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The Huntsman Thurlstone



The Huntsman at Thurlstone is awarded the Spring Pub of the Season from Barnsley CAMRA. This was voted winner by the volunteer judges after trying a couple of the pubs cask ales and being impressed "yet again" by the community friendliness of this village pub. The Huntsman beat other nominees, the Fountain at Ingbirchworth, Wortley Arms at Wortley and the Thornley Arms at Dodworth, all of which were worthy opponents.

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THE DOG & PARTRIDGE

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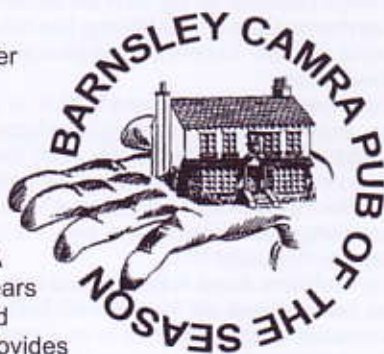
The Huntsman, Thurlstone

Some pubs seem to win our hearts of drinkers no matter what the season. This is certainly the case with the Huntsman at Thurlstone.

This village pub is a gem and isn't new to Pub of the Season Awards, and once again Barnsley CAMRA are extremely pleased to be awarding the Spring Pub of the Season accolade to the Huntsman.

The Huntsman is also an on-going entry in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide having been in for 16 consecutive years since 1997. The guide entry then saying "Charming, old terraced pub. A working Yorkshire range at one end provides respite from the Pennine winters. Stunning views from the garden". So other than landlords, there's no change really. The pub is everything a country local should be, at the heart of the community, the pub is dog and family friendly, offers great hospitality, good food on Sundays and a fantastic range of quality real ales.

This multi award winner was given some pretty high scores from our judges and is testament to the hard work of licensee Andy Plumber and his team. The beers here are always in great form and a good pint is guaranteed a good pint. The range consists of 6 real ales, 3 regulars being Black Sheep Best Bitter, Tetley's Cask and Taylors Landlord, while the other 3 are guests usually from local as well as national micro breweries. On hearing the news Andy was over the moon and Barnsley CAMRA will thank him and his team by holding a presentation evening on **Friday 26th April** when we arrive at around 8pm. So please join us and raise a glass to this wonderful pub.



Travel details and a little more information on our events calendar on page 26 ►

Phil Gregg

Presentation Evening



Winter Pub of the Season brought out many CAMRA members and regulars to the Cock Inn at Birdwell. On offer that evening were 3 cask ales and a real cider all on handpumps. Craig and his wife Julie have now been in the pub for 18 months and have in this time re introduced guest beers to the pub alongside its two regular beers Black Sheep Bitter and Courage Best Bitter. Nigel (left), Barnsley CAMRA Secretary made the award to Craig, commending the excellent quality and effort put in in getting the pub to being the village hub again. Craig thanked his wife and all the staff and regulars for all their support.

Pub, Club & Brewery News

The **Old No 7** is to have a couple more beer festivals, dates are in the Acorn Brewery News. The refurbishment at the **Red Lion**, Silkstone has gone very well, the interior and exterior are looking very pleasing. Tetley Cask and a changing guest (Sharps Doombar on my visit) are on offer.

Cawthorne Club is now offering two cask ales, my recent visit saw Taylors Golden Best and Black Sheep Bitter.

The Imperial Blonde at **Jump W.M.C.** is proving very popular, so much so they have increased the number of firkins a week to two. Andy the steward is also interested in adding a second handpump.

The **George & Dragon** on Summer Lane are increasing their range of Cask ales, the usual 2 has now increased to 3.

The **Clothiers Arms** in Elsecar has reopened and has featured cask ale from Geeves brewery, live alternative music is reported to be a popular choice "Alternative and popular"? However, this extra cask pub will make an excellent extra watering hole for the cask ale drinkers to the area.

The **Tykes Sports Bar** is to be renamed back to the **Manx Arms**. The pub has been through some turbulent licensees offering nothing new to the last. The new licensee is to get cask ale as soon as permitted and will welcome regular and new customers. An excellent meeting point for heading into and home from town.

The **Pheasant** at Ardsley is closed and has been put up for sale.

Nigel, the steward at The **Wortley Men's Club**, Wortley is planning to run a beer festival sometime during the summer, watch this space for the dates. If you have any ales you would like to try, call in and let him know.

Simone from the **Anglers Rest** has sold the lease for the pub to Geeves Brewery. Simone has been a very popular landlady at the pub and will be missed from that side of the bar, but she says she intends to spend some time in the pub at this side of the bar now.

