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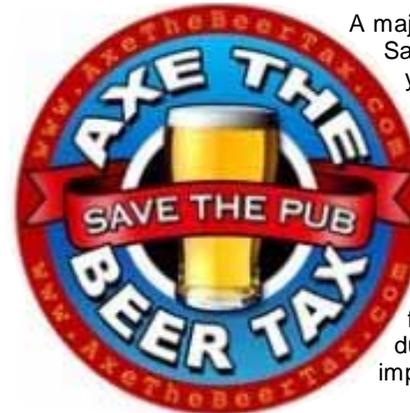
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Barnsley Ale Report

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A major campaign to mobilise public and political support to Save the Great British Pub was launched at the end of last year by representatives of the beer industry and consumers.

The campaign, "Axe the Beer Tax – Save the Pub", follows the decision by the Government to impose further duty rises on beer and pubs in its Pre-Budget Report in November

A third of a price of a British pint now goes in tax. Beer sales in pubs are already at their lowest levels in nearly 40 years and pub closures have accelerated to a rate of five a day. Yet the Pre-Budget Report, on top of the big duty rise in March 08 and the planned increases due to be imposed in each of the next four years, means that by 2012:

- beer tax is set to rise by a further 40%
- at least 7,500 more pubs are set to close
- more than 40,000 jobs are likely to be lost

A campaign manifesto, "Last Orders – a five-point plan to save the British pub", was also published last month setting out the industry's case.

The launch was a very significant moment in that it is sponsored by both the beer industry and the consumer rights campaign CAMRA. The event was attended by celebrities, politicians and groups concerned about the future of pubs in communities up and down Britain. >> p3

OVER 1600 PUBS HAVE CLOSED IN THE LAST YEAR

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CAMRA LocAle - 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.

- Cherry Tree** - High Hoyland
- Cross Keys** - Darfield
- Cubley Hall** - Penistone
- Darfield Cricket Club** - Darfield
- Dog & Partridge** - Hazlehead
- Eastfield Arms** - New Lodge
- Gatehouse** - Bamsley
- Horseshoe** - Wombwell
- Huntsman** - Thurlstone
- Joseph Bramah** - Bamsley
- Keel Inn** - Bamsley
- 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** - Bamsley
- Shaw Lane Sports Club** - Bamsley
- Silkstone Inn** - Bamsley
- 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 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
- Contact Barnsley CAMRA if you would like us to speak to a licensee about LocAle on your behalf

LESS THAN 20 MILES BREWERY TO BAR

Sunday 1st February

Beer festival meeting at the Milton Arms, Elsecar. Starts 2pm. Catch the 1.25 pm 66 bus from Bamsley

Wednesday 4th February

Survey social of Birdwell and Worsbrough. Start at the Cock Inn at 7:30 pm, catch the 6:55 pm 265. Details on our website.

Sunday 8th February

It's the long awaited Bamsley Vs Rotherham - Wentworth Cup. Rotherham hold the cup so this year its at the Phoenix Sports Club in Brinsworth. Catch the 229 at 10:40 am to Rotherham then the 32 at 12 noon to Brinsworth.

Thursday 12th February

Acom Brewery visit. Meet at brewery from 6pm onwards. Plenty of buses to Wombwell, including the 222, 226, 229 There is a charge which will go to the Bamsley Samaritans charity.

Tuesday 17th February

AGM meeting only at Market Hotel, Elsecar. 8pm start. CAMRA members only. Bring membership cards. Bus 66 at 7:35 pm.

Tuesday 24th February (TBC)

Branch meeting and social at the Railway, Wombwell. 8pm start. Catch either the 222 at 7:18 pm or 227 at 7:35pm.

Sunday 1st March (TBC on 1st Feb)

Beer Festival meeting at the Milton Arms, Elsecar. Starts 2pm. Catch the 1.25 pm 66 bus from Bamsley

Wednesday 4th March

Survey social of Wilthorpe and Old Town. Meet at the Joseph Bramah, Bamsley at 7:30 pm to catch the 7:45pm 95a bus to the Wilthorpe.

