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**Not Only,**  
a new Editor

**Special  
Edition**

**But Also,**  
a Beer Fest. Pull-out

At the beginning of this year I joined the 'Axe the Beer Tax Campaign', via the website—A month later I had a letter from my MP. Saying that she hadn't even heard of the campaign! Another month went by and another letter appeared, saying she's going to a Pre-Budget Beer and Planning meeting and that the campaign would be discussed, the next week, I get another saying that all the options had



been put forward and that she had now written to the Treasury about our strong disagreement of the constant undercutting by the supermarkets, and asking for a freeze in duty. **RESULT!** We just need to see what happens in the Budget? For more information and to get some letters from The House of Commons, join the Campaign via Internet or through your local CAMRA group.

## OVER 1600 PUBS HAVE CLOSED IN THE LAST YEAR

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

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

**Anglers Rest** - Wombwell  
**Cherry Tree** - High Hoyland  
**Cross Keys** - Darfield  
**Cubley Hall** - Penistone  
**Darfield Cricket Club** - Darfield  
**Dog & Partridge** - Hazlehead  
**Eastfield Arms** - New Lodge  
**Gatehouse** - Barnsley  
**Horseshoe** - Wombwell  
**Huntsman** - Thurlstone  
**Joseph Bramah** - Barnsley  
**Keel Inn** - Barnsley  
**Kings Head** - Mapplewell  
**Market Hotel** - Elsecar  
**Mill of the Black Monks** - Cundy Cross  
**Milton Arms** - Elsecar  
**Railway** - Wombwell  
**Rose and Crown** - Hoylandswaine  
**Royal Hotel** - Barugh Green  
**Shaw Inn** - Barnsley  
**Shaw Lane Sports Club** - Barnsley  
**Silkstone Inn** - Barnsley  
**Silkstone Lodge** - Silkstone  
**Strafford Arms** - Stainborough  
**Spencer Arms** - Cawthorne  
**Station Inn** - Darfield  
**Station Inn** - Silkstone Common  
**Tavern** - Wombwell  
**Waggon and Horses** - Langsett  
**Wortley Arms** - Wortley

## 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
- Contact Barnsley CAMRA if you would like us to speak to a licensee

**LESS THAN 20 MILES  
BREWERY TO BAR**

## A Big Hello from your new Editor



year, worked at 6), and am a 'ticker' with over 1,500 different beers in the last 18 months. I live just outside the Barnsley boundary in High Green, and spend most of my time between Chapeltown, Sheffield, Rotherham and Barnsley.

You can get in touch with me through Barnsley CAMRA at [bareditor@barnsleycamra.org.uk](mailto:bareditor@barnsleycamra.org.uk) , or direct: [shaggybarnsley@gmail.com](mailto:shaggybarnsley@gmail.com) or even text me on: 0793 182 4103 (T-Mobile) I even accept 'SnailMail'

Any contribution will be gratefully received.

I shall do my best, *Shaggy*

I would just like to say how proud and honoured I am to be trusted enough to have a bash at editing this marvellous and upstanding newsletter, and also that I don't expect to change many things.

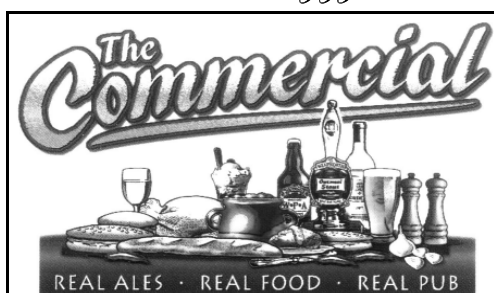
Nigel Croft has done such a good job in the past years, that I don't think it could be improved upon.

THANK YOU SO MUCH NIGEL!

However, I shall be introducing a few new columns:

- 'Heard in the Taproom' will be a place for rumours, discussions and general banter, some items might be true, some might be economical with the truth, and some might be downright lies.
- 'Around the Area', information for those wanderers who get a bit further than the confines of Barnsley.
- 'Useless Facts' the stuff the beer bore would love to come out with, and disrupt many a sensible conversation.
- 'InterWeb' a round-up of some of the ullage we find in cyberspace.

A little bit about myself: I've been a CAMRA member (on and off ) for over 30 years. I am a regular Beer Festival Goer (over 40 last



The Commercial dates back to 1890 and the present licensees Paul & Kate have managed to keep the pub in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide for 10 years. The central bar serves a no smoking snug, a games room/public bar and a comfortable lounge. The pub offers Wentworth Brewery beers and a further 4 guest beers. Food is available ( lunch and evenings ) from the menu or the day's specials board. Two popular beer festivals are held in the pub each year, May/June and November.

The Bus from Barnsley is the 265 and the train station is only a 5 minute walk away.

Open Times Are:-  
Mon - Thurs 12 - 3,  
5.30 to 11;  
Fri to Sun All Day.  
Tel. 0114 246 9066



107 Station Rd, Chapeltown

# GEORGE & DRAGON

## SUMMER LANE - BARNSELEY

Just on the edge of town, the George and Dragon offers 3 traditional handpulled beers:  
 <<< John Smiths Cask plus two changing guests >>>  
 And always served with a warm welcome from Keith, Noreen and the staff in oversized lined glasses.

Monday Night Pool - Tuesday Night Darts  
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 If neither foes nor loving  
 friends can hurt you  
 If all men count with you,  
 but none too much  
 If you can fill the  
 ungrudging minute  
 with sixty seconds' worth  
 of distance run,  
 Yours is the Earth and  
 everything that's in it  
 And, which is more,  
 you'll be a man, my son.*

*Rudyard Kipling*

**If you can keep your head when all  
 about you are losing theirs  
 .....you're probably  
 drinking KIPLING!**

thornbridge KIPLING  
 a South Pacific Pale Ale

Call now to stock  
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*This was a press release from the Stone Brewery of America:*

To celebrate the first anniversary of Arrogant Bastard Ale in 1998, we unleashed it's big angry brother, Double Bastard Ale. Every November since then, the Double Bastard has been released in limited quantities. In 2004 Arrogant Bastard Ale and Double Bastard Ale got a third cohort when we released OAKED Arrogant Bastard Ale in 3 Litre bottles. 2006 marked the third year of OAKED Arrogant Bastard Ale, and a surprise - we crammed, forced, shoved and cajoled the OAKED Arrogant Bastard Ale into itty bitty tiny little 12oz. bottles. It did not go willingly. Some Stone peeps got hurt. More emotionally, than physically, but it was definitely both. Well, here we are on our fourth year and we've got one more surprise... You'll be able to get OAKED Arrogant Bastard Ale in six-packs all year 'round starting on August 20th, 2007!

