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Winter 2012 - 2013



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The Cock Inn

Birdwell



The Cock Inn at Birdwell is no stranger to picking up CAMRA Pub of the Season Awards, and it is with great pleasure that Barnsley CAMRA have awarded the pub with the accolade of Winter Pub of the Season 2012/13. The choice of beers in the last year here have more than doubled and regulars and visitors can now enjoy a wonderful choice of up to five real ales.

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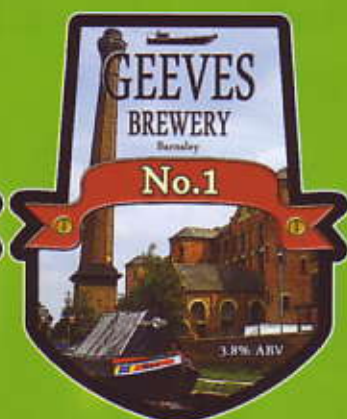
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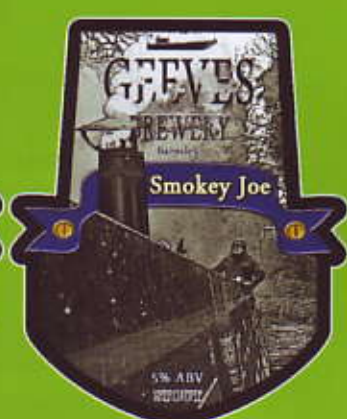
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Winter Pub of the Season The Cock Inn, Birdwell

I am very pleased to announce that the Cock Inn on Pilley Hill, off The Walk in Birdwell has been chosen by Barnsley CAMRA as the winner of Winter Pub of the Season 2012/13

It is offering an increasing choice of wonderful cask ales with up to 5 real ales on offer. Black Sheep Bitter, Courage Best Bitter as well as another three guest ales. One of the guest beers is always locally sourced from the pubs LocAle area of 20 miles. There is also a cider available.

The last few years as seen a few changes of landlords and managers as well as chefs, one licensee removed all but one of the real ales stating "they didn't sell".

For the last year and a half, Craig and Julie Marshall have been at the helm of the Cock Inn and the chef Joe has been here for nearly as long. They have really brought the pub back to its former glory.

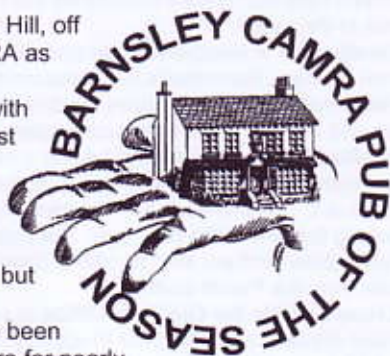
Craig loves his cask ales and would have more on offer if he had room on the Bar. At the time of my visit there were four cask ales and a draught cider on hand pull.

The Cock Inn truly offers a warm welcome, when you enter head to the right and walk into the larger of the two rooms, where you will be welcomed on these cold, dark and damp days by a open coal and wood fire with seating down the sides. A wood and York stone flooring, wood beams with just a few pieces of horse brasses are in this section. Move towards the plush leather seating area surrounded by large windows, with views over the vast beer garden outside.

To the left on entry is the smaller room which is often used for small private functions. This reminds me of the old snug rooms pubs had that were always popular.

Home cooked food is served daily and is very popular. Various specials are on offer and Sunday Lunch is extremely popular so advance booking is recommended.

Barnsley CAMRA will be heading out to the Cock Inn on Friday 1st February to make the presentation to everyone at the Cock Inn. Come along and join us and congratulate the team at the pub. We will be making the presentation at around 9pm.



The presentation evening for Summer Pub of the Season 2012 was a great event. Members of the Hoylandswaine Sports and Social Club were more than happy to pick up the award from branch members, the evening was a great social for all. Below are some club officials.



Margaret Croft



Autumn Pub of the Season was a busy night at Wortley Men's Club, the photo here has Phil and Nigel perched at the bar in the only space left.

Pub, Club & Brewery News

The **Rising Sun** on Sheffield Rd is now offering two real ales, a changing fortnightly guest beer and a permanent house beer from Stairfoot's, Geeves Brewery. Debbie Wills previously licensee at the Lundhill Tavern, Hemingfield has now moved here and quickly introduced the two cask ales to the range.

Barnbrooks in Mapplewell has also taken on beer from Geeves. Barnbrooks is a restaurant that offers real ale and also allows for drinkers at the bar and seating at the front and garden.

The **Red Lion** at Silkstone is having a major refurbishment which was on-going as the BAR come out. The licensees for 17 years are really looking forward to the new look. The pub offers Tetley Bitter and will start to offer a changing guest beer from the Punch portfolio.