Friday 6th March

Brewery visit to Oakwell brewery. Meet at the Joseph Bramah at 5:20 pm. Catch the 5:55 pm bus to be at the brewery from 6pm. If you can come later, please don't be later than 7:30 pm. Ends about 8:30 pm.

Sunday 8th March

A new edition to our socials, the CAMRamble. Hope to Castleton, up to Mam Tor and back. Full details can be found on page 4.

Tuesday 24th March

BAR Distribution social. Pick up the April/May edition from the George and Dragon, Summer Lane, Bamsley. This will be the first edition from our New Editor, Jeff Harrison.

Saturday 21st March

A grand day out to Nottingham. We catch the direct train from Bamsley at 9:40 am arriving at 11 am. Visiting some Good Beer Guide 2009 Pubs before travelling back on the 6:16 pm train to Bamsley, arriving at 7:42 pm for an early night; maybe?

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

BARNSELY BEER FESTIVAL 2009

Milton Hall, Elsecar, Bamsley

Good Friday 10th April till

Easter Monday 13th April

Bamsley CAMRA Members, please consider working.

Full Festival Details on page 12 and at our website www.barnsleycamra.org.uk

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/ and click on Journey Planner before setting out.

Margaret Croft

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Speaking at the launch of the campaign, Rob Hayward, chief executive of the British Beer and Pub Association, said "Pubs play a vital role in communities up and down the country and are an essential part of promoting a more responsible drinking culture. Yet recent changes can only force more and more people out of pubs - and more and more pubs out of business.

Pub goers already pay a third of the price of every pint to the taxman. And now beer taxes set to rise by 40% over the next three years. The latest research predicts 43,000 jobs will be lost from the beer and pub trade - and that was before this new raid on our customers.

The Chancellor has rightly decided the whole British economy needs relief from recession - except for one part of it. It is hard to avoid the conclusion that a great British tradition is being abandoned.

This campaign will provide a voice to those who want to save the great British pub - and we urge everyone to sign up on the campaign's website www.axethebeertax.com to register their support."

Mike Benner, chief executive of CAMRA, said "People who like a quiet pint at the local pub are being singled out for some of the biggest tax increases ever imposed. Community pubs are at the heart of countless communities across Britain. They are where people meet and socialise, and they promote responsible and sensible drinking. Yet with beer sales already falling, the scale of tax rises puts at risk parts of the brewing industry that can never be replaced once lost. At the current rate there will be 7,500 pubs lost by 2012. This latest tax increase must make that an underestimate."

The launch of 'Axe the Beer Tax, Save the Pub' also featured a photocall in Manchester with Kym Marsh, who stars as barmaid Michelle Connor in Coronation Street. Kym said "Pubs are a great British tradition and we must do everything we can to save them. I love going to my local pub and meeting friends for a relaxing pint, so I'm 100% behind this campaign."

All those concerned about the future of pubs are being urged to sign up to the campaign on its website www.axethebeertax.com where they can lobby their MP, (both Eric Illsley MP and Michael Clapham MP are supporters and have both signed the EDM 10 - "Campaign to Save the British Pub"), sign an on-line petition and organise local campaigning events.

CAMPAIGN HITS 14,000 SUPPORTERS

The "Axe the Beer Tax - Save the Pub" campaign hit a significant milestone in early December, securing the support of over 10,000 people on the social networking site Facebook - just 2 weeks after it was launched! The campaign, run by the British Beer and Pub Association and the Campaign for Real Ale, is highlighting the plight of the British pub and is urging Government to take action to prevent pub closures, currently running at 36 every week. At the beginning of 2009 the support on Facebook had increased to 14,000. The campaign has also had over 8,000 people sign up to lobby their Member of Parliament via the website, many of which are now supporting the campaign in Parliament. Reaching this milestone shows that the campaign is going from strength to strength and that the groundswell of support from the grass roots is continuing.