*And now for something totally different;*

Researchers have mapped the DNA of dozens of strains of yeast used for brewing, baking and bio fuels, something they said last Wednesday will help map the human genome and could lead to better-tasting beer and wine. This means brewers can pick the best strains to make beer with more flavour or perhaps help vintners bottle wine that lasts longer after opening, Ed Louis of the University of Nottingham in Britain and colleagues reported in the journal Nature.

Besides offering ways to improve beer, wine and bread, the maps could provide a model scientists can use to build computer software needed to scan the more complex human genome,

## Inter-web



# Pub, Club

Simone Foster-Jowett is the new owner of the **Anglers Rest, Park Street, Wombwell**, within the first few weeks of opening, Acorn Barnsley Bitter was on offer and if the regulars of real ale get a say, Old Moor Porter will be flowing in this true freehouse.

**The Last Orders, Wombwell**, also has a new licensee though no real ales.

New licensees Kate and Mark at the Fiddlers Inn, Hemingfield, The real ales on a recent visit were John Smiths Cask and A guest beer from Theakstons, though Kate was enthusiastic in ordering beers from the latest portfolio, this included Old Peculiar. If the real ale sales increase at the rate they have been, she says it won't be long before a third handpump will be needed.

**The Tavern, Hemingfield** has reopened with new owners after a short closure, this would explain the pub being closed on a recent Monday evening visit with I called round with the "BAR Fly".

Close by is the **Old Moor Tavern, Brampton**, the pub has just re opened with new management, as well as real ale there are new meal offers.

Barnsley CAMRA's Pubs Officer has written a

letter opposing the planning permission being sought for housing at the **Low Valley Arms** and the **Countryman in Wombwell**.

The Mill of the Black Monks, Cundy Cross, is now serving 4 real ales all from Acorn Brewery. The **Butchers Arms at Thurnscoe** has re opened after a refurbishment, it now has new owners but no real ale.

Barnsley CAMRA would like to congratulate everyone at the **Kelham Island Tavern, Sheffield**. The pub has picked up the top prize of National Pub of the Year 2008. It offers 10 real ales including milds as well as Stout/porter. It has been winning CAMRA awards since opening in 2002, so a very well done to Trever, Lewis and all the team.

The World's Biggest International Real Ale Festival will be taking place from Wed 15th April to Mon 4th May. Offering 50 of the world's best guest beers. For more, just visit one of Barnsley's **Wetherspoons** Pubs, the Silkstone Inn, Joseph Bramah and The Horseshoe at Wombwell. Lets not forget the Church House in Wath and the **Old Market Hall, Mexborough**.

**Tesco**, the giant supermarket chain isn't stopping at selling cheap booze, they have plans to take 2000 failing pubs and change them to Tesco Express, I wonder if there will be clean toilets, pool tables and a comfortable lounge to chat? Thought not!

## Acorn Brewery - Barnsley

The new brewer Richard Hough, had his head shaved in aid of Comic Relief in March, this was done at the Devonshire Cat in Sheffield City Centre.

Meanwhile, the monthly IPA range is going from strength to strength. This year it's showcasing European hops (all the IPAs being named after the particular hop).

New beers available from the IPA range are Bobek IPA 5% for April, May sees Hersbrucker IPA 5% and June will be Marynka 5%.

## H.B.Clarks - Wakefield

2009 sees a whole new range of monthly beers all based around famous people who's birthday is in that month. February and March we had Evolution Ale 4.4% and Four Minute Mile 4%, Charls Darwin and Roger Bannister. Foe April and May we celebrate William Shakespeare and Sir Arthur Cornel Doyle these beers are Bards Bitter 4.2% A golden beer with a subtle blend of malt and hop. And Elementary Mild 3.8% A dark beer with hints of chocolate that complement the well roast barley.

The spring seasonal beer from March to May is Daffodil Dream 4.4% a Brown coloured beer with subtle hop finish, said to put a spring in your step.

*Nigel Croft*

# & Brewery News

## 50p per Unit?

### Prime Minister's Rejection of Minimum Alcohol Pricing is "Hypocritical"

CAMRA has branded the Prime Minister's claim that he does not wish to penalize the "sensible majority of moderate drinkers" as hypocritical. Last year the Government increased tax on beer by an eye watering 18%, a move which has penalised responsible drinkers and contributed to the loss of nearly 6 pubs a day.

CAMRA supports the introduction of a minimum price per unit of alcohol set at a level sufficient to prevent the major supermarkets selling alco-

hol at a loss and thereby encourage people to drink in the regulated and social environment of the pub.

CAMRA Chief Executive, Mike Benner said:

"It is hypocritical of the Prime Minister to suggest he is a friend of responsible drinkers when it is his Government who hit beer drinkers with a staggering 18% increase in beer duty last year. If the Prime Minister genuinely wishes to avoid penalizing the majority of moderate drinkers then he must abandon plans for annual above inflation increases in the tax on beer and endorse action to prevent the major supermarkets undermining pubs by selling alcohol at a loss."



To celebrate the UK's first ever National Cask Ale Week, Adnams is bringing back a much-loved classic - Adnams Extra Special Bitter. Known to its fans simply as 'Adnams Extra', the beer was crowned the Champion Beer of Britain at the Great British Beer Festival in 1993.

According to Rob Flanagan, Sales Director at Adnams, "Adnams is fully supporting Cask Ale Week and wanted to celebrate the occasion by bringing back one of our old favourites. Adnams Extra Special Bitter has reached near cult status amongst Adnams fans who remember the beer with great fondness, we are sure they will be delighted to hear that it is returning. We also hope that resurrection of Adnams Extra will create a buzz of interest in Cask Ale Week for those who have not tried it before."

On the news that Adnams is brewing its Extra Special Bitter again, Roger Protz, Editor of the Good Beer Guide comments, "I'm delighted to hear that Adnams is to brew Extra again. It deservedly won the Champion Beer of Britain Gold award in 1993. It is an uncompromisingly hoppy and bitter beer, a hymn of praise to that marvellous English hop variety, the Fuggle, famous for its intense earthy bitterness -- the Sauvignon of the hop world. Extra is brewed with the finest Maris Otter pale and crystal malts. Following the copper boil with hops, the beer then lies on a deep bed of Fuggles to absorb even greater hop aroma and flavour. The finished beer has a pronounced malt, fruit and hop character and is wonderfully quenching and rewarding to drink. A classic!" Roger Protz

Cask Marque has teamed up with CAMRA and The Independent Family Brewers of Britain, to launch the first ever National Cask Ale Week. Held during Easter 6 - 13 April 2009 it will include a week of campaigning across the UK to promote the importance and pleasures of drinking real ale in pubs. The week will provide essential support for community pubs whilst also promoting real ale as the unique selling point for the British pub. In addition to launch Adnams Extra Special Bitter, the company is supporting the week with a number of events and activities throughout the country.

