningless terms such as 'craft keg.'

Dave Pickersgill

Dave is a Life Member of CAMRA, having originally joined in the 1970's

Guardian Craft Beer Guide: <http://goo.gl/j3zQhZ>



# HOLIDAY BEERS

Holidays had been on my mind as the weather had improved recently and I was looking forward to our planned trip to France. While I was with that train of thought I also fancied a beer and went to the cupboard to see what bottles were available. At the back of the cupboard was a cardboard pack of 4 bottles that had been long overlooked. Curiosity led to happy memories of a holiday in the Loire valley. The beers were out of code by eighteen months but what the hell, they had to be tried didn't they?



The brewery is the Fabrique des Bieres d'Anjou, situated near the bank of the Loire at Menitre. Our photograph is almost identical to that on the brewery website ([www.bieresdanjou.fr](http://www.bieresdanjou.fr)) so it appeared nothing had changed much in the last two or three years. Not the case but more of that later. The four long neglected bottles were all top fermented, bottle conditioned, organic beers and all proved to be still in good condition. Firstly the Blanche (4% ABV) has a recipe that contains malted German wheat, coriander, hops and bitter orange peel. I'm not really a wheat beer fan but this was very drinkable. The Blonde (5% ABV) was hard to classify as the main feature was malt character but I was thinking IPA despite a lack of strong hop presence. Again a decent beer. The Rousse (6% ABV) was definitely a beer of a different colour. Dark as a proper Yorkshire Bitter and in addition to malted barley and hops the recipe includes honey and unspecified spices. Couldn't tell which spices but there was a hint of honey. Quite a powerful beast. The final one of the bottle quartet had the aristocratic sounding name Biere Blanche au Royale Combiar (5.6% ABV). Wheat and barley malts

plus hops are the basics and the addition is the Royal Combiar orange spirit/liqueur. There has been a move to drinking beer with food rather than wine in recent times. This beer would fit quite nicely for that purpose as a dessert beer. A hint of honey and the orange made this the best of the four bottles.

The Combiar distillery is quite small and very old and is just up river from the brewery at Semur. The home of Triple Sec, a forerunner to Cointreau and other orange liqueurs I believe. We visited the distillery during our holiday and were impressed with their offerings. It remains the only occasion when I have drunk Kummel, the spirit flavoured with cumin. Odd but I found it quite pleasant and was disappointed when I couldn't buy a bottle – out of stock, as it is only produced sporadically. Back to the brewery, we found out about brewery visits on the last day of our holiday and couldn't pay a visit. Lousy timing again! The visits are still a regular feature according to the website and the beer range has increased to include an IPA and a Stout and an Amber Ale. The Biere Blanche au Royale Combiar didn't feature on the website – have I sipped the last bottle? The brewers, according to my rusty French, started experimenting in 1999 but it wasn't until 2004 that the brewery started in its current premises. They have been busy in the intervening years and the brewery is worth a visit if you are in the Loire valley. Now what else is there at the back of the cupboard?



*Colin Wilson*



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So onto this season's competition, simply name the pub in the picture above.

To enter, please send your answer, name and address, and the name of a pub/club where you will drink your tenner's worth of beer. You also **must be and state that you are 18 or over**, (people still miss this out and we simply cannot accept their entry.)

Send your answers to "Jeff Harrison" by post, text or email, details are on the branch officers' page. Closing date is **25th October 2013**, and you will be entered into a draw to take place within a week of the closing date. Good Luck...

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**Wednesday 11th September**

Survey social starting at 7.45pm at the Dove Inn, Doncaster Road, Barnsley then moving onto Sheffield Road and Park Road.

**Sunday 22nd September**

Charity Fun Day at Crown Inn, Elsecar. Helping to raise funds for our charity this year Barnsley Downs syndrome forum. There will be a variety of stalls, Tombola, Face painting, Baking, Craft etc. This all starts at 1pm in the new large beer garden and children's play area. Come along and have fun.

**Tuesday 24th September**

Branch meeting and social evening at the Crown and Anchor Barugh Green at 8pm. Catch the 93 bus from Barnsley at 7.15pm. A great selection of cask ales.

**Saturday 28th September**

Our annual Sponsored walk for this year's charity Barnsley Downs Syndrome Forum. More info inside the magazine. Also see page 3 for a Young Persons' Social at Geeves Brewery from 5pm the same day.

**Wednesday 2nd October**

Survey social of Cudworth, meet up at the West End Club, St Johns Road for 7.45pm. Catch the 32 bus at 7.15pm from Barnsley.

**Tuesday 8th October**

Tasting panel evening, this time we are at the Anglers Rest, Wombwell. Meet for 7.30pm. Once again come along taste the beers and fill in your tasting cards. Catch the 226 bus from Barnsley at 7pm.

**Saturday 19th October**

Contact Margaret for information on a Brewery trip.

**Tuesday 22nd October**

Autumn Pub of the Season Presentation goes to the Old No7, Market Hill, Barnsley. Presentation will be made at around 9pm. Full write-up on page 3.

**Tuesday 29th October**

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**Saturday 2nd November**

Another charity event this time we are having a Race Day (not night). 1pm till 5pm at the Dove Inn Doncaster Rd.

**Wednesday 6th November**

Survey social of Barnsley West and Pogmoor. This time we start at the Tom Treddlehoyle at 7.45pm. Catch the number 43 bus from Barnsley at 7.37pm

**Tuesday 26th November**

Branch meeting and social evening at Keel Inn, Canal St. Barnsley Start 8pm. Next door to ASDA

Just a note to let you know the December Meeting will be on **Tuesday 17th December** at the Commercial, Summer lane. Just a short meeting followed by a longer social and crawl into town.

All the details above can be found on the Barnsley CAMRA website and we send out reminders on Barnsley CAMRA's Facebook and Twitter pages. You can also join our Free Text updates. Just send a text to the secretary's mobile number (page 24) requesting CAMRA Text Updates.

**Please Note:**

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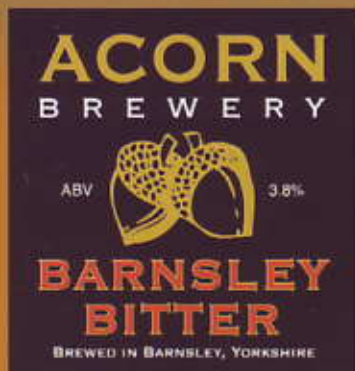
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