OUR FIVE DEMANDS

1. to axe plans to increase beer tax even further
2. to enforce existing laws - not create new ones - to deal firmly with irresponsible drinkers and premises
3. to end the irresponsible promotion of alcohol in supermarkets, pubs and elsewhere
4. to trust responsible adults to make informed choices about what they drink, not punish them for the actions of an irresponsible minority
5. to support the British pub as a vital part of social life in local communities

We look forward to receiving your support



Chancellor Closing Pubs

CAMRA, brewers and licensees reacted angrily to the Chancellor's duty hike in his Pre-Budget Report. From 1 December, Alastair Darling slapped another eight per cent on beer duty.

The surprise move offset the 12-month VAT decrease from 17.5 per cent to 15 per cent. And in a further blow the Chancellor said the duty rise will remain when the VAT goes back up.

CAMRA condemned the Chancellor's decision to hit pubs yet again. Chief executive, Mike Banner, said "The Chancellor's refusal to allow beer drinkers to benefit from a VAT reduction means that 7,500 pubs could close by the end of 2012. The Government's failure to support pubs will undermine community life, ruin livelihoods and deprive people of an affordable night out at a pub."

**The Chancellor takes 33% of a pint of beer.
He wants more. Enough is enough**



NEW: CAMRamble

Venue: The Peak District - Date: Sunday 8th March 2009 - Time: 10:15 am till 7:50 pm
Return Train Fare: £5.90 (Adult) Barnsley to Hope (£4.80 from Dore, county boundary)
Difficulty: Easy Light walk (flat) with moderate hill climb (optional)

Meet at Barnsley train station for the 10:38 am train to Sheffield. Then catch the 11:14 am train to Hope arriving at 11:39 am.

Walk to the Cheshire Cheese Pub approx ¼ mile. At 12:30 am leave the Cheshire Cheese and walk towards Hope then in Hope follow the river footpath towards Castleton approx 2½ miles.

Meet Castleton at the Cheshire Cheese Pub. At about 2:15 pm Leave the Cheshire Cheese (optional) and walking towards Castleton, turn right at the bend in the road and turn onto Hollowford Rd. Follow Hollowford Rd walking up the hill to Hollins Cross. Continue along the tops up to the summit of Mam Tor. Walk down Mam Tor towards Blue John cavern (chance for a comfort break.) Continue down the hill past Treak Cliff cavern towards Speedwell cavern. Cross the road at Winnats Pass and follow the footpath back towards Castleton. Approx 3¾ miles.

Back in Castleton meet at the George, near the Church at 5:00 pm to leave 5:45 pm (optional). Walk back to Hope via Pindale (Road/Track) to catch the 6:38 pm train back to Sheffield.

(Approx 2½ miles.) Or catch the 272 bus at 6 pm to Hope for a ¼ mile walk to the Station for the 6:36 pm train, arriving in Barnsley at 7:37 pm with a change of train at Sheffield.

Should any one wish to stay longer there is a later train 8.38 pm arriving in Barnsley at 10:09pm.

The above may be subject to change depending on timetable alterations and the good old British weather.

Phil Gregg



BARNSELY CAMRA AWARD WINNERS

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

The Dove Inn

Barnsley
Autumn 2007 Pub of the Season

Nominate your local at
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Thanks For The New Deal

Today I visited Wombwell before a snowy walk along part of the 'Trans Pennine Trail' to Barnsley. Before starting out I had a £2.49 breakfast and a new deal 99p Greene King IPA at the Horseshoe. Following my walk I had a pint of Acorn Old Mill Porter and a pint of Bradford Farmers Blonde, both £1.89, together with a £2.99 sausages, chips and baked beans lunch at one of the Wetherspoons in town. I must applaud Wetherspoons for the value meals as they are very similar to those at the more normal price in their menu. For some years now I have found that eating solo can be very expensive, whereas the 2 meals together is not bad value. Now at least you can have one meal. The bar lady was going to charge me the full price for sausages and mash, which is not such a good deal, but she realised her error, it was the first day of the offer.