# Mild Month Of May

## Mild Day Trail Sat 9TH May

Win a ' T ' Shirt Sponsored by Acorn Brewery.

Once again we are holding a Mild day Trail on Camera's National Mild Day Sat 9th May. We shall be meeting in the Silkstone, Market St @ 9-30 am. for a 10 am. start. It's a few years since we last had one, so why not come along and join myself and other Barnsley CAMRA members ((non members are welcome) and complete our Mild Day Trail. I have asked 12 pubs in the Barnsley area to put on a Mild in May, Trail Cards can be found in the participating pubs or you can send a SAE to me to receive one. You do not have to complete the trail all in one day, remember we promote responsible drinking.

A list of pubs is shown below.

The trail cards will have 8 spaces each to be stamped at a different pub. If at the time of your visit no mild is available then as long as you have a real ale drink the bar person will stamp your card. NO DRINK< NO STAMP . When you have filled your card send it off to me with your name and address and size of ' T ' shirt required.

Only one ' T ' shirt per person. Closing date Sat 6th June. The ' T ' shirts which are being sponsored by the Acorn Brewery of Barnsley will show their logo and on the back will be a list of the pubs. So after all those rules etc go out and enjoy yourselves and go to visit pubs that you may not normally bother with. . .

For an up-to-date list of pubs please get in touch with Me (Margaret).

All contact details are on page 30.

Provisional Pubs are;

**Cherry Tree**—High Hoyland.

**George and Dragon**—Summer Lane, Barnsley

**Shaw Lane Sports Club**— Barnsley

**Pack Horse**— Royston

**Station Inn**— Darfield

**Market Hotel**— Elsecar

**Milton Arms**—Elsecar

**Mill of the Black Monks**— Cundy Cross, Lundwood

**Wentworth**—Penistone

**Silkstone**— Market St. Barnsley

**Horseshoe**— Wombwell

**Anglers Rest**—Wombwell



The finest glass is a glass filled with good beer.

*Margaret*

Frank and Sharon  
(formerly of Hickleton Village Hall)  
Welcome you all to  
their new pub !!!

## The George and Dragon

Church Street, Mexborough.

Tel: 01709 584375

Serving 4 Real Ales

Home Cooked Food

Sunday Carvery

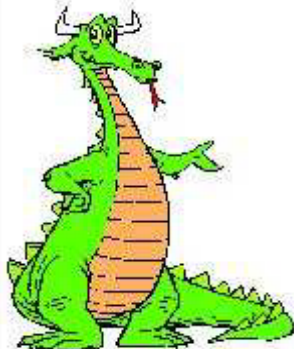
Large Steak Menu

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12:00 - 2:00 pm

and 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Sunday

12:00 - 4:00 pm.



# Hannah At The Hob

BY  
Hannah Lucas

## More Cider

I have been looking at the different types of cider and perry in the shops and I was confused by the names. Below is chart which I put together to help those of you, who like me, are not regular cider buyers.

Spring is here and I am looking forward to sitting outside and eating the new season's fruit and vegetables. Jersey royals, fresh mint etc. I am thinking about a lighter diet but I probably won't do anything about it, yet again.

The evenings are still cool so my recipe is for a warm cider and cranberry punch. Warming and comforting after a picnic or barbecue, something to keep you outside for a little longer. It is also good as a chilled drink.

Have you tried the apple and apple and cinnamon crisps. They are a pleasant sweet snack and lovely as a scoop for mousse type puddings.

## Cider and cranberry punch

The cider is not fully heated so retains some of the alcohol content

8 tea bags  
4 cups of water  
2 cups of unsweetened cranberry juice  
2 cups cider I used Merrydown medium 7.5%  
½ cup of sugar  
piece of cinnamon stick  
½ tsp ground ginger  
4 cloves  
1 orange, sliced  
1 sliced apple  
optional – a few dried or fresh cranberries  
Put the teabags in a saucepan  
Pour boiling water over the teabags and leave to stand for 4 minutes before removing the teabags.  
Place the rest of the ingredients in a punch bowl and add the hot tea.  
Stir to dissolve the sugar.  
Remove cinnamon & cloves  
Serve warm

## DRINKS MADE FROM APPLES & PEARS

<b>CIDER IN UK</b>	Dry or sweet. Still or fizzy. Cloudy or clear.	2 - 8%	Fermented apple juice.
<b>CIDER IN USA</b>	Non-alcoholic apple juice.	0%	
<b>CIDER IN USA</b>	Fermented alcoholic apple juice.	varies	
<b>CALVADOS</b>	Fruit Brandy	40%	Distilled from cider and aged for at least two years.
<b>APPLEJACK IN USA</b>	Fruit Brandy	40%	Distilled fermented, alcoholic apple juice.
<b>PERRY</b>	Dry or sweet.	2 - 8%	Fermented pear juice. Not widely available Only a few perry pear orchards in the UK Cider perry is apple cider flavoured with pear juice
<b>BABYCHAM</b>	Sparkling.	5.5%	Fermented pear juice or perry.
<b>POIRE WILLIAM</b> "(Alsace, France)"	Pear liqueur Thick and sweet or spirit-like and sweet. May have a pear in the bottle.	~30%	Distilled from Bartlett pears or made from Bartlett pears steeped in a grape spirit such as Eau de Vie
<b>PERA SEGNANA</b> "(Trentino, N.Italy)"	Pear Liqueur	~30%	Distilled from pears or made from pears steeped in a grape sprit such as Eau de Vie.

Real cider is in a similar situation to that which faced real ale some 25 years ago as the number of outlets for real cider is diminishing, even in the West Country. The situation with perry is even worse, as it is rarely available away from the farm gate.

Producing or making cider this takes place from late August to early in the New Year and depending on ambient temperatures, fermentation can take until the following spring.



# Useless Facts

## Did you know that the US shuttle design was determined by the width of a Roman horse's bottom ?

The US standard railroad gauge (distance between the rails) is 4 feet 8.5 inches.

*Q. That's an exceedingly odd number. Why was that gauge used?*

A. Because that's the way they built them in England, and English expatriates built the US Railroads.

*Q. Why did the English build them like that?*

A. Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the pre-railroad tramways, and that's the gauge they used.

*Q. Why did "they" use that gauge then?*

A. Because the people who built the tramways used the same jigs and tools that they used for building wagons, which used that wheel spacing.

*Q. Why did the wagons have that particular odd wheel spacing ?*

A. Well, if they tried to use any other spacing, the wagon wheels would break on some of the old, long distance roads in England, because that's the spacing of the wheel ruts.