A recent visit to the **Old Post Office** at Haigh found drinkers are asked not to approach the bar, but be served at the tables by waiter. Great idea but with no drinks menu it was difficult to know what was available. The cask we found out was a good pint of Greene King IPA. The waitress said they were definitely more a restaurant than a pub.

The **Button Mill Inn** at Worsbrough Bridge is up for lease. The pub has had a few licensees over the year, the last offering Taylors Landlord and Black Sheep Bitter, both still available

Stuart & Carol have left the **Great Houghton Club and Middlecliffe Club**. Great Houghton club is now been run by Chris & Georden. Georden has worked at the club for a while and both live locally.

The Middlecliffe club is being managed by David Darnley. Both the clubs are owned by Rhino's.

The **Conservative Club**, Darfield is offering a guest ale the first was Morland Original Bitter.

The **Market**, Elsecar is now offering a guest draught cider. Over the last few months I have received some good reports about the beer choice and quality here.

The **Moulders Arms** off Summer Lane in Barnsley continues to offer a great pint of Theakstons Old Peculier as well as a changing guest beer. The beers here tend to be dark beers which is great as other pubs offering real ales in the area offer light and golden beers, so call in for a change.

Planning permission has been granted for developments at The **Old Hall Inn** at Great Houghton, also for the **Farm Road Club** at Kendray and the **Longbow** at Darfield is boarded up awaiting conversion into a supermarket, while the Wilthorpe has now opened as a supermarket.

Aroma Cafe Bar on the arcade in Barnsley is

selling Acorn bottled beers, they aren't on the table menu yet, so please ask.

A new brewery about to start production just outside our area is Outgang and Thomas Elstone Brewery. The brew house is in the rear of the Kinsley Hotel, Wakefield Road, Kinsley. It is thought that Outgang beers will be available in the Kinsley Hotel while Thomas Elstone beers will be for the free trade. For more information visit Wakefield CAMRA's page at <http://goo.gl/Rpk7q>

Acorn Brewery - Wombwell

Have toasted a top accolade from the North's independent brewers - with the help of local MP Michael Dugher.

Old Moor Porter (4.4%) triumphed with a Gold award in its class at the SIBA (Society of Independent Brewers) North Region Beer Competition. It now goes forward to

compete in the national competition in early 2013. The award coincided with a visit to the brewery by Mr Dugher, MP for Barnsley East.

This full bodied Victorian style porter has hints of liquorice and fruit cake and has a long mellow finish'. It has won several awards from both SIBA and CAMRA over the past few years.

Sales manager David Broadhead said: "This was an excellent result. Old Moor Porter to be once again recognised, against very stiff competition is very welcome. Michael Dugher supported the brewery by selecting Barnsley Bitter for sale in the House of Commons in 2012.

Geeves Brewery - Stairfoot

Building on their recent successes with their cask ales Geeves are now try their hand with bottles. They have started with Geeves No1 with the first 1200 bottles available now, as we go to print Gunwale Dance was due for delivery and then then their very tasty Smokey Joe would should be available.

See pub news as their cask beers have become available in some more pubs in the area. If you are planning a party or just want some quality bottled beer or cask beers why not give Geeves a try. Contact Pete 07859039259 or Harry 07890680044 at the brewery.



Nigel Craft

Barnsley Club Scene **The Polish Club**

Welcome to the first edition of this new feature. Each issue I aim to focus on one of Barnsley's many excellent clubs that offer cask ale. As real ale lovers we all know many of the pubs in the borough that serve real ale but many of us will be unaware of the number of excellent clubs.

This issue's featured club is **The Polish Club** on Blackburn Lane, just off Summer Lane near the hospital.

The club has a great reputation for its live music especially Rock & Blues, and hosts live gigs every weekend as well as regular Goth and alternative nights. On Dec 15th the club is holding an all day Goth event in aid of the Sophie Lancaster foundation. Other upcoming bands include The Rakkiteers, Piston Broke, local punk band Total Confusion and many more. Further information on up and coming gigs and events can be found by visiting the club website: <http://barnsleyrockandblues.moonfruit.com> by phone on 01226 288395 or by visiting the Polish Club's Facebook page.

The club is housed in an old school building and access is through a pretty non-descript side door. The bar offers regular changing cask ale, on a recent visit I was treated with a fantastic pint of Oakwell Dark Mild at a very reasonable £2 a pint. Pool table is in the main room with the bar and if you're visiting for the live gigs, the concert room to the left is the place to head. Cask ale is always in excellent condition, and the club is certainly worth a visit.