Applications have been submitted to turn The **Prince Of Wales** on Eldon St into a multi occupancy dwelling. The pub is closed. And for bedsits at the **Snooker Club**, Marsh Street, Wombwell, although we have since been informed the club is still running and the plans are only a contingency plan.

Only two weeks after being granted planning permission a fire destroyed the former **Kendray W.M.C.** on Farm Road, Kendray.

Durty O'Dwyers on Market Hill opened just before

Christmas after being closed for two years, but offers no real ale.

Two Roses Brewery - Darton

Production continues to increase leading to our second birthday in March. We are brewing a new beer for February 'Marynka' a single hopped pale beer using only Polish Marynka hops. We also plan to introduce a new beer in May to coincide with the Barnsley Beer Festival. We have been told a specialist chocolate manufacturer has combined our Black Beauty Stout into a fudge and has gained an order with ASDA to produce the fudge for Fathers Day, talks are also on-going with other potential stockists.

Acorn Brewery - Wombwell

White Oak 4.8% A pale bitter with citrus fruit aroma and hints of tangerine from the Crystal Hops should be out in February. Junga IPA 5% (available Feb/March) Golden IPA brewed with new Polish hops that give a fresh pine, citrusy aroma. Smaragd IPA 5% (available April/May) organic German hop, quite noble, grassy aromas. Lightness and Darkness Milds will return for April and May. Beer Festivals dates at the Old No 7 will be Easter weekend 29th March to April 1st and Acorn Breweries official birthday bash 4th-7th July. A number of events are being planned to celebrate our tenth birthday, keep an eye out on acorn-brewery.co.uk for updates.

Geeves Brewery - Stairfoot

A 3.8% session blonde ale, 'Navigation', made with Polish hops is possibly going to make it into the restructured core range of beers which includes the popular Red Diesel. Bow Hauler and Fully Laden IPA will become occasional brews. We aim to add Clear Cut, Red Diesel and Fully Laden IPA to the bottled range.

We will be taking over the lease of The Anglers Rest in Wombwell in February. Simone has done a fantastic job promoting our beer over the past year and she will now be passing us the reins. The pub will officially become our 'brewery tap'.

Clarks Brewery - Wakefield

Newton's Apple 3.6% has been in the area, the whole brew sold out. As the BAR hits the pubs the end of Bob a Job will be getting drunk as will Twilight 3.6%. Forthcoming beers for March, April and May are Spring Mist 3.4%, Shepherd's Warning 4% and Mild May at 3.6%. Clarks Traditional Bitter was re-launched back in 2012 and has become quite popular. A 3.8% copper brown bitter with a hoppy aroma and lasting refreshing bitter taste.

Nigel Croft

Barnsley Club Scene

Conservative Club, Darfield

This month's featured club is the Conservative Club on School Street in Darfield., you can't miss it, it's opposite the Cricket Club. Originally established in 1886 as The Darfield and District Conservative Club. This easily makes the club one of the oldest drinking establishments in the village. The club has regular entertainment on Saturdays and Sunday evenings, details can be found on the clubs website www.darfieldcons.com which seems to be updated frequently. Watch out for special offers while you're on the website, which include happy hour times through the week.

The club hosts a quiz and card bingo every Tuesday that starts at 8:30pm, these are held in

the club's impressive large function room, which is also free to hire. There is also a sizable lounge and a large snooker and pool room with 2 snooker tables.

The club has recently introduced a popular rotating guest beer alongside the house beer John Smiths Cask. Recent guest ales have include the likes of Imperial Brewery Bitter 3.9 % abv. Further details of guest ale's can be found on the club's Facebook page at goo.gl/JfxH4

This fantastic club is well supported by the local community. Guests are allowed one visit per month and are asked to sign in on arrival.

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*Barnsley CAMRA Pubs
& Clubs Officer*

Phil Gregg

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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
Ash Inn - Wombwell
Barley Sheaf - Wombwell
Birdwell Club, Venue - Birdwell
Bowling Club - Penistone
Chennells - Barnsley
Cherry Tree - High Hoyland
Commercial - Barnsley
Conservative Club - Barnsley
Courthouse - Barnsley
Crown Inn - Elsecar
Dog and Partridge - Hazlehead
Dodworth Arms - Dodworth
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
Old Town Hall - Wombwell
Rising Sun - Barnsley
Rose and Crown - Hoylandswaine
Saville Square - Hoyland Common
Shaw Lane Club - Barnsley
Silkstone - Barnsley
Silkstone Golf Club - Silkstone
Silkstone Inn - Barnsley
Spencer Arms - Cawthorne
Sports & Social Club - Hoylandswaine
Station Inn - Silkstone Common
Waggon and Horses - Langsett
West End Club - Cudworth
Wortley Arms - Wortley

Wortley Men's Club - Wortley

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How can you help?