Edward Taylor

The BIG Charity Quiz

Win a case of Acorn Brewery beers.

It's not too late to enter the charity quiz. It costs £1.50 and we need your returned entry sheet by 20th February to be in with a chance.

All the money raised from the entry fees will be donated to the Barnsley Samaritans, Barnsley CAMRA's Charity for the past year.

You Must Be 18 or Over To Enter and Resident in the UK.

To enter this charity quiz you will need to buy an entry sheet. These cost £1.50 each and are available from any branch social, see page 23. Selected pubs, look out for a poster. By post sending a small sae to "Charity Quiz" 24 Cope Street, Barnsley S70 4HX - Cheque payable to "Barnsley Samaritans". Or Online at barnsleycamra.org.uk/quiz where your entry can be paid by Pay-Pal and you can submit your entry by post or enter online.

Closing Date for buying an entry sheet is 13th February 2009, closing date for entry is 20th February 2009

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Pubs of the Season



At the latter end of October 2008, Barnsley CAMRA were proud to award one of Barnsley's newest pubs with Pub of the Season. The Station Inn, Darfield has been dramatically refurbished and provides continually changing guest beers served in oversized lined glasses and great food. (See ad P16) - Pictured from left to right, Eric (CAMRA Chair), Roger, Kris and Jo. Well done.

In January, Barnsley CAMRA were out in Thurlstone, at the Huntsman, again the pub has picked up the Pub of the Season, this time for Winter 2008/2009. With changing guest beers and a roaring fire, where better to be than sat in the pub, and the Huntsman at that. - Pictured below are Eric, Gwinny and Sam. Congratulations from every one at Barnsley CAMRA.



Is your pint short? Then ask for a top up. Still short? See page 13

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Pub, Club

The **Station Inn** at Silkstone Common has introduced a guest ale alongside the Tetley Cask. Drinkers in the pub have enjoyed the guests over the new year, and the landlord is keen to keep the guest ale on for the foreseeable future.

The **Station Inn** at Darfield is on the verge of introducing a real cider alongside the vast amounts of real ales. Kris and Roger have been trying to source something different and it is hoped the real cider on handpump will please the apple drinkers. They also have a courtesy bus, this can pick up and drop off customers to the pub. See ad on page 16. Also, **the Courthouse** in Barnsley has been offering the odd real cider. So when you next call in, just ask, it may be in a box somewhere. As we go to print news that **the Gatehouse** in Barnsley will be closing. Enterprise are finding it hard to put in new people.

The **Wentworth Arms** at Mapplewell has reopened, though still no real ales.

The Wetherspoons chain seem to have upset some pubs by offering their New Deal, 5 meal choices for £2.99, and a small range of discounted drinks. These are not happy hour offers or only on a certain day but are all day

everyday. (If Wetherspoons can offer savings then why can't the likes of Punch and Enterprise? By reducing the price of rents, and overpriced beers it sells to its tenants, people could start to come back into their pubs, ED) The **Sandhill Tavern**, Great Houghton has just had a refurbishment and is now re-open. No reports of any real ales.

Oaks W.M.C. at Ardsley is still offering a good pint of John Smiths Cask, while next door at **the Pheasant** you can have a guest beer.

The **Conservative Club** on Pitt Street, Barnsley is serving John Smiths Cask. The steward and stewardess at the club is Kevin and Irene who once ran the Moulders Arms. The Friendship Inn at Gawber has been closed and re-boarded up again. And the Prince at Hoyland Common has also been boarded up. The trend to close pubs is now spiralling out of control, and with the Chancellor ripping us off with the tax on beer it's my view (and that of many more) that if the Government don't stop this now, by reducing tax, we won't lose 7,500 pubs by 2012 but nearer 10,000. Do you know the people who live in your area? Yes? You probably talk to them in the pub or club. Who will you know when your local closes? Support Your local Pub. Use it or lose it.