*Q. So who built those old rutted roads?*

A. Imperial Rome built the first long distance roads in Europe (and England) for their legions. The roads have been used ever since.

*Q. And the ruts in the roads?*

A. Roman war chariots formed the initial ruts, which everyone else had to match for fear of destroying their wagon wheels. Since the chariots were made for Imperial Rome, they were all alike in the matter of wheel spacing. The United States standard railroad gauge of 4 feet, 8.5 inches is derived from the original specifications for an Imperial Roman war chariot. And bureaucracies live forever. The Imperial Roman war chariots were made just wide enough to accommodate the back ends of two war horses.

*Now the twist to the story...*

When you see a Space Shuttle sitting on its launch pad, there are two big booster rockets attached to the sides of the main fuel tank. These are solid rocket boosters, or



Dryden Flight Research Center February 1998 Shuttle Challenger launch

SRBs. The SRBs are made by Thiokol at their factory in Utah. The engineers who designed the SRBs would have preferred to make them a bit fatter, but the SRBs had to be shipped by train from the factory to the launch site. The railroad line from the factory happens to run through a tunnel in the mountains. The SRBs had to fit through that tunnel. The tunnel is slightly wider than the railroad track, and the railroad track, as you now know, is about as wide as two horses' behinds. So, a major Space Shuttle design feature of what is arguably the world's most advanced transportation system was determined over two thousand years ago by the width of a horse's bottom.





## CHAMPION AWAY ALES

Still five away matches (as two were postponed due to FA Cup clashes) to complete the season.... And Barnsley FC are desperate for the points. Just skimming above the dreaded relegation zone as I write, though we do have the two extra games to survive. Let's follow the 2009 CAMRA Good Beer Guide's (G.B.G.) choices to get us through the tense run-in.

### **Tues 7th. April - Sheffield United (postponed from 14/02/09)**

Sheffield Central contains ten entries in this years G.B.G. and as none are particularly close to Bramall Lane we'll visit the next-door neighbour to last season's choice (The Fat Cat), The Kelham Island Tavern at 62 Russell Street. At the south end of the "Valley of Beer", the K.I.T. has been Sheffield CAMRA Pub of the Year 2003 to 2008 Inclusive, Yorkshire Regional winner in 2004 and 2007, and just announced NATIONAL CAMRA PUB OF THE YEAR 2008. An impressive 10 permanent handpumps featuring Acorn Barnsley bitter, Bradfield Farmers Blonde, and Pictish Gold, include two that always dispense a mild and a stout or porter, so you are sure to find something to quench your thirst. A visit in warmer months enables you to sample the pubs' multi-award winning sub-tropical beer garden - a true gem. Regular folk music plays on Sunday and quiz night Monday. No meals on Sundays or Mondays. Open Noon to Midnight Saturdays. Tel: (0114) 272 2482

Website: [kelhamislandtavern.co.uk](http://kelhamislandtavern.co.uk)

### **Saturday 11th. April - Watford**

Just the three G.B.G. entries for Watford this year and we featured the West Herts Sports and Social Club last season so today we'll visit One Crown, 156 High Street. This is the oldest licensed pub in Watford, dating from the 16th. Century. The single bar interior divides into several areas, one with a pool table and dartboard. The clientele is a mixture of locals and visitors to the town centre. A guest beer is often available, usually the current Tring seasonal ale, together with the permanent beer Tring

With Laurence Mace

Jack o'Legs at 4.2% ABV. Sandwiches are available on weekend lunchtimes. Popular monthly events include a quiz, karaoke, and a 50/60's music evening.

Open Saturdays noon to 11pm.

Tel:(0192) 322 2626.

### **Saturday 18th. April - Reading**

This brand new Away Ale venue has six G.B.G. pubs to sample in this years edition. For our first visit and for our convenience we'll step off the train and into the Three Guineas, Station Approach. Located in the Victorian railway former ticket hall this is the ideal place to start or end your visit to Reading. The spacious bar features high ceilings and dozens of rugby shirts from all over the world. Expect crowds (and plastic glasses) when London Irish of Reading F.C. play at home, or for major televised sporting events. Food is served until 9pm. and amongst the eight real ales always available the permanents are Green King IPA, Thwaites Lancaster Bomber and Young's Bitter. Train departure times are displayed on monitors inside the pub.

Open Saturdays 10am. to 11pm.

Tel: (0118) 957 2743.

### **Tuesday 21st. April - Coventry (postponed from 07/03/09)**

Out of the magnificent dozen pubs for Coventry on the G. B.G. we've only featured two so far in previous visits. So still ten to go and today let's try a typically busy Wetherspoon's hostelry in the heart of Earlsdon, called the City Arms, 1 Earlsdon Street. Well served by public transport it's popular with students and locals alike. The pub offers a good choice of guest beers alongside permanents Green King IPA, Abbot and Marstons Pedigree, with mini beer festivals featuring a range of beers from breweries such as Church End, Phoenix and RCH. Part of the Lively Earlsdon Weekend scene it can be crowded on Friday and Saturday evenings. Food is served all day until 11pm. and children are permitted until 9pm. if dining. Open Tuesdays 9am. to Midnight.

Tel: (0247) 671 8170.

### **Sunday 3rd. May - Plymouth**

Fifteen marvellous G.B.G. pubs at our final fixture of this season at Plymouth! We've only used four so far so still plenty to sample. One I've enjoyed on my last visit was Thistle Park Brewhouse at 32 Commercial Road, Cox-side. This friendly convenient pub recently re-furbished to a high standard, can easily be reached via the swing bridge from the Barbican. A new restaurant on the first floor features authentic Thai cuisine. All real ales are from South Hams Brewery, which was the former Sutton Brewery located adjacent to the pub. A good alternative to the branded outlets in the nearby Barbican Leisure Park, the pub is close to the National Marine Aquarium. Open Sundays noon to 12:30am.

Tel: (0175) 220 4890.

## H.B. CLARKS The Core Range



H B CLARK FIRST BEGAN BREWING IN 1906, AND IS STILL VERY MUCH IN PRODUCTION TODAY. HENRY BOON CLARK WAS OUR FIRST MASTER BREWER, AND HE COULD NEVER HAVE IMAGINED THE STRENGTH, GROWTH AND SUCCESS OF THE BREWERY.



ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS WAS IN FULL VIEW, AND PROVED THE QUALITY AND SUCCESSES THAT HENRY BOON CLARK FOUNDED WHEN, WITH HIS ORIGINAL RECIPE, CLARK'S TRADITIONAL WON FIRST PRIZE IN THE 1983 GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL, IN THE BEST BITTER CATEGORY.