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

Local Ale Pub Sudoku

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

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CHAMPION AWAY ALES

With Laurence Mace

There's a new positive feel to Barnsley F.C. with the recent change in manager, and with two cup wins and a morale boosting 2-0 win at home to Leeds, the outlook is encouraging.

Some away wins from our six remaining away games would be very nice. Let's find some great pubs to head to from CAMRA's 2013 Good Beer Guide:-

Tuesday 5th March: Burnley

The Boot Inn, 18 St James Street BB11 1NG is the only Good Beer Guide entry not previously featured in "Away Ales". A typical Wetherspoon's, this Grade II listed building was designed by Blackpool architect H. Thompson on the site of an earlier farmhouse style inn; it celebrated its centenary in 2011. The former 19th century Boot Inn had stables, used by the prize-winning colt Young Sampson, available to serve mares! It now offers a good choice of ales from many excellent East Lancashire local brewers, eg Moorhouse's Pendle Witches Brew. An excellent, extensive outdoor drinking area is popular in the summer months. Open: 8am to midnight. Tel: (01282) 463720.

Saturday 9th March: Cardiff

The City Arms, Quay Street, CF10 1EA is local CAMRA Pub of the Year 2012, and consequently is a must-visit city centre pub, lying in the shadow of the Millennium Stadium. This is a Brain's house with a marked departure from the usual guest beer policy. The keen licensee is free to order guest beers as he sees fit, and what is on offer reflects his knowledge of good real ales, mainly from

microbreweries from across the UK, some dispensed via gravity from cooled casks. Permanent ales are Brains Dark, SA Bitter and Rev James. Festivals and other events are held regularly. Frequent visitors should obtain a loyalty card. Open: 11am to midnight Saturdays Tel: (029) 2064 1913.

Saturday 30th March: Sheffield Wednesday

The Blake Hotel, 53 Blake Street S6 3JQ, is the last of the five entries for Sheffield: North section of this year's Good Beer Guide to be featured in "Away Ales". At the top of a steep hill in the suburb of Walkley, this community pub reopened as a free house in 2010 after seven years of closure. Extensively restored, it has many traditional Victorian features, original etched windows and mirrors from bygone breweries. A large decked garden has been developed to the rear. As well as Bradfield Farmer's Blonde, there are five guest beers, usually including a stout or porter, and mostly from small independent breweries. Open: Noon to 11:30pm every day. Tel: (0114) 233 9336

Saturday 6th April: Crystal Palace

The George, 17-21 George Street CR0 1LA, is one of the nine Croydon entries in this year's CAMRA Good Beer Guide. Through hard work and enthusiasm the manager and his team have pushed this bustling Wetherspoon's pub into the company's top ten best performing pubs, with a growing reputation for a high quality and wide range of ales. Beers are served from bars at both ends of the pub, with locally sourced ales a regular feature. Dark Star Hophead, Fuller's London Pride, Oakham JHB, Surrey Hills Rammore Ale, and Thornbridge Jaipur IPA are regularly available beers. Local CAMRA Pub of the Year 2011, the George is opening a large garden in 2012. Conveniently located in central Croydon for all transport links and about 30 minutes' walk to Selhurst Park. Open: 8am to 1am Saturdays. Tel: (020) 8649 9077

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Hannah At The Hob

By
Hannah Lucas

Spring is approaching and I am looking forward to new season fruit, veg and herbs. This made me think about summer drinks and in particular cocktails. By cocktails I mean alcoholic drinks with at least 3 ingredients including 1 spirit and often bitters.

Trends in food tend to drive changes in drinks. We have moved from asking for generic spirits to London gin or Plymouth gin or Bison vodka. (It contains a piece of bison grass) Bars now display drinks menus whether it be a cocktail bar or Barnsley's Old No 7 with its vast beer menu. The 1970's cocktails were about spirits, cordials and colours, think of Del Boy and those fancy cocktail sticks. Other programmes have influenced cocktail drinking too, Sex in the City, Mad Men and Downton Abbey.

The trend is for quality fruit and quality spirits blended by skilled bar tenders; flavour and feel good rather than a quick route to excess. We seem to love the smell of fruits and herbs, just think of the smell of shops like Lush. More of us are also cooking for our friends and I predict that we will be making more cocktails as well. There is a ritual too, matching the drink to the shape of the glass, very much like the Belgium tradition of serving beer in the correct glass, with or without frost.

Cocktails have a chequered history from the rough to the sophisticated, gin moving from a crude pain killer to the elegant drink of British Empire, a transition from Hogarth's Gin Lane to the Raffles Hotel with its famous Singapore Sling.