It's happening now...

& Brewery News

Acorn Brewery - Barnsley

A new member of staff has joined the brewery in the new year, and Barnsley CAMRA would like to welcome Richard Hough. Richard is from Abbeydale Brewery, Sheffield where he was head brewer.

New beers available now are Bullseye, this is a 4.5% Red beer, and as we went to print I could find nothing more about it, so looking forward to finding it in the area. Also Savinjski IPA 5%. This is the first in the new series of European single hopped IPA and for February it's Brewers Gold IPA 5% abv with March being Perle IPA 5% and April being Bobek IPA 5%.

Dave Hughes was extremely pleased to report that sales over the Christmas period were up 20% on the previous year proving once again that quality cask ale is bucking the trend on sales within the drinks sector.

H.B.Clarks - Wakefield

The next seasonal beer from the range is Traditional bitter at 3.8%, A champion beer of Britain winner, this superb amber ale has a pleasant, smooth and fruity palate. For you dark beer drinkers, watch out for Ram's Revenge at 4.6%. This beer is a rich ruby, almost dark copper colour, it is well balanced with its roast barley and malt. A deep fruity taste with a smooth dry finish.

Nigel Croft

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GEORGE & DRAGON

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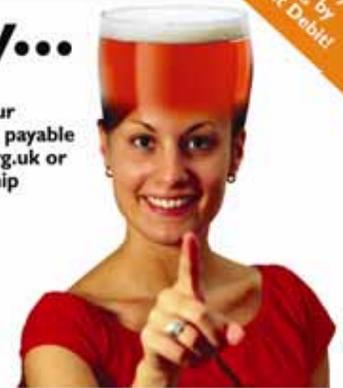
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The vouchers are split into 4 sheets of '50p off a pint units', with each sheet having a 3 month deadline. Only one 50p off a pint voucher can be used per visit.

There are two reasons for these conditions - CAMRA promotes responsible drinking and if we supplied £20 worth of vouchers that could be used in one visit to the pub, then this could be seen not to support this policy. This offer is obviously very generous from JD Wetherspoon and they feel this scheme will encourage people to visit a number of their fantastic pubs across the UK throughout the 12 months of their CAMRA membership.

The idea of this added benefit is very simple and good fun. Put the vouchers in your wallet / purse and use them when you are near to a JD Wetherspoon pub and fancy a nice pint of cool real ale! Please note that Life Members will also receive £20 worth of JD Wetherspoon vouchers in early 2009.

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Hannah At The Hob

BY
Hannah Lucas

Cider

Cider is a very English drink and its fortunes have undergone a dramatic upturn over recent years mainly due to marketing it to a new generation of drinkers. We've all seen those adverts – beautifully young people, traditional orchards, crisp apples and ice-cold cider. All so false, cider apples are not pretty and ice-cold drinks were not possible before cheap mass refrigeration., hardly traditional.



We also think of cider as the rough drink that was carried, in earthenware pots, to farm workers labouring in the fields. But cider was considered to be a very elegant drink particularly in the 17th century when it was served in fine glass flutes.

Evidence from the Royal Society indicates that it was the cider makers of the West Country, and not Dom Perignon in France, who first perfected the bottle fermentation method known as methode champenoise. Britain rather than France had the ability to make the cask-conditioned for secondary

fermentation and literature of the time describes sparkling cider which could only have been produced by secondary fermentation. A view not supported by the French champagne producers.

Modern ciders vary in quality and price and it is difficult for the shopper to make an informed choice because of inadequate labelling regulations. We know that cider is made from the fermented juice from pressed apples and we assume that some sugar may need to be

added to the fermented juice if it is too dry. The best quality ciders are 85% apple but the worst are only 30% apple because the drink is bulked out with cheap grain sugars and glucose.