RECENT ACCOLADES ALSO INCLUDE 'CLASSIC BLONDE' AND 'GOLDEN HORNET'



STILL AN INDEPENDENT, FAMILY OWNED BUSINESS, CLARK'S CONTINUE TO BREW EXCITING AND INNOVATIVE ALES. NEW BEERS ARE BEING PRODUCED MONTHLY BASED AROUND FAMOUS PEOPLE AND WE ARE INTRODUCING FOUR NEW SEASONAL ALES FOR 2009/10



OUR WEBSITE HAS ALL OUR FORTHCOMING BEERS WITH TASTING NOTES AND CAN BE FOUND AT: WWW.HBCLARK.CO.UK



*Rick Pomfret is the Cask Ales Manager  
Tel. 07801 922473 or Your Nearest Depot*

## The Crown Inn

Tel: 01226 743851

Hill Street, Elsecar

Paul and Sue welcome you all to their well loved local. Call in and see for yourself. They offer Tetley Cask Bitter and a weekly changing Guest Beer.

Food is served:

Mon 12-2 and 5.30-7.30; Not Tue

Wed and Thurs 5.30-8.30

(Wednesday is Curry Night)

Friday 5-7, Saturday 12-2

Sunday 12.30-3.30

Monday - Games Night

Thursday - Quiz Night

Friday - 50's Disco

Saturday - Karaoke



## THE DEVONSHIRE CAT

Devonshire Quarter

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# Barnsley Beer Festival 2009

## Welcome to the 2009 Barnsley Beer Festival

*We are not the biggest or smallest festival, but we aim to be the friendliest!*

Last year we didn't have a festival, but we shall make up for this time by visiting the lovely little village of 'Elsecar-by-the-Sea', proving that Barnsley is not all smoke, grime and slag-heaps. This is the first time we've been out here and used this hall, but I'm sure all will be just great. We have a selection of beers from our local breweries (LocAle) and a few lesser known ones from the Cumbria area, plus several ciders, all of which shall be in tip-top condition, with free soft drinks for the drivers.

Please take the time not just to enjoy yourself here but have a wander around the local area; there are several pubs close-by and the Elsecar Heritage Centre is just across the road with numerous attractions over the Easter Weekend.

Margaret and her team will be supplying us all with fine food at the rear of the hall, and close-by will be the Tombola, with an 'adult bucket' and a separate one for the kids. So please take a trip away from the bar, and visit them.

Near the entrance is the family room, with seating and games for the children.

*Enjoy yourselves. Jeff*

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Whilst the Barnsley Beer Festival will offer a magnificent range of beers, it is, unfortunately, only open for 4 days. Fortunately, for the other 361 days of the year, Elsecar and the surrounding area offers a wealth of good pubs for the real ale fan.

A short distance from Elsecar, the village of Wentworth is our starting point. Here, there are 2 wonderful pubs, either of which make the trip here worthwhile. The first, The Rockingham Arms, is a charming pub, built in 1814 and still has, we are given to understand, some of the original seating. It offers accommodation, meals and, of course, a fine range of up to 6 real ales, including Wentworth WPA and Theakstons Best.



Just down the road, we then come to the George and Dragon, a pub which is in the 2009 edition of the Good Beer Guide. Again, up to 6 beers are served, including offerings from the local Wentworth Brewery,



along with an excellent range of food. Apparently, it was to this pub that Jamie Oliver sloped off when he had finished his day's filming in Rotherham for his most recent television series, so the food must be good, although we would like to have seen the chefs face when he found out who was sitting in his pub!

Moving on, we visit the adjoining village of Hemingfield. Unfortunately, many of the pubs here when we visited on a Monday evening were closed so it might be best to choose another night for your trip.

The first pub, The Elephant and Castle was sadly closed. Looking through the window, we can report that it appears that 2 guest ales are offered in relatively plush surroundings. Again, an extensive menu is available for those looking for food. There is also an excellent beer garden, ideal for visits on a summer's evening.

The next pub, The Albion, had no cask ale and we moved quickly on to The Tavern which was also closed. However, it is known to serve cask ales and, given the 'olde worlde' charm of the pub, a trip here is certainly worthwhile, just check the opening hours first.

Finally, we find a pub open on Monday night. The Fiddler's Arms is a traditional local pub, serving John Smith's cask and one other guest ale. Speaking to the Landlady, the pub is keen to promote cask ales which have, thus far, been selling well. Given that many of the other pubs in the village were closed, the Fiddler's Arms proved very popular, with a game of bingo being played as we walked through the door.

We then move back into the village of Elsecar. The first two pubs we visit, The Ship Inn and the Clothiers Arms offer no cask ales so we carry on by. The next pub, The Fitzwilliam Arms has no cask ale on when we visit, but there are handpumps on the bar which were covered with bar towels. We are hopeful that the absence of ale is to do with when we visit, and that weekends will find the pumps in use!

Finally, we find a pub offering something worth drinking. The Crown, only a short walk from Milton Hall – our beer festival venue, offers Tetley's Cask and one other guest ale, usually black sheep.



We now end our trip with two little gems, both of which are in the Good Beer Guide and both of which are within a couple of hundred yards of Milton Hall.

The Milton Arms is a comfortable and welcoming pub, offering three real ales, including Stones Cask and two changing guest ales. The landlord is also an accomplished chef and an excellent range of food is also on offer. Our final pub is the Market Hotel, a previous Barnsley CAMRA pub of the year. A fine range of four ales are offered, including Wentworth WPA. The pub's pricing policy is that all ales are sold at the same price, irrespective of strength which, at only £2.00 per pint when we visited, is excellent value for money. Add to this a large, well kept beer garden, Elsecar Heritage Centre next door and wonderful unspoiled countryside nearby and you have the recipe for a great day out.





**The Key:**

1. **The Market Hotel, 2-4 Wentworth Road (01226) 742240**  
12-11 Mon-Fri; 11-11 Sat; 12-11 Sun  
see description opposite:
2. **The Milton Arms, Armroyd Lane (01226) 742278**  
12-3pm, 7-11.30pm Mon-Fri; 12-5pm, 7-11pm Sun  
see description opposite:
3. **The Crown Inn, Hill Street**  
11am to 11pm  
see description opposite: and ad on page 12
4. **The Fitzwilliam Arms, Hill Street**
5. **The Ship Inn, Wath Road**
6. **The Clothiers, King Street**
- 7 & 8 **The Rockingham Arms & The George and Dragon, Main Street, Wentworth**  
(both 12 to 11pm)  
about a mile walk along Wentworth Road, past the reservoir, and to the left



# BEER FESTIVAL Beer List 1



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Beer List 2

# ELSECAR-BY-THE-SEA!

In 1910 a local amateur photographer, Herbert Parkin, took some photographs of the local reservoir and surrounding areas and sent them into the Sheffield Star under the caption Elsecar-by-the-Sea. The name caught on and with the help of good transport links from Sheffield via the local railway station a thriving tourism business was established. The local council decided to create the public park to take advantage of the influx. The name is still jokingly used by some locals and to advertise events around the reservoir.