Cheap ingredients were a catalyst for new drinks for example plantation sugar cane and the development of the Mint Julip. During the Prohibition, cocktails masked rough spirits and a popular drink was the French 75 named after the kick from an artillery shell. The 21 Club in New York still has a magnificent door disguised as a large stone foundation block. This concealed an illegal wine cellar which supplied the great & the good with cocktails such as Manhattans, Old Fashioneds &

Sidecars. Nothing stands still and the drink, Manhattan, is now being aged for 6 months in wooden barrels.

Gin and tonic cocktails were popular in the Empire. Quinine, from the bark of the Peruvian cinchona tree, provides the bitter element in tonic but more importantly helped fight tropical fevers.

Another link between drink and medicine is the Brompton Hospital cocktail or Terminal cocktail. It was designed in the 1920s for the enjoyment of TB and cancer patients and contained a mixture of morphine, honey, cannabis and gin.

Many cocktails contain a few drops of bitters which are distilled from herbs/flowers. The best known brands are Angostura and Suze both distilled from gentian. In Italy, I tried Cynar which is distilled from artichoke, truly disgusting. Both Angostura bitters (45% ABV) and our own Black Beer (8.5% ABV), will be subject to excise duty from 1 April 13 as part of the government's policy to simplify the duty system by taxing all. They are tax exempt at the moment. These are small producers making a flavouring rather than an alcoholic beverage. Black beer is our regional speciality and Trinidad & Tobago needs the angostura business. Angostura makes a pink gin pink & is used in stews/soups.

In these days of concern about the amount of alcohol consumed at home perhaps it is time to abandon those ever open bottles of wine and enjoy the flavour and ritual of a cocktail. How about a fifty fifty?

Shake 1 measure of gin and 1 measure of dry martini over ice cubes until well frosted. Strain into a chilled cocktail glass. Drop in a cocktail olive.

ED says "If this isn't for you, pop to the Old No 7 and peruse the beer menu, choose a beer and pop in a cocktail stick to suit the glass."

Saturday 20th April: Nottingham Forest

Home to the very successful LocAle scheme, Nottingham CAMRA members are spoilt for choice and for quality of their pubs having a magnificent dozen entries in the 2013 CAMRA Good Beer Guide. **The Cross Keys**, 15 Byard Lane, NE1 2GJ, reopened in 2010 following a sympathetic refurbishment and is adjacent to the Lace Market area and tram stop. The interior is welcoming, with high ceilings, wood floorboards and panelling, a mixture of seating and tables, and artwork provided by local artists. A lower level to the rear offers a more comfortable and quiet area to relax in. It usually offers Navigation beers brewed at the sister pub, the Trent Navigation on Meadow Lane, which is also recommended. Batemans XB and Fuller's London Pride are the listed beers in the Guide. Open: 8am to 1am on Saturdays. Tel: (0115) 941 7898 Website: crosskeysnottingham.co.uk

Saturday 4th May: Huddersfield

Huddersfield boast eight great pubs in this year's Good Beer Guide, and today we'll feature the famous **Grove**, 2 Spring Grove Street, HD1 4BP. The Grove has an almost unrivalled choice of beer, with three permanent ales, eight dedicated brewery rotating ales, and at least a further seven guest ales, many rare for the region. Mild, stout and strong ale are regularly available. Also over 250 foreign bottled beers from the US, Europe, and the rest of the world. This pub is an absolute gem
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Beer Festival Line Up

27th Feb to 2nd Mar. Rotherham Real Ale & Music Festival at Magna 250 real ales, all hand-pulled, plus Ciders, Perries and Bottled beers with loads of entertainment.

28th Feb to Sat 2nd Mar. Bradford CAMRA Beer Festival, at the Victoria Hall, Saltaire 100+ real ales reduced admission for CAMRA members.

1st to 3rd Mar. The Hop: Sheffield Beer Festival: featuring South Yorkshire breweries on the main bar and a 'Sheffield Showcase' Festival Bar.

Wed 13th - Sat 16th Mar. SIBA (North-East) Beer Festival, Ponds Forge International Sports Centre, Sheaf St, Sheffield.

14th to 16th Mar. 34th Burton CAMRA Beer Festival, Town Hall, Burton on Trent 60+ beers, Ciders, and Bottled beers. Free or reduced entry for CAMRA members

14th to 16th Mar. Leeds Beer, Cider & Perry Fest Pudsey Civic

The Barnsley CAMRA Chanty Beer Festival at the Elsecar Heritage Railway was a Huge Success, so we will be back 3rd to 6th May 2013



Hall, (near New Pudsey Station) 200ish real ales + the interesting extras.