Cider is perceived as a cheap drink not a complex, diverse, quality product. We deserve better labelling so that we can make an informed choice and support those companies that make high quality regional cider. Supermarkets and the factory cider makers must not be allowed to kill off our fine tradition of cider making but we must be prepared to pay for quality.

Pears in cider

This is a lovely dessert and much less spicy than the more traditional pears in red wine. I used Sheppy's Goldfinch sparkling dry cider 5.5% alcohol. The company was established in 1816 and the cider is fermented and matured in oak vats. I understand that it is 85% apple but that information is not legally required on the label.

I served the pears with whipped double cream which I flavoured with caster sugar and calvados.

4 whole peeled pears with the stems intact.
Sprinkle with lemon juice to stop browning

8 oz sugar
4 tbs water
piece cinnamon stick
1 clove
¼ pint cider
strip orange peel

Dissolve the sugar in the water.

Add all the other ingredients and simmer until the pears are cooked.

Remove the pears and put into a deep serving dish.

Discard the cinnamon & cloves and boil the juice to a syrup.

Cool and pour over the pears. Discard orange peel.

Sources
BBC Radio 4 Food Programme 9 Nov 2008
Taste of Britain by Marc & Kim Millon

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Our winner of four free pints from last month is Andrew Hill of Worsbrough, Andrew will be drinking his four pints in the Market, Elsecar.

For your chance to win just find all our LocAle pubs in the grid. They can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions. When you have them all, find the (longer than usual) hidden message by using the unused letters.

A full list of our current LocAle pubs can be found on page 2. Send the hidden message along with your name, address and which LocAle pub you would like to drink your 4 free pints. You must be and state you are 18 or over. Send to Nigel Croft either by email, post or text. (Address and number on p22). **Closing date is Friday 6th March 2009.**

The winner will be the first correct answer drawn from the entries. Draw to be made 7th March 2009. One entry per person only. Good Luck!

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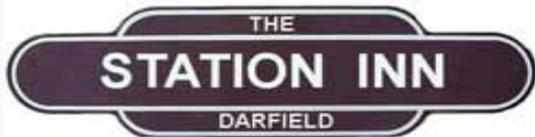
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BAR-fly Lands At The Silkstone Inn Barnsley



The Silkstone Inn is situated at the top of Market Street, in the heart of Barnsley town centre, and is the latest JD Wetherspoon pub in town following the successful opening of the nearby Joseph Bramah which opened in August 2006.

The Silkstone Inn emerged on 22 September 2008 after a four month, £1.2 million redevelopment plan of the former Co-op store building. The Opening of The Silkstone Inn was a milestone for Wetherspoon's being their 700th Pub.

The name refers to Barnsley History as The Capital of Coal Mining in South Yorkshire and refers to one of the main coal seams, the Silkstone Seam, which was mined in Barnsley from the late 19th century. The outcrop runs in a South, South Easterly Direction from Cawthorne, through Silkstone, Chapelton to Dropping Well. The Seam was mined as far east as Great Houghton at Houghton Main. Deep shafts were originally sunk at nearby Dodworth back in 1850 in order to work the Silkstone Seam.

On approaching the Silkstone Inn you are met with a European style outside covered seating area, something quite new for the town centre. Inside the decor is something to behold. For a modern pub great care has been taken to reflect the Mining theme. From the Winding Gear sculpture to the modern open fire through and the coal like droplets on the lights. Great care and thought has obviously been taken with the design which is something I can't say for most new pubs.

A trip to the Silkstone Inn for the real ale lover is a must. Echoing the attention to detail it is nice to find a good selection of real ales all of which grouped together centrally at the bar.

The management and staff here are proud of the guest beers they serve and the pub was LocAle accredited in October 2008. (See page 2) For Cider lovers hand pulled Weston's Old Rosie is always available.