Phil Gregg
Pubs & Clubs Officer

Barnsley CAMRA Members have been busy collating information for a new Real Ale and Cider Guide which is due out in 2013.

We now need Barnsley CAMRA volunteers to check information on the pubs and clubs.

Check map locations

Take pub and club photos and check beer quality

If you would like to help with the final preparations please get in touch with Nigel Croft His details are on the Officers' Page.

The Barnsley Real Ale & Cider Guide

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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
Cubley Hall - Penistone
Dog and Partridge - Hazlehead
Dodworth Arms - Dodworth
Fitzwilliam Arms - Elsecar
Furnace Inn - Hoyland
Fox and Hounds - Shafton
Foxhouse - Hepworth
Horseshoe - Wombwell
Huntsman - Thurstone
Joseph Bramah - Barnsley

Keel Inn - Barnsley
Market - Elsecar
Milton Arms - Elsecar
Old Number 7 - Barnsley
Rising Sun - Barnsley
Rose and Crown - Hoylandswaine
Saville Square - Hoyland Common
Shaw Lane Club - Barnsley
Silkstone - Barnsley
Silkstone Golf Club - Silkstone
Silkstone Inn - Barnsley
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 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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CHAMPION AWAY ALES

With Laurence Mace

As I write before the Hull game, Barnsley FC have won twice away and lost the other four away games. However six points from 18 (away from home) is quite respectable compared to last season's poor form. Of course Barnsley's main objective each season

needs to be maintaining second division status – then dream of knocking on the play-off zone! Early days. To get us through winter we'll visit the new CAMRA Good Beer Guide 2013 pubs:-

Saturday 1st December: Watford

Because the Watford entry has only featured the same pub for the last two seasons, we're visiting the nearby town of Croxley Green and the **Sportsman**, 2 Scots Hill, WD3 3AD. This comfortable community local has a warm welcome for all. Real ale is actively promoted with up to five guests, usually including a dark beer. Beers by Buntingford, Dark Star and Salopian make regular appearances and Westons Bounds Brand cider is always on. The pub events include twice yearly beer festivals, a book club and community activities. A 10 minute walk from Croxley station it's just one stop away from Watford on the Metropolitan Line. Joint winner of local CAMRA Pub of the Year 2010. Open: Saturdays noon to 11pm. Tel: (01923) 443360 Website: croxleygreen.com/sportsman

Saturday 8th December: Leicester

A fantastic 13 pubs to choose from in the new CAMRA Good Beer Guide for the Leicester area. Today we've chosen the **Ale Wagon**, 27 Rutland Street, LE1 1RE. Run by the Hoskins family, this city centre pub with 1930s interior, including original oak staircase, has two rooms with tiled and parquet floors and a central bar. There is always a selection of Hoskins Brothers ales and guests available. Open: 11am to 11pm Saturdays. Tel: (0116) 262 3330 Website: alewagon.co.uk

Saturday 22nd December: Millwall

The nearest Good Beer Guide 2013 entry is in nearby New Cross, so we're visiting the **Royal Albert**, 460 New Cross Road, SE14 6TJ today.

An Antic pub with a moustache as its logo and with a relaxed homely ambience. Its L-shaped bar leads to a conservatory and to an open to view kitchen. Guest beers come from micro-breweries such as By the Horns, Dark Star, Kent, Purity and Thornbridge. The menu includes steaks, chops, pies and game. The clientele is a mixture of local academia, musicians and people out for an enjoyable time. A front patio offers outside drinking. Open: Noon to 1am Saturdays. Tel: (020) 8692 3737 Website: royalalbertpub.com

Tuesday 1st January: Peterborough

For New Year's Day we'll choose the **Draper's Arms**, 29-31 Cowgate, PE1 1LZ, from the eight pubs featured in the new Good Beer Guide. Armstrong's drapers started life in 1899 and was converted in 2005 by Wetherspoon. 10 handpumps serve the regular and ever-changing guest ales including beers from Oakham ales and other local breweries, and a traditional cider. The interior is spilt into intimate spaces by wood-panelled dividers. Open: 9am to midnight on Tuesdays but check for Holiday changes if any. Tel: (01733) 847570

Saturday 19th January: Ipswich

The **Lord Nelson** 81 Fore Street is our featured Away Ale pub today, a nautically-themed pub steeped in history. Dating back to the 17th century it has a half-timbered frontage and dormer windows and is close to the historic waterfront. An unusual gravity dispense system is used that incorporates a row of wooden casks to good effect and also guarantees temperature controlled real ales, comprising Adnams Southwold Bitter, Explorer, Broadside and seasonal beers. Open: Noon to 12.30am Saturdays. Tel: (01473) 407510 Website: lord-nelson.co.uk

Saturday 2nd February: Blackpool

For today's trip to the seaside our Good Beer Guide featured pub is **Blackpool Cricket Club**, Barlow Crescent, West Park Drive, FY3 9EQ. This club is adjacent to Stanley Park and has numerous teams that play in local leagues. The club has squash courts, and hockey teams from the Stanley Park pitches use the club's facilities. Large-screen TV show all sports events. Thwaites Wainwright is the permanent ale, plus guest beers, and food is available at weekends. Open: Noon to 11pm on Saturdays. Tel: (01253) 393347 Website: blackpoolcricket.co.uk

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Who Ate All The Pies?