15th & 16th Mar. Denby Dale Lions Beer Festival, Pie Hall, 297 Wakefield Rd, Denby Dale, Fri 7-11pm; Sat 12.30-11pm

21st to 24th Mar. The Nook Spring Beer Festival, The Nook, 7 Victoria Square, Holmfirth. Join Barnsley CAMRA on a visit here, details on the socials page. 29th Mar to 1st April, Old Number 7 Easter Beer Festival. The first festival in a year to celebrate Acorn Breweries 10th Birthday.

11th to 13th Apr. 23rd Doncaster CAMRA Beer Festival, The HUB. 125ish beers

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11th to 13th Apr. 7th Skipton Beer Festival, Town Hall, High Street, Skipton: 65+ real ales, ciders, perries and bottles CAMRA members free entry

17th & 18th Apr, Barrow

Hill Roundhouse: RailAle Festival 200 real ales: 12noon-11pm. each day, free transport from Chesterfield Station.

3rd - 6th May, The Barnsley CAMRA Real Ale, Music and Steam Festival, Elsecar Heritage railway Centre. 60 real ales cider and perry, bottled lager, live music and trains. Free entry to all. See poster in this edition.

31st May to 1st June, Another Barnsley CAMRA Real Ale Festival. St Edwards Church, Racecommon Rd, Kingstone, Barnsley. Up to 20 real ales. Free admission to all. See foot of our festival poster in this BAR Mag.

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Well I managed to get through all the weather winter could throw at me. My ventures in the cold, wet and snow found me drinking pale ale, stout and old ale as well as best bitter in some easy to get pubs and one out in the sticks.

My outing for the first beer this edition brought me to Wombwell's newest pub. **The Old Town Hall** is exactly that, the Old Town Hall. An open plan space with modern décor. TV screens and popular tunes during the busy evenings. The three handpumps offer

a range of cask ales including a house beer from Acorn brewery. However, my choice today was from Worthington's.

Worthington Red Shield 4.2% abv.

A pale light ale brewed with a biscuit taste from the barley and wheat malts. A great bitterness from the Brambling Cross hops which also give it a slightly spicy taste. The Centennial hops, give a citrus aroma with hints of blackcurrant.

Food Matching - This beer would go well with Lamb dishes or mild cheese salads, you would even get away with a slice of cheese cake.



Barnsley is having a bit of a revival in the number of pubs offering real ales, even as we go to print news of another pub offering real ale is coming in. However back to this pub, the **Heart of Barnsley**, Town centre pub with its loud music. The names the pub has gone through include Mace's, Squires and White Hart. Split level seating area and TVs showing sporting events in the pale wood and pastel surroundings means the pub can offer a respite during a busy shopping trip. Up to three ales on offer, I opted for a best bitter.

Ringwood's Best Bitter 3.8% abv

This amber bitter has a caramel aroma from the malt along with fruits from the hops, strangely, a bit of wood and grass! The taste is a wonderful caramel sweetness with a mild hoppiness with toffees. Reading my notes makes me want a pint right now!

Food Matching – This would go well with beef dishes like pie or a ploughman's with a strong mature cheese. ▶



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► **The Fountain** out at Ingbirchworth is a true village pub and in excellent walking country with a cosy bar area and large restaurant. If you fancy a stop over it has a ten room hotel attached. Five hand pumps offer the real ale drinker a good choice of changing guest beers alongside its

permanent ales. If you're in the bar area and only see the one ale don't be afraid to ask what the other cask beers are, the blackboard can be wrong. I chose a local and seasonal beer from Bradfield Brewery.

Bradfield Farmers Belgian Blue 4.9% abv This beer has become a popular Christmas beer so I don't think you are likely to find it until late in the year, though its popularity means it's available from 1st November. A fantastically warming caramel taste and yes a slight hint of blue in the head makes this beer an unusual winter warmer!

Food Matching - This beer would go well with "no joke" Turkey dinner or a nut roast.



My last pub for this edition is new to real ale. **The Rising Sun** on Sheffield Road heading out of town. This stone built pub has two games areas, one for the darts and a second for its pool table. The bar serves the main lounge where a DJ can be found playing requests at weekends. The landlady is keen on offering real ale and one beer here is always from local brewery at Stairfoot, Geeves brewery. The second pump is a changing guest beer from the pubs portfolio and offers a good choice for

the area. I opted for the Geeves beer this visit.

Geeves Smokey Joe 5% abv Geeves beers tend to have a narrow boat theme in their name, Pete and Harry Geeves used to brew on their boat and their boiler was no doubt called Smokey Joe. The Stout Smokey Joe is a wonderful and complex taste of blended dark malts, the outcome, a rich, strong stout.