As with all Wetherspoon's outlets good value food is always available as well as themed nights. Overall the Silkstone Inn is much more typical of a pub than a Bar. Thanks to the great hard work of the management and all the staff I'm sure The Silkstone Inn will be yet another Wetherspoon's success.

Pictured at the opening (left to right) are area manager Graham McCafferty, pub manager Andrew Ibbotson, chief operating officer Paul Harbottle, general manager Alistair Broome and architect Andy Ince.

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So Long and Thanks for All the Beer



It's traditional, I am told, for The BAR's outgoing editor to say goodbye to the newsletter and the readers and hello to the next editor. So: Goodbye. And, Hello.

I should probably elaborate a bit. In my eight years and 48 editions of being editor I can say it has been a very good time for The BAR and Barnsley CAMRA. We've been able to cover all sorts of beer, brewery and pub events, like "Open All Hours" in my first edition when the Government mentioned the possibility of flexible opening hours. It was four years later when we covered the "Scare Stories" of apocalyptic scale made by the Local and National media about uncontrollable 24 hour binge drinking in all out towns and villages. Well it's good to see we survived that. In July 2005 we welcomed the newest real ale outlet into town, the Gatehouse. The then licensee Robert Rudge made real ale drinking in Bamsley Town centre a comfortable and relaxing experience with no loud ear busting music. And in August 2003

we covered the news with a double centre page spread of Yorkshires Latest Brewery in Bamsley, now the multi award winning Acom Brewery. They moved in in April 2003, grew, moved to larger premises in August 2007, and it's just getting better for Dave and his team.

The BAR received two awards in my time as editor (just throwing the gauntlet down for our next editor). The Highly Commended Award 2001 from Alewords, providers of journalism and public relations for beer and pub businesses. Also Yorkshire CAMRA Newsletter of the year 2007 and entered into the National event for 2008.

Much more broadly than these couple of awards, the volunteers who write articles as a whole have done excellent work during my time. I've been at the helm for eight years, and I've seen loads of dedication from the people who contribute. For instance, Lyn Liversidge did tireless work with all those beer recipes, and her husband Dave, he was the one who had to eat them, and now Hannah Lucas, who has managed to vitalize and diversify the ingredients in beer making articles such as Yeast Extract and Rhubarb worth-reading. And the BAR-Fly who just gets every where, getting out to pubs and finding the history and updates in his inimitable style. Laurence Mace, what a combination, football and pubs, his articles have a great following with the away supporters. And not to forget my wife Linda, who has put up with my endless nights sitting at the computer, where I ignore everything and everyone around me, and then issue her with printed copy and red pen, usually at the breakfast table. And the advertisers, without these adverts the BAR would not be printed, it is their money that makes the BAR free to all you readers so please when you read an advert, make a plan to call in. To them and everyone else who has contributed: Thank you.

So much for the goodbyes. Now for the hellos. The incoming Editor will be Jeff Harrison, (Shaggy) he will take over from the next edition April/May. Jeff has been a Bamsley CAMRA member, living in the Sheffield area of High Green for many years. He won't be making too many changes but as any editor will and should do, will remove items and bring in fresh new ones. Jeff has the experience and capabilities needed to make this newsletter better. Where things might have fallen through the cracks over the past years, his ideas will invigorate everything during his time at the helm.

I have not gone, you will find me writing articles just like everyone else who contributes. Remember the BAR cannot work with one person, it needs a team and I am proud to have led this team through the last eight years.

Nigel Croft
Outgoing Editor

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CHAMPION AWAY ALES

Another five away fixtures to cover in this issue of the BAR and the first two are both Sheffield derbies so a great excuse to explore the 'Valley of Beer' again. Let's grab the three points at Bramall Lane to make amends for the Morgan/Hume incident at Oakwell last November. The new 2009 CAMRA Good Beer Guide will as usual direct our way around the best pubs.