Elsecar was nothing more than a series of farms up until the 18th century. Although coal had been mined in the area since the 14th century the first colliery, Elsecar Old, did not open until 1750. The first proper mine shaft was sunk in 1795 at Elsecar New Colliery. The village was formed to take advantage of the coal resources in the area. Many of the new buildings were built by the Earl Fitzwilliam, who resided in nearby Wentworth Woodhouse, to house their workers. By the end of the century several pits were opened.

Two independent iron forges were opened at the turn of the 19th century; these also came under the ownership of the Fitzwilliam family after their respective companies collapsed. There was also a distillery which opened in 1814; however this only lasted four years. Two smaller family run forges were also established in the mid 19th century and they survived well into the 20th century. The two main forges were closed by the end of the century.

The last colliery to open was Elsecar Main in 1908: It was also the last to close in 1983. In 1988 the last pit in the area, Cortonwood, also closed. Elsecar Workshops were sold off by British Coal the following year, ending the village's ties to the coal industry. The village suffered from similar economic problems as did all the mining villages in the region. There are still outstanding applications for mining parts of the village but these are unlikely to be acted upon.

Elsecar Heritage Centre is an antique, history and craft centre located within the former ironworks and colliery workshops of the Earl Fitzwilliam. Restored buildings now house an antique centre, individual craft workshops, and exhibitions of Elsecar's past. It contains the only Newcomen steam engine in the world to have remained in its original location.

The Elsecar Railway, South Yorkshire's only preserved railway, is based at the heritage centre.

At present the railway runs for approximately one mile between Rockingham Station at Elsecar, through the South Yorkshire countryside alongside the Dearne and Dove Canal, to the present terminus at Hemingfield. Although only currently a mile in length the line features stiff gradients of up to 1-in-40. Unfortunately there is currently no usable platform at Hemingfield, but in the future it is intended to build a halt here with a passing loop. There are plans to extend the railway a further mile to the retail park at Cortonwood, and in the future the operational base for the railway may move from Elsecar to Cortonwood as more space for expansion is available there. The extension to Cortonwood would provide a vital link for shoppers from Elsecar and Hemingfield to the retail park and an extended ride on a heritage railway for tourists.



## Our Featured Breweries

**5 Towns**—Leeds Road, Wakefield  
First brewed September 2008. A 2½BL plant

**Abbeydale**—Aizlewood Road, Sheffield  
Started brewing in August 1996. The brewer was initially a partner in Kelham Island. The 10 barrel brewplant used was previously at Leaking Boot. Beers have also been produced under the Beer Works Sheffield brand. The plant was upgraded to a 15BL plant during 2006.

**Acorn**—Unit 3, Aldham Ind. Estate, Michell Road, Wombwell, Barnsley

Started brewing in July 2003 located at Unit 11 Mitchell's Enterprise Centre, Bradberry Balk Lane, Wombwell, Barnsley. The 10 barrel brewplant was previously at the Forester & Firkin. A further 20BL plant was purchased in 2006 from the liquidators of Blackpool Brewery. Moved to their current location in October 2007.

**Sheffield Brewing Company**—Unit 111, The JC Albyn Complex, Burton Road, Sheffield

The Sheffield Brewery Company launched its first beers on 20th January 2007 at the brewery tap, The Gardeners Rest in Neepsend. The brewery's range of beers have been tasted up and down the country and Sheffield Brewery is fast developing a name for its excellent quality fine cask ales.

**HB Clark & Co (Successors) Ltd**—Westgate Brewery, Wakefield

This brewery started brewing in 1905 taking its name from the manager Henry Boon Clark. They ceased brewing in 1960. However brewing restarted in July 1982 in a purpose built brewhouse within the original brewery.

**Elland Brewery Limited**—Units 3-5 Heathfield Industrial Estate, Heathfield Street, Elland.

The Elland Brewery was formed as Eastwood & Sanders (Fine Ales) Limited in April 2002 by the amalgamation of the Barge & Barrel Brewery Company, based in Elland, formerly owned by White Rose Inns plc, and West Yorkshire Brewery, based in Luddendenfoot. Building on the success of these two established micro breweries, and by changing the name to the Elland Brewery in July 2006, the brewery has ensured the continuity of its brewing heritage whilst reinforcing its close links with the town of Elland. The brewery has expanded its capacity to brew up to 50 barrels per week. In 2008 they were joined by the former brewer of

Mitchell Eastwood who also brews under the name Gary Mitchell Elland Brewery.

**Foxfield Brewery**—c/o Prince of Wales, Foxfield, Broughton in Furness

Opened in the autumn of 1997 by the owners of Tigertops Brewery, this small plant brews a wide variety of different beers from a small brewery in the old stables of The Prince of Wales pub. Originally the 1 barrel brewplant formerly used at Tigertops was used, this was replaced in 1999 by a 3 barrel plant, the original plant being now used by Port Mahon.

**Hawkshead Brewery Ltd**—Staveley Mill Yard, Back Lane, Staveley, Kendal

Started brewing at Town End Farm, Colthouse, Ambleside in July 2002 using the 8 BBL plant from Border Brewery. Opened a second 20BBL brewery and new headquarters at the end of May 2006. Brewing ceased at the original plant in 2007 and it was sold to Brass Monkey.

**Kirkby Lonsdale Brewery**—Old Station Yard, Kirkby Lonsdale, Carnforth

First brewed February 2009. Using a 6BL plant

**Mallinsons Brewing Co**—Plover Road Garage, Huddersfield

First brewed 7th May 2008. Using a 6BL plant.

**Oakwell Brewery**—Pontefract Road, Barnsley

Based on the site of the Barnsley Brewery that was closed by John Smiths in 1976, the brewery opened in 1997.

**Summer Wine Brewery**—New Mill Road, Honley

Started brewing on 24th June 2006 using a 10 gallon brewplant in the brewer's cellar on New Mill Road, Brockholes, Holmfirth. Upgraded to a ½BL plant in 2007. Moved to their current location in November 2007 upgrading to a 6BL plant.

**Ulverston Brewing Co**—c/o 59 Urswick Road, Ulverston

Test brews for this were produced at Foxfield. Brewing on their own plant, a 4 BL plant previously used by Whitley Bridge and now located at Diamond Buildings, Pennington Lane, Ulverston, started in January 2006.

**Watermill Brewing Co**—Watermill Inn, Ings, Kendal

First brewed 5th July 2006. The 5 BL plant was previously at Hops Grill Bar, Daytona, USA.