Food Matching - This beer goes well with barbequed food and very well with chocolate, be it cake, dairy milk or dark.

28 down, 52 to go...

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

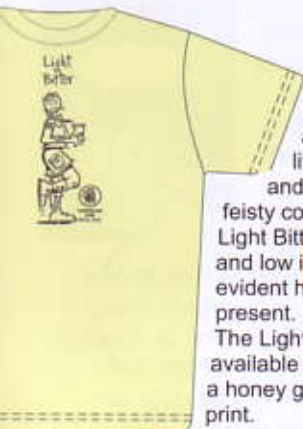


Nigel Croft

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Mass Lobby against Beer Tax Escalator

Mass Lobby against Beer Tax Escalator

In December I went to London to lobby my MP along with over 1000 other CAMRA members. We were campaigning against the Beer Tax Escalator, a system whereby tax on beer goes up every year by 2% over inflation. You would think that in 20 years of being a CAMRA member I'd have done my share of campaigning, but this topped it all.

It was a long, but satisfying day. We set off from Cudworth at 6:30am to collect two other local Barnsley members and got us to the Dodworth in plenty of time for the coach. Thanks to Wakefield CAMRA for organising the coach, they also collected some Leeds and Dewsbury members before us, 20 of us on the bus in all. It was getting close to 12 noon when we hit London's traffic and we were delayed arriving at the Emmanuel Centre, CAMRA's lobby hub for the day. Two of our group were booked to see Ed Balls MP at 12:30 - they didn't quite make it on time but he did arrange to see them later (good for him!) and they spent the intervening hour and a half watching the debates in the House of Commons from the public gallery. The rest of our group receive our briefing notes, ID badge and instructions on where to go next. No beer, but tea and biscuits were available. We had booked a meeting with the Barnsley East MP, Michael Dugher at 2pm so we had a little while to wait. The time flew by, however, with lots of people we knew from the Great British Beer Festival and other CAMRA activities in the hall to greet enthusiastically (and usually hug). You make a lot of good friends in CAMRA, the sort where it doesn't matter if you only see them once or twice a year, it's as if you had just been speaking to them, and of course these days many of us do keep in touch through Facebook - it's not just for young people! We headed over to Parliament with a good hour to spare before our meeting, because of security and queuing time. There was a trail of yellow clad CAMRA stewards to direct us so no chance

of getting lost, and we passed Ed Balls MP and Greg Mulholland MP walking in the other direction.

The security was as we had been told, airport style with bag searches, scanners and arches to walk through.

We were in close phone communication with Michael Dugher's PA, a young man called Josh, who met us in the Central Lobby. This is where anyone can come to request a meeting with their MP by filling in a green card. A fellow CAMRA member from Sheffield requested to see MP Nick Clegg, he filled out a green card. He waited in the Central Lobby for over an hour, but not in vain, because although Mr Clegg wasn't able to see him on the day he was promised a meeting in the New Year to discuss the Beer Tax Escalator. ▶



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► Michael Dugher collected us from Josh and took us to the Labour Chief Whip's office which he had 'borrowed' to have his meeting with us.

He chatted with us for over half an hour and promised to encourage the government to review the Beer Tax Escalator. You can see his notes on our meeting at his website ("Michael meets with Barnsley CAMRA members taking part in lobby of Parliament"). He was also keen on the community role of

pubs, maintaining jobs in pubs and the brewery industry and the place of pubs in educating people in responsible drinking. Rosie Winterton, the Chief Whip, arrived just as we were leaving; she'd been meeting with some of her CAMRA constituents from Doncaster, we could tell as she was carrying a copy of Donny Drinker magazine. Michael then took us to the famous 'Stranger's Bar' for a real ale. He has recommended Acorn Brewery's Yorkshire Pride beer to the bar, but apparently there is a long waiting list, so we had some North Riding Bitter.

We then stepped outside onto the terrace for a few photos and a further chat whilst we drank our very pleasant beer. Poor Michael had to have a



Michael Dugher MP and CAMRA member (left) with Barnsley CAMRA members Nigel Croft, Eric Gilbert, Linda Hutton and Phil Gregg

soft drink as he was in meetings for the rest of the day.

We were escorted back to the Central Lobby by Michael who had been very friendly throughout our meeting.

On the way back through the building towards the exit I was tempted by the 'little shop', it had fridge magnets and pencils and all the usual gift stuff.

Back at the Emmanuel Centre, in return for our filled in feedback forms we were given a free pint of beer each. Once everyone had made it back from the Houses of Parliament there were speeches from the Chairman of CAMRA, Colin Valentine, Mike Benner CEO of CAMRA, several MPs including Greg Mulholland and

Andrew Griffiths plus others.