It must be the winter weather but I am really enjoying pies. I have even had a spot of nostalgia and I am enjoying Fray Bentos tinned meat pies, again. The steak and ale pie claims real ale as an ingredient but I assume the reference is to actual beer rather than a beer flavouring. The gravy is lovely which makes up for the small quantity of beef but they are cheap and very convenient, post pub. I just love that layer of pastry that is crisp on the top with a soggy under layer. There is something special about pastry actually cooked on top of the meat. So many pubs serve meat in gravy with a piece of flaky pastry cooked separately and put on the top just before serving. I can understand the wastage and food safety arguments for not keeping a big pie warm and serving portions to order but the gravy should be allowed to soak in for a least few minutes.

In this area several takeaway cafes and butchers shops sell hot pie at lunchtime and the better ones sell a portion cut from a big pie. I get excited waiting for my turn and trying to workout if I will get a corner or a middle slice. It is like being back at school, going around the class reading out loud. I can remember counting the paragraphs in a Shakespeare play and trying to be ready for my section. I always hoped to avoid problem words and I blush at the memory of girle giggles whenever breast was mentioned in the context of the heart and affection. It put me off Shakespeare for life.

But I did learn a few bits of useless information, at school, including the difference between stew and hash and the fact that Fray Bentos is a port in Uruguay. It was a meat-processing city when I was at school but suprise suprise the factory is now a museum. Hash is made with cooked meat such as corned beef and stew is made from raw meat.

On the nostalgia theme, can you remember plate pies often made on a white metal plate that had a blue rim? My favourite was minced

beef and onion but corned beef and onion was popular too. I also enjoyed stew and dumplings especially if my mother took the lid off the casserole dish 10 minutes before serving and then the dumplings had a crispy top. The recipe below is for chicken stew and dumplings but we usually had beef stew at home because chicken was an expensive luxury in the days before intensive farming.

Chicken stew with bacon dumplings

I have called this stew but it is actually a casserole because it is cooked in the oven where as stew is cooked on the top.

Make chicken stew and it should have a bit too much liquid because the flour in the dumplings thickens the gravy. I prefer a simple recipe either chicken and leek or chicken and mushroom. A mixed vegetable casserole is lovely too.

Cooked pieces of bacon until just crispy. Finely chopped a spring onion or parsley or chives

Add the bacon and onion to the dumpling mix before adding the water. For a vegetable option use small pieces of smoked Wensleydale and a grating of vegetarian Parmesan. (The Italian version is made with animal rennet, which is calf digestive juices.) Make and cook the dumplings according to the packet. Reduce the vegetarian suet by a small amount if using cheese.



◀8 Away Ales

Saturday 9th February: Middlesbrough

Like the Watford situation, Middlesbrough's sole Good Beer Guide entry has been the same pub for the last couple of seasons, so a couple of miles out of town we'll choose the **Lazenby Social Club**, High Street, TS6 8DX. In a pleasant village, wedged between the remnants of Teeside's heavy industries and the Cleveland hills, this private members' club extends a warm welcome to CAMRA members. A free house, it comprises a lounge, a large bar/games room, a concert room, and a conservatory that houses a full size snooker table. It was dry for years during Teeside's industrial heyday, but the club has now gained a deserved reputation for selling fine real ales; Brain's The Rev James and a guest beer. Bus numbers are 70 and 71.

Open: 11.30am to 11pm Saturdays.

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Saturday 23rd February: Bristol City

There are an amazing 19 Good Beer Guide choices this time so plenty of choice for this visit.

The **Three Tuns**, 78 St Georges Road, Hotwells, BS1 5UR is only five minute walk from the city centre past the cathedral. Now run by Arbor Ales this is an independent beer nirvana. Seven pumps dispense the full range of beer styles, with two or three from Arbour and the rest mainly from top-ranked British brewers. The L-shaped interior has scrubbed wooden tables, and mixed seating. Food is limited to rolls and bar snacks. A CAMRA discount applies. Local CAMRA Pub of the Year 2012.