With Laurence Mace

Saturday 14th February: Sheffield United
Sheffield: Central contains ten entries in the year's Good Beer Guide 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 KIT has been Sheffield CAMRA Pub of the Year 2003 to 2008 inclusive and Yorkshire Regional winner in 2004 and 2007. An impressive 10 permanent handpumps, featuring Acorn Barnsley Bitter, Bradfield Farmer's 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 pub's multi-award winning sub-tropical beer garden – a true gem. Regular folk music plays on Sunday and quiz night is Monday. No meals on Sundays or Mondays. [It's great to feature one of our established advisers for the first time, see advert on page 6.]
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Tuesday 3rd February: Sheffield Wednesday

Sheffield: North section of the GBG has five great pubs to try as we've already used four over the seasons the choice is made for us: the Rawson Spring, Langsett Road, Hillsborough. This cavernous Wetherspoon's outlet is in a former swimming baths at the Hillsborough tram stop. Very popular on match days, it has past Wednesday team photos adorning the walls along with historical prints. It takes its name from the local spring that supplied fresh water to the nearby barracks. The eponymous house beer is provided by Bradfield Brewery. Six other handpumps supply a range of guest ales plus the standard permanents of Greene King IPA and Abbot and Marston's Pedigree. Family-friendly throughout, food is served every day until 11pm and there is a beer garden and covered heated patio area.
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Tuesday 3rd March: Cardiff

Thirteen great pubs to explore in this year's CAMRA Good Beer Guide for Cardiff and today we'll choose the Mochyn Du, at Sophia Close – just around the corner from a previous Away Ale choice, the Cayo Arms. This independent free house was converted from a Gothic Victorian park-keeper's lodge, with a restaurant in the conservatory-style extension. Cwrw Mochyn is brewed exclusively for the pub by Vale of Glamorgan Brewery, and the guest ale policy promotes local breweries including Rhymney, Otley, Breconshire and Vale of Glamorgan. Brains Bitter is the permanent beer. Awarded Cardiff CAMRA Pub of the Year 2007, the pub is handy for the Welsh Institute of Sport and Glamorgan cricket ground. A short riverside walk from Cardiff Castle, it is popular with Welsh speakers (many staff speak the language) and visitors alike.
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Tickets also available from Oakwood Real Ale and Music Festival - See Page 18

CHAMPION AWAY ALES

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Saturday 7th March: Coventry

Out of the magnificent dozen pubs for Coventry in the 2009 Good Beer Guide 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 on 1 Earlsdon Street. Well served by public transport, it is popular with students and locals alike. The pub offers a good choice of guest beers, alongside permanent Greene King IPA, Abbot and Marston's Pedigree, with mini beer festivals featuring a range of ales 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.

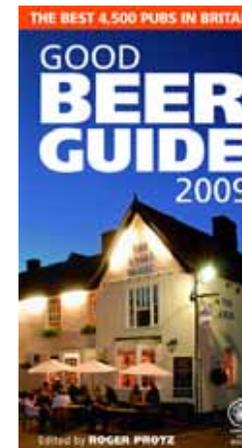
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Saturday 21st March: Derby

Eleven cracking entries for Derby in GBG 2009 and 'Away Ale' as only used one so far. A very hard choice to pick any one pub to feature in such a great city for real ale drinkers but we'll try an old favourite: the Flowerpot, 23-25 King Street. Dating from around 1800 but much expanded from its original premises, this pub reaches far back from the small roadside frontage and divides into several interlinking rooms. One provides the stage for a lively gig scene and another a glass cellar wall, revealing row upon row of stillaged firkins. The new Headless Brewery - established in September 2007 - is at the rear of the pub. A virtual real ale showcase with up to 25 beers on offer every weekend, the Flowerpot was unsurprisingly Derby CAMRA Pub of the Year 2007. Permanent ales are Headless seasonal beers, Oakham Bishops Farewell and Whim Hartington IPA served either on gravity or handpull.

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