After this there was enough beer left for all of us who had stayed for the speeches to have another pint.

We boarded our coach just after 6pm for the trip back to Yorkshire. It was 11:45pm by the time we reached home. Whilst having supper we scanned through the day's TV on BBC iplayer and found a segment on the Daily Politics programme with Mike Benner speaking outside Parliament backed by the pub signs we had seen on the stage at the Emmanuel Centre.

And then to bed ... needless to say we got up late the next morning!

Linda Hutton



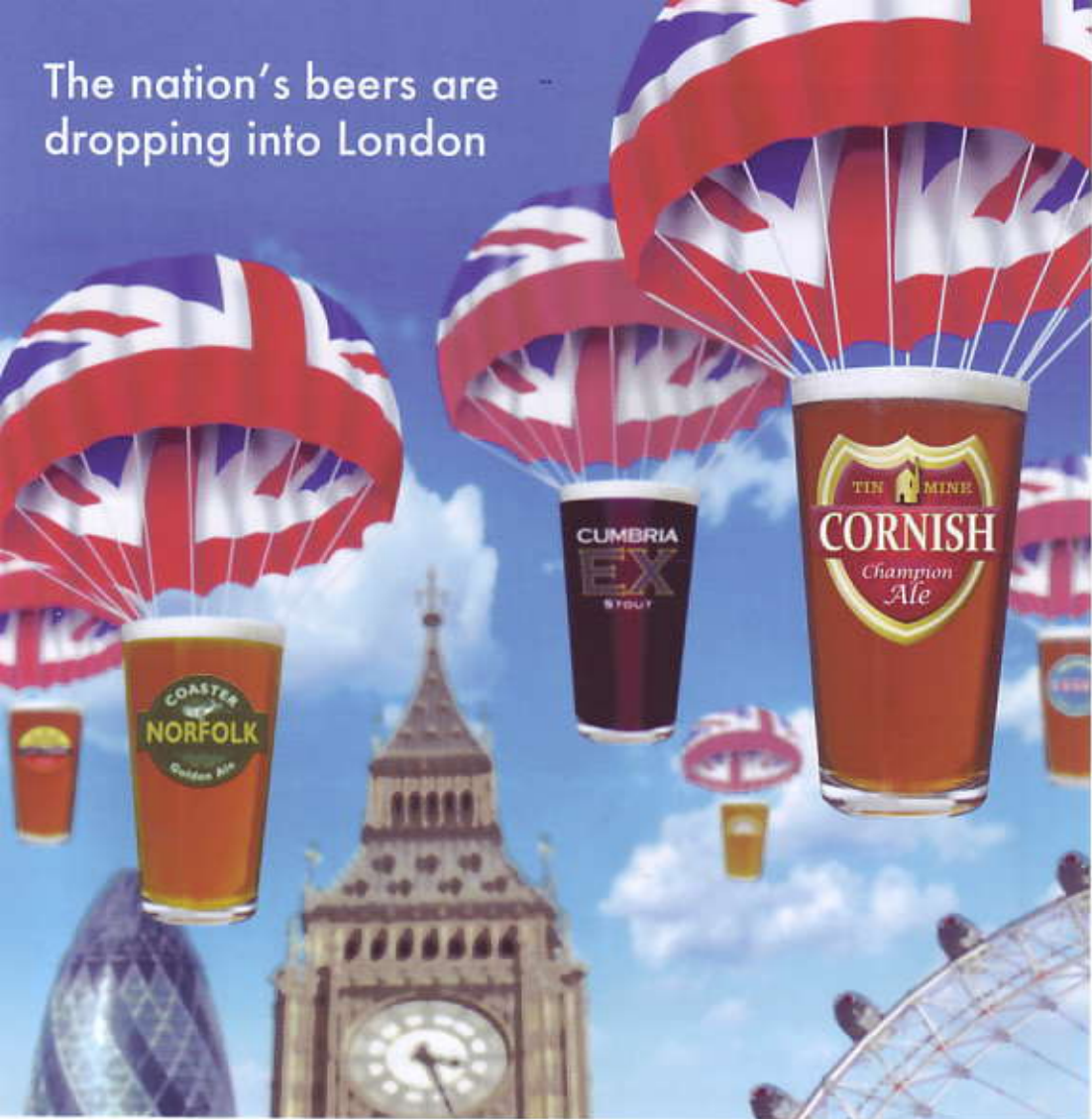
Late last year regulars from the multiple Barnsley CAMRA Pub of the Season winner, the Dove Inn along with a large handful of CAMRA members ventured out of South Yorkshire into the East Riding. Old Mill Brewery was the destination at Snaith where Paul, landlord of the Dove Inn had arranged our brewery tour and a spell in the sampling room.