Open: Noon to midnight on Saturdays.

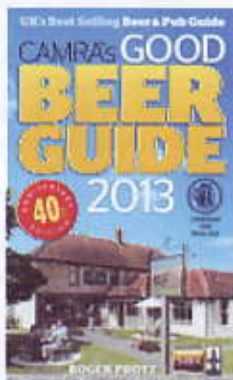
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Beer Festival Line Up

This is the quite time of year for beer festivals but the ones in these winter months are well worth the effort attending. Hope to see you at one or two. Jeff Harrison "Shaggy".

Thursday 6th to Sunday 9th December is the

Imperial Club, Mexborough, lesser known breweries beer festival. Always a cracking trip out. Full details are on page 19.

Saturday 22nd December isn't actually a beer festival, but an annual real ale crawl around Sheffield's "Valley of Beer". It's the **Scopers Christmas Seminar**. This will be your best chance to meet all the Nations "Beer Tickers", discuss beer matters, the weather and generally put the world to rights. Tickers new and old are welcome to join in the crawl which starts at the **Harlequin** on Nursery Street, Sheffield at 12 noon.

Wednesday 23rd to Saturday 26th January 2013 sees the **National Winter Ales Festival** being held at the Sheridan Suite, Oldham Road, **Manchester**.

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



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Wednesday 20th to Saturday 23rd February 2013. Derby Winter Ales

Festival. 2013 will see Derby CAMRA host its 12th Winter Beer Festival - and it's the 3rd time they'll be at Derby's historic Roundhouse in Pride Park. They have listened to the feedback from the first 2 years and are planning some changes to allow you to enter the festival more easily, and they won't run out of beer again!

Wednesday 27th February to Saturday 2nd March 2013. Baasil Goes West. It's the **Rotherham Magna Real Ale and Music Festival**. Featuring real ales from the West of Britain. The Magnificent Seven Bars will be serving an ever greater choice of real ales than ever before as well as perries, ciders and fine wines as well as beers from across the world. With a packed line-up of entertainment, this is a festival not to be missed.

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Join me again and try some of the next 4 beers I drank in Barnsley's pubs since the last edition. I enjoy a commemorative ale, an IPA and a couple of refreshing golden beers from Yorkshire breweries.



Getting about dropping off copies of the BAR gets me into some great pubs and the **Travellers Inn at Dodworth** is a cracking pub. The small bar is the first thing you see when you enter, a busy and popular restaurant area is to the left and a plush welcoming lounge to the right. The pub offers a couple of real ales, I have

opted for drinking the guest beer from Ossett Brewery.

Ossett Yorkshire Blonde 3.9% abv.

This is a slightly sweet but well rounded pale beer though the brewery say it is a lager-style beer. The beer was introduced to the breweries permanent range in 2010 and has been a great offering on their portfolio. The beer has a fruity and hoppy aroma.

Food Matching - This beer would go well with chicken dishes or a strong cheese ploughman's.



The town centre for many years has been a desert for real ales, just the odd pubs offering these wonderful ales. Today it has become a real ale destination. The Chennells for many years has been keg only but in the last year has been offering three real ales. The pub had a complete refurbishment in 2011 and is a town centre pub offering good value food and drinks. My

choice on this visit was from Wombwell's Acorn brewery.

Acorn 1887 Red 4.4% abv

Brewed to celebrate 125 years of Barnsley Football Club and was mainly for bottling. The cask version became very popular but just a handful of pubs offer this well-balanced, ruby-coloured ale. Berry fruits in the aroma and taste.

Food Matching – This would go well with a rich beef pie or an oriental dish.



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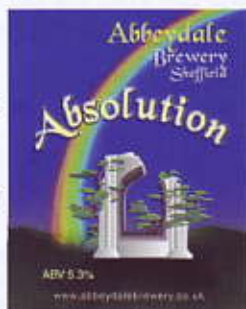
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◀ **Saville Square** at Hoyland Common opened in 2011 offering an atmospheric ambiance to a pub like no other in Barnsley. The stylish bar and smart high quality décor brings a warming home feel to the whole place. The relaxed environment is an ideal place to have anything

from speciality coffee, freshly prepared lunch or light bites and not forgetting some excellent real ales. From the three cask ales today, I opted for Absolution from Sheffield's Abbeydale brewery. **Abbeydale, Absolution 5.3% abv** This golden beer is a sweet throughout and has a fruity flavour of banana and toffee. Crisp tasting with a balanced bitter finish. Although it was a guest beer here at Saville Square, the beer is brewed all year round by the Sheffield based brewery and is popular, so could well return.



Food Matching - This beer goes well with Lasagne or a Greek salad. For the sweet tooth it would also go well with Chocolate Gateau.