**Wentworth Brewery Ltd**—Gun Park Works, Wentworth Park, Rotherham

Opened in September 1999 by the landlord of The Commercial, Chapelton, Sheffield.

# ROGUES GALLERY



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# Spring Pub of the Season



It is with great pleasure that we present the Spring Pub of the Season award to the **Cherry Tree at High Hoyland**. Such an award is long overdue for this long standing real ale outlet, and Good Beer Guide entry.

The **Cherry Tree** is a popular rural pub on the edge of the Barnsley Branch area, and has a large central bar and drinking area, which is popular with locals, and two spacious dining areas.

As you would expect from the rural location, the emphasis is on food, and pub has an

extensive and varied menu. This includes a great value fish and chip special on Friday, and some rather excellent pies.

Turning to the more important issue of beer, the **Cherry Tree** has served a good selection of real ale for as long as I can remember. The current range usually consists of John Smiths Cask, Black Sheep Bitter, and two beers from the Elland Brewery (Elland Best Bitter and Nettlethrasher on our visit). A fifth hand pump is also installed. The staff are friendly, and the beer is consistently of high quality.

After the beer, the other main attraction for this pub is the scenery. Visit on a warm (if we get any) Spring evening, and take your beer outside where you can enjoy breathtaking views across Cawthorne and Barnsley. If you venture across the road and lean on the wall, you can also enjoy the spring lambs in the field below. The public footpath leads down to Cawthorne and Kexbrough.



Come and join us with making the presentation on Wednesday 23rd April, we will be booking a mini bus which will leave the Joseph Bramah, Barnsley at 7.45pm and return to town for about 10.45pm. If you would like to book your seat, this will be £3 per head and numbers are limited, so I suggest you phone Margaret now, her contact details are on page 30

Following the withdrawal of the 235, the pub no longer has an evening or Sunday bus service. The 95 runs past the pub every hour during the day, and leaves Barnsley at 5 past the hour. The last return service is at 6:22pm - if you stay

any later, you will have to walk back to Kexbrough!

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The Resource Centre  
22 Regent Street South  
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(01226) 200618

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They have social evenings twice a week and have day-trips once a month as well as holidays twice a year  
They raise ALL their own funding  
They have tried for lottery funding but nothing as yet, and are still trying  
They are looking for larger premises  
The new building in Barnsley for volunteer groups charges £75 for three hours - which is far too expensive

## ***Competition Winners***

The winner of the BIG Quiz with 98 out of 100 was Paul Talbot of Darfield, congratulations and very well done.

The answers to the BIG Quiz are now available from barnsleycamra.org.uk/quiz

And for the Word-search:

The winner of this months 4 free pints goes to Mr H. Morrall in Barnsley, he will be drinking his free beer at the Silkstone Inn, Market Street, Barnsley.

# Pub closures climb towards six a day

A record 39 pubs a week are closing in Britain, up on the 36 closures a week in the first half of 2008, according to new figures compiled by CGA Strategy for the British Beer & Pub Association (BBPA).

The figures are released on the day Parliament debates the Government's proposal for a new mandatory code of practice in the Police and Crime Bill, which, in their own costings, they say will cost the industry more than £300 million this year alone.

"With pubs closing at a record rate and job losses escalating, it is truly staggering that the Government is proposing to hit the sector with a £300 million bill for extra red-tape this year alone" said Rob Hayward, Chief Executive of the BBPA. "In fact, the Government openly state they believe that their new regulations will lead to more pub closures and job losses.

Pub closures are a clear demonstration of the extreme financial and economic pressures facing the sector. At this time of deepening recession and rising unemployment, the Government should be actively looking at ways to support the community asset of the pub. They should not be introducing legislation that will condemn more pubs to closure and put more people out of work."

It is incomprehensible that the Government not only seems to be so unconcerned about the loss of more pubs and jobs, but is introducing laws that they admit will make the problem worse. 44,000 have been lost across the sector in the last couple of years and 59,000 more jobs will go unless action is taken."

Thirty nine pubs a week closed in the last six months of 2008, an increase on the 36 a week (5 a day) that closed in the first half of last year. In total 1,973 pubs shut up shop in 2008, 40 per cent higher than the 1,409 closures reported by the BBPA in 2007.

"Government is piling further pressure on pubs by escalating the regulatory and tax burden", added Mr Hayward. "Our Axe the Beer Tax Save the Pub campaign shows widespread and growing public support for our call to lighten the load. Local people see their local pubs closing and are concerned about the loss of a hub for social and community life. Government should now listen to the voices of people and pubs and back away from this unnecessary regulation and abandon its planned tax escalator, which will increase beer taxes by 40 per cent over the next four years."

It is community pubs that are most at threat. Suburban pubs are closing at the rate of 19 a week, town centre pubs at 8 a week and rural pubs at 13 a week. Britain's pubs are now closing almost ten times faster than in 2006 (four a week) and nearly twenty times faster than in 2005 (two a week).

Source: British Beer and Pub Association

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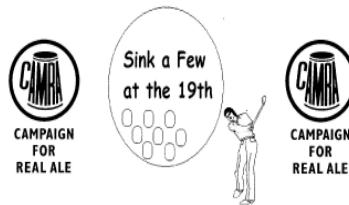
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## Rotherham Routed

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Table tennis it was, and not only did we just win, it was a thrashing! Rotherham's tactics were all wrong: they had a couple of ringers, who they put up last, by which time we had already won. Having a score of 4 wins to 1, granted they won the next two games, but it was far too late.

Next year it is up to us, I can't say that much, but does anyone know of a nearby pub with a Tiddlywinks circle?

We'll be back later in the year



## Festivals Around & About

- April 01 - 04; Newcastle CAMRA, Students Union (115 Ales)
- April 02 - 05; Mansfield CAMRA, Intake Club (Over 80 Ales)
- April 10 - 13; Barnsley CAMRA, Elsecar (Around 40 Ales)
- April 15 - 04 May; Wetherspoon's International Real Ale Festival (see Ad. Opposite) (About 50 Ales)
- April 16 - 19; Harlequin, Sheffield (About 15 Ales)
- April 16 - 18; Doncaster CAMRA, 'The HUB' (see Ad. Opposite) (About 90 Ales)
- April 16 - 18; Hull CAMRA, 'Horncastle Building' (see Ad.) (About 70 Ales)
- April 23 - 25; Skipton CAMRA, Town Hall (see Ad) (Over 60 Ales)
- April 23 - 26; St. George's Festival Commercial, Chapelton (Around 20 Ales all of a 'True English' Theme)
- April 23 - 26; 7th St. George's English Heritage Beer, Banger and Pork Pie Festival, Captain Cook Inn, Staithes (30 beers, porters, stouts, pale ales, ciders and a perry)
- April 24 - 25; Irish Centre, Halifax (About 20 Ales)
- May 01 - 04; Cellar Bar, Batley (About 30 Ales)
- May 08 - 09; Halifax Mayfest CAMRA, 'Square Chapel' (Over 60 Ales)
- May 15 - 16; Barrow Hill Roundhouse Beer Festival, Chesterfield (see Socials, Page 31) (Around 140 Ales)
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# The all New Competition

Win a pair of tickets and beer for our Festival. Or 4 pints of Real Ale in the pub of your choice.