The Old Mill Brewery is family run and was established in 1983. They offer six regular real ales which are available all year round with a additional 8 changing ales. We had an excellent tour of the brewery with plenty of time for questions and answers and before we knew it we were sampling some excellent real ales in the bar. Yorkshire Porter 4.4%, Blond Bombshell 4% and Traditional Bitter 3.9% were drank and thoroughly enjoyed. After about an hour we headed for some food and beer over at the Brewers Arms where I had a pint of the Winter Warmer 4.7%. I would like to thank Paul of the Dove Inn and the team over at the brewery for a wonderful evening and I look forward to the opportunity to call over again.

Cheers Nigel Croft



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Again, this picture is taken from the first Barnsley Pub Guide. Did you know our new Real Ale and Cider Guide is out the end of March? £3 from all good pubs. Anyway back to the competition, So, Where is this building and what was it called? Comments from the original guide say about the area "Large village with an interesting central conservation area, Tomb of Ebenezer Elliott (d 1849) "The Corn Lay Rhymer" is in the Churchyard.

To enter, please send your answer, name and address, and the pub where you will drink your beer. You also **must be and state that you are 18 or over**, (people 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 **19th April 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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Tuesday 5th March

Beer Festival meeting at the Fitzwilliam Arms, Elsecar. 8.15pm start.

Wednesday 6th March

Survey social of Barnsley Town Centre. 1st of 4. We meet at The Courthouse at 7.45pm before heading to a selection of pubs in town.

Saturday 22nd March

Day trip out to Holmfirth for the Nook Spring Beer Festival. 'War of the Roses' then into Huddersfield for a visit to some favourite pubs. Meet at Barnsley Rail Station at 10.45am for the 11.01am Huddersfield train.

Tuesday 26th March

Branch meeting and social to be held at Dove Inn Barnsley. Meeting starts at 8pm.

Wednesday 27th March

Barnsley Pub Guide Launch. Months in the making, be the first to get a copy of the Barnsley Real Ale and Cider Guide. The launch will be at the Old No 7 between 7.45 and 9pm.

April

Tuesday 2nd April

Beer Festival meeting at the Crown Inn, Elsecar. Starts at 8.15pm

Wednesday 3rd April

The 2nd of 4 survey socials of Barnsley Town Centre. This month we meet up at the Joseph Bramah at 7.45pm then again head out in a pre-set list of pubs.

Saturday 20th April

Day out around Derby visiting some of its great pubs. Meet at Barnsley train station for the 11.14am train to Sheffield. Best ticket(s) are off-peak return Barnsley Sheffield £4.90 and an off-peak return Sheffield Derby £10.80 saving £5.50 Correct as we went to print.

Monday 22nd April

Beer Festival meeting at the Market Hotel, Elsecar. Starts at 8.15pm

Tuesday 23rd April

Branch meeting and social at Anglers Rest Wombwell. **NOTE** the meeting is a week early. Start at 8pm

Friday 26th April

Pub of the Season presentation to the Huntsman, Thurlstone. Presentation will be made at 8.45pm. Catch either the 7pm 23A Tates Bus direct, or Train at 7.10pm and a 25 mins walk. Full Pub of the Season write-up on page 3.

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Wednesday 8th May

The 3rd of 4 Survey socials of Barnsley Town Centre. For this one we meet at the Heart of Barnsley for a 7.45pm start, again we will follow a set list of pubs for the evening.

Tuesday 14th May

Beer Festival site visit, at St Edwards Church, Racecommon Rd, Kingstone at 7.30pm, then onto the Silkstone, Park Road for 8.30pm

Tuesday 21st May

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Tuesday June 4th

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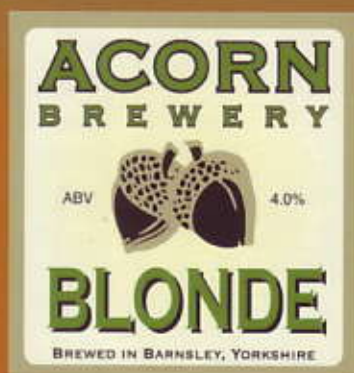
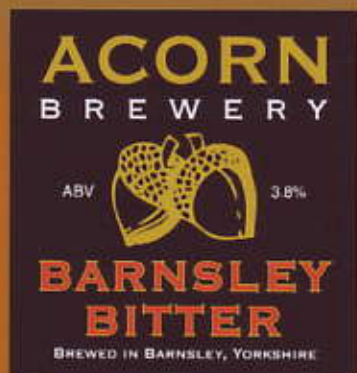
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