My next trip out brings me to Worsbrough Dale, and hidden out of the way at the end of Edmunds Road you will find the rather impressive **Boatmans Rest**. This multi roomed pub is full of coalmining knick-knacks. It has a large function room to the rear, a narrow lounge to one side a lounge in front of the bar and to the left a busy games room with pool table. The pub offers the one real ale, and so a pint of Greene King IPA it was.

Greene King, IPA 3.6% abv A refreshing pint of GK IPA isn't so hard to find in Barnsley, but the Boatman's Rest is a pub where I have found it spot on every time. It's a well balanced refreshing, hoppy beer with a bitter finish. I am not afraid to own up to the fact that GK IPA is one of my favourite low strength beers, though I think it should carry the name Bitter rather than IPA.

Food Matching - This beer goes very well with curries and spicy foods.

24 down, 56 to go...

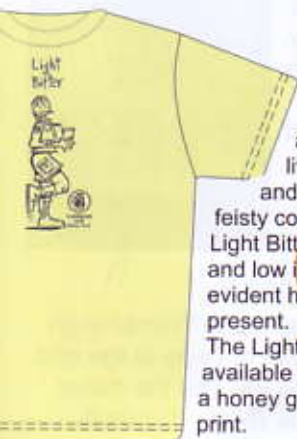
Does your local have an interesting real ale? If so drop me an email, my address is on the branch officers' page.



Nigel Croft

Barnsley CAMRA EXCLUSIVE

Looking for beery Christmas gifts for someone, then look no further. 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.

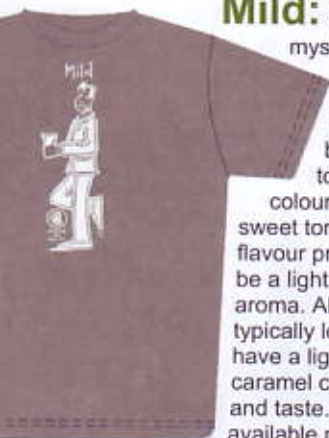


Light Bitter:

Blonde and bright, refreshing lively while being cool and easygoing. Fun and feisty company.

Light Bitters are light bodied and low in alcohol but with evident hop character may be present.

The Light Bitter T-Shirt is available now in sizes M, L XL in a honey gold shirt with black print.



Mild:

Usually dark and mysterious. Smooth, suave and effortlessly tasteful. Milds range from black to dark brown to pale amber in colour. Malty and possibly sweet tones dominate the flavour profile but there may be a light hop flavour or aroma. Alcohol levels are typically low. Dark milds may have a light roast malt or caramel character in aroma and taste. The Mild T-Shirt is available now in sizes M, L, XL in a chocolate shirt with cream print.

Old Ale:

Demands respect, Old Ale is formidable but friendly, mature but robust.

Typically black or dark brown but can be paler. Old Ales are full bodied with a malty richness.

Strong old ales are again typically dark brown or black and may have a very rich roast malt in the aroma and taste.

The Old Ale T-Shirt is available now in sizes M, L XL in a black shirt with white print.



Porter & Stout:

These are distinguishing dudes with smooth characters.

Recognisable by their rich dark bodies and thick creamy head.

Porters are complex in flavour and are typically black or dark brown. The darkness comes from the use of dark malts, unlike stouts, which use roasted barley. Porters should have full mouth feel and a pronounced finish through bitter hopping.

Stouts are typically black, have an initial malt and caramel flavour with a distinctive dry roast bitterness in the finish.

The Porter and Stout T-Shirt is available now in sizes M, L XL in a black shirt with white print.



Shirts are £11.50 each for CAMRA members and £13.50 to non members, price includes P&P £10.50/ £12.50 if collected. Other sizes by request, contact Margaret on the officers page for prices. Send your Cheque / postal order payable to "Barnsley CAMRA" to Shirts, 8 Newtown Ave, Cudworth, Barnsley S72 8DZ with Membership Number (if applicable) Shirt(s) Required, Size and Return Address.

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Not a million miles away from Barnsley, lets say 10 if you go direct, 25 if you go by train is Mexborough. A handful of famous people come



from Mexborough such as actors Keith Barron and Brian Blessed and darts player Dennis Priestley. But I'm not really here to tell you about this, I want to tell you about

what's happening here in December.

The Imperial Club & Brewery is going to hold a New Breweries Beer Festival. The plan is to have around 20 or so beers available over the four day event which runs from Thursday 6th to Sunday 9th December. The festival will also offer about half a dozen real ciders.

The club will open its doors on Thursday and Friday at 4pm till midnight, then Saturday and Sunday it will be open all day from 12 noon till midnight.