**A NICE EASY ONE TO START OFF WITH!**  
**This picture was taken while I was standing outside one of the pubs in our area.**

All you have to do is tell me the postcode of the pub I was outside.

You then have to either e-mail, text or write to me (Jeff) with the answer, details on page 30, before each closing date.

The winner will be the first correct answer drawn from all the entries.

The first draw will be made during the fit-up of our festival on the 9th. April, for the Festival tickets.

And the second draw on the 8th May for the Beer, for the beer

Good Luck

*Shaggy*

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# CHAMPIONS TABLE

## In the Tap Room

### BARNSELY CAMRA AWARD WINNERS

#### *The Cherry Tree*

High Hoyland  
Spring 2009 Pub of the Season

#### *The Huntsman*

Thurlstone  
Winter 2008/09 Pub of the Season

#### *The Station Inn*

Darfield  
Autumn Pub of the Season 2008

#### *Keel Inn*

Canal St, Barnsley  
Summer Pub of the Season 2008

#### *Shaw Lane Sports Club*

Shaw Lane, Barnsley  
Club of the Year 2008

#### *The Market*

Elsecar  
Pub of the Year 2008

#### *The Gatehouse*

Barnsley  
Spring 2008 Pub of the Season

#### *The Huntsman*

Thurlstone  
Winter 2007/08 Pub of the Season

Nominate your local at  
[www.barnsleycamra.org.uk](http://www.barnsleycamra.org.uk)  
(CAMRA Members Only)

*This was a message sent to me in February, I have since sent it to the brewery for comment, but had no reply? (Ed.) There's something dodgy happening with Wentworth Brewery.*

- They had a problem with a batch of hops over the summer, that buggers up a few batches of beer.
- At the Showroom B/F. they turn up late to staff their bar, and they only have the standard beers on, not the specials as promised.
- We finally get the Strawberry Silk beer at Otley B/F but it goes off on Sat afternoon, the excuse was 'its gone cloudy'?
- The Silkstone Inn organised a 'Curry Tasting' night with a 'Meet the Brewer from Wentworth' event thrown in, the curry turned up at 18:00 as expected, but by 21:00 there was still no brewer from Wentworth to be seen.
- What is happening to this brewery? Have they forgotten who their customers are?

*Jim Murphy, Hoyland Common*

Why do hostelries insist on charging to go into a pub on New Years Eve, if I've been going into a place every day for the last year and spending over a thousand pounds in the bar, why do they insist on the POUND OF FLESH at New Year. If this happened to me I would just never go in the place again! Enterprise Inns please note, you've just lost a good customer.

*John Hilsden, Wortley*

#### *New Virus - Code Name is WORK*

If you receive "work" from your colleagues, your boss, via e-mail or anyone else, do not touch "work" under any circumstances. This virus completely wipes out your private life.

If you should happen to come in contact with this virus follow these steps:

1. Put on your jacket and take two good friends and go straight to the nearest pub.
  2. Order three drinks, consume them right away, and after repeating 14 times, you will find that "work" has been completely deleted from your brain.
- Forward this virus warning immediately to at least five friends.

Should you suddenly realize that you do not have five friends, this means that you are already infected by this virus and "work" already controls your whole life...

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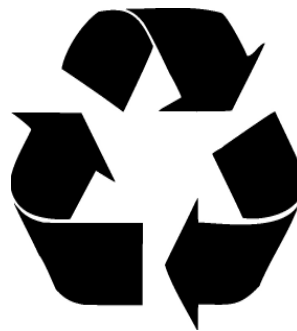
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# SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Contact details on page 30

## MARCH

### Tuesday 31st March

Branch meeting and social at The Old Hall, Great Houghton. Note Late Start at 8:30 pm. Catch the 219 at 7:48 pm, this arrives at the Old Hall at 8:15 pm. Buses back at 9:39 and 10:39 pm

## APRIL

### Wed 1st. April

(Wentworth) Elsecar, and Hemingfield. Survey and prices research for festival. Start Rockingham Arms Bus 227 @ 6-42pm from Barnsley or bus 66 @ 6-25pm changing at the Market Hotel for 227 @ 7-20pm

### Tues 8th. to 14th. April

Set up, run and take down for **Barnsley Beer Festival**, Milton Hall Elsecar. Help needed.

### Thurs 23rd. April

POTS to Cherry Tree, High Hoyland + celebrating St Georges Day. Mini Bus from Joseph Bramah @ 7-45pm Back to town centre @ 10-30pm. Fare £3 **MUST BOOK** with Margaret

### Tues 28th. April

Branch meeting and social @ Huntsman Thurlstone. Note Early start. Bus 20 @ 6-52pm Return 9-30pm.

## MAY

### Sat 2nd. May

Brewery visit to George Wright Brewery, Rainford, Near Liverpool. Depart Barnsley 9-30am and return from Liverpool area @ 6pm. Stop on route home. Brewery visit will be £10 plus cost of the bus fare. **BOOK EARLY.**

### Wed 6th. May

Survey social Kendry and Worsboro' Dale. Bus 6 @ 7 - 08pm. Start at The Kendry 7-30pm

### Sat 9th. May

National Mild Day. Mild Day Trail Meet Silkstone 9-30am for 10am start. Further details on page 7 of 'The Bar'

### Sat 16th. May

Off to Chesterfield for Barrow Hill Rail Ale Festival. Meet

Barnsley Rail station for 10-40am Nottingham train

### Tues 19th. May

The Bar collection and distribution from George and Dragon, Summer Lane. 8pm

Thurs 21st Tasting panel meeting, testing an array of beers in the Huntsman. Bus 20 @ 6-52pm

### Tues 26th. May

Branch meeting and social Mill of the Black Monks, Cundy Cross. bus 47 @ 7-42pm

Bus times changed at the end of January making it somewhat difficult to plan the socials, nothing new there I hear you say. Sorry if there are any errors but it is hard to plan bus times when they change so frequently.

Please call Traveline on 01709 515151 or visit [www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/](http://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/) and click on Journey Planner before setting out.

*Margaret Croft*



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