Food will be available each day and Sunday will see the clubs popular carvery being served from 12 noon till 3pm.

Live entertainment goes down a storm here at the club so from 9pm each evening (8.30pm on Sunday) Bands will liven up the atmosphere and help you tap your toes.

Traveling to Mexborough from Barnsley is quite

easy, direct buses from Barnsley include the 218 and 222. Trains from Barnsley are easy too, you will need to change at Meadowhall though and watch out as there are no late trains on Friday.

You can find the club straight across the road from the bus station at Mexborough and at the end of train station approach on Cliff Street.

The club had a successful New Breweries festival last year so this should be a walk in the park for the team this year.

One other thing, Donald Watson is also from Mexborough, he is the founder of the Vegan Society.

Nigel Croft



Beer After The Bomb

When reading 'Physics World,' I came across a reference to 1955 Nuclear testing in Nevada. As part of 'Operation Teapot,' the Americans exploded nuclear devices on bottles and cans of beer

Operation Teapot was a series of fourteen nuclear weapons tests, some specifically for getting information on nuclear effects. They took a number of different types of bottles and cans, filled with different liquids, and put them in various positions relative to Ground Zero (GZ) for two nuclear tests. The closest ones were 400m away.

Even the bottles pretty near the test had a fairly high survival rate. Only the bottles closest to GZ had radioactivity, "well within the permissible limits for emergency use."

But ... how did it taste? examination showed

no observable appearance changes. Immediate taste tests indicated that the beer was still of commercial quality, although there was a slight flavour change in some of the beer closest to GZ. Those farther away showed no change.

Samples of the various beers, as well as unexposed controls, were then sent to five qualified laboratories for taste-testing. The cumulative opinions ranged from "commercial quality" to "aged" and "definitely off." However, all agreed, that the beer could be used as an emergency source of liquid.

E. Roland McConnell, George O. Sampson, and John R. Shari, "Report to the Test Director - Operation Teapot - Project 32.2a - The Effect of Nuclear Explosions on Commercially Packaged Beverages, February-May 1955," WT-1213 (24 January 1957), copy in the Nuclear Testing Archive, Las Vegas, NV, document NV0011597

You can read the lengthy 275 page report by visiting this website: <http://goo.gl/33P15>

Dave Pickersgill

Well Done

But this is only the start

CAMRA is delighted to celebrate with other members of the beer and pub industry as the Government e-petition calling on the abandonment of the beer duty escalator has exceeded the 100,000 signatures needed to trigger a Parliamentary debate. The petition is only the 12th Government e-petition - out of over 16,000 submitted - to have ever reached the 100,000 landmark.

The beer duty escalator, introduced by the last Government in 2008, and continued by the coalition, has successively penalised Britain's beer drinkers by automatically increasing duty levels by 2% above inflation every year. As a result, tax on beer has increased by over 40% since 2008, with a third of every pub pint now being swallowed in tax. Over 4,500 pubs have also closed over this same period.

CAMRA has invested significant resources into campaigning against the beer duty escalator, and major breakthroughs in the lead up to the petition securing 100,000 signatures included over 15,000 beer drinkers adding their names to it over the course of the Great British Beer Festival, held at London's Olympia at the beginning of August (7th-11th).

A Parliamentary debate was held in early November which saw MP's vote overwhelmingly to have the escalator reviewed before the next budget in 2013.

CAMRA is ramping up the pressure on Government by announcing it is to hold a Mass Parliamentary Lobby in Westminster on Wednesday December 12th, with over 1,000 people expected to attend from all corners of the UK

to voice their discontent at punitive tax increases on Britain's National Drink. Attendees will be asking to speak to their respective local MPs, and seeking their support to protect the nation's historic beer and pub industry.

Colin Valentine, CAMRA National Chairman, said:

'Joining a very small minority of e-petitions to have ever reached the 100,000 landmark is a mammoth achievement, and it's been fantastic to witness the beer and pub industry uniting to fight back against this issue.

'Over the last 6 months, CAMRA has been collecting signatures at beer festivals, organising local campaigning events, as well as supplying pubs with petition material. On CAMRA's part, we have devoted a great amount of resources to this campaign, so we are delighted this has all paid off.

'CAMRA's next step is not to rest on our laurels but to maintain the impetus with our Mass Parliamentary Lobby, which will reinforce to MPs the groundswell of support for this campaign. With all the battering it has taken, the beer and pub sector still manages to contribute over £21 billion a year to the UK's GDP, and supports one million jobs, so it's about time the Government honoured its pledge to be "pub friendly".'

Save Your Pint
SAY NO TO THE BEER TAX ESCALATOR

The graphic features a stylized blue and orange escalator with a white arrow pointing upwards. The text 'Inflation + 2%' is written along the side of the escalator. Several beer glasses are scattered around the escalator, some appearing to be falling or being thrown away, symbolizing the loss of value due to the tax increase.



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So, Where is the pub and what was it called? To enter, please send your answer, your name and address, and the pub where you will drink your beer. You also **must be and state that you are 18 or over**, (some people miss this out and we simply cannot accept their entry.)

Send your answers to "Jeff Harrison" by post, text or email, his details are on the branch officers' page. Entries should be with Jeff no later than **1st February 2013**, 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

Last Issues Answer

Congratulations go to Joanne Kitson from Birdwell. Joanne correctly named last edition's pub which was the Red Lion (now Button Mill). She will be drinking her £10 of beer in the Cock Inn, Birdwell.

Pub and Club Winners 2011/12

Barnsley CAMRA Pub and Club of the Year and Pub of the Season

The Old No 7

Barnsley
Pub of the Year 2012

Wortley Men's Club
Wortley
Club of the Year 2012

Anglers Rest

Wombwell
Cider Pub of the Year 2012

The Cock Inn

Birdwell
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Season 2012/13

Wortley Men's Club

Wortley
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Season 2012

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The Commercial

Barnsley
Autumn Pub of the
Season 2011

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Social Events Calendar

December

Tuesday 18th December

Early branch meeting at the Commercial Inn, Summer Lane. Starts at 7.30pm with a shortened agenda, at 8.30pm we have a social tour around some of Barnsley's real ale pubs.



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR

2013



January

Tuesday 2nd January

Survey social of Silkstone Common and Dodworth. Meet at the Station Inn at 7.45pm, catch the number 21 bus at 7.07pm

Sunday 13th January

NOT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Once again we will be in the cellar bar of the Old No 7, Market Hill, Barnsley. Doors open at 12 noon and we kick off the fun at 12.30pm, finishing at around 4pm. We are going to stick to the same format of games, raffle, buffet and beer. Price is £8 per CAMRA member £10 for non members, kids are free and get 2 soft drinks and food. Your Ticket includes 4 halves of draught real ale or cider and food. Please start booking and paying for your place with Margaret, it's not to be missed.

Tuesday 15th January

Beer Festival meeting at the Market Hotel, Elsecar. We start at 8.15pm, Catch the 66 at 7.35pm or train at 7.26pm

Saturday 26th January

The famous Western Outpost pub survey. This is always the most popular of our surveys because it takes people out to Carlecoates Hazlehead, Langsett, Wortley, Thurlstone Hoylandswaine, High Hoyland, Baurgh Green and Higham. We will be departing from the Joseph Bramah at 12.15pm. Please book your seats early so I can organise the right size bus.

Price will be £6 per person. CAMRA members only for this trip.

Tuesday 29th January

Branch meeting and social at Fox and Hounds Shafton. The meeting starts at 8pm. Catch the 29a bus from Barnsley Interchange 7.30pm

February

Friday 1st February

Barnsley CAMRA Winter Pub of the Season Presentation Evening. This goes to the Cock Inn on The Walk, Birdwell. Catch the number 66 bus at 7.35pm and alight at Travellers and walk to pub. The presentation will be made at around 9pm.

Tuesday 5th February

Beer Festival meeting at the Milton Arms, Elsecar 8.15pm start. Catch the 66 bus at 7.35pm or train at 7.26pm.

Wednesday 6th February

Survey social of Wortley and Thurgoland. Meet at the Silkstone Inn, Market Street, Barnsley for a 7.30pm departure.

Tuesday 26th February

Branch meeting and social at Ash Inn, Wombwell lane, Wombwell. The meeting starts at 8pm so catch the 226 bus at 7.35pm

Please Note:

Not all our socials make this page. So for the most up-to-date events visit just visit the Barnsley CAMRA website at www.barnsleycamra.org.uk or call Margaret. Also please use any information printed here as a guide, it was correct as we went to print. For bus and train times call Travel South Yorkshire on 01709 515151 (till 10pm) or try their journey planner at <http://goo.gl/hSvh7>



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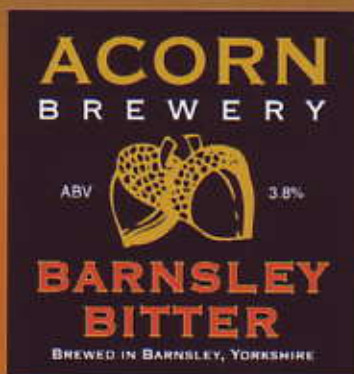
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